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Neighbours dragged into McLaren feu challenge

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The owners of the McLaren Hotel site in Brodick claim the buildings on each side of the hotel are in breach of their title conditions as they are too tall.

They claim that under historical feu conditions the Co-op building should be no higher than two storey – yet it is three, while the building occupied by Arran Active, should only be one storey.

The abodeGroup has made the claims in submissions to the Lands Tribunal for Scotland in its bid to discharge a feu disposition imposed in 1937, limiting any building on the McLaren site to two storeys, as reported in last week's Banner.

The company wants to build an 88-room, four storey mid-market aparthotel on the site, for which it received planning permission for last December, at an estimated cost of £9 million.

But it needs the 1937 feu condition to be discharged in order to go ahead with the build.

Arguing for the disposition, in documents seen

The McLaren owners claim the Co-op should be two storeys and Arran Active one storey

by the Banner, the abodeGroup says one of the reasons it should be granted is because both its neighbours have already broken the rules.

The papers state: 'On the western side (the land forming the Arran Active centre, a cafe and miniature/crazy golf course and car park by virtue of a feu disposition by the Commissioner for the Arran and Easton Trustees to 'Mini' Developments (Ayrshire) Ltd), there is condition to only allow a single storey structure when there is currently a two-storey structure' and: 'On the eastern side (land owned by Co-operative Group under title BUT2423) there is a condition to only allow a two-storey structure when there is currently a three-storey structure'.

'In addition, Co-operative Group is the largest consumer co-operative in

40th anniversary of heritage museum



Volunteers at the Arran Heritage Museum were this week hard at work preparing the museum for its summer opening next month and are looking forward to celebrating the 40th anniversary of the museum with a special day in July. For full story, turn to page 11.

the UK with in excess of 4,200 locations, so we feel it decided these title deeds were obsolete when it built the three-storey building as

there is no recorded minute of waiver,' the papers said.

However, the abodeGroup says if its application is granted it will 'un-

dertake not to object' to the breaking of the title conditions by its immediate neighbours.

The new owners also

argue that the existing McLaren Hotel already breaches the 1937 title

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Mystery visit by ferry

The MV Isle of Lewis spent last weekend tied up at Brodick apparently undergoing repairs.

The vessel had been on its way back to Oban after its annual service but did not make it round the Kintyre Peninsula last Friday when it turned and headed for Brodick.

It spent the weekend alongside Brodick's second pier with its bow raised. It finally left on Monday to resume work on the Oban to Castlebay on Barra route.

A spokesman for Cal-Mac said it had been undertaking 'sea trials' while berthed on Arran, but was not seen leaving the port.

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Shore Road showing the height of Arran Active, the McLaren Hotel and the Co-op.

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And below, the artist's impression of the aparthotel the abodeGroup has planning permission for.

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conditions, limiting development to two storeys, as

it is three storeys high. The public has until March 11 to make representations for

or against the application to have the feu condition discharged. If the application is not opposed it may be granted without further inquiry, but if it is opposed the lands tribunal would usually call a hearing.

In arguing for the disposition the abodeGroup states: 'The existing building has been vacant since at least 2015 and is a veritable eyesore as it is a mish-mash of poor quality extensions, awkwardly annexed to the existing building. In addition it appears that the economy of Arran is suffering due to the lack of suitable accommodation in terms of local jobs and also new visitors spending money in the economy in Arran. The owners feel this is a significant dis-benefit



to the owners, the neighbouring businesses, and the public at large.

'The only option to ease this is to construct an economically viable building, and the owner's exhaustive research confirms that it is not commercially feasible to refurbish the existing building or build anything other than a four-storey hotel here, which is what it

has received planning (permission) for.

'This is largely due to the high costs of building on Arran estimated to be 30 to 50 per cent more than on the mainland. So the title conditions, which is inter alia stopping improvement to the property by not allowing the four-storey hotel, appears to be bad for all parties – which surely was not the original intention of the conditions.'

When told of the abodeGroup claims by the Banner, Alastair Bilisland, who owns the Arran Active building, said: 'I'm speechless. The building is not two storeys but one and a half storeys, with a half storey of attic space and complies with all current legal requirements.'

