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It's showtime for brand new cinema on Arran

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Arran is to get a brand new community cinema on the site of the former ferry ticket office in Brodick in time for next Easter.

The announcement means that Arran audiences will be able to see the latest blockbuster films at the time of their release on the big screen in two 55-seater cinemas with the very latest laser digital projectors and Dolby sound systems. The cinema complex will also screen cultural events live by satellite from arts organisations around the world.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL), which owns the building, has agreed terms with Arran Picture-House Ltd to convert the building into a cinema which it says will

benefit the whole community, with autism-friendly screenings twice a month, as well as dementia-friendly screenings, performances for the elderly community, schools, and parents and babies. The proposal is for the cinema to be open seven days a week from noon to 9pm, and will bring four full-time, and eight part-time jobs to the island.

Convert

However, the decision puts an end to plans by Arran Development Trust which had secured £200,000 of funding to convert the building into a community hub, with office space for existing and start-up businesses, shower and toilet facilities and retail space for businesses to showcase their products.

The Trust says it is 'dis-

appointed'. It was one of three formal offers CMAL received, which says it took the decision after a tender process which highlighted the need for the space to have a 'community' benefit and decided on the cinema plan.

Karen Jamieson, buildings and property manager at CMAL, said: 'This will be an excellent addition to the island, and we think the community benefits are endless.'

'We advertised the availability of the building on the open market via our letting agent, Graham & Sibbald, with particular emphasis on a sustainable community, and the bid from the Arran Picture-House team was outstanding.'

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Santa sparkles in Lamlash



Santa was in Lamlash at the weekend to get the Christmas party started on Arran. He is seen here with elves James Reid and Eilidh Hamill in his grotto at Santa's Sparkle. For full coverage of the event see pages six and seven. 01_B48sparkle01

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£8 million boost for 56 new affordable homes

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An £8million scheme to build more than 50 new affordable homes on Arran has been unveiled.

Three sites are to be developed after government funding was secured by the new Arran Development Trust in a major step forward for proposals which could see 56 social needs houses by the spring of 2021.

And this could just be the start as the trust is in the process of setting up an Arran-based housing association to develop social needs housing around the island in the next decade.

The trust is the operational arm of Arran Econom-

ic Group which has been working towards the provision of good quality affordable homes for the community on Arran.

In the past two years it has produced a housing study and commissioned feasibility study work on identified potential suitable development sites to provide up to 200 new homes, extending a choice of affordable options for the Arran community.

Time constraints

The trust recently lodged expressions of interest with the Scottish government rural and islands housing fund for five development sites. However, due to the time constraints of the fund and the need to deliver the

project by March 2021, the fund has given approval for the trust to move forward with three of the sites to the next stage, which is firming up the feasibility studies and costs to support the main fund application.

All of the sites are in Lamlash and Brodick and while two of the sites have already undergone in-depth feasibility work, which now needs to be updated, and the other site needs to have the same treatment in feasibility terms. Simultaneous applications will be drafted to the Scottish Land Fund in order to purchase the land from owners.

While most of the houses will be built for rent, a



Arran Community Trust chairman Barry Mochan, community council chairman Bill Calderwood, AEG development director Sheema Borthwick-Toomey and AEG chairman Tom Tracey who will take forward the social needs housing proposals. 01_B48housing01

small number of around 14 on one site would be self-build, with support from the government, which is still being firmed up.

The man who has worked tirelessly to make this happen, chairman of the Arran Economic Group Tom Tracey, said it was important for anyone interested in social needs housing to get their name on the common housing register now, even if they were already in private rented accommodation.

Chairman of the Arran Development Trust Barry Mochan said: 'This is a fantastic testament to the work undertaken to date and the focus very firmly on the future sustainability of the island of Arran.'

'We are excited to have reached this important

milestone and look forward to the next stage.

'All this would not have been possible without the support of the housing, planning and economic support from North Ayrshire Council which has been behind us every step of the way.

'The 56 new units, combined with the 34 new homes planned by North Ayrshire Council for Braithwic Terrace and the 20 proposed by the Trust Housing Association in Brodick, will make a tangible difference and take positive major leaps forward in giving much-needed affordable home choices for Arran residents and fols who want to move to Arran for work.

'Over the next few months, there will be a lot

of work going on with feasibility studies, consultant reports and firming up of costings,' he added.

That work is expected to be completed by next spring when the trust will go back to the government with detailed proposals with a view to starting the planning and development phase.

He said the new housing association, which would be based on Arran, would also be an employer and would provide jobs from construction to the running of the houses themselves.

He said the trust would be working closely with Skills Development Scotland and Arran High School.

Membership

The Arran Development Trust is now a fully constituted body with charitable status and a membership organisation.

As such it is open to membership with a £10 joining fee and £1 annual subscription.

The trust has organised its first community meeting on Wednesday December 5 in the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick from noon to 2pm. It will outline the work and values of the new organisation and invite all Arran folk to go along and find out more and learn how to become members.



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New cinema for Arran

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'Not only will the cinema bring jobs to the area, but it will also cater for a wide variety of audiences; from school children to the elderly community and tourists.'

'We are looking forward to work getting underway, and hope residents and visitors to Arran are as enthusiastic about the new addition as we are.'

Historically Arran has always had film screenings often in community halls

and in recent years it has been well served by the travelling Screen Machine which regularly visits the island.

However, while it will next month bring big box office hits to Brodick, like the Queen movie Bohemian Rhapsody and the NASA moon mission story First Man, these have already been on general release for more than a month. Brian Keating of Arran Picture-House Ltd said: 'A community cine-

ma screening new releases is a wonderful addition to any community. For both visitors and residents, it can change and enhance their experience of the island. We are delighted CMAL has selected our project for the centre.'

The Arran Picture-House team will now progress the relevant planning procedures in order to obtain the necessary consents, but it is hoped that the cinema will be open by Easter 2019.

Daisy leads rugby Scots to victory

Rugby fan Daisy Earle's dream came true last weekend when she led out



Nine-year-old Daisy Earle with her Scotland scarf, which she received at Murrayfield Stadium.

the Scotland international team at Murrayfield for their game against Argentina.

And if that was not exciting enough, Daisy exited the tunnel first holding the hand of captain and eventual man of the match Greig Laidlaw.

Nine-year-old Daisy was greeted by the roar of 67,144 fans in the huge Edinburgh stadium, who attended the final Autumn International Series match last Saturday and which Scotland narrowly won 14-9.

Daisy, who lives in Slidery, had her name drawn

out of a hat to be a mascot which meant that she would escort a player onto the field, join the team in singing the national anthem on the pitch and be given the opportunity to meet many of the players.

In addition to this she received a full Scotland strip, scarf, signed ball and signed programme and she got to see the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, a particular highlight since her dad, Andrew, is a piper, and fittingly her mum Jennifer a kiltmaker. Daisy said: 'I was very nervous running onto the field but it was the best day ever!'



Meeting her heroes, Daisy gets a selfie with Scotland international and Glasgow Warriors player George Horne.



Daisy Earle and Scotland captain Greig Laidlaw and team mates in a screen grab from the TV broadcast on BBC One.



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Co-op customers for community

Two community groups on Arran have received cheques totalling more than £40,000 from the Co-op. Customers at the three Co-ops on the island have raised the money themselves by buying Co-op

own brand products which sees 1 per cent go to local causes.

The groups which have benefited are the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, who have received a splendid £21,810.44, with Feis Arainn picking up £19,881.10, which will put them on a solid financial footing.

They received their cheques at a special celebration day held at the Big Co in Brodick last Saturday where manager Liz McLean revealed that the shop is one of the top performing Co-ops in the country in raising cash for the community.

Liz said: 'I know customers who have switched from brand names to Co-op own brand products so they can support the community.'

'It is great that we can support these groups in this way and we are delighted to hand over two such large cheques to these well deserving causes.'

