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# Breakthrough for farm brothers facing eviction

**REPORT**  
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There has been a breakthrough in the plight of the Arran tenant farmer brothers who were facing eviction.

In a complex case, John Paterson, the tenant farmer at Glenree, and his brother, Ian, had faced eviction at the end of the month, and their plight has been making headlines across the country this week.

But as the *Banner* went to press it emerged that the Patersons and Arran Estates had agreed to begin renewed mediation after ministers and officials at the highest level had been working to secure a resolution.

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson who told the *Banner*: 'My understanding is that the parties have agreed to enter into mediation, facilitated and funded by the

Scottish Government. 'I welcome this positive development and hope it creates the necessary space for both parties to explore the issues in a way which removes the current notice of termination of lease for the Paterson family but also leads to a positive outcome in the longer term.'

More details are expected to emerge in the coming days.

This week the Patersons joined six other Scottish tenant farmers facing eviction at a four-day hearing in the Court of Session in Edinburgh seeking compensation from the government for the historic legislative mistakes that have led them to this point.

That action is separate from the mediation issue.

The Patersons' dad, Jim, originally from Ayrshire, moved the family to Arran in 1996 to take on the lease

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The gang is all here at the Kilmory community party on Saturday night. 01\_A45front01

## All fright on the night

Hallowe'en stretched over several days on Arran this year. Falling on a Monday, schools and communities chose different days to hold their respective parties, which started last Thursday and continued over the weekend. But the *Banner* has been round the island recording all the events featured in a picture special inside. The scary fun starts on page 10.

Winners of the Pirnmill fancy dress costumes were Rosanna Weir, Beth Fearon and Poppy Murdoch.

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## Study into port options

The government is to set up an independent study into the relative merits of the two ports vying for the Arran ferry service.

It will look at the options of Ardrossan and Troon objectively, taking into account the local social and economic benefits and the impact on public spending, but principally, it insists, the needs of ferry users.

Full story – page 2.



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# The future of Arran's ferry route

A government study is to be carried out to consider potential mainland berthing options for the Arran ferry service, the minister for transport and the islands Humza Yousaf has announced.

It is the clearest sign yet that Troon's bid for the main Arran route is being taken seriously.

The study, which will be carried out in line with Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG), will be led by Transport Scotland. It will look at the options objectively, taking into account the local social and economic benefits and the impact on public spending, but principally the needs of ferry users. The output from the study will also help inform the scale and timing of the works at the selected mainland port.

The work will include consultation with key stakeholders, including the community on Arran, local councils and ferry passengers. Work to consider the options has already started, with a view to making a decision next spring on the choice of a mainland ferry terminal.

Mr Yousaf said: 'We have already made significant investments in the Arran ferry route, with a new vessel on the way as well as a major upgrade of Brodick Har-

## Study of potential options for crossing

bour. We now want to look at all the options available on the mainland to make sure we maximise the potential of the route. This study will look at potential work to improve Ardrossan Harbour, as well as the proposal from Associated British Ports to use an upgraded facility at Troon.

'We will engage closely with all relevant stakeholders in analysing the various berthing options on the mainland. I will travel to Arran to speak to the local community and hear their views on the service. I will also meet with both local councils, as well as Peel Ports and Associated British Ports.

'The Scottish Government is committed to supporting our lifeline ferry links. This study will help us continue to make sure the Arran ferry service is fit for purpose, while also getting the best value for the public purse.'

Meanwhile, fares for foot passengers and drivers would rocket if the Arran ferry was switched from Ardrossan to Troon, Peel Ports has claimed.

It says daily commuters who travel to work on

the service would be hardest hit, with foot passengers paying an extra £299 per year for a longer journey with poorer onward travel connections.

They say a car and a driver would have to fork out an extra £1,674.40, while a car carrying passengers could face an additional annual

bill of £2,493.40, on top of existing fares.

The distance on the Troon to Brodick route is 18.29 miles compared to 13.2 miles for the existing Ardrossan to Brodick route and, because of the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) formula used to calculate ferry fares, that 38 per cent increase would see passengers facing huge extra costs. Doug Coleman, project director of Peel Ports, said: 'Ardrossan to Brodick is unarguably the shortest and fastest route, but

it's also the cheapest. Local people would be facing a fares tsunami which puts into sharp relief the £50k sweetener floated by ABP in an attempt to persuade some locals.

'The impact on people's pockets will be dramatic, and at a time when thousands more visitors are being welcomed to Arran, in part because of the lower ferry fares, it would risk a major hit to the economy of the island if fares were to jump so significantly.'

Peel Ports has hit back at reports £30 million of public money will be required to upgrade Ardrossan Harbour.

Mr Coleman said: 'Local people deserve far better than anonymous and outlandish comments like those. We should be dealing in facts rather than made-up nonsense. We've already said that a long-term commitment to keep the service at Ardrossan will unlock a multi-million-pound private investment programme.'

## CalMac apologises after communication breakdown leaves cars stuck on quayside



The photograph which caused the furore on Facebook.

Ferry operator CalMac has apologised after a number of cars were left on the quayside, despite there being room on the ferry.

They said it was as a result of 'human error' after a photo showing a half empty vehicle deck was posted on Facebook leading to considerable anger. And it led to concerns being raised once again about the maximum vehicle carrying capacity being fully utilised on crossings.

Following a particularly busy crossing last weekend, when at least 16 unbooked vehicles were unable to be accommodated on the 11.5am sailing to Ardrossan, an undated photograph raised ire on Facebook as the image showed a large vacant space that could have accommodated a number of vehicles. Despite no further details regarding possible weights or height

issues with other vehicles on the sailing, discussions about the difficulties of obtaining a booking within two weeks also contributed to a fierce discussion on the forum. While some made the assertion that the ferry was not being fully utilised to the detriment of customer convenience, others suggested that the image might be misleading as other factors such as load line, weight and stability were not being taken into account.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'We apologise for vehicles that were left behind on this particular sailing. This was due to a breakdown in communication among staff managing boarding operations. Human error does occur from time to time and we are sorry for the inconvenience this caused passengers who had their journey disrupted.'

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# Government say mediation is private matter for parties

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of the 5,000-acre livestock farm with a 10-year limited partnership, which was passed on to the brothers in 2003. Dad Jim still lives at the farm.

The brothers had faced eviction having lost their security of tenure as a result of the infamous Salvesen Riddell court ruling.

As a result, Arran Estates has taken the chance to reclaim vacant possession and so far negotiations on a new lease have failed. But, with a new mediator in place, one to one negotiations should be able to resume.

The Scottish Tenant Farmers' Association had taken up the plight of the brothers and had written to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and the cabinet secretary for rural economy Fer-

gus Ewing asking them to intervene.

Speaking to *The Scottish Farmer* earlier this week, John said: 'After the legal action in 2013, the Scottish Government led us to believe that if we were to be evicted as a result of their mistake, there would be compensation. Now there's nothing.

'It's all very stressful. My father took a stroke eight years ago and had another when the eviction letter came in earlier this year due to the stress.

'We don't have any money and are selling all the stock and machinery in order to pay our debts. We are left high and dry.' Before the latest development brother Ian, speaking to *the BBC*, said: 'We're due to be evicted on No-

vember 28 and we've got more than 1,400 ewes and 100 cattle.

'I've got 78 breeding falcons that are all facilitated there,' he said.

A Scottish government spokesman said: 'Mediation is a private matter between parties. The Scottish Government is not a party to the mediation, and as such will not have any knowledge of the details of any mediation, including any outcome.

'It is extremely important that parties have the space and opportunity to engage in the mediation service in the way that works for them.'

*The Banner* spoke to dad Jim at the farm on Wednesday but were unable to contact the brothers who were in court in Edinburgh.



Glenree on the Ross Road is the farm at the centre of the row. 01\_A45farmer01

## Woodland plan

A public drop-in day will be held at the Douglas Hotel to discuss proposals for new woodland holiday accommodation on land near the hotel in Brodick.

