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Who will blink first in ferry showdown?

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Arran's new ferry could face another significant setback with the news that the shipyard where it is being built has threatened legal action against the public paymaster.

Port Glasgow shipbuilders Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited (FMEL) says it is considering the claim due to the 'repeated unwillingness' of Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) – which owns CalMac's ferries – to discuss additional costs which have arisen in the £97 million contract for the MV Glen Sannox and her sister vessel.

Ferguson says a claim will be lodged 'within weeks' to claim back the costs involved due to the unforeseen complexities in

building the two prototype ferries, which will be able to run on liquid natural gas or diesel.

The MV Glen Sannox is already certain to be a year late before entering service on the main Brodick to Ardrossan route and it is unlikely to be carrying passengers until at least next autumn.

Whether legal action is on the cards or Ferguson Marine boss Jim McColl is engaged in a dangerous game of brinkmanship remains to be seen as both sides were keeping tight-lipped this week, but it is a new concern for the long-suffering Arran travelling public.

Mr McColl has previously claimed design changes have added tens of millions of pounds to the cost of the contract. As a result,



Von Trapp family treat

Maria meets Captain Georg von Trapp and his children who gather with military precision in a scene from *The Sound of Music*, which has been wowing audiences in Lamlash. See centre spread for a full report and more pictures. 01_B5050M04

Ferguson was given a £45 million loan by the Scottish Government, but the latest move shows the firm still wants more.

A FMEL spokesman said:

'Due to the repeated unwillingness of CMAL to engage with FMEL over the additional costs identified due to unforeseen complexities in building the

two prototype, first in class, dual fuel liquid natural gas vessels, we are in discussions with professional claims experts and aim to submit a formal claim to

CMAL within the next few weeks.'

CMAL was quick to respond with its own counter claim.

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Winter foodfest

The second Corrie winter foodfest will take place today (Saturday) in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

There will be a host of island food, and stalls selling hot and cold food, as well as live music and festive cheer, including a tippie or two of Arran gin.

There will also be ceramics and other crafts to buy.

At the first event in October, organisers tried to reduce waste by using vegware containers and providing cutlery. This time they will use proper crockery and cups.

They want to say a huge thanks to ArCaS and Arran Eco Savvy, whose charity shops they raided to buy the tableware.

The fun starts at noon and if the previous event is anything to go by, it is probably best to get there early.

Inter-island plastic fight

Arran has the opportunity to be one of 10 UK island communities leading the fight against plastic pollution.

Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) has joined forces with Parley for the Oceans and together they will empower local leaders through the Parley AIR (Avoid. Intercept. Redesign.) Strategy.

Arran already has its own campaign group TAP (Think About Plastic) and the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) carries out marine litter surveys and clean-up work.

Surfers Against Sewage is calling for island communities to submit applications to participate in the pilot project, which will be conducted in 2019.

Each island will need a committed lead communi-

ty volunteer. The community leaders will be equipped with the tools and guidance to support activity within their island community. Leaders will also be invited to team building and training events and have the chance to participate in SAS's annual volunteer conference.

The project is seeking 10 geographically diverse island communities of varying sizes across the UK, with populations up to 25,000 permanent residents. Interested volunteers can submit their application at www.coldwaterisland-project.org

Ben Hewitt, director of campaigns and projects at Surfers Against Sewage said: 'Our island communities are on the front line battling the scourge of plas-



Jenny Stark from COAST is interviewed film-maker Cal Major about the plastic crisis on Arran.

tic pollution and we want to support the groups and individuals working tirelessly to tackle avoidable single-use plastic. This project provides the tools, guidance and strategy to support community-led action to free where we live from

avoidable single-use plastic.'

Parley founder Cyril Gutsch added: 'Every piece of plastic we pick up from a beach is a victory for life in the oceans. In collaboration with Surfers Against Sewage, we are able to drastical-

ly increase the fight against plastics in the UK, expanding to islands that had not yet been in the focus. Now we will boost the efforts of communities working to stem the tide of pollution with the strength of our strategy and global network.'

The programme incorporates the learnings of both SAS's community initiatives and Parley's AIR strategy to empower community action against plastic. Each community leader will be supported with a toolkit resource, to guide the island's strategy and detail the tactics for achieving the objectives.

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The happy handshakes at the launch of the MV Glen Sannox a year ago seem a distant memory. Photograph: Mark Gibson.

Who will blink first in ferry showdown?

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A CMAL spokeswoman said: 'FMEL is under contract to supply the design and build of the two dual fuel ferries. It is an industry standard design-and-build contract with a fixed price and defined delivery dates.'

'FMEL entered into the contract with full and prior knowledge of the specifica-

tion and terms of the contract. CMAL fundamentally disagrees with any assertion there have been significant design changes to the vessels.

'Minor changes have followed the contractual process and costs for these have been agreed with FMEL. These costs have been covered by a three per cent project contingency budget held by CMAL.'

Singers in festive voice

The Arran Singers' winter concert in Brodick Hall on Sunday was a resounding success with a packed audience enjoying a number of favourite Christmas carols sung by their hosts and special invited guests.

Joining the Arran singers were friends Vivace, Ain't Misbehavin and Ross Dobson, who performed a solo rendition of Fly Me to the Moon, written by Bart Howard and made famous by Frank Sinatra.

In addition to Christmas favourites, such as Joy to

The World and The Holly and the Ivy, the audience were also given the opportunity to take part in singing and to join in with the choir for a number of carols.

During a short interval, visitors enjoyed refreshments, including mince pies which were provided by Arran Dairies.

Proceeds raised from the concert will go towards the Isle of Arran Music School, a recently established charity which encourages school-aged chil-

dren to learn how to play musical instruments by funding free tuition and instrument loans. Proceeds will also benefit the Arran Junior Sailing Club and the RNLI in honour of the late Dr Angus Campbell.

The Arran Singers thanked all of their friends, special guests and supporters for attending the event, and, in particular, Diana Hamilton, who was the conductor, and Douglas Hamilton, who was the accompanist.

See letters on page eight.



