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Council insist they won't be a Fisherman's friend

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The most popular coastal walk on Arran has been left partially washed away following a number of exceptionally high tides that have submerged the area and deposited marine debris across the pathway.

Now urgent action is needed if the usually scenic Fisherman's Walk, which runs along Brodick Bay, is to be restored to allow full access for all ability of walkers.

But North Ayrshire Council has insisted it has no intention of helping to restore the walk as the land is owned by Arran Estates. Instead the Brodick Improvements Committee is likely to be left to try to restore some of the area.

It is not unusual for Fisherman's Walk to experience flooding at this time of the year, owing to seasonal conditions, however the eroded landscape had already deteriorated earlier this year prior to the ar-

rival of the winter storms with their damaging easterly winds.

The tidal lagoon at the start of the route and bordering the Brodick golf course has again acted as a sump for the area, collecting a huge amount of kelp, which is also strewn across the low lying land and which has had its green covering scoured away, exposing the underlying dark rock.

Winter damage

Further signs of winter damage can be seen on the recently repaired wooden walkway where a number of planks having been replaced and some subsidence is visible on the usually level walkway, which provides walkers with a convenient route over the boggy terrain.

At the other end of the bay at Cladach, near Dukes Beach, a similar picture of tidal weathering can be witnessed owing to the large amount of sand that the wind and tide have shifted

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The Fisherman's Walk entrance at Cladach shows evidence of repeated flooding, kelp deposition and erosion.

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The first lambs of spring

Newborn lambs usually mark the start of the new year and these two arrivals, among the first on the island, were welcomed this week by Janis Murchie in Shiskine. Pictured are Lexie Smith holding a pedigree Suffolk lamb and Zara Smith with a pedigree Poll Dorset lamb shortly after they were born.

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Auchrannie faces Brexit challenge

Profits increased at Auchrannie Resort by nearly one-third in its most recent financial year, writes Hugh Boag.

The company reported a pre-tax profit of £448,493 for the year ended March 31, 2018, up from £308,982 the previous year. The accounts coincided with the hotel's move into employee ownership in January last year, which gave each of its 160 employees a direct stake in the business.

The change came during a year which saw Auchrannie maintain occupancy rates at 90 per cent, helping to grow turnover to £7.6 million up from £7.2m.

Director Colin Morrison noted that profits had increased following a concerted effort to make savings across the business, ahead of it becoming a 'real living wage' employer following year-end in April.

Recruit

However, he noted that Brexit is undermining the company's ability to retain and recruit staff from EU countries. Currently, around one-third of Auchrannie's staff come from nations within the EU, which the UK is scheduled to leave on March 29.

In his annual interview with The Herald news-

paper Mr Morrison said: 'Certainly this summer there were quite a lot of reasonably long-term team members who headed back to their home countries. We are finding it more difficult to recruit from Europe.'

Asked whether Brexit is causing the business in other ways, Mr Morrison said there has been a reduction in the average length of stay guests are booking, reflecting diminished consumer confidence. He also expressed concern that Brexit could hit consumer spending if it puts more pressure on the economy.

Mr Morrison added that £800,000 was invested



The lodges at the new couples retreat at Auchrannie Resort.

last year to add six new eco-lodges to the resort's new couples retreat in the Auchrannie grounds, which began taking guests in June. The performance of the lodges is being assessed with a view to more being added.



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The Fisherman's Walk, which stretches round Brodick Bay to Cladach, remains well used.

Continued from page one and where large sandbanks have built up along the mouth of the river.

A spokesman for the Brodick Improvements Committee said: 'We are very concerned that this

most popular section of coastal walk continues to deteriorate.

'We will continue to monitor the situation as the weather improves and look to what more we can do to recover ac-

cessibility for all users.' Last month a section of the boardwalk near Brodick was damaged by storms and it was repaired with the help of the Arran Access Trust and staff from the new Arran Geopark.

'Their assistance was much appreciated,' the committee spokesman added.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'We understand the section of Fisherman's Walk in question is located at Cladach Beach. This area is in private ownership and the council has no plans to carry out any remedial works.'



Seaweed and kelp litter the area near the wooden walkway which is still undergoing running repairs.

Free screening of Arran comedy film

The first public screening of the comedy film *Uncowed* will be held tonight (Saturday) at 7pm at Arran High School, followed by a short documentary of the making of the film.

The screening is free but optional donations can be made towards the high school students' 2019 trip to Tanzania.

Uncowed was filmed entirely on Arran last July, with an island cast including Stuart Gough, David Simpkin, Andy McNamara, James Smith, Geoffrey Botterill, Sheila Gilmore, Charles Currie, Marvin Elliott, Val Waite, Isla Blair, Mark and Natasha Nelson. Other locals make cameo appearances. The comedy film has the serious purpose of empowering people to stand up to bullying.

Sean Bruce Monteith a film student studying at SAE Institute in Glasgow, spent two weeks on the set and here shares his experience working on the film.

He writes: 'Shooting on location on Arran, I worked as a production trainee helping in every area I possibly could. In two brief summer weeks I learned a great deal about film-making.

'Touring the island as we filmed enabled us to capture the beauty of Arran, incorporating the landscapes and even some local buildings into numerous scenes.

'When you watch it, keep an eye out – you might just recognise a few places. This also proved to be a great bonding experience for the cast and crew, some

with years of experience in the industry and others, like me, being relatively new to the game.

'Those with more experience were always encouraging, demonstrating the professional way to operate equipment and through their work teaching me how a film set should be run.

'An atmosphere of creativity filled the set each day, every member involved in production doing their best so in turn the film would be better for it.

'Ideas were constantly being shared as we approached each and every scene, some of mine even made it in there.

'What did I learn? I managed to develop on my previous ability and gain many new skills. From camera operation, audio and even editing, every step of the process is a valued experience to me.

'Each individual crew member, actor and actress made this experience a great one. However, I simply cannot talk about this film without giving my personal thanks to Chris Atkins, writer and director, and Jan Atkins, writer and producer. Their work to get this film from con-



James Smith and Andy McNamara as the hapless Fraser and Scott on the Corrie jetty with the film crew.

cept to reality is simply remarkable and without them giving me this opportunity I would have never had this fantastic experience.

