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## Wait for it

### Hundreds packed the shipyard and thousands watched outside to see launch of new Arran ferry

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The new ferry which will serve Arran slides slowly into the water as the MV Glen Sannox is launched in a fanfare on the Clyde this week.

But it won't be in the water long. The £48.5 million ship faces months in dry dock as the bulbous bow will have to be refabricated

following a design flaw and challenges over the innovative dual fuel systems are overcome.

#### Delays

And it will be at least 15 months before it will come into service on the Brodick to Ardrossan route due to delays caused by the fact that it is the first liquefied natural gas (LNG) passenger ferry, not just for Scot-

land, but in the whole of the UK. As reported in last week's *Banner*, the vessel will be at least six months late in being delivered from the Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd (FMEL) yard in Port Glasgow, where it is being built, and it is likely to be the spring of 2019 before it is in service.

The exact timetable for delivery will be decided by



The MV Glen Sannox is launched on the Clyde. 01\_B47front01

### Brodick Castle opening delayed

Brodick Castle will not re-open until July next year, it has been revealed.

Major fire safety improvement works being carried out by the Emtec Group have slipped well behind schedule, meaning that the planned re-opening date of March 29 will not now be met.



First Minister Nicola Sturgeon watches intently as the ferry is launched.

independent experts, it was confirmed by Transport Minister Humza Yousaf at the launch on Tuesday.

#### Good practice

Mr Yousaf told the *Banner*: 'In line with good practice on other major infrastructure projects, a third party peer review will be undertaken by one or more industry experts. This will explore whether any time

can be recovered and seek a more specific delivery date for the MV Glen Sannox.'

Jim McColl, chief executive of Clyde Blowers, which owns FMEL, told the *Banner*: 'While it has been signed off by the architects and Lloyds, the final sign-off is the MCA (Marine and Coastguard Agency). Once we know the all the protocols for building an LNG

vessel, it will be straightforward. It is because this is the first that there has been a slight delay.'

However, all that was forgotten as hundreds packed the shipyard and thousands watched outside to see the latest launch on the Clyde conducted by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

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Children prepare to welcome the First Minister to the launch ceremony.



The First Minister poses with local children. 01\_B47launch17



Transport Minister Humza Yousaf speaks at the launch ceremony.

# Arran whisky Glen Sannox

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They came out in their thousands on Tuesday to welcome a bright new dawn for shibuilding on the Clyde, but someone forgot to tell the weather. So it was a very wet and dreich day for the launch of the MV Glen Sannox at Port Glasgow.

And there were a few anxious faces after First Minister Nicola Sturgeon hit the button to break the bottle on the bow ... and nothing happened. What may have only been a minute or so seemed like an eternity before the ship slipped down the ramps into the water.

The launch bottle was itself significant as it was a bottle of 10-year-old Arran single malt.

At least the launch ceremony party were under cover and, after hearing from Transport Minister Humza Yousaf and Ferguson Marine's Jim McColl, chief executive of Clyde Blowers, which owns the shipyard, the vessel's blessing was conducted by the Rev Liz Geddes.

The First Minister then spoke and formally launched the ship. Six-year-old Cassie Murphy presented flowers to the First Minister, who gave a gift to Colin Bain, the MV Glen Sannox's captain. The First Minister then mingled with shipyard workers and local children who were attending the launch.

The 102-metre roll-on, roll-off ferry is designed to carry 127 cars or 16 HGVs or a combination of both and up to 1,000 passengers. The vessel is due to be delivered in the winter of 2018/2019.

### Significant

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: 'Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd (FMEL) makes a significant contribution to the Scottish industrial sector and to the Inverclyde economy. These state-of-the-art ferries are more sustainable, therefore contributing to Scotland's world-leading climate change goals. They are also capable of carrying more vehicles and benefiting the communities that rely on them.'

Mr McColl said later: 'The successful

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A section of the MV Glen Sannox's sister ship Hull 802.

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Tugs on standby as the ferry slips in



The MV Glen Sannox enters the water. 01\_B47launch10



The bulbous bow is clearly seen which will have to be refabricated.



Workers have a tough job knocking away the blocks holding the ship in place. 01\_B47launch04

# ...y toasts the ...x on its way

launch of the MV Glen Sannox marks an important milestone in Ferguson Marine's journey to becoming a world-class shipyard. As this is the first ferry in the UK capable of being run on liquefied natural gas (LNG) and marine gas oil, not only has this been an extremely exciting and ambitious project for both FMEL and CMAL, but it has been an extremely complex one as well.

'FMEL and CMAL have worked closely together on the highly challenging engineering issues arising from the unique nature of the dual fuel ferry project. The experience and knowledge gained during this project will be of enormous benefit to the competitiveness of Scottish shipbuilding in the future as technology continues to develop to meet tightening clean energy legislation.'

Kevin Hobbs, chief executive of CMAL, said: 'We welcome the launch of MV Glen Sannox, marking a major milestone in the construction of this highly innovative vessel. The use of LNG in maritime transport is a sign of our ongoing commitment to explor-

ing new fuel technologies for ferries, as well as a wider commitment to innovation in Scotland and consideration for the environmental impact of transport.'

Robbie Drummond, Caledonian MacBrayne's service delivery director, added: 'The launch of any vessel is an exciting time in its construction and we are pleased to see the first of the new ships being built at Port Glasgow reach this important milestone. As the end-customer for the MV Glen Sannox, we are looking forward to welcoming her to our fleet in due course.'

### Under construction

The MV Glen Sannox is the first of two LNG ferries being built as part of a £97 million contract on behalf of Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL). The second LNG vessel, Hull 802, which has yet to be named, is currently under construction at Ferguson's yard. It is earmarked for the Skye Triangle route of Tarbert, Lochmaddy and Uig.

Photographs by Hugh Boag and Mark Gibson.



to the Clyde. 01\_B47launch12



Transport Minister Humza Yousaf chats to shipyard workers. 01\_B47launch14

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# Protected site is damaged near Torrylinn

Significant damage has been caused to a beach on Arran by the large-scale unauthorised extraction of shingle from the foreshore.

The discovery has been made by Scottish Natural Heritage during a monitoring survey on the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Torrylinnwater Foot on the south coast.

Peter Kelly of SNH said: 'The disturbance caused by this extraction has removed some sensitive areas of habitat, including the

only known site on Arran for oysterplant, a nationally scarce plant. The shingle beach also provides highly effective natural flood defence and its removal greatly increases the risk of coastal flooding and erosion to farmland along the coast.'

## New survey

A report published three years ago, and reported at the time in the *Banner*, found the vegetated shingle beaches at Catacol Bay and Torrylinnwater Foot were in good condition. However,



The extraction of large amounts of shingle has left bare sand exposed in places near Torrylinnwater.



Damage to the shingle beach is evident, with heavy vehicle tracks across the shoreline.

the new survey notes a significant and substantial increase in the scale of damaging activities since the 2014 report.

Vegetated shingle coastlines are a distinctive feature on Arran and, along with scattered sites in Scotland and north west Europe, Japan and New Zealand, are only found in a few places worldwide.

They support a variety of plants and animals, many of which are highly specialised to adapt to tolerate the harsh coastal conditions. Typical

plants can include sea kale and lichens and, as found at Torrylinnwater Foot, rare oysterplants.

Mr Kelly added: 'We have written to local landowners to make them aware of the issue, but we would also like to raise awareness with the general public as this area is frequently used by walkers and we hope that greater awareness of the site's protection and the damage being caused will help to discourage any further unauthorised extraction.'

## Have your say on council's budget

Anyone who has ever wanted to have a say on how the council spends its budget is being given the chance to do just that this year.

As part of preparations for setting the 2018/19 Budget, the North Ayrshire Council will be holding extensive budget engagement. This will include the launch of an online Budget Challenge which enables residents of North Ayrshire to set their own 'virtual budget'.

By taking the Budget Challenge, residents can decide how they would allocate money to each service. It gives residents the chance to allocate money to each service and see the consequences of this in real time.

The tool has launched online this week

and will be available to access through the council website at [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/budgetchallenge](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/budgetchallenge)

Council Leader Joe Cullinane said: 'The online budget challenge will allow people right across North Ayrshire to have their say by setting out what they believe should be our priorities in their own budget.'