Last chance to apply for funding

Groups and individuals on Arran have only days left to apply for Participatory Budgeting funding with the closing date for applications rapidly approaching on Monday February 25 at 5pm.

Applicants are invited to bid for up to £1,000 for their project which must include one or more of the following: reducing social isolation, improving community well-being and moving around the island – such as cycling or walking – and improvements to ac-

cessibility for outdoor activities.

An additional £5,000 is available from North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership for bids of up to £1,000. Bids should help improve nature-based activities on the island.

Applicants that are accepted will be shortlisted and invited to 'decision day' at Arran High School on Saturday March 23 – between 10.30am and 1pm – where they will make a bid for funding in a 'marketplace' format.

Residents are invited to the event to decide which projects to fund. They will vote for the projects that they believe will most benefit their community and support their local priorities.

Voting is open to anyone aged eight and over who lives, works or volunteers on the island.

Applications can be obtained by emailing participatorybudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or they can be collected from Brodick library.



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Pensioner narrowly escapes burning car

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A pensioner from Corrie had a lucky escape last week when he managed to escape from his car just before it burst into flames.

David Hemming, who was on his way to Brodick to buy flowers on Valentine's Day to place on his partner's grave, had only just left his house when he noticed smoke coming out of his Microcar M.Go's air vents. He stopped the vehicle and went to open the bonnet to check on the problem but was unable to gain access as flames rapidly engulfed the vehicle.

Not having time to retrieve his walking stick or any other belongings he watched aghast as his vehicle was reduced to cinders within 20 minutes of first stopping.

David told the Banner minutes after the incident: 'I am still shook up but am starting to calm down now thanks to the kindness of the Corrie residents. Neighbours, noticing the thick black smoke, came to check that I was OK and one phoned the fire brigade who arrived very quickly. Another neighbour, Ron Stein, invited me into his house and offered me a cup of tea which has really helped me gather myself.'

It is not known what caused the fire, but David, who has comprehensive car insurance, hopes it can be replaced quickly as he volunteers for a number of community events and uses the car regularly to do his shopping in Brodick.

The fire service attended the incident, doused



The remains of the burnt out vehicle half an hour after it caught fire.

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the vehicle and made sure that it presented no further safety hazard. They also cordoned off a small section of the road and awaited the arrival of the police.



Fire officers from the Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Services attend to the smouldering wreckage. 01_B08fire01

Holiday Arran photos wanted

Can we say a big thank you to all of the readers who have sent in photographs for our 2019 Holiday Arran publication, following our request last week.

But if you have not managed to get round to it yet, don't worry, there is still time to get them in

to us before the end of the month. Here at the Banner we are in the process of putting together this year's ever popular holiday guide and we're giving readers the chance to submit any photographs of Arran they would like considered for entry.

They can be of the great

outdoors, wildlife, sport, favourite places or anything you think tourists, returning or new, would like to see.

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Abigail Kerr, aged 10, and her mum Kirsty, who were visiting from Blantyre, seek out as many creatures as they can in the marine tank.
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All go at Octopus Centre during half-term break

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Parents and children have been taking advantage of both the Scottish and English half-term break by paying a visit to Arran's all-weather educational attraction, the Octopus Centre in Lamlash.

The headquarters of environmental charity, Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), the Octopus Centre has a number of exhibits for people

of all ages to enjoy while also learning about Arran's sea life.

The most compelling for the majority of children is the marine tank which holds a number of interesting aquatic creatures that they can seek out – a task made all the more fun as some are elusive and hide under rocks.

For the technology-loving teens there are a number of interactive activities, along with marine-themed

films and a number of exhibits which are tactile and interesting and make learning about subjects, such as eating and living sustainably, fun.

In addition to providing information on Arran's Marine Protected Area and No Take Zone, the centre also hires out rock-pooling backpacks, beach blankets, tennis equipment, binoculars, snorkelling kit and free information on the best places to

see wildlife, go swimming or learn about recent sightings.

The Octopus Centre is open seven days a week and from November to Easter is open from 11am to 3pm.

From Easter to October it is open from 10am to 4pm and throughout the year it offers free wifi, has public toilets and, because it is located in the former tennis pavilion, has outdoor tennis courts for hire.