'With a strong anti-bullying message and a lot of laughs along the way, *Uncowed* will undoubtedly be worth the watch.'



Fraser and Scott measuring out plots of Arran for sale.

Boat plea

A Whiting Bay woman has asked for help in trying to find her boat which has gone missing.

Anne Hodge of Sandbraes contacted the Banner and asked: 'Has anybody seen my wee boat? It is usually lying at the back of Sandbraes beach but it has vanished.

'Perhaps the storm of November dislodged it. Please tell me if you have seen it, or salvaged it.'

Dog classes

Dog obedience classes will resume on Wednesday January 16 at 12.30pm in Whiting Bay village hall. Anyone interested can either turn up on day or call Margaret Kay for more information on 600858.

Club draw

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club Christmas draw were: 1st prize Monika Senn, 2nd prize Ellen Derrick, 3rd prize Kirsten Weir.

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The MV Hebridean Isles and the MV Isle of Arran lie storm-bound in Brodick.

Storm-bound ferries tied up in Brodick

Here is a great picture of CalMac making full use of both berths at the new Brodick ferry terminal as the ferries lie storm-bound in Brodick on Monday when high winds saw all sailings cancelled.

It shows the replacement MV Hebridean Isles tied up at the linkspan and the MV Isle of Arran at the other berth and the similarity between the

two boats is striking. The MV Hebridean Isles, Eileanan Innse Gall, came into service in 1986 just two years after the MV Isle of Arran after being built at the Cochrane Shipbuilders Ltd, Selby, North Yorkshire.

After operating the Uig Triangle for 15 years of her service, she now mostly joins MV Finlaggan in operating between Kennacraig and Islay,

with occasional secondments to help out elsewhere in the network.

The MV Isle of Arran, a more regular visitor to Arran, was launched in 1984 at Ferguson Ailsa, as the Clyde yard was called then, and served 10 years on the Ardrossan to Brodick route, then a stint to Islay before taking up her current duties.

Photograph by John Baraclough

Have your say on budget priorities

Residents on Arran are being urged to make their voice heard when it comes to setting priorities for next year's council budget.

North Ayrshire Council wants as many residents as possible to have their say as the financial picture for 2019/20 starts to become clearer.

For the second year in succession, residents can go online to take part in the budget engagement.

By visiting www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/whatmatters, residents can take a short survey letting the council know where it should focus its priorities for the year ahead.

For those without internet access, printed copies are being made available at libraries.

Council leader Joe Cullinane said: 'As a result of austerity, the council has already faced tens of millions of pounds of cuts from jobs and services in recent years, and there is no end of austerity in sight.

'That means it becomes even harder each year to balance a budget that doesn't damage local services or loses more jobs. Unless the situation changes, there is no escaping the fact that the way the council delivers its services will have to change.

'That's why the views of our communities in setting out where the council's priorities should be for the years ahead is vitally important. We want as many people as possible to let us know matters to them.'

The online survey will be available 24 hours a day until January 31, and it only takes a few minutes to complete. The results of the survey will be used to inform the council as it sets out its budget proposals early next year.

The online survey can also be printed out and submitted to Arran Library or any North Ayrshire library.

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Village shop may be part of hotel revamping plan

The refurbishment of the Sannox Bay Hotel may have an added benefit for residents as plans lodged with North Ayrshire Council include a village shop.

The full planning application by the new owners, the Real Dragon's Den, includes the refurbishment and alteration and partial change of use of the hotel which has been closed for two years.

Plans, first revealed by the Banner last April, include alterations which will change the accommodation type to more of a self-catering nature and will bring the hotel up to date with more modern interior and furnishings.

Overhaul

The refurbishment will also include an overhaul of the roof along with a substantial upgrade to the damp-proofing and insulation of the building to bring it up to modern standards.

The kitchen and restaurant of the hotel will also be upgraded and the large conservatory at the front of the building will be converted into the owner's accommodation. Special attention will also be put into ensuring that the building is accessible for people with disabilities or mobility issues.

In addition, the plans include a small village shop which will stock essentials items such as bread, milk, newspapers and groceries and an online offering will help to boost its sales.

A spokesman from the Real Dragon's Den said: 'Our group of friends have reopened many closed shops and made many successes.

'If the overheads are kept right down and the shop managed well – plus local folk and visitors use it – then it will be viable. The saving grace for many shops we have helped reopen is the internet. The general retail element (customers through the front door) will help pay the overheads such as electricity/telephone/wages. If you add some internet retail into the mix, this can mean the difference between being viable or not.

'There is only one way to find out: open the hotel shop for a trial six months. If it is utilised and supported by local folk, then we will keep it going. If not, then it shall have an interesting, real-life lesson to study and learn from.'

The Scottish company specialises in bringing closed businesses back to life and out of its 27 suc-



The Sannox Bay Hotel.
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cessful projects completed over its 20-year existence so far, the Sannox Bay Hotel is the fifth hotel project.

The application is currently under consideration by planning officials and neighbour notifications have been issued to four properties within 20 metres of the boundary site.

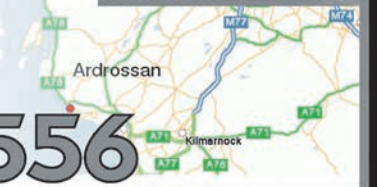
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Dookers take the plunge



Participants at the head of the procession make their way along the promenade with face masks in honour of friends who could not make the dook this year. 01_B02dook01



Team Douglas Hotel pose for a group photograph following their dook. 01_B02dook04



Impervious to the cold, two children take great delight in swimming while their mum, in grey and black, seems less impressed. 01_B02dook09

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Arran went dook crazy this year with no fewer than five events across the island.

In the biggest, more than 60 hardy souls took part in the annual New Year's Day dook in Brodick Bay with a large number of spectators going along to witness the spectacle.

