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Get on your bike and help Arran go green

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Businesses on Arran are being urged to get on their bikes to help the environment.

Arran Eco Savvy has secured funding which will allow local businesses to make use of a fleet of six environmentally friendly electric bicycles.

Known as eBikes, the low-carbon technology allows users, aged 14 and over, to receive pedalling assistance from an electric motor which can propel the bicycles at 15.5mph, helping to reduce the carbon footprint of vehicles and offering a host of associated health benefits.

Huge seller

The eBikes are expected to be a huge seller in the years to come, once prices come down and technology advances to see lighter models, but this scheme sees Arran in right at the start of phenomenon.

Eco Savvy, which has been successful in securing the funding from Transport Scotland's Energy Saving Trust eBike Fund, will buy the electric bicycles which will be loaned to businesses who will be able to trial the eBikes to experience their benefits while also reducing the use of their usual vehicles.

Introduction

Participants in the scheme will receive an eBike to use, an introduction to its use with practical riding lessons and safety equipment, along with a log book.

All of the maintenance and a dedicated support contact will be taken care of and, in return, participants are requested to keep a log of eBike miles travelled instead of using a car.

In addition, organisations who trial the eBike and record their achievements will be entered into a competition to be shortlisted for

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Lamlash resident Jessie Taylor may be 94 years young but she enjoyed a grand expedition when she had her first outing to Holy Isle in 75 years thanks to the Arran Coastal Rowing Club. Here she is seen with members preparing for her trip. For the full story, turn to page three. Photo David Ingham

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No plans for Ardrossan Harbour station upgrade

There are no plans to upgrade Ardrossan Harbour station in the near future, according to an answer to a parliamentary question lodged by Jamie Greene MSP.

The reply from Transport Secretary Michael Matheson said that any improvements would only take place within the harbour masterplan project, currently under discussion, but there were no plans to press ahead at this time.

Upgrading the station is seen by West Scotland MSP Jamie Greene, who is Conservative shadow transport minister, a priority in order to better facilitate connectivity between the new rail hub and the railway station.

He said a clear vision and action was required from the SNP government to future-proof transportation between Ardrossan and Arran, which is currently undergoing difficulties owing to delays and disruptions with the ferry route.

Mr Greene said: 'It is disappointing that the Scottish Government currently has no plans to upgrade the Ardrossan Harbour railway station.'

'It has been clear for a while that upgrades are necessary to ensure that transportation between Ardrossan and Arran is enhanced.'

'Indeed, we should be looking at improving access between the station and ferry hub as well as between the Ardrossan Town and South Beach stations. Stronger connectivity, coupled with more reliable ferries, will facilitate better growth and job creation, not just in Ardrossan, but across the whole of North Ayrshire.'

'A strong vision is vital if we are to get this right. I'll be pushing the transport secretary to bring forward proposals to ensure that Ardrossan's transport sector is future-proofed for generations to come.'

In a written parliamentary answer, Mr Matheson told the MSP: 'There are no plans at this time to upgrade the station. Ardrossan Harbour station will be considered within the wider Ardrossan harbour masterplan project. Engagement with partners is ongoing on the aspirations of improving the connectivity between the ferry hub and rail station.'

'The masterplan project will deliver a package of improvements at Ardrossan. The proposals by Peel Ports and North Ayrshire Council include significant marine and landside infrastructure upgrades at Ardrossan Harbour, including aspirations to improve connectivity with public and active travel modes and strengthen links to Ardrossan town.'

■ The Arran public will get their first chance to see these plans when they are unveiled at a communities update drop-in session at Brodick Hall from 4pm to 6.30pm on Tuesday October 23.



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Get on your bike and help Arran go green

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the Arran Active Travel Organisation of the Year, supported by VisitArran.

Eco Savvy project manager Jude King said: 'I recently trialled an eBike through Home Energy Scotland's scheme and can't recommend it enough. As well as being a quick and easy option of travel, I underestimated the benefits for health and fitness and got surprisingly addicted. The added bonus is that you are making a proactive effort towards environmental improvement in your local community.'

A supporter of electric bike technology, Sheila Gilmore of VisitArran, said: 'This is a fantastic opportunity for Arran businesses to try eBikes and help their staff to reduce their carbon footprint and get fitter into the bargain. It's a win-win for everyone.'

Transport Scotland has made up to £500,000 available for local authorities, public sector agencies, colleges, universities and community groups to introduce the large-scale adop-



Eco Savvy project manager Jude King goes through the controls of an eBike with a young cyclist.
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tion of eBikes. They hope to achieve this through the creation of bike pools, hire or loan schemes, of pedal-assisted electric bikes to support sustainable and active travel as an alternative to higher carbon emitting forms of transport.

The Energy Saving Trust will work with grant recipients to create and showcase exemplar eBike projects demonstrating their benefits and helping to popularise their uptake as an alternative to car use.

North Ayrshire Council is also supporting the Eco Savvy initiative and has match funded an additional

£2,500 towards the scheme which could allow for the purchase of an additional eBike or help to advance the scheme. Plans are also being considered for a cargo type eBike which can assist small commercial organisations with environmentally friendlier means of delivering goods without the use of a large, and sometimes half full, vehicle.

To take part in the initiative, potential participants can apply online, through Facebook or pay a visit to the Brodick Eco Savvy project office at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick.

Jessie makes it back to Holy Isle after 75 years

Jessie Taylor was born in Hamilton Terrace and has lived her whole life in Lam-lash looking out at Holy Isle but she had not been there since the early 1940s.

Little did she know that all that would change at the sprightly age of 94 – and in a way she could never have imagined. Three of her neighbours are members of the Arran Coastal Rowing Club (ACRC) and she often enjoyed watching them practicing on the bay and asked about how their training was going.

One day Caroline McGinlay asked her if she would like to go out in the skiff and be rowed over to Holy Isle.

Jessie quickly replied that she would love that and so a plan was hatched to get her out on the waves.

Five rowers said they'd be delighted to take Jessie out and the club already had a specially adapted seat which could be strapped down safely and provide a non-rower with a comfortable place to sit.

So it was just a case of

waiting for the right weather. A date was set but the wind was too wild so the outing had to be put off a week to the following Friday.

And as the day approached it became clear that the conditions would be ideal and Jessie could go out on the water.

Wrapped up warm and cosily, she was picked up at 2pm and her wooden 'carriage' awaited her on the slipway. It was brought alongside the pier so as to make it as easy as possible to help her into her seat in the bow. Jessie, looking the part in her life jacket and with a warm blanket over her knees, was really excited as the boat was gently rolled down the slipway and launched.