### Feedback

'Residents can also use the comments section at the end to submit their own ideas, their views on local government funding in general or to simply provide feedback on the budget challenge tool.'

Members of the public who do not have access to the internet at home can access online facilities at local libraries, including the Arran Library in Brodick.

## Injured stalker is rescued

A man who sustained a leg injury while out stalking was rescued by the Arran Mountain Rescue Team (ARMT) last Friday.

The team were called out at around 3pm following the injury to the man in the Laggan area.

Thankfully a couple of the team members were with the party and provided an accurate grid reference enabling team members in their Argocat to reach the casualty swiftly with first aid equipment.

# Lottery funding boost for Glen Estate residents

Elderly residents on the island are to benefit from a major funding boost for a tenants' association.

Glen Estate Tenants' Association in Brodick has been awarded £10,000 by the National Lottery Awards for All to carry out a programme of courses and entertainment aimed primarily at older members of the community.

The funding boost will be used for a series of events for a year-long programme of 'laughter and learning' at Glen Estate sheltered housing.

Future plans are to continue the afternoon concert series, interspersed by talks and films about life on Arran. The afternoon concerts, which take place on a Thursday afternoon, have been incredibly popular with residents and visitors, and have included a variety of local musicians – an activity that can now continue with the availability of funding.

There will also be a lan-

guage programme called Lingo Flamingo, a fun and educational activity which through mental stimulation is known to help combat dementia.

Gardening classes appropriate to the new landscaping at Glen Estate will also be introduced. The current building works, which has created direct access from the common room to the outside area, will allow for the classes as well as residents being able to enjoy the garden and the newly created patio.

An illustrated talk on designing and planting a sensory garden by gardener Colin Totty started the proceedings on Wednesday and the garden will now be built in memory of Betty Cover around the new seating area with wheelchair and disabled access.

At the centre of the garden will be a sundial which was gifted to Glen Estate in memory of Jeni Faulkner by family and friends. In addition

to these events the association also wishes to continue Tai Chi lessons with an experienced teacher along with Alison Keir's popular falls prevention class.

A spokeswoman for the association said: 'We would like to thank the National Lottery Award for All for this valuable funding which will go towards entertainment and activities for the elderly living at Glen Estate and the surrounding community.'

'The funding will go a long way in ensuring that residents are involved in community activities so that they can enjoy taking part in a wide variety of interests which are beneficial for physical and mental well-being.'

The National Lottery Awards for All provides small grants and funding for charities and constituted groups towards projects that bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities. Particularly keen to assist smaller organisations, the National Lottery Awards for All will provide from £300 to £10,000 for organisations that meet their criteria by improving the places and spaces that matter to communities.



The Glen Estate sheltered housing complex in Brodick. 01\_B47glen01

## Arran community council meets

The next meeting of the Arran community council will take place on Tuesday November 28 at 6pm at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick.

This will be the last monthly meeting of 2017. The meetings are open to the public who can have a voice through the chairman, but cannot vote.

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The COAST team and their supporters outside their new headquarters. 01\_B47Coast01

## Octopus Centre is new COAST home

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has moved into its new home in Lamlash.

The environmental charity spent this week moving all its furniture and possessions into the Old Pavilion which will, initially, be its new headquarters.

The former tennis court pavilion will be transformed into a marine learning and activity hub in the coming months, when funds become available. That will be followed by the building of a new marine discovery centre, which has been scheduled for 2022.

Since December last year, more than 100

talented volunteers have been helping to renovate this new community hub, to be called the Octopus Centre.

More than £80,000 has been raised and invested locally to make better use of the interior, improve disabled access and install a low-carbon heating system and solar panels. Two multi-purpose rooms will be used for displays, events, workshops and a glass extension at the front will be a marine tourism and heritage information point where new COAST merchandise will be sold.

Arran's marine learning and activity hub is expected to open early next summer.

# Seas around

More than 160 residents have signed a petition demanding: 'No more sewage and toxic waste from salmon cages in our seas.'

That is the resounding message from the people from 13 island villages who attended one of the six public meetings held by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) to discuss and explore the community's opinions on the Scottish Salmon Company's (SSC) proposal to double the production of salmon in the waters of Lamlash Bay. There is also considerable alarm about the company's interest in setting up salmon cages in the 'wider Arran area'.

Over the past two months COAST has held six public meetings starting in Brodick and going on to Kildonan, Whiting Bay, Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza before finishing in Lamlash last week.

COAST director Paul Chandler said: 'Every week newspapers are exposing the environmental impacts and diseases caused by the controversial salmon farming industry on Scotland's precious west coast. Just this past year they have thrown away 10 million salmon, and their use of sea lice pesticides, toxic to shellfish, soared by 1,000 per cent. The SSC farms in Loch Fyne are the "liciest" in the West Highlands.'

'This is why there are high expectations from the community that North Ayrshire Council (NAC) will refuse planning permission for an expansion,' he added.

COAST has called for the public to ask Councillor Tom Marshall, chairman of NAC planning committee, and James Miller, head of NAC planning, to choose to 'invite and consider public comments to inform the scoping opinion and each step of the

planning process/environmental impact assessment'.

At the meetings, many islanders said they are determined to stop this unwelcome development in their waters and will be writing to and meeting politicians to make sure they are well informed. Patricia Gibson MP and Kenneth Gibson MSP have both expressed their opposition to the proposed expansion.

### Sustainable economy

So why were people at the meetings so opposed to the development? First, they agreed that Arran wants a sustainable economy and that they should not allow industry to 'kill Arran's golden goose – the environment'. Others said: 'We want a beautiful, clean, unpolluted sea for locals and tourists to enjoy'; the Arran brand is a 'clean, quality' brand. The island should 'encourage small-scale organic aquacul-

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# Arran are not for sale

ture' – ie, oysters or scallops. Many attendees also suggested closed containment systems, on land, should replace open net cages.

Secondly, there are deep concerns about the risk that salmon sewage, organic and chemical, poses to our health and to our protected wildlife. 'Why isn't SEPA testing water quality?' was a question that kept coming up. Villagers want to know if their children jumping off the pier, swimmers and kayakers are safe. The air blown inland may also be polluted with 'neurotoxins used to deal with salmon sea lice which can affect human's respiratory system and eyes' as well as impacting bees and other land-based wildlife.

'We have no longitudinal studies on crabs, lobsters or shellfish within a mile of a fish farm. I fear that only when we find neurotoxins in the fish on the table will

there be action on this,' was one comment. There are also concerns about animal welfare and unregulated wrasse fisheries.

Thirdly, participants could not understand how the same Scottish Government that recognised in 2016 how special Arran's waters and seabeds were – by enforcing a Marine Protected Area with seagrass meadows and maerl beds – is now considering allowing 1,000 tons of salmon sewage, including toxic chemicals, to go into Lamlash Bay untreated. Many participants were of the opinion that 'they should close open water salmon cages in Arran's waters unless they can demonstrate that the toxic effects on the environment will be prevented'.

A spokeswoman for COAST said: 'Arran's community has been called potentially worse to deal with than a "vipers' nest" by the

SSC's environmental officer, Dr Rebecca Dean, because of its opposition to salmon farming. The lack of consultation, the company's poor environmental performance and no access to information about their operations and impact locally all aggravate the situation. The community does not trust the company or the government and has a clear message – "Arran's seas are not for sale".'

A spokesman for the Scottish Salmon Company said: 'As part of our strategy of sustainable development, we continually review our sites. Our farm at Lamlash has been in operation for about 30 years, supporting the community and providing sustainable employment for the local area. There are strict government rules regarding planning applications to which we adhere and consultation is an important part of this process.'



The well attended meeting in Lamlash church hall. 01\_B47fsh02



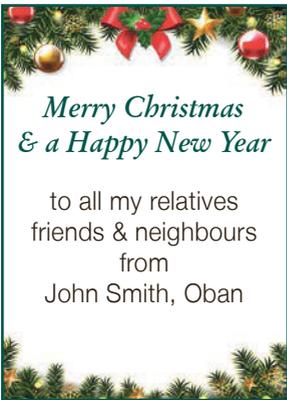
COAST director Paul Chandler addresses the meeting in Lamlash. 01\_B47fsh01

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## Editorial

### Fish farm fury

The residents of Arran have certainly made their feelings clear about the proposed expansion of the fish farm in Lamlash Bay.

