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Advent campaign to help bolster foodbank supplies

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An urgent appeal is being made to stop the Arran foodbank running out of supplies this year.

For the past two winters the Brodick-based service, which is used all year round, has run out of food at this crucial time. Now an island charity is urging residents to think of those less well off in the run up to Christmas.

Throughout November and early December the Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS) is reaching out to people, businesses and organisations to help support the local foodbank with its Kind Arran Reverse Advent Campaign.

The campaign involves giving something each day into a reverse advent box. Simply place an everyday item of foodstuff or goods in a box each weekday for 25 days. The plan is that after 25 days there will be a Christmas hamper that is ready to be donated to the

foodbank. All the food donated is currently used on Arran.

ACVS has compiled a list of the best items to donate, including tinned meat and fish and pasta sauces and anything else with a long shelf-life. It is also suggesting treats such as selection boxes, Christmas biscuits, nuts and sweets.

It also has nicely wrapped boxes for people to collect, or people get creative and make their own. These boxes can be collected from the ACVS office in Lamlash and filled boxes can be returned by Friday December 15, in order to be handed to the foodbank well before Christmas.

ACVS chief executive officer Vicki Yuill said: 'Island life comes with a higher cost of living.'

'Winter on Arran may offer fewer working opportunities for some and many experience a seasonal or reduced income.'

'High rental for accommodation costs and additional heating costs may



The ACVS team Bobbi Mulholland, Sophie Clark, Carol Kane and Lorraine Hewie have been busy decorating boxes for the reverse advent appeal. 01_B45advent01

increase the pressure on individuals and families who are already struggling to afford food. With the Kind Arran Reverse Advent Campaign, ACVS hopes that some of the financial pressures on those experiencing difficulties can be alleviated.'

Arran Churches Together which runs the foodbank has found there is an increased demand for supplies at Christmas time. The local foodbank has been

running for three years and all items go to help community residents in need.

Over the last two winters the foodbank has run out of food and through this campaign it would like to help prevent this from occurring again this year.

The foodbank at Brodick Church in Knowe Road is open to all.

Already nearly 20 people have signed up on social media to take part in the campaign and a couple

of boxes have been returned full.

Anyone interested can visit the ACVS Facebook page where advice on what to give and daily updates with pictures of people's hampers can be seen. Users can also add their own pictures of their hampers the #kindarran17 hashtag is added to posts.

Further information on the campaign can be received by contacting ACVS on 01770 600611.

Roadworks will shut Bogullie for a month

Residents in the north of the island face a month-long closure of the Bogullie while vital road repairs are carried out.

It is proposed to close the main road to Lochranza for seven-and-a-half hours a day with work starting on January 29 next year. The work involves resurfacing and widening on the A841 near the Witches Bridge which is an accident black-spot, particularly for cyclists.

North Ayrshire Council roads' bosses have confirmed the work will take up to 30 days with the road being closed from 9am to 4.30pm daily. They say the closure is needed because of the heavy machinery which will be on site.

However, the lengthy closure will mean disruption for residents and businesses at the north end as well as causing a big increase in traffic on The String and the Machrie Moor Road.

Before the work starts on the Bogullie there will also be disruption on the The String with resurfacing work programmed for early January. This work

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Continued from page 1 will be from Glenshurig towards the weather station at the summit, and should take about five days. The road will be closed from 9am to 1pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm daily. Road resurfacing south of Sliderry is programmed to follow on from these works during January. This is expected to take up to two working weeks with the road closed from 9am to 4.30pm daily.

A council spokesman said: 'The proposed programme of works may be subject to change due to weather or ferry disruption. North Ayrshire Council (Roads) would like to apologise in advance for any disruption these works may cause.'

The Ross road will be closed for drainage works from Tuesday November 14 for four days, or until the works are complete.

New home for Hebridean Princess



The luxury cruise ship Hebridean Princess made what is likely to be her last berth at the old pier in Brodick on Thursday. The cruise ship, a regular visitor to Arran, will soon be using the second berth at the new ferry terminal and will no longer have to vacate the pier for the regular ferry service. The new terminal, which officially opens on Monday November 27, is expected to start operations in the week prior to the opening but no date has yet been set.

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Memorial to Pirnmill men who fell

The building of a memorial in Pirnmill to soldiers who died in the First World War is tantalisingly close to achieving its funding goal.

Fiona Laing has worked tirelessly to raise funds and only a further £2,000 is needed to construct a memorial in honour of the eight men from Pirnmill who died during the conflict. She will be hosting a second fundraising event in Pirnmill village hall this weekend.

Talking passionately

With more than 200 pictures of Pirnmill village since the early 1900s the event will see Fiona talking passionately about the

lives that were lost and the history of the village and its occupants. Her first talk on the subject earlier in the week, which included refreshments and home baking, attracted a healthy amount of support and interest and the second event should be equally as popular and will appeal to those who were unable to attend the first talk during the week.

Entrance to the nostalgic event tonight (Saturday) at 7pm is by suggested donation of £5 per person and all proceeds will go towards the memorial construction which is scheduled for completion next year.

Council to pay living wage rise early

The lowest earning workers at North Ayrshire Council are to get the newly announced living wage more than four months early, in a decision described as a fight against inequality.

To mark living wage week a new rate of £8.75 per hour was announced, a rise of 30p per hour on the current rate of £8.45. Although the new rate is not due to be adopted by businesses and organisations until after April 2018, the council has committed to ensuring staff receive the increase in their next pay.

North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane, said: 'This is a clear statement

that the council is committed to tackling inequality and helping those on low income. Earning the real living wage can make a huge difference to people's lives. As the largest single employer in North Ayrshire, we're proud to show support for our lowest-paid workers by committing to paying the real living wage early.'

North Ayrshire Council became a living wage employer last year and is one of a number of local authorities from across Scotland to be officially accredited by the Scottish living wage accreditation initiative.

Council chief executive Elma Murray said: 'We believe that the living wage gives employees the opportunity to provide for themselves and their families, hopefully taking them out of in-work poverty.'

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Arran midwife Elaine is a healthcare hero

A midwife from Arran has scooped a top award at the Scottish Health Awards 2017 in recognition of her invaluable contribution to Scottish healthcare.

Elaine Kelso, who is a community midwife at Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash, took home the Midwife Award at this year's ceremony.

Elaine has been praised for her caring approach and vast knowledge ensuring that the families she is involved with always receive the best possible care. She goes above and beyond the call of duty on a regular basis and is a role model to her patients and colleagues.

John Burns, chief executive of NHS Ayrshire and Arran said: 'I was delighted to hear that we have two winners at this year's Scottish Health Awards.

'On behalf of NHS Ayrshire and Arran, I would like to say how proud we are of community midwife Elaine Kelso and June Rorison of South Ayrshire health and social care partnership, winner of the support worker award.

'This is an excellent accolade for both Elaine and June; their commitment to compassionate care is a credit to our organisation. Congratulations to all of the deserving finalists from

NHS Ayrshire and Arran and to all of the other winners and runners up across Scotland.'