The crew then boarded, shipped their oars and off they went, out onto the calm waters of the bay. Apart from the cox and three rowers, one club member sat next to Jessie throughout the journey, discussing all of the new experiences and old memo-

ries of Lam-lash Bay as it was in the early 1940s, full of ships and activity.

As the skiff went further out, a panoramic view of the village opened out, topped by the majestic Three Beinns Horseshoe and, after a gentle half-hour's paddling, the intrepid Jessie approached the shore of Holy Isle for the first time in nearly 80 years. 'It hasn't changed much,' she said and told of wonderful memories of picnics there with her family when she was a girl.

Photos were taken to commemorate the occasion and a beaming Jessie was then brought gently back to dry land. 'That was absolutely wonderful,' she said, 'and something I never thought I'd do again.'

And, in typical Jessie fashion, she still had the energy for a concert that evening, all the while waxing lyrical about her memorable day out.

Many thanks to all of the ACRC members who made the trip for Jessie possible.

Stuart Turner



Jessie and Stuart at the bow of the skiff. Photo Siobhan McGinlay



Jessie lands at Holy Isle for the first time in more than 75 years. Photo David Ingham



Jessie sets off for Holy Isle in the skiff. Photo Siobhan McGinlay.

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Autumnal fun

While many children were away for the autumn break, there was still plenty going on during school holidays for those who remained on the island.

At the Arran Library, a programme of events attracted a healthy gathering of children who took part in a Lego building morning with buckets full of bricks for children to use to construct all types of inventive creations.

Equally creative, the autumn crafts inspired children's imaginations with a table laden with materials, some recycled, with which

they built boats which were then painted and decorated in lavish colours.

For the younger children, under five years old, there were various Bookbug mornings at which children could have stories read to them or they could take part in enthusiastic singing which included action songs and a number of props to add to the fun and excitement.

Brodick Castle and Country Park also hosted an autumn themed event which saw children and adults enjoying a fun day out with several fun activ-

ities being held throughout the week.

Indoors, older children were kept on their toes as they were directed on a ghost tour around the castle with suitable tales of hauntings, paranormal activities and ghostly sightings.

Outdoors in the gardens, where the warm autumn colours were evident on the trees and bushes, children explored the garden while following the scarecrow trail or looking for clues in the autumn themed scavenger hunt.

Also in the garden, un-

der the large trees, children enjoyed an artistic and colourful event creating unique artworks using the natural materials around them to create brightly coloured faces, animals and sculptures.

Continuing with the creative theme, and as a taster before Halloween, pumpkin carving classes allowed children to practice their skills and pick up ideas for later in the month.

This weekend concludes the autumn at Brodick event but activities are still running daily from 11am until 4pm until Sunday.



Children at the Arran Library craft morning get to work designing and building boats using recycled materials. 01_B42holiday07



An imaginative cat creation complete with whiskers and flowers. Photo Kate Sampson.



Two children admire their colourful creation using fallen leaves and sticks. Photograph: Kate Sampson.



Children collect autumn coloured leaves for their artworks. Photo Kate Sampson.



Tree art at Brodick Castle Country Park adorned with leaves, twigs, bark and lichen. Photo Kate Sampson.

all the way



Young artists show off their handiwork of concentric rings of coloured leaves.
Photo Kate Sampson.



Library assistant Nickey Summer watches over children creating boats using craft materials. 01_B42holiday06

Island elderly urged to act ahead of winter

Statistics from National Records of Scotland this week showed that winter deaths rose to their highest level in 18 years last year – with over-75s being the biggest group affected.

The statistics are particularly worrying on Arran where, the last figures available show, nearly 37 per cent of the population are over 65 – with 900 residents over 75.

Now the national charity for older people, Age Scotland, is encouraging older people to reduce their risk of illness this winter by investigating winter entitlements and to get a flu injection.

Describing the increase as ‘staggering’, Age Scotland is encouraging older people to reduce their risks of illness by finding out what entitlements are

available to keep warm in the winter months and to make sure they get their flu vaccines this autumn.

Research conducted by Age Scotland found that almost six in 10 single pensioners and four in 10 pensioner couples in Scotland struggle to pay fuel bills – with those in rural areas most affected. This results in poorly heated homes and older people becoming more at risk of illness.

Commenting on the new figures, Age Scotland’s head of policy and communications, Adam Stachura, said: ‘These figures are staggering and a real shock to the system. The large increase in deaths due to flu and pneumonia should be setting alarm bells ringing.

‘We know that during

winter months the homes of many older people are insufficiently heated, as a result of high fuel costs and poor heating systems, and can lead to a greater risk of ill health and even death.

‘This year energy companies hiked their fuel prices between four and nine per cent, which could add hundreds more pounds to a person’s heating bills, especially during long, cold winters like last year.

‘One of the best ways to lower your risk of illness this winter is to boost your income and heat your home. We urge all older people to check they are receiving all the benefits that they are entitled to by calling our free helpline for advice on switching energy tariffs and a benefits check on 0800 12 44 222.’

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Tourism accolade for VisitArran

Hugh Boag

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Another week and its another accolade for VisitArran. This time the organisation has picked up the award for tourism at the Ayrshire Business Awards.

More than 450 guests attended the most prestigious night in the Ayrshire business calendar at Ayr Racecourse last Friday to see the awards handed out. The evening was hosted by top Scots entertainer Elaine C Smith.

VisitArran beat off strong competition from Culzean Castle, the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum and The Tartan Campervan Co to lift the award, sponsored by West FM.

Val Russell, chief executive of the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, said: 'My congratulations to all the winners at this year's Ayrshire Business Awards. What a thoroughly great night it was.'

'Chatting with the judging panel, it was obvi-



Sheila Gilmore and Linda Johnston of VisitArran receive the award from Alan Edwards of West FM.

ous just how difficult a job they had in selecting a winner from each category due to the extremely high standard of entry.'

VisitArran executive di-

rector Sheila Gilmore said: 'We were up against some strong opposition, so really honoured to have been selected overall winner.'

'As always, any award for VisitArran is an award for all of you – and also for the island community as a whole. Many thanks, and well done all.'

Belvedere is best for customer satisfaction

Belvedere Guest House in Brodick has been given the HotelsCombined recognition of excellence award for its performance in customer satisfaction surveys, which has placed it in the top three per cent of accommodation providers worldwide.