An appreciative audience pack Brodick Hall and the gallery above to enjoy the winter concert. 01_B50singers01



Donning fun and festive hats, Vivace sing To Make a Hat. 01_B50singers04



Ross Dobson bravely performs a solo version of Fly Me to the Moon. 01_B50singers05



Conductor Diana Hamilton leads the Arran Singers in a version of Gloria in Excelsis Deo. 01_B50singers02

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Trust needs you to help housing push on island

Colin Smeeton
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The new Arran Development Trust (ADT), which recently announced an £8 million plan to build 56 new affordable houses on the island, is now open for everyone to join.

The trust is now a fully constituted body with charitable status and wants to become a membership-led organisation.

There has been some criticism that the ADT, the operating arm of the Arran Development Group, was unelected and therefore unaccountable. However, while its backers admit the process to form the trust has taken longer than expected, they now say they want everyone interested to get involved.

Membership has a one-off joining fee of £10 with a nominal annual subscription of just £1 and entitles members to attend the group's annual general meeting and to have a say in decisions taken by the trust. Members must be aged 16 or over and be a permanent resident on Arran.

Membership does not present an obligation to attend or participate in meetings or activities. However,



Arran Community Trust chairman Barry Mochan is flanked by Arran Economic Group development director Sheena Borthwick-Toomey and Arran Economic Group chairman Tom Tracey with the membership forms.

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housing, including a self-build site.

The sites, in Lamlash and Brodick, will be subject to updated feasibility studies and funds from the Scottish Land Fund will be sought to purchase the land from the owners. The majority of the houses, save a potential few which will be self-build with support from the government, will be rental houses.

Trust chairman Barry Mochan said: 'These are exciting times for the development of affordable homes on Arran. We want the public to be with us every step of the way.'

If you wish to be part of this organisation, more information and a membership form can be obtained by contacting sheena.borthwick.aeg@gmail.com

a healthy membership base will facilitate their ability to obtain grant funding for projects which will improve the island.

The ADT, which is in the process of setting up an Arran-based housing association, held its first community meeting last week when interested parties

visited the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick to learn more about the organisation and to join up. Having secured £8 million in funding to build approximately 56 new affordable homes by the spring of 2021, the ADT is currently looking at developing three areas on Arran for the affordable

Festive season bin collection changes

Arran residents are being reminded to check their bin collection arrangements for the festive period, as the Christmas and New Year holidays will bring changes to some bin collection days on the island.

However, only those households whose bin collections normally fall on a Tuesday or Wednesday will be affected, in both weeks, and these will be carried out on the Thursday and Friday. For all other households, bin collections will remain on their usual days.

The household waste recycling cen-

tre in Brodick will be closed on December 25 and 26 and on January 1 and 2.

Residents are reminded that they do not have to worry about transporting their real Christmas tree to a recycling centre, but simply place it at the kerbside beside the bin in January and it will be uplifted – check the online collection calendar for specific dates: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/mybinday

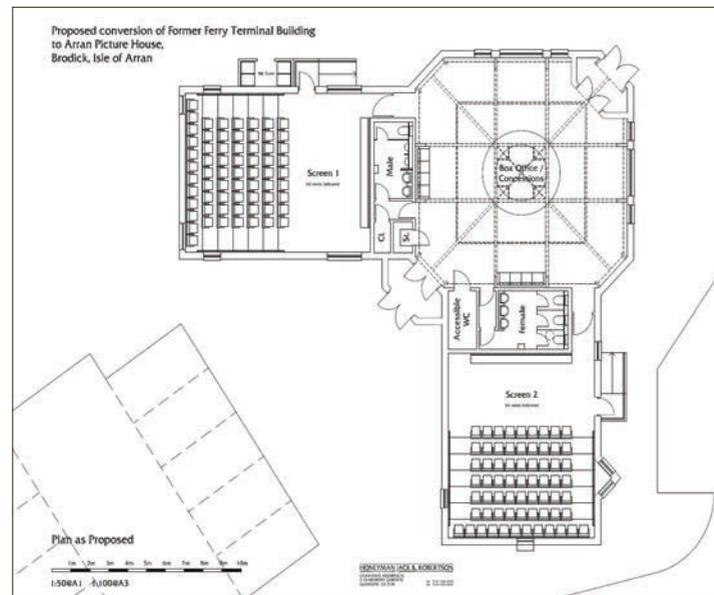
Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said: 'We have done our best to keep disruption to a

minimum this festive period. But unfortunately, as Christmas and New Year fall midweek this year, we have had to change a number of collections.

'This means that for those whose collection day is usually a Tuesday or Wednesday, there will be temporary arrangements in place to collect your rubbish.

'We strongly advise all residents affected by these temporary measures to make a note of the changes and have their bins out for collection by 7am on their revised collection date.'

The Tower Centre in Helensburgh and a drawing of how the new cinema will look.



Cinema plans unveiled

Arran's new cinema will be modelled on a similar community venue in Helensburgh.

As revealed earlier this month in the Banner, it is to be housed in the former Brodick ferry ticket office and could be open by next Easter.

Now it has emerged that the man behind the plan, Brian Keating, already runs The Tower Digital Arts Centre in a converted church in Helensburgh known as the Clock Tower.

It is run by a local arts charity and is managed by volunteers who are dedicated to delivering arts and digital skills through performance, learning and development in the heart of the community. It also hosts live concerts, dance,

opera, theatre, conferences and festivals as well as screening live events and the latest films in the two auditoriums.

Now he plans to repeat the model in Brodick and has lodged planning permission to convert the former ticket office into two 55-seater big-screen cinemas.

And he told the Banner this week that he is in discussion with the architects to make one of the venues flexible to be able to host live events.

As well as the latest films, he also plans to host cinema events with live streaming of opera, ballet and stage musicals from across the globe.

He said: 'I know Arran well and have been there

often with my four children. In Helensburgh, the Tower has been a factor in attracting people to live in the town.

'There can be a cultural isolation in places like Arran, which may not be the most important thing, but which is part of life.

'We have been in discussion with Screen Machine, who have been very supportive and have told us they believe Arran can support a full-time cinema.'

The facility is expected to be open six days a week and will employ around 12 full- and part-time staff.

A tender for the conversion work has just gone out and Mr Keating says he hopes the work will go to an island firm.

He said that while an

Easter opening was an ambitious timetable, he hoped it could be achieved, but said it very much depended on the progress of the planning application.

Owners Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd have

agreed to lease the building to the new firm behind the cinema plan, saying it will give real community benefits.

