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Locality partnership meets just twice in the past year

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The chairman of Arran Community Council has sharply criticised the new community engagement structure at North Ayrshire Council, which he has described as 'dysfunctional' and unrepresentative.

The influential Bill Calderwood made his hard-hitting views in his review of the past year at the Arran Community Council annual general meeting last week.

NAC has set up six locality partnerships, including one for Arran, under the government-backed Community Planning Partnership structure which, they say, gives local groups the 'empowerment' to take more control over the decisions that affect their community.

But Mr Calderwood said that, despite their statutory status, the work of the community council was being 'sidelined and demeaned'

by the continued determination of the council not to address the obvious disparity in the operation of the two bodies.

At the meeting, Mr Calderwood told members: 'One area of frustration which many of the members and residents have voiced and has not been resolved centres around the relationship and roles between the community council and the NAC locality partnership structure which we have representation to.'

'The community council has had 10 meetings since our last AGM and the process which NAC introduced as its view of "community engagement", locality planning has only met twice, with the first taking place a couple of weeks after our AGM last November and the latest being a few weeks ago.'

'We have no direct input into the Community Planning Partnership structure

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Pupils of Brodick early years class celebrated Hallowe'en with a special party where they dressed up as their favourite film characters, super-heroes, animals and princesses. For our second Hallowe'en special, turn to p12-14.

New drink drive device in use by Arran police

New equipment has arrived on Arran, meaning anyone caught drink driving can be dealt with more quickly and efficiently.

The island has its first Intoximeter device, meaning the results of a roadside breath test can be confirmed by the new equip-

ment at Lamlash police office without a doctor having to perform a blood test.

Sergeant Dougie Robertson said police on Arran could now deal with drink driving offences in a 'far more efficient manner'. It will also take some pres-

sure off the NHS on the island. Sergeant Robertson told the Banner: 'Ultimately, having the Intoximeter device means the police on Arran have access to the same processes and procedures which are used to tackle drink driving on the mainland and will allow us

to take swift action against those who choose to drive while under the influence of alcohol, putting not only their lives but those of others in danger.'

Arran will now take part in the festive drink drive campaign and other initiatives during the year.

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'Dysfunctional' partnership meets just twice in a year

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but the "locality" feeds directly in. We have no direct fiscal responsibility but the LPP is the forum for all public funding decisions and will administer the community investment fund for Arran which stands at £104,000.

'We get minimal funding and our request for secretarial resources was refused this year whilst the locality partnership have dedicated resources and a significant amount of NAC officer time and resources allocated.

'The partnership agendas are prepared in exclusion to the other members. There is no consultation with community representatives prior to the meeting and any funding applications

are notified to the partnership with NAC's recommendations predetermined. It is a top down authoritative driven structure – not the ground up representative forum our communities expected,' Mr Calderwood stated.

'At this time, when there is an emphasis on democracy matters, the question is still unanswered as to what role the community councils fulfil as a statutory body? This is a topic which we need to consider again based on a response received in reply to a letter to the cabinet secretary for communities and local government Aileen Campbell: "As statutory responsibility for community councils rests with the relevant local authority it is

for North Ayrshire Council to take forward any concerns regarding community councils on Arran. There are no current plans to change these statutory responsibilities.'

'The current dysfunctional "locality" approach needs to change'

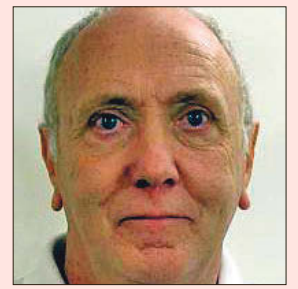
'If we are to fulfil the service which our community expects the current dysfunctional "locality" approach needs to change or our efforts are side lined and demeaned by the continued determination of the local authority not to address the obvious disparity in the operation of the two bodies and accept that, as

identified by the recently introduced Islands Bill, island communities have the right to a democratic and functionally representative process. They also should reconsider the future of community councils as the statutory body who handle a wide range of topics, many based on financial constraints implemented by NAC as above, with the performance against their perceived preferred format of locality partnership which has been empowered to distribute funds and does not demonstrate any level of community involvement in agenda setting, meeting format or inclusive dialogue with community councils or other community groups.

'Unfortunately, as we

weren't directly included in the recent transport workshop – which was identified as one of the three top priorities from the locality partnership discussion last year – this was frustrating given the history of the CC's work which we have supported.'

However, Mr Calderwood added: 'I want to conclude with a positive outlook as we enter into more planning challenges, forestry proposals and discussions for further improvements to roads and island infrastructure going into 2019 and recognise the work we have achieved and pass on a big thank you to all members and hope that our communities continue to view our work in a positive and informed manner.'



Bill Calderwood.

Bill is back in charge

Bill Calderwood has been re-elected as chairman of Arran Community Council.

At the annual meeting held in the Ormidale Pavilion, he was re-elected unopposed. Richard McMaster stays on as vice-chairman as does Jim Henderson as secretary. Julie Graham is the new treasurer, taking over from Peter Randell who has resigned from the community council on health grounds and was thanked for his contribution by Mr Calderwood. Jim Nichols is to continue in his role as minute secretary for the meetings.

Lochranza hit by flash flood

Parts of Lochranza were flooded on Wednesday morning when the Lochranza River that runs parallel to the A841 burst its banks, writes Colin Smeeton.

Throughout the area rivers and tributaries, including the Loch a Mhuilinn which runs behind the Lochranza Distillery, were in full spate and with the large number of fallen leaves blocking culverts and drains, the main road was swamped with the rising floodwater.

The dip in the road near the Lochranza Outdoor Centre was the worst affected, with water reaching a depth of more than 30cm. The start of Newton Road – leading to the opposite side of the bay in the direction of the Cock of Arran – was completely submerged, including Lochranza Medical Centre, where the grounds resembled a lake and water completely surround-



Passengers make their way to safety through the flood water. 01_B45Lochranza02

ed the building. With localised flooding regularly taking place in the area, all of the surrounding buildings, including the medical centre, outdoor centre and the houses at the junction of Newton Road and the A841 are all slightly raised, which ensured there was no serious flood damage.

One car, however, cut out as it was crossing the river and it had to be pushed up the road into a nearby lay-by to keep the road clear. The occupants, three ladies and a gentleman, rolled up

their trousers and walked to dry ground, where they were given a lift home, less than a mile away.

The flooding coincided with a particularly high tide but this had no bearing on the flooded area owing to its distance from the sea. Instead, it is most likely that heavy rains in the surrounding mountain area received a deluge which flowed down along the Lochranza river and surrounding areas.

The low-lying land towards the east of the flooded area at the Lochranza campsite and golf course were largely unaffected, with just a small portion partially submerged.

