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Brodick ferry terminal has opening postponed

The official opening ceremony of the new Brodick ferry terminal has been postponed this coming Monday as it would have clashed with the funeral of Lady Jean Fforde.

Port owner Caledonian Maritime Asset Ltd (CMAL) took the decision earlier in the week to call off the event after it became aware of the conflict of timing.

Finance secretary Derek Mackay had been due to open the new £30 million terminal just 20 minutes ahead of the start of Lady Jean's funeral.

The opening is now being re-scheduled and is likely to take place in mid-November. It means that the new pier could come into operation ahead of the official opening ceremony and as early as next week. In a statement CMAL said: 'As a mark of respect follow-

ing the sad passing of Lady Jean Fforde, CMAL has decided to postpone the official opening of Brodick ferry terminal by Derek Mackay MSP and Humza Yousaf MSP, previously scheduled for Monday October 23. Our thoughts and condolences are with the family of Lady Fforde at this sad time.'

Meanwhile, a book of condolence for Lady Jean will be available to sign at the North Ayrshire Council Keep it A to B celebration event which is going ahead as planned on Monday in Brodick Hall from 3pm to 6pm. The event is to mark the success of the ferry campaign earlier this year.

After Monday, the book of condolence will be available to sign for two weeks in Brodick Library, before being presented to the family.



The opening of the new ferry terminal has been postponed. 01_B42ferry01

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Lord-Lieutenant Duncan retires

The Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, John L Duncan CVO, QPM, has retired after 11 years in post.

Born October 15, 1942, in Buckie, Banffshire, he retired on his 75th birthday last Sunday. He lives in Stewarton with his wife Jess and has a grown-up son and two daughters and has, over the years, been a regular visitor to Arran.

He left Buckie High School in 1957 and was an apprentice engineer with a local firm before begin-

ning his long police career. From 1959 to 2001, he served in Renfrew and Bute Constabulary and Strathclyde Police in all ranks from cadet to deputy chief constable. From the rank of inspector to chief superintendent, he held territorial command in a wide variety of policing environments, including North, South and East Ayrshire.

As chief superintendent and above, in addition to divisional command, he held the positions of head of complaints and disci-

pline, head of force inspectorate, head of personnel, assistant chief constable (personnel), assistant chief constable (operations) and deputy chief constable.

In December 2001, he was appointed a deputy for the Lieutenancy of Ayrshire and Arran and, five years later, was appointed Lord-Lieutenant.

Vice Lord-Lieutenant John Dalrymple Hamilton, OBE, TD, will undertake the duties of the Lord-Lieutenant until a new appointee is announced.



The former Lord-Lieutenant with his wife Jess.
 Photo Mike Scott



Mr Duncan in his uniform.
 Photo Derek McCabe

Lady Jean to be buried in Hamilton family cemetery

Brodict Church will be packed for her funeral

Hugh Boag

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Lady Jean Fforde is going home for the last time.

She is to be laid to rest in the Hamilton family cemetery in the grounds of Brodict Castle where she spent her childhood growing up.

The youngest daughter of the 6th Duke of Montrose, and the last Hamilton to live in Brodict Castle, died last Friday morning with her son Charles and daughter in law Lynn by her side. Lynn said that Lady Jean had died very peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of the morning. She was 96 and would have been 97 next month.

Her funeral service will be held in Brodict Church on Monday October 23 at 11.30am, which is expected to be packed, and the service will be relayed to the church hall. She will later be laid to rest in the Hamilton family cemetery.

Charles and Lynn told the *Banner*: 'We want it to be an island event and for everyone to come and share their memories of this remarkable lady and her extraordinary life.'

Tributes have been paid to Lady Jean all week as she

commanded much respect and love on the island. Very personal messages of condolence have been left on the *Banner* website and Facebook page. One said: 'So sad to hear this amazing lady has passed away.' Another wrote: 'Lady Jean was such an ambassador for Arran, will be greatly missed by many.'

Her last appearance in public was recorded in the *Banner* just two weeks ago when she was able to join the youngsters of the Arran Youth Foundations group, who were holding their annual fundraising event in the gardens of her Strabane home, for a short time.

Lynn said: 'She loved the young people of Arran and had a great time meeting them.'

The retrial donation at her funeral will be for funds for the group.

There hasn't been a burial in the Hamilton graveyard for 83 years. The small cemetery in the hills, surrounded by a red sandstone wall, contains the headstones of the 11th and 12th Dukes of Hamilton, who died in 1863 and 1895 respectively, and the latter's wife Lady Mary Montague who died in 1934.



Lady Jean on her last appearance in public three weeks ago at her home with members of Arran Youth Foundations.

Simon Skinner, National Trust for Scotland chief executive, said: 'We are saddened to hear of the death of Lady Jean, who was a great friend to the trust and to Brodict Castle. She was always generous with her knowledge of the castle and happy to share her stories. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.'

Lady Jean was born in Edinburgh on November 7, 1920, to James Graham, 6th Duke of Montrose, and Mary Louise Douglas-Hamilton, the Duchess of Montrose. She was the youngest of four children and, when growing up, the family lived for six months at Brodict Castle and six months at Buchanan Castle. Her siblings were James Angus Graham, 7th Duke of Montrose, Mary Helen Alma Boscawen and Lord Ronald Graham, all of whom predeceased her.

Lady Jean married Colonel John Fforde in 1947, with whom she had her son Charles. The couple divorced in 1957.

Brodict Castle and gardens were acquired by the Treasury from Lady Jean the following year, in lieu of death duties upon the death of her mother. They were gifted to the National Trust for Scotland.

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Lady Jean pictured with a copy of John Burrell's *Arran Journal* in 2014. 01_B42lady03

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Non-electric vehicles blocking access to the charging bay. 01_B42elect01

Selfish drivers block electric charging bays

Electric car drivers on Arran are angry that other motorists are selfishly using parking bays meant for them to charge their cars.

However, the bays on the shorefront in Brodick are not marked for electric cars only and now North Ayrshire Council has apologised and says the work to demarcate the bays will be carried out soon.

The apology came after an electric car owner expressed his frustration at the charging bay being occupied by combustion vehicles which are continually using the bay as a normal

parking place and blocking access to others wanting to make use of the charging facilities.

Frustrations reached boiling point last weekend when a company vehicle used the bay as a long-term parking spot and left it unavailable for electric vehicle-users for the duration of the weekend.

The electric vehicle owner, who asked not to be named, said: 'How can anyone charge their car when it's continually blocked with normal cars? The council said on the Monday July 10 that the bay would be

marked off and painted in two weeks. Three months later, it's still blocked with selfish people dumping their cars in the critical spaces electric car owners like my self depend on to charge our car. It's totally infuriating.'

No demarcation

The charging unit located opposite Little Rock restaurant on Shore Road is situated in front of a similar row of parking bays and, despite having been installed over a year ago, it has no demarcation indicating its intended use.

It was relocated from the

Brodick ferry terminal after work started on the new pier. There they were clearly marked in blue.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesperson said: 'This has taken longer than anticipated and we apologise for the delay. We are looking to put in a shelter, to cover the electric charging point, along with some markings over the coming weeks.'

'This will highlight that this bay should be used by electric vehicles only. In the meantime, we would continue to ask people not to park in the spot next to the charging bay.'

Arran businesses urged to back survey

North Ayrshire Council and the Arran Economic Group are seeking the thoughts and views of the Arran business community via an extensive business survey being undertaken on their behalf by Arranshand Ltd.

Businesses will be contacted over the course of next week via email seeking their opinions on a range of subjects, including employment numbers, turnover figures, business barriers and housing provision.

Arran Economic Group chairman

and local businessman Tom Tracey said: 'Being able to build up a detailed picture of economic activity on the island is very difficult from nationally available economic data. The comparison of this year's survey results with the information gathered last year will enable us to accurately measure and articulate the opportunity to support the business community on Arran.'

Mr Tracey encouraged all Arran business, regardless of their size, to

participate in the survey. 'Only by participating fully in this survey will it allow us to build a clear, quantifiable case for further business community support on Arran,' he added.

Businesses will be contacted from next Wednesday October 25 to seek their opinions. Also, if business people on Arran want to participate and they haven't been contacted via email, they need to contact Derek Shand at Arranshand (Business Gateway) for the survey link.

Success in Argyll College graduation ceremony

Arran students joined more than 80 other graduating students and their tutors and guests in the spectacular setting of the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Oban, for Argyll College UHI's annual graduation ceremony.

Along with the seven graduating Arran students, Arran's Argyll College's Maureen McKenna and Judi Worthington received awards for their support and guidance, earning themselves the best support staff award.

At the ceremony guest speaker, Professional Masterchef winner Gary McLean, gave an entertaining and motivational speech encouraging graduates to work hard to achieve their dreams.

