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# Arran visitor numbers break 400,000 barrier

'Tourism on Arran continues to grow  
and this is a reflection of the hard  
work put in by Arran's businesses'

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The number of tourists visiting Arran last year broke the 400,000 barrier for the first time - generating £61 million for the island's economy.

The news comes after it was revealed there was another big increase in the number of passengers carried by Caledonian MacBrayne on the two Arran routes last year.

A total of 455,717 return journeys were made to Arran last year - that's 54,000 more than 10 years ago, with numbers rising even faster since the introduction of Road Equivalent Tariff fares. However, these figures are for all crossings including those by residents and businesses which, it is estimated, make up more than 50,000 crossings, tak-

ing visitor numbers to more than 400,000.

But it is not an exact science with the statistics from the Scottish Tourism Economic Activity Monitor, a respected tool used by most local authorities to gauge their tourism statistics, saying 434,000 visited the island in 2017, but that number seems a bit high.

Whatever the exact figure, tourism on Arran is certainly ending the year on a positive note and can look forward to a bright 2019.

Executive director of Visit Arran Sheila Gilmore said: 'Tourism on Arran continues to grow and this is a reflection of the hard work put in by Arran's businesses. Not all of these are direct tourism providers, but all contribute greatly to our visitor offering. Looking

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## Hector is top young naturalist



Hector McNicol, left, with his cup, the runners-up and members of the Young Naturalist Club at their Christmas party.

Members of The Young Naturalist Club recently held their Christmas party in the ranger centre at Brodick Country Park.

This year Hector MacArthur was awarded the Young Naturalist of the Year cup. He has shown great en-

thusiasm for and knowledge of the natural world. Sophie Smyth and Finn Popplewell were runners-up.

The club meets on the second Saturday of every month and any six to 11-year-old can go along.

The club runs outside activities

to encourage youngsters to experience the natural world and find out more about different topics. The next meeting is on Saturday January 12 when they will be having a winter warmer event in the Bronze Age roundhouse.

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# Camera crackdown on environmental crimes

In their continued crackdown on environmental crimes such as fly-tipping and littering, North Ayrshire Council is enlisting the help of mobile smart cameras that will be used to enforce litter laws.

While previously offences could only be dealt with when committed in the presence of an enforcement officer, the mobile smart cameras can survey large areas without the need to be present when environmental crime is committed.

The smart cameras will be situated in problem areas and will help enforcement officers track down and potentially fine those caught dumping their rubbish. These new camer-

as are unlike traditional CCTV cameras as they are smaller and more discreet. They are also more flexible and easy to move from one location to another which will give the environmental enforcement team scope to move them regularly to encompass a wider range of problem areas.

Smart cameras use wireless technology and high quality footage is securely transmitted via a cloud-based platform. Footage is immediately transmitted to a secure cloud service to be viewed on a web portal using a smartphone, tablet or PC.

As well as fly-tipping, it will allow the team to potentially fine people caught



The council is taking tough action on litter.

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littering or failing to pick up after their dog.

The enforcement team, which was set up in 2016, already use body cameras and use dash-camera footage which is submitted by

local residents if they capture people throwing rubbish from their cars.

Since the team's creation, environmental crimes have reduced considerably. There were 2,950 incidents

of fly-tipping in 2016, dropping to 2,796 in 2017 and plummeting to 1,548 in 2018 until November 8 2018.

Councillor Jim Montgomery said: 'The team has had an amazing impact since it was established nearly three years ago.

'The fact fly-tipping has fallen by around 50 per cent is testament to the

great work it does. Members of the team already have body cameras and are helped out by dash cams.

'This is just another tool for the team to eradicate fly-tipping and make our communities cleaner.

'They are much more effective than CCTV cameras.

'We are sure the cameras will act as a deterrent to people and if they don't, then we can catch people that are showing a complete disregard to fellow residents and communities.'

Enforcement officers can impose an £80 fine for dog fouling or littering and a £200 fine for fly tipping in the form of a fixed penalty.



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## Arran visitor numbers break 400,000 barrier

Continued from page one ahead to the spring, we have exciting developments such as the new Lagg Distillery and the reopening of Brodick Castle, both of which will greatly enhance the island for everyone.'

Meanwhile, a breakdown of the CalMac passenger figures show 844,198 passengers made the Ardrossan to Brodick crossing in 2017 - an increase of 15,936 on the previous year, representing a 1.9 per cent rise. The total number of cars carried over the 12 months was up 2,634

to 205,477, a 1.3 per cent rise.

Surprisingly, the number of coaches using the service fell to 594 down 25, representing a 4.04 per cent drop. The total number of commercial vehicles also fell to 9,838, down 269 or by 2.65 per cent.

The Claonaig to Lochranza route also saw a slight rise in passengers from 66,460 to 67,236 up 776 or 1.17 per cent. The number of cars rose by 321 to 24,187, an increase of 1.35 per cent.

The number of coaches

carried increased by 12 to 789, an 18.18 per cent rise, while commercial traffic fell by 70 journeys to 289, down 19.5 per cent.

As reported in last week's Banner, the performance on the Arran routes helped CalMac break through the 5.5 million passenger barrier for 2017/2018. However, while revenues climbed £15 million to £210 million the profits of £4 million for the year were down from £5.3 million last year.

The drop in profit was blamed on increased costs in planned and unplanned vessel maintenance.



The new mini golf course in Brodick has proved a big attraction for visitors since it was redevelped earlier this year. 01\_B28minigolf01



# A nostalgic return visit 58 years in the making

Jane Ann Liston of St Andrews first visited Arran with her parents 60 years ago, aged two. Since then she has made many a return journey, usually staying at Blackwaterfoot.

Recalling that her parents said that their first holiday was in Lamlash, she always wished to know where it was – but the question remained unan-

swered for more than half a century.

That is, until recently when the mystery was solved with the re-emergence of a receipt dating back to June and July 1958. Now that the receipt for that first visit has come to light, showing that the family stayed at Craig Dhu – tucked along the Shore Road – the question has

been put to rest and reveals some interesting information. Then a guest house, Craig Dhu was owned by J & E Walker and the cost of 14 days' accommodation for two adults and one child was £35 7/-.

To mark the occasion, Ms Liston returned to the house 58 years after her first visit. She said: 'It was quite something, imagining my parents there and how they might have spent the fortnight. I'm glad, though, that the building in which I first stayed all these years ago is still there, what with other features of the island from that time having disappeared.'