Undertaking the largest analysis of customer opinions online across millions of points of data, HotelsCombined compiled a comprehensive listing of more than one million hotels worldwide.

Scoring the accommodation providers – based on this data from websites, forums and social media – out of a possible score of 10, the Belvedere guest house scored 9.3.

Property manager Allan Atkins said: 'We strive to provide a consistent, wonderful experience at Belvedere.'

Market manager of HotelsCombined United Kingdom, Alberto Castelluccio said: 'We are thrilled to be working with the best hotels in United Kingdom and Belvedere guest house Brodick is certainly among them.'

'What is different about



The Belvedere Guest House.
 Photograph: Philip Johnston

the recognition of excellence is the way information is gathered and analysed: it all depends on the guest and his or her experience with that particular accommodation.

'With this award, we'd like to make it even easier for every traveller to identify the best hotel for customer service and therefore the best value for their money.'

Belvedere guest house, which was built in 1920 by a retired sea captain, has five rooms offering single, twin and double occupancy accommodation along with a self-catering cottage. It has received numerous awards from industry review experts, including Tripadvisor, Laterooms.com and Travelmyth.

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Crofters' is the new name in Brodick

There is a new name on the Brodick dining scene and that name is Crofters'.

After a fifth busier-than-ever season, the bosses at Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro took the opportunity to step back, evaluate the business and make some tweaks.

Marketing and music manager Ealana Boyle explained: 'As part of the review, it was identified that the name Fiddlers' may no longer best represent what the business has become since it started up, or the direction it is now going, since it infers a disproportionate focus on one aspect of the musical side of what we do, without alluding to the many other elements,

which all come together in providing the authentic Scottish hospitality experience.

'In order to overcome this limitation in the brand, we have decided to rename to Crofters', which we feel is more inclusive of food, drink, local provenance, and indigenous Scottish culture as a whole, which obviously includes a heavy dose of music!

'Most of the other changes are internal and relate to management/staffing structure, systems, procedures, accounting processes etc, and are necessary because our original systems and structure have become stretched with the growth of the business. The

only part of these changes which should be visible to customers will be improvements in efficiency, consistency and service as a whole.

'We would like to thank all of our staff, musicians, suppliers, partner businesses and customers for making the operation what it has become and we look forward to further establishing the Crofters' brand as one the many great go-to, must-see Arran hospitality destinations.'

Ealana Boyle pulls a pint in the rebranded Crofters'. 01_B42crofters01



Global wins for Torrylinn cheese

The Torrylinn Creamery is celebrating huge success at the Global Cheese Awards, held in Frome, Somerset, with their Isle of Arran extra mature cheddar truckle winning both gold and bronze in Artisan Cheddar class.

Dominating the category, the Kilmor creamery secured the two top spots in the specialist category for creameries producing less than five tonnes per week.

Running for over 155 years, the Global Cheese Awards are among the oldest and most respected in the UK. Entries and judges came from across the globe to the event, which attracts up to 20,000 visitors each year.

Torrylinn Creamery, which has been operating since 1946, is currently on the market for sale. Using only local Arran milk, the creamery won gold and super gold at the world cheese awards for their extra mature cheese.

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Editorial

Pedal power

The introduction of eBikes to Arran could very well be the driving force that sets the wheels in motion for a profound ecological change to transportation on the island.

While no-one believes that Arran will become carbon neutral overnight because of a few eBikes, we can all agree that the benefits of using them are glaringly obvious. EBikes are also particularly well suited to our island location where frequent short journeys within one village can often make up the bulk of monthly travel – and is usually done with polluting vehicles.

As the technology becomes more affordable and the bicycles themselves become less cumbersome, the capabilities have also improved.

Other than fewer vehicles on the road – which can only be a good thing – the resultant effect would also mean less wear and tear on the roads and, optimistically, fewer potholes.

If there was any stick in the spokes of the scheme, it would be the proliferation of more cyclists on the narrow winding roads where safe overtaking can present problems, but even this is a small price to pay for better road conditions, healthier air and fitter residents.

Thought for the week

'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.'

1 Peter 2:9

Public transport group needed

Sir,
Regarding last week's letter entitled Minister replies, the reply was written by Transport Scotland, which is OK, as all ministers are all appearing to be so very busy.

My text relates to the part of the letter regarding the coordination between ferry and buses. The author writes: '... if you have any concern, then you should raise them with the Arran Ferry Committee, and these will be progressed through the usual channels.'

Now, this is a funny response, as the Arran public has never voted for any of the committee members. They elect new members themselves if needed. Of course, the committee keeps to its brief, the ferries, and is not really interested in any other topics.

I suggested to them several years ago they should widen their brief and rename them to something like Arran Public Transport Group, including ferries and buses. The response was, after I had asked if I missed the answer about a month later, a simple but friendly: 'No way.' However, I was not surprised, as closed, unelected entities do not volunteer to accept such fundamental changes. But to represent all people who use public transport, it needs a much wider view than just the ferries. It needs the combined ideas of all inhabitants, holiday house owners, guests and business.

So, let us have a new, publicly elected committee for the all-important public transport questions to deal with the authorities and government agencies.

Just as an afterthought,

public transport will get much more important when you look at the prospect of the next 20 and more years. Electric and driverless vehicles will certainly come and this definitely needs new thinking and solutions, which we should not just leave to politicians and global business.

Yours,
**Bruno Baumgärtner,
Corriecravie.**

Day to forget

Sir,
The letters page in the Arran Banner of October 13 reminded me forcibly of my experience on Tuesday May 22, when a blow-out on the Boguille the day before forced me to go up to Glasgow for the day on foot, at a time when I was walking slowly with a stick.

Going was not too bad, although I was shocked by the smallness of the lifts. Coming back was awful, especially as I was heavily laden. Although I was among the first to leave the ship, I was near the back by the time I reached the lounge, where I, wrongly, assumed I could join the lift where I had left it inside the departure lounge, but discovered I had to traverse a corridor, which brought me up against a blank wall, with no indication that I had turn right round even to find the lift (kindly pointed out by a lady with a pram).

By the time I got to the bottom, most people were already out of the building, and by the time I got out, the Southend buses were revving up, and I hadn't quite made the Northend bus when its doors began closing. Fortunately, the driver did see me, and I collapsed into a seat.

I will say that the driver made up for the horror of

thinking I was going to be stranded, by reverting to days gone by, and dropping me right at my gate in Catcol.