The winners, chosen by a panel of judges, were announced at a glittering award ceremony at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh last Thursday.

Elaine Kelso receives her award from Mary Ross-Davie, director of the Royal College of Midwives Scotland.

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Police probe flag thefts at Brodick golf course

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Police on Arran are probing the mystery theft of flags from the greens at Brodick golf course.

Seven flags were stolen from the greens at an estimated cost of £280 to the club and Police Scotland are appealing for witnesses to assist with their recovery.

The theft took place between Thursday October 26 and Friday 27 and also included a number of wooden tee markers, which have since been recovered in a nearby bin. In addition to the theft, an attempt to throw a tee mat into the burn was abandoned after the heavy item was dragged towards the burn.

Brodick Golf Club captain Lindsay Keir

said: 'It is most unusual to have so many flags and markers stolen at once. We sometimes have one or two going missing during the summer but we have never seen so many going missing this late in the year.

'It is possibly senseless vandalism but it has caused us unnecessary cost and inconvenience. The tee markers and flags which have gone missing were those closest to the road and belonging to the first, second and third tees.

'If you know anything about the flags you can discreetly return them to the club and/or contact the police who are investigating,' he added.

Anyone with any information should contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting UA06901017 for PC Jimmy Baird.



Brodick golf course with a flag similar to those which have been stolen. 01_B45police01

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Jan MacGregor of Arran Fairtrade joins members of the North Ayrshire Fairtrade Zone Group and staff outside Sainsbury's store in Saltcoats.

Arran Fairtrade protest over tea

Arran Fairtrade campaigners joined colleagues from across the North Ayrshire Fairtrade Zone to stage a protest at Sainsbury's decision to remove the Fairtrade mark on its Fairtrade tea. Residents from across North Ayrshire delivered a letter to challenge the supermarket's decision to abandon the Fairtrade mark on some of its own-brand

tea in favour of its own scheme.

It's estimated nearly a quarter of a million tea farmers and workers will be affected as British tea drinkers account for three quarters of Fairtrade tea sales globally, with Sainsbury's the world's largest retailer of Fairtrade.

Jan MacGregor of Arran Fairtrade said: 'Buying

Fairtrade tea is a proven way to make a difference every time we drink a cup of tea, and the action by the Fairtrade Zone group shows the mark is widely supported in North Ayrshire and indeed, across the country.

'Sainsbury's have been a leading retailer of Fairtrade products, making a real difference to the lives of tea

farmers and their families in some of the world's poorest countries.

'We'd like them to reconsider this decision to remove the Fairtrade mark from their own-brand tea.'

Anyone who would like more information or to join Arran Fairtrade, please contact Jan MacGregor on 700249 or at janmacgregor45@gmail.com

Amphitheatre plan for Eas Mor

A woodland amphitheatre is just one of the proposals which have been included in plans to develop Eas Mor at the south end of the island.

The applicant, Eas Mor H2O Ecology, has applied for planning permission, some retrospectively, for the erection of a roadside shelter and yoga pavilion, two footbridges and upgrading of existing paths, along with alterations to an existing cafe and toilet block.

The 13,000-square-metre site will see the proposed development spread over four zones. The first zone, near the main road will incorporate the proposed roadside shelter while zone two will be further south where the yoga pavilion is proposed.

On the opposite side of the road near the existing Eas Mor entrance, permission is being sought retrospectively for alterations to the cafe, store and toilet blocks which have already been partially constructed and which make up zone three.

Planning permission

Further north, zone four which is located near the picture-adorned wooden library, planning permission is requested for an amphitheatre which will have a roof and a covered tunnel leading to it.

The application is currently still under consideration by North Ayrshire Council planning officials and 19 neighbours within 20 metres of the site boundary have been notified.

Bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition at Brodick on Thursday November 2 were: N/S 1 Elaine Duncan and Alison Bilsland, 2 Fiona and David Henderson, 3 Sue Thurogood and Elizabeth McKellar. E/W 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Margaret and Dougie Bruce.

The results of the aggregate competition at Lam-lash on Monday November 6 were: N/S 1 Anne McKelvie and Janie Maclure, 2 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock. E/W 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Jan and John Beattie, 3 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson.

Christmas Fayre boost for Save the Children

The annual Save the Children Christmas Fayre at Brodick Hall on Saturday morning raised an excellent £1,607.40.

The well-attended event saw the incredibly popular

homebaking stall and the tombolla selling out within hours of opening, despite a huge array of prizes and a baking table extending almost half the length of the main hall.

Doing an equally brisk trade the hand knitted items and crafts, which included knitted snowmen and handmade Christmas cards, were very popular. In addition to the jewellery and clothing stalls the ever-popular raffle ensured that there was a queue of people waiting to have a chance of winning one of the luxury hampers on offer.

At the same time a large group of Save the Children volunteers served the visitors tea and coffee with the entire seating area filled with those enjoying scones with cream and jam.

The fayre helps raise funds to protect children and to provide a better future for them either through health and nutrition work or through their education, campaigns and programmes throughout the world.

Last year alone Save the Children helped more than 22.1 million children by delivering vital healthcare, nutrition and support in 68 countries around the world.

Margaret Auld and Vivienne Haigh did a roaring trade at the popular raffle stall.



Another happy customer purchases a hand-knitted Christmas snowman. 01_B45children03



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Visitors enjoy some light shopping and refreshments at the Save the Children Fayre. 01_B45children01

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Jazz fans in for a treat at New Focus concert

New Focus, a jazz group hailed as 'one of the most appealing, most beautifully realised projects to emerge on the Scottish jazz scene



Arran's own Joni Keen will be performing.

in recent years', is coming to Arran later this month.

Multi-award-winning saxophonist Konrad Wiszniewski and pianist Euan Stevenson, winner of the 'emerging artist' award at the 2013 Scottish Jazz Awards among other distinctions, will be supported at the event by Mario Caribe on bass and Alyn Cosker on drums. A special pleasure for Arran will be that vocals are to be supplied by Joni Keen of Arran Lodge, formerly Al-tachorvie, in Lamlash. Joni, hailed as 'the best female jazz voice in Scotland', is known as a brilliant singer well beyond the island.

The Herald had spe-

cial praise for New Focus: 'There's something truly special going on in the musical minds of saxophonist Konrad Wiszniewski and arranger, composer and pianist, Euan Stevenson... original music that exists virtually in a world of its own...aesthetically pleasing...just plain damned heart-lifting.'

Everybody who goes along to the community theatre in Lamlash on Saturday November 18, and not just jazz fans, can look forward to an evening of pure enjoyment. The concert starts at 7.30pm and appropriately for the occasion, seating will be in café style at tables and it is also

New Focus whose music has been described as 'aesthetically pleasing'.

a BYOB event. Children will be admitted free, and an accompanying adult also gets free admission.

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New season gets underway at Corrie film club

The new season for Corrie Film Club begins with a poetic, poignant, moving and romantic story created by award winning director, Naomi Kawase.