Roads were not closed and the A841 remained passable with a few vehicles seen making their way slowly along the main

The Lochranza Medical Centre is completely surrounded by floodwater. 01_B45Lochranza04



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Raising funds for school trip to Tanzania

A fundraising Christmas fair will help six Arran High School pupils on their way for a trip of a lifetime to Tanzania.

Last Saturday's craft fair, which raised an excellent £856.84, was staged by the pupils planning to make an educational trip next summer. The six are Eilidh Hamill, Alice

Kinniburgh, Daisy Urquhart-Dixon, James Smith, Kirk Inglis and Robbie Milton.

Well supported

Parents, grandparents and friends were all drafted in to help with the fair which was also well supported by local craftsmen and women.

Along with the stalls, there were a

tombola, Christmas raffle and an extensive book stall as well as refreshments and homebaking, which were on sale in the cafe.

Afterwards Daisy said: 'Thank you all for such a fantastic day. We all really enjoyed hosting this fair and we hope to see you all at Santa's Spar-kle.'



Tanzania bound left to right: James Smith, Alice Kinniburgh, Eilidh Hamill, Daisy Urquhart-Dixon and Kirk Inglis. Robbie Milton was unwell. 01_B45trip02



Parent Andrea Hammond doing a roaring trade at the tombola stall. 01_B45trip05



Rita Nemcsenyi is dressed as a pirate at the Crafty Rivets stall. 01_B45trip01



Eilidh and Daisy with the mouthwatering array of homebaking. 01_B45trip03

Pipes and bells remember end of Great War

Arran will be taking part in a nationwide day of commemorative Armistice events scheduled for tomorrow (Sunday) to mark 100 years since the end of First World War.

To mark the centenary, pipers across the United Kingdom and around the world will pay tribute to the 2,000 and more pipers who were killed or injured in battle.

Pipers from the Arran Pipe Band will join the more than 1,000 individual pipers taking part in the event and will play the traditional Scottish lament When the Battle's O'er at 11.02am, after the observance of two minutes silence, at the

war memorials in Corrie, Pirmill, Whiting Bay and Kilmory, as well as at Brodick Church and the Clearances Memorial in Lamlash as a mark of respect for, and in remembrance of, the lost pipers as well as all the many others who sacrificed their lives in the Great War.

The commemorations end at 7.05pm, when churches and cathedrals will ring out their bells in celebration of peace.

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Work starts on d old pier

Work has started on the dismantling of the old pier and linkspan in Brodick which will eventually be demolished.

The former gangway and gantry have been taken down and work to remove all the services is currently being carried out by George Leslie Ltd, which won the contract for the work after a tender exercise over the summer. The work should be complete by the end of the month.

The pier is now surplus to requirements after the completion of the new £30 million terminal and pier after several months of delay in March.

However, port owners Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) say there is no timescale for the demolition of the old pier – although the spit where the cars previously drove down to the linkspan will be retained as a picnic area.

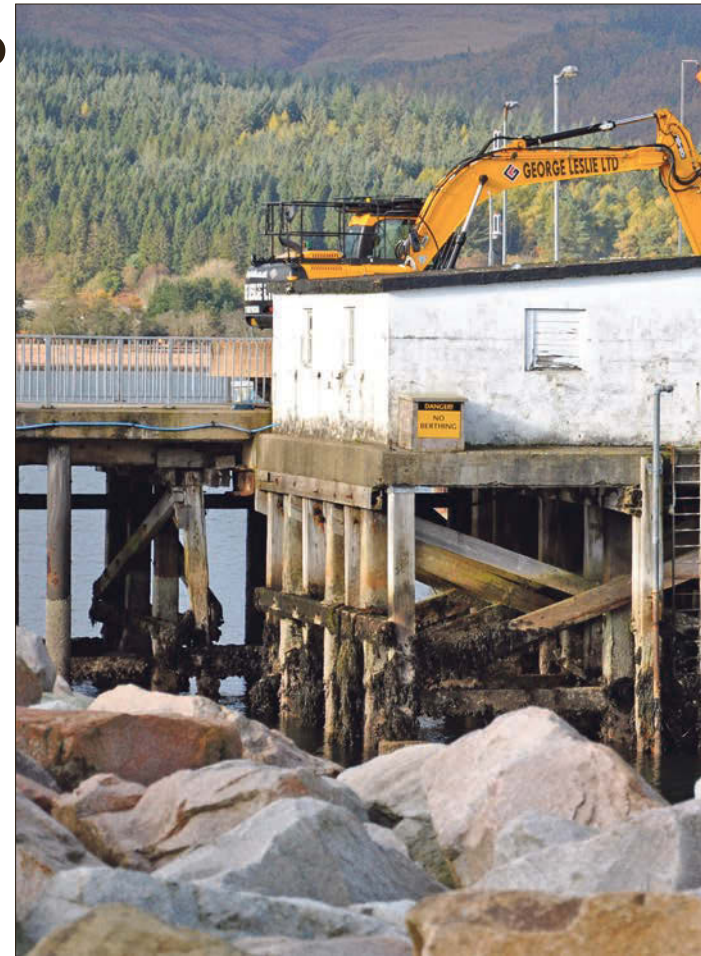
A spokesman for CMAL said: ‘George Leslie was awarded a contract for undertaking some decommissioning work at the old

Brodick pier. The works are in essence removing all services, power, water, hydraulic systems, etc. until full demolition can be undertaken, as well as removal of the old passenger access system (PAS) and the old linkspan.

‘The old linkspan and PAS are being disposed of, as they are now life expired. These decommissioning works are programmed to be completed by the end of November, although a number of tasks are dependent on favourable weather conditions and tide levels.’

Meanwhile, a decision is expected soon on the future of the old terminal building which was put on the market for lease.

One of the groups bidding to take it over is the Arran Economic Group (AEG) which has already secured £100,000 of funding to convert the building into a hub, which would be a showcase for the island’s products, as well as office space for existing and start-up businesses. However it



A RIB has been brought in to assist with the work. 01_B45pier05

faces commercial opposition for the premises.

a number of elements of their bids.

The CMAL spokesman added: ‘We have received three formal offers at the closing date and are currently working with the interested parties to clarify

‘It is expected that a preferred party will be identified in the next two weeks and detailed negotiations will be progressed with that party.’



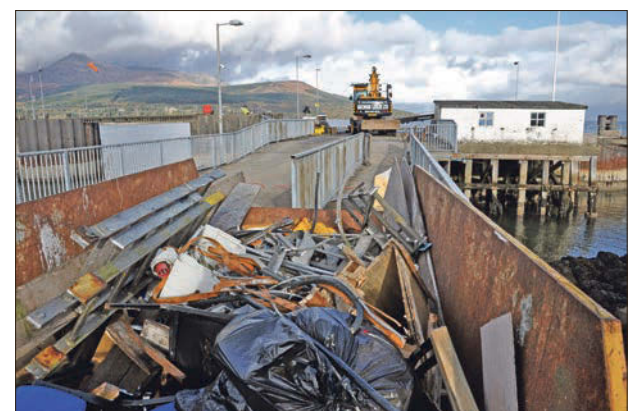
Dismantling work underway on the linkspan. 01_B45pier02



Part of the pier structure which will eventually be removed.