The meeting, which will take place on Monday November 14 from 4pm till 7pm with a 15-minute presentation at 6pm will see the project design team, Peter Brett Associates, on hand to discuss the proposals and answer questions with illustrative material and technical details.

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# First HIT the Rock event proves a success

The hospitality industry on the island came together last Friday for the inaugural HIT the Rock event held at the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza.

It was organised by the Hospitality Industry Trust (HIT) Scotland which is a Fife-based charity whose mission is to assist people to achieve their potential within Scottish hospitality.

The event raised a total of £5,123, after expenses, through ticket sales, a prize

draw and auction. The main speaker for the evening was Jacqui Gale the chief executive of Arran Aromatics who spoke about the journey to rebrand the product range. Music was provided by Arran's own Emily Divine.

Since 1994 HIT Scotland has helped those training to enter the industry and those already within, to realise their full potential. This is achieved through bursaries, scholarships, the emerging



The team from the Douglas Hotel enjoy the dinner.

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talent conference and other industry initiatives. They run more than 25 events in Scotland every year and one in London. These events raise considerable sums which allow us to fulfil our objectives, and bring the industry together.

David Cochrane, chief executive HIT Scotland said: 'We were delighted with the enthusiasm and support of the inaugural HIT the Rock event. The quality of the planning, the venue and the overall hospitality shone through, and the industry really showed that they were up for a great

night out. We hope that this will encourage many more people to apply for an emerging talent scholarship that will be delivered either locally, nationally or internationally depending on the request. The in-

tention, based on the early feedback, will be to hold another event next year to showcase the learning from the scholarship and build on the success of this fantastic event.'

Anyone interested in the 2017 scholarship programme only has until November 25 to apply.



David Cochrane with speaker Jacqui Gale.

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## Election for community council

An election is to be held to select a new community councillor for Lochranza and Catacol.

Following the recent NAC notices inviting applications for the Arran Community Council this has met with a positive response.

The community council is allocated 12 positions as follows: Two members each for Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay and Shiskine Valley, with Pirmill, Lochranza/Catacol, Corrie/Sannox and the south end each having one position.

The council is pleased to note that all the villages will be fully supported to the limits stated and in Lochranza/Catacol interest was so strong that there will need to be an election to allow the residents to select their representative.

A local election process is arranged for Wednesday November 16 in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Two applicants, who must be registered on the electoral register for Lochranza and Catacol, will present their case to represent the villages on the council to the local residents.

A vote will then be held to elect their new representative. The successful applicants from all villages will meet for the first session of the new council on November 29. This will also be the agm at which the officers will be appointed. The agm will be followed by a short business meeting.



Emily Divine entertains at the event.



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# Arran cosmetics to go global

Arran Aromatics has relaunched its entire product range and customers have been flocking to the Brodick store and view and try the new-look products for themselves.

Out goes the aromatics name, with the product range simply called 'Arran'. Every soap, perfume and candle are now named after places on the island.

The Home Farm shop was the first in the country where customers could get their hands on the new range last Friday, and it was rolled out across the company's other seven Scottish stores this week.

Chief executive Jac-

qui Gale was on Arran last Friday for the launch and spoke to *The Banner* about the relaunch and what the future holds for the company.

Jacqui said: 'It has all come to life today and that is just lovely. We are all absolutely thrilled and everyone is very excited. It is the first time we have seen everything together. The shop is looking spectacular and we hope everyone will come and have a look.'

The new products all have a common theme, their names are associated with, and inspired by, the island, and every products formula has also been improved.



CEO Jacqui Gale, global sales director Danielle Wilder, and retail business manager Kim Reid with some of the new product range. 01\_A45look01



Shop manager Hazel Robertson, front, with shop staff Gillian McCrae and Mags Bulger, with Danielle and Jacqui. 01\_A45look02

The only 'old' name which remains is After the Rain. For example Glenashdale is the new name for Citrus Shores.

Added to this, all the packaging has been redesigned, plus there is the arrival of some new products.

A brand new Christmas range has also been launched on Arran, including an impressive new-look advent calendar, ahead of the seasonal products being available elsewhere.

Jacqui said: 'The new branding puts the company into a position to go international,' with talks already under way in Sweden, Nor-

way and Denmark, as well as Switzerland, which has previously been targeted. The company has already appointed distributors in the Middle East and Asia.

### Connect

But Jacqui said: 'While we want to take the products to the international market we wanted to connect everything to the island – the history, the scenery and even the water, which is so important to our products.'

While the new range will be available in stores south of the border, including John Lewis and House of Fraser, Jacqui also revealed

exciting plans to open the company's first shop in London, with Covent Garden the favoured location at the moment.

The company are also looking for a new location in Glasgow, and the Brodick shop will get a full makeover early next year.

Jacqui, who joined the company as CEO in March 2015, admitted: 'It has taken 18 months of hard work to get to this point and we could not have done it without the hard work and commitment of every one of our staff on Arran. We look forward to taking them on the next stage of our journey.'

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# Auchrannie hands over business to employees

The Auchrannie resort in Brodick is to transfer ownership to its employees.

All current shareholders have agreed to transfer their shares to an Employee Ownership Trust in order, it says, to protect the company's values and to ensure that Auchrannie will never be sold to a organisation which might not maintain these values.

The move was welcomed by workers and the wider community this week as it will give the 160 employees security of employment as well as share dividends in the future.

Established by Iain and Linda Johnston in 1988, Auchrannie currently remains under the ownership of the Johnston family and the business has an annual turnover of £7.3 million.

By transferring their shares to an Employee Ownership Trust, the current shareholders believe they will protect Auchrannie's contribution to its team and the island. They are also determined that the resort continues to be operated in accordance with Auchrannie's values.

Linda Johnston, co-founder and managing director of Auchrannie Resort, said of the move: 'Employee ownership will give the whole Auchrannie team a stake in the continued growth of the business and protect the ethos and values that are shared by everyone who works at Auchrannie.'

Linda and the rest of the Auchrannie team will remain in place and the day to day management and operation of the business will

not change. After the transfer is complete, the business will be controlled by an Employee Ownership Trust which will include team members.

The transition to employee ownership is being supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Co-operative Development Scotland and the process is being managed by Co-ownership Solutions LLP, which has been assisting businesses to transition to employee ownership for more than six years.

In 2014, the government brought in legislation allowing a business owner to sell their business to an employee trust completely free of capital gains tax and inheritance tax. The Auchrannie transfer is expected to complete by April 2017.

## Arran Active is shortlisted for award

Arran Active in Brodick has been shortlisted for an award for the Best Independent Retailer in The Great Outdoors Awards after being anonymously nominated. The outdoor retailer is owned by husband and wife team Andrew and Juliette Walsh, who only recently opened the store in Brodick during March this year after moving from their previous premises in Cladach.

'We had no idea we had even been nominated,' explained Andrew, 'but we are very grateful. It is recognition of the hard work of all our staff over the years to build the business, as well as the great loyalty and support of all our customers. And we think it is also a wonderful reflection of Arran's growing popularity with walkers and all outdoors enthusiasts.'

The awards, organised by *The Great Outdoors* magazine, aim to celebrate the best of the UK outdoors community and they also host The Gear of the Year Awards.

The winners of the various categories will be revealed at a ceremony held at the Kendal Mountain Festival later this month, the largest gathering of outdoor enthusiasts in the UK.

Shortlisted finalists are nominated by readers and the public can vote for their favourite online by navigating to [www.tgomagazine.co.uk/awards/](http://www.tgomagazine.co.uk/awards/) where Arran Active is listed along with other independent retailers such as Crickhowell Adventure and the Keswick Boot Company. Voting closes on Thursday November 10 and the winners will be announced at the Kendal Mountain Festival on Wednesday November 16.

## Lost purse

A Canadian visitor has appealed for help in recovering her purse which was lost in the vicinity of Blackwaterfoot last week. The purse is soft, light brown and contains a sum of money as well as bank cards and a Canadian visa as well as the owner's details. Krista would be delighted to hear from anyone who may have found it. She can be reached on 07583 415137.



