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Navy vessel apologises after MPA anchorage

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A naval commander has said sorry after a Norwegian minesweeper anchored in the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone.

It is the first time in nine years there has been a serious breach in the marine reserve which came during the recent Joint Warrior military exercise.

The culprit was a Norwegian minesweeper which left the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) chiefs 'dismayed' at the lack of respect for the zone. The commanding officer has now apologised.

Not aware

Following a strongly worded communication, from COAST director Paul Chandler and co-founder Howard Wood, Lieutenant Commander Ole Torstein Sjo apologised for the incident saying that he was not aware of the marine reserve

as it was not marked on his navigational charts.

He added: 'It was by no means deliberate from our side but simply because we lack the particular knowledge with regards to the seabed's vulnerability in this particular area. If we had known better we would surely have anchored in a different position.'

Emphasise

'With this I would once again apologise on behalf of the ship and crew. I would like to emphasise that we are very environmentally conscious but sadly we lacked the knowledge of this areas vulnerability and if we had the knowledge we would most certainly have chosen a better place to drop our anchor.'

COAST director Paul Chandler accepted the apology and thanked the commanding officer for his reply but expressed dismay that the South Arran

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Whiting Bay teacher retires after 40 years

Pupil support teacher Mrs Lesley McHale is surrounded by Whiting Bay Primary pupils who presented her with flowers and a card on her retirement after more than 40 years in the profession. Further details on page 2.

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Well-loved Arran teacher retires

Staff and pupils presented Mrs Lesley McHale with flowers, cards and best wishes on her retirement after more than 15 years at Whiting Bay Primary school.

Pupil support teacher Mrs McHale, who has been teaching on Arran for more than 40 years – previously as a maths teacher at Arran High School – received the emotional goodbye from the children who were assured that she would return to visit when helping with projects and gardening.

Mrs McHale is looking forward to her retirement but will miss the pupils. She aims to spend time with her grandchildren and working in her garden.

She is also looking forward being able to take walks on Arran and do some of the things that she did not have time for previously.

Faculty members, who will also host a quiet get together with Mrs McHale, said she will be sorely missed by pupils and teachers alike.

Whiting Bay Primary pupils present Mrs Lesley McHale with flowers and a card which they have all signed for her retirement.

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Norwegian navy vessel apologies

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 Marine Protected Area and No Take Zone were not on his charts. He said that the Queen's Harbour Master environmental and sustainability impact statement for the Joint Warrior exercise explicitly stated: 'No anchoring or disruptive vessel manoeuvres which could disturb the sea bed or adjacent wildlife will take place within 0.5 miles of designated MPA.'

Mr Chandler continued: 'I understand that this may be a breakdown in communication from our naval

authorities to yours but I would expect the boundaries to be present on your chart plotter and navigation systems.

Monitoring

'Your vessel is the first large vessel to have anchored within our No Take Zone for a period of nine years and we have been monitoring the regeneration of this area year on year with our own work and through various universities.'

While not illegal to anchor in the zone, maritime tradition has respected the

marine designation and large vessels have avoided the area as an anchorage, until this latest incident.

As an aside and with reference to his own Norwegian nature reserves the commanding officer suggested that COAST could seek from the Scottish authorities, a no-anchorage zone for the area which would reduce the likelihood of future incidents.

COAST is investigating the anchoring co-ordinates provided by the vessel in order to assess any possible damage to the seabed floor.



The Norwegian minesweeper pictured in the Clyde last year.

COAST launch new fish farm expansion fight

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A campaign to fight the proposed expansion of the fish farm in Lamlash Bay was launched last week.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust, COAST, took its first steps in its renewed opposition to expansion plans by the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) by holding a well attended public meeting in Brodick.

It was the first of six scheduled public meetings to be held around the island – further meetings are planned for Kildonan, Whiting Bay, Lamlash and Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza in the coming weeks.

They have been organised following the news, reported in the *Banner* last month, that the company has submitted a new expansion plan which is almost double a previous proposal.

The SSC, based in Lamlash Bay, had previously applied for permission to expand its operations but these were later withdrawn. They were fiercely opposed by COAST, who hosted demonstrations and numerous public awareness campaigns as well as lobbying against the proposal.

COAST founder Howard Wood told the meeting: 'After a long process of lobbying to oppose the expansion of the Lamlash Bay fish farm and after the application was withdrawn, we once again find our-

selves having to stand up against this large multinational company whose expansion plans puts the ecological health of Lamlash Bay at risk.'

The meetings which will take place across the island, will include a short film and information on the impact and history of the company, and the repercussions of the development, including a discussion on the benefits that it could bring.

COAST director Paul Chandler opened the Brodick meeting with background information on why COAST was originally formed, taking the audience through the long-drawn out process of securing a Marine Protected Area in Lamlash Bay. He then handed the chair over to Mr Wood who outlined why he opposed the development.

He said the main concerns centred on effluent from the fish farm, which if increased, would further pollute the waters of the bay, and the use of chemicals, which even when used in small amounts, are potentially harmful to other animal life in the bay.

In particular a chemical marketed as SLICE, which is used to control lice infestations which are prevalent in fish farming, is known to be devastating to shellfish and is believed to be used in larger and larger quantities by fish farmers across the west coast of Scotland.

Of further concern for

COAST, and one with even more serious implications, is the occurrence of farmed salmon escaping and breeding with wild salmon, something which Mr Wood explained resulted in a weaker gene pool.

This recently occurred on the Isle of Mull where 11,000 farmed fish escaped from a Scottish Salmon Company farm at Geasgill, sparking fears for the genetic purity of wild salmon.

After the presentation, community council chairman Bill Calderwood, who chaired the meeting, opened the discussion by asking the audience for their opinions and comments which saw many voicing their opposition to the expansion, either through the effects on their business or on ecological grounds.

COAST will use the information gathered from the participants, including a petition which most in attendance signed, to formulate a plan of action and to galvanise support for what is expected to be another long drawn-out fight against further expansion in the Marine Protected Area in Lamlash Bay.

In a letter printed in the *Banner* last week the CEO of the Scottish Salmon Company Craig Anderson promised a full programme of consultation with local residents and organisations to listen to their views and concerns over the development plans.



COAST founder Howard Wood addresses the audience outlining his concerns about the potential fish farm expansion. 01_B41coast01



The first public meeting in Brodick hosted by COAST was attended by members of the community opposed to the proposed fish farm expansion. 01_B41coast02

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Globetrotting dog makes a name in the US

A globetrotting dog from Arran is causing a stir across the Atlantic – not only for his fine breeding, but also because of his unique pedigree not found in other Labrador retrievers in the US.

Innis Dubh, a one-year-old male black retriever from Bougarie Kennels in Slidery, made the arduous journey from Scotland via Amsterdam, Newark, Chicago and onto Minneapolis, at only five months old.

The pedigree pup is owned by John Franke of Bemidji, Minnesota, and is being professionally trained by Ivy League Dog Training in Walcott, North Dakota, where he is learning basic obedience and hunting training.

Magnificent

John said: 'This dog I got as a buddy, if he took to hunting training, bird dogging, great, but first and foremost, he is a house dog I hoped would turn into my hunting buddy. He's a magnificent dog – his temperament, he's lovable and energetic.'

Innis Dubh, who, like his brothers and sisters, are named after places on Arran, has settled into his new life in the States and has already featured in a local newspaper, the *Daily News* in Wahpeton, North Dakota, where his breeding and unusual pedigree have been the subject of discussion.

Karl Bednarchik, of Ivy



Karl Bednarchik puts Innis Dubh from Arran through his paces in North Dakota.

Photo courtesy Daily News

League Dog Training, said: 'Innis Dubh is a fine example of British breeding. His body and head are more blocky than the American Labradors bred here.'

'They're used so much differently in Europe than here. The Labradors here have become finer boned, narrow heads, so they can

run all day. They're used for more upland hunting.'

'The Labradors we breed here in America, in my opinion, are lighter and more athletic versus the traditional English Labs. This is the first one I've ever seen that came from Scotland.'

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Arran Saltire Society meeting at Arran Lodge

The next meeting of the Arran branch of the Saltire Society will be a collaboration by a celebrated Scottish painter and a professor of Scottish literature.

The meeting will take place on Saturday October 21 at the Arran Lodge, Altachorvie, at 8pm with an illustrated talk by Alexander Moffat, celebrated Scottish painter, and Alan Ri-

ach, professor of Scottish literature at Glasgow University. These two erudite and entertaining Scots have recently collaborated on a book entitled *Arts and the Nation, Fifty-Two Essays on Scottish Literature, Painting, Music and Culture*, which covers a panorama of ideas with the central premise that Scotland can never be really democratic until it gives the

arts the priority of place and attention they deserve. The talk will cover many aspects of the book and in addition discuss Sandy's new painting *Scottish Voices* a companion work to the famous *Poet's Pub*.

Organisers describe both visitors as excellent speakers and anticipate a very interesting and entertaining evening.

Jenny gets start-up funds for new island Veggie Van

An Arran social entrepreneur has been awarded start-up funding for her new business taking fresh fruit and vegetables direct to customers across the island.

Jenny Macdonald has received a £2,325 Start It award from the Social Entrepreneurs Fund to pilot her business Woodside Arran CIC – The Veggie Van.

