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Queen of the track

Nicola is named best female rider and turns professional

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Jockey Nicola Currie can look forward to sparkling 2019 after enjoying a Christmas to remember back home on Arran.

The 25-year-old rounded off a splendid year on another high when she was crowned Great British Racing Lady Jockey of the Year at the Stobart Lesters awards in London.

That came just days after she qualified as a professional jockey after riding her 100th winner – two years to the day since she rode her first winner.

Then it was back home to see her family on Arran for

a few days at Christmas, but she had to leave on Boxing Day and was back in the saddle at Wolverhampton on December 27.

The Banner caught up with Nicola when she was home and was still on cloud nine. She said: 'I certainly never expected to be named female jockey of the year this early in my career – and for the award to be voted for by my fellow jockeys just makes it even more special.'

'I can't thank everyone enough who voted for me and supported me throughout the year. I am over the moon to win this award.'

Nicola's award was among the nine that were presented at the prestigious annual event which this year was staged at the Park Plaza at Westminster Bridge and which Nicola described as 'amazing'.

Nicola lifted the award by being the most successful female jockey this year

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Brave swimmers take the plunge off Lamlash Pier after completing the revived Boxing Day Dook. See back page for more coverage. 01_Bdook10



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Arran jockey wins top award

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with 45 wins during the flat championship and having ridden out her claim has turned professional and is now a freelance rider.

She also finished second in the Apprentice Jockey of the Year category to Jason Watson which she said was disappointing but added: 'You can't have it all.'

Nicola was born and brought up on Arran attending Shiskine Primary and Arran High School. She has always had a love of horses and at 16 she followed her dream by going to Outridge College in Edinburgh study horse management.

Nicola is based in Lambourn, Berkshire, which,

next to Newmarket, is the hub of UK racing. But it has not all been plain sailing. After a year on the circuit she almost quit racing in 2015 before being taken under the wing of Richard Hughes, the three-time champion jockey-turned-trainer, to whose stable she was apprenticed and who gave Nicola her first win on the aptly named Believe It. Two years later she is the best female jockey in the land.

In an article in Thoroughbred Daily News last week, writer Tom Peacock said Nicola had the ability to stand out from the crowd.

He wrote: 'Open and friendly with a soft Scottish accent, she is a rare



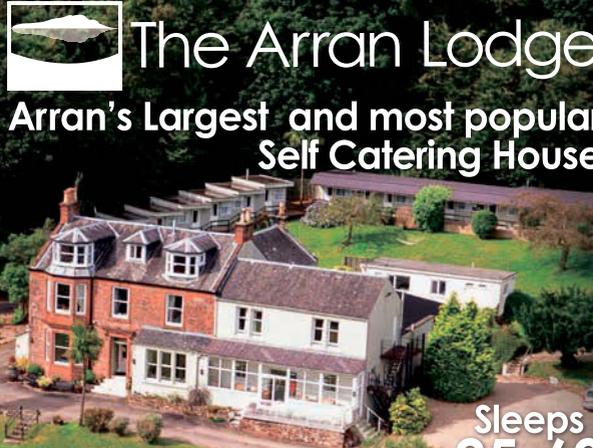
Nicola Currie with the other trophy winners at the Stobart Lesters award ceremony in London. Photo: Focusonracing.com

sporting success story from the Isle of Arran. Her exploits have prompted the locals to switch the racing on in her local pub, and a

small fan club has evolved. She is also very much part of the small wave of female rising stars, being awarded Lady Jockey of the Year at

the recent Stobart Lesters, and can take encouragement from the strides that the likes of Josephine Gordon and Hollie Doyle have

made. Much like her close friend Gordon, she does not exactly wear her brand of feminism overtly, but it is certainly visible.'



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CalMac is finding tea leaves passengers cold

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Latest figures released by the company show that over the summer season it sold more than twice as many cups of coffee than the more traditional choice of hot drink.

The move away from tea in favour of mochas, espressos and cappuccinos is a reflection of wider changing tastes on board, according to CalMac's, head of customer sales, Kurt Hart.

'Good food adds a lot to an enjoyable passenger experience. Our customers are very aware of the provenance of produce and we need to reflect this.'

'We take pride that more than 80 per cent of the fresh food served aboard comes from local suppliers,' he said.

'Many of our suppliers are from the islands we serve - from Stornoway black pudding to Arran ice-cream. All in all CalMac

spends around £1 million with local suppliers annually.'

CalMac's fleet of 33 vessels runs 27 routes to west coast islands and remote mainland communities. Last year was a record breaking year for the company, carrying nearly 5.5 million passengers and 1.3 million vehicles.

Approval

CalMac has VisitScotland's 'Taste Our Best' seal of approval for the quality of its on-board food and their commitment to serving Scottish produce.

'There is clearly a grow-

ing demand for healthier choices on board which we need to cater for. We now have falafel burgers and extensive vegetarian options which increasingly sell well,' said Kurt.

However, passengers' food palates are changing much more slowly than their taste for hot drinks. Over the summer CalMac fuelled up passengers with 45,000 cooked breakfasts, closely followed by fish and chips at 27,000 suppers and their legendary CalMac & Cheese with 17,000 portions served up to hungry passengers.

Ardrossan ferry disruption

Passengers on the Brodick to Ardrossan ferry service face disruption this month due to preliminary development works at Ardrossan Harbour.

During the Caledonian Isles annual refit, foot passengers will be boarding the Hebridean Isles and the Isle of Arran via the car deck. However the works are due to be completed by January 28 when normal service is expected to be resumed on the Arran berth.

The work involves drilling bore holes, trial pits and taking various scans across the Arran berth, Irish berth and Winton pier which are estimated to last until the end of February.

Co-op community work is recognised by bosses

Two members of the Brodick Co-op have been recognised on a national level for their involvement and success in working within the community on Arran.

Co-op regional manager Alan Campbell visited the store and presented store manager Liz McLean and member pioneer Mark Harwood with awards in recognition of their contributions to charitable causes and the assistance they have provided in the local community.

Alan said: 'Congratulations to Liz and Mark on these awards. Their invaluable work is well known on Arran so it is great that they can receive the recognition on a national level from the organisation.'

Appreciated

'Their hard work and altruistic endeavours are appreciated by us all, as is evident by the fact that it was customers and colleagues who nominated them to receive these awards.'

Member pioneer Mark,

who has worked at building links between the Co-op and the community, has played a leading role in the success of the food share initiative, Think About Plastic group, Dementia Friendly Arran and the newly-formed autism group, thanked Liz, colleagues and customers for allowing him to be able to contribute in such a meaningful manner.

Mark said: 'It is great to receive this award which I could not have done without the support of everyone involved and from the Co-op itself.'

The Brodick Co-op plays a huge role in community affairs and supporting charitable causes on Arran and recently presented the Arran Mountain Rescue Team and Feis Arainn with cheques totalling more than £40,000.

Liz thanked Alan for coming to Arran to present the awards and said: 'These awards are on behalf of the whole team who have helped to make this possible.'