They have turned out in droves at six meetings held around the island by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) to tell the Scottish Salmon Company that the seas around the island are not for sale.

The meetings show that support for this position is not just in Lamlash, where the most impact is felt, but in Brodick, Whiting Bay, Kildonan, Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza.

The company itself says it considers consultation an important part of the planning process but that is not helped by officials of the company calling the Arran community potentially worse to deal with than a 'vipers' nest'.

If the Arran people have genuine concerns, which they have expressed again and again at these meetings, then they deserve to be addressed.

Similarly, the submissions of COAST must be taken into account when the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and planning officials consider the present application which would almost double the size of the existing fish farm.

This situation is not going away any time soon, and it is vital that the voice of the people is heard.

#### Thought for the week

'Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.' (John 15:4)

### Readers give very mixed views of new ferry terminal

*The exclusive Arran Banner photos inside the new Brodick ferry terminal certainly got our readers talking this week. Many took to social media to express their opinions and a really mixed bag of views was the result. Here we reprint just some of the comments expressed.*

That's a lo-o-ong walk.

**At least it is flat. The gangplank is steep and awkward at times!**

It's only flat at the moment because it's not being used. It is designed to go up and down with the tide. So at low tide, you'll be going uphill getting off the ferry!

**Please, stop complaining about something that hasn't been tried yet. Let's try it out first. We can't change the building or walkway. If it doesn't work, then it will be time to look for solutions.**

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**This does absolutely no pride to Arran. Looks exactly like thousands of airports all over the world. And it seems totally ill conceived from the outside. The technical designer (no real architect would have designed this obscenity) was probably blind.**

Can't believe people are moaning about the length of the walkway, would then

rather stand outside in wind and rain as they have to at the moment! As for Ardrossan it isn't that bad.

**I still want to know how people with mobility problems are to get to the ferry that is a very long walk along the glass walkway. Nobody from CalMac has answered my question.**

The problem is it's a lot further to walk than now and a lot of people who can just about manage to walk on the ferry now won't manage the distance of the new walkway. A lot more people are going to need assistance.

**Knowing CalMac I'm sure that there will be a solution for people with mobility problems as the staff have always looked after anyone needing help. I can't understand why some people would think that would change.**

This looks very similar to the one at Oban ferry terminal. It's actually nice and at least passengers will be sheltered from bad weather etc getting on/off the ferry. The length of the new walkway is roughly the same distance from the old ferry terminal building to the old gangway, I would imagine?

**If I was a foot passenger, I'd be offering randomers a few quid to get a lift off the boat just to avoid that tunnel. It'll be painfully slow. Unless maybe they divide it in two and designate a slow lane.**

If my memory serves me right it really doesn't look any longer that the old railway tunnel at Ardrossan before they updated things there back in the day and

I don't hear anyone complaining about how long it takes people to walk to the railway line from the ferry at Ardrossan.

**Looks like an airport departure lounge and walkway! If its wide enough have a wee buggy to ferry the people that will have difficulty get on and off.**

I hope the bus times will be altered to reflect the increased disembarkation times, especially when stuck behind drunk golfers coming off the 7am ferry

**Not opening yet because it's not finished yet! Workmen still all over it!**

Apparently the lift needs fixed and they need to add more bits for the boat to be tied up too ... just what I've heard not sure how true though.

**There's been a company installing extra bollards there last week. They didn't have enough to tie up to overnight.**

Cold and impersonal not what Arran is all about

**With all that space available I still fail to see why they couldn't have put an escalator in.**

Could do with being a bit more cold and uncomfortable looking?

**Is it wide enough for people getting off to pass those boarding?**

How long will it take to get folk off and on the ferry. Think the present 20 minutes turn around is going to be a tad ambitious.

**I can not see a simple item of betterness to what we have. Instead of molest-**

**ing the Brodick side, the government should better have rectified Ardrossan. Our side is still fit for another decade when the pylons would have been reinforced.**

Feel sorry for my dad and many others who can't walk long distances looking at that corridor.

**A lot of islanders are going to be stranded at home as they can't make the journey, also people with claustrophobia or likes of my mum trying to carry a bag and stick that distance ... and then there are stairs too. Only thinking of people with cars.**

I don't think I could make that walk either as I'm struggling to walk with my aches n pains and dodgy knees and back ... it's ridiculous.

**I saw it was I was up in August but looking from that point of view it looks so much longer. What a shame, all that money and not a lot of thought for the locals.**

I'm sure (like an airport) there will be staff on hand to assist people along the walk way.

**They have a similar, if not longer, walkway for the Stena Line ferries at Cairnryan and Belfast. Staff assist those with mobility issues and I believe, like an airport, they will have wheelchairs and stuff to use. In this day and age these things will not get approval without consideration.**

Would it have cost that much to incorporate a travelator on the walkway?

**Looks very basic.**

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# Mary bids a fond farewell to Arran

Members of the Arran farming community gathered in the Brodick Bar recently to say a fond farewell to industry supplier Mary McGinn, who has retired.

Mary, of Agricultural Central Trading (ACT), was well-known on the island having 38 uninterrupted years of serving Ayrshire and Arran. She is thought to have been the first female farm representative in Scotland, if not the whole of the UK.

Those present were representative of those who subscribed on the island. They gave her a handbag and a cash gift gathered from a number of her customers. She also entertained the guests with an album of old photos of good times in the past mostly after ACT meetings.

Mary told the gathering: 'Thank you for all the support over the years and I was so touched and appreciate all the kindness and generosity over the years. We will meet again.'



Mary with members of the Arran farming community who attended her retiral lunch.01\_B46farm01

## Honesty box is stolen from tennis courts

Police are appealing for information in relation to a recent theft from Lamlash community tennis courts.

On the afternoon of Sunday November 12 the honesty box was cut from the fence and removed along with a large quantity of tennis balls from within the premises.

Any information concerning the theft would be gratefully received by police on Arran, who can be contacted by calling 101, quoting reference number UA05041107, or by calling to Lamlash office and asking for PC Kerry Russell.

The tennis courts are presently being run by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) who moved into the Old Pavilion this week, see page 6.

Local residents are also urged to take care with their home security and can contact police for advice in relation to this.

### Important new information on Government support for Central Heating Systems:

#### UPDATE NOV 2017



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If you have electric storage heaters, an oil, electric or LPG boiler the Government will pay you up to £11680\* to change over to an air source heat pump system which is more efficient, can be less costly to run and is kinder to the environment.

#### FACT 2

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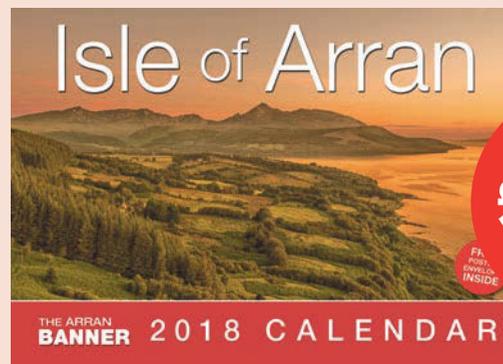
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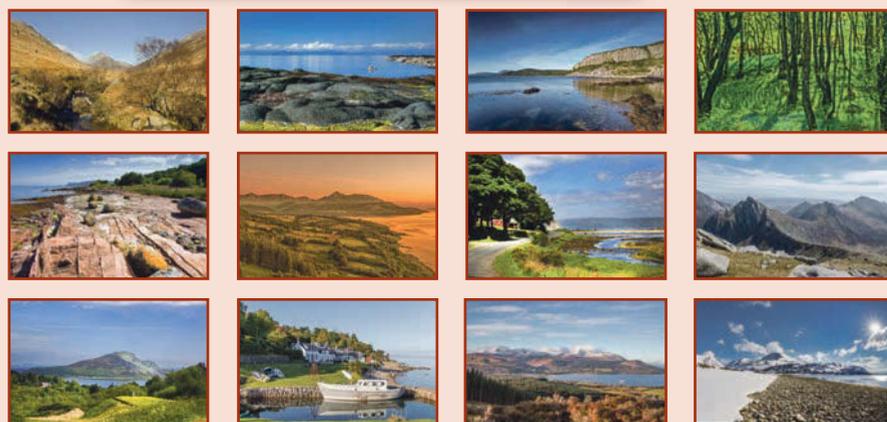
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# Provost launches Civic Pride Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Civic Pride Awards – and Provost Ian Clarkson says he cannot wait to hear the amazing stories and achievements of this year's entrants.