Jenny runs an organic market garden at Woodside Farm in Kildonan with husband Andy and has just launched an organic fruit and vegetable box scheme. After a few months' trial serving the south of the island, she will extend her deliveries island-wide later this month.

She says the new business will help address the lack of access to affordable, good quality fresh vegetables on the island. Customers can subscribe for weekly vegetable boxes or buy direct – and low income residents can exchange hours of work for free food through a work share scheme.

Route

The Veggie Van will also provide a route to market for other local food producers, supporting the local economy.

Jenny said: 'Woodside

Arran's aims are simple: we would like to establish a diverse local food network for the island of Arran that encompasses organic growing techniques, permaculture design principles and regenerative agricultural practices.

'We would like to provide as many residents, tourists and local business the opportunity to buy healthy, high quality food while educating and supporting as many people as possible to become connected to the food they eat.'

Free range

As well as fruit and vegetables, the farm also has its own free-range, rare-breed pork, free-range eggs and organic and other natural products available.

Jenny is one of 28 individuals from across Scotland to be awarded funding from the Social Entrepreneurs Fund. The awards, totalling £167,000, were delivered by Firstport, Scotland's start-up social enterprise development agency.

Karen McGregor, chief executive of Firstport, said: 'Social enterprises play an important role supporting Scotland's communities by tackling social, environmental and community



Jenny at work on Woodside Farm.

issues. I'm delighted that Firstport is able to give these entrepreneurs the support they need to take their ideas forward.'

Start It awards are for people who have an innovative business idea that tackles a range of different social issues within their communities. Budding entrepreneurs can apply for up to £5,000 of start-up costs to pilot their idea.

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Shiskine SWI meeting

More than 30 members turned out in foul weather for the first meeting of Shiskine SWI where the speaker was Lucy Urquhart-Dixon who also gave a demonstration on scone making.

Lucy thought it might have been professional suicide to demonstrate scone making to seasoned rural ladies but as it turned out, they all learned some new and useful tips. They were also lucky enough to enjoy the finished product; deliciously light scones with home-made preserves and fresh cream.

While giving the demonstration, Lucy talked about her teaching role and was

particularly keen to promote the value of the hospitality course that is offered to students at Arran High School. She felt that the qualifications available and skills gained in this area are often undervalued, a sentiment that many of the members concurred with.

It was generally agreed that the expertise acquired on these courses are important in today's economic climate and these skills are particularly relevant on Arran and in Scotland in general as the tourist industry is a growing part of the local and national economy.

Lucy then shared with the group some photographs of



Shiskine SWI president Marilyn Woods, left, presents Julie Wilkinson with the Ferguson Plate for the member who received the most points during the season and the annual show.

the students work which left members suitably impressed.

As usual, a lovely supper was enjoyed before the main business of the meeting took place.

Members were asked to suggest ideas for the annual show and lots of imaginative and creative ideas were put forward to be considered by the show committee who will be meeting on

Thursday October 26, to set the schedule for next year's Handcraft Show.

The competition, a decorated cupcake, was won by Marilyn Woods. The exhibition, a cake plate, was won by Julie Wilkinson, and the raffle was won by Evelyn Hamilton.

Julie Wilkinson was then presented with the Ferguson Plate, being the member who had gained most

points during the winter season combined with the points gained in the annual show.

The next meeting of the Shiskine SWI will be on Wednesday November 1, in Shiskine Hall at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Fiona Laing and the topic Heartstart.

Those wanting to know how to use one of the many defibrillators on Arran, or looking to brush up on rusty skills, can join in.

New members and visitors are always most welcome.

Emergency road closure

A carriageway surface failure on the Ross road has led to an emergency road closure by North Ayrshire Council for heavy goods vehicles.

The stretch of road from Glenscorrodale Farm to Glenree Farm has been closed since Wednesday October 11, where access is restricted for heavy goods vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.

Normal passenger vehicles are unaffected by the closure, however heavy goods vehicles will be required to use a diversionary route around the southern half of the island for a period of 21 days.

Bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition played at Brodick on Thursday October 5 were as follows:

NS 1 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan, 2 Jan and John Beattie, 3 Jennifer Wales and John Baraclough. EW 1 Pat Adamson and Wendy McNiven, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Maureen Cumming, 3 Margaret MacGill and Jessmay Peacock.

The results of the match points competition played at Lamlash on Monday October 9 were as follows: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Jean Barclay and Jennifer McArthur, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 John and Jan Beattie.

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Lamlash joins world's biggest coffee morning

Lamlash Church volunteers joined thousands of communities, churches and schools across the country taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Rosemary Roberts and a team of volunteers served up an array of sweet treats and teas and coffees to a packed hall of people who went along to support the annual initiative where

there were also stalls selling cards, crafts, knitwear and tempting treats to take away.

The event, which was one of several coffee mornings held on the island in support of the charity, raised £368.30.

Thank you

Organiser Rosemary said: 'Thank you to everyone who contributed by donating and helping out on the day. We could not have

raised the fantastic sum without the kind help of everyone involved.'

Macmillan coffee mornings, now in their 27th year, saw 6,665 coffee mornings taking place across Scotland last year, raising more than £2.3 million for the charity.

Organisers are hoping to build on this success with the cumulative amount raised over the 27 years exceeding £200 million.



Visitors had plenty of tasty treats and home baking to select from. 01_B40macmillan02



Volunteers did a roaring trade at the tombola stall. 01_B40macmillan03



Supporters enjoy a cup of tea and cakes at the Lamlash Church hall. 01_B40macmillan01

Women in agriculture conference

More than 50 delegates, including women from Arran, Argyll, Islay, Bute and Mull, attended the inaugural Women in Agriculture event in Argyll and the Islands, held in Lochgilphead last week.

Guest speaker

Attendees heard from guest speaker Joyce Campbell, a Sutherland sheep farmer, winner of the inaugural AgriScot Scottish sheep farm of the year award in 2015 and currently joint chair of the Scot-

tish Government women in agriculture task force. The conference was chaired by Sarah Allison, vice-chair of the National Farmers' Union Scotland (NFUS) new generation group and member of the newly created national council of rural advisers.

Delegates joined in on a series of workshops covering farm diversification, funding opportunities through Business Gateway and LEADER, rural leadership, brand marketing

and building on the role of women in NFU Scotland.

The delegates came from a wide range of agricultural and rural businesses and plans are being made for further events, possibly held on weekends to encourage attendance.

Information

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Delegates at the inaugural Women in Agriculture event in Argyll and the Islands.



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Editorial

Fish farm furore

If the volume and sentiment of letters received by the *Arran Banner* is anything to go by, it would appear that the proposed fish farm expansion in Lamlash Bay and the subsequent letter from the CEO of the Scottish Salmon Company, has hit a nerve with many Arran residents.

The assertion by the applicant, that a full public consultation with residents and organisations will be undertaken, along with a screening and scoping request, not only shows a willingness for transparency and co-operation but is sure to answer a multitude of concerns, on both sides of the debate, as the benefits and drawbacks become apparent and reveal themselves.

The rights, aspirations and objectives of each side seeking to agree on a satisfactory resolution – not necessarily mutually agreeable – appear to be at diametric opposites.

In a similar fashion to the manner in which the South Arran Marine Protected Area has become a case study for educational and conservation organisations, the outcome of this debate between big business and local population will set a standard that will have further implications for aquatic farming and marine conservation along the West Coast of Scotland and much further field.

Thought for the week

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand. Philippians 4:4-5

Gaelic names

Sir,
On my recent visit to Arran I was surprised to see that CMAL has apparently renamed Brodick 'Castle Beach', at least according to the Gaelic part of the signs, Tràigh a' Chaisteil.

Was somebody influenced by the name of the Barra ferry terminal at Castlebay, or Bàgh a Chaisteil?

It's all very well wanting a romantic name for a facility which is functional rather than romantic (and incidentally will double at least the length foot passengers have to walk twixt bus and boat), but I would respectfully point out that (a) the terminal is some distance from the nearest beach and (b) it is even further from the castle.

In fact, because of its proximity to both castle and a beach, Brodick Old Quay has more claim to be called Tràigh a' Chaisteil than does the new terminal.

I'm all for the bilingual signs, but what on earth was wrong with Breadhaig, as is on the sign at the existing terminal?

To name the new terminal after features two miles away is just silly.

Yours,

**Jane Ann Liston,
St Andrews.**

Bus business

Sir,
I write as a cyclist and, I hope, a compassionate human being. I was saddened to read the letter from your Canadian correspondent regarding her experience of being not allowed to put her bike on the bus at Blackwaterfoot when she was injured and in need of help.

While it is not the purpose of this letter to criticise the driver of the bus, whose decision to refuse to carry the lady's bike was merely a reflection of company pol-

icy, it is disappointing that the said driver did not feel that discretion could be exercised in this case – perhaps, thus, establishing a precedent, but so what? It is a sad day that employees are bound by inflexible policies that do not allow them to use their initiative. One can imagine the different tone of the correspondent's letter had the driver offered to help.

As an aside, country buses in Norway carry bike racks before and aft outside the bus, carrying bikes for no extra charge.