Born in Glasgow, the 45-year-old multi-award-winning chef spent his early career working in hotels where he learned a number of key skills.

At the age of 30 he opened his own restaurant in Glasgow and as head chef challenged himself to regularly create new and exciting menus for his customers. From there he went on to run the kitchens at Glasgow's Gallery of Modern Art and the Burrell Collec-

tion, opening 80 restaurants during his career.

Gary has also held executive chef positions at two of Scotland's biggest independent operators but it's his current role as senior lecturer at City of Glasgow College that really fulfils his passion for mentoring other young chefs. Indeed, Gary was named CIS Hospitality Educator of the Year at the 2017 Catering in Scotland Excellence



Guest speaker was Masterchef winner Gary McLean a senior lecturer at City of Glasgow College.

awards. 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.'

Following the graduation

ceremony Shannon Lafferty, Highlands and Islands student association deputy president, presented two awards. Scott Anderson from Dunoon was voted the student with best engagement with the Student Voice, and Maureen and Judi received the HISA best support staff award. They were nominated by local student Heather Snowden who said: 'They are always so happy, enthusiastic and positive, and work together so hard as a team to make our lives at college as smooth as possible.'

Heather was unable to make the graduation ceremony but was awarded an NC in social science. HNC childhood practice graduates Abbie Jackson and Hannah Hamilton attended the ceremony to collect their certificates in person.

Megan Hodkinson also received an HNC childhood practice; Lori Young and Lauren Reid were awarded HNCs in business and Wendy Ashley was awarded a BA Hons in sociology and politics.

If you would like to find out more about the wide range of opportunities available through Argyll College UHI visit www.argyllcollege.ac.uk.



Arran students Abbie Jackson and Hannah Hamilton with centre staff Mo McKenna and Judi Worthington.

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Arran's health workers bidding for top awards

Two healthcare workers at Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash have been shortlisted for awards by two different organisations.

Community midwife Elaine Kelso has been shortlisted for the prestigious midwife award at the Scottish Health Awards, while Yvonne Welch, a healthcare assistant at the hospital, has been chosen as a regional winner for

clinical support worker of the year at the Skills for Health's Our Health Heroes Awards.

Elaine was named as a finalist for commitment and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to support not only the families she works with, but the wider midwife team and the hospital community on Arran.

Yvonne was nominated after working at the hospi-

tal for more than 17 years where she was described by colleagues as their 'backbone' and having a relentless can-do attitude.

She was also the first person in the hospital to complete the British casting course.

John Burns, chief executive of NHS Ayrshire and Arran, said: 'We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated and caring staff. Their drive, determination and commitment to patient care is an example of all our staff's dedication to enhancing services for our patients. I wish them the best of luck at the awards ceremony.'

The nominees fought off stiff competition to secure their place at this year's glittering awards ceremony to be held on Thursday November 2, at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh.

Votes for the regional winner Yvonne, in Our Health Heroes Awards, can now be submitted for the national award at www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/ohh-2017 which will be open until Monday November 6.



Elaine Kelso, community midwife at Arran War Memorial Hospital, has been shortlisted for the prestigious midwife award at the Scottish Health Awards. 01_B42elaine01



Yvonne Welch, healthcare assistant, has been chosen as a regional winner for clinical support worker of the year at the Our Health Heroes Awards. 01_B42elaine02

Speaking of the nominations, UNISON head of health Sara Gorton said:

'Every day behind the scenes in the NHS, there are entire teams of healthcare support staff going above and beyond to ensure that patients are getting the best possible care, despite the many constraints they are forced to operate under. 'The quality of the nom-

inations received and the deserving regional winners announced are a true tribute to the wider NHS, which often goes unnoticed. Health workers work as a team to deliver the best care, and they need to be recognised, valued and rewarded as just that.'

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Tree felled as Ophelia blows out over Arran

Arran was left relatively unscathed earlier in the week after Hurricane Ophelia, which wreaked havoc in Northern Ireland, had lost a lot of its power by the time it reached the island.

While there was extensive damage to property, major disruption to transport networks in both the north and south of Ireland, the predicted winds in excess of 60mph had mostly dissipated by the time they reached Arran, causing only the expected cancellation of ferries and the closure of the Brodick Country Park.

The only significant damage reported to the *Banner* was the partial felling of a large beech tree at Lamlash golf club.

Head greenkeeper Jim

McKenzie said: 'The storm-damaged tree occurred during the high winds of late Monday evening. These mature beech trees are focal point of holes one and eight, where many visiting golfers enjoy the panoramic views of Holy Isle and Lamlash.

'Our main worry when finding out about a tree being down was if there had been substantial damage to the green and other damage it could have caused to the other beech trees.'

Luckily, the damage was minor and Mr McKenzie and his team had the huge branch cleared and cut into manageable sizes by the following afternoon when the golf course was returned to its usual pris-

tine condition by lunchtime. Owing to trees still being heavily laden with their leaves before the full onset of winter, Brodick Castle and Country Park closed the attraction to the public in the late afternoon amid concerns that some of the mature trees in the area would fall victim to the storm. While there were some shed branches and small tree debris, the Arran Ranger Service reported no serious incidents of trees being damaged or uprooted.

Flood alerts issued by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency alerted members of the public to be prepared. However, flooding across Arran was minimal with just a foot



Lamlash Golf Club head greenkeeper Jim McKenzie with the damaged Beech tree.

of water reported in Sannox during a storm surge. In Dougarie, beach detritus, including seaweed and pebbles, littered the road but presented little obstruction to motorists.

By the following day, the ferry service resumed in the late morning, the Brodick Castle and Country Park re-opened and life on Arran continued with minimal disruption.

Arran included in constituency name change

The Boundary Commission for Scotland has published its revised proposals for constituencies in Scotland with the latest proposed change affecting Arran residents being restricted only to a name change.

The proposed constituency of Cunninghame West has now been changed to Arran and Cunninghame with surrounding constituencies also being renamed – Cunninghame East as Eastwood and Loudoun; Inverclyde as Inverclyde and Erskine; and West Renfrewshire as Renfrewshire West. As Renfrewshire West, taking part of the old Cunninghame West seat including Largs and Cumbrae.

The proposed changes are now open for public consultation lasting until Monday December 11, 2017.

Planning bid for holiday cottages

A planning application has been lodged for the erection of eight semi-detached holiday cottages on a site south-west of Point House, Kingscross.

The development, if approved, will comprise four blocks, each divided into two dwellings, each with two bedrooms and generously-sized sitting rooms with parking space for 20 vehicles in total. The buildings' exteriors will be rendered in white cement and the roofs will be covered with natural slate.

The application, by Glenashdale Properties, is on the seven-acre site of the existing Point House which is a traditional farmhouse with outbuildings and wood-

lands. The site already occupies a holiday house with access to the beach and large grassy areas with safe play areas for children.

Neighbour notifications have been issued to six properties within 20 meters of the site boundary and Scottish Water, which has been consulted with regards to the application, has indicated that it, while not aware of any waste water infrastructure, would be able to service the development and had no objection to the application.

It is currently under consideration by the North Ayrshire Council planning department.

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Editorial

Parking problems

Our story of the selfish drivers blocking the electric parking bay facilities on Shore Road in Brodick may only affect a relatively small proportion of vehicle owners at the moment.

However, it seems to be part of a larger issue that is rapidly emerging on Arran and one that is increasingly having an affect on all drivers. Parking in Brodick, even outwith the usual congestion season, has increased exponentially and while previously restricted to the bays along the promenade, the problem is now spreading down the arterial roads leading off from it.

The vehicular density in Brodick has expanded beyond its capacity and where the carefree and thoughtless driver was previously seldom noticed, cars causing obstruction on Shore Road and elsewhere now seem to have become the norm. Drivers of passenger vehicles and large camper vans who feel they have no parking options available are resorting to increasingly desperate, and thoughtless, parking.

The solution for this modern-day dilemma is not just in the provision of more parking places, which brings about further problems of car parks being unsightly and out of character, but also present a problem of where they could be sited. But a solution must be found and soon.

Thought for the week

'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.'
Psalm 23

Green-fingered volunteers sought

Sir,
Many of your readers may not know of Friends of Montrose House Association which is a group whose basic aims are to enhance the quality of life for the residents and day care visitors at Montrose House and to provide them with resources, facilities, services and equipment.

Over the years they have visited regularly to provide the residents with companionship, join in with activities, organise and assist at social events, fundraise, and help to maintain the gardens.

Recent purchases include a Samsung tablet with speakers so that residents can Skype their families on the mainland and download music. Staff have used the device to photograph events for a gallery of memories. The friends also commissioned photos of Arran views on boards from Arran Graphics which are now brightening up the corridors and they have bought quantities of bulbs and planted them in pots for the garden. Future events that they will help with are the Hallowe'en party, Christmas party and Scots night.