Superbug infections in Ayrshire breach targets

The number of superbug incidents across Ayrshire and Arran has breached national targets.

There have been 75 incidents of staphylococcus aureus (SAB) from the start of April to the end of November last year.

Infection

While six people injecting drugs contracted SAB, 34 people contracted the infection in the area's hospitals and 26 patients picked it up in the community.

It was SAB that recently

made it into the headlines when it contributed to the death of two premature babies in the Princess Royal maternity hospital in Glasgow.

The infection can cause minor skin infections or lead to life-threatening ailments, including sepsis, pneumonia and meningitis.

Thankfully, rates of another infection – clostridium difficile – are within allowed limits in Ayrshire. There were 67 cases of clostridium difficile infection in the first eight

months of last year.

At a meeting of the NHS Ayrshire and Arran board, director for nurses Hazel Borland, told the meeting the board would meet year-end goals for keeping clostridium difficile levels low. However, she predicted the board would not be able to meet the SAB targets.

A report presented to the board said the 'continual management and monitoring of healthcare associated infections is driving down infection rates'.

Other incidents and outbreaks included about 400 cases of e-coli, which is monitored but for which there are no national targets to comply with.

Outbreak

In November five wards in Ayr Hospital and one in Ailsa closed because of norovirus outbreaks, and five stations in Ayr Hospital were also hit, affecting 46 patients and 32 staff. Half of the six outbreaks were confirmed as norovirus, while the other three were suspected.

Young musicians in spotlight

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Young singers and musicians from Arran took their place in the spotlight recently when they competed in the North Ayrshire traditional musician of the year competition.

The event, organised by the council's music service and held at the Garnock community campus in Glengarnock, saw talented pupils battle it out in four categories – traditional musician of the year, young traditional musician of the year, traditional singer of the year and young tradition-

al singer of the year – with the audience treated to some fine performances on a range of instruments including fiddle, chanter, bagpipes and clarsach.

Narrowly missing out in the traditional musician of the year section (S4-S6), but receiving the runner-up award, was Charlotte McKillop of Arran High School who impressed the judges with her fiddle performance – but it was to be the only success for Arran on the night.

Fiddle player Reece O'Hanlon of Auchenhavie Academy took the top prize.



Winners and runner ups in the S4 to S6 section, from left: Rachel Lawson, winner; Reece O'Halon, winner; Anna Reid, runner up; and Charlotte McKillop, runner-up, with adjudicator Gordon Bruce and Provost Ian Clarkson.

After presenting the prizes, Provost Ian Clarkson said: 'This event has once again proved just how much musical tal-

ent can be found in North Ayrshire's schools.

'It is fantastic to see younger generations continuing Scotland's rich

musical heritage and taking a keen interest in traditional instruments and song.

'The commitment and

hard work of these talented pupils shone through in their performances this evening, and they are all to be congratulated.'

Integration project sees Arran lead way

Arran is to pilot a new way of joined-up working to help tackle priorities on the island, writes Colin Smeeton.

Currently, the island has a separate Community Planning Partnership Locality Partnership and a Health and Social Care Locality Planning Forum.

From April, both organisations will integrate to allow a more cohesive approach to tackling issues on Arran which may be better solved by having both groups working together.

This will be the first time in Scotland that locality partnerships have been integrated in this way and, if successful, could pave the way for further close working between locality partnerships across the rest of North Ayrshire.

The pilot project was given the green light last week by North Ayrshire Council's cabinet.

Locality partnerships have been in operation since 2016 and meet quarterly with the aim of tackling local issues and inequality. Membership includes elected members, community representatives, community council representatives and community planning partners.

The North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Locality Planning Forums (LPFs) have been running in parallel to the locality partnerships.

As a result of closer working, there has been a recognition that integrating the two organisations could produce multiple benefits

and create a more joined-up approach to dealing with issues.

Councillor Joe Cullinane, chairman of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership, said: 'This type of partnership working is vital as we look to tackle some of the issues which we face in our communities.

'Bringing together the two bodies should allow members to share greater expertise and knowledge. If it is as successful as we expect it to be, then it could blaze a trail for our other localities across North Ayrshire.'

The new integrated approach on Arran will come into effect on Monday April 1, for a period of one year and a report will be drawn up for the cabinet on the results of the pilot.