Yours,

**Brian Grindall,
Shiskine,
Brodick.**

Pollution problem

Sir,
I have been following the Lamlash fish farm letters culminating in the two and a bit columns from Craig Anderson. His dissertation offers nothing but the usual platitudes about working with all and sundry, yet he makes no real mention of the pollution effects except to say they would be minimised. That is unacceptable. There should be no pollution at all. He fails to say how the death toll of farmed salmon caused by lice and gill disease is going to be addressed. I refer to the *Sunday Herald* report of the mortality of Marine Harvest salmon, 7,609 tons in 2016, all being transported by road to Widnes, Lancashire, to be burned.

The Scottish Government is more interested in the revenue from farmed salmon than the environmental damage it is doing. My own view is no expansion till the disease and seabed pollution are ended. On the seabed pollution, I believe a system of suction removal of solids should be used. Waterways can be cleared

with this technology so why not salmon waste? I am sure reluctance to spend money is the answer to that. Finally, our seas worldwide are reaching pollution saturation and all the talk by big polluters of minimising the effects of their actions are of no value to our fragile world. The sea is the engine that powers our planet so stop the rot now. Oh and why is a Forresian interested in Arran? My roots are in Arran and boyhood memories of angling contests that filled baskets with fish before greed killed that.

Yours,

**Roderick C Mckay,
Moray.**

Aquaculture expansion

Sir,
In response to Mr Anderson's rather rose-tinted letter last week, I'd like to ask the question whether in the face of mounting scientific evidence against aquaculture the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) will actually listen to the feedback it gets in the course of its 'programme of consultation with local residents and organisations'.

Will they follow the lead of the Scottish Government, which recently banned fracking in Scotland based partly on the enormous public response to their consultation? Or will they just pretend that they are interested and push on regardless, ignoring people's concerns about the serious issues aquaculture faces with sea lice, chemical pollution, impact of escapes on wild salmon populations, damage to populations of cleaner fish and the fish that are used as food for the salmon, fish density that is, as far as I am aware, way beyond that recommended by the RSPCA etc etc?

In a recent *Sunday Herald* article, it was reported that the fish farming industry in Scotland had to dispose of 'up to 10 million salmon last year – nearly a quarter of its stock – because of diseases, parasites and other problems'. Apparently SSC's contribution to this amounted to 5,873 tonnes in 2016. Is that really the sign of a sustainable and environmentally friendly industry?

If they really adhered to the 'highest levels of environmental protection', SSC would stop trying to increase the quantity of fish they hold in our Marine Protected Area (MPA) by around 116 per cent, in fact they would reduce it.

Why do local residents have to use their time and energy again and again to oppose the expansion plans of a company that seems solely interested in profit increase? Is it not time for the government to reassess its plans for the substantial increase in aquaculture on the west coast over the coming decade and stop the expansion of existing facilities and creation of new ones (particularly in MPAs) before it is too late?

I would like to send many thanks to Patricia Gibson MP and Kenneth Gibson MSP, who have both been very supportive of Arran's fight against SSC's latest expansion plans in Lamlash.

Yours,

**Stuart Turner,
Lamlash.**



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Distillers to sponsor new Burns festival

Isle of Arran Distillers are to sponsor a new multi-arts festival celebrating the life and work of Robert Burns next year.

The inaugural Burns Unbroke festival will be held at the Summerhall in Edinburgh in January 2018. As the maker of the only official Burns single malt at its distillery in Lochranza, it is fitting that the distillers will be the headline sponsor alongside Creative Scotland and Scotland.org. They are also planning exciting events to celebrate the Bard, including whisky masterclasses.

Running for six weeks from Thursday January 25, 2018, the programme will celebrate the plethora of ar-

tistic and performing talent in Scotland, and beyond, through the prism offered by new interpretations of the life and work of Robert Burns.

Distillers managing director Euan Mitchell said: 'As the producer of the official Burns malt, it was a no-brainer for us to get involved in a festival that shares our passion for the poet.

'As a distillery, we may take a very traditional approach to production – with an eye to the proud heritage of Scotch – but that doesn't mean that we aren't eager to experiment and introduce new people to the spirit.

'With Burns Unbroke,

we're really excited to be helping bring the Bard to a contemporary audience and give up-and-coming Scottish artists a much deserved platform.'

The inspiration for the Burns Unbroke title comes from the epigraph printed at the beginning of Burns's first poetry collection, the Kilmarnock edition, published in 1786 which begins: 'The simple Bard, unbroke by rules of art.'

The festival's innovative visual arts programme features more than 30 visual artists and there will be newly commissioned work by four Scottish-based artists. In addition, the programme of events includes an alternative Burns night,

spoken word performances, children's performances and a tailor made programme of music.

Sheilagh Tennant, Burns Unbroke director, said: 'Burns Unbroke provides the opportunity, for the first time, to bring together such an impressive range of visual and performance artists under one banner.'

Burns Unbroke runs at Summerhall from Thursday January 25 to Saturday March 10, 2018, with the majority of performance

events focused around the weekend of January 26-28. The exhibitions will be open to the public, Tuesdays to Sundays, throughout the six weeks and entry is free.



Burns Unbroke logo.

Friends get castle work update

The Friends of Brodick Castle opened their autumn programme of events on a sunny afternoon in September to hear Chris Mills, interim property manager at Brodick Castle, update them on the progress of the works so far and the exciting developments due next year.

The programme continues this month with their meeting on Thursday October 19 when ArCaS chairman Douglas Johnston, and others from the charity, will give an update on their activities.

Hallowe'en is happening at the castle on Saturday October 28 and Chris is looking for some help from Friends to help man the activities for the children during the day. If you are available please contact Chris at the castle.

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Pupils from Corrie Primary School met with historian John Sillars last week at the Arran Heritage Museum to learn more about the Arran Clearances. It was a great success and the children were delighted to see letters and items from this period.

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Pupils lead the way at the Enactus World Cup



Chloe Brookes, Rachel Janse Van Rensburg, Jessica Miller, Natasha Murray and Lauren Robertson with Mrs Lesley Walker at the Enactus World Cup.

Senior students from Arran High School have become the first in the UK, and possibly the world, to attend the Enactus World Cup.

Enactus is the international organisation that pairs entrepreneurship and philanthropy to develop sustainable and beneficial projects in communities. Predominantly, it has been for university students and business leaders but Glasgow Caledonian University contacted Arran High School and invited them to become a branch of their Enactus group.

When the Glasgow Caledonian Enactus team visited the school, the fifth and sixth years had a brainstorming session with them and together they compiled a large list of issues that they felt needed addressed on Arran. The key priority they identified was to get young people and older people working together to challenge two issues that impact on both age groups: isolation and mental health.

Being new to the Enactus family, students at first did not fully understand what Enactus entailed, but after

attending the annual World Cup it all became clear. Enactus is made up of 70,500 students from 1,700 universities in 36 countries. Each year they hold a World Cup, hosted all around the world, which 3,500 students, business, academic and government leaders attend. This year, for the first time, it was held in London and Chloe Brookes, Rachel Janse Van Rensburg, Jessica Miller, Natasha Murray and Lauren Robertson accompanied by Mrs Lesley Walker, were invited to attend.

Projects

The World Cup took place over three days with 36 Enactus teams from around the world presenting their projects to observers and judges, and explaining the impact they have had on their community, the changes they have made and what they are going to do next. One of the judges was Arran High School business adviser Jean McInnes.

After a series of engaging presentations, the original 36 teams were filtered down to the final four. The focus of the different teams

was diverse, ranging from food security to sanitation to women's empowerment and this gave the visiting group a valuable insight into the problems that affect the world.

In a statement, the Arran group said: 'As young people we often have a need, a desire, to change the world and help. This couldn't be more apparent at Enactus. By attending the World Cup we were able to really understand first-hand the incredible impact that these students are making around the world and the positive changes they are bringing to their communities. Their passion, dedication and enthusiasm were inspiring and definitely set the tone for our project. The atmosphere of the entire competition was amazing – the excitement, the need for change, the support everyone had for each other.'

'As new members to the Enactus family, we hope Arran High School can create a lasting impact and tackle the issues we feel need addressed with the same success and achievement we saw at the World Cup.'



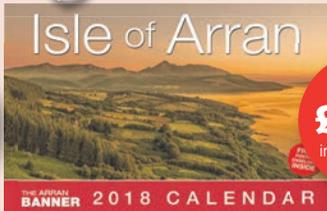
Arran High School team during a presentation from India at the Enactus World Cup.

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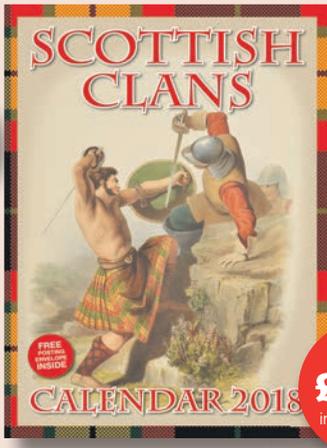
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HIJOBS announce new app launch

HIJOBS, one of Scotland's fast emerging technology start-ups, has announced the launch of its new recruitment app. The app, which is available for both IOS and Android devices, marks the next stage in HIJOBS' remarkable rise to become one of the leading providers of recruitment solutions in Scotland.

Founders Christopher Snelgrove and Laura Saunders are justifiably proud of their achievements so far. Says Christopher: "Our new app was just the logical next step in our quest to provide candidates and recruiters with the best technological solution to either finding a job or finding the perfect candidate."