The countdown to the event is now officially under way and it promises to be another memorable and life-affirming occasion. Taking place at The Portal in Irvine on Friday March 16, 2018, the awards will yet again celebrate and recognise North Ayrshire's local heroes with an evening they will never forget.

The provost said the event is a major highlight in his calendar.

He said: 'Last year was

my very first Civic Pride Awards as provost and it was an unbelievable experience.

'To be able to host such an event is an honour and privilege. The very heart of the awards is that they recognise the amazing work and achievements of the people of North Ayrshire.

'I was very moved and humbled last year at the selflessness, dedication and commitment shown by so many people, whose efforts might otherwise have gone unrecognised.

'So this is a chance for us to ensure that those people in our community who make a difference get the acclaim they deserve.

That's why the Civic Pride Awards are important – it gives us all a chance to say a huge thank you and well done.'

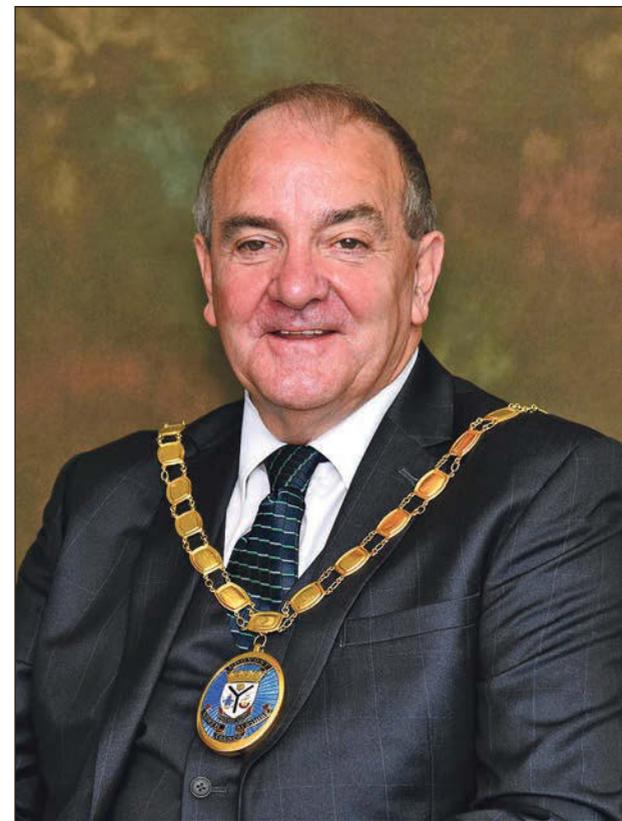
Over the coming weeks members of the public will be asked to nominate the inspirational individuals and groups they believe are deserving of one of the five awards. The finalists will then be chosen by the provost's judging panel and invited to the charity gala dinner at The Portal, the first time the new facility has hosted the event.

And you can nominate your Civic Pride hero now – the nomination process is open and members of the public can put forward their

local champions, active community groups, considerate young citizens, aspiring sports athletes, talented artists and dedicated volunteers for one or more of the following awards: community group, citizen of the year, young citizen of the year (under 25 years), arts and culture and sports.

Local businesses and organisations who wish to book a table or donate a prize for the raffle – or lend their support in any other way – should contact the council's corporate communications team on 01294 324137.

The closing date for nominations is noon on Thursday January 25.



Provost Ian Clarkson.

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# Christmas on Arran

Christmas is coming faster than you think. With December around the corner it really is time to start making all your preparations.

On Arran shops and businesses are gearing up for the festive frenzy.

Christmas decorations are going up, windows dressed and supplies being brought in.

So you can be sure that whatever you are looking for will be available on the island, without the need to go any further.

Christmas really gets into gear with the annual Shop Arran celebration, where the island shops join together to host a weekend of Christmas shopping deals, discounts and events, will once again take place in the first weekend of December.

During Shop Arran weekend, from Friday December 1 to Sunday December 3, shoppers can take advantage of all of the

special offers and promotions from participating stores. With many of the establishments offering discounts of 10 per cent or more, others will also offer additional incentives and all of them will offer festive cheer and a warm welcome.

In previous years visitors have been treated to mulled wine and tasty treats along with mystery surprises and giveaways and this year will be no different.

In addition to the bargains up for grabs, three winners who have their Shop Arran cards stamped by six participating stores, can enter to be in line to win a fantastic luxury hamper filled with Arran produce, treats and pampering products.

So if you are looking to pick up a few special items or starting your Christmas shopping, Shop Arran weekend is the perfect time to do it.



## Discounts, deals and surprises at Shop Arran



**10% off purchases over £30 from 1st to 3rd December (excludes alcohol)**



Winter 2017 brands include RAB, Jack Wolfskin, Keela, Scarpa, Mountain Equipment, Rieker, Black Yak and Nomads Fair Trade Fashion.

We stock clothing and footwear for all the family - waterproofs, walking boots, baselayers, wellies, gadgets, books&maps, whiskies & gin

**Gift Vouchers available**





Arran Graphics is the store in Brodick to pick up your Arran inspired gifts with an Arran theme. From their popular clothing line, including the ubiquitous Goatfell Conqueror tee shirt, to Arran games, candles, cushions and collectables, its all there at their new store in Cladach.

Arran Aromatics - Our unspoiled island home is our heart and our inspiration. The breathtaking landscapes, wild herbs and flowers and pure water fuel our creativity and passion for beautiful things, beautifully made. We're delighted to offer 15 per cent of full price products during the Shop Arran weekend. Join us to discover our new Starry Night range while

picking up great gifts and perfect presents.

Anne Hume Jewellery uses hand forging techniques to create organic looking and beautiful forms in silver. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine or prosecco while you browse her products during the Shop Arran weekend. With prices starting at £25 and 10 per cent off usual prices, her shop can be found eight minutes from the centre of Brodick. Follow the Shop Arran sign beside the Primary School to find unique and special hand crafted jewellery.

Arran Ceramics - Simon Thorborn, the world renowned potter, will be offering 10 per cent off

his hand made ceramics, stoneware and Raku products in store. And as a special bonus anyone taking part in the Paint your own pot will also receive a free mug.

At Home Farm there are some tasty treats on offer at the Isle of Arran Cheese Company during the Shop Arran weekend. Hampers bursting with cheese, oatcakes and chocolates are its speciality and they make the perfect gift for all ages. As well as its own Arran blue, Camembert and Brie, made in Blackwaterfoot, and a range of flavour cheeses, the shop also stocks and extensive range of farmhouse cheeses that make a perfect addition to any festive ta-

# XMAS SHOP ARRAN WEEKEND

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Sun 3rd  
Dec '17

## PARTICIPATING SHOPS

- |                           |                        |
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| 2. Lochranza Field Centre | 14. Homestyles         |
| 3. Arran Distillery       | 15. Byre at Brodick    |
| 4. Arran Graphics         | 16. Castle Bay Studios |
| 5. Arran's Cheese Shop    | 17. Belle's Boutique   |
| 6. Arran Aromatics        | 18. Book and Card      |
| 7. Simon Thorborn, Potter | 19. Arran Active       |
| 8. Ann Hume Jewellery     | 20. Taste of Arran     |
| 9. Charisma Lane          | 21. Buntys             |
| 10. Angela Elliot Walker  | 22. Janelle's          |
| 11. The Boathouse         | 23. Chameleon          |
| 12. Red Door              | 24. Paterson Arran     |
|                           | 25. Harbour Shop       |



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ble. No Christmas dinner would be complete without a delicious selection of cheeses made here on the island. Pop in during the Shop Arran weekend where there will be a free cheese - worth £4- with every £20 spent.

The Harbour Shop in Blackwaterfoot has everything you will need for Christmas. They stock Christmas cards, gift wrap, toiletry gift sets, gift vouchers, gift baskets, chocolates, handmade tablet, macaroon and shortbread and much more. Why not visit them this Shop Arran weekend for 10 per cent off when you spend over £20 on Christmas gifts.

Belle's Boutique has clothing for all shapes and sizes, tastes and styles. With many products comparable to, or excess stock, from high street stores, the quality is exceptional and without the high street prices. There are many bargains to be had from socks, underwear to shoes and nightwear for all the family. As an added bonus for every £15 spent you will get a free pair of Christmas socks, spend over 330 and get 10 per cent off.