Mr Keating is also the chairman of VisitHelensburgh, the CEO of Com-

munity News TV, chairman and CEO of URTV Ltd, a broadband TV software development company, and co-founder of The Ayrshire Golf Company, developing a new links golf resort at Irvine Bay.

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Crowds flock to Corrie Christmas craft fair



Visitors are invited to select a lucky card to be a winner at the popular tombola stall. 01_B50corrie02

The Corrie Christmas craft fair enjoyed a huge amount of support from visitors to the Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Saturday.

Exhibitors, who filled the hall and the smaller side annexes, enjoyed a steady stream of visitors who took advantage of picking up a few handmade Christmas bargains and enjoyed some of the large selection

of tempting and tasty treats on offer.

In addition to a large Christmas hamper raffle, visitors snapped up Christmas cards, jewellery, home baking, art-knitted garments, handworks, jams and preserves, and tried their hand at winning prizes on a popular tombola stall.

While some of the items were festively themed, the bulk of the items for sale

were hand-crafted and carried an Arran theme and made excellent Christmas gifts. A new venture by Morag Munro of Sannox Designs included Arran calendars and Arran Christmas cards along with Arran-inspired jewellery, key rings and candles.

Joining Morag in hosting a stall, Gordon Davidson hosted a stall selling goods in support of his latest ven-

ture, Outlook, which supports art projects around the world, including Nepal. The Scottish SPCA also hosted a small stall in support of animal welfare in Scotland.

After picking up a selection of bargains, visitors could enjoy a refreshing cup of tea or coffee, washed down with a generous choice of bakes, loaves, breads, cakes and biscuits.



Morag Munro of Sannox Designs with a large choice of Arran-inspired gifts. 01_B50corrie06



Janet Inglis and Elma Stevenson enjoy a good natured laugh with visitors while manning the cake stall. 01_B50corrie05



Gordon Davidson talks to an interested visitor about his new art venture. 01_B50corrie07

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A steady stream of visitors browse the wares on sale at the Corrie Christmas craft fair.

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Tempting treats to take home, this stall offered jams, preserves and baked loaves.

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Visitors browse an assortment of hand-cut artworks made by Karen Bell of Karebell Designs.

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Police want help to spot 'at risk' gun licensees

Police Scotland is working in partnership with the NHS and shooting organisations to ensure that the country's 70,000 plus holders of firearm, shotgun and air weapon certificates are fully supported should they be at risk due to health or well-being concerns.

Chief Inspector Audrey Marsh, from Police Scotland's national firearms and explosives licensing, said: 'Together we are committed to safeguarding the welfare of certificate holders by being alert to and identifying any concerns early. We realise certificate holders and their families and friends may be reluctant to speak to police and raise concerns, for fear of having their guns removed.

'Together we want to re-

assure the shooting community that any action taken will follow engagement with their GP, if a medical concern is identified, and discussion with the certificate holder and will be proportionate, based on risk and take cognisance of all the circumstances.

'We need communities to inform the police of any concerns they have about their own or other certificate holders' welfare, even if this is a situation that may affect someone's ability to safely possess guns.

'These are often temporary situations and can be as a result of a marriage breakdown, employment challenges, bereavement, physical or mental illness, alcohol or substance misuse, farming issues, finan-

cial difficulties or anything else that may have a negative impact on a person's well-being. We are already frequently contacted by responsible certificate holders and their families with concerns about their loved ones and people regularly volunteer to relinquish their firearms until any issue has been resolved.

'Police Scotland encourages this proactive responsible approach and appreciate we could be dealing with working farmers, for example, whose livelihoods may be affected so we will endeavour to return firearms as soon as possible. We will also consider enhanced security, remote storage or temporarily sharing guns with other certificate holders.'

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Editorial

A sorry saga

The saga over Arran's new ferry took yet another worrying twist this week.

The Clyde shipyard building the MV Glen Sannox has threatened to take its own customer to court unless it stumps up more cash.

This is the same shipyard that has already been handed a £45m loan by the Scottish Government to complete the £97m contract for the Arran-bound ferry and her sister ship.

Relations between Ferguson Marine and the customer, Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), have been strained for a number of months now. Even before the launch, which was now more than a year ago, there had been the first major row over the remodelling of the bulbous bow.

Now things have soured so badly that the whole contract wrangle could end up in the courts. Of course, the threat of legal action is very different from the real thing. Jim McColl is a hard-nosed billionaire businessman who could be using brinkmanship to get the concessions he wants.

CMAL, for the time being, is having none of it. It insists there have only been 'minor changes' during the contract and says it has a contingency budget of £2.7m which covered these costs.

In the end there can be only losers – and they are the travelling public on Arran.

Thought for the week

But the angel said to them: 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Luke 2:10

A concert appreciation

Sir,
Congratulations to the Arran Singers on their exceptional performance at the winter concert held on Sunday afternoon. It was delightful and I think I can safely speak for the majority of the audience who packed the Brodick Hall.

The programme had been very well thought out, providing a variety of music to suit all tastes. Adding to the programme from the sounds of a beautiful well-balanced choir, the lovely sounding groups of Vivace and Ain't Misbehavin' gave more variety and humour. The other items, a solo from John Cruickshank and a surprising guest soloist, added to the programme.

I admired the young guest soloist Ross Dobson who sang so genuinely Fly me to the Moon. How brave he was to face the audience of mainly middle-aged and elderly folk. Perhaps we can hope to see more younger folk participating or listening to such enjoyable music. Not surprisingly, he received tremendous applause.

The audience were given the opportunity to join in with some traditional carols in between the concert items.

All the organisation for the afternoon was perfect, including the tea/coffee/juice and mince pies served at the interval, after which we hurried back to our seats in anticipation of the second half of the concert.

Well done to Diana and Douglas Hamilton for producing such a wonderful concert and a special men-

tion to Diana for her surprisingly lovely new setting of the words of Sir Christmas.

Yours,
**Margaret Shaw,
Lamlash.**

Soldier's story

Sir,
Many thanks for your report on my father, Second Lieutenant Robert B Haddow, in last week's Banner.

The actual documents sent by the War Office are being delivered to the Arran Heritage Museum shortly to be included in the archives.

I commend anyone who has an interest in these affairs to read the horrible, gory details written by him of his actual moments of capture and yet the German field station must have taken great care to prevent his death; perhaps our editor was right in refraining from publishing the actual description of a badly wounded soldier crawling along a grotty trench and facing up to a German soldier about to dispatch him with a rifle.