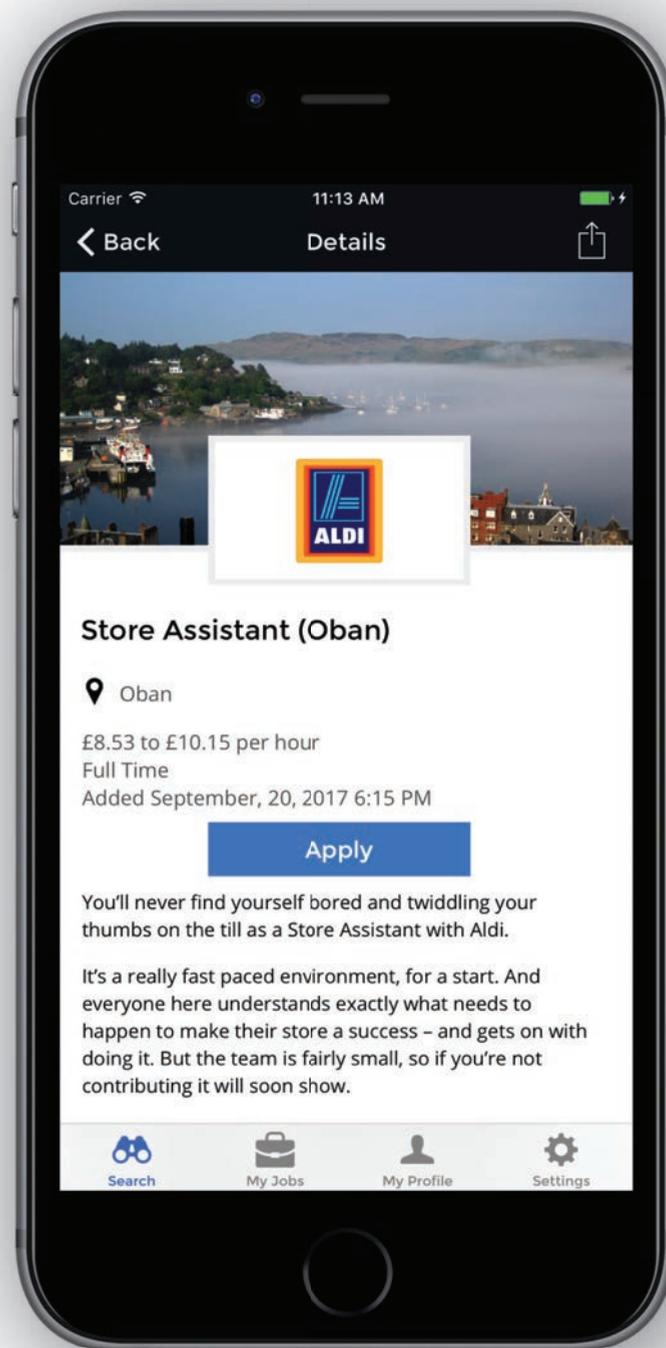
Laura adds: "We don't think anyone in the recruitment markets can come close to our technology. It is simple, intuitive and delivers results. The development of the app had to match the ease of use of our website and seamlessly integrate with social media. We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved."

Founded in Lochaber in 2015, HIJOBS specialises in matching candidates and recruiters in Scotland's more rural locations. Christopher is passionate about helping people find jobs outside the central belt. He says: "I live in Lochaber and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. We developed our technology to allow people to search for vacancies in the smallest towns and villages in Scotland. The gradual roll-out of 4G in places like Oban and Fort William means that the time is now right to give people a really smart, easy-to-use app."

As well as investing in the app, the company has also undertaken a significant digital marketing campaign that sees HIJOBS appear high up on the first page of Google's rankings, outperforming most of the big national brands. Traffic to its site is growing exponentially and candidates registering on the site will soon pass 50,000. Laura says: "2017, by whatever measure you choose, has been an exceptional year so far. The app launch is the cherry on the cake. We want people to have the choice of working in any part of Scotland they choose, not be forced to move to one of the big cities. Our app has just helped make that choice a whole lot easier."

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HIJOBS



Christopher and Laura along with fellow director Keith McIntyre, right.

A feast of music at the PHT

The Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash has established a firm reputation as one of the best music venues on the island. It has a feast of music lined up in the coming weeks and some cracking Christmas treats. Here is what is scheduled.

Kevin Noon and the Sandford Soul Orchestra are no strangers to the festival scene, getting a reputation as an enthralling live act. They are described as playing 'songs that will lift your spirits' by *The Celtic Music Review*, and 'Kevin

Noon sings with a pleasing rough edged quality', says Sue Wilson from *Scotland on Sunday*.

Kevin has been back in the studio releasing an album called *By The Foot of the Mountain* and their music is described as Scottish



Scotch who will be playing at the PHT during the Christmas party season.



Some young Arran musicians at a previous concert.

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folk-driven Northern Soul which you can hear at the PHT on Saturday October 14 at 9pm then again Sunday October 15 at 4pm

Status Quo lovers

Great friends of The PHT, Backwater – Scotland's ultimate Status Quo tribute – are definitely the finest Quo tribute in the UK. Straight back from a Quo conference in Minehead, they are stopping by at the PHT to take on the classic 70s hard rocking 'frantic four' on Saturday October 21.

Research, attention to detail in the composition of Quo's music and the on-stage delivery from these

four naturally talented musicians has made Backwater an in-demand act all over the UK and beyond. It will be a very hot and sticky night - and, don't forget your air guitars!

Celebration of young musicians

'Despite spending 20 years in secondary education in Hertfordshire and Essex, I have never come across so many talented young musicians as there are on Arran,' said Jane Howe, owner of The PHT.

The Sunday sessions involving young people have been particularly successful, providing the artists a safe and supportive

place to appear in public. The next will be Sunday October 29, followed by a Christmas Eve family special on Sunday December 24 both starting at 3pm.

All young people are welcome to the afternoons to sing or play an instrument and are also invited to join friends from Lamlash Church on Sunday December 10 to an afternoon of carols.

Christmas party specials

Meanwhile, the PHT has pulled out of the hat the best of the bands to play at its Christmas party specials nights. When Will and the Wild Horse came

last to the PHT they had the crowd speechless while watching the phenomenal 12-minute drum duet (see the PHT Facebook videos). Then Scotch, the most awesome band from Holland, had everyone on the floor then leaping in the air! A night of rock might be your thing from Audiosin and rumour has it that Artran's own The News Band will be visiting supported by Matt Johnson. The PHT has its finest Hogmanay Hoot ever lined up from the most talented George Lindsay who played in Chicago with BB King's daughter.

See www.thepht.co.uk for full listings.

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Wednesday 8.30pm

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International duo bring their talents to Arran

There is a real international flavour to the latest concert to be held by Music Arran, formerly known as the Isle of Arran Music Society.

They will present their next concert at the community theatre in Lamlash on Saturday October 21, at 7.30pm when the young and vibrant chamber music project, the Gelos Duo, will perform.

Consisting of Lithuanian pianist Ruisne-Monika Palsauskaite and Spanish saxophonist Francisco Sánchez Diaz, the pair met as students at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, and formed the duo in 2016.

Their mission is to expand the repertoire for piano and saxophone, and both of them have performed internationally with some

distinguished musicians. Monika has played with the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra, and in festivals in Lithuania, Estonia and here in Scotland. Francisco has performed in festivals here and in Spain as well as with a number of UK orchestras, including the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the BBC Scottish Symphony. He has also performed as soloist in several saxophone concertos. The Gelos Duo's programme on Arran will include pieces by Schumann, César Franck, and James Macmillan.

Tickets will be available at the door and, in advance, online from Arran Events at www.arranevents.com, or from Inspirations of Arran shop in Brodick. Under-18s are admitted free.



The Gelos Duo will be performing at the community theatre.

Iain to give prestigious lecture

A man brought up on Arran is to give a prestigious lecture in Glasgow.

Vet Iain Glen is to deliver the Sir William Weipers Memorial Lecture 2017 at Glasgow University's Veterinary School later this month.

Iain was brought up at Parkhouse, Corriecravie, which was his father's farm. At one time there was the possibility of buying Machrie farm, in which case Iain was to stay and take over the family farm. This did not happen and he became a vet.

After a year in Kenya, he became a veterinary anaesthetist. He moved to research with what was then ICI in Cheshire and for years worked on the development of the drug Propofol.

This has become the drug of choice for inducing anaesthesia by intravenous injection and is sold all over the world. Indeed his name was mentioned in the court case related to the death of Michael Jackson who had been given Propofol.

The subject of Iain's lecture, on Friday October 27, is the trials and tribulations



Iain Glen, seen in his boat at Blackwaterfoot, is to give the prestigious lecture.

and eventual success of his research in developing Propofol entitled: 'Bubbles, balancing tricks and mini-pigs: steps on the road to Propofol'.

Iain still has the land

from Parkhouse farm at Corriecravie and a house in Blackwaterfoot and has traced and produced a family tree of his ancestors on Arran back for almost 200 years.