Community member pioneer Mark Harwood said the Co-op was especially pleased to support the Feis, which can now fund the attendance of young people for years to come and pay for transport to competitions on the mainland. The AMRT will use the funds to build cover for two more vehicles, which in turn will



Co-op manager Liz McLean takes a seat in the mountain rescue vehicle as the team pose with the cheque. 01_B48coop02



Customers snap up prize draw tickets. 01_B48coop05

Cash for Cats Protection work

In another donation handed over on Saturday the Arran branch of Cats Protection received a welcome sum of £368 which was raised by the Brodick Co-op staff running a raffle to help a community charity.

Branch co-ordinator Linda Hartley said: 'We are thrilled and so thankful. This will enable us to continue the work we do through our Snip 'n' Chip campaign, helping Arran cat owners to get their cats neutered and microchipped, as well as our work of neutering feral and farm cats.'

'Our vet bill in September was £351, so this is just fabulous! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, you have made a difference and we are very grateful for your support.'

'We hope also that people will become a Co-op member and make us their choice for the one per cent donation for this next year. Our ability to do the work relies on us having a vehicle to transport cats to and from the vets and onto new homes,' she added.



Linda Hartley from Cats Protection receives her donation from the Co-op's Carol Harwood and Liz McLean. 01_B48cat01

raise £40,000



Maggie Frame from Feis Arainn with cheque and the the young fiddlers who played in the Co-op. 01_B48coop01



The young fiddlers perform in the Co-op. 01_B48coop04

help them to cope with increasing demand for their services. They also have several new members who require to be kitted out.

The Feis joined in the celebration day with performances by a group of their young fiddle players and the AMRT brought along

their rescue vehicle. Mark provide some of the warm-up entertainment and there was big prize draw on the day for customers.

Largybeg roadworks finish ahead of time

A major project to resolve a long-standing problem for Arran drivers has been completed ahead of schedule.

Due to the nature of the local landscape, a section of the C147 coastal road south of Whiting Bay had historically been at risk of falling rocks, particularly in poor weather.

Following a sustained period of cold and wet conditions just before Christmas last year, the rock face adjacent to the road near Largybeg became unstable, forcing a temporary closure of the route until emergency slope stabilisation works could be undertaken by a specialist contractor.

North Ayrshire Council's Road team carried out an extensive survey to find a permanent solution to the

problem, resulting in a specialist contractor being appointed to undertake the necessary works.

Work got under way earlier this month to remove the large boulders overlooking the road as well as additional works on the rock face itself.

The programme for the work was anticipated to take six evenings under a full road closure, however the work was completed within three evenings, minimising inconvenience to the local community.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said: 'This was a complex engineering project to deal with an issue which has plagued the local community for many years.

'I'm sure both local residents and visitors to the is-

land will be delighted to see the work carried out, improving the long-term safety of those who use the route.

'It's particularly pleasing that the project was carried out with the minimum of inconvenience and finished well ahead of schedule.

'This is the second major roads project to be completed on Arran within the past few weeks, following on from the work to rebuild the retaining wall on the A841 near the ferry terminal so I'd like to thank the Roads team for their efforts as well as the public for their patience while these projects were carried out.'

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Santa's Sparkle spectacular



Santa makes his way from the pier to the high school.
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Santa's Sparkle really went with a fizz and a bang this year as the Lamplash festival launched Christmas on Arran last Saturday.

It was the second time it had been organised by a group of community volunteers and it must be one of the biggest and best yet.

A move indoors to the high school meant there could be no repeat of last year's dreadful weather to try and spoil the day, but in the end the day was bright and dry – but a lot warmer for the stallholders.

The day began with Santa and his entourage making their way from the pier to the school. Once there he made his way to his grotto to hear what the children wanted for Christmas – and there was a long queue to see Santa all day.

Entertained

For the children there was also face painting, drawing, pass the parcel, book readings and other games to keep them entertained.

For adults there were craft stalls galore in both the canteen and the main

hall which did a roaring trade. The charity and food and drink stalls also had a busy day and there was a lot of interest in the huge raffle.

There was also entertainment throughout the day on the stage of the community theatre from Druma Daiko, the soul choir, young fiddlers and Biff Simpson – to name just a few.

As well as raising money to stage next year's sparkle the event also supported the Arran High

youngsters raising money for their Tanzania Expedition next year, with 50 per cent of the programme sales and the raffle of a ball signed by the Scotland rugby squad going to them.

Procession

The day was rounded off in fine style with a first torch lit procession from the school to the community Christmas tree, lit by Lamplash Heather Queen Keira Willis, before a spectacular firework display.

Quite an end to a special community day.



Angie Barrie had her sparkly shoes on at her Arran Dreams stall. 01_B48santa04



Izzy Brand and Katie Fleming meet Santa in his grotto
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Three-year-old Robyn and festive mum Bobbi Mulholland meet Santa. 01_B48santa11



Councillor Timothy Billings selling torches for the parade.
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The long queue for Santa's grotto. 01_B48santa12



Children draw Christmas pictures. 01_B48santa 09



Druma Daiko perform on the community theatre stage.
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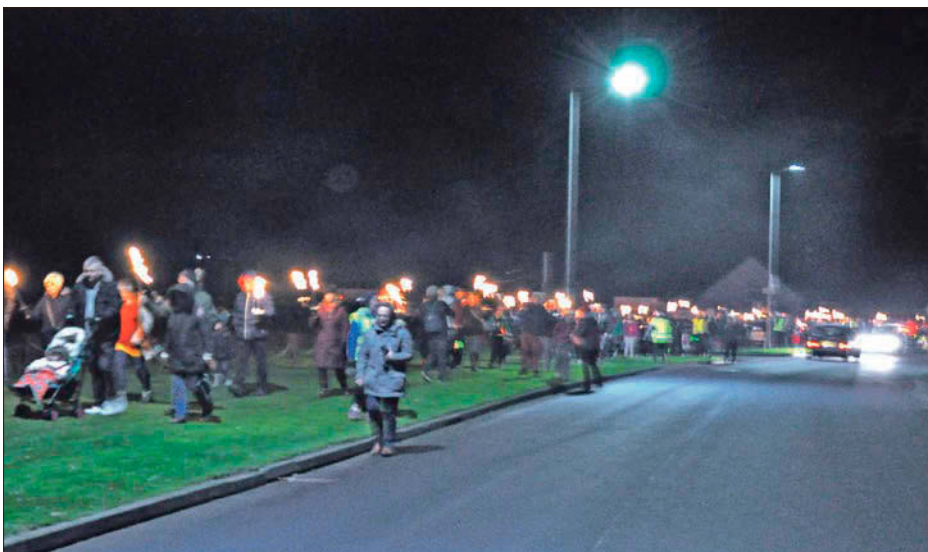
A photo from on high showing how busy the Sparkle was. 01_B48santa19



Bay Queen Keira Willis at the Christmas tree she lit. 01_B48santa24



Artists Bob and Val Lees at their stall. 01_B48santa15



The torch lit procession snakes its way to the Christmas tree. 01_B48santa22



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Editorial

Housing hope

The news this week that Arran is well on the way to getting another 56 affordable homes is to be welcomed.

However the work which has been involved to get to this stage, first by the Arran Economic Group and then its new operating arm the Arran Development Trust, should not be underestimated.

When the economic group was first formed three years ago one of its main concerns was that the chronic lack of affordable housing was seriously impeding future growth on the island. They said then and still say today that 200 affordable homes are urgently needed.

But at last progress is being made. Two months ago North Ayrshire Council announced that work would start on 34 new homes and 20 more are proposed by the Trust Housing Association, both in Brodick.

Now 56 more, some of which will be in Lamlash, have received initial government backing taking the total to 110 much needed new homes by 2021.

The formation of a new housing association operating from, and serving just Arran, means there will be work on affordable housing across the island, because the needs in the more rural parts of the island are just as acute as they are in the main villages.