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Vulnerable residents urged to apply for call-blocking machines

Vulnerable residents on Arran are being urged to apply for cold-calling blockers in a campaign by the North Ayrshire Council's trading standards team.

Having proved effective in blocking nuisance calls, a number of the blockers have now become available and the council wishes to see them being put to good use.

Over the last year, 152 of the devices have been installed across North Ayrshire and they have already blocked 57,504 out of 58,007 nuisance calls received, which is a 95 per cent success rate.

Data also shows that one resident received 176 nuisance calls in one month and that residents in North Ayrshire receive double the UK average for these type of calls.

Councillor Alex Gallagher, cabinet member for economy, said: 'The call blocking machines have proved they are successful. It is quite staggering the number of nuisance calls that come in and, make no mistake, they have a really big impact on our most vulnerable residents.'

'We've even heard of residents afraid to answer the phone calls which makes them even more isolated, lonely and vulnerable. Our trading standards team do a sterling job and provide an invaluable service. The blocking machines are another really robust weapon in our on-going fight against nuisance callers. If you know a vulnerable resident who would benefit from one of these machines we would urge you to get in touch.'

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a cold-calling blocker please contact 01294 310101 to see if you, or they, qualify for a fully-funded device.

Geoff cleans up at dog trials



The Kildonan and District Sheepdog Association held its third and final trial day of the winter season on Sunday February 10 at Glenkiln Farm in Lamlash.

Seven dogs ran and were

judged by Wullie Stevenson. 1st nursery: 1 N McMaster with Gail 79pts, 2 G Brookes with Rob 66pts. 2nd nursery: 1 G Brookes with Rob 85pts, 2 N McMaster with Gail 70pts.



Geoff is presented with two of his trophies by host Eleanor Bone, left. 01_B08sheep02; Niall McMaster with the Cnoc Shield he received from Eleanor Bone, top. 01_B08sheep03; Geoff Brooks with Rob rounding up the sheep during the trial. 01_B08sheep01

Sweepstake: 1 M McNeish with Pip 87pts, 2 I McConnell with Drift 86pts, 3 G Brookes with Rob 85pts.

After the event a prize-giving was held in the farmhouse. The winter nursery

league winner was Geoff Brookes with Rob.

He also wins both the Hirsell and Alba cups.

Winner of the Cnoc Sheild was Niall McMaster with Gail.

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Trixie trials tiny trolley

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A kind-hearted gesture from the manager of the Brodick Co-op has made one little girl's day and has proved to be such a success that it may be repeated and become a regular fixture in the store.

The story began when a customer made contact with store manager Liz McLean and asked her whether she intended on purchasing any child-size shopping trolleys to keep younger children entertained while parents do their shopping.

Liz, who wished to gauge public interest and to satisfy the request of three-year-old Trixie Earle, purchased a brightly-coloured, music playing trolley at her own

expense and invited young Trixie to visit the store to test it.

Excited Trixie joined her mum Jennifer and dad Andrew Earle at the store recently to test its suitability and durability.

Deeming it to have passed her high standards, Trixie filled the trolley to the brim with items from the sweet and snack aisle and was thrilled when Liz allowed her to take the items home to thank her for her assistance in testing the trolley.

Liz said: 'Trixie loved the little trolley and took great delight in using it. She thanked me for purchasing it and reminded me that she would be back again next week to use it again. Owing to the success of the concept and the smile it



Trixie, and dad Andrew Earle, testing the new mini-trolley which the three-year-old filled with sweetsies.

brings to children's faces, I am currently speaking to Co-op management to see if we can source some mini trolleys for family-friendly shopping trips.'

The idea of mini trolleys is not a new concept – some might remember them from

their youth. The return of the children's trolley has recently gained traction with other larger supermarkets and in 2017 a shopping trolley designed for children with special needs was introduced by the Co-op in Jersey.

Trust aims to clear up Glen Cloy confusion

The Arran Development Trust has asked to point out that it has no association with the proposed housing development in Glen Cloy, highlighted in the Banner last week.

As reported, planning permission for 18-house plots beside Montrose House in Brodick is being sought from North Ayrshire Council.