Laurie Campbell, front row second from the right, received the well wishes of members of the kirk session, including Dr Robert Buchanan, senior elder, seated, the Rev Lily McKinnon and Ian Watt, session clerk.

## Church elder retires

The Kirk Session at Lamlash Church of Scotland has paid tribute to the work of Laurie Campbell, who is taking a back seat after 47 years of faithful service as an elder.

Laurie was ordained in Newlands South Church in Glasgow in 1969 and joined the session in Lamlash Church in 1994. His tireless work has been greatly appreciated by all those whom he visits regularly and by his fellow elders for his weekly assistance on the finance committee, his contribution to session meetings, his commitment to the work of the church and his meticulous arrangements for the celebration of the sacrament of communion.

Throughout his years of service, Laurie has been ably supported by his wife, Morag, who also assists in the communion preparations. Elders and members of the church wished Laurie a long and happy retirement and hope that he can now look forward to having the luxury of not being last out of the church every Sunday.

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# Family affair as Glenkiln Hydro is switched on

The new Glenkiln Hydro power plant was officially opened last Friday.

Around 50 invited guests enjoyed a trip on the Mogabout along the 4.2 kilometre new road to the top of the Lamlash hydro scheme.

As reported in last week's *Banner* the scheme is the brainchild of farmer Kenneth Bone, and the 500kw scheme will power as many as 500 houses on the island.

At the opening ceremony, Mr Bone thanked everyone who had helped bring

the project to fruition, while Neil McGeogh, managing director of the joint venture partner, MEG Renewables, also spoke of his pleasure at being involved with the scheme.

The guests then gathered around the powerhouse to watch the next generation of the Bone family – Hannah, Euan and Cameron – perform the official switch on of the scheme, which has been producing electricity since July.

Mr Bone said: 'It was good to celebrate the achievement with everyone who has been involved with the project.'

The scheme, which is connected to the National Grid, is harnessing the water of the Benlister Burn and three of its tributaries and will supply as much as 15 per cent of the island's electricity.



Hannah, Euan and Cameron perform the official switch on. 01\_A45hydro05



The Bone family pictured in the powerhouse at the official opening. Inset: Mr Bone speaking at the official opening. 01\_A45hydro04 and 01\_A45hydro07



Some of the guests at the top inlet of the hydro scheme. 01\_A45hydro01



Guests listen as Mr Bone recounts the history of the project. 01\_A45hydro03

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Sweet smell of success

It may be the season of dark and dastardly days around Hallowe'en but on Arran it has been exactly the opposite. For it is a long time since a single day produced so much positivity to scare any business gloom away.

Last Friday saw the culmination of two very different multi-million-pound projects launched on the same day – Glenkiln Hydro power scheme and the relaunch of Arran Aromatics (with the aromatics in its name now dropped) – but a global market awaiting the new products. Both show a commitment to the island and its people and are initiatives which can only help bring renewed prosperity.

And it did not stop there. On the same day, the Auchrannie Resort told staff they were handing over hotel to them in a generous move aimed at securing employment for their workers and giving them share dividends down the line.

When the Auchrannie started back in 1988, Arran's economy and the tourism industry were struggling. Quality accommodation, eating places and visitor attractions were few and far between, while wet weather facilities were non-existent. There was no distillery, brewery, chocolate or cheese shop. The tourism season started at Easter and finished at the end of September when all the businesses closed and the locals headed off for their annual break.

Today, the island is a far more vibrant and lively place, a better place to live and an important year-round tourist destination. This is certainly due in part to the Auchrannie Resort, but it also reflects the other fine work being achieved across the island.

That achievement was celebrated at yet another event last Friday – the first HIT Scotland dinner, which Visit-Arran helped make such a success.

They offer scholarships to the hospitality industry to teach the next generation how to excel in the sector and that is something Arran is keen to tap into.

So let's enjoy the achievements of the island in the past few days in the knowledge that the future is already looking bright as well.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.' (Romans 12: 9-10)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Serious consideration

Sir,  
I agree with most of your editorial in last week's *Arran Banner* on the discussion of the relative merits of Ardrossan and Troon.

Two things strike me, as an old cynic. The first is that competition is a great thing. There is nothing like a bit of it to awake the sleepers – I refer chiefly to the Peel Ports management. The second is the attitude of the politicians in North Ayrshire – of all colours – who have come out in favour of Ardrossan. I wonder why?

I have no doubt that they are sincere in their views but they are swayed inevitably by the fact that their mainland voters will be 95 per cent in favour of Ardrossan, so impartiality is simply not on the agenda and this applies to people with many vested interests, here and on the mainland.

The case against Ardrossan has always been that the harbour entrance is not fit for purpose, because it is poorly protected from winds and swell.

It would cost multiple millions to redesign and protect it and therefore will not happen.

But is Troon any better in bad weather and, if so, how much better? Would it be worth a longer journey time if the boat is able to sail 20 per cent more often to Troon than Ardrossan?

We need experts and people with real local knowledge who have no axes to grind to give opinions. It is my opinion that Arran deserves a more reliable ferry service than it has. Tourism is increasingly a year-round industry and RET has increased demand. It is up to our politicians to deliver a more reliable service, and this hinges on good

harbours, good boats and good seamen.

We have good seamen, we are going to have a good boat. Now we need a good destination harbour and if Troon can give guarantees of good access in bad weather, it should be given serious consideration.

Yours,  
**John Cruickshank,  
Whiting Bay.**

### Facts please

Sir,  
In the weeks leading up to June 23, 2016, both Remainers and Brexiteers alike promised all manner of scenarios. Come June 24, the sun still shone, the sky hadn't fallen in, the banks hadn't crashed and pestilence didn't stalk the land. However, neither were we living in the land of milk and honey either.

Both prior to, and following, the EU referendum the most common complaint from the electorate was, and is, a lack of hard facts from both sides of the argument. I now see this situation creeping into the Ardrossan vs Troon debate. Bland statements such as 'the weather at Ardrossan is the same as the weather at Troon' lead nowhere. We know that. What we need to know is how this 'same' weather affects each port?

Likewise, we all know that berthing at Ardrossan is a problem in certain conditions, but the comment that Gourock is used because Troon has the same problems as Ardrossan doesn't stack up. What head of finance would prefer the ferry to make a slightly longer crossing to a port where the company would have to pay to berth, rather than taking a two-hour cruise up the Clyde to a berth that it owns?

If there is to be a debate, can we please have facts,

not statements? It is also interesting that despite years of weather-induced ferry cancellations, shortly after another potential player enters the game, the owner of Ardrossan now says it will improve the port.

Yours,  
**PW Yates,  
Catacol.**

### A long wait

Sir,  
Before I go on to criticise NHS administration, can I say that the treatment I have had while in hospital both on the island and the mainland has been second to none.

However, my experience of waiting to see a consultant must be something of a record.

Taken ill on the mainland earlier in the year, I was first admitted to Crosshouse and then transferred to the Golden Jubilee in Glasgow for treatment. I was then returned to Crosshouse before discharge a couple of days later.

At the beginning of May, I received a letter giving me an appointment to see the consultant in late September.

At the beginning of August I received another letter to say the appointment had been cancelled and that they would be in touch shortly.

On making inquiries, I was told the clinic had been cancelled due to staff shortages.

Last week, October 23, I received a letter with my new appointment for 4.10pm on July 25, 2017 – yes, that is right, next July – some 14 months after the original appointment letter. To rub salt in, the last paragraph asked me to phone immediately if the appointment wasn't suitable.

I phoned, pointed out that I lived on Arran and said

that given ferry timetables a late afternoon appointment could pose travel problems as a) it wasn't always possible to be seen early (even if you told them where you came from) and b) more often than not clinics ran late as the day wore on.

I was told: 'I doubt if the booking system realised you live on Arran,' so now my appointment is on hold and my 14-month wait may in fact be longer.