Angela Elliot-Walker's shepherd hut art studio, while cosy, is brimming full of original artwork in her distinctive and sought after style. There are originals, prints (framed, tubed or mounted) along

with smaller items such as placemats and coasters. If you can't get to the studio her products are also sold at the Arran Art Gallery, Arran Active, Auchranie and the Distillery. Gift vouchers are also available. To visit the studio continue past Brodick Bar and take your first right, then follow the signs.

At the Lochranza Field Study and Activity Centre on Saturday December 2, between 11 am and 3pm there will be a wide selection of craft, food, homeware stalls and interesting items from across the island, many with a Christmas theme. A visit to the Lochranza Centre is always worthwhile - to see the exciting and education-

al activities - but over the Shop Arran weekend the market is sure to entice especially with the hot mince pies with cream, tea, coffee and snacks on offer.

Charisma Lane Coffee and Crafts is home to a host of local Arran crafters and artist's work. It is also the home of tasty snacks and nibbles along with quality coffee. This quaint combination is a winning formula along with vintage, innovative and charming handmade gifts and special little craft items that you will fall in love with. Plus there is 10 per cent off everything in store over the Shop Arran Weekend.

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## Desserts

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Poached Pear in mulled wine with Vanilla Rice Pudding & Chantilly Cream.

Classic Crème Caramel with Ice Cream & Fresh Berries.

Cheese platter of locally selected cheeses, fruit & relish.





are looking for then the only place to go is Home-styles tucked away at Invercloy in Brodick. Surprisingly large the shop extends right to the back of the property and houses a phenomenally varied stock. Not only will you be surprised at the wide range of goods on offer but also at the many unexpected little treasures that you will find among the shelves that stock everything that you could need to keep you home, garden, pets and garage in good shape.

Janelle's in Lamlash is the rebranded Curtain House but other than the name change the quality, quirky and well chosen products are of exactly the same charm and character that they always were.

Janelle's has many stylish ideas to help create a home that is beautiful and practical. There are decorative accessories, sumptuous cushions and lots of fabulous and usual Christmas gifts, many with a seaside twist, which have just arrived in store to kick start your festive cheer.

Chameleon Ladies' Boutique in Lamlash is ready for Christmas! Outfits available for festive occasions. Cosy scarves, snoods, hats and gloves for winter. Complimentary scarf gift box when you buy from the FRAAS brand and in true Chameleon style, lots of beautiful colours from London's Red Cuckoo bags and Nodova jewellery from Ecuador. Stocking fillers

and Gift Vouchers available. There really is something for everyone! For Shop Arran, they are offering a complimentary scarf or pair of earrings when you spend £50 or more. Chameleon will be open over the Shop Arran weekend; 10.30am to 5pm Friday and Saturday, 12pm to 4pm on Sunday.

For Shop Arran weekend the Old Byre Visitor Centre in Machrie will be offering 10 per cent off your shopping in the Old Byre Showroom, some ready-made gift bags if you're struggling for inspiration and plenty of festive treats. What about a new piece of knitwear or leather handbag for the lady in your life or for the man a new wallet, slippers or box



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of socks? There is lovely colourful kids clothing and of course beautiful wool throws and sheepskin rugs. If you're looking for something particularly Christmassy there are Rudolph purses, Christmas pudding hats and Christmas sheep socks.

After your shopping enjoy some delicious food in Café Thyme where there will be live music over lunchtime with some young local talent. Enjoy teas, coffees, home baking, warming soups or for something more substantial choose from one of their 14 signature dishes, a Machrie lamb kofte

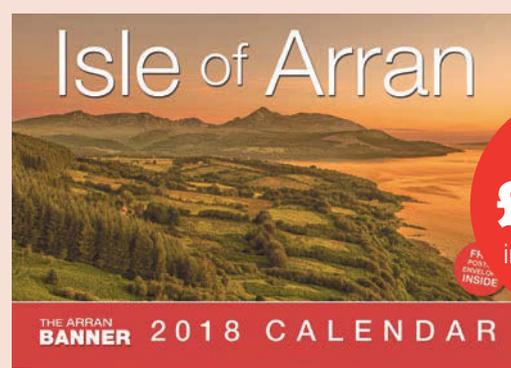
kebab or wild boar and apple burger. All tastes are catered for including gluten free, vegetarian and vegan. Open 10am to 5pm, lunches from noon to 3pm.

If you can't make it to Machrie pop into the Byre at Brodick where there will also be 10 per cent off your shopping and great deals throughout the weekend.

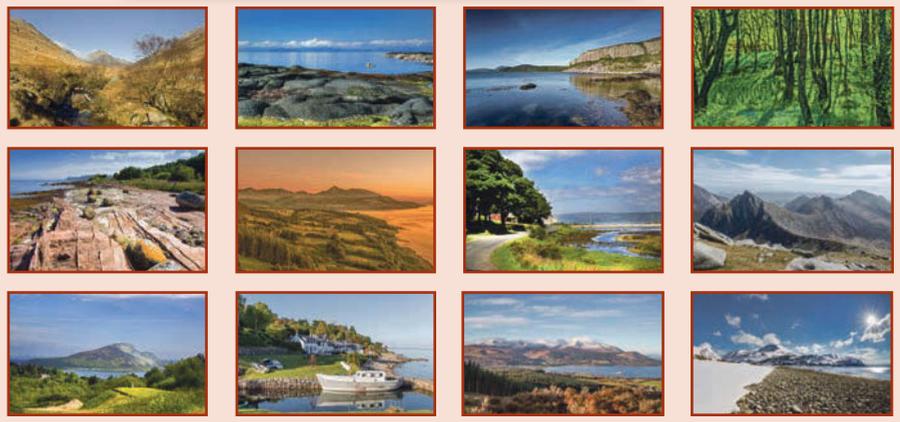
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The Taste of Arran shop will also be offering a 10 per cent discount over the Shop Arran weekend with some small restrictions on certain goods. As the name implies, they are stockists of Arran cheeses, Arran chutneys and jams, Woo-

lies oatcakes and biscuits, Arran tablet, black pudding and haggis from The Arran Butcher. Also a large selection of pocket money toys, Scottish souvenirs and Christmas decorations.

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Arran Active is a one-stop shop for all your fam-

ily gifts and for the Shop Arran weekend we are offering ten per cent all purchases over £30.

The huge range of stock includes outdoor footwear and clothing with numerous brands such as Rab, Jack Wolfskin, Paramo, Scarpa and Keela. The children's department boasts a great range of colourful wellies and waterproofs including all-in-ones and some super quality wooden toys.

Another corner of the shop is devoted to ladies fashion much of which is by the popular fairtrade brand Nomads. As well as running attire and bike helmets, there are numerous books on the outdoors plus maps and gadgets such as multi-tools, crampons and headtorches. Upstairs there is art to buy – currently photographic prints and

landscape paintings of Arran.

Looking for smaller stocking fillers? How about a fairtrade gift, handmade jewellery or gin and whisky miniatures? Come in for a browse for the perfect present!

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**Shop Arran**  
Friday December 1 to Sunday December 3

fishermen, they have a wonderful selection of classic nautical sweaters and marine quality waterproofs. There are also loads of maritime themed gifts including fish shaped cushions, model boats and brass ship's clocks. You would expect nautical books, but among them is a growing section of out-of print and difficult to obtain Arran books.

Castle Bay Studios are offering a 10% discount during the Shop Arran weekend. The shops sell beautiful and unusual sterling silver jewellery, fashion jewellery, gifts and prints.



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# All set for Santa's Sparkle

Lamlash is all set for Santa's Sparkle this weekend.

The finishing touches to all the preparations have been made for the Christmas extravaganza today (Saturday). The programme has now been finalised and a whole host of activities for the young and the not so young will be available throughout the day.

The day kicks off with the arrival of Santa at the pier at noon followed by the traditional parade along the main street with Santa atop the Mogabout.

An afternoon of music and entertainment kicks off with the Soul Choir and events spread

across the marquee, Lamlash church hall and the outdoor events area, including the Christmas market.

This year will see the return of the colour run, so popular at last year's event, together with a host of other activities to keep the children amused, including, of course, Santa's grotto.