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Victoria & Abdul (12A) 115 mins
Judi Dench stars. **21/10 at 8.30pm, 22/10 at 2pm, 23/10 at 5.30pm**

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WHAT'S ON

Everyday

Trout fly fishing
Brodict Castle
Arran Brewery
Soap making and candle dipping
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodict

Saturday 14th October

Army Cadets
Over 21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Flow Yoga
Growers drop in session
Mic Clark
Live music - Kevin Noon & The Sandford Soul Orchestra
Live music - Shenanigans
Live music - Rudi

Sunday 15th October

Eco Savvy Halloween Workshops
Family games
Fun in the pool
AA meeting
Live music - Kevin Noon & The Sandford Soul Orchestra

Monday 16th October

Eco Savvy Halloween Workshops
Over 50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobix
Tae Kwondo
Adult Tennis
Arran Skinnymalinks (slimming class)
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Live music - Arran Dawn

Tuesday 17th October

Arran Crafts Fayre
Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Pilates
Flow Yoga
Scottish Country Dancing
Live music - Tim Pomeroy

Wednesday 18th October

Rock an pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
Knittery and Natterry
Family friendly pub quiz
Burger and quiz night
Chair Yoga
Flow Yoga
Arran Parkinson's Support group
Lamlash SWI
Zumba Gold
Just Jhoom (Bollywood dance fitness)
Live music - Cams Campbell

Thursday 19th October

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
COAST Public Meeting

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Garden open 9am-dusk
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm
Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
Community Land, WBay, 10am - 12noon
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
The Fiddlers, Brodict, 8-10.30pm
Coast, Nr Lamlash, 8-10.30pm

Lochranza Field Centre 11am - 5pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm

Pirnmill Village Hall 2pm - 5pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie sports hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Arran High School dance studio, 6.30pm
Brodict Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Shiskine Church Hall 5:15pm
Brodict Church Kitchen, 6pm
The Fiddlers, Brodict, 8-10.30pm

Whiting Bay Village Hall 11am - 3pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
The Fiddlers, Brodict, 8-10.30pm

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
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9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
St Molios Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm
Fire Station, 7.30pm
Brodict Hall, 4pm-5pm
Brodict Hall, 5.50pm-6.50pm
The Fiddlers, Brodict, 8-10.30pm

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm

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Live music - Tim Pomeroy
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Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30-8.00pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday - Brodict Church Kitchen 10:30 - 12 noon
The Fiddlers, Brodict, 8-10.30pm

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Lamlash Church Hall 11am - 1pm
Residents Lounge, Trust Homes McKelvie Court 10:30 - 12 noon
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Home Farm, Brodict, 11am, 1pm & 3pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 1.30pm - 3pm
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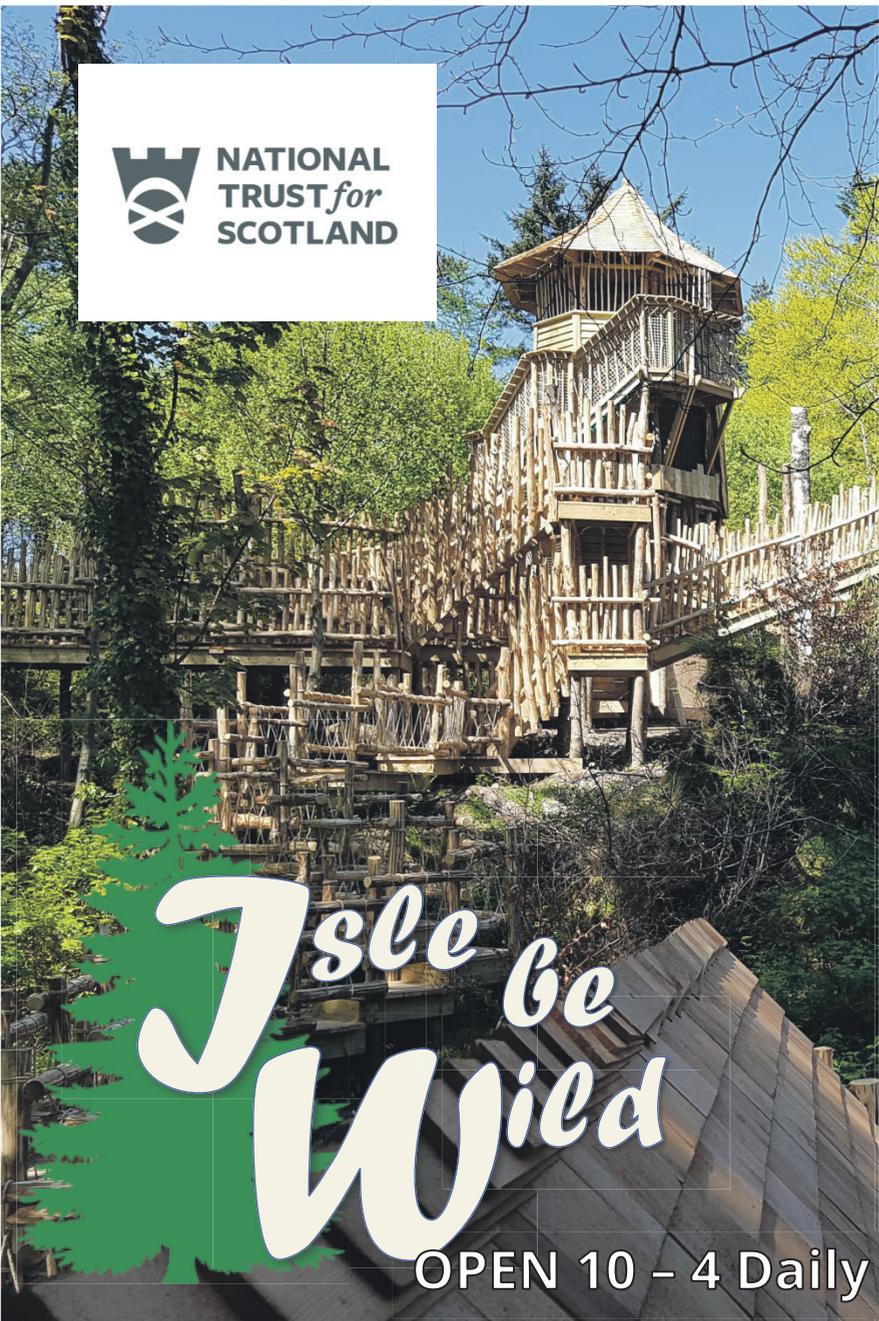
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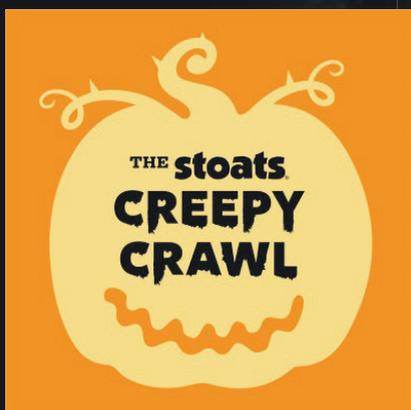
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Celebration event marks ferry campaign success

'This celebration is about marking the efforts of the community who made such a massive contribution in saving this vital ferry route'

Members of the public are invited along to a special celebration event organised by North Ayrshire Council, in recognition of their contribution to saving the Ardrossan/Brodick ferry crossing.

Brodick Hall will open its doors from 3pm to 6pm on Monday October 23 to welcome people who supported the Keep it A to B campaign.

The Ardrossan/Brodick came under threat after the owners of the Port of Troon launched a bid to take over

the Arran ferry service. Owing in part to a huge groundswell of public support, the campaign to retain the crossing was successful. Now, exactly one year on from the launch of the Keep it A to B campaign, a special celebration is being staged with an open invitation being issued to people to drop in to Brodick Hall where tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

The celebration was given the go-ahead after a meeting of the full council agreed to mark the contri-



bution made by grassroots community supporters to the campaign.

Councillor Louise McPhater, cabinet member for communities, said: 'It's dif-

ficult to believe that it was almost one year ago that Troon launched a bid to take the Arran ferry.

'But the people of North Ayrshire responded. Ordin-

ary members of the public, local community groups and businesses, politicians from all political parties came together to fight for the Ardrossan to Brodick

crossing. Thankfully, we put forward a strong and passionate case and were ultimately successful.

'So this celebration is about marking the efforts of the community who made such a massive contribution in saving this vital ferry route.

'We would urge anyone who played a part – whether it was signing the petition or manning a stall or supporting the campaign on social media – to drop in and enjoy a cuppa.'

A separate celebration drop-in event will also be held at Ardrossan Civic Centre on Wednesday October 18, from 3pm until 6pm.