Robert seems to have taken great care to be accurate in the report he filed with the War Office. He does say in his report that he saw his CO being escorted through the German lines at the same time as his capture.

On behalf of those who are interested, thank you.

Yours,
**Bob Haddow,
Kings Cross.**

Save stamps

Sir,
The festive season is all about generosity and goodwill but, with a shopping list as long as your arm, it can be hard to find the spare cash to support a good cause.

But this Christmas, there is a way of supporting the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) that won't cost you a penny.

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Today, 250 people will begin to lose their sight. I can only imagine how scary that must be, but thankfully RNIB is there, providing a listening ear, as well as practical and emotional support.

Please show your support for RNIB this Christmas and get collecting those stamps. Thank you.

Yours,
**Jenny Éclair, comedian,
novelist, actress and
RNIB supporter.**

Brain storm

Sir,
During the recent storms, when half the beaches were thrown up on the coast roads, together with high speed rocks and stones, many people were keen to get really interesting photographs, presumably to put on social media etc, to let friends know how extreme the weather had been.

Some were keener than others to get good pictures and at one place on the island the following was seen.

The road in question was awash with large waves, when a relatively small car turned up with a driver clearly keen to get impressive pictures. The car was being severely buffeted by waves and was being moved at times bodily sideways – no problem. The car stopped and turned round to give the driver a lee to get out and run to a suitable place to take pictures – which happened.

At this point, bystanders noticed there were people, clearly terrified, in the car and who were obviously fearful of the motion of the car. It was suggested to the driver that it was an unsuitable place to park, that the people left in the car were distressed and wouldn't it be a good idea to move the car. The reply was astonishing – there's no problem, it's got to be perfectly safe as the police have not closed the road!

Presumably, this individual considered that had the car been washed away and the people within lost, then the police would suddenly conjure up replacements as part of their responsibilities. Well, think that one over again.

The nanny state is not in the business of meaning that anything you can do that you are not told not to do, is safe to do. Or is it? Come on, grow up – we had better have some sort of responsibility for our own safety or frankly face the consequences.

Yours,
**Rory Cowan,
Kildonan.**

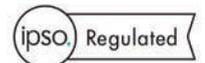
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Provost Ian Clarkson with Megan McNicol and Ellie Wood of the Arran Active Schools youth leaders.

Let 2018 winners inspire civic pride

Preparations are now well under way for the Provost's Civic Pride Awards 2019, but there's still plenty of time to nominate your community heroes.

Designed to acknowledge those committed community groups and individuals who are working hard to make improvements to the lives of others, the event – now in its ninth year – has raised more than £155,000 for local charities, with proceeds this year again going to the Ayrshire Hospice and Cash for Kids.

The festive period is now upon us – a time when

many of us take the opportunity to reflect on the events of the past year.

So, with that in mind, and to give you some inspiration throughout the nominations process, this week we're taking a look back at some of 2018's winners.

They included Arran High School students Megan McNicol and Ellie Wood, who picked up the top award, nominated by Provost Ian Clarkson himself, at the awards last year for their work as Active Schools young leaders.

Provost Clarkson said: 'The Civic Pride Awards

enable us to say a huge thank you and well done to those people who make a real difference in their communities through their selflessness, commitment and dedication.

'It is a real honour and privilege for me to host this fantastic event recognising the amazing work and achievements of the people of North Ayrshire.

'By nominating your local heroes, you are ensuring that those people who work so hard and devote so much of their time for the benefit of others receive the acclaim they deserve.'

With five categories to choose from – community group award, citizen of the year and young citizen of the year, arts and culture award and sports award – you can nominate now by visiting www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/provostscivicprideawards

A judging panel will draw up a shortlist of nominees before the winners are announced at a dinner in Irvine on Friday March 15.

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The Von Trapp children, similar to their real life counterparts, demonstrate impressive singing ability. 01_B50SOM11



Rolf Gruber, played by James Smith, shares a special moment with Liesl, played by Iona Summer. 01_B50SOM05

Arran is alive with the sound of music

Words and pictures
Colin Smeeton

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Everyone knows The Sound of Music, which is why it takes a good deal of guts and determination to put it on the stage.

But Lamlash Drama Club and friends' production of the Rogers and Hammerstein classic had the packed audiences lapping up their telling of the much-loved tale over three days of performances at the Lamlash community theatre last week.

Enhanced by live music from musical director James O'Neil and musicians Alice Maxwell and guests, the singing of Kelly Henbery, who played Maria, Frances Coyle, who played Mother Abbess, and that of the Arran Soul Choir as the nuns, elevated the production far beyond their means and resources

and gave the production a professional feel.

Produced and directed by Maureen Smith, and based on the real life story of the Von Trapp family singers, the musical and heart-warming story was masterfully acted with a cast of talented actors, well-known on Arran, but too numerous to mention each individual

Leading role players however included Mark Nelson – whose children Luke and Natasha excelled in their roles along with the remainder of the Von Trapp children – David Simpson as Max Detweiler and Heather Johnston accurately portraying Elsa Schraeder.

With smile-inducing performances by the nuns' chorus and Iona Summer, who played Liesl, the production's use of accurate and fitting costumes add-

ed to the quality of the show. As did the set design which, while minimal in nature in certain scenes, was carefully selected and helped to transport the audience to pre-Second World War Austria, particularly the full-size paintings of the Alps and the Nonnberg Abbey.

Set over 16 scenes in two acts, the cast, whose singing and acting abilities, along with what must of been a huge undertaking by all of the background players, ensured that this performance was one that will be remembered for a long time to come. And just as heart-warming as the story told, if the performances of the young Von Trapp actors are anything to go by, the next generation of young thespians on Arran will ensure a continuation of plays and productions of an equally high calibre.



A tender moment between Maria and Georg Von Trapp. 01_B50SOM08



Rosie McNamara, playing Gretl, showed not only her acting talent but also her singing ability. 01_B50SOM12

Brodick Bar & Brasserie

Hogmanay Celebration Dinner

Monday 31 December 2018

5.30 & 8pm, £55

Amuse bouche - pork & sage bon bon
with roasted celeriac & white truffle with homemade
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Salad of winter beets with Jerusalem artichoke & chicory
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Winter spiced parsnip veloute.