'They and the great community on Arran are the ones who are to be thanked for allowing us to play our part in the wonderful Arran community.'



Co-op regional manager Alan Campbell with store manager Liz McLean and member pioneer Mark Harwood who received awards for their work in the Arran community. 01_B52coop01



Team members Ashley Outram and Maya Maclean are in a festive mood while raising funds for a charitable cause benefiting the elderly. 01_B52coop02

Your cash back in your pocket



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Party time aro

It was a Christmas party to remember for the 25 children of Corrie who celebrated their village party having the full run of the Corrie Hotel as their new venue on Saturday December 22.

Having the freedom to roam and space to play, the

children danced and ate in the main hall while some of the younger children relaxed in the reception area on comfortable chairs with their parents. On offer for the youngsters was face painting, music and activities, and in another room a grotto had been set up

as a winter wonderland in preparation for a special visitor.

Santa arrived with the loud ringing of a bell and the children excitedly made their way to the grotto where each one of them got to meet and speak to Santa, and receive a special

gift. The following day it was the turn of the children of the Northend to enjoy their party held in the Lochranza Field Centre.

Games and food and drink were followed by the arrival of Santa, who gave each of the children a personal gift.



Young festive revellers at the Corrie Christmas party held at the Corrie Hotel. 01_B52corrie01



Loxa Dunsmuir did not enjoy meeting Santa but her spirits were revived with a tasty snack from dad Stewart. 01_B52corrie03



Santa and Shona Catriona Dunsmuir prepare the grotto for the arrival of the children. 01_B52corrie05



Fun and games in the dining room, children enjoy some of the entertainment on offer. 01_B52corrie04



Children await their chance to meet Santa and receive their Christmas gift while parents capture the moment for posterity. 01_B52corrie06

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Santa arrives at the Lochranza Field Centre. 01_B01ranza03



Michael Innes on his way to winning a dancing competition in Lochranza. 01_B01ranza01



Santa checks his naughty and nice list in Lochranza. 01_B01ranza04



The Northend children patiently wait for the arrival of Santa. 01_B01ranza02



Little Sam Soffa is delighted with his gift from Santa. 01_B01ranza05

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Busy year for Arran coastguard team

It has been another busy year for the members of the Arran Coastguard Rescue Team who have responded to 179 call-outs in the last 12 months.

In the three months of September, October and November alone the team responded to 43 call-outs. September was the less busy month which saw the team tasked to 11 jobs – nine to secure the landing site at Knockenkelly for Helimed 5 and two to yachts in difficulty.

October saw 16 tasks – 14 to secure the landing site for Helimed 5 and two to yachts in difficulty. In addition to the tasks the team also completed a night search exercise using its new lost and missing person search procedures.

November was a busier month with 18 tasks, unusually only 10 of them were to secure the landing site for Helimed 5 and R199. The others included three calls to yachts in dif-



Members of the coastguard team pictured practising their rope techniques earlier this year.

ficulty, one had sunk at its mooring in Corrie harbour.

Once ensuring no-one was at risk, the team recovered the lifejackets from the water before they floated out to sea where their discovery may have led to

fears of a vessel sinking at sea. They then tracked down the owner and offered safety advice regarding recovery of personal belongings from the yacht.

November also included three calls to deal with marine pyrotechnics which had been washed ashore.

Once they were assessed to be safe to be handled they were removed to a place of safekeeping before they were transported

to the mainland for safe destruction.

Towards the end of the month Belfast Coastguard received a request from the police for assistance to search Brodick beach after personal items were found close by.

November also marked a few important highlights for the team who completed a day's water rescue training which allowed a new team member to com-

plete his training and be able to go on calls with the team. The new member is a welcome addition and had a very busy start to his time in the coastguard with three call-outs on his first day.

Another highlight of the month was two experienced team members qualifying as officers in charge, which will enable them to be in charge of an incident. This takes the number of OiCs in the team to four and is also very welcome news to the two existing OiCs who have had to ensure there was always one of them on the island at all times.

Bid to turn post office into home

A planning application has been lodged for the change of use of the former Kilmory post office and tearoom into a two storey house.

The substantial stone built building, opposite the Lagg Hotel, used to house the village post office before it was relocated to the village hall in 2007 followed by the closure of the tearoom.

Having been unoccupied for a number of years the former tearoom also has a two bedroom apartment above it with a balcony overlooking a small secluded garden that backs on to the Kilmory river.

The application is currently being considered by North Ayrshire Council planning officials and neighbour notifications have been sent to four addresses within 20 metres of the site boundary.

Owl talk at society

The next meeting of the Arran Natural History Society is on Thursday January 10 starting at 8pm in the Rangers Centre in Brodick Country Park. The speaker will be John Calladine from the British Trust for Ornithology and the subject will be short-eared owls.

See next week's *Banner* for the December report from the society.

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Arran youth groups get a £4,000 funding boost

Youth groups on Arran are celebrating after being awarded a total of £4,000 through North Ayrshire Council's youth participatory budgeting scheme.

A total of 56 clubs and groups from across North Ayrshire received a share of £50,000 through the scheme, with applications for the latest round of funding having to fit at least one of Scotland's Year of Young People legacy themes: health and well-being, poverty and inequality and participation and young people's voice.

Successful in their bids and receiving £800 each were: Arran High School Mountain Bike Club, Arran High School of Sport, Ar-

ran Junior Triathlon Club, Arran Kayak Club and Arran Youth Foundations.

The council's youth champion councillor Shaun Macaulay said: 'We would like to congratulate all of the groups and organisations who have been successful in this latest round of participatory youth budgeting.'

'With Scotland's Year of Young People coming to an end, we hope that these projects can help to build a lasting legacy that will last well beyond 2018.'

The scheme, which was launched in 2016, has assisted youth groups in attaining a number of successes including the Mind Your Health toolkit which



Former YMSP Courtney Gemmell with a Mind Your Health Kit.

received £6,000 of funding in 2017.

The Mind Your Health pack, which contains a wealth of advice and contacts for young people experiencing a wide range of mental health issues, also contains real life stories from young people who have experienced mental ill health, as well as learning workshops and items to

help teach distraction techniques. The pack also contains advice for teachers, carers and youth workers who may be struggling to find the best ways to help young people in their care who are experiencing difficulties.

Now available in every secondary school across North Ayrshire, the toolkit was initially the idea of former member of the Scottish Youth Parliament Courtney Gemmell.

To find out more about North Ayrshire Council's participatory budgeting schemes, visit www.northayrshire.community/get-involved/participatory-budgeting-in-north-ayrshire

Let there be light

North Ayrshire Council is calling on Arran residents not to be left in the dark by reporting street lighting faults as soon as possible.

With darker evenings and mornings, the council's lighting team is determined to ensure its thousands of street lights stay sparkling.

'There are around 24,000 street lights across North Ayrshire, so it is inevitable that a small number will have faults over the course of the winter,' said Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place.