I'm glad to say the treatment given at the Golden Jubilee and the aftercare given by the medical staff here on the island has got me back as to near normal as one can get at my age. As to the consultant's appointment, let's wait and see, just hope St Peter (or the devil) doesn't beckon first.

Yours,  
**Peter Randell,  
Whiting Bay.**

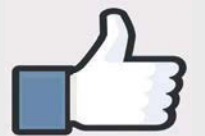
### Woodland cemetery

Sir,  
Regarding the lack of cemetery places in Arran, should the powers-that-be not consider a woodland cemetery?

Woodland cemeteries can be beautiful, easily accessible and capable of extension.

I have only ever been to one woodland garden burial, in Hexham. It was a beautiful and uplifting place.

Yours,  
**Tony Baboolal,  
Lochranza.**



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# Acclaimed musicians make welcome return

Husband and wife duo Gjordje and Andrea Gajic should be well known to Arran music fans. Gjordje – a brilliant accordionist – has been here twice. The first time he came he was accompanied by Andrea, who is equally brilliant on the violin.

The good news is that they are going to play here again under the name Ad Libitum, on Saturday November 19, at 7.30pm in Brodick Hall.

Seating for the concert, organised by the Arran Music Society, will again be in the popular café style, and members of the audience can bring a bottle.

Gjordje, originally from Serbia, studied the accordion in Russia, graduating from the Russian Academy of Music in 1993 with a Master of Music degree and the Honorary Title, 'solo performer'. This is a huge achievement, as the accordion is very important in Russia.

## Top quality

Andrea has studied in Russia, too, and also at St Mary's Music School in Edinburgh, where she now teaches.

Both are well known and acclaimed internationally. They have a wide repertoire and their programme

in Brodick will include music ranging from Brahms to Bartok, with some lively items from Eastern Europe.

The performances of these two virtuosi have been hailed as 'dazzling', 'wonderful', and 'breath-taking'. Those who come along on November 19 will have a chance to experience this for themselves.

Tickets are available on the door on the night, in advance from Inspirations of Arran in Brodick, or online from [www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com)

Children, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free.

John Roberts



Gjordje and Andrea Gajic will be performing in Brodick Hall on November 19.

## League to hold coffee morning

The Hospital Supporters' League is holding a coffee morning on Saturday November 12 in the Whiting Bay village hall from 10.30am till noon to raise funds.

Since last year's coffee morning the league has spent a total of £5,472.61, all from the generosity of the people of the island.

Secretary Sheila MacLeod said: 'We were particularly pleased to be able to provide chairs for the Shiskine surgery and a blood pressure monitor for the community nurses.'

'The chairs give note to the regular support we receive from the west side of the island. The BP monitor was a response from a donor who was appreciative of the care they received from the district nurses.'

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## Affordable housing is proposed for Whiting Bay

An affordable housing development of 12 detached and semi-detached houses could be built on a piece of vacant land above Whiting Bay if planning permission is granted by the North Ayrshire Council planning department.

The development, which will be based on a shared equity scheme that will see the new owners owning around 60 per cent of the property and a trust owning the remainder, could be built on the site owned by the applicant, which is situated to the south of Golf Course Road.

The applicant is named as Mr A and Mrs S Macleod of Creag Dhubh, Whiting Bay, who will enlist the

help of solicitor Stephen MacGregor in creating the trust. Mr Macgregor advised the Scottish Government on this type of scheme in the early 2000s. The trust to be set up by the applicant will administer the sale of the shared ownership properties which are aimed at working families and couples who are struggling to find affordable houses on Arran.

The projected market value of the houses will be between £200,000 and £250,000, thus 60 per cent would be between £120,000 and £150,000, which the application says would allow working families on the island to secure a mortgage and get themselves into the

housing market. The buyers would be obliged to sell the properties back to the trust to prevent them becoming holiday homes.

To create a courtyard feel, the houses will be laid out around a central amenity space and will feature a small front and rear garden. It is proposed that one of the 12 properties will be of a bespoke design where the developer will live and that the sale of the phased units will fund the development of further units.

A neighbour notification has been sent to the 15 neighbours who could potentially be affected by the development and the application is under consideration by planning officials.

## Friends learn about Eco Savvy

The Friends of Brodick Castle held their latest meeting on Wednesday October 19 in the castle tearoom.

The speaker was Barbara I'Anson of Eco Savvy in Whiting Bay. Barbara was a very enthusiastic speaker and she highlighted various projects, past, present and future with which Eco Savvy is involved.

The Eco Savvy shop is self funding and was opened in 2013 to provide the community with an outlet and resource for up-cycling goods. They also provide workshops for interested people to learn about up-cycling items to give them a new lease of life.

This year the charity organised Zero

Waste Arran 2016 and involved many of the island's schools in projects and workshops.

An exciting new venture is the development of Arran Eco Park and Centre and Barbara was eager to share the plans and hopes for this site, which lies between Lamlash and Whiting Bay. This will be a centre for leisure, learning, health and recreation for all abilities on Arran and will include a swimming pool, play areas, green composting, poly tunnels for growing produce, and a cafe.

The friends' next meeting is the agm on Wednesday November 16 at 2.30pm in the castle tearoom.

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# Ghostly sightings an



Four-month-old Tauriel with her 16-month-old sister Eowyn join mum Donna Fallows and dad Kevin Young at the Whiting Bay Primary Hallowe'en party. 01\_B45halloween03



Katie Furze shows off her prize-winning witch costume that mum Karen made for her. 01\_B45halloween04



Brodick Primary P1, P2 and P3's enjoyed a Hallow



Whiting Bay pupils show off their costumes for the judges for the best-dressed competition. 01\_B45halloween06



Children enjoying the traditional Hallowe'en games at Whiting Bay. 01\_B45halloween05

Five-year-old Charlotte Lambie won a prize for her Cruella de Vil costume. 01\_B45halloween16



Children enjoy a Hallowe'en disco at Whiting Bay Primary School. 01\_B45halloween09



Thorin Park puts on his best scary face for mum Kirsty. 01\_B45halloween07



# and ghoulish goings-on



Hallowe'en day with traditional games. 01\_B45halloween01



Staff at Brodick Castle dressed as scary characters for The House on the Hill fright night at the castle last Friday which was fully booked.



Corrie Primary School pupils and teachers dressed up for their Hallowe'en party. 01\_B45halloween11



Some children opted for princess outfits instead of scarier options. 01\_B45halloween15



Brodick Primary P4, P5, P6 and P7 pupils celebrated Hallowe'en with a disco. 01\_B45halloween02



Ben Worthington dressed as a mafia gangster at the Whiting Bay Hallowe'en party. 01\_B45halloween10



Depute head Quinton Black presents Whiting Bay pupils with a best-dressed prize. 01\_B45halloween08



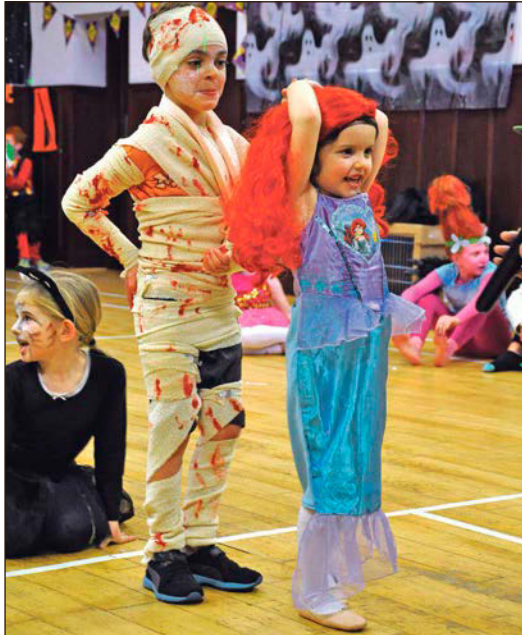
Corrie Primary pupils take part in traditional Hallowe'en games. 01\_B45halloween12



Hayley Clugston of Corrie gets into the spirit of the donut eating contest. 01\_B45halloween13



# 'Frightful' fun at Arran



Archie Gunaydi and Cara Henderson line up for the Shiskine best-dressed competition.