Gin cured salmon with wasabi
Braised red onion tartlet with blue cheese mousse.

Tarragon gnocchi in a white wine and cream sauce
with roasted chestnuts & wild mushrooms

Cod with parsley mash and a ragout of chorizo,
black pudding & tomato

Venison with braised red cabbage,
celeriac & butternut puree.

Peppermint & lemon sorbet

Opera cake with cherry sorbet
Lemon meringue tart with lemon curd & vanilla ice cream

Chocolate torte with Black Forest compote

Cheese board (supplement £5.00)

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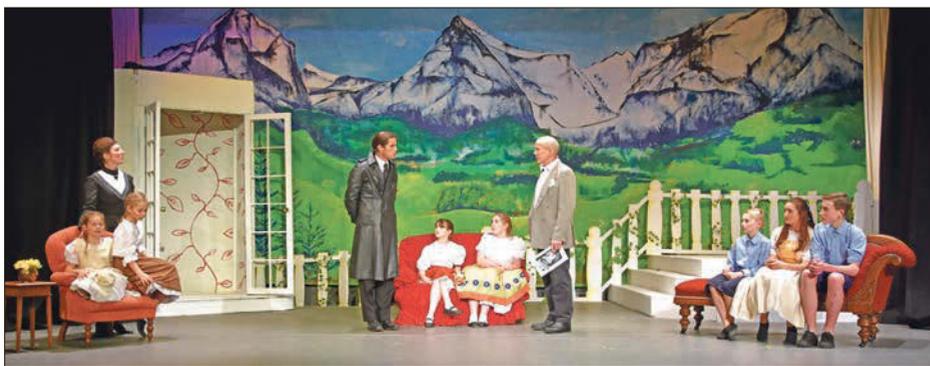
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The entire cast sing So Long Farewell at the end of the show to resounding applause. 01_B50SOM01



The villain of the show, Herr Zeller, played by Andy McNamara, demands an audience with Georg Von Trapp while the children look on anxiously. 01_B50SOM10



The Von Trapp children bond with Maria during a stormy night when they are all frightened. 01_B50SOM06



Kelly Henbery was well cast with her powerful and pitch-perfect vocals suited to her role of Maria. 01_B50SOM03



Max Detweiler, played by David Simpkin, joins Elsa Schraeder (Heather Johnston) and Georg Von Trapp (Mark Nelson) on the veranda for afternoon tea. 01_B50SOM07



Nickey Summer, Frances Coyle, Sheila Gilmore and Jill McKillop impress as the Mother Abbess and the sisters of Nonnberg Abbey. 01_B50SOM02



Wedded bliss, the happy couple receive the blessings of the nuns and the children. 01_B50SOM09

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Saturday 15th December

Christmas craft fair
Corrie winter food festival
Winter rink bowls
Family games
Whiting Bay children's party
Fun in the pool
Live music – Mike Bailey
Festive footie fundraiser
Live music – Heavy Traffic, Status Quo tribute band
Live music – Scott MacDonald
Christmas disco
Over-21s disco

Brodick Hall, 11am - 3pm
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, noon - 4pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay Hall 3pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Brodick Golf Club, 8pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Brodick Bar, 9pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 16th December

Live music – Jamie Angus
Santa dash
Brodick children's Christmas party
Family games
Christmas at Kilmory Hall
Fun in the pool
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Jazz cafe band
Folk music session

Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm
Meet Ormidale Pavilion, 2pm
Brodick Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Kilmory Hall, 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 17th December

Arran Skinnymalinks – Seek a Star
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 – Joni Keen

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

Tuesday 18th 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 (five-14 years)
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
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Brodick Bar, 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm

Wednesday 19th December

Yoga
Brodick Gardens volunteers
Knit and Blether

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am -10.30am
Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am -1pm
Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 10.30am -12.30pm



Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Arran Pace Makers running group Brodick, 5.30pm
Tae Kwon Do juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm -8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Live music – Fatman and the Angel Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Family friendly pub quiz PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock'n'pop bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 20th December

Morning fitness
ACL I volunteer gardening day
Quilt Arran
Christmas craft club (five-12 years) Crackers
Steak night, includes two dinners and a bottle of wine
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, all welcome
Badminton
Arran Hockey Club – seniors (12+)
Brodick Embroidery Group
Body Blitz
Tommy's general knowledge quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am -10.30am
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
Shiskine Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 21st December

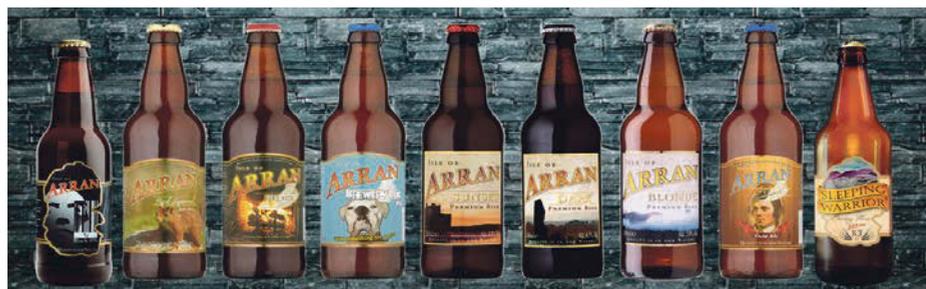
Yoga
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwon Do
Live music – The Saggies
Friday night quiz
Live music – Elvis and Johnny, tribute to Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash
Christmas disco

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 22nd December

Winter rink bowls
Lamlash children's Christmas party
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live music – The Sensational Biff Simpson Trio
Live music – UK Projection
Christmas disco
Over-21s disco

Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Arran High School, 2pm - 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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Your personal Christmas messages to friends and family, near and far

Seasons Greetings

to all our friends and neighbours from Pat and David Reid, Lamlash.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all friends and neighbours from Pat, John and Johnny Turner.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives friends and neighbours from Sandy Kerr, Ashbank, Whiting Bay.