'We are asking the public to keep us

informed of any faulty street lights and we'll make sure we get it sorted as soon as we possibly can. No-one wants to be left in the dark so the sooner we hear about a faulty light, the quicker our response will be.'

Lighting fault

Residents can report a lighting fault through the council's website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/lightingfault or faults can also be logged by calling 01294 310000 during office hours.

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Editorial

Happy New Year

To say 2018 was a year of uncertainty is putting it mildly and, nationally, little looks like changing – at least until the Euro leave date of March 29.

However, on Arran there is much to look forward to in 2019. The spring should not only see the much-anticipated reopening of Brodick Castle as well as the island's second distillery at Lagg, boosting Arran's appeal as a whisky destination.

Work will also start around this time on the first new council houses on Arran for more than 30 years, with the 34 homes in Brodick a much-needed shot in the arm to the affordable housing stock.

It is also to be hoped that now the McLaren Hotel site has been given planning permission for a new hotel, some progress will at least be made soon to clear the eyesore sight and, still in Brodick, the proposed cinema in the old ferry ticket office should be open by Easter.

On the ferry front, some progress should at last be made to the much-needed redevelopment works at Ardrossan. Less certain is just what is going to happen to the new Arran ferry – which we can only hope will come into service at some time in 2019. Fingers crossed.

So it only leaves us to wish all our readers a very Happy New Year.

Thought for the week

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!' 2 Corinthians 5:17

Child support

Sir,
On behalf of Children 1st, I'd like to thank the people of Arran for their continued support for Scotland's national children's charity.

We're overwhelmed by the generosity and fundraising efforts from everyone across Scotland. It's this kindness that has allowed us to help more than 8,000 children and their families this year alone.

We'd like to pay special thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery in

Arran for 10 years of support through Postcode Children Trust which has enabled us to continue delivering vital support services like our advice network Parentline.

In the last year, Parentline supported more than 2,100 parents thanks to the players, and we look to expand our presence locally in the New Year.

We've also been able to prevent and protect children and their families from traumatic experiences, including poverty, loss and abuse thanks to the

players, as well as helping them become stronger and more resilient together.

With the support of players of People's Postcode Lottery through Postcode Children Trust, we can help build a brighter future for more children and families in Arran.

Yours,
Mary Glasgow,
Children 1st

Elderly thanks

Sir,
Contact the Elderly wishes to thank Arran High School

for a lovely Christmas outing. We enjoyed delicious food and great entertainment.

A big thanks go to headmaster Mr Smith and Mrs Foster and the sixth year students who made it such a success.

Here's wishing you all a very happy New Year.

Yours,
Maureen Dockerty
Contact the Elderly
co-ordinator



Ladies raise a glass at cocktail evening

Members and guests of the Shiskine Women's Institute enjoyed an even more social evening than usual at their last meeting which took place at The Teeroom in Shiskine where the theme was cocktail/mocktails.

Adding to the fun atmosphere of the restaurant located at the Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, hostesses Piet Johnston and Clare Buchanan persuaded their husbands, and a few of their friends, to assist as waiters for the evening.

The Teeroom's head chef Alan Dunlop also contributed to an immensely enjoyable evening by demonstrating four simple and delicious canapés which were then served accompanied by a cocktail.

The competition winners of the evening were Alice Anderson who won the quiz, the favourite evening bag was won by Julie Wilkinson and Jenni Turnbull won the best wrapped parcel. Proceeds from the sale of the parcels will all



Looking the part, Ian Buchanan, Douglas Johnston, Ron Woods and David Scott were the cocktail waiters at the WI meeting.

be donated to Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS).

The next meeting of

Shiskine WI is on Wednesday January 9, in Shiskine hall at 7.30pm where the speaker will be Fiona Hen-

derson. The competition is a winter soup and the exhibition will be a bracelet.

Jenni Turnbull

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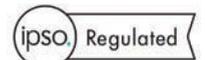
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Shiskine shines at Christmas

Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot have set a shining example of festive spirit this year with their stunning display of village Christmas lights and with their charitable collection for ArCaS.

Known informally as the Shiskine Sparkle – a collection of houses and businesses which take part in a friendly competition to brighten up their premises with festive lights and decorations – the collective illuminations became a much-visited destination for visitors who took their children to see all of the bright lights and Christmas decorations.

Shining brightly this year, Agnes Madden of Shiskine won the good natured competition with a creative display of Santa, elves, snowmen and var-

ious lights which greeted cars approaching Shiskine from the String.

Residents of the Shiskine Valley, and from further afield, packed the Kinloch Hotel on Sunday December 23 to take part in the annual bumper Christmas Mackerel Lottery which, with the help of two generous donations, raised £1,310 for Arran Cancer Support to help fund a palliative care team for Arran.

Posting on social media a hotel spokeswoman said: 'This afternoon you made the Mega Mackerel Lottery the best one yet! We're not sure we've ever had that many people in the restaurant and as for the amount of prizes donated ... you're all amazing! We really cannot thank you enough for all of your support.'



A festive crowd packs the Kinloch Hotel for the annual bumper Christmas Mackerel Lottery.



A festive welcome to Shiskine was the winning decorated house of Agnes Madden. Photo Janice Small.



Houses throughout Shiskine Valley have been lit up.

Photo Alice Kinniburgh

Free fire safety checks for residents

Ahead of new fire safety legislation due to come into force in Scotland in 2021, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) are offering residents a free fire safety check which will include the free fitting of smoke alarms if required.

In the wake of the Grenfell Tower blaze which killed 71 people, the government is amending the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 to update the requirement for ceiling-mounted smoke and heat alarms in all homes, not just privately rented or new-build housing.

This new policy, supported by the fire service, will apply owner-occupier homes to the same fire safety standard currently applied to privately rented property.

In practical terms, the law, which comes into force from 01 February 2021, will require private homes to

have: at least one smoke alarm installed in the room most frequently used, at least one smoke alarm in spaces such as hallways and landings, at least one heat alarm in every kitchen and a carbon monoxide detector.

In addition, there will be a 10-year age limit for alarms and all will have to be ceiling-mounted and should be interlinked.

Decreasing

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'Fires and fatalities from fires have been steadily decreasing in Scotland, but even one avoidable death is one too many.'

'Scotland already has rigorous standards for smoke and fire alarms in private and local authority rented housing. It's time owner-occupiers benefited from the same high standards.'

'I encourage islanders to get their homes ready for the new standards now, to ensure their homes are as safe as possible and compliant before 2021.'

Assistant chief officer David McGown, SFRS, added: 'The presence of working smoke and heat detectors have been proven to significantly reduce casualties and fatalities occurring as a result of fires within the home.'

As part of SFRS's commitment to building a safer Scotland, they are offering everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit, during which they can also fit smoke alarms free of charge if your home requires them.