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Cathy Welsh and other parents were convinced to take part in the apple dooking games. 01\_B45halloween34



Traditional games at Shiskine saw children dooking for apples. 01\_B45halloween33



Sweet treats were on offer for those taking part in the Hallowe'en games in Shiskine.

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Uilleann Hendry dressed as Beetlejuice checks his costume after dooking for apples. 01\_B45halloween38



Poppy Murdoch of Pirnmill with her prize-winning pumpkin. 01\_B45halloween28



The Brodick early years children get into the spirit at their Hallowe'en party



Traditional games were enjoyed by all at Shiskine Hall. 01\_B45halloween37



Little Tod McNeish dressed up a dinosaur at Kilmory. 01\_A45halloween

# n's Hallowe'en parties



...y in Brodick Hall.



Eddie and Andrea Picken are a gruesome sight behind the Kilmory hall bar.

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Lewis Thompson won the pumpkin competition at Kilmory.

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Cara Henderson dressed as Ariel from Frozen.

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Jenny Monteith makes a scary sight.

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Prize-winners at the Kilmory party on Saturday night.

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Showing originality and innovation Medusa and Beast in a Cage won the fancy dress competition in Shiskine.

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Kirsten Weir organised the fun games at the Pirnmill Hallowe'en party.

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Pirnmill children took great delight in playing wrap the mummy at Pirnmill.

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# Ghoulish goings-on



Pirate family Ali and Rayne Gold enjoy a snack with mum Jessy Norman. 01\_B45halloween18



Warran Jackson, six, was spotted in Lamlash dressed as a Scream character. 01\_B45halloween19



Lamlash early years enjoyed a Hallowe'en treasure hunt in the woods and are pictured with teachers Mairi Inglis, Nancy Bremner and Catherine Scott.

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Pirnmill ghosts, ghouls and goblins prepare for their Hallowe'en games.

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Residents at Montrose House were thrilled with the costumes of the visiting guisers. 01\_B45halloween22



Young guisers at Montrose House perform for the residents. 01\_B45halloween25



An assortment of clown, ninjas and Men in Black were spotted in Lamlash. 01\_B45halloween17



Hollie Dwyer enjoyed her chocolate covered apple at Montrose House Hallowe'en party. 01\_B45halloween23

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# Antiquarians hear of work being done to research the history of Ardrossan Castle

Our knowledge of Ardrossan Castle is limited to a ruin on a mount glimpsed from the train window on leaving Ardrossan Town station, writes *Norma Davidson*.

A visit from three members of the Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society generated an audience of more than 60 Arran Antiquarians and visitors, who were very keen to learn more.

Pat, Martin and George, suitably attired in their heritage society shirts, respectively introduced the talk, outlined the history of the castle and spoke about the ruins of the old church on Castle Hill. Pat Breen, their chairman, explained that after a public meeting in Ardrossan Civic Centre, the group was formed to promote conservation work on the site and to address the lamentable lack of awareness by the local population and schools, in particular.

Formed in 2012, the group, after four years, had published a great little book, *Ardrossan Castle, history, myths and legends*, produced an education pack for schools, set up a Facebook page, persuaded the local authority to make the stonework of the castle safe, given lectures and this

year held a very successful medieval-themed Ardrossan Carnival.

Martin Kostigovs gave us an outline of the history of the castle. After David the 1st was crowned King of Scotland following a long war with Gaelic rivals in 1124, he invited 1,000 Anglo-Norman nobility to settle in Scotland. He granted them lands taken from Scots who were a threat to his rule or who were 'malcontents'. One such, Hugh de Morville, built Irvine Castle. Kilwinning Abbey was built by his son and the de Barclay family, under Richard Barclay, Lord of Ardrossan, founded Ardrossan Castle in 1140.

The building itself was in four distinct phases. Phase one was a building of grey sandstone surrounded by a dry moat. The walls were 11 feet thick and the gatehouse 17 feet high. One stone shows early Christian signs from the 12th century and there is a deep well with stepped access.

Phase two, a gatehouse and a first floor, were added. There were signs of a portcullis. Phase three, the large entrance door, was blocked up and as small postern gate added. The keep was heightened, windows add-

ed and the evidence of floor levels was seen.

There is evidence of a 14th to 15th century Gothic fireplace and defensive measures.

Phase four, the postern doorway, was blocked off, arrow slits and gun ports are evident, and there are remnants of the kitchen.

When excavations were taking place for the railway line, a midden and burial cists from the 600s-700s were found.

Martin outlined all the de Barclay lairds of Ardrossan from Richard in 1140 through to Godfrey in 1357 who died with no heir. In 1648, Cromwell's troops blew up the castle and stone was removed to build the Citadel in Ayr. By 1689, it was described as being a ruin and so it remained.

Some incumbents of the title Lord of Ardrossan deserve a mention: Godfrey de Ardrossan (1296) subscribed to the Ragman's Roll, Fergus (1297) was with William Wallace at the Battle of Stirling Bridge, Fergus and Robinus (1304) submitted to Edward 1st of England and were imprisoned until 1315. In 1316, he received a charter from Robert de Bruce granting land in Ardrossan and



**Pat Breen, chairman, George McGrattan, committee member, and Martin Kostigovs, trustee of the Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society, delivered the presentation to the antiquarians.** 01a\_B43antiq03



**A packed Brodick Hall hosted the Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society talk.**

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Dalry. He was killed in Ireland fighting with Edward Bruce and was buried there. In 1320, another Fergus signed the Declaration of Arbroath urging the Pope to recognise Scotland's independence.

George McGrattan then spoke to us about the church on the Castle Hill which was blown down in a storm in 1695. Excavation in 1911 found a stone coffin inside which can now be seen in the Heritage Centre in Saltcoats. This old church dedicated to St Peter, a Roman Catholic church until the Reformation, was replaced by a new church, St Peter-in-Chains (constructed in 1938), which we all see today on the Ardrossan coast road.

A badly-worn memorial stone commemorates the last baron of the original

race, Sir Fergus Barclay of Ardrossan, dated between 1250 and 1330 approximately. He was known as The Deil o' Ardrossan, who had made a pact with the devil to be the perfect horseman. His son, left in the castle one day, escaped on a horse, was thrown and the child died. Fergus then killed his wife and left with a favourite servant, fleeing to Ailsa Craig and Kildonan. On his death he was buried in the hide of a bull in the sand at Kildonan. Legend has it that as the sand eroded, his body floated away and beached a few hundred yards from his castle. The reality is he was likely brought to Ardrossan by boat at night. He was subsequently buried and the memorial stone shows two sets of arms, the Lion Rampant of Scotland and the crossed

pates of the Barclays with the rings of the Eglintons, connected by marriage.

One amusing anecdote was that the Privy Council met at Ardrossan on June 18, 1546. As Mary, the Queen, was only four years old, James Hamilton, the Earl of Arran, acted for her in a dispute between the MacDonald and Campbell parties. His judgment was that they be instructed to stop fighting for a fortnight. Of course, Arran at the time was part of the domain of the Lords of the Isles.

It was all so fascinating that George has offered to come back again in 2018 to continue.

The next meeting will be in Brodick Hall on Monday, November 21, at 2 pm when John Jackson will speak on the books of Arran. Visitors are always welcome.

# Arran MP secures victory in nuisance calls campaign

Patricia Gibson has welcomed moves by the UK Government to clamp down on nuisance calls by changing the law following a long campaign by the North Ayrshire and Arran MP.

Mrs Gibson's Unsolicited Marketing Communications (company directors): ten-minute rule bill was introduced to Parliament in September and included provisions to hold company bosses personally responsible for nuisance calls, by giving the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) the power to take action against named company directors found to have made unsolicited marketing calls in breach of the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003.