Fixture

Now in its seventh year, the dook which is organised by the Douglas Hotel and which started as a small challenge by a group of friends, has become a regular and the first fixture

of the year in the Arran calendar. Starting with a procession along the foreshore, the dookers made their way from the Douglas Hotel to the Brodick jetty, in fancy dress and festive outfits as usual, before launching themselves into the ice-cold water.

Illness

This year there was no theme, however, organisers and Douglas Hotel staff wore face masks of two of their friends who were unable to make the event this year through illness.

Coinciding with the horn of the MV

Isle of Arran, which sounded in remembrance of the Iolaire tragedy - as did all vessels in the CalMac fleet - the dookers entered the water at midday.

Other villages got in on the act this year with Lochranza, Corrie and Shiskine Valley all holding New Year's Day dooks of their own and, of course, they followed the Lamlash Dook on Boxing Day covered by the Arran Banner last week.

All Brodick Dook photographs by Colin Smeeton.



Dookers running into the water at the Shiskine Valley dook. Photograph: Eilidh Kerr.



A group of friends hold hands as they enter the water. 01_B02dook10



Making a splash: dookers enter the water while others make a hasty exit. 01_B02dook07



Spectators line the jetty and promenade to watch the dookers take to the water. 01_B02dook05



One of the founding dookers, Sean Henry, owner of the Douglas Hotel, was the first into the water with his mask in honour of his unwell friend. 01_B02dook02

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Known as the Lochranza Loonies, these swimmers took part in the second annual dook.
Photograph Gail Scott.



The contingent who took part in the first Corrie village dook. Photograph: Jack Benjamin Toye.



Children, dogs and dookers take to the cold waters of Brodick Bay. 01_B02dook06



An expression defines how this dooker found the temperature of the water. 01_B02dook08



This youngster, who brought along a small paddle board, was reluctant to leave the water. 01_B02dook11



A man and his dog take to the water to enjoy a swim in the bay. 01_B02dook03

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Editorial

Back in use

The issue raised by the Arran Civic Trust this week concerning the number of buildings on the island being left to decay is a serious one.

The need for housing, particularly affordable housing, has been well documented in the pages of the Banner, but while progress is being made a huge amount still needs to be done.

The sight of derelict buildings, in various stages of disrepair which could be brought back into use is heartbreaking. And why owners, large and small, cannot see the benefit of the income that could be raised from the redevelopment of these properties for rent or sale beggars belief.

The ACT article this week focuses largely on properties in the South-end, but this is an island-wide problem and one which needs to be urgently addressed.

However, often the problem lies in ownership, or a lack of knowledge of ownership. A first step to finding out who owns land or property in Scotland is to access the Registers of Scotland's registers or post a notice on the door.

Perhaps we can see a few more properties brought back into use in 2019.

Thought for the week

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law – Galatians 5:22-23

Craig Dhu remembered

Sir,
The article in the Banner about the Craig Dhu guest house in Lamdash (Saturday December 29) reminded me of three memorable holidays in 1952, 1953 and 1954 that I had with my parents.

We visited during the Kilmarnock Fair fortnight in August and so there were several family groups from the town like ourselves. There were also folk from Paisley and Clackmannan I remember. I attach a snap showing me with my mother's bike in front of the entrance porch in 1954.

On our first visit we were 'housed' in a wooden shed situated in the rear garden at the end of the drive. In the later years, we were 'promoted', as frequent visitors, to the annex. This addition to the house on the right end of the building as

you face it, is still there but it no longer has an external door as far as I can see.

The receipt displayed by Ms Linton showing a two-week family holiday at £35 7/- is interesting too. I remember my father having £1 a week reserved from his £8 wage packet every week to accumulate to pay for the summer holidays. In the early 1950s the cost was around £30 for the three of us. As this was around four weeks' wages, it was a significant family expense despite the amount seeming now so low.

The location of the guest house was ideal for a child living away from the coast. Right in front of the guest house was the sea with a narrow sandy bathing strip. In those days there was a lot of international shipping on the Firth of Clyde so from the windows of the Craig Dhu you could spot large cargo ships in light tropical colours mak-

ing their way to and from Glasgow.

Sometimes a large naval ship would pass in the distance and about 15 minutes later the wash would come crashing on to the beach as it swept between Clauchlands Point and the Holy Isle and into the bay.

Happy days.

Yours,

**Ian A Brown,
Blairgowrie.**



Ian Brown on his mum's bike at Craig Dhu in 1954.

Where does money go?

Sir,
Your front-page (Saturday December 29) reports that tourism is worth more than £60 million a year to Arran. Where does the money go? It is certainly not going into the pockets of local people.

It has previously been said that only two hotels on the island can afford to pay the real living wage of £8.75 per hour. What does this mean? Is the £60 million figure an illusion, or are a lot of people working for next to nothing?

It sounds like a rip off to me. Why don't you try and get to the bottom of that one?

Yours,

**Alistair McIntosh,
Lamlash.**



Exhibition highlights plastic fight

Think About Plastic-Arran (TAP) is delighted to be kicking off Arran Library exhibitions for 2019.

The TAP steering group, which includes both of Arran's councillors, representatives from the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), EcoSavvy, the Co-op and representatives from local businesses and community groups, aims to get everyone on Arran thinking about their purchasing decisions concerning plastic items, their use of plastic, in particular single-use plastic, and how they dispose of plastic.

Helen How, chairwoman of TAP-Arran, said: 'Everyone is aware of the



The TAP exhibition features information and an interactive component to spread the message.

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awful consequences that plastic in our seas has on marine life and the environment.

'This exhibition aims to show how residents and visitors on Arran can make minor changes in their homes and businesses to

result in significant changes to the amount of plastic ending up on our beaches and entering the seas around Arran.

'TAP is already working with many island organisations and businesses to achieve this aim but we

hope to engage even more.'

The exhibition will run until January 31. It includes information about the amount, type and source of litter on Arran's beaches, an interactive activity about recycling and ideas about how we can all help keep Arran's seas and beaches plastic free.

Individuals, businesses and organisations with the drive to contribute to reducing the amount of plastic in our seas can get information and support from TAP-Arran and sign up to become TAP allies via their website www.think-aboutplastic-arran.co.uk or by telephoning 01770 600081.