Still the Water is a 2014 Japanese romance film selected to compete for the Palme d'Or in the main competition section at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival.

Kyoko is a 16-year-old-girl falling in love with the boy next door, Kaito. She

is also coping with the terminal illness of her mother finding solace in the tranquil waters surrounding their island community. Kaito too, is confronted with death and family turmoil – he finds a dead body on the beach and is overwhelmed by the confusion its mystery brings, taking it out on his struggling single mother.

As the mysteries of life, love, sex and death inter-

twine and unravel, Kaito and Kyoko will journey into adulthood.

The film, certificate 15,

will be screened at the Corrie and Sannox village hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm.

All welcome.

Access talk at elderly forum meeting

The next meeting of the Arran Elderly Forum will include a talk from Margaret Broster from the North Ayrshire Access Panel. At the meeting and discussion on Wednesday November 15, starting at 10.40am at the Ormidale Pavilion, Margaret will provide some insights into the panel which was formed in 2006.

The panel is a voluntary group of people, either with a disability or having an involvement in disability, who work to improve access for all disabled people.

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Gary is a hit at charity dinner

Top chef Gary Maclean was the guest speaker at the second successful HIT the Rock dinner which was held at The Douglas Hotel in Brodick on Saturday night.

The event was a fundraiser for the Hospitality Industry Trust (HIT) Scotland, a charity whose mission is to assist people to achieve their potential within Scottish hospitality. The 80 guests were piped in by young James Reid of Lamlash, to a drinks reception sponsored by Kin-

loch Hotel. They then received table gifts from Arran Distillers, before enjoying a delicious four-course dinner provided by The Pierhead Tavern (starter), Auchrannie Resort (main course), Brakes and Taste of Arran (dessert and cheeseboard). Tea and coffee were served with James of Arran chocolates.

There was a raffle with some excellent prizes, and a grand auction which generated a large proportion of the monies raised - £8,500 in total.



Gary entertains the audience at the dinner. 01_B45hit03

Guests then enjoyed hearing from Masterchef, The Professionals winner Gary Maclean, who told the company of the changes in his life since winning the award in 2016, with some amusing anecdotes along the way.

The multi-award winning Glasgow chef, who is currently senior lecturer at the City of Glasgow College, said he has travelled all over the country and to different parts of the world since winning the title and is now planning his first cookery book.

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local business on the island, and many more can do so.

Everyone working in tourism-based business on Arran can apply on the HIT website <http://www.hitscotland.co.uk/> and the closing date is Friday November 24, 2017.



The chefs who prepared the dinner for the guests take a bow. 01_B45hit01

Sparkle organisers appeal for community assistance

With only weeks to go before the new look Santa's Sparkle is due to take place organisers are appealing for financial and volunteer assistance from the community to help stage the event.

The annual Santa's Sparkle, which this year will take place on Saturday November 25, could have ceased altogether, after the previous organisers and owners of the Glenisle Hotel sold their business. However, it was saved by the community group Lamlash Events, which wanted to see the Christmas-themed event continue.

In addition to donation requests, the committee has also hosted a series of fundraisers which will include a gin tasting evening hosted by Sarah Wilson at the

Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash tonight (Friday) at 8pm.

A spokeswoman from the organisers said: 'We are counting down the days until the new look Santa's Sparkle. Lamlash Events is looking for help in every way possible. Donations towards the cost of the marquee, licenses, insurance, fireworks and many other expenses would be gratefully received. Money can be banked via the website at www.santassparkle.co.uk or contact info@santassparkle.co.uk for bank details.

'Tonight's gin tasting will include six amazing gins to taste, with some new botanicals, a bottle of gin to win and an evening of chat and nibbles and all at a very reasonable price.

'To provide entertainment

and make it fun for the children we need more people to volunteer to run activities and games for the youngsters. Gifts, raffle prizes, old toys and games to sell, and any other means of helping cover the cost would be fabulous.'

On the day the event will start with Santa's traditional parade from the pier to a large marquee on the village green, where there will be a Christmas market and craft fayre.

In the afternoon there will be a talent competition covering music, drama and spoken word along with various other entertainment and stalls offering refreshments and food. In the evening the Sparkle culminates in the lighting of the Lamlash Christmas tree and a ceilidh.



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Editorial

Giving something back this Christmas

Who doesn't love an advent calendar at Christmas? Maybe it's largely about childhood memories by opening doors on the countdown to the big day.

Then you were lucky to get a picture of a robin, now it's at least got to be chocolate or Star Wars toys, or Lego or jewellery or even perfume.

But whatever you are going to open this year – do spare a thought for the reverse advent calendar campaign and think about giving something back in the run up to Christmas.

At the *Banner*, we thought we had heard just about every way there is to raise charity cash, but this is a new one on us. The idea is that instead of getting a gift on the days of advent – you give something away. It doesn't have to be much, a tin of soup, a packet of biscuits, a Christmas selection box, but over a month they all add up.

And all the boxes of supplies collected by the very dedicated teams at Arran CVS and the foodbank, run by Arran Churches Together, could make a very real difference to less well off families on Arran this Christmas.

Thought for the week

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Lottery scam

Sir,
People on the island should be made aware of a scam circulating, in my case in the form of a letter advising me of having won £325,000 on the People's Postcode Lottery.

The letter gave me a name and a phone number to call after which, I was told, their agents in London would immediately process and facilitate the release of my funds as soon as possible once I had paid my processing fee. I would receive my winnings in the form of a certified cheque or, if I request, by bank transfer directly into my bank account.

The only thing they got right was my name, address and in particular the postcode as I never play any lottery. I might be 80 but I recognise a scam when I see one.

Yours,
Myra Young
Whiting Bay

SEPA objection

Sir,
I agree with Sally Campbell, in her letter in last week's *Banner*, that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency should not have granted the distillery a licence to discharge effluent at Rubh Airigh Bheirg.

However, the application was advertised at least

twice in the *Arran Banner*. I wonder how many people took the trouble to send in an objection?

Yours,
Hazel Wright
Glasgow

Grateful thanks

Sir,
Last Monday I called Lam-lash Surgery at 8.30am as I had been a little unwell on Sunday and was immediately given an appointment. Things moved fairly quickly over Monday and on Tuesday I was told I had to catch the 1.50pm ferry to go to Crosshouse. I would like to thank Dr Cox, Dr Owen and in particular Dr Welch, all of whom were very thorough whilst also

being kind and reassuring. In addition I would like to thank Sarah and all the staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital for their professional care and kindness.

On Tuesday, the lift and gangway on the ferry were both out of action and neither my husband nor myself could manage the stairs from the car deck. I didn't have to do a thing. The hospital staff liaised with Cal-Mac, who couldn't have been more helpful and when we arrived at the ferry they had all our information and all we had to do was buy a ticket. My very grateful thanks to you all.

Yours,
Jean Barclay
Lamlash

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Ian at the Mount Everest base camp.

above sea level and a second from 5,200 metres. Both were taken in the Himalayas in the shadow of Mount Everest.