Thought for the week

'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy". But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:43

Community spirit

Sir,
On behalf of my knitting friends, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the cascade of poppies on Brodick Hall wall.

Everyone's generosity in giving their time and effort to creating the poppies, ensured that it was a stunning display and we have received a great deal of messages from locals and visitors alike expressing their appreciation of the tribute commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of First World War.

I have also received donations of over £250 for Poppy Scotland, from people who admired the display

which is a very respectable total, so thanks very much to all who contributed. Many thanks also to the library staff who collected the poppies for us and to Ian and John for putting up and taking down the display.

Finally, it once more demonstrates that the community spirit in Arran is strong and people can be counted on to rally round, so many thanks to all.

Yours,
**Jessmay Peacock,
Whiting Bay.**

Note of thanks

Sir,
This is a note found in Sannox public toilet by Elma Stevenson

'My husband and I have been coming to Arran for years, firstly with tents and bikes, then a motorhome and now a small camper-van.

'It's a beautiful island with a wonderful feel and an amazing sense of community. These toilets are testament to that! We recently read that Sannox (North) is now community owned and as such we have left a donation for these toilets and also to the community fund. We are parking up at Sannox (North) and wanted to give something back to you community.'

Yours,
**Karen and John
MacLeod,
Dumfries and Galloway.**

Moran taing

Sir,
A huge thank you from the committee and all the participants at FèisArainn to those Coop members who chose us as their 1 per cent cause in 2017-18 and gained for us the amazing total of £19,881.10 from the Local Community Fund.

Thank you to the staff at the store who welcomed us on Saturday to celebrate and to the parents and youngsters who braved the cold to entertain the shoppers. Moran taing!

Yours,
**Aileen McLaughlin,
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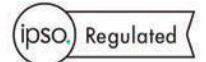
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Waspi women abandoned by UK government, says MP

An MP has expressed her anger and disappointment at the inaction regarding the plight of Women Against State Pension Inequality (Waspi).

The UK government has accelerated the equalisation of pension ages for men and women, meaning that women born in the 1950s have lost thousands of pounds in pension payments without having sufficient notice to plan for the changes.

In North Ayrshire and Arran, 4,800 women have been adversely affected. Many women who expected to retire at 60 have been forced into poverty and onto benefits.

North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson, who secured and led a debate on the issue at Westminster last week, said: 'I am beyond disappointed by the lack of any meaningful engagement from the



North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson.

UK Government on this issue. It is dismissive and disrespectful to an entire generation of women.

'There is no doubt that there was a complete failure of communication by previous UK Governments to the women affected. Ministers have admitted as much. There has been an appalling abdica-

tion of responsibility with no regard to the impact these changes would have.

'Tory MPs said this was about dealing with increases in life expectancy. However, the way these changes were implemented has left many of the women impacted in poverty and hardship.

'For UK Ministers to say

there is no solution is an insult to these women.

'The SNP commissioned an independent report in 2016 which proposed reverting to the provisions of the 1995 Pensions Act. This would raise the state pension age in 2020 and costed at £8 billion over five years, paid from a National Insurance Fund projected to have a surplus this year of £30.7 billion.

This was rejected by the UK Government as were a range of potential solutions put forward by others. The UK Government offered no solution and has refused to engage with the women affected.

'The state pension system has been undermined by this travesty.

'A social contract has been broken. Nevertheless, Waspi will not sit back. The campaign will go on, and I will support it all the way.'

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Musicians play at charity day

The Arran branch of the SSPCA held a successful festive fund raising event upstairs at Arran Active on Saturday November 17 during the Shop Arran weekend.

Those present enjoyed mulled wine, spiced tea and mince pies while being entertained by local mu-



Musicians entertain at the fundraising day. 01_B48charity02

sicians; Vivace, members of Arco String Orchestra, Mark Brown and Colin Guthrie. There was also the opportunity to stock up on the tempting home baking and take part in the splendid raffle. The sum of £490 was collected towards the work of Scotland's main animal charity, here on Arran and on the mainland.

Christine Drennan from the charity said: 'None of this would have been possible without the generosity of Andrew Walsh in giving the use of his premises, and, of course, all the wonderful volunteers and musicians. A huge thank you to them and all the kind people who came and contributed on the day.'



Aileen Aitchison and Sarah Cook at the baking stall. 01_B48charity01

Arran is battered by Storm Diana

Arran took a battering from Storm Diana on Wednesday.

The worsening weather halted the ferry by lunchtime and there were widespread reports of flooding on the roads, making many inaccessible due to strong winds and high tides.

Corrie was particularly badly hit with the road closed for a time at Sannox leading to long queues. The

south of the island, an in particular the Kildonan road, was also badly hit and there were big waves crashing over the sea wall in Whiting Bay. The course at Brodick Golf Club was also badly flooded.

However, by Thursday morning the severe weather had eased but persistent heavy rain remained. After berthing overnight in Brodick, fer-

ry sailings resumed with the 8.20am which left on time for Ardrossan.

Diana is not on the list of the Met Office's official storm names for this winter, and originated further south.

Met Office spokesman Richard Miles said the storm, named by the Portuguese authorities, 'had quite an impact on islands in the Atlantic', but weakened as it came towards the UK.

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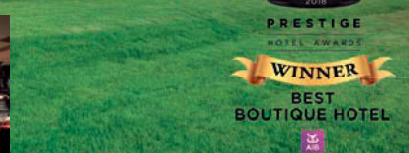
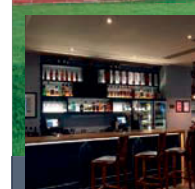
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Arran Singers in full voice at their winter concert

As December approaches and people are gearing up for the coming festive season, so too are the Arran Singers who will be hosting their winter concert in aid of various Arran charities.

Taking place on Sunday December 9 at 2pm, the concert will offer an entertaining mixture of music in a variety of styles and will include a chance for the audience to participate in some carol singing.

Along with the Arran Singers, guest groups Vivace and Ain't Misbehavin' will be performing and talented young singer Ross Dobson will also be performing a solo.

The choir's contribution will include Faure's Canticque de Jean Racine and Elgar's beautiful The Snow along with carols old and new.

Tickets are available from choir members and the Book and Card Centre in Brodick priced at £8 for adults and £3 for children, including refreshments. Proceeds, this year, will be donated to the Arran Junior Sailing Club and RNLI, in honour of Dr Angus Campbell, and the Isle of Arran Music School.

Ain't Misbehavin' entertain at SWI

Members of the Shiskine SWI and guests from the other island institutes were well entertained by Ain't Misbehavin' at their meeting on Wednesday November 7.

The Arran group performed a range of music from past to present which was appreciated by all in attendance, particularly on a cold winter's night in November.

After an enjoyable supper, vice president Joan Stewart announced the winners of the evening's competitions: Favourite bell which was won by Marion Brambles with Kate Henderson as the runner up and home-made musical instrument,

won by Evelyn Hamilton.

The next meeting of the Shiskine SWI will be on Wednesday December 5 when a cocktail/mocktail evening will be held at Shiskine Golf Clubhouse at 7.30pm. The competition will be for best wrapped parcel – value £5 – and the exhibition is favourite evening bag. Parcels can be purchased and all proceeds go to Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS).

Jean Hunter presents Jenny Harper with the Ferguson Tray. The trophy is awarded to the member with most points from the previous winter meetings and the summer show in August.



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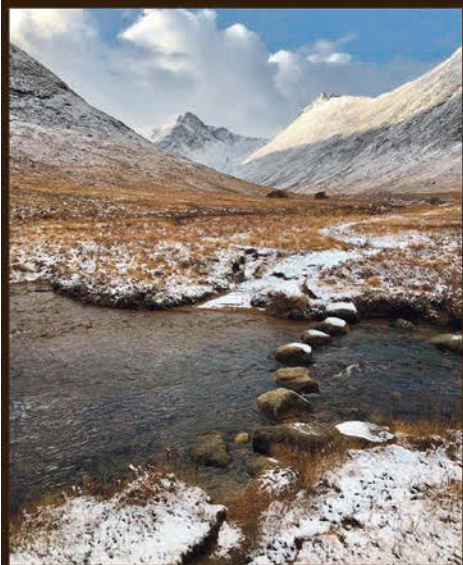
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fayre, spending time with loved ones and sharing gifts and Christmas cheer.