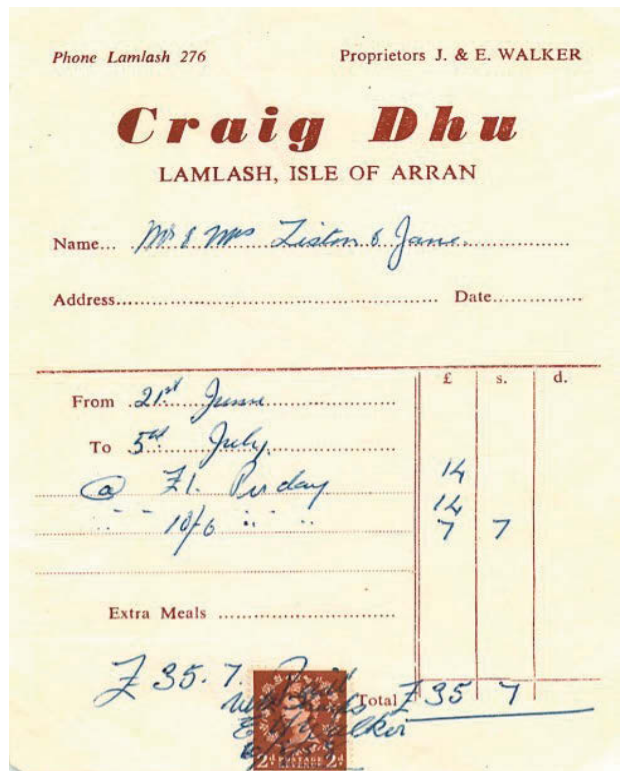
Craig Dhu House is now privately owned by Rosita and Nigel Mills, who were delighted to hear of someone who knew some of the history of Craig Dhu.

Rosita told the Banner: 'We are thrilled to learn that you are doing an article on the history of Craig Dhu. We have known the house from the outside for a long time ourselves, since 1976, as my parents lived in Lamlash.'

'We have been trying to piece together a little of the history ourselves, and the museum has been most helpful with documents.'



Jane Ann Liston returns to Craig Dhu 58 years after her first visit with her parents.



A recently discovered receipt revealed the location of Ms Liston's first holiday on Arran.



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Sheila Gilmore presents pupils at Auchenharvie Academy with an insight into tourism gleaned from experience gained from the tourism industry on Arran and from VisitArran.

# VisitArran offers help to tourism youngsters

Auchenharvie Academy students were the beneficiaries of years of experience and insight into Arran's tourism industry when VisitArran visited



Sheila explains the concept of destination management to Travel and Tourism course students.

the organisation as part of their National 4/5 Travel and Tourism course.

Sending out a plea for people within the industry to Developing the Young Workforce Ayrshire, an organisation supported by the Scottish Government, Sheila Gilmore, executive director of VisitArran volunteered her afternoon to assist pupils with their mandatory Travel and Tourism in Scotland unit of the course.

Sheila started the lesson with a group quiz, testing what the class knew already about Arran before giving a detailed presentation about her particular role, tourism on the island

and the concept of destination management. Sheila brought an array of resources for the class to keep and refer to in coming months when they have to plan a holiday in Scotland for two foreign visitors.

Sheila said: 'I would recommend any business to think about coming in and talking to our young people because if we don't engage with young people now, we can't complain when they don't get involved later.'

Class teacher Stuart Sherriffs added: 'It was really beneficial having Sheila in today as it really contextualised the learning we are currently doing in class. By having someone in

from the industry, it makes the unit real and students can engage more positively and have a better interaction with it.'

VisitArran, which promotes tourism on the island, is a destination management organisation that, with local knowledge, expertise and resources, helps to implement events, activities, local educational opportunities and programme logistics.

In partnership with the Arran Trust it works with businesses and community groups to improve sustainable practices, promote tourism, conservation and to safeguard the future of Arran.

## Radical home ownership scheme

A ground-breaking pilot project has been launched by North Ayrshire Council to help people get on the housing ladder.

The Home Ownership Made Easy (HOME) initiative will also aim to support home owners who want to downsize from their current property into more suitable accommodation.

### Rolled out

The first phase will see 33 new homes will be built on the site of the former St Mary's Primary School, Largs, and, if successful, it could be rolled out to all parts of North Ayrshire including Arran.

The council and residents would share ownership of the house with two different models of ownership available.

The £5,000 HOME, which is designed for first-time buyers, sees a £5,000 investment paid up-front to access shared ownership of a new home. This would be aimed at those who have some savings but are currently unable to raise the full deposit required for a home in the private market. The low monthly occupancy fee gives occupants the opportunity to save towards securing a fully private home in the future and covers all key aspects of maintenance of the property.

The £40,000 HOME scheme is aimed primarily at those aged over-60, where a £40,000 investment is paid up-front. This would be for those who currently own a home, and are looking to downsize and/

or secure a home with level access which better meets their needs. The monthly occupancy fee is affordable and gives occupants greater peace of mind, by providing low, fixed monthly outgoings in terms of household costs while retaining property equity.

### Exciting

Councillor Jim Montgomerie said: 'The HOME scheme will take us in a new and exciting direction by giving a helping hand to those who are finding it difficult to get on the property ladder or those who are living in a property which is just unsuitable for their current needs.'

'Although this programme will be piloted in Largs, it could be rolled out to other locations in North Ayrshire if it's successful.'



# Smart mast firm seeks site yards from refusal

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Another planning application to install a mast near Arranton Place in Lamlash has been lodged – despite an earlier refusal for a site just metres away.

Arqiva Ltd, the company behind the erection of 12-metre high masts, which will be used for smart metering, were initially told that full planning permission would be required for the site.

The initial application sought permission for the mast and associated cabinet to be installed on a grass verge at the entrance to Arranton Place at McKelvie Road, but the new application is for on the grass verge on the other side of the road.

A total of 11 objections were made to the first application, with the majority of comments centered on the mast being intrusive in its height and having a negative impact on the visual appearance of the site, which is used extensively by children since it is located next to Arran High School.

One objector said: ‘The mast is unacceptable due to its height and the location



Above, the grass verge on the left shows the site of the initial application while on the right is the site for the new application. 01\_B52mast02; right, the smart antenna installed on Lamlash hill near Brambleside. 01\_B52mast01

proposed. Even without the antenna, the mast and top assembly would be twice the height of the two-storey houses in Arranton Place and three times the height of the single-storey buildings in McKelvie Road and on the other side of the A841, towering over everything within sight. The total height of the installation would be 13.9 metres (not 12 metres or 13.15 metres) – almost three times the height of the nearby lamp-posts.