Silver wedding

Earlier this year Jenny and Ian Price of Bradford and Sandbraes Holiday Park, Whiting Bay, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. As part of the celebrations they booked a trip to Tibet and Nepal, travelling in October.

'We wanted to do something very different from our normal holidays and to be taken out of our 'comfort zone'. This trip certainly did that,' Jenny added.

'The photograph shows Ian at a height of 5,200 metres above sea level at Everest Base Camp on the Tibetan side explaining to Tensing our Tibetan guide the advantages of an annual subscription to the *Banner*.'

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Fireworks light up the night sky



Lochranza Castle is bathed in the light from the bonfire and fireworks' display. Photo Anthony Brannan Photography

The skies across Arran were lit up last weekend as islanders enjoyed Guy Fawkes' night.

Every village on the island staged its own bonfire and fireworks' event with some on Saturday and the rest on Sunday, on which November 5 fell.

Lochranza launched its new community-run display with fireworks over the castle and the Brodick display attracted a large crowd with the huge weekend super moon over the bay adding to the delights of bonfire and fireworks on the green.



Green for go at the Brodick display. 01_B45fireworks03



The large Brodick crowd are bathed in the super moon as they watch the firework display. 01_B45fireworks02



Onlookers watch the Lochranza display from behind the bonfire. Photo Anthony Brannan Photography

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Foodie will be the toast of Saltire Society talk

Arran branch of the Saltire Society is hosting its next event of the season with a talk by renowned food writer and culinary historian Catherine Brown, who is a familiar face on Scottish television.

For those unfamiliar with the Saltire Society concept, it aims to present in its widest sense, all aspects of Scottish cultural life.

It is a non-political organisation which celebrates Scotland's contribution to

the world be it in letters, engineering, ideas, philosophy, architecture, the arts, music, food ... in short anything and everything.

The title of the society's November talk is: 'Food and landscape: Scotland's assets'. Catherine will reflect on the country's rich food and drink heritage despite its largely challenging landscape and less than favourable climate. She will also provide some tastings of historic recipes.

Catherine became widely known during the 1980s and '90s for her investigative food columns in The Glasgow Herald and as a presenter of STV and Grampian programme Scotland's Larder. In 2001 she was the Guild of Food Writers' food journalist of the year and she is the author of several books on Scottish food, including her acclaimed Scottish Cookery.

She gave the Jane Grig-

son Memorial Lecture at this year's Oxford Symposium on food and cookery.

Her time is divided be-

tween a small village on Arran and an even smaller village on the shores of Loch Torridon and can be

visited at www.catherine-brownfoodwriter.com

The talk will take place on Wednesday November 15, at 7.30pm for an 8pm start at Altachorvie.

Admission will be by donation and wine and snacks will be available along with the tasting of historic recipes.

Also that evening, bookings can be made to join members of the Saltire Society at their annual Christmas dinner at the Douglas Hotel. For more information contact convener Hazel Gardiner on 830635.



Catherine Brown will host an informative talk on Scottish food and landscape at the Saltire Society meeting at Altachorvie.

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Haunted happenings around Arran at Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is over for another year, but with the day itself falling on a Tuesday, celebrations were spread over a number of days and many children on the

island, keen to make the most of the annual event, attended more than one party with some enjoying parties for nearly a week.

In our second Hallowe'en round-up we bring you some of the highlights of ghoulish happenings from the more of the fun events around Arran.



The Whiting Bay party was well attended with more than 40 children dressing up for the event. 01_B45halloween02



The Queen of Hearts gets a little help with dooking for apples. 01_B45halloween16



Olivia McNeice is pictured without her cake, dressed as Marie Antoinette at Shiskine. 01_B45halloween11



Shiskine children take part in the pancake pickup game. 01_B45halloween15



Younger Shiskine Hallowe'en children line up for the costume judging competition. 01_B45halloween12



Ghostly sightings and



Kayleigh Easton performs on the violin at the Montrose House Halloween party. 01_B45halloween19



Ghoulish girls get into the spirit of the games at Shiskine. 01_B45halloween10



P1 fancy dress winner at Lamlash Elise Lambie. 01_B45halloween22



Brodick Early Years' pupils show off their scary Halloween costumes.



Two youngsters perform for the residents in Montrose House. 01_B45halloween20



A zombie bride has a go at bashing the Halloween piñata. 01_B45halloween18



Ravyn Russell was dressed as scary character Nurse Nightmare. 01_B45halloween04



A young girl has her own method of cooking for apples. 01_B45halloween17



Whiting Bay characters have a go at beating the Halloween piñata. 01_B45halloween05



A family affair, dad Grant, mum Kirsty and young Thorin Park enjoying the games at the Whiting Bay Halloween party. 01_B45halloween03

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Spooky and ghoulish goings-on



Costumes. 01_B45halloween01



Eva Campbell and Charlotte and Lucy Young made up the bewitching trio of three wee witches at the Whiting Bay Hallowe'en party. 01_B45halloween21



Scary chef Angus Henderson is a terrifying sight along with his mother Amy who is dressed as Cruella with her dalmation attired son Aiden 01_B45halloween08



Young children enjoy playing pass the parcel in Whiting Bay. 01_B45halloween07



Shiskine's older group of children line up for the costume judging competition. 01_B45halloween13



Juniper Nicolson described herself as a 3 and 3/4-year-old Juniper witch. 01_B45halloween14



Sophia Bentley's wonderful smile belied the character she portrayed as Malificent from Sleeping Beauty. 01_B45halloween06



Smiling Eoin and Isaac Jones visited Shiskine's Hallowe'en party dressed as Laurel and Hardy. 01_B45halloween09

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Chloe Willis and Sharla Campbell at the Lamlash party. 01_B45halloween23

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Everyday

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Brodict Castle
Soap making and candle dipping Arran Aromatics
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Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Garden only open 9am-dusk
Brodict, 10am - 4pm
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Saturday 11th November

Flow Yoga
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
RNLI Christmas Shop
Army Cadets
Crafts & Company Christmas Fayre
Blackwaterfoot Bowls,
Family games
Fun in the pool
Scott MacDonald
Live music - The Skunnered- Celtic Folk Rock
Over 21s disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash, 10.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Road 11am -1 pm
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 11am-3pm
Bowling Club,, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 12th November

Family games
Fun in the pool
Live music -The Skunnered – a Sunday afternoon sing along
AA meeting

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm

Monday 13th November

Morning fitness
Citizens' Advice
Arran Vets Surgery
Arran Vets Reception
Mature Movers
Over 50s badminton
Adult Tennis
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)
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Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit Training
Lamlash Aerobix
Badminton
Badminton
Arran Bridge Club
Tae Kwondo

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am -10.30am
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9.30am - 1.30pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
10.30 - 11.30, Brodict Church Hall
Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Shiskine Church Hall 5:15pm
Brodict Church Hall, 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm-7pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Brodict Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 14th November