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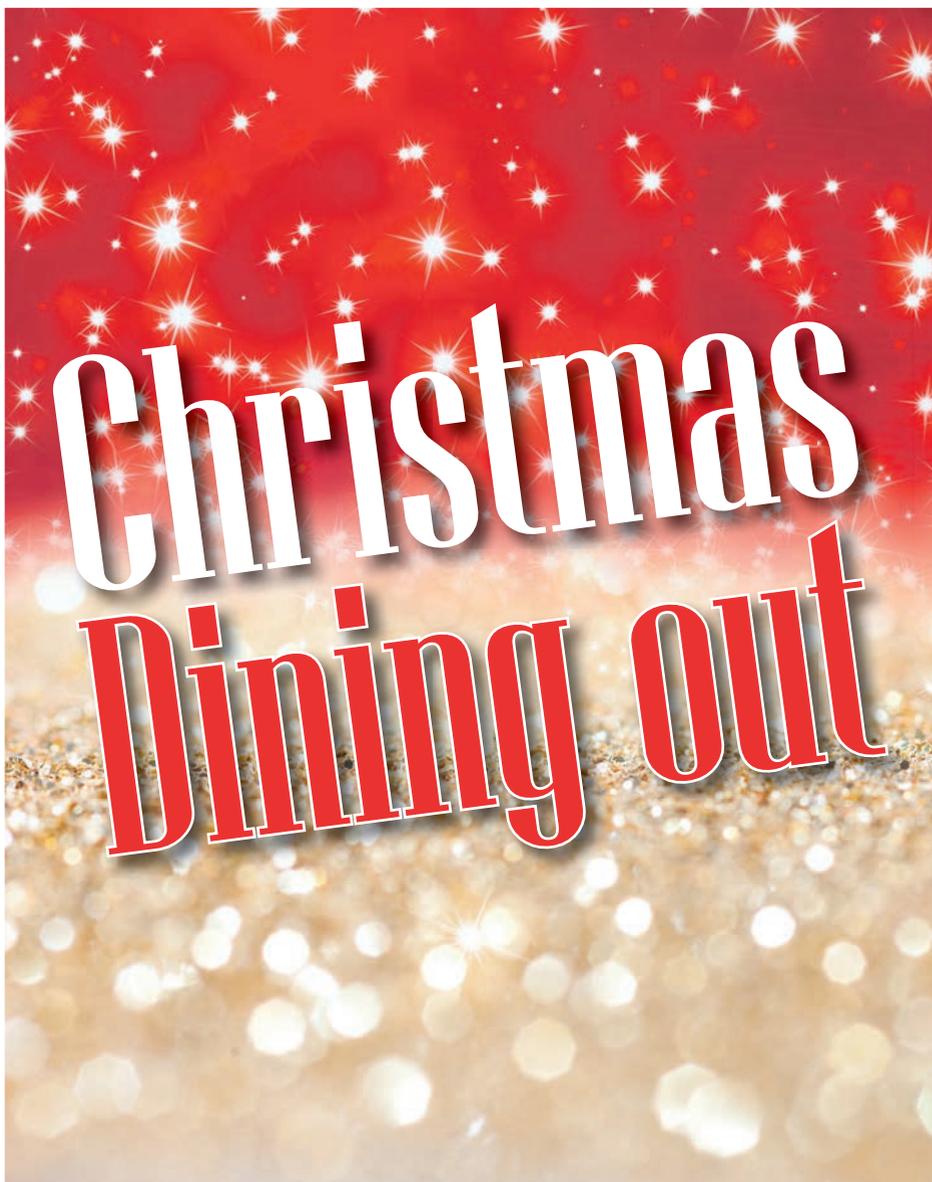
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Cheese platter of locally selected cheeses, fruit & relish.



Eider down as owls struggle to find food

Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
SEPTEMBER

The cool wet weather which had been a feature of July and August continued into September. In fact, there was even more rain in September than there had been in July or in August. This September was wetter than the same month last year.

It is difficult to know the impact of this on our local birds but owls in particular struggled to find food. One young long-eared owl was fortunate when it was found drenched and underweight by the local vet. Ten days later it was feeding itself and was fit enough to return to the wild.

September is the start of the peak migration season, when many birds are on the move. There was a wide

range of species recorded in September, almost 100. It was certainly the time to expect the unexpected and among the unusual records was a black-tailed godwit on Shiskine Golf Course on 1st, an osprey over Pirmill on 24th, a puffin off Laggan on 25th and two great



An absolutely stunning photograph of a wheatear taken at Blackwaterfoot.
Photo: Peter Dobson

crested grebe off Pirmill on 23rd. This was the first record of great crested grebe on Arran this year.

Other birds on migration included: two sanderling at Drumadoon Point on 2nd, a great northern diver in Loch Ranza on 3rd, an Arctic skua in Whiting Bay on 4th, two black-throated diver off Torrylinnwater Foot also on 4th, two white wagtail in Auchenhew Bay on 7th, two sandwich tern in Kildonan on 13th, three bar-tailed godwit on Shannochie shore on 20th, a great skua off the Cock of Arran on 25th and a wheatear was photographed on Blackwaterfoot shore on 30th.

At this time of year birds begin to flock together, often in preparation for mi-

gration. Reports included: 10 dunlin in Blackwaterfoot on 2nd, 80 starling in Benlister on 2nd, 170 jackdaw on Drumadoon Farm on 5th, 141 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on 6th, 20 long-tailed tit on Fisherman's Walk on 18th, 18 turnstone on Silver Sands on 21st, 42 redshank in Whiting Bay on 24th, 30 goldfinch on Silver Sands on 28th, 100 kittiwake at Machriewaterfoot on 29th and 100 linnet in Blackwaterfoot also on 29th. This gives an indication of the numbers of birds that are on the move at this time of year.

In September, there were reports of returning winter visitors, namely two wigeon in Loch Ranza on 18th and four common scoter off Pirmill on 23rd. A number of summer visitors were also still around in September including: a willow warbler on Bennan Head on 1st, a whitethroat at Kingscross on 4th and a chiffchaff at Silver Sands on 14th. The following are the last September reports of the hirundines: a sand martin at Auchencar on 8th, three house martin in Lam-lash on 19th and two swallow at North Sannox on 30th. October should see the last of the house martins and swallows departing south.

Other sightings this month included: a moorhen at Mossend Pond on 2nd, 80 gannet in Brodick Bay on 5th, two little grebe in Loch Ranza on 7th, a yel-



The efforts of the vet and her helpers gave this rain-soaked, starving long-eared owl a second chance.
Photo: Charlotte Clough.

lowhammer at Torrylinnwater Foot on 9th and a dipper in Cordon on 24th. Plus, after no records in 2016, there were 26 records of kingfisher in September from four locations mainly on the east of the island. In addition, the Arran Black Grouse Group released a further 40 black grouse. To help with the monitoring of these birds, Kate Sampson, head ranger at Brodick Country Park, would be delighted to receive a note of any sightings of black grouse.

Finally, my thanks to all the 'volunteers' who took part in the eider survey in September. Total number of birds recorded round Arran was 36. There was almost total coverage of the Arran coastline. The previous three September counts had been consistent at around 115. Ten years ago

it was considerably more at over 600. The data on the eider survey contributes to the ongoing research of Chris Waltho, who has been monitoring eider in the Clyde Estuary for over 20 years. The population trend is down. For the latest report from Chris visit this website. <http://www.arranbirding.co.uk/files/Clyde-Eider-News-No-15-Aug-2017.pdf>

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2016 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.

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The first record this year of a great crested grebe. Photo: Dennis Morrison.



More birds have been released by the Arran Black Grouse Group as part of a re-introduction programme. Photo: Dennis Morrison



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The day the MV Isle of Arran came back home

The MV Isle of Arran has left at the end of another summer season, but there is a fascinating history behind the oldest vessel in the CalMac fleet. Here NORMAN BROWN tells of the vessel's construction and how it was brought into service 34 years ago.

At the time of the construction of the MV Isle of Arran I was the production director in the Ferguson yard, which was then known as Ferguson Ailsa Ltd, being a subsidiary company of the nationalised British Shipbuilders.

In the early days of nationalisation, Fergusons were part of the Lithgow group of Port Glasgow and as such benefited from the support of the parent company in respect of pipe work, joinery work, pipe manufacture and fitting. Most importantly also, the use of the Lithgow outfitting quay.

With Scott Lithgow, a merger consisting of Scott's of Greenock and Lithgow's Ltd, designat-

ed as an offshore facility, resulting in Fergusons becoming independent from its parent company, during the time of the Isle of Arran's construction had to set up in-house pipe, joinery work and fitting while at the same time being amalgamated with the Ailsa Shipbuilders of Troon. This new company became Ferguson Ailsa, all as part of the commercial arm of British Shipbuilders Ltd.

During this period, both Ferguson and Ailsa benefited from considerable investment in equipment and modern techniques. Principal among these at the Port Glasgow yard was the introduction of a flat panel steel assembly and welding facility.



The Isle of Arran with its new livery is towed under the Erskine bridge.

The MV Isle of Arran being the first vessel to be constructed proved to be somewhat of a learning curve and to maximise on the panel line, as it was known, cambered decks were designed out, with the rather unfortunate consequence of very external wet decks, still apparent today despite all efforts to mitigate this. Now you know!

Also proposed for the Ferguson yard was the erection of a building hall. With the closure of the Barclay Curle yard at Scotstoun in Glasgow, this facility became available elsewhere within the corporation.

Unfortunately, planning permission was refused due to its proposed new site being in close proximity to Newark Castle, with Hall Russell's Aberdeen yard benefiting instead with the erection of the redundant building taking place there.

However, as a quid pro quo, Ferguson Ailsa were one of the first British yards to have computer graphics installed which dovetailed nicely with the panel line referred to above.

This facility pioneered the introduction of advanced outfitting techniques and a

just in time delivery schedule of materials and equipment. Not much in evidence as far as I can see with the new MV Glen Sannox due for delivery next year.