Following the debate in Westminster, UK Ministers have now agreed to Mrs Gibson's demand to end the scourge of nuisance calls by legislating for company directors to be fined up to £500,000 each if they are found to be in breach of the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations.

Prior to this, only businesses were liable for fines, many of which try to escape paying nuisance call penalties by declaring bankruptcy – a practice known as phoenixing – only to open up again under a new name.

Mrs Gibson said: 'Nuisance callers blight our society and cause significant distress, particularly to elderly and vulnerable people, including many of my

constituents who live on Arran. Such harassment is unacceptable, which is why since my election last year I have vigorously pursued a positive resolution to this issue.

'I am delighted that the government will now legislate and introduce the measures proposed in the ten-minute rule bill I brought forward.

'This will be an important step in tackling nuisance calls as company directors cannot now escape the consequences of their unlawful actions. The measure will come into force from spring 2017.'

Darren Shirley, campaigns manager of Which? added: 'This is a massive victory and would not have happened without Patricia

Gibson MP's support. It's good to see the government has listened.

'This legislation will stop rogues dodging fines for bombarding consumers with nuisance calls and side-stepping the rules by closing one business and

re-establishing a new one.' To date, fines totalling almost £3.7 million have been issued to companies behind nuisance marketing.

This year alone, the ICO has fined firms responsible for more than 70 million calls and nearly 8 million

spam text messages. Over 114,000 nuisance calls and texts were reported to ICO in the first nine months of 2016.

To report a nuisance call visit the ICO website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or call their helpline on 0303 123 1113.

## MP signs autism pledge

North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson recently attended the launch at Westminster of Ambitious about Autism's new report, *When will we learn?*

She signed a four-point pledge to improve the education system for children and young people with autism so they don't miss out at school.

The report looks at the impact of the education system when it fails children and young people with autism and their families. Many families are struggling to get the right support for their children and young people, who, as a result, are not receiving the education they are entitled to.

Mrs Gibson said: 'Children and young people with autism should get the education they are entitled to, without their families having to struggle.

'I'm supporting Ambitious about Autism's *When will we learn?* campaign and I'm signing the pledge because I believe that all children deserve access to an education that helps them make the best of themselves and their futures.'

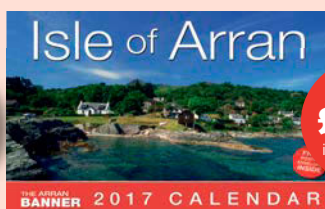


MP Patricia Gibson signs the pledge.

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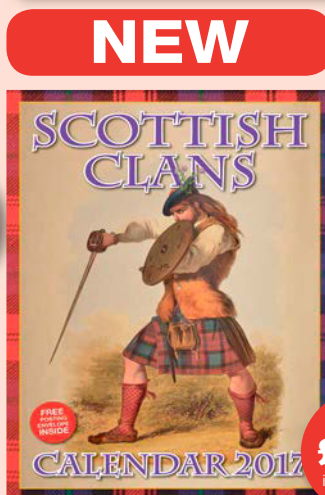
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## Popular jazz quartet show

One of Scotland's most popular jazz quartets are playing at the Altachorvie in Lamlash on Friday November 11.

The core of JazzMain have played together for 12 years with 'new boy', bass player Iain Harkness, joining three years ago.

The band is a continual top draw at jazz festivals in Scotland and Ireland, and this year they performed at

the Edinburgh Fringe, adding to their appearances at the Bute, Callander and Lockerbie jazz festivals, amongst many others.

The band focuses on west coast 'cool' jazz, evoking memories of some of the great 'blue note' era jazz of Art Blakey, Hank Mobley and so many others of a period that defined easy listening, melodic jazz.

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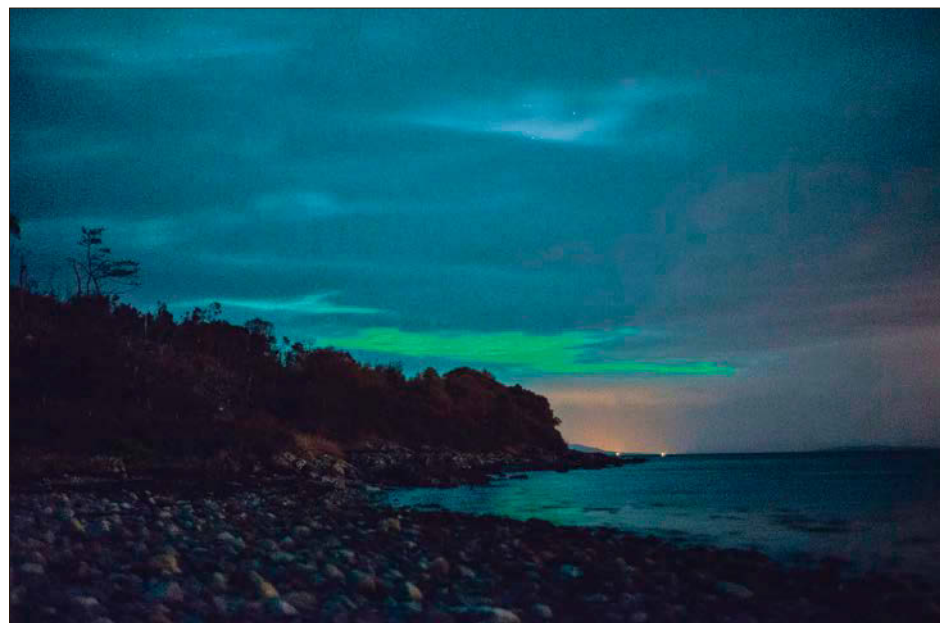
# Aurora puts on light show over Arran

A landscape and natural phenomena photographer from Sannox has captured a beautiful and colourful aurora over Sannox and Brodick Bay.

The images taken by Glen Sloss last Wednesday around 9pm capture the incredible light show caused by electrically charged particles released from the sun entering the Earth's atmosphere and colliding with oxygen and nitrogen gases.

'It wasn't that easy to see the aurora in Brodick because of the bright lights at the pier and the lit fishery protection vessel in the bay,' Glen said.

Glen, who often ventures out at night and in stormy weather to capture images of the aurora and other natural phenomena, also hosts a weather station at [www.arranweather.com](http://www.arranweather.com) and exhibits his photographs at [www.glensloss.com](http://www.glensloss.com).



The aurora as seen from Sannox beach.

## Entries sought for writing award

An Ayrshire-based writing award group is looking for Arran writers to submit a fictional story based on the theme of 'The times they are a-changing' to be in line to win a cash prize of £200.

Robin Whyte, who sadly died in 2015, was a much respected Irvine lawyer and a talented creative writer of poetry, lyrics and prose, as well as an erudite and witty after-dinner speaker, not least as a past-president

of the prestigious Irvine Burns Club.

As an accolade to Robin's creativity, an appropriate trophy was sponsored by friends from the United States and locally commissioned, along with a generous annual cash prize of £200 for a fictional piece of creative writing of 1,000 to 2,000 words.

There was an encouraging response to last year's competition and the topic chosen for this year's

award is a very current theme given Bob Dylan's recent Nobel Prize for literature and one that hopefully offers scope for a variety of interpretation.

Entries are invited from local writers, Ayrshire-based or -born, amateur or professional, of 16 years of age and over.

The closing date is Wednesday November 30. Interested writers can contact George Watson on [geowat110@gmail.com](mailto:geowat110@gmail.com).

## A day at the Isle of Arran distillery

The October meeting of Corrie and Sannox SWI was held at the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza on Thursday October 13.

### History

A warm welcome and an excellent talk from Billy Paton, including a dram of 14-year-old malt, or a 'driver's dram' for later, were followed by a seat in the cottage to view a video of the history of whisky distilling in general and of

the distillery in particular. What an asset it is to the village and to the island.

A second tasting, this time of the famed and very morish Arran Gold was enjoyed by all, even the drivers. Afternoon tea, scones, chocolate coconut cake, lammingtons and millionaire's shortbread got full marks from the rural ladies.