Yours,
**Hazel Wright,
Glasgow.**

Rare kindness

Sir,
I am writing to you to express my gratitude to the woman who found the car keys which had fallen from my pocket on Blackwaterfoot beach. I do not know her identity, for she handed the keys in at the clubhouse before leaving me a waterproofed message on my windscreen, but I do know that such exceptional thoughtfulness and kindness are very rare. So I should like to thank her and the staff at the Kinloch who could not have been more considerate and helpful.

Yours,
**Rob Lapsley,
Brodick.**

Charity thanks

Sir,
A massive thank you to all members of Team Auchranie who took part in the Great Scottish Run on September 30, while raising vital funds for Marie Curie. Your support is greatly appreciated by all at Marie Curie and those living with terminal illness who benefit from our services. Thanks again.

Yours,
**Elma Mitchell,
Community Fundraiser,
Marie Curie.**

Dying wish

Sir,
Thanks to the habitual kindness of the people of Brodick and Corrie, my family from Los Angeles were able to carry out my

younger son's dying wish, to join his father in Sannox burial ground.

Imagine, 5,000 miles and more, then to be storm-bound on Arran, with the weather making the sprinkling of the ashes very difficult. Many thanks to the local council, the funeral director, the Corrie Hotel and the church community. I hope I have not omitted anyone.

The journey back to Glasgow was difficult because of the storm damage, but a perfect stranger took the somewhat shattered family all the way to Glasgow, which was not in fact his destination.

Yours,
**Millie Maule,
Thornhill.**

Squirrel help

Sir,
I'd like to ask readers to help save one of our most loved wild animals by supporting Trees for Life in an easy and free online vote before October 21.

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Yours,
**Steve Micklewright,
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Trees for Life,
Forres, Moray.**

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Shiskine SWI show off their haul of trophies

The first meeting of the new season of the Shiskine SWI was held on Wednesday October 3 in Shiskine Hall when they took the opportunity to show how well they had done in the annual show in the summer.

George Grassie, who runs the Blackwaterfoot Bakehouse, came to talk to the members about 'an old craft reborn'. George is passionate about his work and took time to explain to members about the ingredients he uses for his bread

– ancient grains sourced from the UK, a sourdough culture and no chemicals. George then treated us to a demonstration of his bread making skills which made the process look effortless. His talk raised many questions from the ladies.

The competition was to make a bread roll and was won by Fiona Scott, 2 Kate McIntosh. The exhibition was a breadbasket – 1 Angela Cassels, 2 equal Carole Stewart and Evelyn Hamilton.

The Shiskine SWI won four trophies at the Arran SWI Show this year: the community tray, the community handicrafts, the institute gaining the most points, and the Mitchell Trophy for the most points gained in preserves and wine. Jenny Harper won the Ferguson Tray for Shiskine for the most points gained at the winter meetings added to the points she won at the show.

The next meeting, on Wednesday November 7 in Shiskine Hall, will be a musical evening with Ain't Misbehavin', to which all SWI members are invited.



President Marilyn Woods and the members of Shiskine SWI with the trophies they won at the annual show.

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Putting the pieces together of a jigsaw. 01_B42messy03



Two young boys playing with building bricks. 01_B42messy01

Fun day at Lamlash Church gets messy!

Words and photographs
Hugh Boag
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Things got pretty messy at Lamlash Church last week ... but that was the whole point.

The church was staging its first Messy Church event which attracted a good number of youngsters, from early years to primary seven, and their parents and grandparents during the school holidays last Thursday.

Messy Church is a worldwide organisation which tries to make the church fun

for families while teaching the word of God. And the families who turned up at Lamlash Church certainly enjoyed some fun, stories, crafts and food.

The children also had the chance to meet Scruffy and dog and singalong with the Fonzies.

The theme for the day was Joseph and, after playing some games, the families moved from the hall to the church where they heard the story of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat told by Aileen Brookens.

It was then back into the hall from some Joseph-related craftwork culminating with the hand-painting of a huge Joseph drawing – and that's when things got really messy.

Then it was back into the church to watch the singing Fonzies, large Muppet-like puppets, who went down a storm with the children before it was time for tea.

It may have been the first time out for Messy Church in Lamlash but, judging from the success, it is unlikely to be the last.



Two youngsters add their hand prints to create a technicolour coat for Joseph. 01_B42messy10



The completed Joseph technicolour coat. 01_B42messy13



It all got too much for one youngster who needed a nap. 01_B42messy06

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The puppets keep the children enthralled. 01_B42messy16



Concentrating hard on a game of Connect 4. 01_B42messy04



Aileen Brooken introduces Scruffy the dog to the children. 01_B42messy05



Beverley Millar show the youngsters a string of figures showing Joseph and his 11 brothers. 01_B42messy09



The children enjoy the Funzies in the church. 01_B42messy14



One little girl takes centre stage as the Funzies perform behind her. 01_B42messy17



Aileen tells the story of Joseph while wearing his techni-colour coat. 01_B42messy07



The children get ready for some Joseph-related craft work. 01_B42messy08

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History society enjoy visit to seabird observatory

Last month 13 members of the Arran Natural History Society enjoyed a visit to Machrihanish Seabird Observatory. This was part of the summer programme of activities for members that included a bird ringing demonstration in Auchenhew Bay in June and a flora walk in Glen Rosa in July.

The observatory, which has been open for 25 years, is about six miles west of Campbeltown on the Atlantic coast at Uisaed Point. Landmarks that can be seen from the observatory include the top of Davaar Island (eight miles east), Altnacarry Lighthouse on Rathlin Island (16 miles to the west/south-west) and the American Monument

on the Mull of Oa, Islay (20 miles to the north-west).

It is an awe-inspiring promontory to witness visible migration and occasional mass movements of seabirds. Regular Atlantic depressions frequently produce the right conditions to view and record detailed information about ocean-going species and coasting migratory landbirds.

Situated at the southern end of Machrihanish Bay, this low promontory juts well out into the Atlantic. The configuration of the coast to the north presents a long leading line from Glenacardoch Point ensuring – when conditions are right – a steady passage of birds. Throughout autumn,



The visiting Arran group with Eddie Maguire, the warden.

the southerly progression of seabirds, waterfowl, waders and passerines brings many species close to, and often over, the point as they exit from the bay, thus affording superb views.

After a welcome and introduction to the observatory by the warden, Eddie Maguire, the group enjoyed a few rapidly passing hours of wildlife watching that included 32 species of bird and a passage of 285 gannet. The following day, Sunday, the warden reported a passage of 21 Leach's petrel, a species last recorded on Arran in September 1991. That's bird-watching!