To arrange your free home fire safety visit, please contact SFRS by telephone on 0800 0731 999, text FIRE to 80800, or visit www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/hfsv-form.aspx

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Brodick pupils are all heart

Brodick Primary School has taken health to heart by promoting the importance of cardiovascular health and raising £743 for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

Fundraising on behalf of the charity, P6 and P7 pupils from the school enthusiastically took part in the challenge with their teacher Anne Watts.

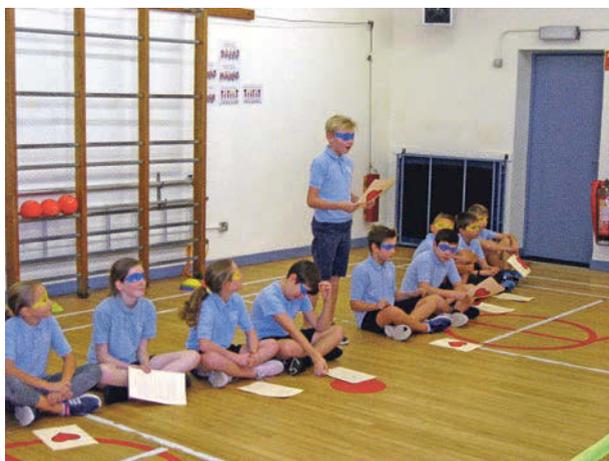
As part of the challenge the class had to learn how to play dodgeball and they worked hard to learn the rules, develop strategies and hone their skills. It was an opportunity for them to improve their own cardiovascular fitness and a chance to make a real contribution to the work of the BHF.

Alongside their training regime each pupil had to secure sponsorship from their family, neigh-

bours and friends. All of their hard work culminated in a presentation to both parents and fellow pupils which was informative and entertaining. Each pupil contributed information as to the dangers of cardiovascular disease, stressing the importance of good heart health and the vital work of the BHF.

The children then entertained the audience with an actual dodgeball session eliciting many 'oohs' and 'aahs' from the spectators. They also invited spectators to join the fun and were delighted when mums and dads stepped up to play.

Mrs Watts speaking about the children's enthusiasm for the challenge said: 'I am pleasantly amazed by their commitment and their positive response to the challenge. Their hard work



Each pupil contributed to the presentation about their understanding of heart health. 01_B01BP501



Pupils use banners and props during their presentation. 01_B01BP502



Brodick Primary School hall is turned into a makeshift dodgeball court. 01_B01BP503



Pupils put their newly learned dodgeball skills to the test. 01_B01BP504



Players enjoy the energetic and lively game. 01_B01BP505

really paid off and the class managed to raise a whopping £743.

'The class and I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported the children and gave so generously to such a worthy cause,' she added.



Driving the point home, pupils lay motionless on the floor. 01_B01BP506

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That was the year that was

A look back at 2018 – part two: July to December



JULY – Waving goodbye, Lamlash early years pupils graduate at a small ceremony attended by parents and grandparents and fellow pupils. 01_B27lamgrad01



JULY – Alison Provan, George Doubleday, Susie Mowatt, Ross Kerr and Kate Mowatt receive their Duke of Edinburgh gold awards at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the capital.



JULY – Newly crowned Lamlash Heather Queen Keira Willis, left, and Bay Queen Greta Litton. 01_B29queen01 and 02_B29BayQueen014



JULY – A group of eight children will be preparing for primary school after graduating from the Brodick Early Years class. 01_B27brodick01



AUGUST – Chairman Richard McMaster congratulates Stuart Reid on winning the overhead championship at the Arran Farmers' Society Show. 01_B31farm28



AUGUST – Chairwoman Jerry Arthur and special guest May Kidd with all of the prize winners at the annual Arran Federation SWI handicraft show. 01_B31SWI01

A look back at 2018 – part



AUGUST – Auchrannie Resort team members join managing director Linda Johnston in cutting a large cake during their 30th birthday celebrations.



AUGUST – Arran RNLI volunteers and crewmen who put on a special show during their open day at Lamlash Pier. 01_B30RNLI01



AUGUST – All of the trophy winners at the 2018 Arran Horticultural Society Summer Show. 01_B33hort27



SEPTEMBER - Producers and heads of food and drink industries on Arran showcase the wealth of produce available from the island during the visit of First Minister Nicola Sturgeon who brought her cabinet to Arran for a meeting. 01_B35front01



SEPTEMBER – Head teacher Barry Smith presents Nastassja Alberti with the Dux award at the annual Arran High School award ceremony. 01_B36front01



SEPTEMBER – SEPA chief executive Terry A’Hearn, Kenneth Gibson MSP and Patricia Gibson MP meet with COAST’s director Paul Chandler, vice chair Russell Cheshire and co-founder Howard Wood at the opening of the new Octopus Centre. 01_B39COAST01



SEPTEMBER – Members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, Stratclyde, visit from Cabinet Secretary Humza Yousaf. 01_B35visit06

Part two: July to December



astacular and interesting display



OCTOBER – Charlotte Weir receives the British Empire Medal from the Lord Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran Sheriff Iona McDonald for her voluntary work with Glasgow City Mission and on Arran. 01_B41medal01



OCTOBER – Raising funds for cancer research, Eileen Gregg, Judith Ross and Lisa Nicolson hosted a charitable coffee morning at Cafe Rosaburn. 01_B40macmillan04



OCTOBER - Arran mourns the loss of a well-known and well-loved character with the passing of Howard Driver. 01_B43howard01



NOVEMBER - Christmas celebrations started early in Lamlash with the Santa Sparkle event where Santa and his elves James Reid and Eilidh Hamill were pictured in Santa's grotto. 01_B48sparkle01



hclyde Police and HM Coastguard received high praise during a



OCTOBER - Lamlash resident Jessie Taylor may be 94 years young but she enjoyed a grand expedition when she had her first outing to Holy Isle in 75 years thanks to the Arran Coastal Rowing Club. Photograph: David Ingham.

That was the year that was

A look back at 2018 – part two: July to December



NOVEMBER – Shops across Arran showed their festive spirit during the Shop Arran event aimed at encouraging people to shop locally by offering discounts and deals.

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NOVEMBER – Left, across Arran lone pipers played the lament in honour of the thousands of pipers who died or were injured during WWI.

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NOVEMBER – Above, Shiskine took third spot in a national drama contest hosted by the Arran SWI federation.



DECEMBER – Pupils from all of Arran's seven primary schools took part in the 20th annual Scottish Dance Festival at Whiting Bay Hall.

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DECEMBER – The Arran Mountain Rescue Team and Feis Arainn were the two community groups on Arran which shared a £40,000 donation from the Brodick Co-op's community fund. Store manager Liz McLean presents team volunteers with a cheque.