The former gangway is loaded on to a flatbed truck.
Photo: Russell Duncan



Fixtures from the old pier are piled high in a skip. 01_B45pier01

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Services being removed from the linkspan. 01_B45pier03

Mountain festival team looking for new friends

Organisers of the Arran Mountain Festival will meet next week to reflect on another successful year and to launch their plans for the 13th year of the festival in 2019.

Taking place in the Arran Mountain Rescue Team base in Cladach on Monday November 12, at 7pm, organisers are encouraging members of the community to attend the annual general meeting and to become part of the volunteer-led organisation.

Presented

Prior to the discussions, Arran artist and philanthropist Gordon Davidson will be presented with a donation towards his work with Arran House in Nepal – a halfway house for orphaned children which provides facilities to engage in arts projects.

With preparations already

underway for next year's Arran Mountain Festival, members are working on a walks programme that will offer 154 spaces on 20 walks over the weekend of May 17 to 20 next year.

As well as being an opportunity to help shape and to contribute to the festival, attendees can also learn about how to become a Friend of the Arran Mountain Festival which will allow the opportunity to book a place on walks ahead of booking lines being open to the public

By donating a minimum of £10, as well as providing vital support to the festival, each Friend of the Arran Mountain Festival will have the chance of booking two places per person on next year's festival walks – subject to availability – one week ahead of the booking lines opening in mid-De-

cember 2018. They will also receive a festival supporter car sticker.

Friends forms will be available at the AGM and at www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk and need to be submitted before Friday November 30.

Encourage

A spokesman from the Arran Mountain Festival said: 'As a community-based, volunteer-led organisation, we actively encourage local involvement and participation at our AGM.

'This will enable you to find out more about what the Arran Mountain Festival is all about and provide the opportunity for you to contribute your thoughts and suggestions for the festival going forward. We look forward to seeing you at the AMRT base next Monday.'

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Fireworks fun

Firework events were held around the island over the weekend to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night.

The events started on Friday night in Lochranza where the Northend Festival of Fire went ahead in spite of some strong winds spoiling some of the lighter fireworks lit at the castle.

Big crowd

There was a big crowd out to watch the fireworks and enjoy 230 burgers and some refreshments while listening to the Arran Pipe

Band playing at the bonfire.

Over in Lamlash the bonfire planned for Saturday night had to be cancelled because of the weather forecast, but went ahead on Sunday with a huge bonfire on the village green.

Also on Sunday, Pirmill was the beneficiary of some of the unused fireworks in Lochranza for its display.

Monday rounded off the weekend with displays and bonfires in Brodick, Whiting Bay and Kildonan.



Arran Pipe Band entertain the crowds at Lochranza.

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An atmospheric shot at the Whiting Bay fireworks display.

Photo Linda Tudhope



The pipe band plays in the glow of the bonfire. 01_B45fireworks03



Girls enjoy their glowsticks at Lochranza fireworks.

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Castle closed for winter

Brodick Castle is now closed for the winter season with both the Isle be Wild playpark and the visitor centre tea-room shut.

However, operations manager Jared Bowers has pledged that there will be lots happening from April 2019 including the re-opening of the castle, a new design for the walled garden and an exciting events' programme

Jared said: 'On behalf of the entire team here at Brodick Castle, I wanted to say thank you to all of our visitors in 2018 and we can't wait to see all of you back again.'

'All visitor services are now closed on the property until April, but the grounds and country park remain open,' he added.

See letters page.

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Sophie Castell, Director of Relationships at RNIB, says: 'Sadly, all too often, people with diabetes can lose their sight due to complications. Yet with early detection and treatment, sight loss due to diabetic retinopathy can be prevented. Regular eye tests are important for everyone, but especially for people living with diabetes who should also ensure they attend appointments for specialist diabetic eye screening. It's a few minutes that could save your sight.'

¹ https://www.diabetes.org.uk/resources-s3/2017-11/diabetes_in_the_uk_2010.pdf

² https://www.diabetes.org.uk/about_us/news/over-40-of-people-unaware-diabetes-can-lead-to-blindness-

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Editorial

Who speaks for Arran?

There is clearly something wrong when a respected and hard working community activist feels he has to speak out strongly.

Community council chairman Bill Calderwood is not a man to seek the headlines, preferring to work quietly in the background, but making things happen at the same time.

For him to use the annual meeting of the community council to vent his anger at the new locality partnership structure shows the level of his frustration.

This was touted two years ago by first the government and then North Ayrshire Council as the all-singing, all-dancing way to 'empower' local communities to take more control over the decisions that affect them.

But what has happened since? In the last year the locality partnership has met twice while the community council, which has a statutory authority, has met 10 times and dealt with a wide range of subjects that really matter to the community.

But it is worrying that the community council is being sidelined and that this new structure is being seen as being dysfunctional given that it has control of the purse strings, to the tune of £104,000 on Arran alone, to distribute to community groups.

Thought for the week

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.' Matthew 5:6

A bright future for Brodick Castle

Sir,
We were sorry to read of Michael Smith's disappointment following his last visit to Brodick Castle (Castle woes, Arran Banner, November 3).

Even a jewel in the crown needs a polish now and then and we can assure Mr Smith that if he returns to Arran next year the situation will be very different. As is often said, the night is darkest before the dawn and because the castle has been shut the impression of inactivity may have been given. However, this is far from the truth.

Readers will be well aware that the castle has been closed for over £1.5 million of vital fire suppression work (the importance of which has been underlined by the tragic events at Glasgow School of Art).

The closure has also given us time to re-think how the castle and its collections will be presented in

future. More will be revealed by the time the castle re-opens in the spring-time – a new approach to experiencing its history and stories. With investment totalling £3 million over the next five years, we aim to bring out the human stories behind the castle and the community, as well as revealing hidden dimensions to the various objects on display.

We are also making significant investment in the castle gardens and grounds, quite apart from the fabulous Isle be Wild play area that Mr Smith mentions.

We have created the new Silver Garden which is thematically linked to the castle's Beckford Collection of silver objects. It also includes sculptures specially created by Sally Matthews and based on Arran's legendary White Stag. This will be followed by new signage and wayfinding.

Our café and retail areas are in a temporary arrangement at present and they too are about to benefit from a makeover. A

new experience is being designed for both, which will play a role in the overall improved visitor experience we will be offering.

Far from being neglected, Brodick Castle is a proving ground for new ideas and visitor experiences. We hope that the people of Arran will join us in 2019 and come to see for themselves what has been achieved.