And if the weather has not yet started to make you feel like Christmas is nearing then a visit to any store will certainly put you in the festive mood. Well loved sing-along Christmas carols and songs abound everywhere you go and now that December has started, decorations, well-adorned trees and tinsel are also starting to appearing everywhere.

With the true meaning of Christmas being about celebrations and shared time with loved ones, it can also be a very busy time for many, with food preparation, house decorating, travel planning and purchasing special gifts

and surprises - there can be so much to organise in the run up to the big day.

In the spirit of saving precious time and helping you to prepare for this Christmas period, the Arran Banner has compiled a compilation of people, places and stores to visit that are all offering festive deals and bargains galore to help you to care of all of your festive needs.



While many will resort to going online or be tempted to visit mainland stores there is a surprisingly near-complete set of stores and producers right on your doorstep that can cater for your every need, from food to gifts to decorations and activities and pamper sessions, it is all right here, and shopping locally also means that that you support the communities and organisations that abound on Arran. Shopping locally supports your neighbours the local micro-economy and encourages local commerce who in turn support other local enterprise and causes. It all makes perfect sense, and of course you get to take advantage of a wide choice of good quality, often unique, and all well-regarded products from sellers and purveyors of Arran inspired merchandise and services.

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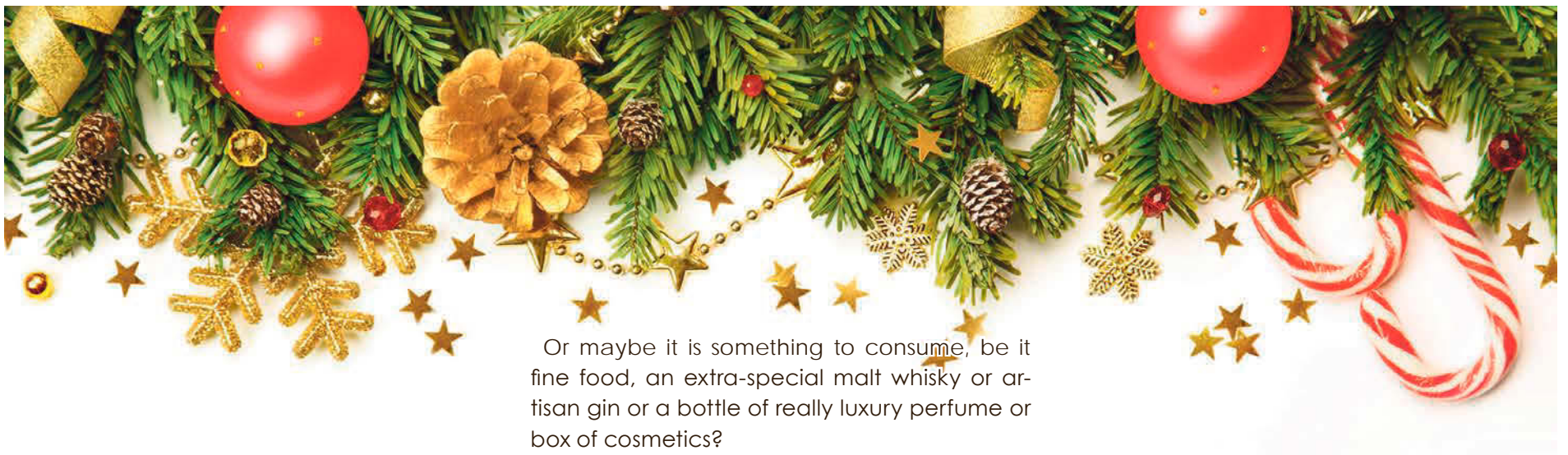


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Saturday 1st December

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Family games
Whiting Bay Christmas Tree Lights Switch On
Fun in the pool
Feis Arainn Family Ceilidh
Live Music - Shindig
Live Music - The Skunnered - Celtic Rockers return
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Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay, 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Arran Pace Makers Running Group
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Lamlash SWI
Live Music - Little Fire
Family Friendly Pub Quiz
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

Brodick, 5.30pm
AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Firestation, 7.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Sunday 2nd December

Whiting Bay Primary Christmas Fair
Live Music - Rob Muir
Family games
Fun in the pool
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Folk Music Session

Whiting Village Hall, 12noon - 3pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
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Thursday 6th December

Morning fitness
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Arran Rangers Tree Planting Day
Arran Heritage Museum
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The Sound of Music
Body Blitz
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am -10.30am
Brodick Church Hall 10am - 10.30am
Glen Rosa, 10am - 3pm
Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Firestation, Lamlash, 2pm - 4.30pm
Arran Library, Brodick, 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 5pm -9pm
Little Rock, Brodick, 7pm for 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Lamlash Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 3rd December

Arran Skinnymalinks - Seek a Star
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JogScotland mixed ability running group
Adult Tennis
Circuit Training
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s
Live Music - Fatman & The Angel
Carol Concert, all welcome (collection for CLIC Sargent)

Shiskine Church Hall, 5.15pm
Brodick Church Hall, 5.15pm
Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
St Bride's Church, Brodick, 7.30pm

Tuesday 4th December

Healthy Outdoors Team
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries
Winter Rink Bowls
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Arran Pace Makers- Jog Scotland Beginners Group
Arran Hockey Club - Juniors (5 -14yrs)
Scottish Country Dancing.
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Traditional Music Sessions
Body Blitz

Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 3pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Brodick Bar, 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Friday 7th December

Yoga
Hydrofit
Coffee Morning
Arran Heritage Museum
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwondo
Live Music - Cams Campbell
The Sound of Music
Friday Night Quiz
Live Music - Scott Nicol - singer/songwriter

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am
Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
(Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Lamlash Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Wednesday 5th December

Yoga
Hydrofit
Brodick Gardens Volunteers
Guild Coffee Morning
Coffee Morning
Knit and Blether
Arran Heritage Museum
Archives and Genealogy Service
Dog Classes
Parkinson's Support Group
Arran Skinnymalinks - Seek a Star

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am -10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am -1pm
Lamlash Church, 10.15am - 12noon
St Bride's Church, Brodick, 10.30 - 12noon
Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 10.30am -12.30pm
Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 4.15pm

Saturday 8th December

RNLI Christmas Shop
Young Naturalists' Christmas Party
Corrie Christmas Craft Fair
Winter Rink Bowls
The Sound of Music
Family games
Fun in the pool
The Sound of Music
Live Music - Mike Edwards
Christmas Concert, with Peter Wilson & Friends
Smokey Valley Band, bluegrass with a modern, 'Funky-folk' bass line
Over 21s' Disco

Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Rangers Centre, Brodick Castle 10.30am
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 12noon - 4pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Lamlash Community Theatre, Arran High School, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Lamlash Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Corrie Parish Church, 8pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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Arran poets go coastal at sea themed event

Arran Poetry, whose verse has been described as mellifluous in recent years, is hosting a poetry reading next week in a continuing of their series of off-piste Not National Poetry Day, Poetry Days.

This year the Arran Poetry forum has joined with Community Of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) to deliver an evening of themed poetry and music in the Brodick Bar on Thursday December 6 at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

The theme will be The Sea, or anything related to the sea. Organiser Cicely Gill said: 'It will not surprise you to know that we are joining with COAST for this event.'

'Since COAST is about honouring and appreciating the sea in all its aspects, we thought it would be interesting to explore how poets have related to and engaged with it – are they on the same wave-length? – so we are hoping that you will bring us your favourite poems on this subject or one you have written yourself'.