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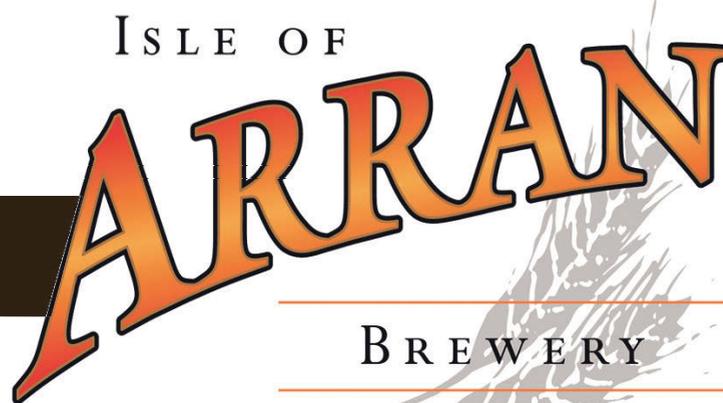
DECEMBER – The entire cast of The Sound of Music sing So Long Farewell at the end of Lamlash Drama Club's production of the popular musical.

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What's on

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Everyday

Octopus Centre
Octopus Centre - Tennis
Corrie Children's Art Exhibition
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Open 9am-dusk
Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm
Open - Mon, Friday & Saturday, 10am - 5pm
Tuesday - Thursday, 11am - 4pm. Tours daily at 2pm

Saturday 5th January

Winter Rink Bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live Music - Shindig
Over 21s' 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

Sunday 6th January

Live Music - The Sensational Biff Simpson
Family games
Fun in the pool
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Folk Music Session

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

Monday 7th January

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 - Anchor Line

Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 6.30pm

Tuesday 8th January

Healthy Outdoors Team
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries
Winter Rink Bowls
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Arran Pace Makers - Jog Scotland Beginners' Group
Steak Night - Two Ribeye Steaks & bottle of wine
Arran Hockey Club - Juniors (5 - 14yrs)
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Traditional Music Sessions
Body Blitz

Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 3pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale pavilion, Brodict, 5.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
Brodict Bar, 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 9th January

Yoga
Brodict Gardens Volunteers
Coffee Morning
Knit and Blether
Archives and Genealogy Service
Dog Classes
Arran Pace Makers Running Group
Lamlash SWI
Tae Kwon Do Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Advanced Juniors & Adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Live Music - Arran Dawn
Family Friendly Pub Quiz
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodict Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
Lamlash Church Hall 10.15 am - 12 noon
Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 10.30am - 12.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Brodict, 5.30pm
Fire Station, 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 6.30pm
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm



Thursday 10th January

Morning fitness
Spin Off Meeting
A.C. L. I. Volunteer Gardening Day
Whiting Bay Thursday Club - Whiting Bay in Years gone By
Messy Church
Steak Night - Two Steak dinners and a bottle of wine
Indian Platter
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome
Badminton, All welcome
Arran Hockey Club - Seniors (12 yrs +)
Arran Soul Choir
Brodict Embroidery Group
Body Blitz
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Church Hall, Whiting Bay 11am - 3pm
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Lesser Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 3.30pm - 5.45pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 5pm - 9pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, from 5.30pm
Little Rock, Brodict, 7pm for 7.15pm
Shiskine Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 7pm - 8.30pm
Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7pm - 9pm
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Friday 11th January

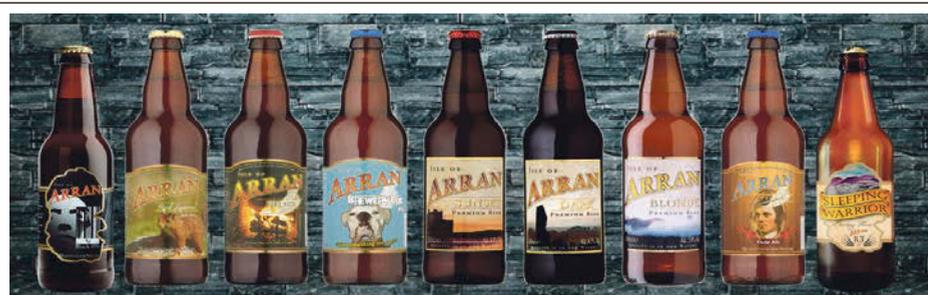
Yoga
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Shiskine Burns Supper
Tae Kwon Do
Live Music - Mike Bailey
Friday Night Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Shiskine Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm
(Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Saturday 12th January

Winter Rink Bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live Music - The Sensational Biff Simpson
Over 21s' Disco

Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
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Canadian visitors in search of their roots

A few months ago a group from New Brunswick and the USA visited the Sannox Christian Centre which has built links with the descendants of the people who built and attended Sannox Church before they left for Canada. Fiona and George Hazel have been to visit them twice. A few years ago Ian and Mary Hamilton came to Arran as they wanted to re-dedicate their marriage in Sannox Church. This time it was a much bigger group which visited and had an amazing time. One of the group, Joan Savoie, who has done a lot of research into her family's links with Arran, tells of the visit.

The trip to the Isle of Arran for 17 descendants of John Hamilton and Margaret Cumming took place in August 2018. According to the Restigouche County, New Brunswick Census of 1851, John and Margaret arrived from the Isle of Arran in 1828. Passed down through family history stories, it was often said that the family of five, John, Margaret and their three children James, Catherine and Ann, arrived on the brig Caledonia.

The trip to Arran was two years in the planning and on August 9, 2018, the descendants from across Canada and the United States, waited as a ferry sailed into the harbour at Ardrossan. Looking towards the ferry, it soon became clear that the group would be boarding the Caledonian Isles which seemed fitting since their ancestors sailed from Arran on a brig of nearly the same name.

With most of the group staying at The Corrie Hotel

in Corrie, it soon became apparent that Arran was very much like the northern shores of New Brunswick. The beach with its rocky shore, looking across the blue water to the mountains, gave an image of New Brunswick looking over the Bay of Chaleur towards the mountains of the Gaspé Coast of Quebec.

There was a feeling of peace knowing that we were standing on the same soil as relatives three generations before.

Once we arrived on the island we were given first class treatment. Our tour guides George and Fiona Hazel, from Sannox Christian Centre, started our tour with a visit to the Arran Heritage Museum where we were introduced to Margaret Wright.

Margaret had done her research on the line of John Hamilton and Margaret Cumming and helped fill in some gaps in the family's story. The museum gave our group a glimpse into life as it was on Arran during the time of our ancestors and how they lived and worked. Names we all recognised were written all around us as we read the stories of the clearances and viewed the maps of our home in Canada.

Next stop was Lamlash, the place where our ancestors sailed away to a new land and a new life. Standing on the same ground



The group sets out on a tour of Arran.

gave us all a sense of belonging. We felt we had been there – there was something familiar to us all as we stood by the Clearance Memorial that was unveiled in 1977 by a lady many of us knew growing up in Blacklands, New Brunswick – Mrs Myrtle (Cook) Maxwell. We knew her story of that trip and the unveiling. Standing on the mound that was still visible where Rev A MacKay preached as families boarded the Caledonia seemed surreal. We felt the presence of our ancestors as we walked the

grounds surrounding the memorial and wondered what they said to each other as they sailed away and looked back towards Arran knowing they would never see this land again.