The Friends are a dwindling group and could do with some more people to join them, all that is required is the occasional hour for a visit, or to help at social events but most especially some help with the garden.

Those of you who have visited the home may have been aware that what was originally a beautifully laid out and well stocked garden has now become very untidy and overgrown due to lack of maintenance. The

work required is way beyond what the few friends can provide on their own so we would be grateful for any help. A few hours of weeding and or bulb planting could make the gardens much more pleasant for the residents and visitors. Anyone who could offer some time would be very welcome. Gardening skills are not necessary, hopefully we can get a small team together.

To find out more just contact the staff at Montrose House or myself.

Yours,
Alison Keir Brodick

In memory of Beano

Sir,
My little dog Beano died on October 9 and I wish to inform her many Arran friends that she has gone.

Beano, or the Bean, as she was called by some, lived with me for nearly 12 years. She was the first of six dogs who have lived with me and no family present to share her.

In Whiting Bay she was well known for being vocal, an excellent guard dog, yet when I was out and she was at home she did not bark as she was really guarding me.

Thanks to the friends who gave her treats. Among them the posters, the refuse collectors, the folk who stopped at the gate and those whose houses she visited with the sole purpose of receiving a biccy.

Her life on Arran was adventurous. In her younger days she sailed in the Clyde, often falling into the sea from the dinghy in her haste to reach land.

Goatfell and many of the other beinns were conquered by her. It was good to reach the summits where

folk tended to be eating! Being a miniature schnauzer she required regular trimming. Joyce and Andre always made her look stunning, tho she never appreciated the times she spent with them.

Malcolm Wheeler was there for her on the few occasions that she was unwell. I shall always be grateful to Arran Vets who have treated her recently.

On Sunday Hugh and Holly Simon came to the surgery within an hour of being telephoned and they helped Beano in a professional and very kind way. There was no stress or pain for my wee dog. She slipped away, in seconds.

If I were younger, I would think of having another dog. I am not going to but will always have an open door for canine visitors.

Yours,
Anne Hodge Whiting Bay

Full consultation?

Sir,
Following the letter published by Craig Anderson CEO of the Scottish Salmon Company last week's *Banner*, I felt compelled to respond to debunk and expose his lack of detail, some might say honesty, and unsubstantiated claims and promises. I have highlighted eight of the most obvious and dealt with these in turn as they appeared in his letter.

1. An offer of a full consultation process. To what end? Mr Anderson acknowledges the level of local opposition but shies away from a commitment to abide by the results of such a consultation. Bottom line – we will listen then ignore the local community because we have our plans and we want to make more money.

2. Mr Anderson claims

that SSC is 100 per cent Scottish based. This is deliberately misleading. SSC is registered in Jersey (not even a UK tax payer) and listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. A review of the top 20 shareholders reveals a list of large Scandinavian banks and large companies. Profits do not stay in Scotland and do not benefit the local community. Profits benefit big business in Norway. In reality there is nothing Scottish about SSC apart from its name.

3 Mr Anderson states that he is '...fiercely proud of its [SSC] heritage'. Exactly what heritage is that? SSC is a documented polluter. Exposed by SEPA data and labelled amongst the 'filthy five' fish farms in Scotland by environmental campaigners. The Lam-lash site has breached EU environmental standards in the past and neurotoxins continue to be used there in a failing bid to rid the salmon of flesh eating sea lice. Further the net cages also allow large quantities of raw sewage and other waste being dumped into our bay within our MPA and close to our NTZ. Let's be clear – SSC has no interest in either because they make no money from either. 'Fiercely proud'? What an affront to our island and our community.

4. Mr Anderson is very canny about the size of the proposal to be lodged and implies that there is very little difference in scale and hence what's all the fuss about? Well let me explain. SSC intends to increase the size of the net cages to accommodate the maximum amount of fish allowed under current regulations – 2500 tonnes to be precise (see previous *Arran Banner* article of 9 Sept 2017 and also the letter from Dr Sally Campbell published

on 23 Sept 2017). From her letter just take a moment to absorb the staggering amounts of pollutants being dumped untreated into our seas by fish farms in Scotland – including Lam-lash Bay – at no cost to the fish farms. His reference to 'investing in modernising the equipment' was used to placate concerns about the known problems of marine aquaculture but there was no mention of land-based closed containment, a proven and viable technology, which eliminates all of the problems of sea net cages. The reason is obvious. Cost. Closed containment requires the polluter to pay. With net cages the polluter can dump and pollute at no cost. It's all about profit.

5. Regarding the environmental impact of the proposal notice the vague promises made and significantly an undertaking to only minimise any additional impact. What on earth does minimise mean? Is that as an absolute? No, of course not it's more a 'we'll pretend to try and then fail?' And what of the current levels of pollution? Purposefully ignored in his statement. SSC are documented polluters who have had scant regard for our delicate marine environment in the past and nothing concrete to say about the future. How about a commitment to clean up every ounce of fish faeces and other pollutants which they have dumped in the bay? At this point the letter is at its most nauseous referring to the MPA and NTZ Mr Anderson says '...we operate with utmost consideration and appreciation for this surrounding natural environment'. The reality is quite different. Below net cage fish farms lies a layer of un-

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treated rotting fish faeces and other pollutants covering the sea bed in an anoxic blanket which exterminates everything under it and no-one actually knows how far this detrimental effect extends. Not to mention the pesticides used in ever increasing amounts in a vain attempt to combat the sea lice which plague fish farms in Scotland.

6. We as a community cannot, must not accept in any way an environmental impact assessment produced unilaterally by SSC and without rigorous scientific scrutiny. Elsewhere (eg Loch Eishort in Skye) our government has shown itself willing to hide information from the public which it considered detrimental to the interests of fish farmers and regulators have also shown themselves unwilling to act and woefully incapable or even unwilling to understand and critically analyse an EIA produced by the fish farming industry. A study framed to suit their own agenda. The fact that guide lines were flouted was ignored, shoddy construction and bad science were not commented upon leading to skewed and possibly wrong conclusions being drawn in the Eishort case. SEPA and SNH have been entirely culpable in sacrificing the environment for the benefit of big business. To rework an old adage for SSC 'with enemies like these who needs friends!' The Screening and Scoping process at North Ayrshire Council is the point where we as a community – private individuals and organisations – must note interest and be registered as recognised consultees to the process. This will ensure community involvement in the procedure. Our voices must be heard.

7. Another myth to debunk is the boastful claim by Mr Anderson that fish farms are a vital driver of the Scottish economy. There is no evidence to support such a claim and of course the statement ignores the negative impact of the industry on local fishing, recreational and tourist activities, as well as long-term damage to the local environment. Fish farms have no interest in a clean environment because it would cost them money – the polluter should pay principle. Anderson con-

veniently ignores such uncomfortable truths. For the local community this flies in the face of our MPA and NTZ which have long-term community-based strategic objectives. Do not be deceived. The fish farming industry desires one thing – profit – and that profit does not stay in Scotland.

8. Finally, and perhaps the most morally cynical part of Mr Anderson's letter – when their bad science and profit motives are exposed they use the morally reprehensible tack of 'we're your friends in the community routine'.

Do SSC really think they can buy our acquiescence with a few 'alms for the poor'? Just what work are they doing in local schools and who is supervising the content? Are they teaching our children about the pollution they cause? How much untreated sewage they are dumping in the bay or the neurotoxins being used in the waters they use for recreation?

I believe our children are more globally aware than previous generations and so I'm sure they'd be interested to learn about the unregulated 'bait fish' catch from poorer parts of the world which goes not to feed a poor local population but which goes into making fish meal to be fed to salmon for the luxury western market. It may be nice but we don't need farmed salmon and certainly not at the expense of poorer local communities in the developing world who use this bait fish as their basic source of fish protein.

Given the whole story of SSC and their ilk I have confidence that decisions the younger generation make would be more environmentally sound. SSC have good reason not to share the whole truth.

To conclude. It is our duty and in our interests to educate ourselves about fish farming and what is happening beneath the waves of our seas.

Let the battle to SOS (Save our Seas) commence and let us stand up for our delicate eco-system and for our clean water against those who would pollute it for profit.

This is a battle we must win. SSC have made it clear if they are successful in Lamlash they will look to expand their operations

around the shores of Arran causing further pollution and environmental degradation. We must not stand idly by and allow this to happen. Not on our watch.

I would urge Arranites to contact our local MP and MSP to demand support for our cause; to voice concerns at local meetings and not to be bought off and to resist the expansion plans of SSC to the best of our abilities.

We are not in this for profit but SSC are.

Yours,

**Stephen Brown
Kildonan**

Bus bewilderment

Sir,

I read with interest Rachel Brewer's letter 'Stagecoach complaints' in the *Banner* on October 7. Having also been denied access to a virtually empty bus I could understand her bewilderment.