Although the group had missed out on some of the rarer passing seabirds, the verdict on the day from the participants included expressions such as 'fabulous day out', 'great place, 'enjoyed all aspects of the day'



The location is taken from the website run by Eddie Maguire.



A Leach's petrel taken by Eddie Maguire the day after the Arran visit.



One of the many groups of passing gannet. Photo by Brian Couper

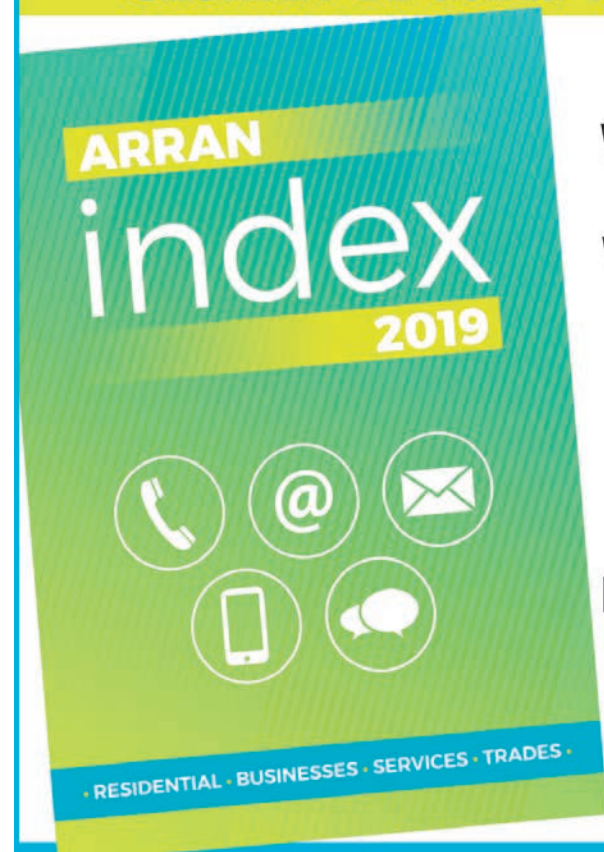
and 'definitely a place to revisit'.

For more information on Machrihanish Seabird and Wildlife Observatory visit their website <http://www.machrihanishbirdobservatory.org.uk/index.htm>

Or to find out more about the Arran Natural History Society, visit [arranwildlife](#) on Facebook and [ArranNaHis](#) on Twitter.

Jim Cassels

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 Autumn at Brodick Castle Isle Be Wild Play Park, 11am - 4.00pm
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 Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 21st October

Autumn at Brodick Castle Isle Be Wild Play Park, 11am - 4.00pm
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.30am and 2.30pm
 Live music – Mic Clark Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 2pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Live music – Dopesickfly, Funk Rock Hybrid with a Hip-Pop twist The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Folk music session Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 22nd October

Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.00am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
 Chantraine dance class for adults Village Hall, Lochranza, 4.30pm - 5.30pm
 JogScotland mixed ability running group Whiting Bay 5.30pm
 Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
 Circuit training Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
 Isle of Arran Bridge Club, all welcome Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s, Brodick Church Hall, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Live music – Fatman & the Angel Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm-10.30pm

Tuesday 23rd October

Healthy Outdoors team Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.30am and 2.30pm
 Castle garden walk Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
 Flow yoga Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 6pm
 Arran Hockey Club - Juniors (5 - 14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
 Scottish country dancing Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm
 Trev's pop music quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Traditional music sessions Brodick Bar, 9pm
 Body Blitz Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm

Wednesday 24th October

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
 Brodick Gardens volunteers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 10am - 1pm
 Coffee morning St Bride's Church, Brodick 10.30am - 12noon
 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
 Chair yoga St Molio's Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.30am and 2.30pm
 Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
 Arran Pace Makers running group Brodick, 5.30pm
 Flow yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
 Tae Kwon Do Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Advanced Juniors & Adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm Live



Music – Mike Bailey
 Family friendly pub quiz
 Quiz night
 Rock'n'pop bingo

Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 25th October

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Chair yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.30am and 2.30pm
 ACLI volunteer gardening day Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
 Castle time travellers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
 Music matters Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
 Quilt Arran Firestation, Lamlash, 2pm - 4.30pm
 Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
 Isle of Arran Bridge Club, all welcome Little Rock, Brodick, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Arran Hockey Club - Seniors (12 yrs +) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Arran Soul Choir Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7pm - 9pm
 Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Arran Garden Club, From Lakeland to Patagonia Ranger's Centre, Brodick Castle 7.30pm
 Body Blitz Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm
 Tommy's general knowledge quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 26th October

Yoga Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
 Coffee morning, all Welcome Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.00am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
 T'ai chi with Sue Thurogood Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
 2 for 1 fish and chips Felicity's @ Eden Lodge 5pm - 6pm
 Lamlash Halloween party Lamlash Primary School, 6pm - 7.30pm
 Chantraine dance class for adults Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm - 7.15pm
 Soundbath Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick 6.30pm - 7.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Tae Kwon Do Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30p - 8.30pm
 Friday night quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
 Live music – Sensational Biff Simpson Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Halloween fun special – fancy dress, pumpkin carving, games & music The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 27th October

Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.00am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
 Halloween ghost walks Brodick Castle, Gardens and Country Park 11am - 4pm
 Highland dance classes, P2 and under Arran High School, 11am - 12.30pm
 Highland dance classes, P3 and over Arran High School, 11am - 1pm
 Corrie food festival Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 12 noon - 7pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Live music – Lisa Kowalski Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Live music – Fraser John Lindsay Blues Incentive The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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Fisheries vessel was carrying out research

Arran sea watchers were quick to react when what appeared to be a large fishing vessel was spotted off the coast of Arran last weekend.

After hastily making inquiries, the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) was able to inform people that the 27-metre-long blue and white ship called Alba na Mara was in fact a fisheries research vessel operated by Marine Scotland.

COAST posted on social media: 'This vessel is not a commercial fishing vessel. It is the Alba Na Mara and is a Marine Scotland research vessel which is currently operating around Arran; including within the South Arran MPA and the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone.'

Appearance

The ship, one of two research vessels working for Marine Scotland and which was launched in 2008, has a large crane on the deck along with winches giving it the appearance of a working fishing boat.

It is, however, a technologically advanced research ship housing dry and wet laboratories and is capable of carrying out fisheries research, single, twin pelagic/demersal/trawling and scallop dredging, hydrographic sampling, surveying and video work.

The vessel accommodates eight crew and five scientists and operates throughout Scotland.