The application is by Arran Estates but some people seem to believe the new Arran Development Trust is involved, despite the fact it was not mentioned in the article.

In a statement, the trust said this week: 'The Arran Development Trust is a community-led organisation which has been formed, among other things, to find ways to assist with the well-documented lack of affordable housing on our island. A

number of concerned parties have contacted the Arran Development Trust, under the impression that the proposed Glen Cloy development is connected with our work and, in some instances, to express the very real concern about the apparent absence of affordability.

'While bearing some similarities to the trust plans for this and other sites, we would confirm that this Glen Cloy development is not connected with us in any way and our focus is, and will always be, on delivery of high quality affordable properties for the people of Arran.'

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Editorial

Hard at work

There is a hive of activity going on at the Arran Heritage Museum.

Volunteers are hard at work getting the museum all spic and span ahead of the full summer opening next month.

And they have every reason to be looking forward to the new season marking, as it does, the 40th anniversary since it officially opened in 1979. But it did not happen overnight and as far back as 1976 the Arran Museum Committee was already hard at work on the restoration of the former smiddy and schoolhouse at Rosaburn.

During a visit that year by Sandy Fenton, the then deputy keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, he said: 'The committee is going about things in a very sensible and constructive manner.'

Roll on 43 years and the committee is still doing the same but there have been big strides in the presentation of the museum displays and the cataloging of the archives.

That work goes on but for now we hope all the very loyal band of volunteers take time to enjoy their big 40-year celebration.

They certainly deserve it.

Thought for the week

'For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?'

Matthew 16:25

Budget day

Sir,
On Wednesday February 27, North Ayrshire Council meets to agree its budget for 2019/20. The agenda for the meeting is on the council's website and has details of what money the council will get, how it is spent and what savings are required. At the council meeting we will thrash out the budget details.

In the past few weeks we have seen quotes from politicians saying council funding is going up and others that it is going down – how can these both be true?

Overall the Scottish Government is planning to spend 3.3 per cent more in 2019/20. It is giving councils money to spend on

new priorities, such as expanding early learning, school clothing grants and pupil equity funding. It is also increasing the money councils can spend on capital projects, although this is only replacing the money they took out two years ago.

The major cut is to the council's core grant that funds almost everything else, which is likely to be cut by around 2.5 per cent.

Next Wednesday will be a challenging day after which we will know what savings and cuts must be made.

North Ayrshire Council spends more than £340 million a year, and many of its savings have been real increases in efficiency. However, increases in productivity are becoming

harder to find and real cuts to services are being made.

The Scottish Government likes to blame Westminster, but from 2013 to 2018 Scottish Government income from Westminster is only 0.8 per cent lower, where as Scottish councils' money is more than seven per cent lower. It is the Scottish Government funding decisions that are squeezing local councils.

Scotland is now the highest taxed part of the UK, and many people are okay about paying taxes for better services. However, the Scottish Government continues to cut local government funding, so we are ending up with worse services in spite of paying more.

Timothy Billings,
Conservative and Union-

ist Councillor,
Ardrossan and Arran.

Boat returned

Sir,
On Friday morning my son returned the red boat to its space in my garden.

The boat had been taken by the stormy high seas of November 28 last year and was washed ashore in the far end of the next bay.

Thanks to the kind young neighbour who spotted it and hauled it up the beach and secured the painter, also to whoever took it right to the back of the shore, to safety, and to the Grey family who helped me to locate it.

Finally thanks to the Banner for telling folk of my loss.

Anne Hodge,
Sandbraes.

Support local journalism, it is good for democracy

By Jeremy Wright,
UK Culture Secretary

There's never been more ways to access the news.

But newspapers – accountable, properly researched journalism, paid for by the cover price and the adverts opposite the story – are under immense pressure.

Recently the Cairncross Review into the future of the press painted a vivid picture of the challenges facing high-quality journalism in the UK.

Most people who read news now do so online, including 91 per cent of 18-to-24-year-olds. Money made through advertising has also shifted that way, mostly into the hands of Google and Facebook. A quar-



Jeremy Wright

ter of all local newspapers closed in the past decade and the number of journalists dropped by 6,000.