Yours,
Jared Bowers
Operations manager,
Brodick Castle, Garden
and Country Park,
National Trust for
Scotland.

Treasured album

Sir,
On Christmas Day 1914, my mother, who was 16, received a gift from her father – an autograph album, covered in dark green, soft leather with gilt-edged pages. As she gazed at the bare pages thinking of all the friends who would cover them with poems, jokes and signatures, she never dreamt that her family would look at her album 100 years later.

Her father was a captain in the merchant navy – a dangerous occupation in that terrible war, and her mother, my granny, kept an open house for soldiers of the Northumberland Fusiliers stationed in nearby barracks. There they could relax with a cup of tea and a chat by the cosy fire and, if I am not wrong, a bible reading and a prayer before going back to their bare quarters – I knew my granny!

Many of these young men, boys really, left entries in mum's album – verses and paintings (not just drawings) showing such great skill and talent, I still marvel at their pictures.

And, here's the really sad thought, none of those fine young men returned home from the war. What a waste of lives and talents – but they left a little part of themselves in this album. Is it any wonder we treasure it still, 100 years later.

Yours,
Joan Jeavons
c/o Ruth Thompson
Lamlash

Monuments man makes welcome return

The Arran Saltire Society's November meeting will be a talk by Paul McAuley, recently retired from his fascinating work as conservation officer in the city of Edinburgh, looking after all the monuments there, from the spectacular – in the shape of the Scott Monument and the Ross Fountain – to the smaller but no less popular Greyfriars Bobby.

Paul has an Arran connection that goes back decades to when his interest in conservation was sparked while he was caretaker at Arran's Heritage Museum

in the 1980s. He went on from there to take conservation studies at the University of Lincoln.

As the co-author of *Monumental Edinburgh*, which recounts the story behind many of the stone sculptures in Scotland's capital city, Paul will be sharing some fascinating stories behind the war memorials the length and breadth of Scotland – particularly poignant during the First World War commemorations.

His talk, *Remembering World War I - the art of war memorials in Scotland*,

will be held at the Ormisdale Pavilion, Brodick, on Wednesday November 14, at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, entry is by donation and refreshments will be served.

There will be a further Saltire Society meeting later in the month on Wednesday November 22, this time at the Brodick Hall, when Scottish First Book

of the Year judge Laura Waddell will talk with First Book shortlistee Alex Boyd about his work and shortlisted book, *St Kilda, The Silent Islands*.

This talk will be part of a number of events by the Saltire Society celebrating authors as part of their Saltire Literary Awards which were announced last month. The talk will be from 6pm to 8pm.



Paul McAuley
will be talking
about the art of
war memorials in
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Christmas comes early for Brodick



Save the Children

The annual Save the Children Christmas fair attracted a large crowd to the Brodick Hall on Saturday morning which raised more than £1,500 for the charity.

The well-attended event saw the incredibly popular homebaking stall and the tombolla selling out within



Fiona Henderson with a selection of knitted snowmen. 01_B45save03

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 hand-made Christmas cards, were 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, home-baking and soup.



A packed Brodick Hall at the Save the Children Christmas fair. 01_B45save01



A young man takes an interest in the raffle stall staffed by Margaret Auld and Vivienne Haigh. 01_B45save05



Busy behind the baking stall are Jean Robertson, Irene Rollo and Elizabeth McKellar. 01_B45save04

Corrie Film Club presents ...

Oh! What a Lovely War
Appropriately, to mark the centenary of the armistice of the First World War, Corrie Film Club is screening Richard Attenborough's star-studded film, Oh! What a Lovely War.

Released in 1969 the comedy musical features Laurence Olivier, Ralph Richardson, John Mills, John Gielgud, Maggie Smith, Vanessa Redgrave, Ian Holm and Dirk Bogarde.

The film, based on Joan Littlewood's stage musical of the same name, is a savage, satirical sideswipe at the mismanagement and waste of life seen in this tragic and horrible war.

It follows the Smith family from their optimistic jingoistic joining up to the sombre, disillusioned reality of a war of attrition.

It is a film of conflicting emotions using moving examples like Christmas 1914 juxtaposed with bawdy music hall songs.

There is pathos, satire, music and humour.

Above all, the abilities of great actors together create a picture of a devastating war with the deepest impact of the film coming from the sad realisation that there have been, and are, wars even more horrible.

Everyone is welcome to go and view this film at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall tomorrow (Armistice Sunday) at 8pm.

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An appreciation of Dr Angus Campbell

The island recently suffered the sad loss of Dr Donald Angus Campbell, made all the more poignant by him only retiring last December.

He came to the island in 1981 as a partner in one of the island medical practices. As he had sailed since childhood, including on Arran as a holiday maker, he rapidly joined the local RNLI lifeboat as honorary medical advisor and crew, eventually becoming senior helmsman.

Within months he had also joined Arran Junior Sailing Club, teaching children from 11 to 18 years to sail, and Arran Yacht Club, racing dinghies and yachts. In the early '90s he took over responsibility as chief instructor for the Arran Junior Sailing Club running weekly sessions, fundraising and summer camps.

During his time with the club he must have been involved in introducing and teaching more than 1,200 children to the sport of sailing. As a yacht club mem-



Dr Angus Campbell.

ber he was commodore several times and his name adorns all its trophies several times over including the Club Championship.

He competed over the years in his beloved GP14 dinghy on the mainland in National Championships and in yachts with success at the Scottish Series and West Highland week.

Angus, as he was known, was a stalwart of water-sport on the island gaining recognition for Arran Junior Sailing Club and Arran Yacht Club as RYA teaching establishments as well

as organising national class regattas at the club.

In 2015 he even set up The Arran Coastal Rowing Club and organised the building of two St Ayles skiffs which are in constant use and compete successfully all over Scotland.

Shortly before he died, he was informed that he had been put forward and was one of four coaches short-listed for this year's North Ayrshire Community Coach Award, for his work with Arran Junior Sailing Club.

Angus will be sorely missed by all his associated clubs and organisations for his enthusiasm and wise counsel.

He was a doer and though chairman and a deputy launching authority of the lifeboat, by choice, he would have been out there manning the boat.

At this time our thoughts are with Yolly and the family as Angus moves on to where the wind always blows from behind.

Geoff Norris

Community co-operative breathes new life into Whiting Bay store

Advertorial

A small collective of craftspeople and artisans have rescued a Whiting Bay landmark from falling into disuse by opening a co-operative store in the iconic seafront building which used to house Bay News and Gift Shop.

The newly reopened and freshly refurbished building has been resurrected as Bay Wool and Crafts and incorporates Katsock Crafts, Scenes of Arran, The Arran Glass Studio and Granny's Knits.