‘The proposed location is at the entrance to a residential area. It is also immediately beside the high school and Argyll College, and very close to the main

road. A mast of this height (12.4m plus the 1.5m antenna) in that place would not only be out of keeping with its surroundings, it would be a prominent eyesore that would be unavoidably offensive to everyone passing through the village – residents and visitors alike. It would therefore also damage the image of Lamlash and, more generally, of Arran for tourists.

‘In view of the widespread concerns over the safety, intrusiveness and illusory benefits of “smart” meters to consumers, it is unlikely that many residents of Lamlash will have them installed, and even

fewer will have them connected to the network. The significant erosion of our environment that would result from the erection of this mast in this location would be too high a price to pay for such marginal benefit.’

A further objector questioned the application more broadly saying: ‘Questions

on the long-term implications for health are being voiced. While I know this is not under NAC planning remit, I do wonder what the island policy is towards smart meters, or are they to be foisted upon Arran without any proper consultation with the community?’

The new application is under consideration by North Ayrshire Council planning officials.

The mast is similar to the one which has just been erected near Brambleside on Lamlash hill after it was given planning permission despite Arran Community Council describing the location as ‘unsuitable’.



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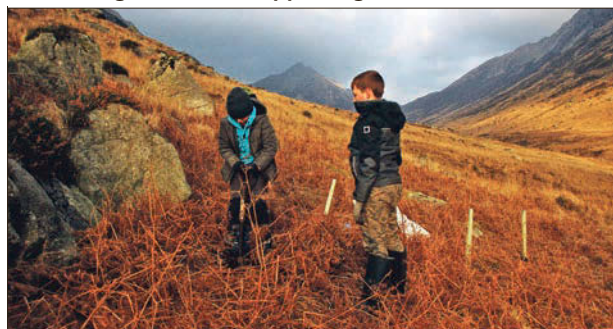




# Pupils sow the seeds of fu



Ranger Corinna Goeckeritz gives the children a helping hand and guidance on supporting the trees.



Digging into the soil, two children prepare to plant their next tree.

Pupils from Brodick Primary School have been playing their part in the regeneration of Glen Rosa which will benefit their own families in years to come.

Following an informative talk on the Glen Rosa Habitat Restoration Project and its aims, the pupils joined the Arran Rangers and helped to plant 76 oak trees in Glen Rosa.

The project is a large-scale regeneration and conservation programme which will protect the overgrazed landscape of Glen Rosa and replant native trees which have been obliterated over the years. To protect the area, a huge

fence will be built to protect the new trees, as first revealed by the Banner in June.

Excited to play their part after learning about the importance of the project and the vital role it will play in the future, the P6 and P7 children were determined to get involved despite the wintry weather and December cold.

Carrying all the trees, supporting canes, protective tubes and spades to the hillside location, each pupil planted five trees, undertaking all of the precautions to ensure that they are protected from grazing deer.

Proud of their contribu-

tion to the project, the pupils now have their own mini woodland which they hope to revisit and watch as it matures into a forest over the years.

This project is supported by the players of the People's Postcode Lottery, Brodick Castle Gardens and Country Park and many local volunteers who have contributed by planting acorns and native seeds which are being planted out as soon as they are large enough.

Local volunteers and those from the mainland, including the Lothian Conservation Volunteers, have so far planted almost 1,000 endemic Arran whitebeam,

oak, aspen, alder and birch in an area of 40 hectares which is just 10 per cent of the total site size.

Other plans for the project will include areas of scrub being planted with juniper and the like, and there will be extensive restoration of the peat hags and bogs while much of landscape will be left just as it is. If you wish to get involved with the project, you can contact the Arran Ranger Service by email at [goatfell@nts.org.uk](mailto:goatfell@nts.org.uk) or telephone 01770 302462 or through the National Trust for Scotland's website at [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

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Brodick Primary School volunteers who helped plant 76 acorn trees in Glen Rosa.

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Making good progress, the pupils rapidly start populating a small area with trees.



Seasonal ranger Jackie Kemp tells the children about the plants they are planting.



From tiny acorns mighty oaks will grow.



Pupils climb a rocky outcrop to investigate one of the few trees remaining in Glen Rosa.



The entrance to Crosshouse Hospital.

## Ayr now in running to be sole cancer unit

Cancer patients on Arran may in future have to travel further for treatment after heath bosses at NHS Ayrshire and Arran admitted they are considering a huge shake-up of cancer services.

The health board has decided that there will only be one main cancer unit in Ayrshire, although there are no immediate plans for any changes in the next 12 to 18 months.

Previously, it was proposed Crosshouse Hospital, near Kilmarnock, would be home to the cancer unit, used most by Arran patients, but bosses have confirmed they are now considering Ayr as well, which means that chemotherapy treatment will be axed at one of the hospitals.

A recent health board meeting heard a new model for cancer treatment was being proposed across the

whole of the west of Scotland and that, as well as the main cancer service being located at one hospital, other new outreach treatment hubs could be available elsewhere but those outreach services would only cater for low-risk cancer cases.

Professor Hazel Borland, NHS Ayrshire and Arran's nurse director, said the outreach service could be located at Ayrshire Central Hospital in Irvine.

Chief executive John

Burns said the ambition was to deliver the 'best care we can to our population'. He added: 'We need to think of it as a pathway – not just a building.'

The proposed west of Scotland service model was endorsed by the board and it is understood that the chosen hospital will undergo an upgrade to host the cancer unit.

A decision on where the main cancer unit will be located is to come before the board again at a later date.

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## Editorial

### Happy visitors

The news this week that Arran played host to more than 400,000 visitors last year is quite a remarkable achievement.

Don't forget this is a small island with a residential population of around 4,500 – so to cater for the needs of all these visitors takes a lot of hard work and commitment from a lot of people.

From the shopkeepers and cafe owners, campsite owners and top hotels, to visitor attractions, large and small – everyone plays their part in keeping the visitors happy and wanting to come back for more.

Then, of course, there is VisitArran who do such a splendid job making the whole operation work like a well-oiled machine.

More than 400,000 people didn't come to Arran by accident – many could have gone elsewhere but for the promotion of all that this tiny isle has to offer.

And, of course, for many in the industry the festive time is just as busy, so we hope that they may get a little respite in January when many wind down a little and take stock for the year ahead.

And may everyone have a happy and prosperous 2019.

#### Thought for the week

'And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.'

Luke 1:76-78

### Bin anger

Sir,  
While I normally admire the good work of the volunteers who walk along the beach cleaning it of plastics and other rubbish, I must take umbrage at the person who on December 19 was cleaning along towards Clachlands and decided to deposit the contents into my blue bin that was at the bottom of my driveway for collection.