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy Outdoors
Alcoholics Anonymous
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Every Tuesday - Metafit Class
Flow Yoga
Pilates
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Youth club
Arran Rotary Club
Scottish Country Dancing
Pop quiz

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Bowling Club, 1.30pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm
Corrie Hall, 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Brodict, 7pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 7pm for 7.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Wednesday 15th November

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Elderly Forum - Speaker - Margaret Broster
Coffee Morning
Chair Yoga
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Attachment and Adverse Childhood Experiences (session)
Knittery and Natterry
Zumba Gold
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)
Just Jhoom (Bollywood dance fitness)
RUNclub - Mixed Ability
Flow Yoga
Tae Kwondo
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
Burger and quiz night
Lamlash SWI
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Family friendly pub quiz
Rock and Pop Bingo

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am- 2pm and 4pm -5pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.40am
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
St Molios Hall, Shiskine, 11am
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 12pm-3pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict Hall, 4pm - 5pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 5pm
Brodict Hall, 5.50pm-6.50pm
Little Co-Op Car Park Brodict, 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30pm-9pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Fire Station, 7.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9.30pm

Thursday 16th November

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Morning fitness
Arran Skinnymalinks (Festive Focus)
Chair Yoga
Whiting Bay Thursday Club

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Brodict Church Hall 10:30am
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am
Lesser Hall, Whiting Bay, 2pm

Quilt Arran
Adult Tennis
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Ladies' Hockey
Arran High School
Arran Bridge Club
Brodict Embroidery Group
General knowledge quiz

Friday 17th November

Arran Vets
Arran Vets
Yoga
Hydrofit
Smart Recovery Meeting
Lochranza Children's Badminton
AA meeting
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Adults' Badminton
Martin Stephenson and the Dainties
Quiz
Tae Kwondo
Live music - Steve Young - "Troubadour"

Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Arran Soul Choir, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodict Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Saturday 18th November

Flow Yoga
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
RNLI Christmas Shop
Army Cadets
Crafts & Company Christmas Fayre
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Music Arran presents New Focus with Joni Keen
Mic Clark
Live music - The Steve Hepworth Band - blues & rock
Over 21s' disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash, 10.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Road 11am -1 pm
Whiting Bay, Village Hall, 11am-3pm
Bowling Club, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7.30pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
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Craft collective goes from strength to strength

It has been a very busy year for the Crafts and Company collective which has been involved in a range of charity fund-raising events while also promoting and enjoying creative crafting on Arran.

Once a month it has offered its popular monthly craft club featuring a different craft every month. Together members have made bags, flower arrangements, dream-catchers, felt animals, jewellery and much more besides. Members have also organised a monthly crafts fayre in Whiting Bay village hall with more than 20 stallholders all selling their handmade products.

Crafts and Company has worked with a number of charities on inventive and rewarding campaigns. Just as last year ended, two members of the collective were busy sewing small pouches to give to members of the Music Matters group so they might keep their MP3 players and leads safe. The members use these devices to listen to their music at home. The craft collective were delighted to be asked to help.

The group spent much of

the winter months at the beginning of the year in outreach workshops with various community groups decorating pencil cases for the Backpack Project with the charity Mary's Meals.

These pencil cases went into the backpacks to make a special gift with no two being the same. The Crafts and Company collective especially wished to thank members, residents of Glen Estate, Duke of Edinburgh young people and members of Lamlash Church for their support with this project.

Over the spring and summer, the group all knitted squares to go to the Knit-a-Square project in South Africa. The women in South Africa knit them into blankets for children orphaned by AIDS. People from all over the island helped with this campaign and the group has sent 100 squares and are hard at work on completing three blankets as well.

The current project began in September and is called Project Friendship Quilt.

Crafts and Company collective is working with the charity Disability Africa which does vital work providing play schemes and a

range of therapies for disabled children all across Africa. In this campaign, the group is offering embroidery kits for sale for £5 which contain a printed design to stitch and information about the charity. All of the money goes to the charity. Once the squares are completed they are sent back to Crafts and Company which will be spending spring next year sewing them into lap quilts.

It will then auction these quilts with all funds raised going to the charity. The campaign has been hugely successful and there are already people all over the country stitching away thanks to the online shop at www.craftsandcompany.net which supplies the kits.

The special year will end on a high note with the very first Crafts and Company Collective Christmas fayre on Saturday November 11 between 11am and 3pm in Whiting Bay hall. At this event, the craft club schedule will be available as well as their Project Friendship quilt packs.

A spokesperson for the crafting collective said: 'We want to thank all our supporters and members for their support throughout the year and we look forward to working with everyone again next year. 2018 will be a year of crafting on Arran and beyond. Thanks to our website, we have extended our crafting community beyond our shores and now have crafting friends all over the UK. It has been an excellent year. Thank you.'



Some of the members of the Crafts and Company collective.



Sharing and learning new skills, crafters attend a crochet workshop with collective members. 01_B44craft02



More than 20 exhibitors display their handiwork at the monthly Whiting Bay craft fayre.

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Check all your insulation, from windows to walls, ceiling to under floors. It is one of the most cost-effective ways to stop the cold creeping through the house.

Make sure your pipes and boilers are properly lagged too. Something as simple as pipe foam wraps can be picked up for just a few pounds – but always put them on when the pipes are cool to make sure you don't burn yourself.

Maintenance on heating equipment is important, so make sure all water-fed radiators are bled and working correctly. A working radiator should be warm evenly across the panel; if it isn't, there could be air trapped inside.

Once these are done, you can look at your home's overall heating requirements.

- Is your boiler fired to the most efficient way possible?
- Can you turn your thermostat down a degree or two?
- Are you buying your electricity and gas from the cheapest source?

These things are relatively simple to check online and with tools to help you estimate your costs and potential savings with alternative heating sources.

The right heating source can vary depending on how you use your home – if you spend all day in the house, consider the cheapest for prolonged use, while some occasional systems provide instant heat, but are not ideal to be left on all day.

Think too about future cost – wood-fuelled heating systems burn wood pellets, chips or logs and can also power central heating and hot water.