GRAHAM, BARBARA AND MARK TINTO

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SEASONS GREETINGS

To all my friends and neighbours from Helen Macfarlane, Lamlash

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our readers

from all at the Arran Banner

JESSIE ROBB FROM AUCKLAND, NZ

wishes all her friends and relatives on Arran a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Janet Mulholland would like to wish all friends and relatives

A very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

SEASONS GREETINGS

To all our relatives, friends and neighbours from Jean and John Lammie, Torbeg.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

To all my relatives and friends from Bessie Sillars, Montrose House, Brodick.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

- to all my friends and neighbours from Margaret Hamilton, Shiskine

Seasons Greetings

Much love to my dear friends and lovely family from Rosemary Walker.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our friends and neighbours from Archie and Sheila Nicol, Largiebeg.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Anne and Stan wish their friends on Arran a happy Christmas and a peaceful and contended New Year.

SEASONS GREETINGS

To all relatives, freinds and neighbours onarran from the McDonalds, Auchenhew, Kildonan. Donation made to Cats Protection.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Donald and Mary McNiven would like to wish all their relatives, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Huge heartfelt thanks to Arran folks for their generous support for Mary's Meals throughout 2018. Please visit Brodick iCentre to view all the fabulous entries for Corrie's Christmas Art Competition.

Happy Christmas!
Alison Page
Ambassador for Mary's Meals

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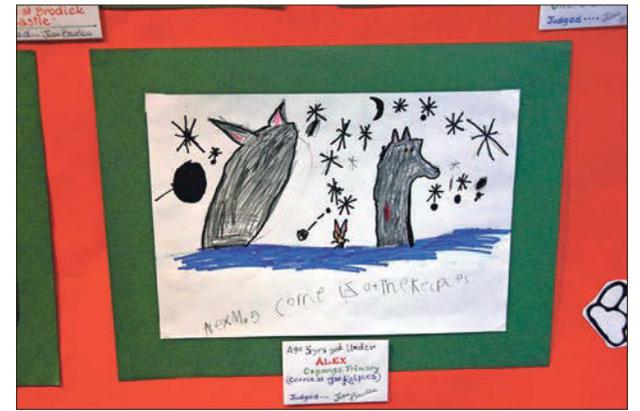




The drawing by Ilanna of Oxgangs Primary, featuring Corrie at the One o'Clock Gun, shared top spot in the six year old category. 01_B50alison04



Hari of Glasgow won the seven year old category with his detailed drawing of Corrie at Brodick Castle. 01_B50alison03



In the five years old and under category, Alex of Oxgangs Primary impressed with his star filled drawing of Corrie at The Kelpies. 01_B50alison07

Corrie art winners on show in iCentre



Another winner in the eight-year-old category, Lucy from Dunfermline, impressed with her drawing of Corrie at The Kelpies. 01_B50alison06



Rhegan, eight, of Dunfermline won his age category with this festive drawing at Santa's workshop. 01_B50alison05

An Arran author is hosting an exhibition of the entries submitted for an art competition she held last month.

Taking place in the Brodick iCentre, the exhibition features all 61 entries from children aged eight and under who were invited to draw a picture of the Corrie's Capers books' main character – Corrie the West Highland terrier – in their favourite place in Scotland.

The Westie Fest is the first book in the not-for-profit writing career of Alison Page, the Arran community ambassador for Mary's Meals, who has contributed more than £1,500 to the charity from the book project alone.

Visitors will be able to have a look at all of the entries, which came from Arran, Edinburgh, Glasgow

and further afield, with six winners and 11 commendations all mounted onto the wall and the remainder in age category books that visitors can look through.

The competition, which was in four age categories – under five, six, seven and eight years old – saw two categories having two winners each. Winning the under five category was Alex from Oxgangs Primary School in Edinburgh. Sam from Cordon on Arran and Hanna, also from Oxgangs Primary School, were the winners in the six-year-old category. Hari from Glasgow was the seven-year-old winner and Rhegan and Lucy, both of Touch Primary School in Dunfermline, were the winners in the eight-year-old category.

Winners were chosen by independent judge Jean



Corrie's Capers author Alison Page and judge Jean Bowden with some of the competition winners and commendations on display at the Brodick iCentre. 01_B50alison01

Bowden, who could not decide on just a single winner in the six- and eight-year-old categories owing to the high standard of entries and awarded two first place winners in each of those categories.

The 11 commended drawings have each been awarded special prizes while the six main winners have each received collectable Corrie's Capers goodie-bags full of signed books, Corrie's Capers merchandise and age-related gifts.

The exhibition will be open for the duration of December, following the iCentre's opening hours.



Sam of Cordon chose Lamlash as his favourite location with a drawing which won in the six-year-old category. 01_B50alison02

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Saturday December 12, 1998

Divided they stand

The AGM of the tourist board will take place at the Hospitality Inn, Irvine, next Friday.

This could be the scene of a showdown or it could be that proceedings take place in a haze of complex wording that will obscure to many what is actually happening. Whichever, it should see the coming to a head of what has been a long-standing and increasingly acrimonious dispute between some members and paid officials. In the papers for the AGM are no fewer than 13 motions, many of which require much cross referencing for a simple soul to understand.

Advice from the Arran Tourism Council and some from three former Arran directors curiously is not the same. The conflicting advice especially relates to motion 10 and 11, the motion of no confidence in the interim chief executive and invites him to stand down or be sacked.

It is proposed by Geoffrey Botterill and seconded by Jeanie Boyd. Whatever the outcome of the motions, next Friday will have implications for tourism on Arran.

Sannox sabotage

Joe Perkins of Sannox inspected one of his most prized Chinese rhododendrons only to find that it had sadly been the victim of sabotage or vandalism. He went on holiday for five weeks and when he returned the beautiful tree was bent over in a poorly manner.

Closer inspection revealed that the trunk had been neatly sawn three-quarters of the way through, perhaps with the intention that the wind would do the rest but get all of the blame.

He reported it to the police who looked at it but were unable to do anything. It had been suggested that marauding deer might be at fault but, as Joe points out, deer have not yet mastered the art of using a saw.

Sand saga

Strong feelings over quarrying of sand remain. While those objecting to the extension of Sannox quarry await a site meeting, operator Iain Thomson is anxious that he may not be able to continue quarrying.

On Wednesday he said that the gates at both sand quarries on Arran had been locked. However, later that day, while there were locks on the Sannox quarry, the other at Ivy Cottage was still open. On Thursday, much lorry activity was reported at Sannox, the very activity that neighbours fear will increase if the quarry is extended.