Thanks to them the bin was red-carded by the collection team who refused to empty it as it contained rubbish that should not

have been placed in it. As a result we now have to wait another two weeks to have the blue bin emptied.

Yours,  
**Danny Ferguson,  
Lamlash.**

### Charity support

Sir,  
On behalf of all of us at Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

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I also want to say a special thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time to support us – whether it is through fundrais-

ing, working in our shops or helping care for people through our support groups. None of the work that we do would be possible without the invaluable contribution of our volunteers.

There is so much more still to do and I hope we will have your continued support in 2019. Together we can, and will, make sure there is no life half-lived in Scotland.

Thank you.

Yours,  
**Jane-Claire Judson,  
Chief executive,  
Chest Heart &  
Stroke Scotland.**

## Tourism in safe hands with the A-Team

*As 2018 draws to a close, Jane Mack at the Arran Team discusses the successes of the past year and how growing interest in Arran has benefited tourism businesses and boosted opportunities for residents.*

'The arrival of winter is often a time for reflection, and this year we can look back on a sensational summer that has provided unprecedented opportunities for tourism businesses to flourish. This is particularly true for home-grown businesses on our beautiful island. The appeal of sunny weather coupled with unrivalled scenery, plus our unique independent retail scene and experiences, has prompted visitors to choose Arran as this year's holiday destination.'

'Events such as the Arran Mountain Festival in May, which the Arran Team is proud to support, along with the Brodick Highland Games in August, have been big draws to the island again this year, and



Jane Mack of the Arran Team.

over the past three years the season has notably extended with more visitors enjoying long weekends throughout the autumn months and in to December.

'While for many residents the winter provides a welcome break to enjoy with family, it is encouraging to see the new and sustained income opportunities that these visitors provide, as a predominantly couples-based market brings with it demand for facilities such as quality

dining options, as well as events such as the Shop Arran weekend in November promoting the best local offerings and prompting return bookings.'

'Alongside our partners VisitArran, our network of property owners, and in the region of 40 local housekeepers and tradesmen, it has been our absolute pleasure to play a role in helping to ensure those visitors have the best experience possible while staying with us, and to contribute to the wider benefits it brings

to the community that we are proud to be a part of. Bookings for holiday properties on Arran contributed an estimated £1.63 million in to Scotland's tourism economy this year, thanks to the 7,000 holidaymakers who choose to visit us and spend in our local shops, bars and restaurants.

'It's encouraging to see bookings for 2019 breaks have already got off to a flying start and we look forward to working together with our partners, property owners and wider network across the island to deliver even more memorable holidays and rewarding experiences during the year ahead.'

The Arran Team is located at The Douglas Centre in Brodick. Jane and the team look forward to meeting anyone considering a holiday let for 2019, as well as anyone considering local partnership opportunities. The team can also be reached on 01770 303 113.

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# Ferguson faces £40m loss in ferry contact

The Clyde shipyard building the new Arran ferry and her sister ship has said it will lose £39.5 million on the contract.

Port Glasgow-based Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd (FMEL) says it now requires the full payment of an agreed £45 million Scottish government loan and will need further funding from entrepreneur Jim McColl's company to survive as a going concern.

Latest accounts, filed over a year late, show the yard made a £60 million loss from continuing operations in 2016.

The Ferguson yard was saved in September 2014 by Jim McColl and his private equity firm Clyde Blowers Capital, who went on to make significant investment in the yard's infrastructure, but an ongoing dispute with Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) over the £97 million contract for two new prototype dual-fuel ferries has escalated without resolution.

As reported in the Banner



The MV Glen Sannox lies unfinished at the Ferguson yard earlier this year.

earlier this month, Ferguson has already threatened legal action over the contract to build the MV Glen Sannox and a second ferry and said a claim would be lodged 'within weeks'.

But CMAL rejects that there have been any significant changes and has previously insisted Ferguson has to stick to the terms of its fixed-price contract.

A spokesman for Ferguson Marine said: 'In our latest published accounts, we have provided for identified cost overruns, in line with accepted accounting

standards. These cost overruns are a direct result of the unforeseen complexities of building the two prototype, first in class, dual-fuel LNG vessels for our client, CMAL. We fully expect to recover the costs identified and are subsequently in discussions with professional claims experts, with the aim of submitting a formal claim to CMAL within the next few weeks.

'We firmly believe that following a period of remarkable transformation, which has seen significant

investment into the yard's facilities and workforce, Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited is now well placed to embark on an exciting phase of sustained growth.

'Our diversification strategy has unquestionably led to recent project wins, including securing a contract to build a world-first self-propelled air cushioned barge, but has also created a huge pipeline of exciting opportunities in an array of different sectors which we intend to fully capitalise on.'

## Hebridean Isles on its way

Arran will be served by the MV Hebridean Isles when the MV Caledonian Isles goes in for its annual refit next week, it has been confirmed.

There will also be two additional sailings a day on the Brodick to Ardrrossan route from Thursday January 3, with a 7am Brodick departure Monday to Saturday and a 6pm Brodick departure seven days a week until Friday January 25. It is understood these sailings will be provided by the MV Isle of Arran.

There will also be additional sailing, previously announced, on Wednesday January 2.



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# Prize-winners take the biscuit



The winners of this year's Biscuit Tin Initiative, held as part of the Arran Open Studios (AOS) weekend, were announced at a recent meeting of the island arts collective.

As a fun initiative that encourages art, and far removed from the stresses of organising their usual annual art exhibitions and the studio visits, the AOS Biscuit Tin Initiative has risen in popularity despite only being in its second year.

The concept is delightfully simple – blank postcards and drawing materials are left at various locations around Arran, and on the mainland, in a Paterson of Arran biscuit tin. Passers-

by, visitors and people with a little time on their hands are invited to share a meditation, write a poem or make a drawing and post it in the Paterson's tin as a response to a moment of reverie or reflection.

The resulting 120 drawings and 30 poems/meditations, coming from as far afield as Sydney, Poland, Canada, Devon and some from Aberdeen were exhibited at Arran Active, Brodick, in the upstairs exhibition space. From this selection, organisers selected two worthy winners from the adults' and children's categories.

The adult winner was a drawing by Lorna Stillie

from Yorkshire, who won either a return ferry ticket for a car and two adults or an Arran produce hamper. (She has yet to choose.) The children's category was won by Arran's own Gregor Gunaydi, aged nine, who won an Aquafine travelling art set which was presented to him.