The attractively decorated shop, which not only serves as an island wool supplier, also specialises in hand-knitted garments from Linda MacCallum of Granny's Knits, knitted toys and cushions from Kat Sparshott of Katsock Crafts, photographic art and canvasses from Ste-



Kat and Stephen Sparshott outside their new store in Whiting Bay. 01_B45Bay01

phen J Sparshott of Scenes of Arran and stained glass and mosaics by Jill Jeffries of the Arran Glass Studio.

In addition to these offerings, Bay Wool and Crafts is a stockist of Arran ice

cream which visitors can enjoy, or take home a luxury pudding from LillyPuds, which produces indulgent puddings which come in gluten-free and vegan options too.

Speaking after the grand opening on Monday, which more than 65 people attended, Stephen and Kat said: 'We are delighted to be seeing the Bay News shop being given a new lease of life.'

'We have to thank Whiting Bay and District Improvements for the warm welcome, along with everyone that has come to wish us well and support us.'

'The welcome from our new neighbours and the public has been remarkable, so too from previous proprietors Bev and Tim Hodgkinson.'

'Everyone has been incredibly supportive and helpful, including County Carpets, which made a special effort to get everything looking just-right in such a short time.'

The collective has grand plans for the store which includes renting a small display area out to other craftspeople and a regular Knit and Natter Club on a Thursday where like-minded people can go and share tips and tricks in the company of others.

While collaborating with other similar ventures across the country, the group is also planning various workshops and is looking to get more involved with local events such as coffee mornings and other charitable causes.



A selection of knitted soft toys are available from Bay Wool and Crafts. 01_B45Bay02

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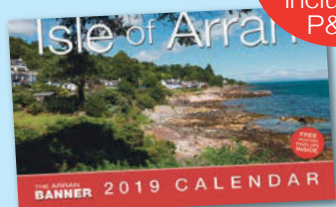
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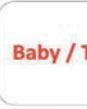
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Trio will bring a taste of Aberdeen

Music Arran will be bringing a taste of Aberdeen to Arran next week with a performance by Aberdeen Baroque.

On Saturday November 17, at 7.30pm in Brodick Hall, the trio, comprising Amanda and Claire Babington and David J Smith, is known as AB24 - referencing their shared connection with Aberdeen where all three members have, over the years, enjoyed living, working and performing.

Although AB24 is relatively newly formed as an ensemble, its members have known each other for many years through their connections with Aberdeen. As visiting per-

formance fellows at the University of Aberdeen, Claire and Amanda have had many opportunities to perform alongside David, and their decision to utilise this experience by forming AB24 comes from a shared love of the repertoire afforded to them by the wide variety of instrument combinations at their fingertips.

Specialising

Amanda Babington is a violinist, recorder player and musette player, specialising in historically informed performance. She plays regularly with many of the leading British and European period-instrument ensembles including Les Talens Lyrique, the Wallfish Band, Dunedin

Consort, Ex Cathedra, the Gabrieli Consort and Players and Fiori Musicali.

Amanda has been the director of the University of Manchester Baroque Orchestra since 2006 and is a lecturer in the School of Academic Studies at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

Since leaving the Royal Northern College of Music, Claire Babington, Amanda's sister, has had a busy and varied career as a freelance cellist working with the Hallé, Liverpool Philharmonic and most recently and regularly, Manchester Camerata. As a baroque cellist Claire has combined solo performance with playing



Trio ensemble AB24 will be performing at Brodick Hall next week.

continuo for a wide range of vocal and instrumental repertoire. In demand as a continuo cellist she has worked on operas by Handel, Monteverdi Purcell and Rameau; as well as regular performances of Bach's St John Passion and St Matthew Passion and Handel's Messiah.

David J Smith was organ scholar at St Peter's College and Wadham College,

Oxford, where he completed his doctorate on the instrumental music of Peter Philips (1560/61-1628). He became assistant director of music at the University of Aberdeen in 1994, served as head of music from 2009 to 2013 and is master of chapel and ceremonial music and organist to the university.

David is an organist, harpsichordist, recorder

player and accompanist.

With such a myriad of instrument combinations this concert is destined to be memorable. The hall will be in a café style so visitors can bring a bottle and some friends. Tickets are £10 and available on-line from www.arranevents.com, at Inspirations in Brodick, or at the door. Children and young students will be allowed free entry.

Mad Ferret make a welcome return to Brodick Hall

Folk duo The Mad Ferret Band will be returning to Arran for a lively one-night performance as part of their upcoming tour to promote their new album Getting Livelier.

The Perthshire duo features Chris Woods on mandolin, guitar and vocals and Sandy Stirton on guitar, cajon and vocals, who have visited Arran for many years and have previously played at the Blackwaterfoot Hotel beer festival, Brodick Golf Club and the Ormidale Hotel on the day of Brodick Highland Games.

Touring

The pair will be touring throughout November at their preferred type of venue - intimate halls across Scotland - where the audience is encouraged to get up on their feet and dance.

Having played at all of the larger popular festivals and concert halls and hav-

ing warmed up the stage for well-known performers Dougie MacLean, Skerryvore, Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Mànran and Peatbog Faeries, the duo are prolific, averaging more than 180 gigs a year.

Playing both original music and traditional toe-tappers, the Arran audience can expect a lively performance of traditional and contemporary folk music with fast mandolin solos, tight vocal harmonies and driving cajon beats.

Their new release Getting Livelier features old and new tunes, all recorded live from their most memorable shows, including Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The performance will take place in Brodick Hall on Saturday November 24 at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from www.madferretrecords.com and at the door on the night.



Mad Ferret will be performing on Arran later this month.

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Haunted Hallowe'en fun and

In our second instalment of Hallowe'en celebrations which took place across Arran we present a snapshot of the rest of the parties which the Arran Banner attended.

At Brodick Primary School, children dressed for the occasion, enjoyed traditional games and took part in fun competitions, many of them involving enthusiastic and active dancing, to earn themselves sweet prizes.

The traditional Montrose House Hallowe'en evening attracted a large gathering of young guisers who performed for the care home residents in order to receive tasty treats and a goodie-bag to take home with them. Residents, this year, were treated to jokes, songs, dancing and even a

few magic tricks.

Over in Shiskine Village Hall where an evening of traditional games is the highlight of many a young guiser's Hallowe'en plans, children enthusiastically took part in fun games along with the liberal handing out of toys and sweet prizes. Besides the usual dooking for apples and eating jam pancakes, children enjoyed dancing and running games and some convinced their parents to join in with the fun.

Altogether, Hallowe'en on Arran has been a week-long celebration with fun activities taking place at various village halls and schools. It has also once again been a welcome introduction to the start of the cold, dark winter nights that lie ahead.