I had walked along the higher level coastal path from Kildonan to Whiting Bay on August 31st and anticipated travelling back on the 15:37 bus. The timetable on the bus stop at Ashdale Bridge stated that this 323 service was coded 'XSch': 'X' meant it terminated at Kildonan and 'Sch' that it operated on schooldays only. It was a school day and I only wanted to go as far as Kildonan so all seemed fine. However, when the bus arrived the driver told me I could not board as it was a designated school bus and that he had no facility for taking payment. As the next timetable bus was also coded 'Sch' I had to assume that it, too, would be unavailable for fare-paying passengers.

Rather than wait for almost two hours for the next bus I walked back to Kildonan feeling most annoyed that the advertised service was not provided. The notice declared that the service 'operates' which any reasonable person would interpret as meaning that it was available to the general public and not exclusively to schoolchildren.

Perhaps I shouldn't have been surprised given the number of other misinformation signs I found during my visit.

Yours,

**Mary Saunders
County Durham**

Runrig reunion

Sir,

I wonder if you can assist in finding Jamie McBeath who I believe lived in or near Lamlash on Arran around 28 years ago when he was about 16 years old. He was on holiday in Sardinia with his parents and three siblings and he introduced our family to Runrig.

We have never seen Jamie since that holiday and in light of their final concert next year in Stirling we would love to see or hear from Jamie again and thank him for the wonderful years of Runrig music we have enjoyed since that meeting. We are in Stirling in August for the final concert, perhaps he will be there too. If you could publish this request we would be so grateful, maybe someone who reads your newspaper will know him.

Yours,

**Chris and
Kevin Wilson
Kent**

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Council housing plan will trigger jobs boost

Ambitious plans to create 1,000 new council homes could help trigger a major economic boost for North Ayrshire with the creation of thousands of new jobs.

North Ayrshire Council's cabinet last week approved its new Strategic Housing Investment Plan which outlined how a new generation of social housing will be created over the next five years.

As well as addressing much-needed demand for affordable housing, it is also expected that the house-building programme will produce financial spin-offs for the area.

The plan includes the proposal to build nearly 50 af-

fordable homes on Arran, as highlighted by the *Banner* earlier this month. This includes 26 new council houses, the first to be built on the island for more than 30 years, and a further 20 by the Trust Housing Association. Both developments are in the Springbank area of Brodick.

6,400 jobs

A report has outlined how the proposed 1,563 properties – to be built by the council and social housing partners across the council area – could create up to 6,400 jobs.

Councillor Alex Gallagher, cabinet member for economy, said: 'Most importantly, our commit-

ment to create 1,000 council houses by 2023 is about ensuring more people have access to affordable housing.

'That is one of the most pressing issues we face – too many people in North Ayrshire and across Scotland do not have access to homes they can afford and they are the primary reason we are delivering this new social housing.

'However, the house-building programme will also be the catalyst to create new jobs which can help deliver economic growth that will enrich all our communities.

'It's a win-win for North Ayrshire and will be a key



Yvonne Baulk and Joe Cullinane of North Ayrshire Council at the Arran site with Tom Tracey and Sheena Borthwick of the Arran Economic Group.

part of our aim to regenerate our towns, increase employment and improve our economy.'

The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) outlines how the council plans to build 1,000 new houses over the next five years while registered social landlords (RSLs) will create more than 500 properties.

Research undertaken by Homes for Scotland suggests that there are 4.1 jobs created for every new home constructed, meaning that the new housing to be created by the council and RSLs are therefore expected to create around

6,400 jobs in the construction sector. The SHIP illustrates how public sector investment can help transform communities and how the council will work with partners, such as RSLs, on potential developments to secure maximum regeneration benefits.

The report also says that housing-led regeneration which provides high quality, well designed, and fuel efficient homes will improve the visual amenity of the area, reduce the cost of living for residents and also bring about increased levels of private sector investment.

Furthermore, contractors

will be expected to participate in the council's community benefits scheme to provide apprenticeships for young people which increases the skills base and supports economic growth.

The SHIP outlines how effective use of community benefit clauses in development contracts – and partnership work with colleagues in Economic Development to support local construction and supply chain companies to bid for this work – can secure many of these jobs for local people.

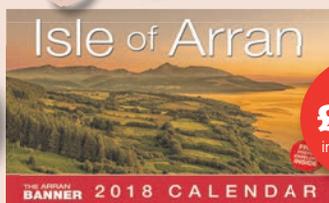
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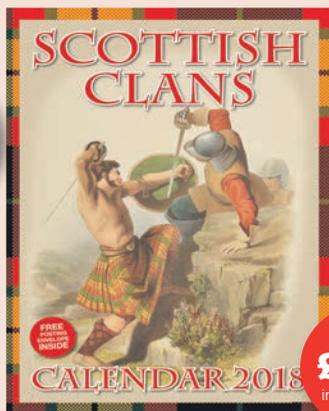
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Deaf urged to share their views on health services

A campaigning charity is urging Arran residents who are deaf or have hearing loss to complete a survey about their experiences of accessing hospital, health centre and GP services.

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland has produced a short questionnaire to gather information about whether individual communication needs were met when people who are deaf or have hearing loss tried to book or attend health appointments during the past 12 months.

Under the Equality Act 2010, deaf or hard of hearing people have the right to expect reasonable adjustments to ensure that medical information and services are fully accessible.

Arran residents are invited to complete



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the survey online at www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/access or email scotland@hearingloss.org.uk or call 07388 227407 to request a paper copy. A British Sign Language (BSL) version can be taken by clicking 'complete the survey' at www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/access.

Charity director Delia Henry said: 'We want to find out about how well health services are meeting the communications needs of people in Arran who are deaf or have hearing loss and also where there could be room for improvement.'



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Stoats Creepy Crawl brings spooktacular family fun at the castle

The team at Brodick Castle are getting ready for their spookiest Hallowe'en ever.

The spooky castle is one of 11 National Trust for Scotland properties taking part in the Stoats Creepy Crawl, a new family event being held on Saturday October 28.

New for 2017, families will explore the historic grounds at Brodick Castle, completing a series of spine-tingling challenges as they go. 'Crawlers' will have to guess for their prize, singing a song or telling a joke. Fancy dress is encouraged and there will be prizes for the best-dressed.

General manager for Ayrshire and Arran

Stuart Maxwell said: 'Hallowe'en is always a big hit at Brodick Castle, so the Stoats Creepy Crawl will mean even more families can get involved in the fun this year. It's a great chance to spend time outdoors together, celebrating and sharing the spooky stories and horrible history that the castle has in abundance.'

Olivia Stone, marketing director at Stoats, said: 'We're really excited to be partnering with conservation charity the National Trust for Scotland's family Hallowe'en events. As a Scottish company, it's great to be supporting long-standing Hallowe'en traditions, with a few new twists too. Our

tasty porridge oat bars, made with premium Scottish oats and natural ingredients, make the perfect snack to keep little ones fuelled while out and about, enjoying some spooky fun.'

The Stoats Creepy Crawl runs from noon until 4pm on Saturday October 28. Tickets cost £4 per child. Advance booking is strongly recommended - book online at www.nts.org.uk.

Olivia, five, and Tom MacDougall, seven, create a witches' brew to launch The Stoats Creepy Crawl.



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for volunteers for their Hallowe'en fundraising events.

Charity fundraising this Hallowe'en

The SPCA is looking for volunteers from Arran to take part in a Hallowe'en collections at Pets at Home stores on the mainland.

The animal welfare charity is to hold collections and stalls to fundraise in all Scottish Pets at Home outlets from Friday October 27 to Sunday October 29. Volunteers are required for most stores across Scotland including Irvine, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Paisley and Glasgow, where the emphasis is on having spooky fun while also raising valuable funds for the charity, which looks after animal welfare and which is entirely dependent on funding from donations.

Supporters can also help by holding their own fundraising events. Anyone interested can apply for a starter pack with full details and a step by step guide to raising funds. Volunteers can spend as much time as they are able to contribute, even if it is only one hour of your time.

For more information on Scottish SPCA fundraising events please email fundraising@scottishspca.org or call fundraising on 03000 999 999 and selecting option four.

International duo perform in Lamlash

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 tonight (Saturday) 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 their 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.

Historical Society enjoy ta

Courtesy of Storm Ophelia, the October meeting of the Arran Historical Society on Monday was very different from the one planned, writes Norma Davidson.

The proposed speaker, David Anderson, was advised by CalMac not to travel and the forecast depleted the numbers considerably. Fortunately, 30 members did attend to hear a talk by Alan Richardson from Beith. A chance meeting with a member of the committee the previous day resulted in him being dragooned into the position of speaker in reserve.

Despite technical difficulties with compatibility of equipment, he gave us an interesting insight into the great liner company Cunard and the QE2 with the

aid only of his memory, his mobile phone and small laptop to assist him.