Events this year will conclude with the community Christmas tree lighting and fireworks at 6pm and a big finale with the Taiko drummers performing.

There will be no ceilidh or disco this year, as in previous years, and the *Banner* apologies for suggesting otherwise in last week's edition.



Santa will be arriving on the Mogabout again this year. 01\_B47santa01

Here are some of the programme highlights:

**12noon:** Santa arrives at the pier and rides the Mogabout to the marquee.

**12.30pm:** The Soul Choir

**1.30pm:** Colour run at outdoor events area

**2.45pm and 4pm:** Author reading at Santa's Grotto

**4pm:** The George Lindsay Blues Band

**5pm:** Raffle draw

**5.15pm:** Carols with the Arran Brass Band

**6pm:** Tree lighting and fireworks at Christmas tree, followed by Taiko drummers.

☐ Guest musicians will be performing at various locations throughout the day.

## Arran farm wins innovation prize



Jenny Macdonald receives her social innovation award from minister Angela Constance.

An organic farm in Kildonan has been voted young social innovator in a national competition.

Woodside Arran is a community supported organic farm and delivery business, selling sustainable local produce to residents and businesses on the island.

The trophy win comes with a £5,000 prize which will help owners Jenny and Andy Macdonald expand their business. They recently launched the Veggie Van taking fresh fruit and vegetables direct to customers across the island, as highlighted by the *Banner* last month.

The Social Innovation competition, delivered by social enterprise agency Firstport, celebrates individuals and start-up companies in Scotland using their creativity and imagination to solve pressing social issues, focusing on the themes of culture, heritage and tourism.

Woodside Arran director Jenny Macdonald was presented with her award by communities minister Angela Constance at a reception held by Social Enterprise Scotland in the Scottish Parliament recently.

Josiah Lockhart, chief executive of Firstport, said: 'Scotland is renowned around the world as a country of inventions and innovators, from scientific breakthroughs to engineering masterpieces to cultural successes.'

Jenny said: 'Winning the young social innovator award means so much to Woodside Arran. Not only will it help to support our expansion plans but it allows us to fast-track our plans to diversify, bringing more local food produce to the island sooner.'

# Music for a winter's evening

An extra concert from Music Arran this season should brighten the dark days of winter.

On Friday December 1 at 7.30pm – please note, not Saturday – in the community theatre in Lamlash, an international cast of musicians will be performing a varied programme under the heading: *Music for a Winter's Evening*.

Elisa Clegg is a celebrated viola player from the USA – she grew up in Washington State where she studied with the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, and at Central Washington University in Seattle. She has travelled and performed in a wide variety of musical styles, in professional orchestras, rock bands and folk ensembles,

both across America and in Europe, and currently lives in Hamburg, Germany, studying and sharing her music with the community, especially the young.

Pianist Gamal Khamis is British and made his debut at the Wigmore Hall aged 10. He took a degree in mathematics at Imperial College, London, before going on to study at the

Royal College of Music. He has performed widely in Britain and at international events in Europe and North America, including concertos by Mozart, Beethoven, Grieg, Fauré, Saint-Saëns, Rachmaninoff, Stravinsky and Finzi. He has also been the recipient of major prizes.

Another pianist, Joana Gama, is from Portugal, and studied in Braga, London and Lisbon, and is currently on the staff of the University of Minho, Braga.

She has also studied ballet and has been involved in projects that associate music to dance. She is especially devoted to the music of the French composer Erik Satie, and has performed works by him in various European countries. Some pieces by him will be heard on the evening.

The two pianists are not going to play together, but both will contribute to the concert. Alice Maxwell, who was very helpful in getting this concert off the ground, will play the violin.

She is local, from Lamlash, and is joined by two further island instrumentalists: David Simpkin on



Viola player Elisa Clegg.

guitar and Jemma Totty, who will play the tambourine in support of some items.

Apart from Erik Satie, there will be pieces by Arvo Pärt, John Cage, Liszt

and Brahms. Gipsy music and some audience participation are also promised.

In conjunction with the event, the visiting musicians hope to tour Arran's schools in the preceding week, with Alice Maxwell and Gamal Khamis offering string music workshops in Lamlash church hall at 10.15am and 1.15pm on Saturday December 2. For further details, contact Alice on 699329.

Tickets for the concert will be available on the door, but to be sure of a seat they can be bought in advance, online from Arran Events ([www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com)), or from Inspirations of Arran shop in Brodick. Children are admitted free, together with one accompanying adult.



Pianist Gamal Khamis.

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# Society hear that Namibia is a land of contrasts

The meeting of the Arran Natural History Society in the rangers centre at Brodick Country Park was an illustrated presentation entitled Namibia, land of contrasts, given by Jim Cassels.

Namibia in tropical south west Africa has an immense geographical variation and a range of habitats including thornveld, woodland, plains, desert, coastal lagoons and mountains plus the spectacular Etosha National Park – 22,000 square kilometres of wilderness teaming with wildlife like delicate antelope, rhinos, elephants, zebra and the big cats.

As the presentation on Thursday November 2 was given by the bird recorder for the Arran Natural History Society, there were quite a few birds, including some endemic to the area, in the presentation.

Jim described his trip to Namibia in 2012 with the Wild Insights tour company and described the wonderful variety of wildlife that they saw. Even driving from the airport to their first base they saw black-shouldered kite, pale chanting goshawks and rock kestrel sitting on wires, trees and telegraph

posts and a dazzling pair of lilac-breasted rollers added a splash of colour. They watched a troop of chacma baboons, oryx and warthogs, and an immature black-chested snake eagle floated over.

The next day they were surprised to wake to icy temperatures, but it soon warmed up and at a lake they saw South African shelduck, red-billed teal and Egyptian goose. Around the edges three-banded plovers were showing well. It was getting quite warm when they found several rock hyrax basking in the sun. Altogether too brief was the view of two rockrunners which kept on the move, eventually disappearing into the long grass.

Each subsequent day brought new sights. Whiskered tern and red-breasted swallows cruised overhead. A distant group of vultures along with a tawny eagle. Red-billed quelea, two red bishops in their drabest winter plumage. Mammals including oryx and impala and a sleeping black rhino in the shade of some small trees – an unusual sight in the day.

Then, in the Etosha National Park, there was a

cheetah which suddenly materialised and was sitting up in the long grass. It was soon apparent that there were two and they were looking active. The bus stopped alongside them providing beautiful views. They were both now on a mission and were scanning across to a herd of springbok which were making their way from a waterhole. The leading cheetah, like a coiled spring suddenly set off, picking up immense speed. A foremost, lone springbok had been targeted and the short chase went through long grass, the cheetah not quite catching it – but it was close. Both cheetahs then seemed to lose the urge to hunt and sat or lay down, presumably gathering their reserves for the next attack.

On a subsequent day they walked up the massive granite out-crop to Paula's Cave where there are good examples of some Bushman rock art which have been carbon-dated to 2,500 – 5,000 years old. Giraffe and kudu are depicted in the paintings along with pregnant women, hunters and musicians. In the meantime a very distant black-chested snake eagle was visible.

They then headed for the coast at Walvis Bay, and it was not long before they were spotting birds out on the sea – cape gannets cruising by and plunge-diving and a group of white chinned petrels in and out of the swell. Closer in, cape fur seals were enjoying the thrill of the breakers. From there it was on to the Namib desert and its very different ecosystem, and eventually after fourteen days it was Johannesburg for the flight home.

The fascinating talk was accompanied by wonderful photographs that were much appreciated by the audience. The next meeting is on the Thursday December 7, at 8pm when Aaron Young will be discussing the world of bees. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Alan Bellamy



Up close to white rhino. Photography: Angela Cassels



An elephant and other animals gather at a watering hole.