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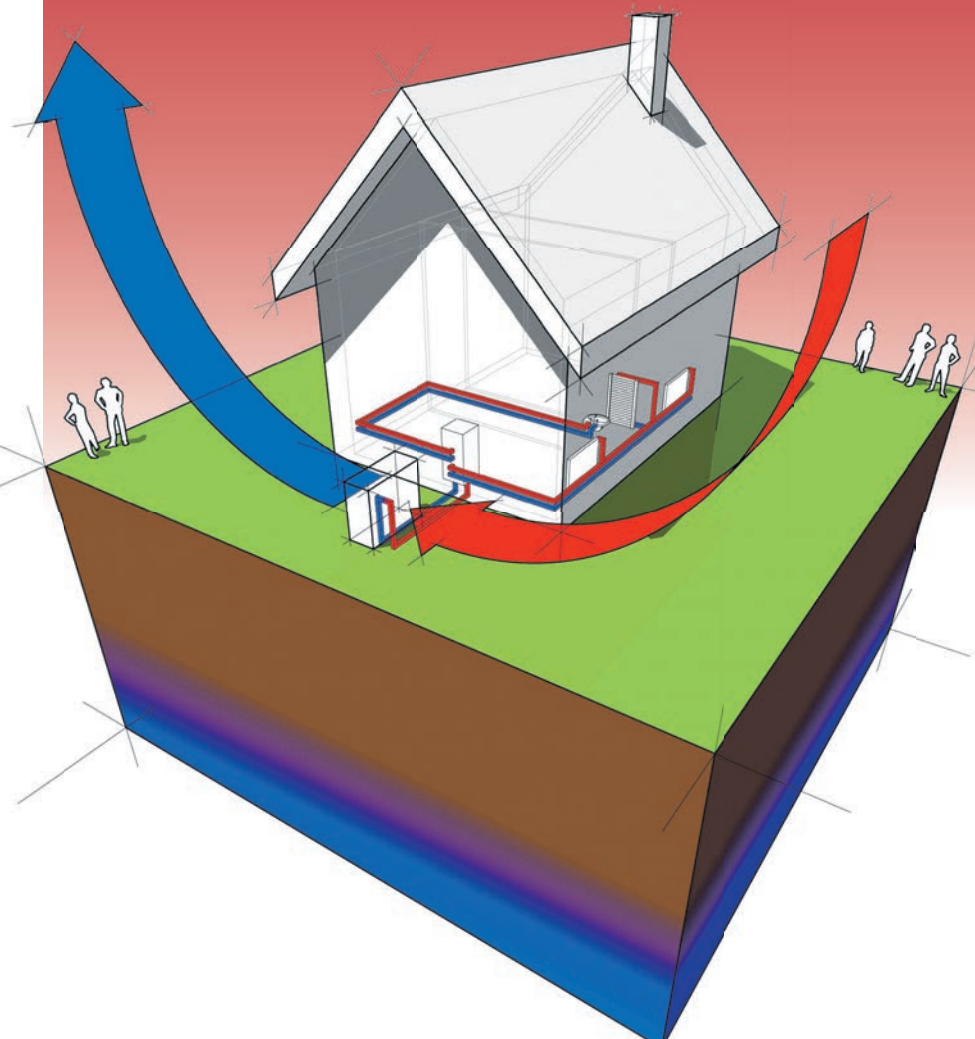
Try speaking to your energy supplier to see if you're on the best rate or tariff. Some may move you on to a cheaper option, if available.

If not, it might be time to consider switching to make sure you're not being ripped off.

It all feels like it will be rather difficult until you actually start to check, so don't delay.



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Lady Jean and her love of pointers

Journalist and broadcaster Jon Kean was a friend of the late Lady Jean Fforde for more than 40 years sharing a passion for pointer dogs. Here he gives a very personal appreciation of Lady Jean, who was the doyenne of pointers in this country and was known throughout the world.

‘I first met Lady Jean in the 1970s – appropriately enough it was on the grouse moors in Perthshire. Janette and I were there just to spectate at the field trial and find out more about working pointers and setters.

Lady Jean immediately put us at ease and explained what was happening at the trial. My one abiding memory from that day was the unusual footwear Lady Jean sported. It was a pair of sandshoes (baseball type) with the words

‘Skateboard City’ emblazoned on the side. Her great friend Mrs Patience Badenoch Nicolson was there too. Their guidance inspired me to find out more about working pointers.

From that day, friendship developed and I learned so much from Lady Jean and Patience about working pointers. After a while, I asked Lady Jean if it would be possible to purchase an Isle of Arran pointer. My wish was granted. In historical terms, the pointer kennels were among the first,

if not THE first, to be registered by her grandfather at the Kennel Club when it was formed. In 1983, I brought back from Arran two male puppies from Lady Jean’s litter, sired by Moanruad Aron (the late John Nash’s pointer) and Isle of Arran Neillia (litter sister of the 1981 Champion Stake winner FT CH Isle of Arran Larch, handled by Mrs Marcia Clark). I reared Isle of Arran Micha and the brother Isle of Arran Gideon was bought by Duncan Davis from the North of England. The rest, as they say, is history. Gideon duly became a field trial Champion and Micha (pet name Duke) won the Champion Stake at Bollihope Moor in County Durham in 1989.

Duke was a fantastic pointer for our shooting



Lady Jean with her beloved pointers and a collection of the trophies she won.

trips to Garrogie Estate, owned by Charles Connell in Invernesshire. Apart from his game finding ability, Duke’s great attribute was his stamina and endurance. He had the strength of three dogs.

Lady Jean and Patience were hugely influential people in the pointer world.

They were always willing to help and offer advice to anyone interested in working gundogs. One day, I was called aside for an informal chat.

Lady Jean told me: ‘Patience and I both agree that you need to put something back into the sport.

‘We think you should take on the role of honorary secretary of the Scottish Field Trials Association.’ I was duly appointed in 1986 and have done the job of secretary for the pointers and setters ever since.

Looking back, there were many famous pointers with the Isle of Arran prefix. The list is endless – Isle of Arran African Queen, Scotney Isle of Arran Regent, Isle of Arran Juno, FT CH Scotney Isle of Arran Jack, Isle of Arran Minoru, FT CH Isle of Arran Dice, Isle of Arran Lilly. Lady Jean’s favourite was FT CH Isle of Arran June, a beautiful orange and white bitch. In Lady Jean’s memoir, she wrote: ‘June became the dog of my life – I adored

her. Considering she was the first dog of any kind I had trained myself, she was a miracle. I trained her by phoning Patience Nicolson week by week, and asking for instructions.’

Lady Jean was president of the Pointer Club of Scotland from when it was founded many years ago. She had many interests outwith the world of field trials. She was a keen gardener, for example. Her parents brought back many rare plants from their trips throughout the world. On our visits to Strabane, her home at Brodick, Lady Jean gave us a guided tour of the gardens. On one visit, Lady Jean told us she would be sending her friend to collect us from the ferry at Brodick. The friend just happened to be Richard Todd, the Oscar-nominated actor best known for war dramas like The Hasty Heart, The Dam Busters and The Longest Day.

Lady Jean’s mother was very keen on taking cine films of life on Arran, which included stalking and shooting over pointers on the island from the 1930s onwards. A couple of years ago we spent a lovely afternoon in Strabane viewing some of the reels of film, and they are fascinating to watch.

Lady Jean sent me a gift of the book called Train-

ing Setters and Pointers for Field Trials, by Professor John Beazley, Alf Manners and Arnold White-Robinson. It is signed: ‘To Jon. Wishing you every luck in field trials with your puppy. Jean Fforde 1981.’ I have used this book as a guide for seminars ever since.

In 1982, Lady Jean asked me to show her Champion Stake winner, Larch, at Crufts in London. This I duly did and was thrilled when the Judge Mrs Kitty Edmondson awarded a prize to Larch. Unbeknown to me, Lady Jean’s best friend, Princess Antoinette of Monaco, was a surprise visitor at the ringside at Crufts.