Organisers were once again delighted with the public response to this quirky arty idea and look forward to it continuing and growing next year.

At the meeting, dates were also confirmed for next year's Arran Open Studios event which will take place over the weekend starting on Friday Au-

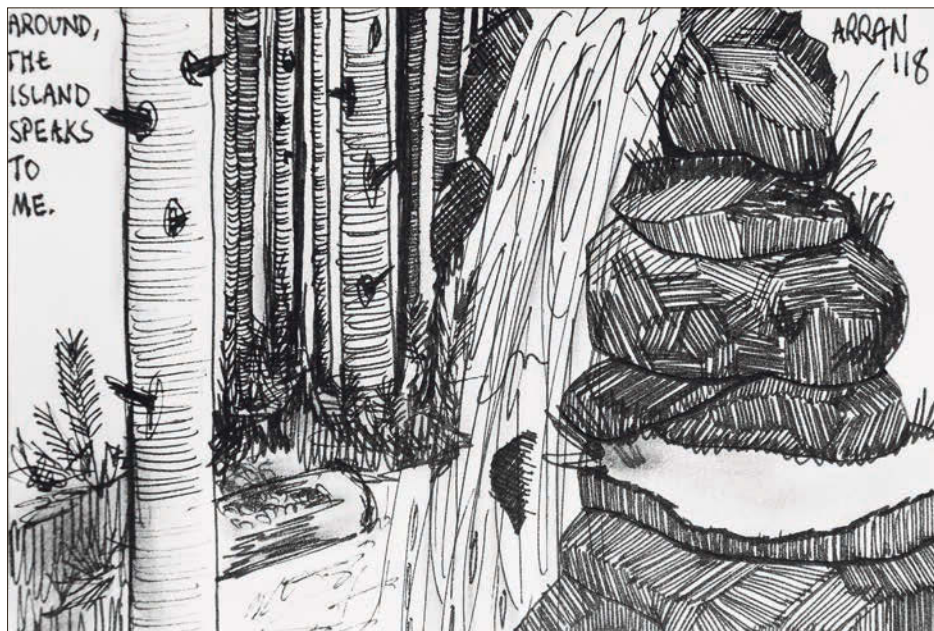


Gregor Gunaydi from Arran, aged nine, was selected as the winner in the children's category for his drawing of the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry.

gust 2 until Monday August 5, 2019. Late in January a call will go out for any art-

ists, new or old, who would like to participate. Details can be had from Ruth Mae

on 820373 or Open Studios website [www.arranopenstudios.com](http://www.arranopenstudios.com)



Lorna Stillie from Yorkshire won the adult category with this detailed drawing of an outdoor scene.



Elegantly simple, the runner up in the postcard competition.

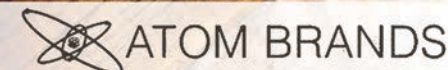
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# That was the year that was

## A look back at 2018 – part one: January to June

As 2018 draws to a close and the new year begins, it is time to take our customary look at the pages from the Banner over the past year. It was an eventful six months to June, with Arran residents achieving great feats, celebrating life's small adventures and performing caring deeds. It has also been a year of

many highs, some lows, but also the continuation of many dearly loved traditional events and the beginnings of new and exciting projects.

The Banner is your newspaper and each and every single one of you makes it special. Thank you for a great 2018 and here's to 2019.



**JANUARY** – The new year started with the annual Douglas Dook which saw more than 30 brave dookers, dressed in zany outfits, take to the water at the Brodick slipway.

01\_B01dook07



**JANUARY** – Rev Angus Adamson in his last picture with Brodick colleagues after he retired as a retained firefighter following more than 36 years in the service. 01\_B52fire01



**JANUARY** – Heralding the start of the new year, Arran's first lambs were born two days after Christmas. Here parents Genevieve and Niall McMaster introduce four-month-old Sophie to the new arrivals. 01\_B02lambs01



**JANUARY** – David Lambert, co-musical director of the Arran Soul Choir, joins members in presenting a donation raised from their concert to Fiona Laing of the Arran Defibrillator Project.



**FEBRUARY** – Craig Lindsay, Kate Russell, Carolyn Lambert and Sharon Bell collected the Boutique Hotel of the Year award on behalf of the Douglas Hotel.



# A look back at 2018 – pa



FEBRUARY – The Shiskine Shoogly Shanks captained by Carol Brown won a step count challenge competing against 67 other teams from across North Ayrshire.



MARCH – All of the trophy winners at the 2018 One-Act Drama Festival. 01\_B09award09



FEBRUARY – Pupils from all of Arran's primary schools meet with the Sunnyside Ocean Defenders whose campaign to do away with plastic straws received nationwide support. 01\_B06straw01



MARCH – Store manager Liz McLean welcomes shoppers to the refurbished Brodick Co-op store at its official opening. 01\_B13coop03



FEBRUARY – Burns night in Lamlash. New chairman Gordon Kinniburgh and the top table at the Lamlash Burns Club annual supper where speakers included Iain Currie and Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson. 01\_B05burns01



MARCH – Morag Pettigrew is the first passenger to arrive at the new Brodick Ferry Terminal where she is welcomed by port manager Colin McCort. 01\_B12first03





# Part one: January to June



APRIL – Under-sevens take part in the Easter bonnet parade at the annual Easter at the Castle event which enjoyed its busiest year on record. 01\_B14easter18



APRIL – Scottish Government finance minister Derek Mackay officially opens the Brodick ferry terminal after repeated delays. 01\_B16open16



MARCH – Trophy winners with their trophies at the Arran Horticultural Society spring flower and bulb show. 01\_B13flower01



APRIL – VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead visited Arran where he met VisitArran board members.