A selection of 10 readers have already been invited to share and read either their own poems or poems by other writers. Music will be provided by one of Arran's own vocal ensembles, Vivace, fresh from their stint in Arran Active last week in support of the SSP-CA.

New readers are always welcome and can still register interest to read by phoning Cicely on 700464. This is a major outing of Arran Poetry and is described by the organisers as an event not to be missed.

Celebrating St Andrew's Day with kindness

This St Andrew's Day (Friday) the Scottish Government is encouraging us all to do something kind and make someone's day.

On Arran the #MakeSomeonesDay campaign has been taken up by the Glen Estate Lunch Club in Brodick which is asking businesses on the island if they can spare a chef for one day to prepare and cook a two-course meal. The club is also always on the lookout for volunteers.

However, simply check-



Ben Macpherson at the launch of the nationwide campaign in St Andrew Square in Edinburgh.

Photograph: Stewart Attwood

ing on an elderly neighbour kindness is being encouraged today. Ben Macpherson, min-

ister for Europe, migration and international development, said: 'This year we can all show the best of what it means to be Scottish by each of us doing something small to #MakeSomeonesDay. If each of us does something kind for someone else, together we can make a big, positive impact for the benefit of the whole of Scotland.'

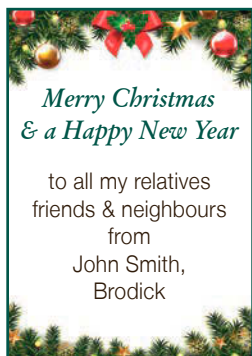
If the lunch club can borrow your chef, please contact Bobbi Mulholland at the Arran CVS on 600611.

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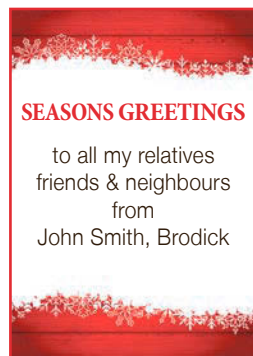
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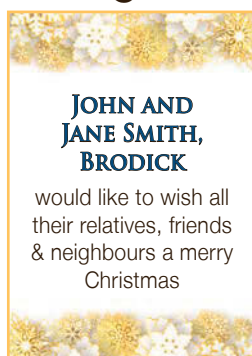
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Stitch your story in 2019

A new community arts project for 2019 entitled 52 Stitched Stories will be launched next month for interested participants.

The event will be held on Friday December 7, between 11am and 2pm, at Coast in Whiting Bay, and will introduce visitors to the concept and provide information about the project which is also being undertaken in West Kilbride.

The ambition is for everyone involved to create a textile postcard once a week for an entire year. Any textile medium can be used and the word 'stitch' can be widely interpreted. The resulting 52 postcards will reflect an individual's personal narratives throughout the year and can draw inspiration from anywhere and anything: changing seasons, life events, emo-

tions, activities or simply just a colour.

Participants will meet monthly throughout the project to share work in progress and to support each other.

Project co-ordinator Fiona Doubleday, who is working with her counterpart in West Kilbride, said: 'This project is open to everyone and the idea is to bring people together through stitching and sharing. It is a year-long project which should produce an interesting outcome.'

'The hope is that the postcards and communities will come together sometime in 2020 for a sharing event.'

A starter kit will be available at the launch for a nominal charge to cover cost and if you are interested in joining but are unable to attend the event on Friday December 7, you can email earththreadsuk@gmail.com and a starter pack can be posted out to you.



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Planting sows the seeds of Glen Rosa rejuvenation

The planting of more than 280 trees in Glen Rosa has kick started a major conservation project aimed at protecting and conserving the fauna and flora in the glen.

With financial assistance from the People's Postcode Lottery and the hard work of the Lothian Conservation Volunteers, the planting is just the beginning of a much larger undertaking.

Extensive planting will take place next winter when about 40,000 trees will be planted over 40 hectares, once a protective boundary fence has been created, as first reported by the *Banner* back in June.

The erection of the fence

is scheduled for September next year and it will protect the freshly planted saplings from grazing animals.

Most of the trees that were planted by the volunteers have been grown from seeds collected on Arran and nurtured by the Healthy Outdoors Team which is continuing to plant seeds for next year's major planting.

The Lothian volunteers, some of whom have been volunteering on Arran for more than 20 years, introduced a few new volunteers to the wonders of Glen Rosa and between them, they made a determined start on the planting of Arran native trees such

as upland birch, hazel, aspen and whitebeam, rowan and oak.

The volunteers also played an important part in the conservation of the area by taking part in a slash and burn day where prolific and domineering rhododendron were removed to widen a section of the Ryden path in the country park.

The Glen Rosa project will bring new life to more than 400 hectares – with 40 hectares earmarked for re-planting of trees which previously thrived there – and will help to rejuvenate the area which has suffered under years of overgrazing by deer and sheep.

Another tree planting day will take place on Thursday December 6 when volunteers will be able to help make a difference and enjoy the camaraderie and possibly wildlife sightings that the group enjoyed earlier this month. In addition to a golden sunset and spectacular scenery, volunteers enjoyed a flyby from a pair of golden eagles which was a highlight for many of the visitors.

Booking for the tree planting day is essential and volunteers can book their place by emailing goatfell@nts.org.uk or by phoning 01770 302462. Further information on volunteering opportunities at the National Trust for Scotland can be found at www.nts.org.uk/volunteering



A two-year-old oak tree being planted. The tree was grown from an acorn by Jo and Colin Totty, who propagated, protected and nurtured a large number of trees for future planting.



Members of the Lothian Conservation Volunteers group includes some who have been visiting for more than 20 years, while for others this was their first time on Arran.



A volunteer plants an Arran Whitebeam – endemic to Arran and one of the world's rarest trees – propagated by Henry Murdo and Margo Mclellan, and then cared for by the Healthy Outdoors Team.



Volunteers share a laugh among the bracken while planting trees.



A number of trees are planted in the bracken areas owing to the soil being deeper and less acidic than other parts of the glen.



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The history of Sannox Church

The Arran Historical Society held the final meeting of 2018 when 55 members and visitors heard John Jackson deliver his talk on the history of Sannox Congregational Church.

John came last year with his immense collection of books on Arran, and it was good to welcome him back. He attributed much of the content of his talk to the researches by David Potts of Lochranza, and expressed his gratitude to him.

A church has stood at Sannox for nigh on 200 years, and sadly by the millennium it was starting to look a little sad and neglected. It was bought in 2012 and the Sannox Christian Centre is now being developed.

The church and adjoining manse were built in 1822. Beside the church was Dundarroch cottage, a pitched roof building which has had many uses in its time, including serving as a stable. In the intervening years the pitched roof has been replaced by the iconic Dutch roof.

Spiritual

The church has a bell tower and happily the bell is still rung today. On the site is a standing stone from the Bronze age. No-one can know the purpose of these stones, but they were highly likely to have had a spiritual significance.

Following the Neolithic age, Arran entered the Celtic period. Celtic saints, St

Patrick, St Bendan, St Donnan, St Columba and St Bridget, were all to eventually give their names to Arran churches. Arran's own Saint, St Molaise, a former Bishop of Ireland, lived as a hermit in a cave cell on Holy Isle in Lamlash Bay, which now of course houses monks of a different faith, Buddhism.

During the Medieval period Britain had Catholic and Celtic religions. In 604 at the Synod of Whitby, the two churches met to principally decide the date of Easter. Whatever else transpired at that meeting it saw the subsequent waning of the Celtic religion and the growth of Catholicism.

Although the remnants of



Speaker John Jackson.

the Celtic chapels are visible in other locations, nothing remains now on Arran except a wall stone depicting St Michael in the wall of Sannox Cemetery.