I will always have great memories of Lady Jean. Our last visit to Lady Jean was in July this year. She was in good spirits and very keen to hear news from the world of pointers. RIP Lady Jean. ♡



Jon Kean.

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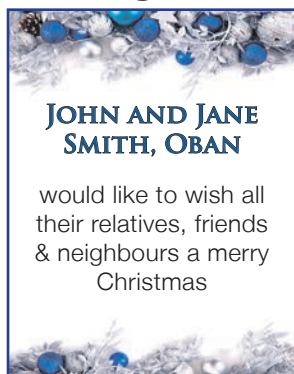
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In all 11 objections were received from Lamlash residents when the plan was first proposed. This is now an amended proposal and many of the objectors are still unhappy. The plan is to add 17 more static caravans to the site plus the mini golf course behind the houses on the main



Outgoing bank manager Jim Hill, hands over the reigns to new manager Douglas Robertson, after six years on Arran. Mr Robertson comes from Dumfriesshire and starts at the Bank of Scotland in Brodick today. B45twe03

road out of Lamlash. Some 20 different grounds of objection have been made including noise, danger of access and egress and the existence of Lamlash Golf Course across the road. The council was recommended to grant the proposal subject to a list of conditions.

Public opinion on policing

The local police have been the butt of much complaint over the years. What are they doing about vandalism, drugs and other petty and not so petty crime that goes on? Not much, a lot of people say. Absolutely everything we can, say the police. Too much, says the odd voice feeling they may be too officious.

Now they want the public to tell them what they should be doing. U Division will be holding a series of public meetings across the area including on Arran.

Earlier this year community councillors were asked to sound out local opinion on the greatest concerns and they felt mindless vandalism was number one. Other items of concern were drugs, speeding, underage drinking and even dog fouling.

Pirmill store reopening

Pirmill shop is likely to be in business again on December 1. Mr Mike Paterson who is buying the premises is set to take ownership on November 21. Although negotiations are still continuing with a possible lessee, for he does not want to run it himself, he wants to get things going as soon as possible. Thus the December 1 date on which he plans what he describes as a partial opening. The village of Pirmill has been without a shop or post office since October 1996 when the present owners, the Browns, decided to close. Mr Paterson has not run a shop before but he says that Jim Primrose of Lochranza Stores has been giving him as much advice as possible.



Kilmichael proprietors Geoffrey Botteril and Antony Butterworth proudly display their runner-up certificate for the Country House Hotel of the Year award from the Macallan Taste of Scotland Awards. B45twe01



Laura Hamilton enjoys the light from the sparklers at the Guy Fawkes night at Blackwaterfoot which saw local firemen put on a fiery display. B45twe02



All of the Lamlash Ladies golfers with their prizes after their prizegiving and dinner last Friday. B45twe05



A Remembrance Service was conducted at Arran War Memorial Hospital by the Rev Elizabeth Watson. Around 30 people crammed into the entrance hall and wreaths were laid by Dr Sheila MacLeod and Lance Corporal Grant McQueen. B45twe04

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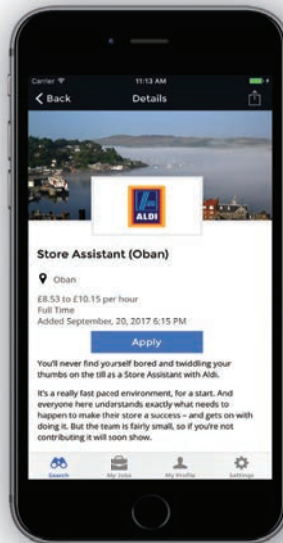


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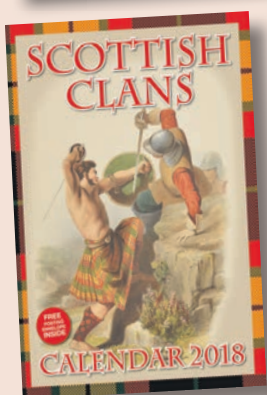
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Sunday 12th November
Remembrance Day Services
Pirnmill, and Lochranza Churches Together
10.15am Pirnmill Village Hall and a Remembrance service at 10.50am at the War Memorial.

Shiskine Church
a Remembrance Service at 12noon at the war memorial and 12.15 pm at the Church for morning Worship

Brodick Church
10am Remembrance service at Brodick War Memorial,

10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church

12 noon Remembrance service at Corrie War Memorial,

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observed at the War Memorial, followed by a shortened service of remembrance

There will be a retiring offering in aid of the Earl Haig Fund. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept before and after the service.

There will be a service of Remembrance in the Arran War Memorial Hospital at 1.30pm to which all are welcome.

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The 9th hole at Lamlash Golf Club - Mullaig Mhor.



Corrie Golf Club

Saturday November 4, Sweep. Played on a very wet golf course which was just about holding out to the weather. Congratulations to Chris McNeil who recorded his first win on his first competitive outing. 1 C McNeil 82-25=57, 2 D Logan 74-10=64 and scratch.

Monday November 6, Monday Cup. 1 Raymond Burke 58 BIH, 2 Lenny Hartley 58, 3 A MacDonald 59.

Fixtures: Saturday November 11, The Joe MacKenzie Trophy, ballots at 9am and 12.30pm. Monday November 13, Monday

Cup at noon. Saturday November 18, Texas Scramble. To celebrate Corrie Golf Club's 125th anniversary, invited teams will take part in a Texas Scramble. Shotgun start at 1pm followed by a prize giving and buffet at the Corrie Hotel which will fit in nicely with the Scotland vs New Zealand rugby match.

There will also be a special 'thank you' from the club for their long serving and popular greenkeeper Pablo Moran. All club members and friends are welcome to join in and wish him a happy retirement.

Musical instruments are encouraged for those wishing to make a night of it.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 29, Winter Cup round 1. At the third attempt the Winter Cup finally got underway with underfoot conditions still wet

but pleasant weather overhead. A total of 11 played and CSS went out to 64, a figure that Stan Rainey comfortably surpassed with a fine nett 61. 1 Stan Rainey 11, 61 and lowest gross, 2 Graeme Crichton 13, 63, 3 Frazer Barr 8, 66. Magic two Jamie McKechnie @16th.

Sunday November 5, vs Corrie GC at Lamlash. WBGCC ran out winners by 2 and 1/2 to 1 and 1/2.

Fixtures: Sunday November 12, Winter Cup round 2.

Brodick Golf Club

Saturday November 4, Saturday Cup, Stableford, 13 played, NC. 1 Jimmy Armit 12, 36pts, 2 Bill Donaldson 16, 35pts ACB, 3 Kenny McMillan 13, 35pts, ACB.

Sunday November 5, Sweep, Stableford, seven played, NC. 1 Terry Rae-side 10, 35pts, ACB, 2 Bob McCrae 8, 35pts, Bill Donaldson 16, 32pts.

Fixture: Sunday November 12, Brandon qualifier, 9am and noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 31, Winter Cup. 1 P Betley 76-9=67, 2 B Sherwood 82-14=68, 3 R Betley 98-28=70.