Vicki's vote of thanks expressed the feelings of all as we repaired to the shop

for early Christmas gifts.

Their next meeting, on Thursday November 10 at 2pm, will be Unfinished Symphonies. It will bring together work in progress and work which has lain dormant for some time.

### Annual rally

A busy day for all, as the annual rally will be held in Kinloch Hotel the same evening.

It is hoped that members will manage both.



The northern mountains and Brodick Bay is illuminated by the aurora.

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Saturday 9 November, 1996

Hallowe'en night was wet and miserable. Not quite as miserable as bonfire night, though, which saw many events postponed because of the heavy rain. But nothing puts off guisers, not even the heaviest of rains. *The Arran Banner* prowled the streets and villages on Hallowe'en and discovered the hardest of guisers in all shapes and forms.



While other villages cancelled or postponed their bonfire nights due to the heavy rain, the Brodick event went ahead with children struggling to keep their sparklers going. b45twe05



Young riders at Cairnhouse Riding Centre enjoyed traditional Hallowe'en games instead of lessons on Saturday, all on horseback of course. b45twe08



St Trinian's girls in Lamlash were Leanne McGarry, Jenni Campbell, Gillian MacFadzean, Holly Carpenter and Jenna Thompson. b45twe07



Lining up for the judging, Arran High School rector Iain Murray awarded the prizes to Rowan Rhead as a pirate and Debbie Lammie as the devil. b45twe04



David Harper as Father Ted with Keiran Kerry Ryan, Jonathan Welsh and Alex Kenny as Rob Roy, William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. b45twe01



Brodick guisers Mary Keir, Alex Basford, Cara Cook, Penny Raeburn and Rebecca Bell. b45twe02



Indoors at Kilmory, Rachel Sym dooks for apples while Gregor Adamson watches on. b45twe03

# What's on

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## Everyday

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

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

## Saturday 5th November

Army Cadets  
Over 21s disco  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Live music  
Blackwaterfoot Bowls  
Flow yoga  
Live music - Used Blues  
RNLI Christmas shop  
Live music - Jonnie Scotland  
Save the Children Christmas fair  
Lamlash bonfire night

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm  
9.30am - 11am  
9.30am - 12 noon  
Fiddlers, Brodict from 7.30pm  
Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm  
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm  
Brodict Hall, 10.30am - 1pm  
Lamlash Front Green, 7pm

## Sunday 6th November

Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'  
AA meeting  
Live music - Simple October  
Taigi & Oigong  
Live music - Used Blues

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

## Monday 7th November

Over 50s badminton  
Badminton  
Morning fitness  
Badminton  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets rReception  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Circuit training  
Lamlash Aerobix  
RunArran  
Tae Kwondo  
Arran bridge  
Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau  
Live music  
Arran Community Land AGM and curry night

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm  
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm  
Whiting bay golf club, 7.30pm

## Tuesday 8th November

Pop quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth club  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Rotary club  
Healthy Outdoors  
Blackwaterfoot Bowls  
RunArran run coaching  
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)  
Open cricket session  
Lamlash Drama Club  
Flow yoga  
Live music  
Garden walk  
Metafit  
Scottish country dancing  
Winter bowls

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm  
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Lamlash, 5.30pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Brodict Astro Turf 7pm-9pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm  
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm  
Brodict Castle, 2pm - 3pm  
Arran High School, 6pm  
Brodict, Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm

## Wednesday 9th November

Rock and pop bingo  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass rehearsal  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7-9pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm

Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service  
RunArran  
Yoga-Arran  
Live music  
Unplugged music night  
Drift Inn quiz  
Mixed hockey  
Dog classes  
Flow yoga  
Bus Pass club meal  
Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall AGM

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 5.30pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Lamlash, 9pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm  
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm  
The PHT, 12 noon - 2.30pm  
Village hall, 7pm

## Thursday 10th November

Morning fitness  
General knowledge quiz  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Live music  
Ladies hockey  
RUNFIT  
Burger and quiz night  
Winter bowls  
Tennis senior club night  
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit  
Arran bridge  
Quilt Arran  
Flow yoga  
Chair yoga  
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers  
RUNFIT  
Brodict Embroidery Group  
Thursday Club

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am  
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm  
Balmichael Centre, 7pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am - 11.30am  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Lamlash Green, 6.45am  
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 2pm

## Friday 11th November

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

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm  
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THE DOUGLAS HOTEL, ARRAN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION  
EVENING – 14TH NOVEMBER 2016  
4PM TO 7PM IN THE DOUGLAS HOTEL

Proposed new woodland holiday accommodation on land adjacent to the Douglas Hotel, Brodick, Isle of Arran. The event is open to all. The project design team will be on hand to discuss the proposals and answer questions with illustrative material and technical details. It should be noted that the proposals are at an early stage in their development and the purpose of the information evening is to hear the views of interested parties before the designs progress to planning application stage.

In addition, a 15-minute presentation by the project team will take place at 6pm to provide an opportunity for those attending to hear the vision for the project and understand the evolution of the design to date. We hope that you can come along to hear our exciting plans for the new woodland holiday accommodation.

Further information may be obtained from Peter Brett Associates, 160 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2HG. Tel. 0141 352 2360.

Persons wishing to make comments on the proposal should do so by 21st November 2016 to Peter Brett Associates, 160 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2HG.

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**Sunday 6th November**  
Holy Communion 11am  
Mrs Janis Gallagher  
Coffee after service  
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Mrs Jean Hunter  
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**Sunday 6th November**

North Arran Churches Linkage Joint Communion Service in Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall 11am, followed by snack lunch. There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.  
Corrie Church, 7pm  
Thanksgiving Service for Communion.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 6th November**  
Rev Lily McKinnon  
Kilmory 10 am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
In both Churches:  
Sacrament of Communion  
In Lamlash:  
Sacrament of Baptism  
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**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(Charity Number: SC014005)  
**Sunday 6th November**  
The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.  
The Young People's Church will meet as usual in the Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.  
There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm.  
All welcome

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Sunday 6th November**  
Sunday Mass 11am

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)  
Communion Weekend Preparatory Service,  
**Saturday 5th November**  
at 7pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick  
**Sunday 6th November**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at close of morning service.  
Evening Service. 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
Thanksgiving Service, 7pm  
Hazlebank, Pirmill  
All welcome.

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 6th November**  
Service 11am  
at Ormidale Pavilion  
Tea and Coffee after the service.  
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.  
Contact phone no 600222  
Everyone warmly invited

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick 6pm in ORMIDALE PAVILION (due to renovations at church)  
Rev David Taylor

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRINEDS, QUAKERS**

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**DEATH**

**CROSSLEY - JENNY**

Peacefully at Cooriedoon Care Home on Sunday, 30th October 2016. Jenny, aged 85 years, beloved wife of Davie. Funeral service at Firlea, Kilmory on Wednesday, 9th November at 12 noon and thereafter to Kilmory Cemetery to which all are welcome. Family flowers only please.



Arran Ladies' Golf Union players Ann May, Mary Jo Tod, Yvonne Brothers and Susan Butchard.



**Lamlash Golf Club**  
Thursday October 27, last day of nine-hole competi-

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**MURCHIE - JACK**  
Laura, Lorraine and Ali wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown following the loss of Jack. Special thanks to Rev David Ford for his comforting service and to David and Clair Hendry for their guidance and support.

**60TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary**



Howard & Rosemary  
6.11.56  
Love from all the family

tion. 1 Allan Colquhoun 34-4=30, 2 Graeme Andrew 36-4.5=31.5, 3 Mark Wren 37-5=32. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 34. Magic two Dougie Macfarlane. Winner of nine-hole competition for October Scott Campbell 64.

Sunday October 3, winter stableford, CSS 64 (36pts to stableford). 1 Andy Smith 40pts, 2 Drew Wales 37pts, 3 Scott Campbell 35pts. Magic twos John O'Sullivan and Scott Campbell at 5th. Hole 14 drawn as magic twos rollover - now £51. Thomson Cup final (matchplay). Congratulations to Jon Smith who beat Paul Cowan 4 and 3.