John said in terms of religion the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries seemed to be very fallow years on Arran, although not elsewhere. In the 16th century Presbyterianism came to Scotland. In the 17th century the Covenanters were very active, and in the 18th century England saw the Methodist movement gathered strength under the leadership of the Wesleys. There was a worry at this time that the revolution, which had been witnessed in France, might spread to Britain.

Recorded

In 1772 a Welsh landowner, Thomas Pennant, recorded on a visit to Arran a large number of devout Christians attending an open air service on Sannox beach under a sail canvas shelter. Visiting evangelists are recorded, including two brothers, James and Robert Haldane, minor aristocrats who had both served with the Royal Navy and the East India Company. James, together with a John Campbell, visited Arran in 1800 together with Cumbræ, Bute and Kintyre. However, by 1799 the General Assem-

bly of the Church of Scotland had forbidden anyone to preach unless they were licensed.

Archibald McCallum, who visited Arran in 1803, reported a great revival of worship. Researches show that the Sannox area was one of the most populated areas on the island at that time, so congregations were large. Robert McLellan, in his book, surmised that the religious revival was due to the fear felt by folk of the threat of the Clearances.

The first named minister was Alexander McKay, who served from 1806 to 1856. The church had 40 members and all services were held outdoors or in stables or mills. A young man in his 20s, he married a local girl and had a family of five girls and two boys, but the boys sadly died in their teens. All services were of course in Gaelic.

In 1822 the church was built for the very happy congregation. Only seven years later the Clearances were underway, with people moving to the coastal strips of land, to Glasgow or even further afield, and emigrating to Canada. Rev McKay preached on the deck of the immigrant ship in Lamlash Bay in 1829, and two years later more people left to join

them. The Sannox congregation was reduced to just 12, and the minister had to seek work himself as a school teacher. He remained philosophical about it all though, and remained on the island and after his death was buried in Sannox cemetery.

From 1860 to 1878, John Blacklock set up a Bible School there for young male preachers. He was followed by Allan Cameron McDougall, who was minister for 56 years and was the first to welcome tourists into the congregation. Many prominent figures in Scottish life came to hear him preach, and numbers often over-spilled outside the church.

Short-term

There followed a succession of short-term ministries; Rev Wiseman, who was not a Gaelic speaker; in 1947 to 1962 an Episcopalian priest, Rev McDougall, came out of retirement and he and his sister gave 98 years of service to Sannox Church.

Since the purchase of the church in 2013 the cottage has been restored and renovated. It sleeps nine, and is used for retreats, teaching programmes and quiet gatherings. John showed pictures of the beautifully renovated cottage and accommodation. Much of the work on the buildings is by volunteers, so progress is slow but sure.

Refurbishment of the church is to commence soon, because, although it is usable, it needs work to bring it up to the standard of the cottage.

Ambitious plans for further buildings on the site are attractive, with another residential building, a beehive shaped chapel and work on the manse all in prospect. The large wooden Celtic cross standing in the grounds was donated by a Church in Stirlingshire.

Much has been done already to safeguard this ecclesiastical piece of Arran's history, and much remains to be done. The Arran Historical Society wishes them all well.

Norma Davidson

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Arran pupils explore job opportunities

School pupils from across North Ayrshire, including a healthy contingent from Arran, relished the opportunity to investigate career opportunities available to them at an employment fayre held recently in Beith.

Organised by Patricia

Gibson MP and Kenneth Gibson MSP, the North Ayrshire Employment Fayre provided students with information on employment, training and apprenticeships.

Providing insight into the opportunities available, 55 employers from a range

of industries engaged with pupils and provided useful career advice and information for prospective employees.

Among those taking part, and spread out across two halls at the Beith Community Centre, were a range of top employers including BT Openreach, Lognair and the Royal Navy to the Forestry Commission – with four jobs coming up soon on Arran – to Malcolm Construction, EDF and Rolls Royce.

Organiser Kenneth Gibson MSP said: 'I am delighted that the employment fayre – our ninth since 2013 – was so successful.

'Such events present



Kenneth Gibson MSP joins pupils and teachers from Arran High School at the North Ayrshire Employment Fayre.

an opportunity for people looking for a job, apprenticeships and training to actually meet and chat informally with a host of employers who have va-

cancies. For senior school pupils, it also allows them to see the wide range of employment opportunities and career choices that are open to them.'

Arran Bridge Club results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club match points competition played on Monday November 12 were: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Jan and John Beattie.

The results of the aggregate competition played on Thursday November 15 were: N/S 1 Jan and John Beattie, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Maureen Cumming, 2 David Campbell and Alison Bilsland; E/W 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Jessmay Peacock and Margaret Macgill.

The results of the aggregate points competition played on Monday November 19 were: N/S 1 Jan and John Beattie, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, E/W 1 John Dick and Giorsal Kroner, 2 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 3 Maureen Cumming and Fiona Henderson.

The results of the aggregate competition played on Thursday November 22, were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Jan and John Beattie, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, E/W 1 Alison Bilsland and David Campbell, 2 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 Brenda Livingston and Pat Adamson.



Employers from across the region provide pupils with information and advice on future career prospects within their organisations.

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The Lamlash pupils try their hand at syncopated break dancing. 01_B48twe01



The entire group at the end of the Lamlash dance event. 01_B48twe02



Children from all the primary schools celebrated the third Dance Scottish – Worldwide Festival in Lamlash Community Centre this week. 01_B48twe03

Brodict committee

Following a public meeting in Brodict Hall last month a new Brodict village committee has been formed and has met for the first time.

The aims of the committee will be to address local issues and also to initiate some of the improvements needed around the village.

Hopefully, this will mean that the whole village will become involved and the community will really get to know each other.

The name of the committee will be the Brodict Improvements Committee.

At present it has no finances and it is inviting members of the local community to contribute by either giving a donation to a committee member or putting it directly into its bank account at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Later when it is fully established it will be researching funding opportunities from other sources for various projects.

Decision deferred

An application for an extension to Sannox quarry has been deferred by councillors on the North Ayrshire Council planning committee to make a site visit and meet

with objectors. Some of the objectors had gone to the council meeting in Irvine on Wednesday to hear the debate.

Afterwards opponent Elma Stevenson said: 'I feel that we're being dealt with very fairly by North Ayrshire.'

'In a way they may be trying to redress some of the wrong that has been done in the past.'

Another, Mrs Gillies, whose house is just yards from the quarry, added: 'If it is allowed, there is nothing to stop the operator from applying again, and again, and again.'

Objectors say that at present the quarry is reasonably hidden but any extension would bring it out into the open.

Modern dance

A small Glasgow dance company spent three days at Lamlash Primary School last week instructing pupils of P5, P6 and P7 in modern dance techniques.

Paul and Pauline Joseph of Kultyer Dance Theatre put the pupils through their paces in a fusion of contemporary dance, street dance and physical theatre which culminated in a short public display by the youngsters on Wednesday afternoon.