Still as a statue, Brodick pupils freeze when the music stops. 01_B45BP501



Above, Anne Watts lets the children select a sweet treat during the Hallowe'en party. 01_B45BP507; and right, many of the children went to great lengths to come up with elaborate costume ideas. 01_B45BP506



A brightly coloured clown shows off his best dance moves, above left. 01_B45BP502; A vampire princess and cat-woman enjoy dancing, centre. 01_B45BP503; The monsters' parade, the children during the costume judging. 01_B45BP505



A ghoulish gathering of Brodick Primary School's P4s, 5s and 6s. 01_B45BP504

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games on Arran



Clockwise from top left on this page: Jenson and Kellen join mum Marie-louise Craig at Montrose House where they performed for residents. 01_B45montrose01; Two scary guisers tell residents Hal-lowe'en themed jokes. 01_B45montrose02; Residents enjoy one of their young visitors' songs. 01_B45montrose06; Luca and Joey Duncan perform magic tricks. 01_B45montrose04; A joke-telling wizard was one of the many children who visited the Brodick residential care home. 01_B45montrose03

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Clockwise from right: Grace Popplewell received a large round of applause for her dancing performance. 01_B45montrose07; Young guisers at the ready. 01_B45montrose08; Staff and volunteers ensured there were plenty of treats, including chocolate covered apples, for young guisers. 01_B45montrose10; A young Star Wars fan dooks for an apple after his performance. 01_B45montrose05; Isla and her young sister Tia McKinnon impressed with their singing duet. 01_B45montrose09





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Shiskine's older children line up for the costume judging. 01_B45shiskine08



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Well-dressed girls enjoy the fun games at Shiskine Hall. 01_B45shiskine04; A Shiskine reveller uses both hands digging for treats. 01_B45shiskine01; Two children show their support for mum who was convinced to dook for apples. 01_B45shiskine12



A vampire princess rummages for sweets in a bowl of sticky spaghetti. 01_B45shiskine02



SHISKINE

Shiskine guisers line up for the costume judging. 01_B45shiskine05



Guisers tell the audience who they are dressed up as. 01_B45shiskine06



Dooking between fits of laughter. 01_B45shiskine09



A youngster gets a hand with her wings while dooking for apples. 01_B45shiskine10



Katie was impressed with dad Stuart Fleming's apple dooking. 01_B45shiskine11



A jedi and a ghost. 01_B45shiskine03



Left: a Charlie Chaplin impersonator complete with hat and cane. 01_B45shiskine07; Heads in the bowl, above, dads are convinced to have a go at apple dooking. 01_B45shiskine13

Digging for sweet treats at Shiskine's Hallowe'en party. 01_B45shiskine14



A young bat-girl braves the wet noodles in search of sweets. 01_B45shiskine15

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 Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
 Whiting Bay Children's Hallowe'en Party Whiting Bay Village Hall, 5pm - 7pm
 Arran Pace Makers - Jog Scotland Beginners Group Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm
 Flow Yoga Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 6pm
 Arran Hockey Club - Juniors (5 - 14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
 Scottish Country Dancing. Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm
 Trev's Pop Music Quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Traditional Music Sessions Brodick Bar, 9pm
 Body Blitz Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 14th November

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
 Brodick Gardens Volunteers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
 Chair Yoga St Mollo's Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am



Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Dog Classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
 Lochranza Whist Drive Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm
 Arran Skinnymalinks - Seek a Star Lamlash Church Hall, 4.15pm
 Arran Pace Makers Running Group Brodick, 5.30pm
 Flow Yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
 Arran Soul Choir Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7pm - 9pm
 Tae Kwondo Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Advanced Juniors & Adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Family Friendly Pub Quiz PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
 Rock 'n' Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 15th November

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Arran Skinnymalinks - Seek a Star Brodick Church Hall 10am - 10.30am
 Chair yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
 Knitting Blether Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11am - 1pm
 Spin Off Whiting Bay Church Hall, 11am - 3pm
 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
 A.C. L. I. Volunteer Gardening Day Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
 Whiting Bay Thursday Club Lunch The Wineport, Brodick 12.30pm for 1pm
 Castle Time Travelers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
 Quilt Arran Firestation, Lamlash, 2pm - 4.30pm
 Lamlash Messy Church Lamlash Church Hall, 3.30pm - 5.45pm
 Isle of Arran Bridge Club, all welcome Little Rock, Brodick, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Arran Hockey Club - Seniors (12 yrs +) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Body Blitz Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
 Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 16th November

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 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
 2-for-1 Fish and Chips Felicity's @ Eden Lodge 5pm - 6pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Tae Kwondo Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30p - 8.30pm
 Friday Night Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Saturday 17th November

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 Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 RNLI Christmas Shop Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
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 Highland Dance Classes, P3 and over Arran High School, 11am - 1pm
 Winter Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Music Arran - AB24 Aberdeen Baroque Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
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By Norman Paterson DipDEA

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As we move towards the winter months, keeping warm in your home becomes more of an issue as the dark, cold nights set in.

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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 of 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 all done, you can look at your home's overall heating requirements:

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- Can you turn the ther-

mostat down a degree or two?

- Are you buying your electricity, oil or bottled gas from the cheapest source?

These things are relatively simple to check online 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 – other systems that provide instant heat may be more suitable to those out working 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.

Heat pumps and solar panels can not only save you cash, but government funded feed-in tariffs can make some options earn money for you.

Alternatively, speak to your energy suppliers and make sure you are on the best rate or tariff. If not, find out what is the cheaper option or consider switching supplier.

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Mackenzie Logs use locally sourced timber from the Forestry Commission which is delivered to them by Arran Haulage Ltd, keeping it a truly island based business and are proud to provide its customers with a quality prod-

uct. Anyone driving along the Heights will see their many timber stacks under wraps seasoning. Delivery is island wide supplying bulk loads of logs, cut to the customer's required size. They also supply net bags, which can be collected from them and they are also available at some island outlets and due to demand they now also stock Kiln Dried Kindlers.

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Eco Savvy

'Your energy bill will be increasing by 3.8% as of the 1st of December...' the dreaded letters which are unfortunately becoming familiar to households across the island.

Eco Savvy is currently being funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund to help Arran residents tackle domestic energy related issues, empowering households through advice on all aspects of home energy efficiency from small to large, whatever the circumstance. We also offer advice through energy drop-in surgeries every Tuesday at the Ormidale Pavilion, so if you're not ready for a home visit or just have a few quick queries please pop in.

Working in partnership with Home Energy Scotland, Eco Savvy can connect you for further specialist advice on applying for

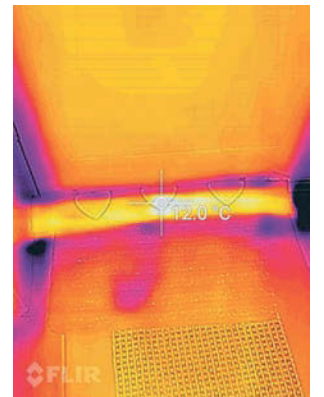
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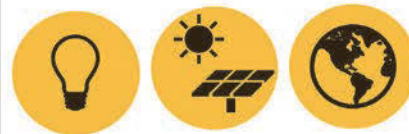
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Arran born and bred, Natalie Lambie has a photographers eye for capturing detail and hidden beauty, so much so that when people saw her casual hobbyist photographs, they asked to purchase them.