In the 1830s, Victorian Britain needed a reliable and fast mail system to the USA. Samuel Cunard, a man of German descent and a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, approached the Admiralty where he was encouraged to provide three 800-ton vessels for this purpose. Engineer Robert Napier requested £32,000 per ship, but eventually accepted three for £30,000 each. Napier's were shipbuilders and marine engineers in Govan. Robert Napier and Samuel Cunard became business associates and friends.

The British and North Atlantic Mail Steam Packet Company was formed and the tonnage and numbers of ships needed increased

steadily. In 1840, Britannia was the first ship to be built. There was a financial penalty if these ships were late with the mail. By 1854, as many as 11 ships were requisitioned for use in the Crimean War. The Persia, launched in 1856, was the first iron-hulled liner, and was 390 feet in length. She hit an iceberg, but survived the incident. The Servia was solely a passenger ship, and the first turbine engine liner. The Camparia, the first to be fitted with a Marconi wireless system, made the fastest crossing in six days, and, in 1914 was converted to an aircraft carrier.

Sister ships Mauretania and Lusitania suffered different fates. Lusitania was sunk by a torpedo with the loss of 1,200 lives, while the Mauretania sailed for



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The QE2.

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1918. The Aquitania, the first to have a swimming pool, served in both World Wars. During wartime, Cunard lost 22 ships due to enemy action.

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The other great Queen, the Elizabeth, was launched in September, 1938, and gave luxurious and sterling service until she was withdrawn in 1968. After being sited in Hong Kong, she suffered a catastrophic fire and was a write-off.

In 1959, Cunard and John Brown of Clydebank started planning a Q3 liner. Vickers and Swan Hunter had also quoted a price. Both Cunard and John Brown and Company were

loss-making companies and hoped such an iconic ship would see an upturn in their fortunes. The keel was laid in July 1965 and, the following year, Captain Warwick was named master-designate of the QE2. After her launch on September 22 by HM the Queen, she moved to the fitting-out basin. On a voyage from John Brown's to the dry dock in Greenock she had just one passenger, a young Prince Charles. Her maiden voyage was in May 1969, when, under a new master, Captain Robert Warwick, son of the previous master, sailed from Le Havre.

She was a luxurious and much-loved ship, and gave great service as a troop transport and hospital ship in the Falklands War. On October 5, 2008, she came to the Clyde to say farewell to her birthplace. She was escorted by tugs, a Royal Naval destroyer, a helicopter and a flotilla of ferries, steamers and small boats. A fireworks display

finished off the day. When she left Southampton for the last time on November 11, 2008, a helicopter flew over and dropped four million poppies on her.

The speaker and his wife sailed on her last cruise to Dubai via Lisbon, Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria, the Suez Canal and the Red Sea. The purchasers of the ship, a group of Arab sheiks, were on the quayside in Dubai to welcome her, but since being moved to dry dock very sadly nothing has been done to preserve or use her.

A few little facts about the QE2. One woman lived permanently on board. Two male escorts were employed to dance with unaccompanied female passengers. There has only been one wedding on board when permission was given for the marriage of Captain Robert Warwick's daughter. The QE2 has sailed the equivalent of five times to the moon and back, has withstood sailing through the edges

of a hurricane with seas that would have broken the back of a lesser vessel. She only once ever hit one of the notorious sandbanks in the Solent, and ironically this was on her last voyage. I believe many would agree she was the last of the elegant liners, and mourn her passing to be replaced by today's unattractive cruise vessels, more floating apartment block than the graceful queen of the sea.

The society's next advertised speaker has had to withdraw and, as the secretary had ample notice, was able to obtain a replacement. The speaker therefore on Monday November 20 will be Bill Fitzpatrick from Kilmarnock. He will speak, coincidentally, on the Titanic. His talk on Titanic has been delivered 36 times, but he has never spoken on Arran before now. The meeting starts at 2pm and visitors are most welcome.

Speaker Alan Richardson, with Iain Hendry and chairman Colin MacKenzie, at the talk at Brodick Hall.

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Soap making and candle dipping

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
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Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 21st October

Army Cadets
Over-21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Music Arran - Gelos Duo Concert
Flow yoga
Live music - Backwater Status Quo Tribute band
Live music - Shenanigans

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
Arran High School, 7.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
The Fiddlers, Brodick, 8-10.30pm

Sunday 22nd October

Family games
Fun in the pool
AA meeting
Live music - Fat Man & the Angel - Electro Harp & Percussion
Eco Savvy Halloween workshops

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Kildonan Village Hall, 2-5pm

Monday 23rd October

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobix
Arran Bridge Club
Tae KwonDo
Adult tennis
Arran Skinnymalinks (slimming class)
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Live music - Mike Bailey

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
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Brodick Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
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Brodick Church Kitchen, 6pm
The Fiddlers, Brodick, 8-10.30pm

Tuesday 24th October

Every Tuesday - Metafit class
Arran Crafts Fair - Make a Christmas card workshop
Auchrannie winter bowls
Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
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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

Arran High School, 6pm
Whiting Bay Village Hall 11am - 3pm
Brodick, 7pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick 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
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
The Fiddlers, Brodick, 8-10.30pm

Wednesday 25th October

Rock an pop bingo
Tae KwonDo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Vets surgery
Eco Savvy Halloween workshops
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
RUNclub - mixed ability
COAST - public meeting

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Kilmory Village Hall, 11am-2pm
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, 6pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm
Fire Station, 7.30pm
Brodick Hall, 4pm-5pm
Brodick Hall, 5.50pm-6.50pm
The Fiddlers, Brodick, 8-10.30pm
Little Co-Op Car Park Brodick, 5.30pm
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 7pm

Thursday 26th October

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm

COAST public meeting
Ladies' hockey
Quilt Arran
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Arran Bridge Club
Adult tennis
Chair yoga
Arran Soul Choir
Brodick Embroidery Group
Arran Skinnymalinks (slimming class)
Live music - North County Winters

Friday 27th October

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
Coffee Morning for charities
Arran Vets
AA meeting
Tae KwonDo
Arran Aromatics factory tours
Quiz
Smart recovery meeting
Live music - Buchaneers
Live music - Rob Wolf solo on Arran

Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30-8.00pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday - Brodick Church Kitchen 10:30 - 12 noon
The Fiddlers, Brodick, 8-10.30pm

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 10.30am
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Home Farm, Brodick, 11am, 1pm & 3pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 1.30pm - 3pm
The Fiddlers, Brodick, 8-10.30pm
The PHT, 9pm