The Cairncross Review makes clear that one type of news we cannot do without is public interest journalism. And that is exactly what this paper, as well as hundreds like it across the UK, deliv-

ers on a weekly basis. Journalism is unique because its decline wouldn't just have financial implications for the companies involved, but would have serious democratic costs too.

Research has shown people in areas with no local paper are less engaged with local elections, with less trust in local institutions.

The review proposes how to put our media on a stronger and more sustainable footing. One of the recommendations is for a doubling of the journalists funded through the Local Democracy Reporting Service.

We must not find in 10 years' time that trustworthy news sources have disappeared with our democra-

cy damaged as a result. So we will carefully consider the review's recommendations, looking at ways to preserve and nurture quality local reporting and to support the transition of the industry from print to digital.

We've already announced that we will conduct a review on how online advertising is regulated in the UK.

I believe wholeheartedly that journalism should be accessible to as many people as possible and that the press industry can overcome its challenges. But everyone needs to play their part in ensuring the press has a sustainable future.

And that includes local people supporting their local paper too.

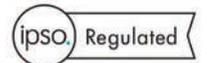
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Islander joins charity visit to Mozambique

Margaret Wright, a member of the Arran branch of Save the Children, was invited to join a small UK group visiting Mozambique last October to see some of the work the charity does there. Here is her report:

Having flown to the capital, Maputo, for an overnight stay to get to know the other seven members of the group, the next morning they met up with the Mozambique director of Save the Children who accompanied them to Xai-Xai.

At Xai-Xai, the capital of the province of Gaza, the group was introduced to local managers who gave presentations about the projects they were going to visit. Whilst in Xai-Xai, the group visited Government House to meet the governor who addressed the group in Portuguese, the official language of Mozambique, although Changana is the most spoken language. The group had the services of an interpreter throughout the week.

The first project to be visited the next day was an early childhood care and development scheme catering for very young children and those with special needs. Save the Children trains teachers who work with local people to sup-

port the children. There is very little school equipment.

The group was given a warm welcome with singing and dancing and were shown examples of teaching methods. Later, the Mozambique group visited a school for older pupils where an important aspect is to encourage girls to continue their education into their teenage years. This school also works on the development of literacy with older children.

Whilst travelling through the countryside, the group was struck by the different landscapes – from grassy plains stretching for miles, to scrubland and more fertile land around the Limpopo River. Villages of round mud huts with no sanitation, water or electricity were everywhere.

Next to be visited was a successful agricultural project called Food Security and Livelihoods where the land has been developed for growing vegetables. The staple diet, at present, tends to be maize but in this project wom-



Margaret Wright at one of the schools she visited in Mozambique.



Mozambican women tend to their crops at the Food Security and Livelihoods agricultural projects.

en are being encouraged to see the value of vegetables for their children's diet and well-being. Apart from having the vegetables for their own use, the co-operative sells some of their produce.

An on-going problem

with this and other projects is lack of irrigation and going down to the Limpopo is dangerous because of crocodiles. It is noticeable that most of the work done on the land is by women as many of the men work away in the mines in near-

by South Africa. The final visit was to a newly-built maternity unit where mothers have their babies and enjoy post-natal care. Local women are being trained as community nurses to support new mothers and their babies which, it is to be hoped, will help reduce the very high infant and child mortality rate.

It was extremely worthwhile to visit these projects. At the annual general meeting in the Auchrannie Hotel on Monday February 24 at 11am, Margaret will give an illustrated talk on the visit. Everyone is welcome.

Bringing inheritance law up to date

The SNP government has launched a public consultation on updating the law covering inheritance in Scotland to make it fairer.

The consultation asks how an estate should be split when there is a surviving spouse and children. It also considers what rights co-habitants should have regarding succession and whether step-children should have the same inheritance rights as biological or adopted children.

The consultation also seeks views on changing the law to remove anyone convicted of murder and other crimes from being executors of their victims' wills.

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'The 2011 census showed 16 per cent of the Scottish population were co-habiting couples.

'It is important that, if they don't leave a will, the law of intestacy delivers fair outcomes.

'It is clearly time to bring inheritance law up to speed with the needs of modern families.

'I urge constituents to take this opportunity to share their opinions and experiences through participation in the consultation on the Law of Succession by May 10 2019.'