From the memorial at Lamlash, George and Fiona took our group to the Lamlash cemetery where row upon row of Hamiltons could be seen. The final resting place for Hamilton families going back into the early 1700s. Names familiar to us all, John, Catherine, Margaret, James – names passed down through the gener-

ations from Arran to their new home in New Brunswick.

John Hamilton and his family may have sailed from Lamlash but they came from Kingscross, just a few miles away. Visiting Kingscross was next for the group. Walking down to the beach and dipping our hands in the water made us all feel close to the people who came before us. The beach held a likeness to the beach in Blacklands and many of us commented on how our ancestors must have felt as they walked the beach in Blacklands and felt a familiarity with the land they had left behind. The scenery at Kingscross had so much in common with that of the north shore of New Brunswick, that for a moment if one closed ones eyes, it was easy to imagine we were still in New Brunswick and not miles across the Atlantic.

Our final destination of the day was the Sannox Christian Centre, with a church that was built on land gifted by the Duke of Hamilton. It was in this church that our ancestors would have worshipped and prayed and possibly gathered in service just before leaving their beloved Arran for a new life in a new land across the Atlantic. Within the Sannox Church, many of us felt a spiritual presence, a place where we could slow down and listen and review the events of our day.



The group learn about The Clearances from Margaret Wright at the heritage museum.



Some of the visitors at Kingscross where their ancestors lived.



Two of the group beside the Hamilton Coat of Arms on a gate at Brodick Castle.



The group learn of their ancestors from Margaret Wright.



On our final day on Arran we joined together in Sannox Church to worship, singing in song and listening to scriptures giving us a sense of peace and healing. The Sannox Christian Centre is more than just buildings that are being restored, it is a place that will once again offer 'blessing, healing and restoration and hope to all who come'. It was so exciting to hear of the plans to restore the church and build a new centre. The restoration of Dundarroch Cottage has been done to a very high standard, with four ensuite bedrooms sleeping

nine to 10 people. It will be so good to see the church and manse restored and the new arts centre, seminar rooms and beehive chapel built.

Many of us said we would return – there is more to see and do with learning about our past and who our ancestors were and how they lived before the clearances and their new life in a new country. The folk at Sannox Christian Centre have built strong links to our folk in New Brunswick and Quebec, joining the past to the present. We look forward to building on that with the people of Arran.



Ian and Sharon at a standing stone at Sannox Church.



A group photo after dinner at the Corrie Hotel.

Sightings sought for the 2018 Arran Bird Report

There are a number of historical publications on the birds on Arran including, *Birds of Arran* written by Robert Gray in 1872 published by Bell and Bain of Glasgow and *The Birds of the Island of Arran* written by J.A. Gibson in 1956 published by Bute Newspapers Limited.

While historical publications are interesting, Arran bird records are sparse until the Arran Natural History Society published its first annual Arran Bird Report in 1978. These reports provide a unique record of the bird life of this special island over the last 40 years. All are available at the archives section of the Isle of Arran Heritage Museum and more recent ones are available as a free download from http://www.arranbirding.co.uk/annual_bird_reports.html

Responsibility

In 2006, the responsibility for writing the annual Arran bird report fell to me. To do this effectively I appreciate that I require the support of a great many people. I have been encouraged that in 2018, I received almost 20,000 bird sightings from around 300 contributors. Some of these contributors are residents and some are visitors. All share an interest in the birds of Arran. Their sightings will form the basis of the Arran Bird Report 2018.

This is a beginning of the year prompt to encourage all *Banner* readers to share their Arran bird sightings with me.

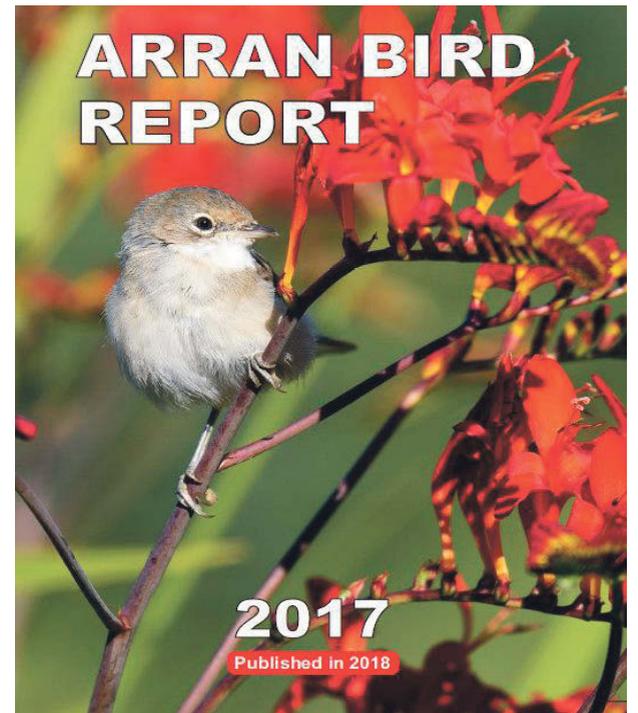
All contributions are welcome. I am not just interested in rare or unusual birds, but common birds: where there are significant numbers of common birds, which birds come to the garden at different times of the year, where breeding birds have been seen, when our summer or winter visitors have arrived or departed, and what sightings have given individuals particular pleasure.

I know that a number of people keep, for their own

interest, all sorts of bird notes and I would encourage these people to share this information with me, so that the basis of our annual Arran Bird Report can be as comprehensive as possible.

Best wishes for 2019 and enjoy your birding.

Please send all sightings for 2018, giving 'what, when, where', by Monday 7 January 2019 to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2017 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



The cover of the Arran Bird Report for 2017.



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Battered ferry

The scarred MV Caledonian Isles, which goes for her annual service in a few days time, is well deserving of some rest following an eventful period during the storms that wreaked havoc and caused thousands of pounds worth of damage on Arran on Boxing Day.

At around 10pm, on the night of the storms, the crew gangway broke free. When first mate Calum Bryce went to secure it with some crew members, he was knocked over and injured his head. Piermaster Robbie Brown took him to hospital where he received seven stitches. Getting back was less easy as the roads were blocked by fallen trees.

When they did arrive they found that the ferry had broken all but one of her moorings and she was secured to the pier only by the bow. The injured mate with some pier hands then managed to release this last rope and MV Caledonian Isles involuntarily made to sea.

Too dangerous to try and berth again she sailed round for the rest of the night with the crew gangway hanging down and bashing against her side. In the calm of morning the dangling gangway prevented

her from coming alongside at the pier and heavy lifting equipment had to be brought in.

The first mate is recovering well and the ship, although scarred, will herself be going to the ship's hospital for repairs.

Crime falls

Is Arran becoming a safer place? The answer, according to a set of statistics just released, appears to be 'yes'.

Arran's police sergeant Jim Weir has compiled a comprehensive list of local crime and offence statistics, dating back to 1989, which suggests that crime rates have dropped significantly in the past 12 months, in comparison both with 1997 and most previous years.