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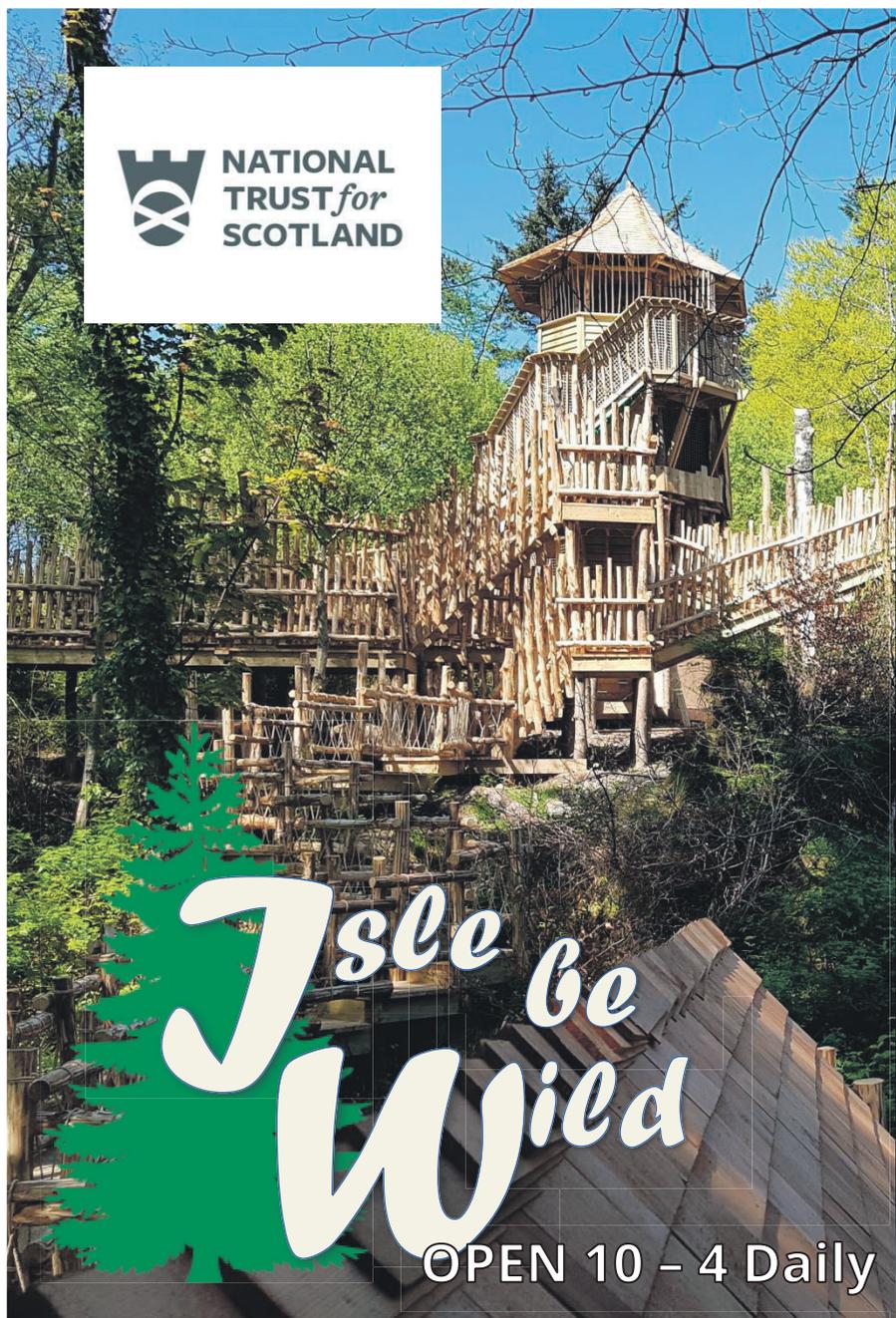
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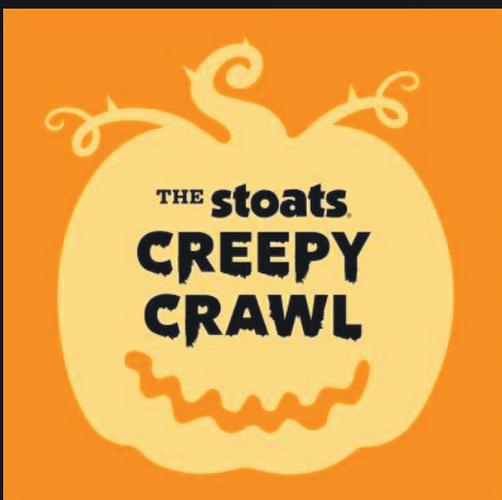
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Scotland never left her

Ella Wooley March 2, 1917, to October 2, 2017

Ella Wooley, nee Small, died earlier this month at the age of 100 years and seven months in a nursing home in Tasmania. Here we look back at her strong Arran roots.

Elliza Wilson Small was born on March 2, 1917, in Paisley. The family moved to Arran in 1935 when her father, David A Small, took up the position of engineer/manager of the Isle of Arran Electric Light and Power Company Ltd at Brodick pier. Ella assisted her father in the office until she joined the ATS.

As a corporal, armed with only a bucket of water and a foot-pump, she was stationed at night on the roof

tops of Edinburgh. Her orders were to extinguish the Luftwaffe's incendiary bombs. It was a futile action although one night she did put out a small fire on the roof of the Carlton Hotel and used to joke that 'she had saved the Carlton'. She left the ATS on her marriage to Charles MacGregor Wooley. They set up house in Corriegills where they remained until the early 1950s when, together with son Charles, they set sail for Australia.

According to son Charles, they were not just part of the Scottish diaspora, but of the generation who built modern, post-war Australia. As part of that mass mi-

gration of millions of people from the other side of the world, Charlie and a legion of capable Scots engineers came to work on hydro-electric dams and power stations high on Tasmania's wild and remote central plateau. Ella and Charlie did manage a visit home to Brodick in 1986.

Ella's final years were spent happily in the coastal village of Cygnet in southern Tasmania. Recently she said: 'All I really want now is home rule for Scotland, but I am running out of time, so they better get on with it.'

Ella left Scotland a lifetime ago but Scotland never left her.

Grace Small



Ella with her son Charles in a photograph taken just three months ago.

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Arran disabled riding group gets cash boost from Scottish Salmon Company

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) has made a donation of £693.95 to local charity RDA Arran, the island's horse riding group for disabled children and adults.

Following a decision to select the charity by the SSC site team in Lamlash, Jamie Sillars, assistant site manager, attended one of Arran RDA's morning sessions to meet with the group's volunteers and riders, and to present the donation from SSC.

Donated

The funds which were donated were raised at the Brodick Highland Games earlier in the year where SSC sold its salmon in a Wooleys bun to visitors.

SSE chief executive Craig Anderson said: 'We are proud to be involved in such a well-loved community event as the Brodick Highland Games, and it is great that we are able to support a worthy local

cause which does so much for the people of Arran.

'We are passionate about the promotion of health and wellbeing in the communities where we live and work, and it is clear that the RDA Arran Group is also working toward this common goal. We are pleased that our donation will help the group to continue its great work in the Arran community.'

Sue Tozer, chairwoman of RDA Arran, said: 'We would like to thank the Scottish Salmon Company for its generous donation. It is support like this from the local community that enables us to continue to provide our riders with a fun and safe environment to aid their personal development.

'Our volunteers work immensely hard to care for and learn with our riders, and seeing the difference we can make in their lives is very special.'

Market reports from Stirling

United Auctions had a catalogue entry of 5,236 store and feeding sheep at their sale in Stirling on Monday October 9. Leading prices were: lambs – Springfield (Tex) £70.50; Lenamhor (Tex) £51; Balnacoolie (Tex) £45; Sheddock (Suff) £53.50. Ewes – Cosyden £45.

At the same sale on Monday October 16 a total of 5,407 store lambs and feeding sheep were sold. Leading prices were: store lambs – Hillhead (SuffX) £58; Drumnaghinier (SuffX) £55; Springfield and Drumnaghinier (TexX) £60; Craigaineach (TexX) £56; Springfield (Mule) £53.50; Drumnaghinier (Mule) £50; Craigaineach (Mule) £49; Springfield (BF) £41.50; Drumnaghinier (BF) £34. Ewes – Drumnaghinier (Cross) £54.50; Hillhead (TexX) £57; Sheddock (BF) £26; Hillhead (SuffX) £59.50.



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How the Arran panels came to be created for Orkney cathedral

In June the *Banner* published an article concerning the Arran panels in the St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall by Emeritus Professor Bob Osborne of Belfast. Since then a number of people contacted him as a result of the article and he has been able to produce a definitive account of their creation.

In the spring of 1980, the head of art at Arran High School, Maureen Farquharson, was inspired by the newly instigated St Magnus Festival of the Arts launched in Orkney and based at St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall. The festival was the inspiration of the renowned Orkney poet, George Mackay Brown, and the composer, Peter Maxwell Davies, and was designed as a celebration of local and international culture.

Mrs Farquharson believed that Arran could contribute to the growth of the festival and that the pupils of the high school had the ability and enthusiasm to make that contribution.

Accordingly, she selected a group of a dozen year two pupils, aged about 13 or 14, some with an artistic ability, and set about reading and researching about Ork-

ney's history, culture and landscape.

Reading about the Magnus saga followed and she decided to tell the St Magnus story in a series of medieval panels. To do this Maureen adopted a technique used by medieval painters of showing several events in one picture where chronology is ignored.

The story of the painting of the panels required the acquisition of new skills by the pupils. Working during lunch breaks, after normal school hours and at the weekends involved learning how to apply oils to canvas and the drawing of figures. Pupils were taken to the Glasgow School of Art to learn how to apply gold leaf. Drawing figures was helped by enlisting volunteers from across the island to pose as Bishop William, Hakon or St

Magnus. As Neil Currie, of the pupils involved, and these volunteers enlivened the working sessions by depicting praying, fighting and executions. David Oakes, then the principal of the high school, recalls that the exercise created a 'buzz' in the school and that he was delighted to support the project, including financially.

Most of the pupils, with Mrs Farquharson, travelled to Kirkwall where the presentation of the panels was made. The then Lord-Lieutenant, Col Macrae, suggested the presentation take place in the cathedral where he accepted the gift on behalf of the people of Orkney and Peter Maxwell Davies accepted them on behalf of the St Magnus Festival.

Anyone who travels to Orkney and visits St Magnus Cathedral cannot fail to be impressed by the sight of the panels located on the organ screen in the choir of the cathedral. It is a visual reminder of the story of St Magnus and complements the music and culture of the festival. It is a lasting

testimony of the inspiration of Maureen Farquharson, the industry and skill of the dozen pupils of Arran and the link between Arran and Orkney. Surely, there should be a special event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of presentation of the Arran gift in 2020?

Mrs Farquharson, who retired a number of years ago, still lives in Brodick.

Acknowledgements: thanks to Neil Currie of Shiskine and Fran Hollinrake and Sarah Sutherland of Orkney for their help in producing this article.