To engage in the consultation, go to <https://consult.gov.scot/justice/law-of-succession-2019/>

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Two weeks to vote for Eilidh

There are just two weeks left to vote for Arran girl Eilidh Hamil in the Provost's Civic Pride Awards 2019.

Eilidh is one of three finalists for the sports award, the others being the active schools sports leaders at Kilwinning Academy and S6 pupil Zoe Swan-

son from the mainland. Eilidh has been volunteering for a number of years, giving up her time to help run lunchtime, after-school and sports clubs.

Her involvement with her school's mountain bike club motivates others to go along which encourages a great team spirit. The wid-

er community also benefits from Eilidh's volunteering as she spends time helping at Arran Junior Triathlon Club.

Provost Ian Clarkson said: 'The award will be given to the finalist who has made the biggest contribution to sports in North Ayrshire through volun-

teering, coaching or personal sporting achievements.

'Unfortunately there can only be one winner in each category, so I urge anyone who has yet to vote to please do so.'

The other categories are: citizen of the year, young citizen of the year, community group and arts and culture.

To vote online, visit www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/civicpride19vote before noon on Thursday March 7.

The winners will be announced at a prestigious awards ceremony in the Portal, Irvine, on Friday March 15.



Eilidh Hamil. 01_B05eilidh01

Adventurer visits Arran to give talk

A former Scottish Adventurer of the Year is to give a talk on Arran about his 364-day adventure circumnavigating Scotland by kayak and ascending the country's 282 winter munros.

Will Copestake will be talking about his travels at the Arran Outdoor Education

Centre, Lamplash, tomorrow (Sunday February 24) at 7pm. Tickets are on sale at Arran Active and on the door on the evening.

Will was Scottish Adventurer of the Year in 2015 and proceeds from his island talk will boost funds of Arran Mountain Festival and Arran Kayak Club.

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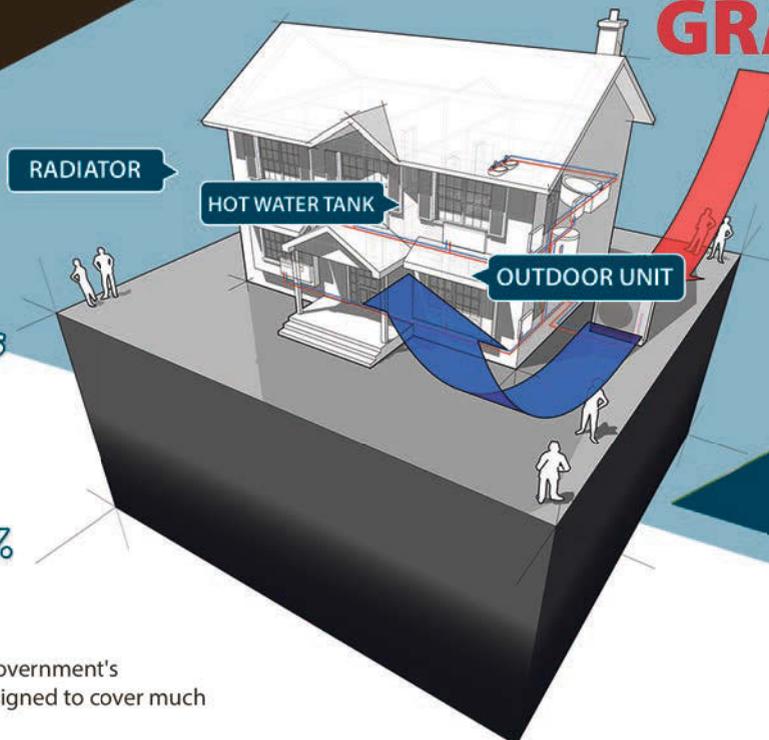
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Museum gears up for 40th summer season

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Volunteers at the Arran Heritage Museum are preparing for a very special summer season as they look forward to their 40th anniversary celebrations.

Having formulated the idea of a museum in 1976, the late Miss Bess Mac-Millan MBE of Brodick, and the Island Tourist Association formed a museum committee and oversaw the preparation before officially opening to visitors in 1979 at Rosaburn in Brodick.