Yes, it's true: CalMac is ferry operator of the year

There may have been trying times for Caledonian MacBrayne and its passengers on the Arran ferries in recent months, but that has not stopped the company being named Ferry Operator of the Year 2018 at the National Transport Awards.

The award is open to ferry operators running services from ports in the UK and Ireland. Entries needed to demonstrate how they have improved services and facilities over the year. This included results that have been achieved across performance and reliability, passenger growth and customer satisfaction.

'This is an award for all our staff in recognition that no matter what challenges we face, whether it be extreme weather conditions or vessel availability, they will always provide



CalMac's winning team are presented with their award by broadcaster Jeremy Vine.

the best possible service for our customers,' said CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond.

The awards are organised by industry publication Transport Times with a prestigious judging panel that included Professor David Begg, former lecturer in transport policy at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen and current visiting

professor at Plymouth University, Louise Ellman MP, former chair of the House of Commons Transport Select Committee, and Claire Haigh, chief executive of sustainable travel group, Greener Journeys.

Mr Drummond added: 'Our core market is the lifeline services we provide to communities across the area, but the popularity of

our services with visitors is growing year on year.

'While this is great for our communities' economies, it can be a challenge to manage within the fleet resources at our disposal. This is a huge recognition that our people can continue to provide a first class customer experience in the face of booming numbers travelling with us.'

Arran scientist honoured with major medical award

An Arran scientist has received international recognition for a medical breakthrough after his discovery and development of propofol – an anaesthetic now used widely throughout the world – by receiving the Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award.

The Lasker awards programme was created in 1945 by Albert and Mary Lasker to shine a spotlight on fundamental biological discoveries and clinical advances that improve human health, and to draw attention to the importance of public support of science.

Iain Glen, who was brought up at Parkhouse, Corriecravie, and now has a home in Blackwaterfoot, received the award after he and his wife Wendy and daughter Fiona and son Alasdair were flown over to the prestigious award ceremony, which took place in New York.

Iain, who has retired from AstraZeneca, the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical company, discovered and developed propofol which, owing to its rapid action and freedom from

residual effects, is now being used across the world as a preferred agent for the induction of anaesthesia. Two years ago, the World Health Organisation deemed propofol an 'essential medicine' and at the time more than 190 million people had received the drug.

Speaking at the ceremony, Iain said: 'It is indeed a great honour to accept this award, and to be here today among so many brilliant

scientists. Science can be a lonely occupation if you are ploughing a new furrow in an open field, difficult if you encounter stony ground and very rewarding if you get a good harvest at the end.'

Propofol is now the standard intravenous anaesthetic induction agent in the industry and it is used daily in operating rooms, emergency departments and clinics and hospitals throughout the world.



Iain was joined in New York at the Lasker Awards ceremony by his wife Wendy, daughter Fiona and son Alasdair.



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New minister

The joint Church of Scotland parish of Kilmory and Lam-lash has a new minister after being left without this last year. On Wednesday a service was held to induct the Rev Bill Ross to his charges and, that evening, a gathering was held where he and his wife, Maureen, could meet the congregation.

Originally from Freuchie in Fife, he married his wife, who is also from Fife, in 1966, but he came late to the ministry and, after studying at St Andrews University, he took up his first charge in the fishing village of Findochty on the Moray Firth in 1987 where he remained until 1995 when he took a joint post as warden of an outdoor centre and parish minister at Inch before moving to Arran.

Model man

Howard Walker had always been active. He was a game-keeper, the warden of Holy Isle, before starting the first fish farm in Lam-lash Bay. But, when he became ill, he took up model building.

The splendid tug seen here is an example of how excellent his work is. Much better now, he has just finished this model of the Danish tugboat St Canute and last Monday a draw was made to support the Hospital Supporters League. Drawn by matron Diana McMurray, the lucky winner was Mrs Bridie Crawford of Hamilton Terrace, Lam-lash, and the total cash raised for the charity was in excess of £400.

Chairman's visit

On Friday October 2, Scottish Conservative Party chairman Raymond Robertson came to Arran where he visited businesses and spoke to party members at the Auchran-nie. With him was Mike Johnston, who is the prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Cunning-hame North.

When the Banner met them at the pier, Mr Robertson, who is the MP for Aberdeen South, told us that he knew Arran well as, like so many people, he had holidayed here when he was younger.



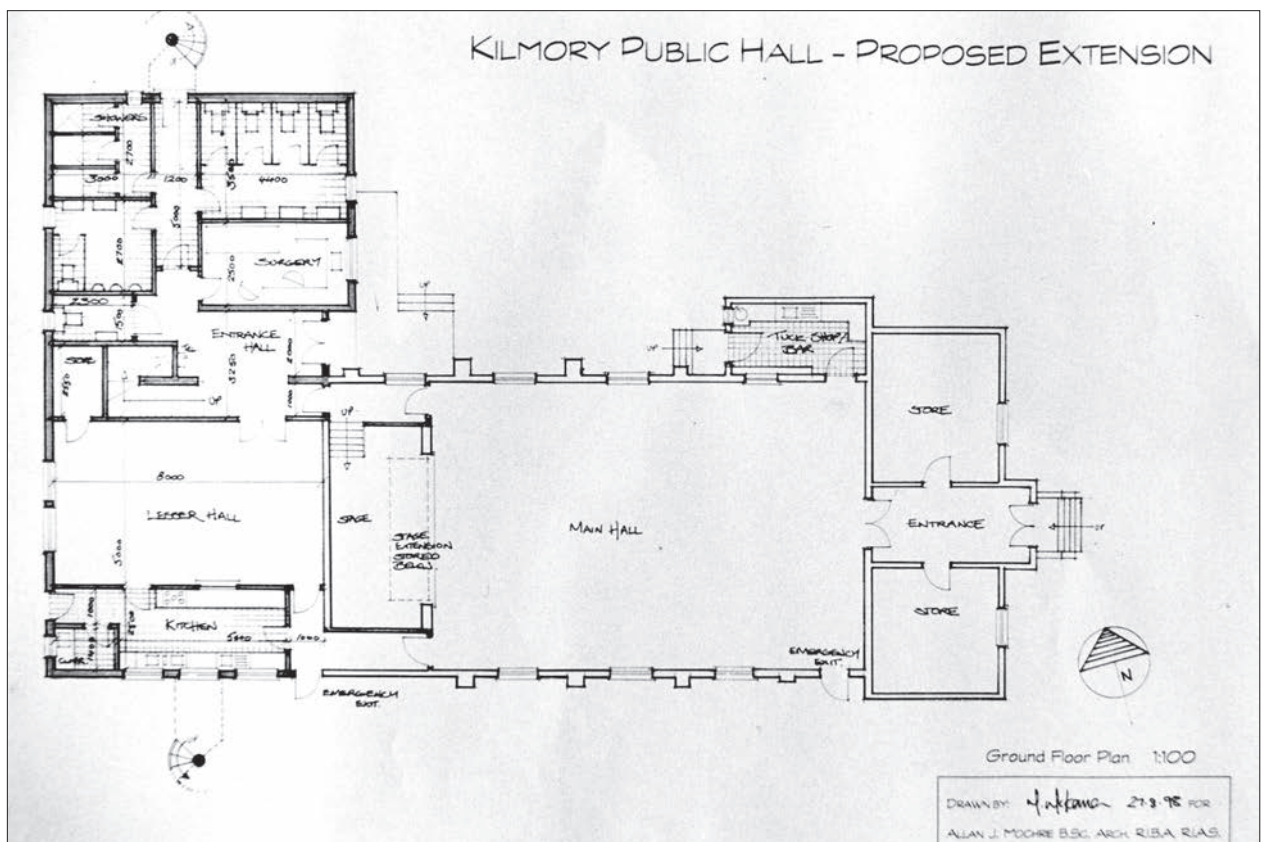
Jason Green of Pirmill, who has spent two years working at the Lochranza Hotel under the Skillseekers scheme, recently won a bronze medal at the Skillseekers of the Year competition in Oban, where he prepared scallops with bacon and butter as his entry. 01_B42twe04