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Help is sought for otter conservation

A Glasgow University student who is studying the effects of microplastics in marine life is appealing to walkers and wildlife enthusiasts on Arran for assistance in collecting spraint (otter dung) samples as part of his dissertation research.

Pablo Garcia is investigating how microplastics are travelling in the food chain around the Firth of Clyde and the impact that they have on otters and their prey. This research will provide conservationists and scientists with data

that will be invaluable in otter, and other wildlife, conservation.

Otters can be found in various locations around Arran – most notably in Kildonan and Lochranza, where sightings are common – with spraint samples equally abundant on the coasts and rocky shores where otters can be seen fishing or playing.

Research

Pablo said: 'My time on Arran has been great. I have completed my first week of data collection and it has been brilliant. In this first week, 30 spraints have been collected. This would not have been possible without the help of the residents of the island

in collecting samples. This help is being really important in order to complete this research study during the last year of my degree – Bsc Hons Environmental Science and Sustainability.

'If enough data (spraints) is collected there is a good chance this research study will be published by Glasgow University.

'After all the data is collected, I will analyse the spraints in the university laboratory to find out if the otters around Arran are under threat of microplastics and, if found to be present in otters, I will examine the possible ways that they are entering in the otters' system by studying their diet and looking at trophic



Two otters can be seen on a bed of kelp. Spraints provide important clues about their diets. Photo Richard Shucksmith

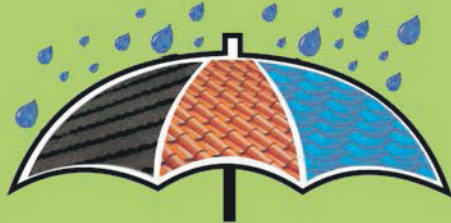


Glasgow university student Pablo Garcia is pictured collecting otter spraints in Lochranza.

transfer in the marine food chain. This study will add information to help to develop conservation projects and to establish policies and laws which would help mitigate one of the most important global issues, plastic pollution in the oceans.'

If you would like to get involved in this research, Pablo can be contacted on 2197669G@student.gla.

ac.uk and he will be happy to provide you with information on how to collect and record your samples and how to preserve them – which is as simple as popping them into a zip-lock bag. Samples can be handed into the Community of Arran Seabed Trust's Octopus Centre in Lamlash where they will be stored in a freezer for later collection and analysis.



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Why are these buildings



6. The church at Bennicarrigan is all that remains.

The Arran Civic Trust is much concerned that, if buildings with their strong historical references continue to decay, part of Arran's history, and an important part, will be lost for ever.

Ian Ferguson, who wrote this article, said: 'We appeal to the owners, whether major landowners or smaller private ones, to make proper provision to conserve or restore what is left. At the very least, photographic and written records should be made and archived for future generations.'

Those readers lucky enough to have had access to Isle of Arran Heritage: the Arran High School Project, the so-called children's book published in 2002 with the aid of Lottery money but, sadly, not in general circulation, will find under the section devoted to The South End that references are made to the lifestyles of the people who inhabited Bennicarrigan and Glenrie during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

People live in houses. Houses define people and provide the ambiances for their living, surrounded as they are by friends, neighbours and work places. People lived in Bennicarrigan and Glenrie, but also in now forgotten places such as Bogarie and Gargadale. A visitor today will find little trace of these old clachans, just sufficient to stir the imagination and ask the questions why and how?

Arran has been settled for millennia and was for many centuries settled by folk in settled ways. But those ways came to an abrupt end with the Highland Clearances, when the old 'inefficient' clachans, of which there were many on the island, were swept away to make room for sheep and the far more profitable wool trade. The legacy of this terrible time was ruination of the old clachan buildings and their replacement by fewer, larger buildings to house that part of the population which refused or was unable to take ship for the New World.

Relics

In Glenrie, we can still see the relics of the old ways of life. The yellow-windowed cottage opposite Gelenrie Farm on the Ross Road (1) is now uninhabited, but it occupies one of the sites to which the inhabitants of Lower Bennicarrigan were forced to flee when that



1. The yellow-windowed cottage opposite Gelenrie Farm on the Ross Road.

township was demolished. Until the 1980s, it was inhabited by Muriel Tod. It is of importance in that it is the last remaining visible manifestation of the time of worry and hardship, when the great-great-grandfather of Mrs Walker and his family had no choice but to 'move into bog and heather, taking with them only their last crop'.

At the foot of the glen are the remains of Glenrie Mill with its attendant cottage and outbuildings (3, 4). To the right of the road, just before the bridge, stands the old shepherd's cottage (2), until recently occupied but now deserted. The mill is important. It was a carding mill, carding being the process whereby the disorganised wool fibres are teased out ready for spinning, and was in use until the beginning of the 20th century. A Mrs McKinnon was said to be the last of



3 and 4. Glenrie Mill with its attendant cottage and outbuildings.



5. Ruined building to the right side of the Ross Road.

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being left to decay?



the wool carders, but her son John was shown in the 1861 Census to have that as his occupation.

What is of interest is that by the 1860s the Arran clearances were approaching their end, the crofters' old land being turned over to sheep. Hence, for half a century nearly, the mill had importance until it became more profitable to process the wool off the island.

Of even greater significance is the ruined building to the right hand side of the Ross, opposite the quarry, as the road climbs up towards Bennicarrigan (5). Catherine McLardy, interviewed for the children's book, related that, at the time of the eviction from Bennicarrigan, her great-great-grandmother was expecting a child and could not face the voyage to Canada. The family was offered 81 acres of bog and heather further inland at

a place known as Bogarie (Gaelic for The King's Bog). They built the house and barns illustrated with their bare hands. She commented: 'I'm proud to say that I was born under that roof.'

Remains

Bennicarrigan itself was a substantial township, with the many cottages each leasing its share of in-bye land but sharing common grazing. The arable parts were cultivated on the rig system, whereby the land was farmed in strips separated by drain-

age areas. The remains of the rigs at Bennicarrigan can be seen to the south-east of the church. Of the buildings, the church is all that remains (6); it was the place of worship for the Free Presbyterians until it fell into disuse many years ago.