Saturday November 4, Lochranza Hotel Cup. CSS 65, R/O 1 P Betley 28pts, 2 C Laing 26, 3 B Sherwood 23.

Fixture: Tuesday November 14, Winter Cup at noon.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday November 2, Yellow Medal, CSS 61, Par 61. 1 Alan Smith 68-11=57,

2 QJ Young 77-14=63.

Fixtures: Sunday November 12, Glenburn Cup. Ballots at 9.30am and noon.

Thursday November 16, Yellow Medal. Ballot at 11am.

Arran Golfers Association

Sunday November 5. The Arran Golfers' Association winter league got off to a grand start, with superb conditions and six teams of eight players.

The majority of players complimented the course conditions, despite rain of the past few days.

Lamlash, the home team, supplied all the players with a welcome bowl of soup and sandwiches. All teams were represented in full except for Shiskine who had a substitute playing to make up the numbers.

First off the block in the shotgun start was Lamlash taking on Shiskine, with Lamlash winning three games and losing one. Whiting Bay vs Corrie result was 2.5 to 1.5 for the Bay. Machrie Bay vs Brodick result was 3.5 to 0.5 for Brodick.

Fixture: Sunday December 3, Winter League, Whiting Bay, shotgun start at 10am.

Teams are requested to arrive by 9.30am as some will have a bit of a walk if the buggies are not available. Whiting Bay, the host club, will be organising the selection of tees for the start. Draw: Whiting Bay vs Brodick, Corrie vs Shiskine and Machrie vs Lamlash.

WEDDING



Wishing Robin & Helen a very happy 40th Wedding Anniversary, lots of love Kenneth, Fiona, Ewan & Callum x

Bollywood dance fitness is a first for the island

Incredibly popular and fun Zumba fitness dancing has returned to Arran with the reintroduction of classes taking place in Brodick Hall on a Wednesday evening.

In addition to the Zumba dancing, and in a first for the west of Scotland, Just Jhoom, a blend of classical Bollywood dance, Bhangra, yoga and mindfulness, is also now being introduced and is available on Arran from Dance Fitness with Mhairi.

Mhairi Tindall, who has over six years' experience

delivering classes mainly in Ayr and Prestwick, but is regularly on Arran, has training in a variety of dance disciplines that can suit participants of every age and fitness level.

Having originally trained as a Zumba instructor and then specialising in Zumba Kids and Zumba Gold she then became a Fitsteps instructor.

Fitsteps is a combination of dance fitness crossed with Strictly Come Dancing which is the brain child of ex-Strictly stars Natalie Lowe and Ian Waite.

Mhairi's most recent training though, is the dance discipline that is sure to capture the interest of fitness fans who enjoy trying something new.

Just Jhoom brings together aerobics, mindful movement and Bollywood dancing that draws on a range of styles from classical Indian dancing to Bhangra to create a unique dance fitness experience that is said to nourish both body and soul.

Fun

It is the brainchild of classically-trained Indian dancer Shalini Bhalala, who has collaborated with dance, fitness and yoga professionals to create training programmes that allow instructors to provide fun and dynamic fitness sessions.

Just Jhoom is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

One of the current classes on offer, Zumba Gold is perfect for active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class

Mhairi said: 'I started the



Mhairi Tindall of Dance Fitness takes participants through the dance routines.



Classes are enjoyed by all ages and abilities and promotes a sense of well-being.

classes on September 20 in Brodick Hall and although there were small numbers to start, they have continued to grow, and I have been delighted by the support and enthusiasm of the participants.

'Zumba Gold is perfect for active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates

the moves at a lower intensity and with little or no impact.

It is also perfect for beginners, those who are starting their path to fitness and for those who just prefer to exercise at a gentler pace.'

Classes run on Wednesdays with the Zumba Gold taking place from 4pm and

the Just Jhoom starting at 5.50pm. Each class costs £5 or £8 for both with no ongoing commitment.

There is no need to book, just visit Brodick Hall, wear trainers and comfortable clothing and take a small bottle of water.

Contact Mhairi on 07557870504 or visit www.mhairitindall.com

Arran Ladies top the league

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Wood had plenty of work to do blocking the numerous attacks on goal. As always, goalkeeper Ali McKie proved unbeatable, charging down any stray opportunities that GHK had. The final whistle went with a secure win of 4-0 for the Arran Ladies. Lorraine was awarded dame of the game by the opposition.

A spokeswoman for the club said: 'All in all, this was a game played with superb teamwork and true fighting spirit and determination. We would like to thank Paul-

ine Reid for officiating the game, and the Ormidale Hotel for catering with its after-match teas. It was wonderful to see so many spectators showing their support on the sidelines too.'

Old rivals

The Arran Ladies travel to Glasgow today (Saturday) to play against old rivals Uddingston Clinetix Ladies 2s which is sure to be a challenge, and one of the toughest games of the season, as they sit second in the league behind Arran, with games in hand.



Midfielder Hazel Malakoty anticipates the opposition's next move and claims possession of the ball.

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Jenny Stark finds an open defence and has a go at goal. 01_B45hockey02

SPORT



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Bollywood dance fitness comes to Arran



Lorraine Hewie capitalises on a small gap near goal to pass the ball to Hazel Malakoty. 01_B45hockey05

Fighting home win puts Arran top of the league

Arran Ladies 4
GHKLadies 3s 0

The Arran Ladies hockey team sit top of Division 3 of the West District women's hockey league with 18 points after their sixth win of the season in Brodick last Sunday.

The team came out in full fighting force with a squad of 16 players to defeat the highly ranked GHK 3s on home turf, who now sit fourth in the league having had a points deduction.

Arran started with the young team of Mia Walker, Gemima Currie and Megan McNicol playing up front, with the support from experienced midfielders Hazel Malakoty, Jenny Stark

and Susie Murchie, they managed to cause quite a lot of pressure on the GHK defence, being awarded two attacking short corners in the first 10 minutes of the game. Both teams settled into play thereafter with neither side dominating play. Arran's defence played steadfast with sweeper Cat Galbraith calling defence into position, keeping GHK's attacks out of Arran's defending circle.

Arran forwards had many on-target shots at goal but GHK's young goalkeeper thwarted their chances to score.

The fighting spirit and determination of Arran's forwards, Helen Thomson, Anne Watts and Lorraine

Hewie, eventually paid off 32 minutes into the first half when captain Anne Watts put the first goal past the goalkeeper. This was followed very swiftly by a goal from left midfielder Susie Murchie bringing the scoreline to 2-0 at the half time whistle.

Arran took more control over the game in the second half, with Lorraine Hewie scoring just two minutes in. Arran's midfield and forward lines kept the pressure up, resulting in a second goal for Anne, and solidifying Arran's scoreline.

GHK never relented and Arran's defenders Kirstie Barton, Faith McKelvie, Freya McNicol and Ellie

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Megan McNicol keeps both hands on the stick to capture the ball. 01_B45hockey04



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