The Rev Bill Ross and his wife Maureen. 01_B42twe01



Howard Walker with his model of a Danish tugboat. 01_B42twe02



Here are the plans for the proposed extension of Kilmory Public Hall. The original building costs of the hall in 1934 were £1,230 and 4 shillings. The new plans, which would involve retaining the main hall and replacing the lesser hall with a two-storey structure would cost £242,000. The villagers, who have applied to the Millennium Fund for assistance, will make a decision whether to go ahead later this month.

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Left to right: Dick Cameron, Mike Johnston, Conservative party chairman Raymond Robertson and Tom Knox. 01_B42twe03

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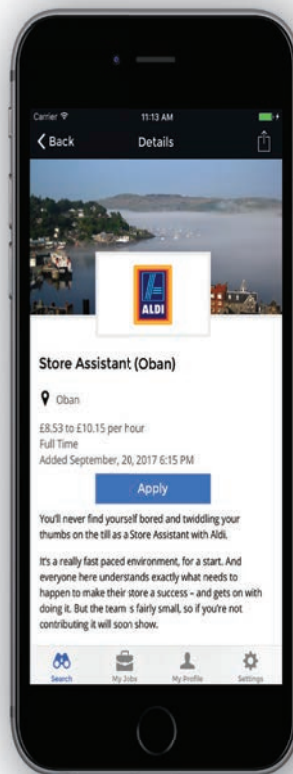
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NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Notification of Examination of North Ayrshire Proposed Local Development Plan

On 9 October 2018, The North Ayrshire Council Proposed Local Development Plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers for examination. The Proposed Local Development Plan can be viewed at Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE and all public libraries in North Ayrshire, during opening times. The Proposed Local Development Plan and public documents related to the examination can be viewed online at <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-standards/ldp/ldp2.aspx>. For general enquiries please contact ldp@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or 01294 310000.

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

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 09.00 - 16.45 weekdays (16.30 Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk * and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 9 November 2018. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

18/00884/PP; Site To East Of, Grianan, Kildonan Road, Kildonan; Erection of 1.5 storey detached dwelling house to include the formation of access and drainage works.

18/00903/PP; Site To South Of Marchfield, Cordon, Lamlash, Brodick; Erection of two storey detached dwelling house to include the provision of access, parking and associated works.

AYRSHIRE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTION – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Ayrshire Shoreline Management Plan has been completed by North and South Ayrshire Councils. It was adopted by North Ayrshire Council on the 4 September 2018 and South Ayrshire Council on 18 September 2018. The Ayrshire SMP extends from Skelmorlie to the Galloway Burn, on the north-east edge of Loch Ryan. The islands of Arran and Great Cumbrae are included.

This is a large-scale assessment of the risks associated with coastal tides and will help to inform the future management of these risks to land and people by delivering an action plan which prompts land use and policy changes and recommends further studies to allow physical protective measures to take place in the future.

Copies of the Ayrshire Shoreline Management Plan and associated Strategic Environmental Statement (SEA) Environmental Report and SEA Statement will be available to view – free of charge – at the North Ayrshire Council Office at Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE. Alternatively you can view the plans online at: <http://www.northayrshire.com/community/the-ayrshire-shoreline-management-plan/29122/>

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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 21st October
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship
Pirmill Church, 10.15am 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 21st October
Holy Communion - 11 am.
Richard Trewby
Coffee after service
All Welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 21st October
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 14th October
Sunday Worship at 11am 'Heather Lodge', Brodick
Telephone 700346
Everyone Warmly Invited

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 21st October
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory - 10am
Lamlash - 11.30am.
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 21st October
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
Everyone most welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service; please stay and enjoy more fellowship and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and other items.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 21st October
Service 11am, Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Telephone 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 21st October
Shiskine, 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 21st October
Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

DEATH

WATSON: Patricia Begrie. The death is announced of Patricia Begrie Watson who died peacefully aged 95 on 11th October 2018. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she was one of the Macmillans from Corrie and lived variously in Edinburgh and Wiltshire, also spending regular time in Corrie. A private funeral will take place in Wiltshire

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

KING: Denise - Gina, Gwen and Brian would like to thank all friends and family for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and support following their sad loss on the 30th September. We would also like to thank the Marie Curie nurses and doctors at the hospice who cared for her. A collection of £560 was raised and also over £500 at Just Giving which has also been donated to Marie Curie.

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Arran High pupils excel in national sporting arena

Louie cycles 20km to school most days

Arran High School is producing a number of talented pupils who are rapidly making a name for themselves on a national level due to their sporting prowess.

Recent sporting achievements from the school include two students, Joe McHugh and James Reid, having reached the final phase of selection for the Glasgow Warriors under-16 rugby squad. This accomplishment represents the final step in being selected as one of the squad

of just 18, and while it will involve a commitment to regular travel across to the mainland for training, it is both a fantastic opportunity and achievement for both of the students.