MARCH – The entire Shiskine Primary School show their support for P7 pupil Beth McCarthy who took first place in the annual Burns primary school painting competition. 01\_B10front01

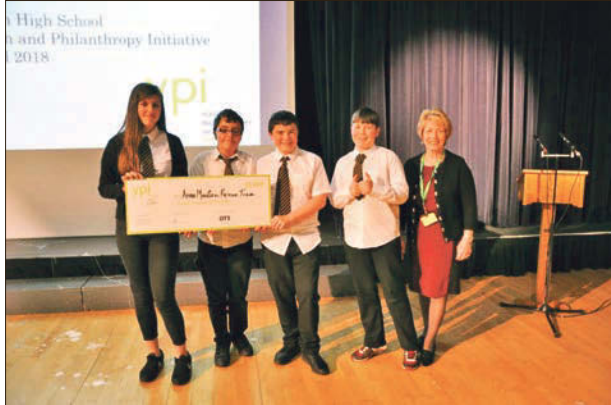


APRIL – A selection of the 55 volunteers of all ages who cleaned up Brodick Beach and Fisherman's Walk in a huge beach clean that left the area looking pristine. 01\_B15beach01



# That was the year that was

## A look back at 2018 – part one: January to June



MAY – Arran High School pupils Sam Reid, Gina Boni, James Macis and Euan Kinniburgh earned a bumper £3,000 for the Arran Mountain Rescue Team at the Youth Philanthropy Initiative. Isabel Johnstone, YPI Ayrshire regional facilitator presented the children with the cheque. 01\_B18YPI08



MAY – Celebrating 30 years of caring for the elderly, Cooriedoon care home management and staff hosted an elegant garden party with original founder Celia Butler and long-standing nurse Elaine Kelso being honoured at the event. 01\_B21front01



JUNE – Long established business Arran Dairies staff, founders and owner Alastair Dobson celebrate 40 years of business with a lunch to mark the milestone. 01\_B22diary01



JUNE – Arran High School pupils performed their musical Our House to packed audiences at the Community Theatre in Lamlash. 01\_B25house12



JUNE – Whiting Bay Primary pupils show their delight at winning the Arran Orienteering Championship. 01\_B20orient14



JUNE – Wearing outlandish shoes for their party, Brodie Atkinson, Sera Bibin and Layla Cociuban join Mrs Shirley MacLachlan in showing off their birthday cake celebrating Whiting Bay Primary's 50th birthday. 01\_B24WB13



MAY – Arran mourns the loss of William Wilson McConnell, father of former first minister Jack McConnell and well-known and well-liked Arran personality.



MAY – Members of the Arran High School Mountain Bike Club celebrate a lottery funding boost for purchasing new bicycles which will replace their ageing fleet.

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## Saturday 29th December

Winter Rink Bowls  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Live Music - Tim Pomeroy  
Live Music - Huey Broon & the Bullets - Indie/Rock Covers Band  
Over 21's Disco

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

## Sunday 30th December

Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Live Music - Rob Muir  
Live Music - Faye Donnelly - multi instrumentalist  
Folk Music Session

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Monday 31st December

Hogmany Quiz  
Family Hogmany Dance  
Hogmany Party  
Hogmany Party with - The George Lindsay Wipeout Party plus Pipers  
Family Hogmanay Party

Drift Inn, Lamlash 3pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 1.30am  
Drift Inn, 9pm - 2am  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Shiskine Hall, 9pm



## Tuesday 1st January 2019

Live Music - Legacy & Friends  
George hosts an afternoon of mellow music, young people take to the mic  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 3pm

## HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

## Wednesday 2nd January

Family friendly Pub Quiz  
Music Pub Quiz  
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8.30pm

## Thursday 3rd January

A.C. L. I. Volunteer Gardening Day  
Steak Night, includes 2 dinners and a bottle of wine  
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome  
Arran Hockey Club - Seniors (12 yrs +)  
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz  
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 5pm - 9pm  
Little Rock, Brodick, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Friday 4th January

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Tae KwonDo  
Live Music - Fatman and The Angel  
Friday Night Quiz  
Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

## Saturday 5th January

Winter Rink Bowls  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Live Music - Shindig  
Over 21's Disco  
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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## THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO SPECIAL

Saturday December 26, 1998

# When Arran took a Boxing Day battering

**Hugh Boag**

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Twenty years ago this week Arran was badly hit by a Boxing Day hurricane which caused widespread devastation across the island.

Winds of 105 miles an hour (170km) hit the island, and much of the west of Scotland, in one of the worst storms seen in many years. Anything which was not securely battened down took off and roofers had a busy time in the following days repairing scores of houses where slates and flashings had been lost.

By around 8pm on Boxing Day the lights were out

all over Arran after power cables were brought down and some of the island was without power for several days and trees blocked roads around the island.

Brodick Castle and Country Park was particularly badly hit by the storm, losing 296 trees in the garden and more than 1,000 in the country park. Many rare shrubs and plants were destroyed in the garden and the castle suffered some structural damage. Clearance work by contractors, gardening staff and many volunteers continued for many months.

Here is a reminder of just some of the devastation that the hurricane brought.



Clockwise from top: Merkland alongside the castle wall with the wind still howling. 01\_B52storm06; A cupola from the Lochranza distillery lies mangled in a field some 100 yards from the building. 01\_B52storm08; The Ford Fiesta which saved the Auchrannie Hotel. Had it not made the sacrifice the tree would have gone through the hotel roof. 01\_B52storm01; The remains of a sawn off tree resting on the smashed fence. 01\_B52storm07.





Clockwise from left: A caravan at Cairnhouse Riding Centre lies mangled having been blown away during the night. 01\_B52storm02; The Kinloch Hotel suffered extensive damage with a glass porch being completely demolished and several outbuildings losing their roofs. 01\_B52storm03; The castle gardens and country park were devastated by the storm. 01\_B52storm04; Administrator Veronica Woodman surveys the scene of devastation in the castle grounds. 01\_B52storm05; The Lamlash Christmas tree was one of the casualties. 01\_B52storm09

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# Haymaking in the 1950s

By Dr Iain Glen

Nowadays, the gathering of winter fodder for cattle is highly mechanised with hay hopefully cut during a good settled spell and once sufficiently dried in the sun, converted into large, round, plastic-covered bales.

Alternatively, it is often carted in high-sided trailers, filled using a second tractor with a forage harvester, to make silage.

My recollections of haymaking at Parkhouse in the early 1950s go back to the era when hay was made into ricks in the field and a few weeks later, ricklifters were used to cart the ricks into the farm stack yard, where large hay stacks were built.

My father's early career involved giving advice to farmers on soil improvement and manuring meaning when he came to farm himself, the result was



Photo taken about 1955 of Iain, second from right, working at hay time with the Craig family from the Corries with Donald Craig on the left, John and their father Peter on the right.

usually a heavy hay crop which took a lot of drying.

Although it might be turned two or three times, we often had to go up and down the swathes shaking out bigger clumps with a hay fork. Once sufficiently dry, a multi-pronged sweep

was attached to the front of the tractor to gather the hay in for rick building.

## Tripod

This equipment superseded the Tumblin Tam that my uncle John Sillars at Cairnfield used with a horse for a similar func-

tion. To build a rick, a circular layer of hay was made and then three 6ft to 8ft poles were tied together with a twisted roll of hay to make a supporting tripod and placed in the centre.