Trophy winners at the Lamlash Bowling and Tennis Club at their prize-giving and dinner last Saturday. 01_B48twe04



Head roadman Geoff Norris and his team prepare for the winter ahead. 01_B48twe05

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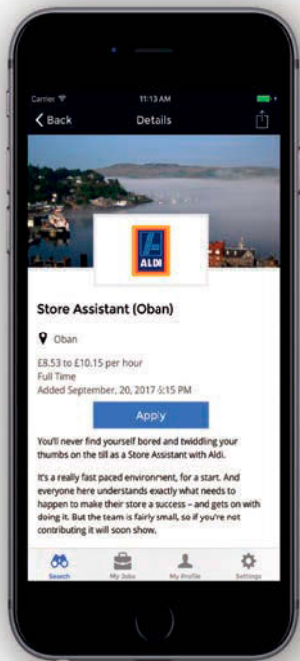
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On 09 October 2018, North Ayrshire Council submitted to Scottish Ministers the above proposed plan for examination.
A copy of the proposed plan is available for inspection at the planning authority's offices at Cunninghame House, Irvine during normal opening hours and at every public library within the plan area.
In addition, a copy of the proposed plan can also be viewed on the authority's website at: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-standards/ldp/ldp2.aspx>
The Scottish Ministers have appointed Ms Karen Black BA (Hons), MRTPI, Ms Allison Coard MA MPhil MRTPI and Mr Alasdair Edwards MA (Hons) MRTPI to carry out the examination of the above plan. Additional reporters may be appointed to aid the speedy delivery of the report. The administration of the examination will be carried out by the Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA). The planning authority has provided the reporters with a summary of the issues (Schedule 4 Forms) it considers should be assessed at examination.
Copies of representations received and further information to support the examination have also been submitted.
In addition, information about the examination, the Schedule 4 Forms, Further Information Requests, Further Information Responses, Documents Lists, any Hearing Statements and, in due course, the Examination Report can be viewed on the DPEA website at:
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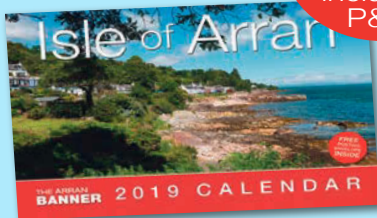
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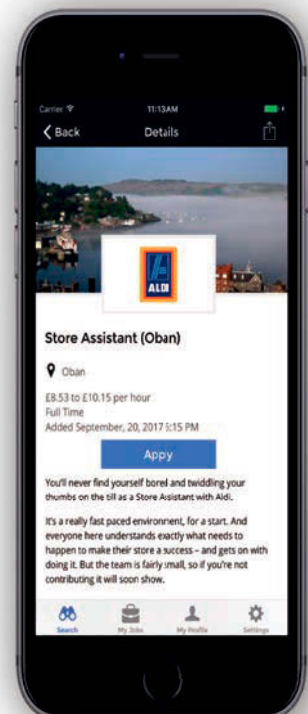
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Mrs Jean Hunter:
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Sunday 2nd December
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Morning Worship at Lochranza Church.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am. Prayer meeting, 12noon Morning Worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 2nd December
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Revd Adrian Fallows
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 2nd December
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Sunday 2nd December
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Kilmory - 10am
Lamlash - 11.30am.
In Lamlash: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
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Sunday 2nd December
Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland
Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 2nd December
Worship for the first Sunday of Advent will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.
All most welcome.
There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm.

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Sunday 2nd December
Sunday Worship @ 11am
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 2nd December
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

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 2nd December
Shiskine, 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

DEATH

MARSDEN: James Frederick (Jim) passed away peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Friday 16th November, three days before his 88th birthday, after a short illness. A loving partner to Marianne, dearest dad to Angela, Pamela and Linda, father-in-law to Dereck and Patsy, grandad to Anthony, Lisa, Merissa and Lee and great grandad to Amber and Ava, he will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends. A service was held at Lamlash Church on Thursday 29th November at 11.30am and afterwards at the Drift Inn. A collection was taken as a thank you to the Arran War Memorial Hospital, who looked after Jim so well.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday November 25, Winter Cup round two. A total of eight played on a beautiful but cold winter's morning. Scoring was generally good with seven cards in the net 60s and one no return - he knows who he is! John Pennycott topped the list with a fine 62 and the CSS came down to 62. Magic twos Dougie Auld @4th. 1 John Pennycott 15, 62; 2 Wolfi Kroner 16, 64; 3 Jamie Macpherson 5, 65 ACB and lowest gross.
Monday November 26,

DEATH

PAUL: Sylvia. Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Friday, 23rd November 2018. Sylvia, aged 89 years, formerly of Lamlash Post Office, beloved sister of the late Marjorie and the late Eric and loving aunt of the family. Funeral service at Lamlash Cemetery on Tuesday, 4th December at 2:00pm to which all are welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OSBORNE: Elizabeth (Betty) - Eric, Brenda, Colin and Amanda wish to thank doctors and nurses at Arran War Memorial Hospital and Lamlash Medical Centre for all the care given to Betty over the past years. Also family, friends and neighbours for the flowers and messages of sympathy, the Rev Lily McKinnon for a comforting service and David and Clair Hendry. A collection was taken for Isle of Arran War Memorial Hospital.

SLOSS: Mary
The family of Mary Sloss would like to thank family and friends for their support and messages of sympathy. David and Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements and Jean Hunter for a comforting service at Clyde Coast Crematorium. The sum of £280 was collected for the Hospital Supporters League.

MEMORIAM

James MacKenzie
Special brother and uncle. James, died 28th November 2004. Words and Times we can no longer share but in our hearts you are always there.
Liz, Susan and Ross .

WOBOT Sweep. A total of nine participated in the inaugural Whiting Bay WOBOT sweep played over Shiskine GC. Play was off SGU handicaps adjusted for the 12-hole layout at Shiskine and the golf was followed by a fine lunch in the Clubhouse Grill and Tearoom, which is to be highly recommended. All present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so much so that a broad agreement was reached (unusual at any WOBOT function) to try and replicate the experience at Corrie GC in the near future. 1 David Blair 10, 27pts; 2 Wolfi Kroner 11, 26; 3 Andy Martin 8, 23.

Fixtures: Sunday December 2, AGA Winter League round two at Machrie Bay Golf Club.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday November 22, Yellow Medal. 1 Alan Smith 75-12=64; 2 Graeme Andrew 73-8=65; 3 Allan Colqhoun, 74-8=66.
Sunday November 25, Winter Stableford. 1 Alastair Crawford 36pts; 2 Lee Dutton 34pts BIH over John O'Sullivan. Mag-



The first green at Machrie Bay Golf Club

ic twos Alastair Crawford @16th. Best scratch Ian Bremner 26pts to stableford.

Fixtures: Sunday December 2, AGA Winter League. Lamlash v Whiting Bay at Machrie. Thursday December 6, Yellow Medal at 11am.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday November 21, Wednesday Cup, eight played on a bitterly cold day. 1 Charles O'Neill, 28pts; 2 Douglas Robertson, 24pts.

Sunday November 25, Winter Cup Stableford, 14 played, NC. Brian Smith 14, 40pts; Bill Donaldson 16, 35pts; ACB, Douglas Robertson 19, 35pts.

Fixture: Sunday December 2, Sweep, 9am and noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday November 24, 18 Hole Sweep. 1 A Smith 68-12= 56 and scratch; 2 D Logan 71-11=60. Magic twos A Smith.

Monday November 26, Winter Cup. 1 A Napier 65-10=55 and scratch; 2 R Burke 71-12=59. Magic twos L Hartley, J McGovern and A McDonald.

Fixtures: Saturday December 1, 18-hole sweep, ballots at 9am and 1pm. Monday December 3, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday November 27, Winter Cup, 1 Phil Betley 75, 2 Ron Woods 78.

Fixtures: Saturday December 1, Lochranza Hotel Cup tee off 12noon. Tuesday December 4, Winter Cup, tee off noon.

Blackwaterfoot bowlers prize-giving



All of the trophy winners with their prizes.

More than 24 members and friends attended the Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club annual general meeting and prize-giving last week where the winners over the season were presented with their trophies, including the newly refurbished Laidler-Gardner Trophy.

At the meeting the new committee was elected and the chairman Victor Iutz thanked all those who had worked

hard to make the season a success.

He also said that the club was looking forward to next season when it will be hosting the federation matches and that it was equally looking forward to defending the Laidler-Gardner Trophy.

The Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club remains open through the winter and rinks matches are held on Saturday and Tuesday at 1.30pm - weather permitting - and visitors are always welcome.



Arran's Jenny Stark rushes out of the D to prevent a GHK attempt at goal.

Arran are hit for six in tough clash with GHK

West District League

GHK Ladies	6
Arran Ladies	2

Arran Ladies hockey team travelled to a damp, grey Glasgow last Saturday to face the young ladies from top-of-the-league team GHK 3s.