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Tae Kwondo  
Yoga-Arran  
Mixed hockey  
Burger and quiz night  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Family friendly pub quiz  
Rock an pop bingo

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  
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

## Saturday 25th November

Flow yoga  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
RNLI Christmas shop  
Santa Sparkle Christmas market  
Army Cadets  
Soup/sandwiches, Dr Graham's homes  
Santa's Sparkle events  
Women in Black  
Blackwaterfoot bowls  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Live music – North Country Winters  
Live music – Mic Clark  
Live music – George Lindsay Blues Band  
Over-21s disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am  
9.30am-11am  
9.30am-noon  
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Lamlash Green, 10.30am-5pm  
Auchrannie Road 11am-1pm  
Brodict Church Hall, noon to 2pm  
Main Stage, Lamlash Green, noon-6pm  
Coastal Way Start, Brodict, 1pm  
Bowling Club, 1.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm  
Fiddler's Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm-10.30pm  
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

## Thursday 30th November

Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Morning fitness, Auchrannie gym  
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)  
Chair yoga  
Music Matters  
Whiting Bay Thursday Club  
Quilt Arran  
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Arran Churches Together, St Andrew's Night all-age service followed by a ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band  
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Arran High School  
Arran Bridge Club  
Brodict Embroidery Group  
General knowledge quiz

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9.30 - 10.30am  
Brodict Church Hall 10:30am  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am  
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm  
Lesser Hall, Whiting Bay, 2pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Brodict Church, 6.30pm  
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

## Sunday 26th November

Festive fundraiser and all age singalong for Mary's Meals  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Live music – George Lindsay Blues Band  
AA meeting

Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm-3.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm

## Monday 27th November

Morning fitness  
Citizens' Advice  
Arran Vets Surgery  
Arran Vets Reception  
Mature Movers  
Over-50s badminton  
Adult tennis  
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)  
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)  
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 and 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, 7pm-8.30pm

## Friday 1st December

ShopArran  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Coffee morning for charities  
Fiddlers' Bar and Bistro - Shenanigans  
Smart Recovery meeting  
Lochranza children's badminton  
AA meeting  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Tae Kwondo  
Lochranza adults' badminton  
Quiz  
Disco night

Various shops around the island  
9am-10.30am and 4pm-6pm  
9am-2pm and 4pm-6pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am-10.45am  
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 10.30am  
Fiddlers 8pm-10.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 1.30pm - 3pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm-8.30pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

## Tuesday 28th 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  
Live music – Shindig  
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  
Fiddler's Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm-10.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

## Saturday 2nd December

ShopArran  
Flow Yoga  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
RNLI Christmas shop  
Army Cadets  
ArCaS Christmas Fair  
Blackwaterfoot bowls  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Live music – Will and The Wild Horse  
Over-21s disco

Various shops around the island  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am  
9.30am-11am  
9.30am-noon  
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Road 11am-1 pm  
Brodict Hall, 11am-4pm  
Bowling Club, 1.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

## Wednesday 29th November

Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Chair yoga  
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service  
Knittery and Natterry  
Zumba Gold  
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)  
Just Jhoom (Bollywood dance fitness)  
RUNclub – mixed ability

9am - 10.30am and 4pm-6pm  
9am- 2pm and 4pm-5pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am-10.45am  
St Molios Hall, Shiskine, 11am  
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm  
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



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# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday November 29, 1997

## End of an era

John and Jean Lammie retired as farmers of Monyquil at the head of Shiskine valley after 28 years this week.

John's parents, George and Marion, came to Arran 71 years ago from Maybole, Ayrshire when his father took the post of dairyman at Claulands, Lamlash. After six years they took on the tenancy of Monyquil on 28 November 1932. They had four sons and in 1966, one of them, John took over as farmer at Glenloig followed in 1969 by the tenancy of Monyquil. In all these years it had been their family home where John and Jean raised their own son John and daughter Sheena. After many years as dairy farmers they changed with the times and latterly specialised in beef cattle and sheep.

When asked how farming had changed over the years, John said that mechanisation from horsepower to tractors completely changed farming. Meanwhile John and Jean will be sad to leave the family farm but look forward to a happy retirement in their new home at Torbeg.



Around 100 people turned up at Monyquil Farm last Tuesday to bid for everything from tractors to kitchen table and chairs after the owners retired. 01\_B47twe04

vide food should be pleased. I think there is no harm in giving Arran some 21st-century accommodation.'

## Affordable rooms

Arran may be on the point of having a Travelodge-style development in Brodick.

At a vacant site at Invercloy, trees have been cut down and ownership consolidated. Now Charles Fforde, under the name of Island Lodge Ltd, is putting forward plans for what the architect describes as a '35-room visitor accommodation development'.

The plans are in Lamlash and were submitted by Holmes Partnership, the same architects who were working on Charter Towers. The site at present is an eyesore and would benefit from development, and the drawings of the buildings, while not in any way exceptional, are quite pleasant.

Mr Fforde said: 'I am sure there will be resistance, it doesn't matter what you do on Arran, there's always resistance. The hotels may resist it but the places that pro-

## Water worries

A delegation of Corrie people swelled the normally small numbers at the Arran community council meeting Tuesday.

They were there because three officers of West of Scotland Water were to be present and they wanted to hear what they had to say about the proposed water treatment plant on the Goatfell path and perhaps even convince them that it was a bad idea – but the gentlemen were not for turning.

They did, however, outline the plans for both Corrie and Lochranza where the roadside treatment plant will be connected by pipes to Catacol and Pirmill for water purification. Under questioning, it then emerged that the proposals had a lot to do with rapidly changing legislation on water purity from the EC and that West of Scotland Water would be breaking the law if it did not make sure the water was germ free.



Auctioneer Matt Stevenson with vendor John Lammie at the Monyquil displensing sale near Shiskine. 01\_B47twe03



Geoffrey Botterill, Assya Baumgartner and Fred Wood have been elected to the Tourist Board as representatives for Arran. 01\_B47twe05



Enjoying a special gastronomic evening celebrating the new season's Beaujolais Nouveau at Brambles bistro are manager Jon Hill with wine waiter Alan Muir, waitress Donna Fleming and head chef David Smith. 01\_B47twe01

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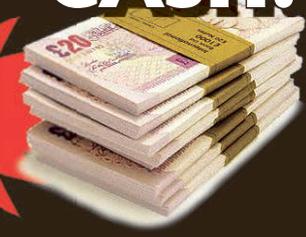


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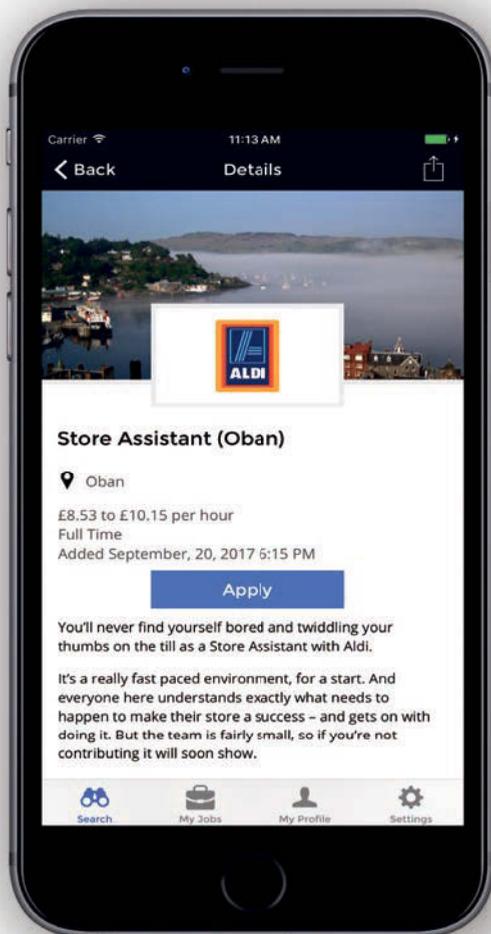
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine

Minister:

Rev Angus Adamson  
Parish Assistant: Mrs Jean Hunter

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

**Sunday 26th. November**

Pirnmill, and Lochranza Churches Together - 10.15am, Morning Worship at Pirnmill Shiskine Church - 12noon, Morning Worship Brodick Church - 10.30am, Morning Worship. Corrie Church - 11.30am, Prayer meeting. 12noon, Morning Worship. There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church) St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

**Sunday 26th November**  
(Christ the King)

11am Holy Communion.  
Rev Simon Mackenzie,  
Priest-in-Charge.  
Coffee after service.  
ALL WELCOME

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)

**Sunday 26th November**

Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 6-30pm  
5 Glen Road Brodick  
All welcome

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

**Sunday 26th November**

Rev Lily McKinnon  
Scottish Charity SC015072  
Kilmory - 10 am,  
Lamlash - 11.30 am.  
In Lamlash: Praise Service  
All welcome, including families; children's area  
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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 26th November**

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

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
(Charity Number: SC014005)

**Sunday 26th November**

Worship will be conducted by Mrs Sharon MacLeod, Reader of the Church of Scotland, at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.