The total number of crimes committed on Arran during the calendar year was 57, compared to 179 in 1997 and 185 two years ago. And similar trends are evident on a month-to-month basis.

During July, Arran's busiest month of the year, crimes reported fell from 23 in 1996 to 14 last year and nine this summer while the rate in October, regarded as the police's quietest month, dropped from 21, 12 months ago to only two this year.



Young John Murchie and Beth Hamilton hang on to the first wriggling lamb of the season as John's brother Finlay and Beth's sister Anna wait their turn while mum keeps a watchful eye on them all. 01_B01twe04



Members of Arran Brass perform outside the Co-op in Brodick which raised £250 for Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland. 01_B01twe02



Primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils in North Ayrshire have been given free reflective armbands for walking to and from school on dark winter days. Pirnmill was the first school on Arran to be presented with the armbands by councillor John Sillars who is joined by police sergeant Jim Weir and head teacher Wilma Morton. 01_B01twe01



Stuart Paton and daughter Ashley were the winners of the Lamlash playgroup raffle when their three lucky numbers coincided with the serial number of a £100 note – earning them a giant cheque for £100. 01_B01twe03



Arran's own Jamie Murchie of Lamlash was included in the Ayrshire team at the Under-14 Inter-Area badminton Championship at Linwood recently. Ayrshire finished fifth of the nine participating regions and Jamie is pictured second from right in the back row.

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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

Alternatively for postal enquiries please send your application to-

Duncan Russell
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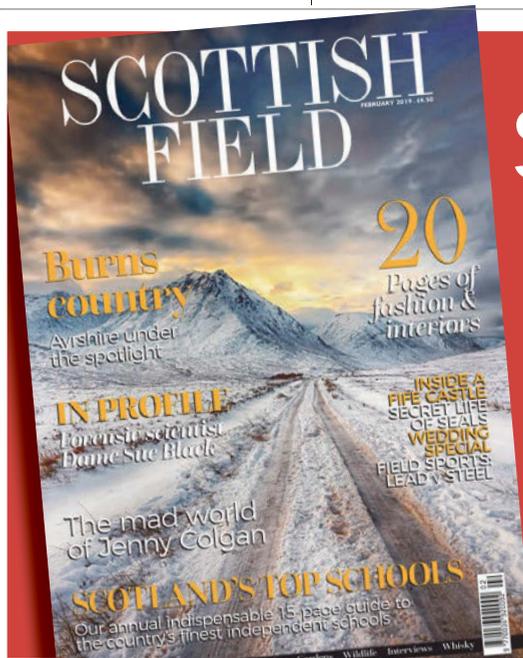
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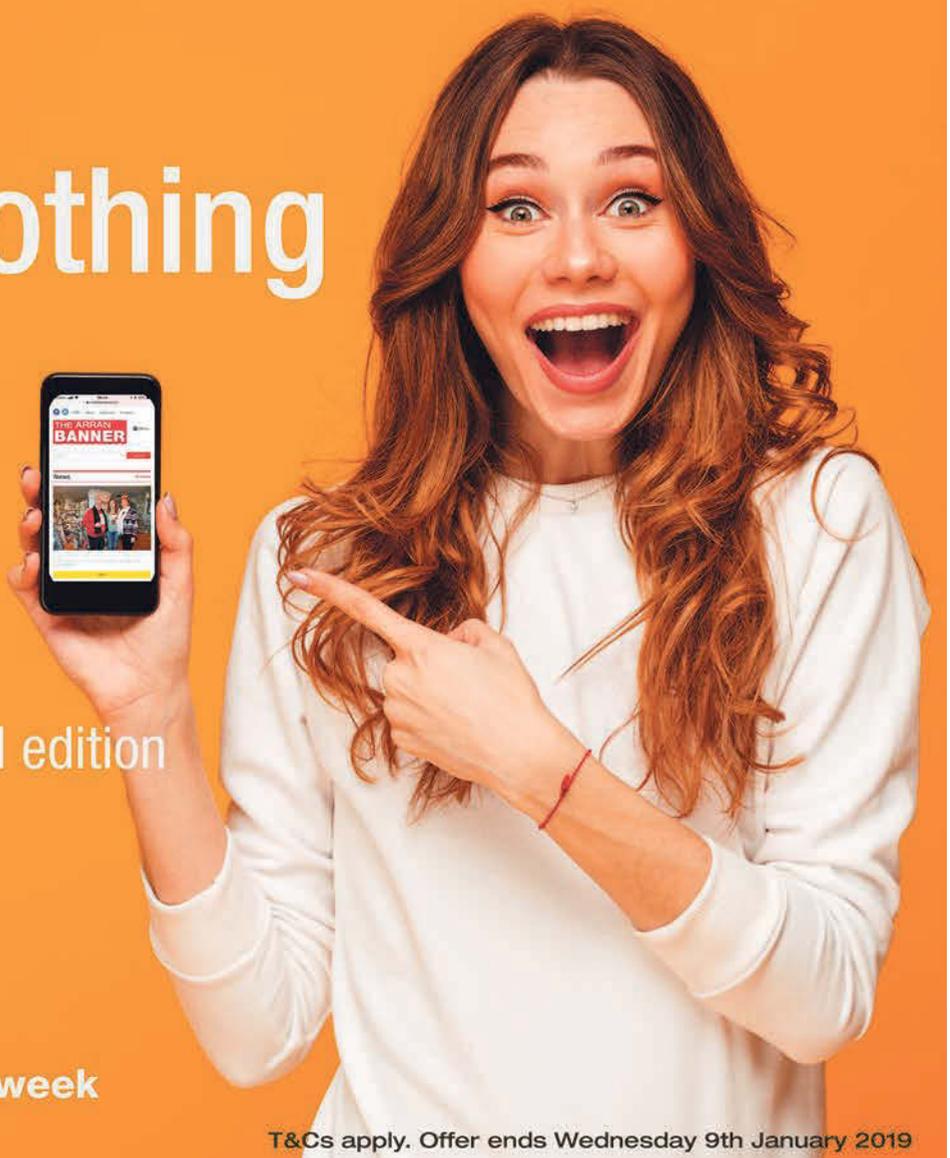
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Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together

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 6th January

Lochranza and Pirmill Churches together, 10.15am.

Morning Worship at Lochranza Church.
Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am, Prayer meeting, 12noon, Morning Worship.

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Sunday 6th January

Holy Communion - 11 am.
Rev Barry Roberts
Coffee after service
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 6th January

Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge,
Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 6th January

Mrs Liz Clarke
Kilmory - 10 am.
Lamlash - 11.30 am.
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 6th January

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland
Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 6th January

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.

There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are welcome.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 6th January

Sunday Worship at 11am
'Heather Lodge', Brodick
Telephone 700346

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 6th January

Service 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Telephone 600222
Everyone warmly invited

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 6th January

Sunday Mass 11am

DEATH

FULLERTON: Isabella. Peacefully at Montrose House on Friday, 28th December 2018. Isabel, aged 77 years, beloved wife of the late George, much loved mum of William, George and Stephen, devoted grandmother of the family. Funeral service at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Thursday, 10th January at 10:30 am to which all are welcome.