Hay was then forked around and on top of this tripod to build a rick which would be about 6ft wide and about 10ft high. As a youngster, my job, once the rick had been completed, was to 'pook' all around the base, pulling out handfuls of hay to prevent waste as the rick settled down over time. The hay that was removed went into the next rick.

When it came time to bring the ricks in, the Corriecravie community worked together bringing our ricklifters with us. Ricklifters were purpose built trailers which could be tipped up and reversed into the base of a rick.

Two stout ropes were pulled from the rollers at the front and attached to each other with metal clasps behind the rick. A handle was attached to a geared winding wheel linked to the rollers at the front and the rick gradually pulled onto the ricklifter which clicked flat again as the weight came forward.

As youngsters, we liked to ensure the rick was far enough forward for us to hop on the back for the ride to the stack yard and our preference was for Don-

ald Craig or Don Brown as they drove a bit faster than father or James Brown.

At the stack yard, the ricklifter was tipped up again to slide off the rick for the stack builders and returned to the field for the next rick.

At Corriecravie House, Jack Brown arranged for the construction of a horse fork for the work of the stack builders. This had a tall central pole supported by stays. A rope attached to a grapple fork passed through pulleys at the end of a derrick and was led to another pulley at the base of the pole.

From here the rope was passed along the ground and attached to a horse's harness. The grapple fork when tensioned gathered a great bunch of hay and as the horse was led forward this was raised and when above the level of the stack being built, pulling a tripod chord caused the load to be deposited on the stack. All the metal work for the horse fork was made by Mr Stewart, the Slidery blacksmith, who was an excellent craftsman.

## Baler

I would have been about 14 when father acquired a static baler and for a year or two we still built ricks but fed them into the baler in the field before carting the bales into our hay shed.

My job was to sit on a bale on one side of the baler as

the compressed hay was emerging. Two lines of baler twine were fed up from the other side. These were caught with the upturned ends of a U-shaped steel bracket pushed through from my side and retrieved in the gaps between the thrusts of the piston compressing the hay. The twine was cut and tied in a reef knot to the loose end remaining from the previous bale.

This same baler was being used to bale straw in the hay shed when a fire started which destroyed everything in the stack yard, the tractor and the hayshed.

I was a pupil at Keil School at the time but can confirm from Hamilton Brothers' records that father ordered a new tractor on November 6 1956. I also heard that a son of one of the firemen in attendance said this fire was better than the usual November 5 bonfire!

About this time, balers which could pick up hay directly from the swathe, appeared. We still had to get the hay dry enough to be baled but, from then on, the spectacle of a row of tidy ricks disappeared from hay fields.

Written with assistance from Dr Donald Brown who still bears a scar, the result of catching a finger between a rope and roller on a ricklifter.

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Informal enquiries to: Ailsa Weir, Senior Charge Nurse on 01770 600777.

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Please quote reference number on enquiry.

Closing date: 12 January 2019.

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Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2019 and 28 February 2020 should be registered for education during the week commencing Monday 14 January 2019.

As times vary from school to school, parents are asked to check registration arrangements with the appropriate catchment primary school for the area in which they live. The child's birth certificate and proof of address should be produced at the time of registration.

Information on Registration can be found on the Council's web site: [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk) (Education and Learning pages).

If you wish your child to attend a school outwith your catchment area you must register at your catchment school then submit a placing request. This can be done online by accessing [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk) (Education and Learning pages). Placing request assistance can also be obtained by telephoning 01294 310000.

Registration at your catchment area school does not guarantee entry to that school.

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

### 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](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

### 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](http://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

\*and at The Council Offices, Lamash  
 Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to [eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) by 18 January 2019. Any representations received will be open to public view.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987

Applications for Listed Building Consent.

18/01093/LBC; Brodick Castle, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8HY; Resurfacing around existing sundial area including amendments to landscaping.

Craig Hutton  
 Chief Executive  
 Cunninghame House  
 IRVINE KA12 8EE



## ARRAN AROMATICS

### SCOTLAND Job Vacancies

We have the following vacancies to join us at our Home Farm base in Brodick. No experience is necessary as training will be given, although relevant experience in these areas would be an advantage. Availability for an immediate start would be ideal.

Arran Aromatics operates a four day week, 7am to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday

#### Quality & Technical Assistant

This role is a permanent position and is to support our Quality and Technical Team. The applicant should have good communication skills and have good attention to detail. This is a hands on role which will include work in our production areas, and laboratory, as well as administrative duties. All training will be provided, although relevant experience would be highly beneficial. Further details can be sent out on application.

#### Operations Support Technician

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To apply - please email your letter of application and CV to Duncan Russell, Head of Operations at [duncan.russell@arran.com](mailto:duncan.russell@arran.com)

Alternatively for postal enquiries please send your application to-

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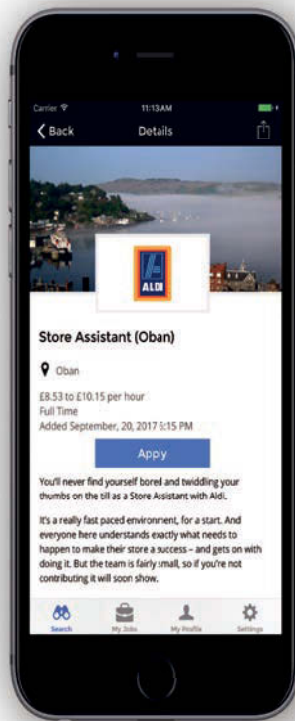
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## CHURCH NOTICES

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

Independent but working together  
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 30th December**

Pirrmill and Lochranza Churches together, 10.15am.  
Morning Worship at Pirrmill Church.

Shiskine Church, 12noon  
Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30 am.  
Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30

Prayer meeting

12 noon 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 30th December**

Holy Communion – 11 am.

Rev Adrian Fallows

Coffee after service

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)

**Sunday 30th December**

Morning Service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge, Glen

Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 6.30pm

**Tuesday 1st January**

New Year Service at 11am

7 Glen Road, Brodick

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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**Sunday 30th December**

Mrs Sharon MacLeod

Kilmory - 10am

Lamlash - 11.30am.

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Whiting Bay and Kildonan

Church of Scotland, Charity

Number: SC014005

**Sunday 30th December**

Worship 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.