An inset of the Arran panels.



One side of the Arran panels in St Magnus Cathedral.



The other side of the Arran panels.

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At first glance, the acrobatic and often apparently cheeky blue tit is a blue and yellow bird. A close

inspection reveals bright blue wings, tail and crown, yellow under-parts, greenish back and mantle, white cheeks, and black eye stripe, bib and collar. They also have a white wing bar. The bill is black and the legs are a blue-grey. The sexes are similar, though the female is slightly paler. The juvenile birds are duller than adults and have a greener crown, wings and tail, and yellow cheeks.

Blue tits seem to be one of the most agile of birds, and expertly hang upside down from feeders and branches, pecking at buds or foraging for insects. They are regular visitors to garden bird feeders. Blue tits feed mostly on insects, espe-

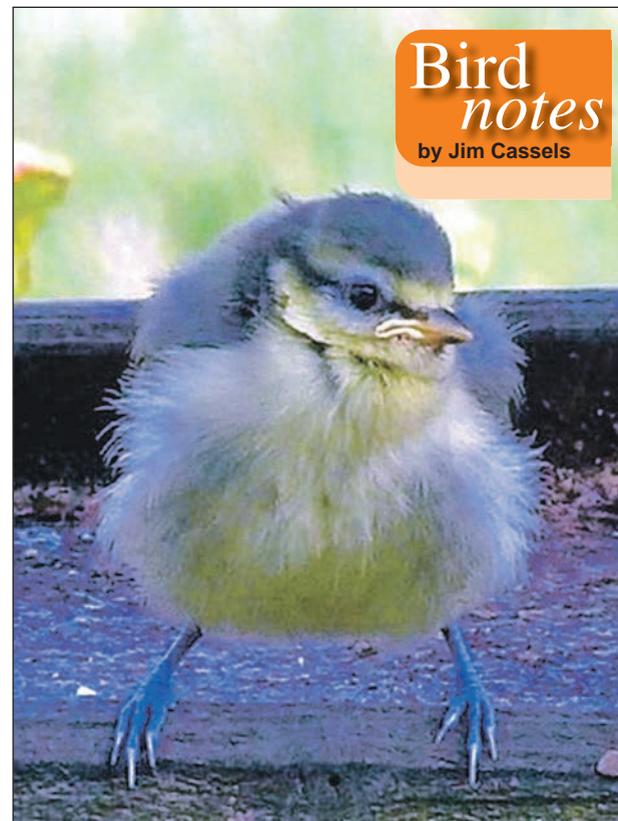
cially caterpillars, and on seeds. In springtime they feed also on pollen, nectar and sap, and in the autumn on berries. In the garden, they search among the plants and crevices for insects like aphids, beetles, and caterpillars as well as spiders, but also take peanuts, sunflower hearts, suet and other high energy food from bird feeders. They are also opportunists. Many of us remember how they used to peck through foil milk bottle tops for the cream.

Nesting in cavities in trees, they occasionally choose an unusual site such as a pipe or letterbox, but will readily use nest boxes. The nest is a cup made by the female from moss, wool, dead leaves, spiders webs, and lined with down. The clutch of eight to 12 eggs is incubated by both birds for about a fortnight. The hatching is timed to try to coincide with the availability of caterpillars feeding on the fresh green leaves of trees in spring. Blue tits put all their eggs in one basket and rarely double brood. The birds fledge about a fortnight after hatching.

In winter, they are usually seen in small groups with other tit species plus other small birds like treecreepers and goldcrests. The formation of these roving bands seems to increase the chances of finding food and

thus surviving the winter. The oldest blue tit recorded was one that was ringed in the Czech Republic. It had lived for 11 years and seven months. The average life span is thought to be less than three years.

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



Bird notes
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A recently fledged young blue tit. Photos: Robert Lambie



An adult blue tit.



A blue tit at a nest box.

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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday October 25, 1997

Fashion shoot

An Arran fashion shoot is featured in the big selling American financial *Forbes Magazine* this month. Having stayed at Glencloy Farmhouse, the team of six spent a week on Arran and the magazine cover features Brodick Castle behind an elegant model.

All the locations are listed as well as the prices of the clothing. Suits at more than \$3,000 indicate the readership. One fashion picture shows a male model reclining in an armchair in Glencloy Farmhouse wearing his expensive suit.

He is reading *The Scotsman* with its title prominent in the picture. They wanted to use the *Arran Banner*, explained Mark Padfield, who owns Glencloy, but had



Ross Duncan and Douglas Fowles the two finalists in Brodick Golf Club's oldest competition The Mcllelland Medal. Ross, who is Brodick's youngest member playing senior golf, was the winner, beating Douglas one up. 01_B42twe04

found the format just too small to feature prominently in the picture.

Cave men

It is more than five years since the Buddhists came to Holy Isle and, while their presence may be unusual for those visiting Arran, here they are now considered part of the furniture. They have now submitted plans for their retreat which are most unusual.

The raison d'être of their buying on the Holy Island was always the need for privacy. With monks going into retreat for four years they needed a place where they could be largely undisturbed and they found that their centre at Eskdalemuir did not fit this bill. The new plans which are being submitted will certainly ensure privacy as they are mostly all underground. The retreat will form a pyramid shape up the south end of Holy Isle. At the top will be the Lama Yeshi's house with a winding path up to it. The development will descend in a triangle, made by two separate retreats, one for men, one for women.

Each of these will rise up in triangle form, like terracing up the hillside with monks' cells the higher you go. These cells will be cut into the hillside and have roofs of heather and turf. The applicant is Andrew Wright Associates of London and in addition to the two retreats there are two water treatment plants and three 18-metre high wind turbines.

Arran ale

Arran may shortly have its own brewery for a planning notice has been submitted for a micro brewery at Cladach. Mr and Mrs Roberts, the applicants, are understood to have been looking for a suitable place to set up a brewery on Arran for some time. They considered one of the new units at Balmichael but now their application is to house it in buildings behind Neary's House at Cladach. Charles Fforde who has no involvement in the project beyond owing the land, said he was pleased at the idea of an interesting addition to the overall development at Cladach.



Ian Small and Tommy Gilmore of the Arran Sports Association receive a cheque for £5,000 from Stuart Montgomery of Scottish Brewers. This donation almost completes the total necessary for the whole project which is nearly now complete. 01_B42twe02



Jenna Thomson, Eileen Logan, Gillian McFadzean, Stacy Dickson and Fiona McLellan won the team silver medal at the Ayrshire Cross Country Championship. 01_B42twe01



Scottish Opera visited Whiting Bay recently with a fine performance of *The Barber of Seville*. The packed performance was their 10th visit to Arran, which is included in their itinerary of places in rural Scotland. 01_B42twe03



Lamlash tennis champions with their trophies: Campbell Seaton, Tim Keen, Ian Scott and Bobby Sloss. Audrey McCrone, Isabelle McClure and Eleanor Muirhead. 01_B42twe05

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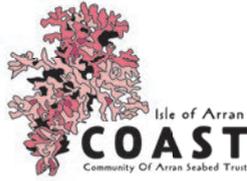
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Public Notices



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, Wednesday 25th October 2017,
Whiting Bay Village Hall
7pm, Thursday 9th November 2017,
Old Pavilion, Lamlash
Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza TBC

Arran Medical Group

Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme

The seasonal Flu Campaign will be starting in October. The campaign includes the following groups

- Children 6 months to under 2 year in an at risk group – clinic appointments.
 - Children pre-school – 2 years to 5 years – clinic appointments
 - Primary School children – P1 to P7 - vaccinated at school
 - Secondary school children up to 18 years in an at risk group – Clinic appointments with a GP
 - Aged 18 years to under 65 years in an at risk group, this is for people with a serious medical condition such as lung and heart problems, diabetes, kidney disease, being very overweight or who have a lowered immune system. – clinic appointments
 - All pregnant women – clinic appointment s
 - 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.

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

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 (4.30pm 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 10 November 2017. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

17/01027/PP; Eas Mor Waterfall, Kildonan, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; (1) Erection of roadside shelter and yoga pavilion; (2) formation of amphi-theatre area; (3) formation of 2no. footbridges and upgrading of existing paths; and (4) alterations to existing cafe and toilet block.

17/01059/PPP; Site to East of Lochinver, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of a detached dwelling house.