Fixtures: Sunday November 6, winter league at Corrie, Lamlash v Brodick.

Thursday November 10, yellow medal, draw @ 11am.

Make up own groups.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Sunday October 30, yellow tees medal sweep. Yet another beautiful autumn morning for the 12 who played.

Scoring was good with all returned scores in the net 50s or 60s. The winner was Gavin Bell with a fine net 56. 1 Gavin Bell (27) 56, 2 Jamie Macpherson (6) 57 and lowest gross, 3 Gus MacLeod (11) 60. There were magic twos from Gus MacLeod @5th, Nicol Auld and Danny Head @11th and Jamie Macpherson @12th.

Fixture: Sunday November 6, AGA winter league v Corrie GC at Corrie, 8.30am tee off.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday November 1, Winter Cup. 1 B Sherwood 82-12=70, 2 F Scott 101-30=71 BIH, 3 R Woods 89-18=71.

Tuesday October 25, Winter Cup. 1 C Laing 80-17=63, 2 P Betley 78-12=66, 3 B Sherwood 80-12=68.

Fixtures: Saturday No-

vember 5, Lochranza Hotel Cup at noon.

Tuesday November 8, Winter Cup at noon. Saturday November 19, club dinner. Put your name down with Claire by Friday November 4 please.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday October 26, Wednesday Cup. 1 Donald Rudge 85-21=64, 2 Douglas Robertson BIH, 3 Terry Raeside. Magic two Charles O'Neil @14th.

**Arran Ladies' Golf Union**

Saturday October 29, Drumadoon. The first Drumadoon of the winter was played in Whiting Bay with 25 ladies taking part, the largest turn-out for years.

Despite a damp and foggy start, the day brightened and stayed dry. Thank you to John for the lovely soup and sandwiches, to Whiting Bay for courtesy of the course and to all the ladies who took part. 1 Mary Jo Tod 90-26=64, 2 Susan Butchard 79-12=67, 3 Yvonne Brothers 86-18=68.

Fixture: Brodick, Saturday November 26 at 10.30am.

**Bridge club results**

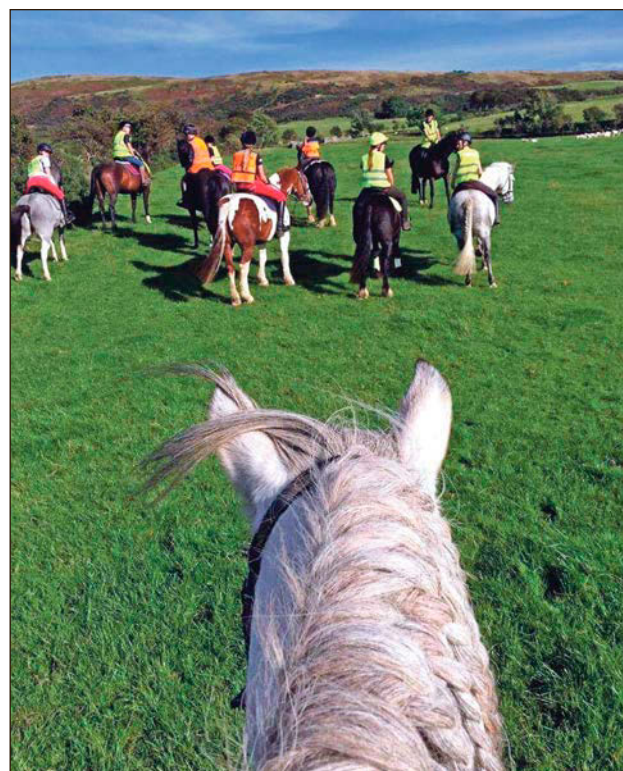
The latest results from the Arran Bridge Club were: first round of the Boyd Trophy at Brodick on Thursday October 27. 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Morag Gardner and Eendy McNiven, 3 Diane and Robert Harber, 4. Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton.

Aggregate competition at Lamlash on Monday October 31. N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Elaine Duncan and Alison Bilsland, 3 Anne McKelvie and Janie Maclure. E/W 1 Jan and John Beattie, 2. Fiona Henderson and Maureen Cumming 3 Ellie Jones and Mel Jones.



Participants at the Arran Riding Club's teen camp pose for a group photo with their horses.

# Teen camp rounds off riding club season



They group head out on a ride from Balgowan Farm.

The Arran Riding Club rounded off the year with their recent annual teen camp. The weekend saw them back at Balgowan Farm in Shiskine where the club had already held the Pony Club camp and a TREC competition earlier in the summer.

The club was a bit short of real teenagers this year but some of the younger girls volunteered to practice being teenagers and some of the adults, who wished that they were still teenagers, filled up the spaces.

It was a family effort with Jen Tod teaching the riders and Alison Currie in charge of catering and looking after everybody. All the horses and riders benefited from the relaxed atmosphere and the enjoyable blend of formal lessons and alternative activities.



Riders enjoy the setting sun and the views after a day's riding.

Jen did a great job of teaching everyone and, as usual, managed to get the best out of everybody on the flat and over fences.

Riders loved the opportunity to pop over some of the cross-country fences on the farm but the highlight

was the group ride out one evening in bright sunshine, over the hill and down to the beach for a canter and refreshments at the Kinloch Hotel.

**Enjoyable**  
The route and ride were so enjoyable that the Arran

Riding Club are planning to do more in the future.

The camp was enjoyed by everyone who attended and organisers thanked George Tod, who took to being inundated with people and ponies with wonderful good humour.

# Triathlon members are out to scare opponents

Members of the Arran Junior Triathlon Club took part in the last event of the season, the Prestwick

Aquathlon, last Saturday and they all improved their times from the same event in May.

Rhea Webster won the tristart girls' event. She also won in May, knocking 11 seconds off her own winning time. The two most improved triathletes were Archie Gunaydi and Beth McCarthy, knocking more than one minute from their previous bests. The club also had many more excellent finishers with six athletes in the top three. 'The most pleasing result was all the team improving, showing all their hard work is paying off,' said head coach Craig Wood.

Despite taking part in the event, club members were still back out on Sunday when they enjoyed Hallowe'en themed training session.



Rhea Webster won the tristart girls' event again.



Another of the Arran team who took part.



The junior triathlon club members who took part in the Hallowe'en training day.

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# Seven up as Arran Ladies enjoy a high scoring feast

**Arran Ladies 7 Loch Lomond Ladies 2s 1**  
Arran Ladies hockey team racked up seven goals at home on Saturday, but it was a tougher game than the scoreline may suggest. The five-goal hero was Lorraine Hewie, but the whole team played their part in achieving the fantastic result.

There was a welcome return for Kirstie Barton and Catherine Macbain, and well done Pauline Reid in her first proper game of the season playing right defence, which was out of position but she had some great play. Abbie McKelvie also showed good strong play, and she is filling in at the centre mid position brilliantly.

Helen Thomson and Su-

sie Murchie were steadfast and reliable as usual and, while the pitch time for Juliette Walsh and Jemima Hazel Currie was short, they both filled in superbly. Alison Hollingworth, Cat Galbraith and Elyse Aitken were strong as usual, as all played their positions and did the job.

A huge thanks to Faith McKelvie for umpiring, and Bethany Tetlow for controlling the substitutions and calling encouragement from the sidelines.

Dame of the game and man of the match was named as Lorraine Hewie for her goalscoring feat.

Today (Saturday) is the team's first away game of the season against Uddingston Ladies 2s with a 1.30pm pass back.



**Lorraine Hewie fires a shot at the Loch Lomond goal.** 01\_A45hockey06



**Some close control from Lorraine Hewie.** 01\_A45hockey05



**Jenny Stark is in full stride as she brings the ball forward.** 01\_A45hockey01



**Anne Watts fights for possession in the opposition box.** 01\_A45hockey03

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