The Church Christmas Card, to be sent to all members, will be available to be signed, and all proceeds will go to the Glasgow City Mission  
All welcome.

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

**Sunday 26th November**

Service 11am  
Ormidale Pavilion  
Tea and coffee after the service

Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.

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Everyone warmly invited

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Sunday 26th November**

Sunday Mass 11am

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**DEATH**

**GIBBS** - Stephen Cokayne died at home Remembrance Sunday aged 88. Beloved husband of Lavinia and father of Emily, Jamie and William. A service of thanksgiving will be held at St Molios Church, Shiskine on Monday 27th November at 11.45am

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**WALKER** - Rosemary and family invite you to an informal gathering to share stories and memories of Howard Walker's adventure filled life on Friday 1st December at 12.00pm in the Drift Inn, Lamlash.



Margnaehlish - the 14th hole at Lamlash golf club.



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water-logged, and was almost completed before heavy rain moved in.

The captain, Mary Adams, who was not playing in the competition, had by far the best score, however the winner was Liz Sinclair who was presented with a lovely hand-turned pen, made in Arran, by Mary.

Men's section: Thursday November, Yellow Medal, CSS 64, par 61. 1. Alan Colquoun 72-8=64, 2. Ian Bremner 72-7=65.

Magic twos Ian Bremner @16th and Stuart McLaren @7th.

Fixtures: Sunday November 26, Winter Stableford, 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Thursday November 23,

Yellow Medal, ballot at 11am.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

The prizegiving evening will now take place on Saturday December 2. Please note the change of date.

Fixture: Sunday November 26, Yellow tees sweep. One draw at 10am. Last cards in by 3pm.

**Lochranza Castle Golf Club**

Fixture: Saturday November 25, The Alan Bannatyne Quaich at Shiskine Golf Club, ballot at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm shotgun start.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Saturday November 18, 125-year Invitational.

Teams representing all the golf clubs on Arran gathered at Corrie Golf Club to play in a Texas scramble event to celebrate the 125 years of golf at Corrie.

Competition was fierce with only a couple of

strokes separating all the teams. It was, however, the Brodick team who eventually prevailed to earn themselves complimentary membership of Corrie for the coming year.

The event was also an opportunity to formally thank recently retired greenkeeper Pablo Moran for his 26 years of devoted service to the club by awarding him a lifetime honorary membership. Many thanks to the Corrie Hotel for looking after everyone afterwards.

Fixtures: Saturday November 25, Winter Cup, ballots at 9am and 12.30pm. Monday November 27, Monday Cup, ballot at noon.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Ladies section: Thursday November 16, three club medal, 13 played, par 44, CSS 47 R/O. 1 and scratch: Jenni Turnbull 60-8=52, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 64-11=53 BIH, 3 Piet Johnston 65-

12=53. Fixture: Saturday November 25, Gents section: Alan C Bannatyne Memorial Quaich and Lochranza Match, 1.30pm tee-off.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday November 14, Winter Cup. 1 D Brookens 75-11=64, 2 W Kelso 74-9=65, 3 B Sherwood 80-14=66.

Fixtures: Tuesday November 28, Winter Cup at noon.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday November 15, 12-hole Stableford was won by R McCrae with 26pts, well done Bob, again. There was one magic two by D Rudge.

Sunday November 19, Winter Cup, Stableford. 10 played, NC. 1 Alistair Hume (11) 43pts, 2 David Hendry (14) 41pts, Bill Donaldson (16) 40pts ACB.

Fixture: Sunday November 26, Winter Cup, 9am and noon.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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**THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU**

Elaine would like to thank everybody for their good wishes, cards, flowers, gifts and to the Mums who organised the surprise afternoon at the Auchrannie Resort which she was completely overwhelmed by and greatly appreciated.



Seal Shore Campsite overlooking Pladda and Ailsa Craig.

# Seal Shore wins AA small campsite of the year award

Sports enthusiasts and lovers of the great outdoors have helped an Arran campsite win a top national award.

Seal Shore campsite has been named Small Campsite of the Year by the Automobile Association, which will now include the Kildonan camping and touring site in their highly-regarded AA Caravanning and Camping Guide

In order to qualify for the prestigious title and to be included in the guide, each of the 800 featured sites have been visited by an AA inspector who grades it based on its facilities and hospitality.

Describing the campsite as one of the very best spots for British caravan-

ning and camping, the site has been included in the guide with the description: 'On the south coast of Arran and only 12 miles from the ferry at Brodick, this is a peaceful, family-run site with direct access to a sandy beach. There are fabulous views across the water to Pladda Island and Ailsa Craig. There's an abundance of wildlife, too.'

'Our inspector enjoyed watching seals by the shore when he arrived and otters with their young during his stay – all can easily be seen from the pitches.'

'This beautiful get-away-from-it-all location, understandably, is exceptionally popular, with many returning customers – it's essential to book to secure one

of the 40 pitches. 'Motorhomes and caravans share the centre of the park, tents are pitched on the periphery and camper vans have prime shorefront pitches looking directly towards the Ayrshire coast.'

'The resident owner, also a registered fisherman, sells fresh lobsters and crabs, and on request will give fishing lessons on a small, privately owned lochan.'

'There is an undercover barbecue, campers' kitchen, a day room with TV, and an excellent toilet block, plus two wooden pods, two gypsy caravans and a lovely shepherd's hut for hire.'

'Owners Maurice and Teresa Deighton have created a very special small campsite in a stunning location.'



Owner Maurice Deighton is a keen fisherman and sells fresh seafood to visitors.

Included in the guide entry, which this year will be a special 50th anniversary edition, is the location, ratings, contact details, directions, prices, opening times, facilities and a detailed description of the site.

Teresa said: 'On behalf

of everyone at Seal Shore Campsite we are delighted to receive the AA Small Campsite of the Year award in recognition of all of the hard work and effort that has been put into creating an idyllic camping venue which has kept our visitors returning year after year.'

'We are equally thrilled to be included in the 50th anniversary edition of the AA Caravanning and Camping Guide and will continue to build on the high standards that have earned us this honour and kept us among the top five campsites in Scotland.'



One of the two gypsy caravans available for hire.



An innovative camping pod available at Seal Shore Campsite.

## Arran Bridge Club results

The results of the Brodick Bridge Club aggregate competition held at Brodick on Thursday November 16 were: N/S 1 Dougie and Margaret Bruce; 2 Gill Clarke and Mike Scully; 3 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton. E/W: 1 Winnie McCallum and Alan Hutton; 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie; 3 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson.

The results of the aggregate competition held at Lamlash on Monday November 20 were: N/S 1 John Dick and Gege Kroner; 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell; 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie. E/W 1 Alison Bilsland and Fiona Henderson; 2 Margaret MacGill and Elizabeth McKellar; 3 Margaret and Dougie Bruce.

# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Seal Shore wins AA small campsite of the year award

## Sheena lifts Lamlash golf club championship trophy



Trophy winners at the Lamlash Golf Club ladies section annual prizegiving.

The ladies section of Lamlash Golf Club held their annual dinner and prizegiving on Friday November 10 in the clubhouse.

The principal prize winners were: Championship:

Sheena Murchie. Kiln Rosebowl: Alison Heron. Centenary Tray: Kate McAdam. Stroke Quaich: Kate McAdam. Fleet Cup: Sheena Murchie. Marella Cup: Yvonne Brothers.

Kiln Rosebowl: Alison Heron. Centenary Tray: Kate Murchie. LGU Bronze Medal: Jenny Pattenden. Grace Cannon Foursomes: Liz Sinclair and Alison Heron.

Tray: Kate McAdam. MacGill Cup: Jackie Winship. Winter Stableford: Liz Sinclair. New Year Shield: Sheena Murchie. Josie Sanderson: Gay Mackay. Island Mixed

Fours: D and F Henderson. Gardner Scratch Trophy in Mixed Fours: S and Y Brothers. Away Day Trophy: Alison Heron and Ann Gibson. Captain's Prize: Liz Sinclair. Lamlash Bay

Hotel Trophy: Yvonne Brothers.

After a previous cancellation the Captain's Prize was played over the back nine, as the front nine were

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