17/00961/PP; Brackenrigg Cottage, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Demolition of existing building and erection of one storey detached dwellinghouse with associated landscaping and hardstanding works.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister: Rev Angus Adamson Parish Assistant: Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 22nd October
Lochranza 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
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 22nd October
11am Holy Communion. Rev Adrian Fallows.
Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME
NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 22nd October
Morning Service 11am Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm 5Glen Road, Brodick All welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 22nd October
Guild dedication service Rev Lily McKinnon Kilmory 10 am Lamlash 11.30 am All welcome, including families; children's area Scottish Charity SC015072

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 22nd October
Worship will be conducted by Mrs Sharon MacLeod, Reader, at 10.30am. All welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 22nd October
Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm

Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg
ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 22nd 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

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 22nd October
Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 22nd October
Sunday Mass 11am

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DEATHS

Fforde - The Lady Jean

Peacefully at home on Friday, 13th October 2017.
Funeral service at Brodick Parish Church on Monday, 23rd October at 11:30 am.
Donations to Arran Youth Foundations in lieu of flowers please.

Frederick, George Marriott

Aged 74, too soon on 12th October at Crosshouse Hospital. Adoring husband of Cathie, loving and much loved father of George, Lorraine and Mark and devoted Grandfather of Mitchell, Reuben, Aaron, Orla, Tia, Mark and Lily.
Funeral service at Lamlash Parish Church on Friday 27th October at 11.30am followed by interment at Kilbride Cemetery at 12.15pm.

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DEATH

Gwen Turner nee Carr
aged 87 years.

Beloved wife of the late Eric, Mum to David and Josephine, Sister of David Carr and the late Lily and Aunt to the families of Kristina and Nicholas. Mum-in-Law to Helen and John. Granny to Robert, Andrew, Jenny, Deirdre and Eoghan. Great Granny to Daisy, Rowan, Trixie and Ava.
Died peacefully after a short illness on 12th October 2017 at Cooriedoon Nursing Home, Isle of Arran

Funeral arrangements;
24th October

Lamlash Church 11:30 am and thereafter to Kilmory Church Cemetery, Lamlash Glenisle Hotel 14:30 onwards. Transport provided. All friends and family are warmly invited.

Family flowers only (Eleanor's Flowers 01770 302587) and any donations to Arran Cancer Support Trust (ArCaS). Heartfelt thanks to all family and friends who enabled Mum to enjoy her home on Arran over the last 3+ years. Special thanks to the staff at Cooriedoon Nursing Home, who cared for Gwen with such empathy and care.

Thank you to all staff at the Arran War Memorial Hospital and Arran Medical Group - the flapjacks will be sorely missed! Thank you to the Reverends Lily, Ian, John and Elizabeth for their pastoral care and to Clair and David Hendry for funeral arrangements. We invite you to include a touch of colour as we celebrate the life of Gwen.



Enjoying a round of golf at Corrie Golf Club

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday October 14, sweep. 1 D Hendry 74-15=59, 2 I Keen 70-10=60. Scratch I Keen and A Napier 70. Magic twos D Hendry, S Brodie x 2 and I Keen x 2.

Monday October 16, Gerry Pot and first round of Monday Winter Cup. A pitiful three entrants to this prestigious competition, although it was nearly four until Pablo decided the potential prize money was not worth the effort involved. Played in conditions that were mild, dry and with a gentle breeze, Alan Smith was victorious with a net 60.

First loser was Lenny Hartley with a 62 and pick-

ing up the wooden spoon was Robert McLean with a 65. Well done to Alan and congratulations on picking up the first of many trophies this winter. Hopefully, there will be more entries next Monday at noon.

Fixtures: Saturday October 21, Eddie Rankin memorial trophy. Open to all Corrie and Machrie Bay members. A draw will take place at 1.10pm with a shotgun start at 1.30pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 15, The Hamilton Salver. The Hamilton Salver drew a field of eight dedicated golfers on a blustery morning, perhaps foretelling what was to come later in the week.

Surprisingly, CSS went up by only one shot to 64 and Stewart McGregor beat that handsomely to continue with his fine season. 1 Stewart McGregor 16, 61, 2 Gus Macleod 12, 65, 3 Danny Head 3, 67 and lowest gross, 4 Colin Nisbet 14, 68. Magic twos Danny Head @2nd and Ronnie Mann @4th.

Fixtures: Sunday October 22, Winter Cup round one, draw at 10am.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday October 11, Stableford, six played. Winner with 26pts, C O'Neill. Magic twos J Hartley, B McGunnigle, C O'Neill.

Sunday October 15, Winter Cup, Stableford, nine played, NC. Terry Raeside 10, 37pts, Douglas Robertson 18, 35pts, Brian Smith 13, 34pts.

Fixture: Sunday October 22, Winter Cup.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday October 12, back nine medal. 1 Allan Colquoun 34-4=30, 2 Alan Winship 40-7=33. Scratch A Colquoun 34.

Sunday October 15, Glenburn Cup. 1 D MacFarlane 65-0=65, 2 A Wales 75-9=66. Scratch D MacFarlane 65.

Fixtures: Sunday October 22, Glenburn Cup, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday October 26, Back Nine Medal. Make up own games, see starter for times.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 17, Lochranza Hotel Cup, CSS 64. 1 R Betley 34 pts, 2 P Betley 32, 3 B Sherwood 31.

Fixture: Tuesday October 31, noon, Winter Cup.

Winter bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition played at Brodick on Thursday October 12 were as follows: N/S 1 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone, 2 Jean Barclay and Elizabeth McKellar, 3 Gege Kroner and Margaret McGill. E/W 1 Tricia Martin, 2 John Baraclough and Jennifer Wales, 3 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan.

The results of the aggregate competition played at Lamlash on Monday October 16 were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Doug Chase and Jennifer Wales, 3 Margaret McGill and Elizabeth McKellar. E/W 1 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 2 Ellie and Mel Jones, 3 Elaine Duncan and Alison Bilsland.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday
for whenever
it was
Tony Kelly
you giant eejit!
Love John
(Your favourite child)



Young orienteers find success in Sheffield

Arran's young orienteers continue to bring home the medals with Ciara Wood winning a silver medal in her class at the British Schools Orienteering Score Championships in Sheffield.

Following a host of training opportunities, both organised and individually, many of the children have been training for events throughout the year.

Arran's Finlay Eliot and Jenna Totty took advantage of further training opportunities by joining the Ayrshire Orienteering Club, which they have been regularly attending.

Prior to the event itself the children enjoyed a training exercise at Irvine beach. Tom Nichol, one of Arran Outdoor Centre's new modern apprentices and a keen and experienced orienteer himself, ran round and put out 26 markers all over the beach park to give the team a feel for a score event, this being the first competition of that kind that the children would attend.

Score events differ from the usual kind of competition in that, rather than racing round a set course with options for route choice, participants set out for a

given time to find as many controls as they can and be back within the time allocated, in this case 45 minutes. This makes for quite different tactics and as well as planning out the best way to approach and find each control, participants also have to plan which controls to go for, and in which order.

Ciara Wood, an experienced triathlete, came home with a silver medal in her class – S3 girls – using her speed to good advantage.

Coach Andy McNamara said: 'Everyone should be proud to have made it home, all with positive points, a strong achievement. This will help participants by gaining experience from runners from all over the country. Well done everyone, thanks for all trying your very best and coming home smiling.'

In addition to the events over the weekend, the team celebrated by squeezing in a visit to the Glasgow Climbing Centre on the way home.

Arran's young orienteers are pictured before the British Schools Orienteering Score Championships in Sheffield. Photos: Ray Barnes



Daisy McNamara during the championships in Sheffield.



Arran's Ciara Wood on the podium after winning silver in the S3 girls category at the British Schools Orienteering Score Championships



Team Arran, including those belonging to the Ayrshire Orienteering Club, return home triumphant.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Young orienteers find success in Sheffield

Double win for Archie

Record goalscoring machine Archie McNicol has been named Arran's footballer of the year for the second year in a row, writes Colin Smeeton.

The Brodick talisman also picked up the Isle of Arran Football Association golden boot again after scoring a remarkable 37 goals during the island's short summer football season.

All the players of the five island teams, which make up the association, voted to decide the 2017 player of the year and young player of the year.

All recipients were presented with trophies which saw four different Arran teams receiving the four winners and runner-up awards. As well as the double award for Ar-

chie, another Brodick player, Babbies MacNeil, scored 20 goals to secure the golden boot runner-up award.

Player of the year runner-up, Southend's Ryan Armstrong, also featured in the top five goal scorers of the season, coming fourth with a tally of 14 goals for the season.

Young player of the year was awarded to Shiskine's Cameron Thomson, while Luc El Adm from Lamlash was the runner up.

The association's Danny Head congratulated all of the winners and in particular Archie McNicol for his golden boot award which he praised as being the highest number of goals scored in one season that he has seen during his tenure.



All the prize winners with their trophies.



Player of the Year and Golden Boot winner, Brodick's Archie McNicol.



Player of the Year runner-up was Southend's Ryan Armstrong.



Brodick's Babbies MacNeil, runner-up for the Golden Boot.



Young Player of the Year was Cameron Thomson of Shiskine.



Luc El Adm of Lamlash was runner-up in the Young Player of the Year award.



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