Notwithstanding the aspect of flat panels, rounded funnels are well in evidence on this ship, the only CalMac vessel left, I think, that has this design feature. Naval architects have a thing about funnel design.

Prior to delivery, the vessel was dry-docked in Glasgow, travelling under her own steam in her pre-delivery livery prior to final painting – under the Erskine bridge on her way there.

A painting of another sort was commissioned just prior to dry-docking which shows the vessel at the Ferguson outfitting facility under the hammer head crane at James Watt Dock in Greenock. Lithgow's Kingston basin being out of bounds as explained previously.

I have in my possession, the only facsimile of the original painting, which presumably resides with Ferguson Marine at Port Glasgow. Surely it was rescued prior to the office demolition there.

I well remember, as a local boy, bringing the ship in for berthing trials and, on being tied up alongside at Brodick pier, there was a large contingent of curious locals gathered there. With the gangway down and the expectant group at the bottom, it took only an almost imperceptible nod of my head to have an informal and close view of the impending new arrival.

They rushed up the gangway accordingly and left in an orderly fashion when the time was up, satisfied I am sure that this would be a vessel which would serve the island well. And so I believe it proved.

In those days it was CalMac practice to publish their timetables showing commencement of regular sailings, coincident or nearly so with the builders' planned delivery programme without any margin for delay or shakedown.

After an introductory

cruise for those and such as those, including our then Westminster MP John Corrie and captained by the late Alex Ferrier, the vessel entered service on December 2, 1983.

During this cruise, the vessel came to a unscheduled stop. My heart sank as I thought that a recurrent problem during sea trials was once more in evidence, a problem with engine cooling, never quite resolved as evidence by a puff of black smoke on take way.

But no. Captain Ferrier only wanted to demonstrate the ship's manoeuvrability with the bow thruster propelled by the engine which blew up recently and where we started out with this article.

I hope that with the introduction of the new MV-Glen Sannox, the MV Isle of Arran will still have a part to play in the CalMac fleet. If not, a little bit of me will go with her.



Norman Brown with a picture of the painting of the Isle of Arran at the Ferguson outfitting facility at James Watt Dock in Greenock. 01_B41arran02

Twenty years ago

Our 20 years ago feature is taking a short break. Back then the paper closed down for two weeks during the October school holidays, so material from then is in short supply. But do not worry the popular feature will be back next week.

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 - All pregnant women – clinic appointments
 - All people aged over 65 – clinic appointments
- If you are unsure if you are in an eligible group please do not hesitate to contact the surgery. All our Flu clinics will be by appointment only.

Appointments will be available in October and November. To make an appointment for a flu vaccination at any surgery please phone on 01770 600516.

Scottish CND

Meeting to reform the Arran CND Branch.

Join us at the Ormidale Pavilion on Saturday 28 October, 2:15 – 3:45pm.

All welcome.



ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND AGM

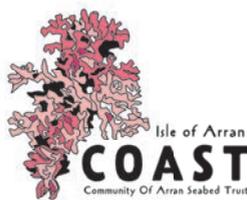
Friday 27th October
Brodict Library 7.30pm
All Welcome

Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall

Lochranza Village Hall SCO 18336

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on
Wednesday 8th November 2017
From 7.00pm till 7.30pm
ALL WELCOME



Invitation to Public Meeting

We will be presenting an update about Arran's Marine Protected Area, as well as sharing views on the impacts of the Scottish Salmon Company's proposal to double production in Lamlash Bay.

Please join us to share your opinions:

7pm, Thursday 19th October 2017,

Kildonan Village Hall

7pm, Wednesday 25th October 2017,

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7pm, Thursday 9th November 2017,

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CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 SECTION 17(4A) (AS AMENDED BY CRIMINAL LAW AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010) NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL TAXI FARE REVIEW

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council, having consulted with taxi operators and organisations appearing to it to be representative of operators (referred to collectively hereinafter as "the trade"), has reviewed the existing scales and proposes to make the new Scales below. The proposed Scales, and any written representations, will be considered by the Licensing Committee on 1st November 2017, and the Committee will then or later fix the new Scales. These will come into force as below, subject to any Appeal to the Traffic Commissioner.

The proposed new scales increase fares slightly in line with changes in the cost of living and the operation of taxis. The proposed changes reflect the views presented to the Council at a meeting of the Council's Licensing Committee held in consultation with members of the trade on Friday 1 September 2017.

Any person may make written representations concerning these proposals by writing to Aileen Craig, Clerk to the Licensing Committee, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE no later than Friday 20 October 2017.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 (AS AMENDED BY THE CRIMINAL LAW AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010) Proposed Taxi Fare Scales (Section 17(4A)(b))

These Scales will come into force as below, subject to any Appeal to the Traffic Commissioner, on Monday 11 December 2017.

Tariff 1 (Day) (Tariff 5 if more than 4 passengers carried)

All journeys starting or ending in the period 7am to 12am (midnight) (except where Tariffs 2 or 3 apply):

Initial Charge (Flagfall) – For a distance not exceeding 1,320 yards (3/4 of a mile) (or waiting time not exceeding 10 minutes) – £2.80.

Additional Charge (Mileage): Each additional 1/18 of a mile (about 98 yards) or additional waiting time of up to 25 seconds – 10p.

Tariff 2 (Nights and Sundays and during day across Zones) (Tariff 6 if more than 4 passengers carried)

All journeys (except where Tariff 3 applies):

- starting or ending in the period 12am (midnight) to 7am
- starting or ending at any time on Sundays
- starting or ending at any time on these Public Holidays:

2 January

Good Friday

Early May Bank Holiday

Spring Bank Holiday

Summer Bank Holiday

30 November (St Andrew's Day)

26 December (Boxing Day)

If a Bank Holiday is on a weekend, the following Monday is treated for this Tariff as a Bank Holiday

- From the Zone for which the vehicle is licensed to another Zone in North Ayrshire – if the journey starts or ends in the period 7am to 12am (midnight).
- On Christmas Eve and Hogmanay from 7pm until 12am (midnight)

Fares:

Initial Charge – For a distance not exceeding 1,320 yards (3/4 of a mile) (or waiting time not exceeding 10 minutes) – £3.20.

Additional Charge: Each additional 1/19 of a mile (about 93 yards) or additional waiting time of up to 25 seconds – 10p.

Tariff 3 (during night across Zones) (Tariff 7 if more than 4 passengers carried)

From the Zone for which the vehicle is licensed to another Zone in North Ayrshire – if the journey starts or ends in the period 12am (midnight) to 7am.

Tariff 1 charges (Initial and Additional) plus 50%.

Tariff 4 (Festive Periods) (Tariff 8 if more than 4 passengers carried)

All journeys starting or ending at any time on 25 December or 1 January:

Double Tariff 1 Charges (Initial and Additional).

Extra Charges

1 If the vehicle starts by carrying more than 4 passengers, the fare is charged as Tariff 1 to 4 (as appropriate) but with 50% added (Tariffs 4 to 8). The higher Tariff applies until the hire ends, whether or not any of the passengers leave the vehicle earlier.

2 Soiling Charge £50.

Notes

1 The fare scale applies only to journeys which end within North Ayrshire. Fares for journeys beyond the Council area are not set by the Council. They should be agreed between the passenger and the driver before the start of the journey.

2 Luggage shall be carried free if it is of a size which can reasonably be accommodated in the car.

3 The metered charge is the maximum which can be charged. The driver can always charge less.

4 The Tariff 2 and 3 charges apply as soon as the journey starts, and do not change if part of the journey is inside the Night Period, Sunday, Public Holiday, or Zone and part outside.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 9am - 4.45pm weekdays (4.30 pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 3 November 2017. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

17/01021/PP; Site To South West Of Pointhouse, Kings Cross, Brodict, Isle Of Arran; Erection of 8 semi detached holiday letting cottages.

17/01007/PP; Site To The East Of Linevern, Silverhill, Whiting Bay, Brodict; Erection of a 1 and 1/2 storey dwelling house and garage and the temporary siting of a residential caravan for a period of 2 years.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 15th October
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill 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.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church) St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 15th October
11am Holy Communion.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 18th October
12 noon. "Pop-up" service at Catacol Bay Hotel.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 15th October
Morning Service 11am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ fellowship to share"
Sunday 15th October
Rev Dr Ian McLeod
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 15th October
Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 15th October
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and cards for sale.
All most welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 15th October
Service 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Telephone 600222
Everyone warmly invited

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 15th October
Sunday Mass 11am

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakers meet every Sunday at 11am
For meeting venue ring - 830622 or 820223

DEATH

McQUEEN - Colin. Peacefully at home on Thursday 5th October, 2017. Colin, aged 69 years, brother of Helen and Alan. Service in Whiting Bay and Kildonan church on Friday October 13 at 11:30 am to which all are welcome. Private interment on Monday.

WOOLEY - nee Small. Ella died peacefully on Monday 2nd October, 2017 aged 100 years and seven months at the nursing home where she had been well cared for. Beloved wife of the late Charles MacGregor Wooley of Arran. She was mother of Charles, who was born on Arran, grandmother of Anna, Isobel, Rosie, Dave, Jim, Fred, and four great grandchildren and sister of the late Verner Small.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Whiting Bay Golf Club
Sunday October 8, The Taylor Trophy. Taking full advantage of the fine autumn conditions, a select field of four elite golfers competed for the Taylor, an ornate and prestigious trophy dating from the very earliest days of the club.