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Capturing natural beauty and simplicity - a portrait work in the Unfolding Moments portfolio.



Portrait work, family photographs and special moments can all be tailored to the customers exacting needs.

Looking through the gallery on Natalie's website at www.unfoldingmoments.co.uk there are hundreds of images of Arran's iconic landmarks and historical and natural locations that have been pictured through the seasons and in every type of light imaginable. Making the seemingly ordinary, impressively vivid and vibrant, it is clear that Natalie has a talent for using light and aesthetics to her advantage.

Entirely self-taught, Natalie herself is unable to accurately describe her winning formula which so expertly captures special moments and scenes, instead simply saying: 'It's easy to get inspired by the breathtaking landscape on Arran, so when I go for walks I capture what I am feeling in that moment.'

'All around me is natural beauty, from the fast flowing river valleys and glens and the beautiful Scottish sunrise and sunsets across the Firth of Clyde to the views across the Ayrshire coast, photographic opportunities present themselves every-

where on Arran,' she added.

Proving, without doubt, her talents as a landscape photographer, Natalie is now expanding and exploring portrait photography, something which - judging from her online portfolio - she has already accomplished, by transferring her abilities in bringing a sense of tranquillity and warmth to her images.

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Little egret makes a rare visit to the island

October was cooler and wetter than September. In comparison with October 2017 it was colder and drier with a fine settled spell

in the second half of the month.

October is arguably the busiest birding month, as summer breeders depart,

migrants pass through, winter visitors arrive and there is always a strong chance of something unusual. This October there

were plenty of interesting birds to enjoy with more than 100 species recorded.

A particular highlight was a little egret with records



Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
OCTOBER

A rare sight on Arran and only the third recorded, a little egret is pictured with a grey heron. Photo Arthur Duncan.

from a range of coastal areas throughout the month including Loch Ranza, Imachar, Pirnmill, King's Cave, Merkland and Carlo. The last report was from Cordon on 28th. This is only the third occasion that this species has been reported on Arran.

The build up of the number of winter thrushes, fieldfare and redwing, was a feature of the month.

There were widespread reports of the birds feasting on the autumn berries, with flocks in the hundreds being reported from the north to the south of the island including 400 redwing and over 1,000 fieldfare at Sliddery on 20th.

Brambling, an irruptive species from northern Europe, not recorded every winter, was also a feature in October with reports from many areas including Cordon, Glenloig, Newton, Sannox, Sliddery and Torbeg.

Other winter visitors arriving included: 21 barnacle geese at Sandbraes on 3rd, 100 teal in Cosyden on 4th, four wigeon at Kilpatrick Point on 11th and at Sliddery on 28th 300 greylag geese, 52 rook and 10 yellowhammer.

In addition, flocks of migratory whooper swan filled the autumn skies with their honking and trumpeting calls, including nine over Whitefarland on 19th and eight over Brodick Golf Course on 20th.

Migration was in full flow in October as birds were moving out of colder northern Europe to milder climes. These included: 230 linnets and 80 meadow pipit on Cleats Shore on 1st, two sanderling at Drumadoon Point on 5th, 200 goldfinch

at Blackwaterfoot on 11th, 12 lapwing in Shiskine on 12th, 16 turnstone in Whiting Bay on 13th, 150 skylark and 30 twite on Cleats Shore on 18th, 600 common gull on Sliddery Shore on 25th and three dunlin at Drumadoon Point on 30th.

There were some 'last sightings' of summer visitors also moving south including: 20 Manx shearwater in Brodick Bay on 6th, a common sandpiper at Pirnmill on 8th, a willow warbler at Auchenhew Bay on 18th, two swallow at Sliddery on 21st, a chiffchaff at Torbeg also on 21st and a wheatear at Porta Buidhe on 29th. Other interesting records from a month with a plethora of birds included: a jack snipe on Sliddery Shore on 20th, four great northern diver off Porta Buidhe on 24th, two little grebe at Loch Ranza also on 24th, a great spotted woodpecker in Whiting Bay on 26th, two moorhen on Mossend Pond on 29th and the first report this year of Slavonian grebe with two in Whiting Bay on 30th. In addition there were two reports of white-tailed eagle in October, an adult over Auchencar on 21st and a juvenile over Lochranza on 24th.

Enjoy your birding
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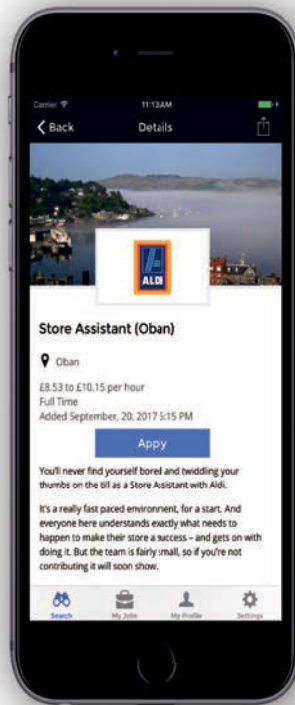
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Arran Community Land Initiative Annual General Meeting

Whiting Bay Village Hall
Wednesday 14th November
7.30pm

KILBRIDE BENEVOLENT FUND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held in
Lamlash Church Hall 7pm
Thursday 15th November, 2018
All are welcome to attend.
Scottish Charity No. SC001184

ARRAN MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

Annual General Meeting
on Monday 12th November at
7.30pm at
The Mountain Rescue base.

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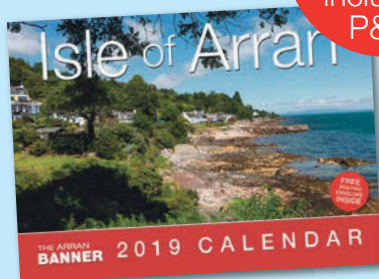
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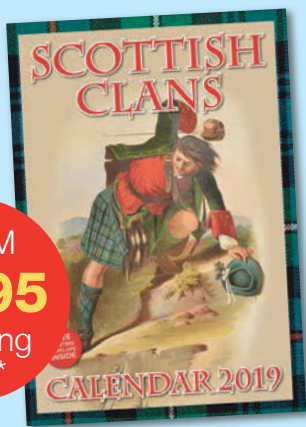
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Great Grinduro TV show



Competitors await the start of the race at Arran High School. 01_B45grinduro01

There were some great shots of Arran on TV last weekend from around the island.

The Adventure Show on Sunday had a long report on the Grinduro

ro bike endurance event held for the second time on Arran last July.

The programme gave a real flavour of the event which combines some tough cycling with a great deal of

fun and camaraderie among the 240 competitors who came from all over the world. Anyone who missed it can catch up with the BBC 2 Scotland show on the BBC iPlayer.