Knowing that a tough match lay ahead, the starting line-up for Arran was a defensive one; a six-strong defence, comprising Elyse Aitken, Jenny Stark, Ellie Wood and Helen Thomson, with Faith McKelvie as sweeper and Ali McKie in goals. The game started as it would continue throughout, extremely fast-paced with both teams making some lovely passes between team-mates.

Supporting

However, within the first six minutes it became clear that Arran needed more bodies up front, so Helen resumed her usual position of right wing, supporting centre forward Lorraine and the young Isla McKelvie and Megan McCartney, who were sharing left



On the attack, Hazel Malakoty battles a GHK player for possession.

wing position. As Arran's defence re-aligned, GHK seized their chance and scored their first two goals of the match in quick succession.

Settling into the game, Arran Ladies won the ball and, after a pass up the left wing from Elyse to Susie Murchie, the team won their first penalty corner of the game. A perfectly executed short corner ensued, however, GHK's keeper got a foot on the ball and kicked it clear away.

Via instruction from their coach on the side-lines, the host team answered Arran's attack, passing the ball quickly up the pitch to win their own penalty corner, resulting in their third goal of the game. Demonstrating excellent triangular passing and quick, deep switches, GHK kept Arran very busy.

Despite Arran showcasing perfect set-plays from recent training, approaching oncoming attackers whilst being covered by a team mate, GHK managed to break through the

defensive line once again and won a penalty corner just as the half-time whistle blew. Due to player error, this one corner became seven consecutive short corners before the ball went out of play and the teams retreated to the side lines for a break.

Half-time saw both teams warned by the umpires against careless body contact and stick tackles and, returning to the pitch forewarned, play resumed for the second half.

Sin-binned

Just five minutes in, GHK, who had failed to heed the warning, saw two of their players sin-binned, with both umpires carding one a-piece for these offences.

Arran attempted to capitalise on their two-player advantage, but were thwarted despite skilled runs and clear passing by Arran's midfielders Susie, Hazel Malakoty and Mia Walker.

With a full squad back on the pitch, GHK pressed forward on the attack and once again managed to secure themselves a penalty corner. Arran's defence stayed strong and managed to prevent the ball from passing into the back of the goal, but in the process feet connected with the ball therefore providing the GHK girls another opportunity of attack. Despite Arran's best attempts to clear the ball, GHK picked up every rebound, eventually firing one into the goal taking the score to 4-0.

Not to be deterred, Ar-



Susie Murchie and Mia Walker run alongside a GHK player anticipating her next move.

ran went straight back on the attack, stealing the ball from the opponents and clearing it up the pitch to the forwards. Collecting the ball and running it up the left line, Isla used a reverse stick sweep to pass the ball to the top of the D. Well-positioned and ready to strike, Lorraine Hewie picked it up and fired the ball straight past the goalie to score Arran's first goal of the game.

Play continued with good communication between both teams, however, the skilled young women of GHK demonstrated some lovely triangular passing and, dodging several Arran players, managed to find the back of the goal yet again. Play restarted and quick on the attack, GHK stole the ball from Arran. However, ready on the counter-attack, Ellie cleared the ball up the field into space for Hazel to run on to, who in turn passed the ball on to Lorraine who was waiting to receive in

the D. After pulling the keeper out from her goal, then skilfully side-stepping her, Lorraine scored another goal for Arran.

With time closing in on them, GHK pressed forward with one last attack and scored in the closing minutes, bringing the final score to 6-2 against Arran. Despite the result, Arran Ladies returned to the island in good spirits knowing they played their best against a team who highlighted exactly why they are deserving of the top spot of the ta-

ble. Mia Walker was nominated Dame of the Game by GHK for playing an all-round excellent game of hockey. The Arran Ladies thanked Pauline Reid for giving up her time to umpire, Coach to Coach Travel for the transport and to all the supporters who turned up to cheer them on.

Arran Ladies face Glasgow University 4s in an away game today (Saturday) and Stepps 2s at home at the Ormidale Astro turf tomorrow (Sunday).

All supporters are warmly welcomed.



Dame of the game Mia Walker outwits her opponent.

Taekwon-do black belt champions

A group of students from the Arran Taekwon-do Club went across to Edinburgh recently to undertake their black belt gradings with Master John Divine.

All of the students passed their gradings as follows: Debbie McNally – 3rd degree black belt to 4th degree black belt; Julie Cannon – 1st degree black belt to 2nd degree black belt; Dariusz Gwizdowski – 1st

degree black belt to 2nd degree black belt; Sophie Andrew – promoted to 1st degree black belt.

High standards

John said: ‘Well done to all of these students who successfully passed and worked hard, showing high standards of commitment and dedication to achieve these belts.’



The students take the taekwon-do oath.



The Arran taekwon-do students who passed their gradings.

Galston no match for six-goal Arran

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Sloss was again on the end of some hatchet man behaviour and manager Alan Murray decided to take him off to keep him intact for the big games next year.

Murray himself made his player/manager debut for Arran, replacing the hard working Park and also

Andy Thomson – returning back to fitness – came on for a good 20 minute workout.

The result now sees Arran top the league with 22 points from 10 games, albeit other close rival teams have games in hand, but they have certainly proved a few mainland doubters

wrong so far. They will return to action at the end of January as they aim to keep the pressure on their nearest rivals.

Alan said: ‘On behalf of Martin Ross and myself we would like to thank the players for their dedication so far and also for all of the off-field help we have re-

ceived from individuals and businesses, the support we get at games, home and away, has also been amazing.’

On Saturday December 15 there will be a Isle of Arran AFC fundraising disco/raffle at Brodick Golf Club with tickets priced at £10 from the club shop.



The Galston keeper is kept alert with repeated attempts at goal. Photos: Tam Borland



Players look on anxiously as the Galston keeper dives to prevent a goal.



William Sillars and an opposition player mirror each other in a battle for possession.



A Galston attempt at goal is blocked by keeper David Heenan.



The Arran lineup for the game against Galston.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Taekwon-do black belt champions

Six of the best as Arran end the year on a high

Ayrshire Sunday League

Galston SAFC 0
Isle of Arran 6

Arran footballers finished 2018 on a high note with an impressive six goal rout of Galston in their last game of the year, after a respectable start to amateur football on the mainland.

Galston were well organised to start with but with the attacking options available to Arran it was only a matter of time before the in-form duo of Archie McNicol and Johnny Sloss put Arran 3-0 up and Grant Adamson brought out a great save from the Galston keeper just before half time. Archie very nearly had an early hat-trick but perhaps the

watching eyes of dad Bill, who had travelled to watch the game, unsettled him somewhat.

William Sillars returned from his three-match ban and with himself and Sam Tattersfield the two centre halves, the ball was passed out with ease. Sean Higgins and Corey Allan put in a hard shift up and down the flanks and a formidable midfield trio of Nick Emsley, Ryan Armstrong and Donald Park meant it was a testing day for the home side.

Archie made it 4-0 shortly after the break and Joel Small came off the bench to score two headers.

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Arran pose for a team photograph prior to the game. Photographs: Tam Borland.



Johnny Sloss powers towards the goal.



Team manager Alan Murray came on as a substitute.

Q&L Skips Division 1

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Isle of Arran	10	7	1	2	36	16	20	22
2	Irvine No.1 CSC	7	6	0	1	35	15	20	18
3	Kilbirnie United	7	5	1	1	36	14	22	16
4	Irvine Vics	8	4	0	4	23	19	4	12
5	Killie Athletic	6	3	0	3	15	19	-4	9
6	Valley Thistle	5	2	0	3	13	17	-4	6
7	Glencairn Thistle	6	0	1	5	8	31	-24	1
8	Galston Sunday Amateurs	9	0	1	8	7	40	-33	1

Arran remain on top of the league after 10 games.



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