Charles Fforde was not available for comment but Iain Thomson took the view that, as the landowner, he may have locked them because neither quarry has any longer got a valid planning permission, and that he could be liable to enforcement. On Friday, lorries continued up and down Sannox so the situation remains confused with the landowner, the operator and the near neighbours all working to different agendas.



Cat-loving members of the recently formed Arran Pets Associated Welfare Society (APAWS) gather at the Craig's house. They are Danny Craig, Sharon Pyott, Jennie Williams, Jean Blackwood, Ina Craig, David Thixston and a number of cats.



More than 21 members of Contact The Elderly enjoyed Christmas entertainment from Arran High School pupils last Monday in another one of their regular excursions.



Testing out two new picnic tables bequeathed to Corrie Primary by Mrs Jean Patterson are pupils with Janet Hawkins, Elma and Stevie Stevenson and teachers Susan Kelly and Angie Fisher.



Young storyteller Sam Wheeler was a runner-up in the North Ayrshire Libraries short stories competition. Joining him is Sophie Taylor, who won a certificate of commendation, and Alison Stevenson, who assisted both of them.



The Wizard of Oz is this year's pantomime from Lamplash Drama. Playing Dorothy in the lead role is Lorna Weir who is joined by her fellow actors in following the yellow brick road.

Public Notices

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR ISLE OF ARRAN

Over the festive period the following collection days will change for the blue and grey bins.
If your normal collection day does not fall on these days it will be unaffected and remain the same.

Normal Collection Day	Festive Collection Day
Tuesday 25 December 2018	Thursday 27 December 2018
Wednesday 26 December 2018	Friday 28 December 2018
Tuesday 1 January 2019	Thursday 3 January 2019
Wednesday 2 January 2019	Friday 4 January 2019

Please put your bin out for 7am on the morning of your collection.
The actual time of collection may vary during the festive period. If adverse weather affects your area we will return to uplift your bin when possible.
The last special uplift collection for 2018 will be Friday 21 December 2018. Special uplift bookings for the New Year will start on 7 January 2019.
Large flat packed cardboard can be placed next to your blue bin on the day of collection over the festive period.
Real Christmas trees should be placed next to your grey bin on your normal collection day, from week beginning 7 January 2019 and 21 January 2019.
The household waste recycling centre will be closed Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 December 2018 and Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 January 2019, but will open as normal every other day.
The contact telephone number for North Ayrshire Council Waste Collection Service over the festive period is 01770 600338/01294 310000 or visit our website www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Craig Hatton
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL: EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980 CHOICE OF SCHOOL

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Admission to St Matthew's Academy is achieved through attendance at one of its associated primary schools.
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Information concerning the Council's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and from North Ayrshire Council, Education and Youth Employment, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE (telephone: 01294 310000). This information is also available for inspection or reference at public libraries and on the Council's web site at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk. Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

**Placing requests for the session beginning in August 2019 should be sent to North Ayrshire Council, Education and Youth Employment, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE prior to the closing date of 15 March 2019.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in 2019, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published over 3 weeks during December 2018 and January 2019.

Andrew McClelland
Head of Service (Learning, Teaching and Curriculum)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 09.00-16.45 weekdays (16.30 Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 04 January 2019. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

18/01015/PP; Arnhall, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of 3 detached houses and garages.

18/01034/PP; Site To West Of Pirogue, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Conversion of redundant agricultural building to form dwelling house.

18/01036/PP; Site To West Of, Kildonan Hotel, Kildonan, Brodick; Erection of detached dwelling house to include associated access, parking and garden ground.

18/01066/PP; Pier Office, The Pier, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of former ferry terminal to form cinema.

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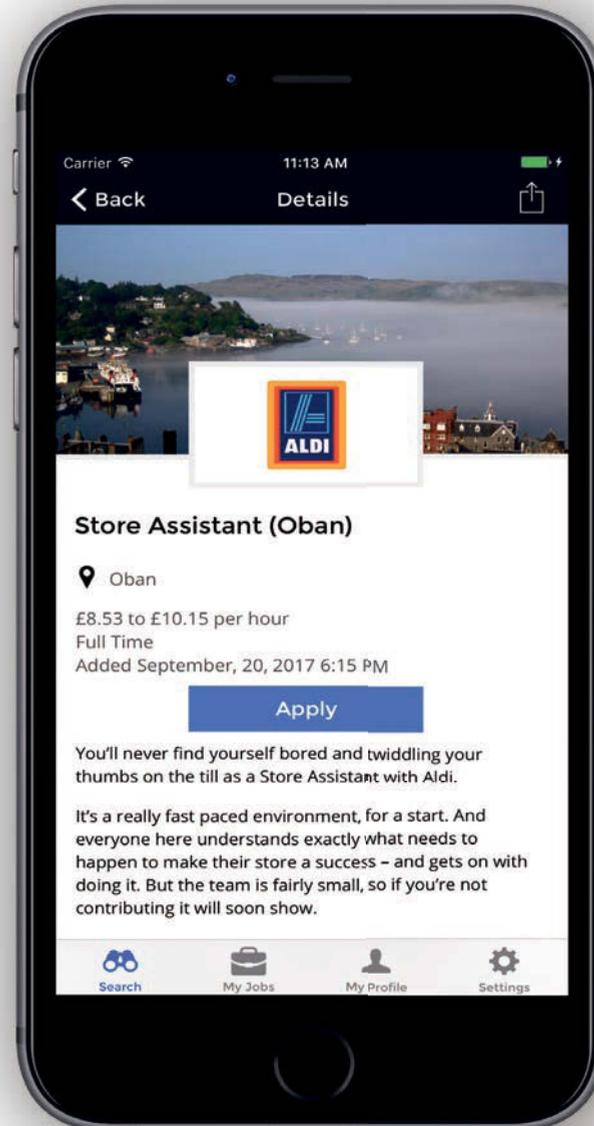
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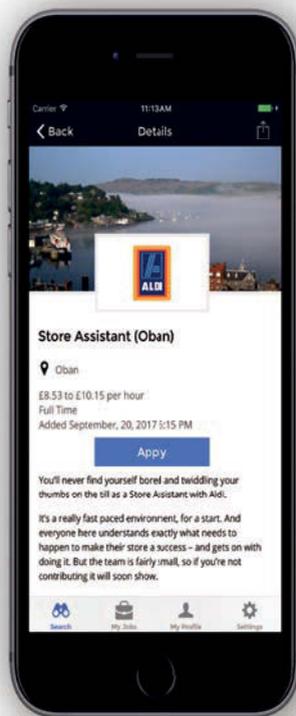
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Minister: Rev Angus Adamson, Parish Assistant: Mrs Jean Hunter: Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 16th December