That is the sorry tale of Glenrie and Bennicarrigan. But there are other sites on the island of equal importance. Two, for example, are in Catacol and Lochranza, where are to be found the remains of the barking sheds (7, 8).

These semi-industrial buildings were used at the time of sail, when fishing boats required their sails to be in pristine condition. The technique was to impregnate the latter with vapour from the bark of trees found only in this part of the island.

At Lochranza, a canal ran from the top of the bay to the shed, the ruins of which can be seen to the north of the road, enabling boats to be moored and their sails brought inside to be hung up and impregnated in the burning vapour. At Catacol, one of the steaming vats can still be seen in the small, ruined enclosure adjacent to the road.



7 and 8. Remains of the barking sheds to be found in Catacol and Lochranza.



2. The old shepherd's cottage was occupied until recently but is now deserted.

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Eco Savvy at elderly forum

The next meeting of the Arran Elderly Forum will feature Eco Savvy project manager Jude King as the guest speaker and is open to all who may be interested in finding out more.

It will be held on Wednesday January 16 at the Ormidale Pavilion at 10.30am for a prompt 11am start and the presentation will inform those attending the progress that Eco Savvy has made and some of the projects that it is currently undertaking – such as its very successful and useful home energy audits.

The forum meets every third week of the month during the year except during July, August and December. In addition to the nine annual meetings, there are also two outings and a winter lunch. Topics at the meetings include current issues that affect the elderly and guest speakers are often invited to address the audience.

Pure Brass quintet perform in Brodick

Music Arran's January concert will see one of the country's top brass ensembles playing in Brodick Hall on Saturday January 19 at 2pm in a show featuring everything from showbiz classics to James MacMillan's eclectic church music.

The Pure Brass quintet consists of Iain Archibald and Andrew Connell Smith, trumpets; Christopher Gough on horn; Christopher Mansfield playing trombone; and Danielle Price on tuba. The group was formed in 2006 at the Conservatoire in Glasgow, but now performs to critical acclaim throughout the UK.

They have played in venues as varied as St Magnus Cathedral in Orkney, St Martin in the Fields, London, and at T in the Park. They have won awards including the RSAMD Governor's Prize for chamber music, the Mary Adams Award and the Norman Cooper Prize at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival. The programme of music will include Mahler, MacMillan, Bach, Barber, Maxwell Davies, Mascagni, Vivaldi and lots more.

Please note, this is an afternoon concert and starts at 2pm. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are £10 available online from



Pure Brass who will be performing in Brodick next weekend.

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Birds in archaeology

The speaker scheduled for the Arran Natural History Society meeting on December 6 realised that his return journey to the mainland on the following day was likely to be in jeopardy due to the forecast gales and was compelled to cancel.

At short notice a replacement had to be found and, not for the first time, Dr Jim Cassels, the Arran bird recorder, stepped into the breach. The subject of his chosen talk was Birds in Archaeology and, although professing no great knowledge or interest in archaeology, he had obviously carried out extensive research on the subject.

Jim took as his definition of archaeology – the systematic study of past hu-

man life and culture by the recovery and examination of remaining material evidence. He then regaled us on the inter-relationships between the earlycomers, the birds, and the latecomer, homo sapiens.

Many countries, typically France, nominally legislate for the protection of birds but unfortunately poachers still operate on a commercial scale and little use is made of the law to bring the practice to an end.

Investigations at archaeological sites yield interesting information on bird populations in the past and now. The accompanying illustration, from a wall painting in an ancient Egyptian tomb, shows a red-breasted goose in perfect detail.

Painted 4,500 years ago, this species no longer over-winters on the Nile delta where it must have been familiar to the artist.

The breeding range of the red-breasted goose is now Western Siberia and the species winters by the Black, Caspian and Aral Seas.

For comparison, there is also a present day photograph of the same species. Jim questioned what environmental or climatic variations had brought about this significant change so emphatically evidenced by the ancient cave painting.

Following his entertaining and stimulating presentation, Jim received a wide range of questions from the membership.

Brian Couper



A wall painting in an ancient Egyptian tomb shows a red-breasted goose and a present day photograph of the same species.

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Saturday 12th January

Winter rink bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Free public premiere of comedy film, Uncowed
Live music – The Sensational Biff Simpson
Over-21s disco

Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Community Theatre, Arran High School 7pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Broddick, 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 13th January

Young musicians: Megan Hamill and Iona Summer
Family games
Fun in the pool
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Film Night, Leave No Trace (PG)
Folk music session

Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Broddick, 1pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Broddick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, Broddick, 9pm

Monday 14th January

Kenneth Gibson MSP advice surgeries

Whiting Bay Village Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Broddick Health Centre, 3pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 6.30pm
Broddick Church Hall, 7pm for 7.15pm
Broddick Church Hall, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

JogScotland mixed ability running group
Adult tennis
Circuit training
Live music – Fatman & the Angel
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, all welcome
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over-10s,

Tuesday 15th 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 and bottle of wine
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5 -14yrs)
Flow yoga
Scottish country dancing
Trev's pop music quiz
Traditional music sessions
Body Blitz

Broddick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Broddick, 10am - 3pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Broddick Church Hall, 2pm
Broddick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale pavilion, Broddick, 5.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Broddick, 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Broddick, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6pm
Broddick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Broddick, 9pm
Broddick Bar, 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm

Wednesday 16th January

Yoga
Broddick Gardens Volunteers
Knit and Blether
Heritage Museum
Elderly Forum – Eco Savvy talk
Chair yoga exercise class
Archives and Genealogy Service

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am -10.30am
Broddick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am -1pm
Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 10.30am -12.30pm Arran
Rosaburn, Broddick, 11am - 3.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Broddick, 11am
St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm



Dog classes
Arran Theatre and Arts Trust AGM
Arran Pace Makers running group
Flow yoga
Live music – Cams Campbell
Tae Kwon Do Juniors 6.30pm-7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm -8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Family friendly pub quiz
Rock'n'pop bingo

Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Broddick Co-op Community Room, 5.30pm
Broddick, 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 6.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Broddick, 9pm

Thursday 17th January

Morning fitness
Chair yoga exercise class
Arran Heritage Museum
ACLI volunteer gardening day
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
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Tommy's general knowledge quiz

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

Friday 18th January

Yoga
Arran Heritage Museum
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwon Do
Live music – Tim Pomeroy
Friday night quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Rosaburn, Broddick, 11am - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Saturday 19th January

Flow yoga
Dr Graham's Homes – soup and sandwiches
Winter rink bowls
Music Arran presents Pure Brass
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live music – Shindig
Over-21s disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Broddick, 9am
Broddick Church Hall, 12.noon to 2.00 pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Broddick Hall, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Broddick, 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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Remembering George Forrester Auld

After passing my driving test on Arran in the 1970s, I spent the next 20 years of my car buying life blissfully unaware some people actually chose the make and model of the vehicle they desired.