Scoring was good from both teams with Stan Rainey and David Brookens just pipping John Pennycott and George McKechnie on the final green, although some disquiet at the handicapping system as applied by the clubhouse computer may yet result in this outcome being referred to the court of arbitration for sport.

As things stand, however, the result is as follows: 1 Stan Rainey and David Brookens 11, 58, 2 George McKechnie and John Pennycott 8.8, 59.2.

Magic twos, Stan and David at the 17th and George and John at the 17th. This is probably the only occasion in history the entire field has scored twos at the 17th. Fixtures: Sunday October 15, Hamilton Salver, draw at 10am.

Sunday October 22, Winter Cup, first round, postponed from Sunday October 1.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday October 5, front nine medal. 1 A Winship 41-7=34, 2 A Colquoun 40-4=36. Scratch, A Wales 39.

Sunday October 8, Glenburn Cup, CSS 64, Par 64. 1 Andy Smith 78-15=63, 2 Alan Winship 79-14=65. Scratch, I Bremner 77.

End of season results: Summer Cup, best four scores. Winner, Serge El Adm 62,60,62,62, runner-



The 18th hole at Whiting Bay Golf Club



Teeing off at Brodick Golf Club

up, Iain Murchie 64,66,60,62.

Jamieson Cup, best two scores. Winner, Alan Smith 71+67=138, BIH. Runner-up, Ian Bremner 68+70=138.

Hamilton Bowl. Winner, John O'Sullivan, runner-up, Ian Bremner.

Medal Shield, best two scores. Winner, Mark Wren 69+66=135. Runner-up, Andrew Wales 72+71=143.

Fixtures: Sunday October 15, Glenburn Cup, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Thursday October 19, back nine medal. Make up own games, see starter for times.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday October 7, Captain's Prize. 1 L Hartley 36pts, 2 David Jeffrey 35pts, 3 A Napier 34pts. A very good turnout with Len just edging out David on a

wet but playable course.

Many thanks to club captain Robert Logan for hosting the event and his very generous prizes.

Fixtures: Saturday October 14, sweep, ballots at 9am and 1pm.

Monday October 16, The Monday Cup will commence. Ballot at noon.

Saturday October 21, The Eddie Rankin Memorial trophy. Open to all Corrie and Machrie members. To be played at Corrie this year with a ballot at 1.30pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 3, Winter Cup. 1 R Woods 85-17=68, 2 W Kelso 79-9=70, 3 B Sherwood 91-14=77.

Saturday October 7, Lochranza Hotel Cup, CSS 65, R/O. 1 P Betley 28pts, 2 C Laing 27pts, 3

R Betley 24pts.

Tuesday October 10, Winter Cup. 1 C Laing 81-18=63, 2 R Woods 86-17=69, BIH, 3 J Pennycott 82-13=69. Magic two from Campbell and he loses three handicap strokes.

Fixtures: Tuesday October 17, Lochranza Hotel Cup at noon.

Saturday October 21, Eddie Rankin Cup.

Tuesday October 24, Winter Cup at noon. Put your name down for the club dinner with secretary David Scott.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday October 8, Brandon Qualifier, 13 played. NQ, Ewan McKinnon 61-0=61, Douglas Robertson 83-18=65, ACB, Nicol Hume 78-13=65. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 61.

Fixture: Sunday October 15, Stableford.

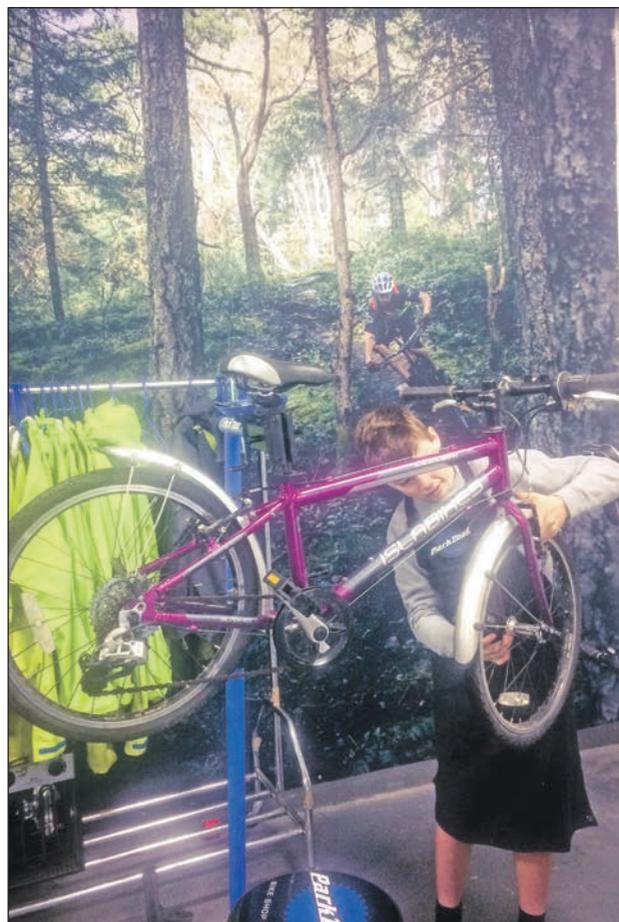
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THANK YOU

THANK YOU
Grace Small would like to thank all friends and family for the lovely cards, flowers, good wishes and cake which I received on the occasion of my 90th birthday.
Thanks to Murray and Ian for the lovely evening at Stag's where apart from the meal, 'someone' had gone to a lot of trouble to make it special.

Mountain Bike Club keeps the wheels turning



Brakes and wheel alignment are adjusted by the mechanic.

The Arran High School Mountain Bike Club has extended its range by offering members of the public free bicycle maintenance during workshop open days along with Arran's first bike repair station.

What started out as a group of cyclists enjoying themselves and taking part in a healthy outdoor pursuit has blossomed into an altruistic endeavour far bigger than club teacher Robert McNiece could have imagined.

Free MOTs

With support from the Big Lottery's Young Start Fund, the group visited all of the islands primary schools to deliver free bike MOTs and repairs, along with training pupils on how to repair their bicycles themselves.

Following the success and interest by cyclists and pupils, members of the club decided to offer the same service to the public during their workshop open day.

On Saturday October 6,

during the open day, pupils repaired customers bikes, tuned gears, adjusted brakes, replaced broken pedals, replaced brake and gear cables and washed bikes, and, in the process, six of them earned themselves a Park Tool School cycle mechanic qualification.

The club has also gone one step further and has installed Arran's first public bike repair station, free to use for anyone needing to pump up their tyres or conduct any minor repairs themselves, using a variety of useful tools attached to a specially designed stand.

In addition to this, the Arran High School Mountain Bike Club continues to receive donated bikes and sell recycled bikes diverted from Brodick's waste transfer station at affordable prices. They also plan to offer their bike building skills in time for Christmas, details of which will be shared later in the year once confirmed.



Customers line up to have their bicycles repaired at the Arran High School Mountain Bike Club open day.



Pupils hard at work in the bicycle maintenance workshop.



Six pupils proudly display their Park Tool School cycle mechanic qualification.



A pupil adjusts the gears on a customer's bike.



The Arran High School Mountain Bike Club's first public bike repair station.



Customers' bicycles receive a thorough clean.



A pupil demonstrates how the bike repair station and attached tools can be used.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Mountain Bike Club keeps the wheels turning

Ross encourages women and girls in sporting roles

Arran young ambassador – and Scotland’s first young ambassador of the month recipient – Ross Dobson has continued with his promotion of sporting activity and living an active lifestyle, by organising various events for females during Active Girls Day.

The events which were part of an initiative by the national agency for sport, sportscotland, are aimed at increasing opportunities for girls to enjoy sport and physical activity, and to promote girls in leadership and sporting roles.

As part of the Active Girls Day Ross organised a dance class led by new business education teacher Mr Gordon Elliot, and

a mountain bike class lead by Mr Robert McNeice alongside young leaders Eilidh Macpherson, Ellie Bonner, Ellie Ewing, Ross Trill and Eilidh Hamill. He then organised a netball tournament for female pupils to take on the female staff.

The female staff won every game with great play, especially from Mrs Rebecca Early and Miss Julie McGhee who scored most of the goals.

The netball was well attended with a great deal of encouragement from the side lines.

Ross Dobson thanked his colleagues and friends by saying: ‘A big thanks to all the teachers that



Netball participants in a relaxed mood before the tournament.

helped make the day run so smoothly, the office staff for helping us out along the way, and all the pupils who took part.’

Active Girls Day which took place across schools, clubs and groups across Scotland on Friday October 6, is a national initiative en-

couraging more females to take part and enjoy sport. It also takes place during Scottish women and girls sport week which is coordi-

nated by the Scottish Government to raise awareness of increasing participation and sport among women and girls.



Organisers and young ambassadors, Ross Dobson with Mr Gordon Elliot and Eilidh Macpherson, Eilidh Hamill and Ellie Bonner.



Pupils try their best to score against teachers in the netball tournament.



Girls show off their moves during an entertaining dance class.

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