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF**

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**Sunday 30th December**

Sunday Worship at 11am

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

**Sunday 30th 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 30th December**

Shiskine, 11am (church on

road between Blackwaterfoot

and Machrie)

Brodick 6pm

Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH****Sunday 30th December**

Mass 11am

All Welcome

**DEATH**

**FITZPATRICK, Margaret.** Margaret Fitzpatrick passed away peacefully on 13th December in Lamlash War Memorial hospital. Funeral service Friday 28th December at Kilmory Parish Church, Isle of Arran 12pm. Family flowers only please, donations to Arran Hospital Supporters League and Scottish Air Ambulance Service. If attending please wear your gladrags.

**McNICOL, Ian.** Peacefully at Cooriedoon Nursing Home on 17th December 2018. Beloved husband of Mary and loving father to Alan, Gordon and the late Lynne, special father-in-law to Marion and Naomi, treasured papa to Lucy, Gemma, Adam and Kenta. Dear to all the extended family. Funeral service will take place at St. Bride's Church, Brodick on Thursday, 3rd January 2019 at 11:30am. Immediate family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland.

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# Ayr Racecourse chosen as one of The Series hosts

Ayr Racecourse is set to be one of eight top racecourses handpicked to host a £5 million team competition which will bring Formula 1 style razzamataz to the Sport of Kings.

Named The Series and run by Championship Horse Racing, the format will comprise 48 races across the eight tracks in which teams comprising 30 horses, four jockeys and a racing manager contest races worth £100,000 each.

It is a huge feather in the cap for the Craigue course which was chosen along with Epsom, Leopardstown, Goodwood, Haydock, Newbury, Newmarket and Sandown.

The proposed races are likely to take place on Thursday evenings between July 25 and September 12 and The Series could also be shown on ITV 4.

Blue chip companies are expected to be announced as sponsors of each team who will be awarded points depending on where their horse finishes in each race.

Ayr is Scotland's only Grade 1 track and now The Series race night will slot in between the course's two jewels in the crown – the Coral Scottish Grand National and the William Hill Ayr Gold Cup Festival.

Crowned Sports Venue of the Year at the 2018 Scottish Hospitality awards Ayr is also one of only six Large Racecourses to be awarded a Gold standard by the Racehorse Owners Association.

**Broadcast**

Jeremy Wray, Chief Executive of CHR, said: 'Agreeing the likely racecourse schedule is a key milestone for CHR. Over the next few months we'll be announcing the teams and the media partners who will broadcast The Series across the world.'

'We're delighted that The Series is due to take place at such a prestigious course as Ayr and that Scotland is one of the three countries we debut in. They are great locations and have superb facilities for summer evening racing that promises fans

something they've never experienced before. Fans will be encouraged to engage with the teams and

our aim is to help tell the stories about the tens of thousands of people involved in the sport.'

## Under starters orders for New Year meeting

A New Year of racing action at Ayr gets under way with the traditional New Year Raceday on Wednesday January 2, 2019, and the card features seven exciting races.

The principal race is a Class 3, two-metre, five-furlong handicap hurdle with £15,800 in prize money – the richest jumps prize of the day in the UK.

This should ensure a good sized field with many of the leading northern stables likely to be represented. The last running of this contest was won by Elusive Theatre trained in Ireland by Stuart Crawford.

The main supporting contests are a 2m handicap chase and a 2m novices' hurdle with the latter won in January this year by the highly rated Better Getalong from the Nicky Richards yard.

The first race on the day is at 12.30pm with the action concluding with a national hunt flat race at 3.45pm.

And after racing a live band will play in the Princess Royal Suite in the Club area for three hours with a DJ in the Ayrshire Suite.

For more information on racing at Ayr call 01292 264179 or go online at [www.ayr-racecourse.co.uk](http://www.ayr-racecourse.co.uk)



The Duncan Trophy will take place at Whiting Bay Golf Club on January 6.

**Winter League fixture**

The Arran Golfers Association year get under way on Sunday January 6 with the latest Winter League round for the Duncan Trophy taking place at Whiting Bay Golf Club.

There is 10am shotgun start for every game. All golfers are requested to arrive in time to be at the allocated tees and wait till 10am and a clear fairway ahead. Whiting Bay v Shiskine, Corrie v Lamlash, Machrie Bay v Brodick.



# A look back at a big year



FEBRUARY – Young sports leaders on Arran were finalists for the North Ayrshire Provost’s Civic Pride Awards.



APRIL – The reformed Isle of Arran Rugby Club pose for a team photograph prior to kick-off at the annual rugby festival held at the Ormidale Park. 01\_B14rugby01



MARCH – In their first outing of the season, 16 members of the Arran Junior Triathlon Club excelled themselves by earning numerous podium finishes at the aquathon at the Allander Leisure Centre in Bearsden.



MARCH – The Arran Ladies Hockey Club ended their season on a high note with a hard-fought victory against Glasgow High Kelvinside Ladies 3s led by captain Annie Watts and vice-captain Lorraine ‘Hurricane’ Hewie.



MAY – Willie Anderson of Arran Haulage presents the winning trophy to Brodick captain Matthew Dobson. 01\_B20footy10



# of sport January to June



MAY – Jim Henderson presents Ross Trail with the Arran Golfers' Association handicap shield and runner-up Rory Currie with the matchplay trophy.



APRIL – A total of 81 runners set off at the start of the Ormidale 10k race with 23 local runners taking part in the challenge which is now in its 30th year. 01\_B17ormidale01



JUNE – Ayrshire Schools Orienteering Championship medal winners, l to r, Louis Urquart-Dixon, Oscar Inglis, Myles Lindsay-Smith, Charlie Bonner, Rosie McNamara, Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith and Megan McCartney.



JUNE – The Arran Junior Triathletes pose for a group picture at their home event, the Island-2-Island Triathlon. Photo: Liam Nelson and David Hogg.



# SPORT



## INSIDE THIS WEEK:

More sporting memories from January to June 2018

# A look back at a big year of sport

## Part 1 – January to June

Arran enjoyed a big year of sport in 2018 and here we look back at just some of the achievements of the first six months.

Sporting heroes young and old made their mark

in sports from triathlon to hockey, rowing, bowls – the list goes on and it was good to see a reformed Isle of Arran Rugby Club back on the pitch, even if it was for one day only.



**FEBRUARY** – Wullie Stevenson of Whiting Bay was elected to represent Arran and Kintyre in the Scottish National Sheep Dog Trials in Kintyre. Pictured here are Wullie and Maid before the final. 01\_B08dog01



**JANUARY** – Joining students from all over Scotland, Nastassja Alberti and Patryk Gwizdowski, both of Whiting Bay, received their black belt grading after a rigorous assessment at Dalkeith.



**JANUARY** – All island clubs were represented at the traditional Boxing Day bowling at Shiskine Bowling Club which 10 hardy bowlers attended.



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