I assumed everyone organised transport the same way as myself and those that I knew on the island. You simply gathered up as much money as you could muster, gave it to George Forrester (Foggy) Auld and asked him to find a car at the market which he visited each week with fellow motley mechanics including D G Weir, E K Ribbeck and D S Bannatyne.

When the MOT was required you returned to Dippen and faced Forrester's oral exam. 'Are the brakes OK?' 'Not too bad.' 'Is the steering OK?' 'Not too bad.' 'Are you taking it to the mainland?' 'No.' 'Are

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you planning to sell it?' 'No.' 'Ach well, it should be fine.'

Whenever you met Foggy there was always the joke of the day – he must have had a thousand of them tucked away as there was never any repetition. And there was always the 'twinkle'. That cheeky sparkle in the eyes that said G F Auld knew something you didn't and that he may or may not tell you depending on whether time and circumstances permitted.

For many years he met up with the 5 o'clock club in the Whiting Bay Hotel and Shurig where along with Messrs Angus, Spiers, Ross-Bain and Moglia he

swapped patter and gossip as well as contributing to the financial well-being of the whisky industry.

Forrester was a long serving member of the Coastguard and further helped the community by making himself available at all times of the day and night to extricate errant drivers (including his sons) and their cars from the ever present danger of island ditches.

Remembered

Although originally a bank clerk he, of course, will be remembered as a mechanic whose mantra was 'get the customer back on the road as soon as possible'.

Not being mechanically minded, I assumed Forrester's technique was standard – discarding parts that were deemed non-essential and adding a selection of nuts, bolts and pieces of wire in a Heath Robinson arrangement that would have probably baffled the original designer.

Born and raised in Dippen, he was one of the last of his generation to do National Service - in Germany. After that he seldom strayed too far from



George as he will best be remembered.

the island. In 1961 he met Margaret, who was holidaying on the island, and three years later they married in Danderhall, Edinburgh. After a brief spell at Springhill, Whiting Bay, they moved to Dippen where they spent the next 50 years, raising sons Nicol and Ross and daughter Yvonne.

Margaret and Forrester lived happily at Dippen until ill health meant his last few years were spent at Montrose House.

In the last few weeks,

Forrester's health deteriorated and he passed away surrounded by his family on December 5.

The family thank the wonderful staff at Montrose House, the Arran doctors, district nurses and all those who have given good wishes and support over the last few weeks.

Forrester, who was 79, is survived by wife Margaret, daughter Yvonne, sons Nicol and Ross and brother Jim.

Contributed on behalf of the family.

Corrie Film Club presents ...

Leave no Trace
(USA 2018 Cert 12)
1 hour 44 minutes)

Debra Granik's powerful and poignant film *Leave No Trace* is Corrie Film Club's offering for January.

This award winning film, based on Peter Rock's novel *My Abandonment*, revolves around a teenage girl and her father who have lived undetected for years in Forest Park, a vast wood on the edge of Portland, Oregon.

A chance encounter leads to their discovery and removal from the park and into the charge of a social service agency.

Attempts are made to re-introduce them to society, but there follow a series of adoptions by and escapes from well-meaning people unable to accept the free way of life that they have been living.

After trying to adapt, they embark on a perilous journey into the wilderness.

Subtle and thought provoking, the film has a lot to say about the way we live. *Leave No Trace* is definitely worth seeing.

It will be shown in Corrie and Sannox village hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Talk to us

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Super soup for Kalimpong

The Friends of Dr Graham's Homes is holding its annual soup and sandwich lunch in Brodick Church Hall on Saturday January 19 from noon until 2pm.

There will be a selection of delicious soups, a wide variety of sandwiches, tea and biscuits, bric a brac and home baking.

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Ferry to make historic trip round Ailsa Craig



The MV Isle of Arran will become the first CalMac ferry to circumnavigate Ailsa Craig this weekend when the 35-year-old vessel makes the chartered voyage for Clyde River Steamer Club (CRSC).

Setting off at 11am from Ardrossan, the vessel will make its way to the 99 hectare island which lies 10 miles west of mainland Scotland, south of Arran, and return at 4pm.

One-off trip

Once a popular route by steamers and turbine steamers, when sea cruises were a traditional and regular summer activity, the excursion will be a first and one-off trip for the ferry company and will not interfere with its current service on the Ardrossan to Brodick route.

Taking place today (Saturday) the sailing will include a two-course meal and offer unparalleled views of the volcanic plug famous for its gannet colony and towering granite cliffs.

The MV Isle of Arran is a favourite of many enthusiasts, an impression underlined by the success of CRSC's Round Arran charter in January 2018 when the ship's master and crew gave the club a great welcome.

Wooden-hulled paddle steamers began sailing round Ailsa Craig nearly 200 years ago and by the late 19th century the trip had become a regular feature of the Clyde summer excursion programme. Many still remember the Saturday afternoon Round Ailsa Craig cruises given in the 1960s by Duchess of Montrose and Queen Mary II, when the steamer would blow her whistle to arouse the vast number of gannets from their nests - a practice that was eventually stopped because of environmental concerns.

Since the mid 1970s, opportunities to repeat the experience have been limited to the handful of occasions each summer when Waverley undertakes the trip.



A summer view of Ailsa Craig from the deck of the Waverley, showing the steep granite face and gannet colony.