THANK YOU

A Happy New Year from **JOHN ANDERSON** and family, of Hillcrest, Machrie wishing friends and neighbours all the best for 2019

Thank you to all who have sent greetings and messages of support while John is in hospital on the mainland



Machrie Bay golfers get into the festive spirit at the two-club competition.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday December 26. A total of 10 played in the Boxing Day Christmas Bottle played as a Stableford from the yellow tees. Reflecting the clement weather and the condition of the course, scoring was good. Nine players scored 30 points or more but with both scoring a fine 40 points, Jamie Macpherson pipped John Pennycott on a countback to win the bottle. 1 Jamie Macpherson 5, 40pts, ACB, 2 John Pennycott 15, 40, 3 David Brookens 12, 37. Magic twos, Dave Hackett at 4th, Sandy Pringle at 11th.

Sunday December 30. Heavy overnight rain stopped just in time to allow 11 to play in the Nearly Hogmanay Sweep, played as a yellow tees Stableford to match the relaxed atmosphere of the holiday season. Indeed, so relaxed was the mood and so mild was the weather that

many ended their round in short sleeves. For the second game in a row, John Pennycott found himself pipped to first place when Dave Hackett matched his 40 points but prevailed on a countback over the last nine holes. 1 Dave Hackett 13, 40pts ACB, 2 John Pennycott 15, 40, 3 Wolfi Kroner 16, 38. Magic two Neillie McKechnie @11th.

Fixtures: Sunday January 6, AGA Winter League round three at Whiting Bay. As ties will be played from shotgun starts, the course is reserved for the duration of the matches.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday December 16, Winter Cup Stableford, nine played, NC. 1 Fred Galbraith 19, 39pts ACB, 2 Chris Pattenden 15, 39pts, 3 Brian Smith 13, 36pts.

Sunday December 23, Winter Cup Stableford, 14 played, NC. 1 Fred Galbraith 19, 38pts, 2 Iain Sillars 16, 37pts ACB, 3 Finlay Sillars 13, 37pts. Two great wins in a row for Fred the postie during the busiest time of the year!

Sunday December 30, Winter Cup Stableford, 14 played, NC. 1 Ali Hume 12, 43pts, 2 Bill Donaldson 16, 40pts, 3 Chris Pattenden 15, 37pts.

Fixtures: Sunday January 6, Sweep, 9am and noon. Sunday January 13, Brandon and Winter Cup, 9am and noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Thursday December 27, two-club competition. Ladies: 1 Fiona Scott 44.5, 2 Piet Johnston 47.5. Gents: 1 Brian Sherwood 35.5, 2

Campbell Laing 36.5, 3 David Jeffrey and Phil Betley 37.

Fixtures: Saturday January 5, Lochranza Hotel Cup at noon. Tuesday January 8, Winter Cup, tee off at noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday December 26, Boxing Day Charity Texas Scramble at Shiskine, seven teams of four played. Longest drive at the 2nd (ladies), Piet Johnston; nearest the pin at the 4th (ladies), Ghislaine Taylor; longest drive at the 9th (gents), Louis Taylor; hole in one at the 10th, Stanley Tod. Congratulations! Winners were the Tods, David, Jackie, Stanley and

Matthew McNeish with 37.9

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday December 22, Sweep. 1 A Smith 74-11=63. Scratch G Andrew 73.

Arran Golfers' Association

Fixture: Sunday January 6, Winter League (Duncan Trophy) at Whiting Bay Golf Club. 10am shotgun start for every game. All golfers are requested to arrive in time to be at the allocated tees and wait until 10am and a clear fairway ahead. Whiting Bay v Shiskine, Corrie v Lamlash, Machrie Bay v Brodick.



Stanley Tod scored a hole-in-one at the Texas Scramble at Shiskine on Boxing Day.

A look back at a big year of



JULY - A field of 91 runners set off on the Isle of Arran half marathon at Blackwaterfoot. 01_B27half01



AUGUST - Blackwaterfoot bowlers join the Laidler-Gardner participants in celebrating their win for the first time in 14 years.



AUGUST - Newly formed Isle of Arran AFC, pictured with sponsors,



JULY - Brodick Golf Club, winners of the AGA Hope Cup for the fourth time in five years.



SEPTEMBER - Champions! Arran Dairies representative Greg McCrae presents Southend captain Danny Head with the Arran Dairies League Cup. 01_B35footy01



JULY - Brodick's iconic attraction, the new mini-golf course has been put to good use by visitors and locals. 01_B28minigolf01

The Arran Banner SPORT



AUGUST - Yvonne Currie makes history as the first female competitor in the heavy events at the Brodick Highland Games. 01_B32front01



SEPTEMBER - Arran swimmers completed the gruelling Lamlash Splash. 01_B38splash16



OCTOBER - All of the participants at the inaugural Round Holy Isle kayak race: Andy McNamara, Martin Wood, Fiona Clark, Andrew Rigby and Mark Sadler.

sport July to December



at their first historic home game at Ormidale pavilion. 01_B34AAF02



OCTOBER - Arran High School pupils were delighted to once again receive a Sports Scotland Gold Award for demonstrating a high standard of sporting ability and opportunities. 01_B43AHS01



NOVEMBER - Arran United 2010 five-a-side team, who faced Troon in a friendly football festival. 01_B44united02



OCTOBER - The Arran Ladies Hockey Club team who faced Milne Craig Clydesdale Western 6s in their opening home game at the Ormidale astro turf. 01_B40hockey01



NOVEMBER - Golfing ladies. The main prize-winners at the Lamlash ladies' prize-giving.



DECEMBER - All of the Brodick Bowling Club prize-winners pictured at the Brodick Golf Club clubhouse.



DECEMBER - Members of the Arran Belles, Arran MTBs and the Arran Velo Club met in Lamlash for their annual Christmas ride-out.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:

A look back at a big year of sport July to December

Never too old to go in for a dook

Ten brave swimmers took to the icy waters of Lamlash when a revived Boxing Day Dook was staged this year.

And joining them was 70-year-old Liza Lindsay-McDowell, a visiting gran, who took part with her grandson Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith.

While some donned wetsuits, others walked calmly into the sea at Lamlash Pier in their swimming costumes to make the

short swim round the pier before emerging to some comforting towels being held by their family and friends.

Also taking part was Hugh Sheridan from Liverpool, who undertook the dook with his dog Ella to raise money for Bi-polar UK.

He has already raised £330 with donations still coming in.

Photographs by Hugh Boag



Gran Liza and Ruaridh, centre, join the brave dookers entering the water at Lamlash jetty. 01_B01dook01



The dookers brave the chilly waters with a smile. 01_B01dook04



Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith is first home followed by his dad Barry. 01_B01dook05
Inset: Charity swimmer Hugh Sheridan emerges from the water. 01_B01dook07

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