Lochranza and Pirmill Chuches together, 10.15 am. Morning Worship at Lochranza Church, accompanied by ARCO Shiskine Church, 12 noon Morning Worship. Brodick Church, 10.30 am. 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 16th December** Holy Communion – 11 am. Revd Adrian Fallows Coffee after service All Welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing) **Sunday 16th December** 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 16th December** Mrs Aileen Brookens Kilmory - 10am, Lamlash - 11.30am. All welcome, including families; children's area Scottish Charity SC015072

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Charity Number: SC014005 **Sunday 16th December** Family worship for Christmas will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. All most welcome. Tea and Coffee will be served in the transept after the service. There will be the monthly sale of Traidcraft goods available.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 16th December Sunday Worship @ 11am 'Heather Lodge', Brodick Telephone 700346 Everyone Warmly Invited

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings **Sunday 16th 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 Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 16th December Shiskine, 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie) Brodick 6pm Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 16th December Mass 11am **Thursday 20th December** Holy Rosary Group 2.30pm at Janedene, Sandbraes, Whiting Bay. Tel 700665 for details. All Welcome

DEATHS

AULD, George Forrest. Peacefully at Montrose House on 5th December 2018 surrounded by his family, Forrest beloved husband to Margaret, loving father to Yvonne, Nicol and Ross and brother to Jim. Many thanks to all Doctors, District Nurses and staff at Montrose House for the excellent care given to Forrest.

GLEN, Alistair. Dearly loved husband, dad and grandpa, passed away peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Monday, December 3rd. Funeral at 10.00am on Monday, December 17th, at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium. A bus will meet the 8:20 ferry from Brodick and return for the 12:30 ferry to Brodick. No flowers please. Donations to ArCaS would be most welcome.

INNES, Colin McNicol. At Crosshouse Hospital on 4th of December 2018, Colin McNicol Innes, beloved husband of Mairi and father of John and Neil. Father in law of Kirsty and Lynn. A loving grandpa of Jodie, Natalie, Marc, Alastair, Ben, Archie, Daisy, Michael, Jack and James. Thanking all doctors and nurses and dialysis team. Private cremation.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday December 9, Winter Cup round three, 12 played. CSS stayed at 63 and Jamie Macpherson matched this to come out on top. 1 Jamie Macpherson 5, 63, 2 John Pennycott 15, 64 ACB, 3 David Blair

15, 64, 4 Tom Paterson 0, 66 and lowest gross.

Fixtures: Sunday December 16, winter friendly v Lamlash at Whiting Bay at 10.30am, rolling start, just turn up to be paired.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday December 15, 18-hole sweep, ballots at 9am and 12.30pm. Monday December 17, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday December 9, Glenburn Cup, CSS 66. 1 Lee

Dutton, 88-21=67, 2 Alan Smith, 81-11=70. No magic twos. Fixtures: Sunday December 16, game with Whiting Bay at Whiting Bay. Thursday December 20, yellow medal, 11am.

Lochranza Castle Golf Club

Fixture: Saturday December 15, Lochranza vs Shiskine Golf Club match at Shiskine. Shotgun start at 1.30pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday December 9, Bran-

don Qualifier, 13 played, NC. Chris Pattenden 80-15=65, Brian Smith 79-13=66, Bob McCrae 75-8=67. Scratch, Bob McCrae 75 ACB.

Fixture: Sunday December 16, Winter Cup, 9am and noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday December 11, Winter Cup. 1 John Pennycott 63, 2 Ron Woods 72, 3 Brian Sherwood 73.

Fixtures: Tuesday December 18, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off at noon.



A special honour as Jenny Douglas receives the club Champion of Champions Trophy.



John Robinson receives the Pairs Trophy that he and Charlie Weir won.

Double joy for Jenny at Arran bowls prize-giving

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The season's list of prize-winners and the runners-up was: ladies' singles winner, Jenny Douglas; runner-up, Ann Hollingworth. Gents' singles winner, Charlie Weir; runner-up, Colin Haggarty. Pairs' winners, Charlie Weir and John Robinson; runners-up, Jim Nichols and Charles Hendry. Triples' winners, Colin Haggarty, Charlie Weir and Robert Crawford; run-

ners-up, Andy McCrindle, Kenny Mabon and Aileen Latona. George Watson Trophy winners, Jim Nichols and Jim Gourlay. President's Bowl winner, Charlie Weir. Stewart Cup winner, Charlie Weir. Club Champion of Champions winner, Jenny Douglas. Arran Bowling Federation ladies' singles trophy winner, Ann Hollingworth. Arran Bowling Federation gents' singles trophy winner, Charlie Weir.



Jim Nichols receives the George Watson Trophy that he shares with Jim Gourlay.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THANK YOU Jim Marsden

Marianne and the family would like to thank everyone who cared for Jim and all those who showed us such kindness and support during and after his illness – so many flowers, cards and kind thoughts. Thank you to the doctors and all at Arran War Memorial Hospital, the District Nurses, Social Services and Occupational Therapy for your wonderful care of Jim and kindness and concern for us. To Minister Lily McKinnon, Clair and David Hendry, Eleanor's flowers, the Drift Inn and all our friends and neighbours, thank you for making Jim's celebration day so special. And many thanks to all who contributed to a total donation of £500 for the hospital.

SPORT



FREE INSIDE



All of the prize-winners pictured at the Brodick Golf Clubhouse.

Double joy for Jenny at Arran bowls prize-giving

In the attractive surroundings of Brodick Golf Club premises, Brodick Bowling Club held their annual dinner and presentation

of trophies with members celebrating an increase in numbers and a very successful season for the club. Club president Kate

Nichols welcomed a good turnout of members and friends, although sadly one or two prominent members were unable to be present.

Kate commented on how good a season it had been with an increase in membership and excellent weather.

The favourable weather ensured that most rink games went ahead and the excellent condition of the bowling green was also

praised, with thanks going to Stevie Bunyan and his team.

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