Photograph courtesy of CRSC.



The MV Isle of Arran which will make a chartered circumnavigation of Ailsa Craig this weekend. 01_B36ferry01



CRSC members mingle with CalMac crew on the bridge of the MV Isle of Arran during the January 2018 charter.

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Postbus threat

Arran's postbus service might be under threat following the refusal of North Ayrshire to recommend financial support.

The council said that it does not merit this support because it is little used. This could be the result of a request from the Post Office for a subsidy of £4,190 per annum towards the service.

This is effectively a subsidy of £2.09 per passenger journey for, as North Ayrshire has identified, there are very few passengers. The average is seven passengers a day or fewer than one per postbus journey. Despite the very small usage of the service, it is possibly above average for Scotland.

On Arran, there may only be one passenger per journey, however, in some rural areas it may only be one per week. But that one person lives in a very inaccessible place and they may not get out at all if it were not for that postbus.

To the rescue

During the storms back on Boxing Day, Arran's relief lifeboat, The Ernest Armstrong, was called out to rescue a stricken fish farm auxiliary vessel in Lamlash Bay

which was being propelled by the wind out towards the open sea.

With the help of fish farm manager George Nicholson, the crew planned to go aboard the fish farm vessel to start her motors. Unable to do so, however, the three crewmen were forced to tow the vessel through winds as fierce as force nine to a secure mooring closer to shore. The deteriorating conditions meant that the lifeboat could only be returned to shore by a net recovery, performed on this occasion by helmsman Nigel Marshall, who brought the lifeboat back to dry land little more than an hour after launch.

Fine shot

A man with a gun closed the main road below Brodick Castle today, but there was no need for alarm. Landscape gardener Stewart Lambie had been called upon to remove a broken branch hanging 70 feet above the road, presenting a dangerous hazard to drivers. Maureen Farquharson of High Corrie informed the police, who closed the road, but no-one had any equipment tall enough to remove the branch by hand, so Stewart decided to shoot it down. He did so first time and the road was soon re-opened to allow drivers on their way.



CalMac pierhands Sandy Picken, Donald McNiven and Duncan Taylor assist with removing a fallen tree from the Strathwhillan burn to prevent it from becoming a hazard when it makes it out to sea. 01_B02twe01



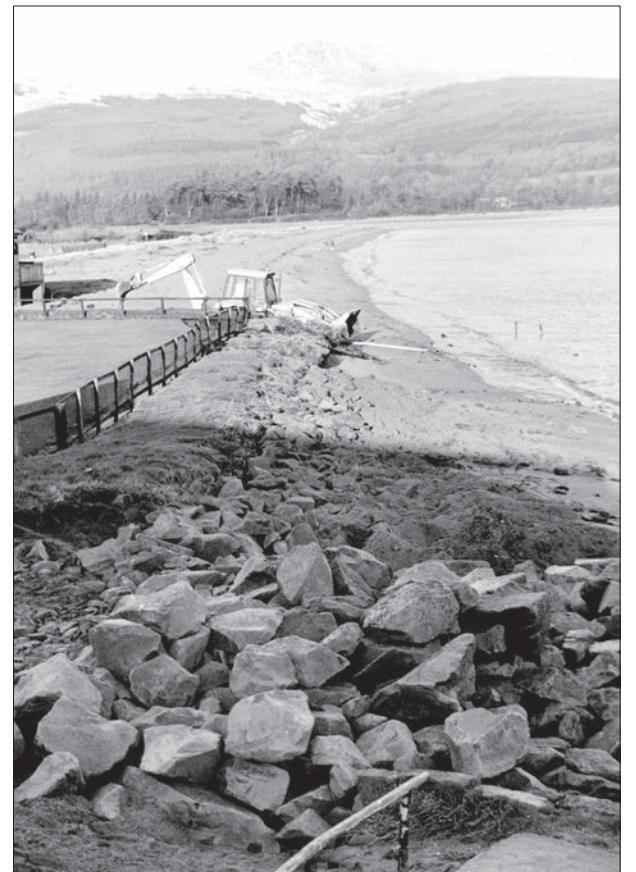
Angela McNeish and Puddle Duck, champions of the Chookie Show which attracted a total of 288 entries this year. 01_B02twe05



Arran Brass now have a complete set of fine new instruments courtesy of the National Lottery. The shiny new instruments were distributed at the band's first practice of the new year. 01_B02twe02

Stranded on the String Road, this Stagecoach bus slid off the road and remained there all day as the rescue truck which went to its aid also struggled with the icy conditions and slid into it, causing further damage.

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Boulders have been placed onto Brodick beach by North Ayrshire Council in an attempt to stem the erosion which took so much of the beach away last spring. 01_B02twe04

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To contact Kenneth outside these times, please do so at: 01294 833 687


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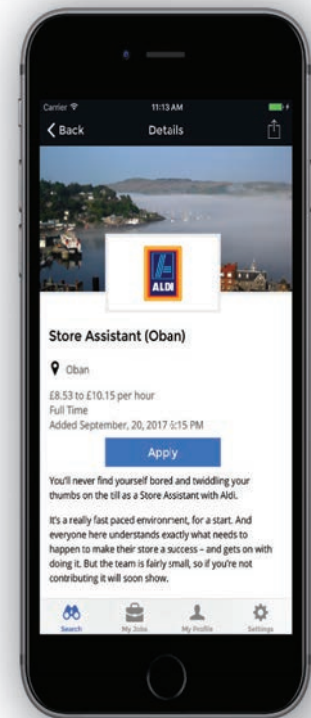
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Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 13th January
Pirnmill and Lochranza Churches together, 10.15 am. Morning Worship at Pirnmill Church.
Shiskine Church, 12 noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30 am. Morning Worship,
Corrie Church, 11.30am. Prayer meeting, 12noon Morning Worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 13th January
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Kilmory - 10 am
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Whiting Bay and Kildonan
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Sunday 13th 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.
All most welcome.

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Minister:
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Sunday 13th January
Service 11am
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Tea and coffee after the service
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 13th January
Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 13th January
Sunday Mass 11am

DEATH

MURRAY: Jane.