Meanwhile, Louie Urquhart-Dixon is making a name for himself in road cycling with some outstanding performances in national competitions. Most recently, Louie won his age category and was third overall at the Serpentine Hill Climb in Bute and he has been performing strongly in the Scottish Cycling Youth Crit Series, South West region. In his past four races, he has had three podium positions, finishing third, first and second. Louie represented the Johnstone Wheelers Cycling Club in Ireland recently at the National Youth Championships, finishing 38th out of 84 riders in his age category.

Head teacher Barry Smith, who congratulated Joe and James for achieving remarkable sporting achievements, said: 'Louie cycles 20km to school on most days and also is a keen mountain biker.'

'He hopes to pursue a career in cycling and we have no doubt with his love of the sport and the success he is already having that he has a wonderful chance of reaching his goal.'



Louie Urquhart-Dixon can be regularly seen on Arran's roads and beyond on his bicycle.



Louie Urquhart-Dixon won his age category and was third overall at the Serpentine Hill Climb in Bute.



Racking up the trophies, Louie with more of his podium finishing awards.



Whiting Bay captain Wolfi Kroner presents Stan Rainey with the Hamilton Salver.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 14, Hamilton Salver. A small but select field competed for the Hamilton Salver in glorious autumn weather, played as a stableford this year. CSS stayed at 36 points. 1 Stan Rainey 37pts, 2 Markus Kroner 34pts, 3 John Pennycott 33pts.

Fixtures: Sunday October 21, Taylor Trophy Greensomes, rearranged from earlier in the month. One draw for partners ready to tee off at 10am.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday October 14, Winter Cup Stableford, 11 played, NC. 1 John May 20, 37pts, 2 Donald McKinnie 10, 34pts, ACB, 3 Terry Raeside 11, 34pts.

Fixture: Sunday October 21, Winter Cup Stableford, 8.30am and noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday October 20, Sweep 18 hole, ballots at 9am and 1.30pm. Monday October 22, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 16, Lochranza Hotel Cup, 1 Ron Woods 36pts, 2 Campbell Laing 34 pts BIH, 3 Phil Betley 34 pt.

Fixtures: Tuesday October 23, Winter Cup, 12 noon tee off.

Excellent start to the season for islanders

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notching his third goal after his recent good form.

Sloss added successive goals to claim a hat-trick and another man of the match award – his second in two weeks.

Glencairn grabbed a consolation goal at the end through another deflection in what was Glencairn's only effort of the second half, as Arran's defence stood strong and remained mostly impenetrable.

Today (Saturday) sees another away game versus Kilbirnie AFC at Garnock Campus with a 1pm kick off. Last year's league champions Killie Athletic will visit Arran the following week with a noon kick-off planned.



Glencairn keeper attempts to deflect the ball coming from Toby Wingham's header.



The Glencairn keeper sticks a foot out to prevent an Archie McNicol goal.



Glencairn players and keeper try unsuccessfully to prevent an Arran goal.



Toby Wingham blasts the ball towards Glencairn's goal.



Man of the match Johnny Sloss uses his head to secure another goal for Arran.



Arran show their sporting side as Archie McNicol assists a Glencairn player with cramp in his leg.

New beginners' running group

Running has really taken off in Arran again in recent years.

The island has a proud history of running, and the sport was given a boost five years ago with the launch of RunArran aimed at getting more couch potatoes into their running shoes.

Now new groups have sprung up and a new beginners' group for would-be runners is starting in Brodick later this month.

Arran Pace Makers, who are members of jogscotland, are starting the group on Tuesdays at 5.30pm with the first meeting on Tuesday October 30 at the Ormidale Pavilion.

They say they will be affordable friendly sessions with trained jog leaders. Anyone interested should contact Lorna on 0776 7704434.

Arran Pace Makers will also be holding their regular Wednesday night runs for mixed ability runners at 5.30pm at the Ormidale Pavilion throughout the winter months.

Meanwhile, the Jogscotland – Isle of Arran mixed ability group meets every Monday at 5.30pm in Whiting Bay. See Facebook page for details of both clubs.

Winter season bridge results

The Arran Bridge Club resumed for the winter season at the start of the month. Here are the results of the matches so far.

Monday October 1, N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Maureen Cumming and Fiona Henderson, 3 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough. E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Sue Thurogood and Ellie Jones, 3 Margaret McGill and Elizabeth McKellar.

Thursday October 4, N/S 1 John and Jan Beattie, 2 John Baraclough and Jennifer Wales, 3 Maureen Cumming and Jennifer McArthur. E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 3 Margaret McGill and Elaine Duncan.

Monday October 8, match points, 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 3 Ellie Jones and Sue Thurogood.

Thursday October 11, N/South, 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 John and Jan Beattie, 3 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan. E/W 1 Margaret McGill and Jessmay Peacock, 2 John Baraclough and Jennifer Wales, 3 David and Fiona Henderson.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Arran High pupils excel in national sporting arena



Arran's Johnny Sloss throws his arms triumphantly into the air after scoring another goal. Photos: Tam Borland

Six of the best as Arran stay top of the league



Johnny Sloss, who scored a hat-trick, was voted man of the match for the second week running.

Ayrshire Sunday League

Glencairn	2
Isle of Arran	6

Arran AFC travelled to St Joseph's Academy in Kil-marnock on Sunday to face Glencairn for the first time and turned in another fine attacking performance to stay top of Division 1.

Although the scoreline did not flatter the Arran lads, the Glencairn goalkeeper made it a frustrating first half as the visitors carved them open with Toby Wingham, Archie McNicol, Grant Adamson and stand-in captain

Ryan Armstrong all having near misses or chances well saved.

Despite the possession and opportunities, it was surprisingly only 1-1 at half-time with McNicol opening from the spot, only for a deflection at the other end to level it up for Glencairn.

The second half saw Arran continue to dominate again and after 60 minutes finally regained the lead through playmaker Johnny Sloss. The chances started to come thick and fast with Wingham getting in on the act again and Joel Small

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POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Isle of Arran	4	3	0	1	16	6	10	9
2	Irvine No.1 CSC	3	2	0	1	16	9	7	6
3	Valley Thistle	2	2	0	0	8	5	3	6
4	Irvine Vics	3	2	0	1	5	4	1	6
5	Kilbirnie United	2	1	0	1	9	6	3	3
6	Killie Athletic	2	1	0	1	6	5	1	3
7	Glencairn Thistle	2	0	0	2	5	16	-11	0
8	Gaston Sunday Amateurs	4	0	0	4	4	18	-14	0



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