DEATHS

HUTCHINSON: Peter Peter Hutchinson passed away on the afternoon of Friday, 2nd November, with Edwina his wife and six children, Pete, Ruth, Nick, Verity, James and Justin around him.

The funeral to take place on Saturday, 10th November, at Brocklands Woodland Burial, North Yorkshire.

McCONNEL: Alexander (Sandy) Retired Lighthouse Keeper died in Ayr after a long illness.

McFAULL: Rena. Rena McFaull 88 years, Bogarie Farm was "Promoted to Glory" on All Saints Day surrounded by her family; John, Jenny and all her Labrador's. Memorial Contributions can be made to Kilbirnie Salvation Army or bmsworldmission.org

A service to celebrate her life will be held on Sunday 2nd December at the Baptist Church in Brodick at 11am

MOORHOUSE: Margaret. Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, 31st October 2018. Margaret, loving sister, aunt, and great aunt of the family.

Funeral service today, Friday 9th, at Lamlash cemetery, 12:00 to which all are welcome.

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Corrie Golf Club

Sunday November 4, Arran Golfers Union, Winter League Round 1. Corrie 1.5 Whiting Bay 2.5, Lamlash 3 Brodick 1, Shiskine 2 Machrie 2. Congratulations to Euan for the excellent condition of the course, also many thanks to Fran in the tearoom for looking after everyone so well.

Monday November 5, Winter Cup. 1 R McLean 67-13=54, 2 A Smith 68-7=61. Magic twos R McLean and A Smith.

Fixtures: Saturday November 10, 18 Hole Sweep, ballots at 9am and 1pm. Monday November 12, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 30, Winter Cup. 1 Alastair MacDonald 62, 2 Campbell Laing 63, 3 John Pennycott 65.

Saturday November 3,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DINWOODIE: Alleyne Anne, Andrew and Helen would like to thank all friends and family for their kindness, love and support following their recent sad bereavement. Grateful thanks to David and Clair Hendry, Mrs Jean Hunter and all those who have assisted us at this difficult time.

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Rev Angus Adamson

Parish Assistant:

Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Pirmill and Lochranza Churches together, 10.00am Morning Worship at Pirmill followed by Remembrance services at 11am.

Shiskine Church, 12noon

Remembrance Service followed by 12.15pm.

Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.00am.

Remembrance Service, followed by 10.30am morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am

Prayer Meeting, 12noon

Morning Worship and Remembrance Service.

There will also be a

Service of Worship in

Montrose House at 1.30pm.

Church bells will ring at 7.05pm for 10 minutes

celebrating the end of WW1.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 11th November

We will join Whiting Bay and

Kildonan Church of Scotland

at 10.55am for their

Remembrance Day Service.

Coffee before and after

service

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 11th November

Morning Service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge, Glen

Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 11th November

Shiskine, 11am (church on

road between Blackwaterfoot

and Machrie)

Brodick 6pm

Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

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Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Sunday

Mrs Liz Clarke

Kilmory - 10am

Lamlash - 11.30am.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan

Church of Scotland

Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 11th November

Worship for Remembrance

Sunday will be conducted by

the minister, Rev

Elizabeth Watson,

beginning outside at 10.55am

(N.B. change of time) for the

laying of the wreath and two

minutes silence 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.

Everyone is invited to gather

in the Church at 7pm, for the

ringing of the Church bells

from 7.05pm to 7.15pm and

then a short 15 minute service

to bring this day of

Remembrance to its close.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 11th November

Sunday Worship @ 11am

'Heather Lodge', Brodick

Telephone 700346

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 11th November

Service 11am, Ormidale

Pavilion, Brodick

Tea and coffee after

the service

Wednesday at 7.30pm Home

fellowship group for bible

study and prayer.

Telephone 600222

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 11th November

Sunday Morning Mass, 11am



A minute's silence is held prior to the game in honour of a friend and colleague of the Thistle team. Photos: Tam Borland

Narrow win for Arran



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 control the game and despite a few near misses from Sam Tattersfield and Nick Emsley, super-sub Grant Adamson was rewarded for his patience with a last-minute winning goal, which sparked celebrations from the players and crowd.

The result now leaves Arran six points clear at the top of the Ayrshire Sunday League although the teams below them have numerous games in hand and manager Alan Murray is keen to stress that no-one is getting carried away.
 On Sunday another big home game awaits at Or-

midale Park as Arran welcome Irvine Vics, the only team to beat them in the league so far. A minute's silence will be held in respect of Armistice Day and kick off will be at the slightly earlier than usual time of 11.30am. Supporters are warmly welcomed and always appreciated.



Goalkeeper Stephen Judge intercepts a Valley Thistle attempt at goal.



Arran goalkeeper Stephen Judge throws himself to the ground in an attempt to prevent a sideward attack at goal.



Nick Emsley narrowly misses scoring as the ball goes slightly wide.



Ryan Armstrong faces a trio of challengers for the ball.

Rested hockey ladies are ready to resume

The Arran Ladies Hockey Club are ready to return to regular hockey games following a recent bruising schedule where the team travelled to play Jordanhill, Glasgow on a Saturday, before facing tough contenders Glasgow Uni 4s back at home the following day.

The exhausting schedule which regularly sees the teams playing a weekly game and on occasion, two games on a weekend, took its toll on players who described themselves as 'worn down'.

Owing to a surprise cancellation by CHK 4s last weekend, which they have conceded, the team have had time to rest, recover and recuperate and are rearing to go again.

Arran Ladies will face Strathclyde University 2s today (Saturday) in a home match that has been brought forward from Saturday December 8. The pass back is at 2pm and everyone is welcome to attend and the support is always appreciated.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Great Grinduro TV show



Grant Adamson powers the ball into the goal right in front of the Thistle goalkeeper. Photos: Tam Borland

Arran go six points clear after tough Thistle tussle

Ayrshire Sunday League

Valley Thistle 2
Isle of Arran 3

Arran travelled to Kilbirnie's Ladeside ground on Sunday to play a challenging game against undefeated Valley Thistle.

Although Arran started well they seemed to lose the grip on the match after five minutes – a risk that manager Alan Murray was well aware of when announcing an untested line-up – but which eventually paid dividends.

A ball over the top saw Thistle go 1-0 up after 20

minutes which appeared to galvanize the Arran side, who came back strong.

A rejuvenated Arran side then found themselves up 2-1 at half time through a header from captain Ryan Armstrong after good play from Chris 'Babbies' MacNeil and another goal for man-of-the-moment Johnny Sloss, assisted by a good set up from in-form Nick Emsley.

After half time Arran got off to a demoralising start as Thistle quickly grabbed an equaliser. A change of tactics saw Arran start to

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Players from both sides look on anxiously during a Thistle attempt at goal.



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