Suddenly at home on 28th December 2018. Much loved wife to Norval, step mum to John, Jill, Peter and Hoa, granny to Rosa, Anneliese, Kate, Joe, Anthony and Jimmy, sister and friend to many, will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral service on Friday, 25th January at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium at 1pm. Transport provided from 11.05 ferry leaving Brodick and returning to Cecchinis, Ardrossan for refreshments.

Arran Ladies back in action

The Arran Ladies hockey season is set to resume again this weekend with an away game against Stepps Ladies 2s at Glasgow Green today (Saturday) with a 1.30pm pass back.



Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday December 23, Glenburn Cup. 1 Lee Dutton 84-21=63, 2 Derek Harrison 87-22=65. Scratch Ian Bremner 77. No magic twos.

Wednesday December 26, Boxing Day bottle. 1 Paul Jameson 35pts, 2 Stuart Campbell 34pts. Scratch Stuart Campbell 28pts. No magic twos.

Thursday December 27,

Chrichtons 'putt' their best foot forward for double win

The Crichton family enjoyed a double success at the Whiting Bay Christmas 17-hole putting competition with a father and son team taking the top spots in the gents' and children's categories.

Taking place five days after Christmas, the event,

organised by the Whiting Bay and Districts Improvements Association, saw the players putting around the Christmas tree while eating mince pies and sweet treats, and the adults drinking mulled wine.

The fun-filled family event, which is as social as



Putters enjoyed mince pies and festive treats during the fun-filled afternoon.

it is competitive, is a village tradition that is always well attended, particularly so this year owing to the calm and mostly dry weather.

Enjoying the event immensely, the Crichton family produced two winners. Gregor won the children's category with a competitive score of 45, dad Graeme won the gents' with a score of only 35 – narrowly beating off several rivals who returned a

36 – while their next door neighbour Cathy Steed triumphed over Sheena Murchie and Mary Adams with a better inward half on 38 in the ladies' category.

One of the organisers said: 'Thanks to Shonagh Pringle for the mulled wine, John Adams for all his hard work keeping the putting green in such great condition and to everyone who came along and supported the event. Happy new year to you all.'



Putting around the Christmas tree, competitors make their way round the other 17 holes.

Yellow Medal. 1 Lee Dutton 81-21=60, 2 Hugh McLelland 82-18=64. Magic two: Graeme Andrew @4th.

Sunday December 30, Winter Stableford. 1 Derek Harrison 39pts, 2 Alan Smith 37pts BIH over Ian Bremner and Alistair Crawford. Scratch Ian Bremner 30pts. Magic two: Alan Smith @16th.

Wednesday January 2, course backwards. 1 Calum Rae 76-14=62, 2 Alistair Crawford 78-13=65, 3 Ian Bremner 75-7=68. Scratch, Ian Bremner 75. Magic two: R Clelland @8th.

Thursday January 3, Yellow Medal. 1 Billy O'Connor 79-24=55, 2 Derek

Harrison 84-22=62. Magic two: Allan Colqhoun @9th.

Sunday January 6, AGA winter league at Whiting Bay. Lamlash 4 Corrie 1.

Fixtures: Sunday January 13, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and 12noon. Thursday January 17, Yellow Medal at 11am.

Corrie Golf Club

Tuesday January 1, New Year's Day Shield. 1 A Pattison 39pts BIH, 2 A Girvan 39pts, 3 R Logan 38pts.

Saturday January 5, 18 hole sweep. 1 Andrew Girvan 79-22=57, 2 A Napier 73-10=63 BIH, 3 D Logan 74-11=63. Scratch A Napi-

er. Magic two: G Andrew.

Fixtures: Saturday January 12, 18-hole sweep, ballots at 9am and 12.30pm. Monday January 14, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday January 6, AGA Winter League v Shiskine Golf Club at Whiting Bay. A damp and misty morning for the third round tie against Shiskine Golf Club. Whiting Bay ran out winners by 3 and 1/2 to 1/2.

Fixture: Sunday January 13, Winter Cup round four. One draw at 10am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Wednesday January 2,

Winter Cup. 1 Campbell Laing 64, 2 Brian Sherwood 68, 3 Phil Betley 69.

Saturday January 5, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Campbell Laing 39pts, 2 Brian Sherwood 36pts, 3 Alistair MacDonald 34pts.

Fixture: Tuesday January 15, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off at noon.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday January 6, Stableford Sweep, six played, NC. 1 Stuart Brodie 16, 37pts, 2 Alistair Hume 12, 35pts ACB, Terry Raeside 11, 35pts ACB.

Fixture: Sunday January 13, Brandon qualifier and Winter Cup, 9am and noon.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:

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Nicola picks up her prize

Here is the proud moment Arran jockey Nicola Currie is handed the trophy after being named Great British Racing Lady Jockey of the Year.

As reported in last week's Banner, Nicola lifted the award at the Stobart Lesters awards in London just days after riding her 100th winner which lets her turn professional.

She was the most successful lady jockey in the UK this year with 45 wins during the Flat Championship.

Busy 2019

Nicola enjoyed Christmas with her family in Shiskine before heading back to Lambourn in Berkshire, where she is based, to get back in the saddle for what promises to be a very busy 2019.



Nicola Currie in the saddle.



Rod Street, chief executive of Great British Racing Ltd, presents Nicola Currie with the Lady Jockey of the Year trophy at the Stobart Lesters. Photograph by Dan Abraham - focusonracing.com



Bowlers enjoy a rink game at Blackwaterfoot on Boxing Day.

Boxing Day bowling at Blackwaterfoot

Bowlers from several island clubs gathered at Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club for the traditional Boxing Day rinks games.

With 14 players attending, the group split and enjoyed three matches and although the occasion was not serious, some excellent bowls were played.

Warmed up

With fairly cold weather, a welcome break indoors was appreciated by all, especially with the small feast that was laid out before them, and players returned to the matches feeling warmed up and refreshed.

Following the games prizes in the form of Chocolate Oranges were awarded and a toast was made to the new year and to the 2019 Boxing Day bowls event.



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