The anniversary celebrations, on Sunday July 14, will give visitors and supporters the opportunity to learn more about the history of the museum and to have a look around the whole site, including volunteer guiding and explain all behind the scenes operations. There will be music performed by local musicians including the Isle of Arran Pipe Band and the Arran Café Jazz band, and a great deal more.

In addition to this, the



The Arran Heritage Museum celebrates turning 40 this year.
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summer itinerary will begin on Sunday May 19 with a visit by touring brass band Brass Fusion. On Sunday June 9 at the Crafts Day, traditional craft demonstrations will be on display along with the ever-popular Isle of Arran Pipe Band performing for the visitors.

Sunday June 23 visitors will be able to once again enjoy the music from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band along with the soothing sounds of the Arran Café Jazz Band while taking in the gleaming machines on

display at the Vintage and Veteran Motorcycle Rally.

On Sunday July 28 it will be the chance for the children to have a day dedicated to them, the annual Children's Day, which offers a wide variety of entertainment, music and fun activities all aimed at families and young ones.

Events for the season will finish on a high note on Sunday August 11 with the Classic Tractor Rally which attracts a fascinating array of tractors from through the ages, many of which have been metic-

ulously restored to compete for the museum's best turned-out vehicle award.

Sharing the idyllic location and manicured garden, Cafe Rosaburn will be open throughout the season for visitors to enjoy a range of mouth-watering meals and baking along with its tempting daily specials.

Opening on Wednesday March 27, it will be open every day of the week until Sunday October 20. The museum's opening hours will be from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

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Lamlash pompom tribute to Holly

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A scenic vista overlooking Holy Isle in Lamlash received a splash of colour last week when bushes in the seaside location were covered in pompoms in a moving tribute to a departed friend.

Known as Holly's Pombombs, the worldwide initiative encourages people to pombomb an area in memory of Holly Cowlam – who tragically took her own life last year after experiencing difficulties with depression – and to raise awareness of mental health.

Spearheading the Lamlash initiative Sue Ash encouraged islanders to join her in remembering her friend's daughter Holly, and was thrilled to receive support from Jan Macgregor who supplied wool and to the Knitting Club for a bag full of pompoms.

Holly's Pombombs took place on Wednesday Feb-

ruary 13, in what would have been Holly's 29th birthday.

Moving tributes ranging from a few pompoms on a branch to hundreds of pompoms covering an entire tree have been seen around the world from South Africa to New Zealand, Dubai, Switzerland to Sri Lanka and in hundreds of towns across the UK.

Taking part in the initiative, which has gained a huge following on social media sites using the tag #hollyspombombs, the brightly coloured pombombs have been undertaken by school classes, businesses and individuals.

Sue said: 'It is such a joy to see pompoms dancing on a wild and windy morning here on Arran, to remember Holly and to encourage anyone suffering mental distress to reach out for support. Happy birthday Holly; your sunshine and joy is being cherished



Brightly coloured pompoms adorn a bush on Lamlash Green to raise awareness of mental health. 01_B08pompom01

all over the world today – how amazing.'

The pompoms were left up for two days and residents were invited to help themselves to them after the event, those that were not taken were removed.

If anyone has any concerns with mental health the Samaritans offer free support on 116 123.

Arran MP slams move to scrap free TV licences for over 75s

An MP has condemned the UK government for a decision to stop funding free TV licences for pensioners over 75.

Currently all households with someone aged over 75 are entitled to receive free TV licences, funded by the UK government to help tackle pensioner poverty and isolation.

The government will withdraw this funding completely from next year, insisting the concession is a matter purely for the BBC.

Age UK which provides information and advice and a number of services for the elderly has warned that scrapping the concession would push 50,000

over 75s into relative poverty.

North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson said: 'More than 9,000 of my constituents are over 75 and each would be detrimentally affected if the concessionary licence is scrapped.

'According to the BBC's own figures, scrapping the over 75s' concessionary licence will take an average of more than £22,000 a week out of the pockets of over 75s in every single UK constituency.

'For many older people, their television is a lifeline – particularly for the most vulnerable older people. Many rely on their TV for companionship and enter-

tainment as well as helping them stay up-to-date with what's happening in the world.

'The BBC is a broadcaster. Public welfare is not its remit and it should not be expected to decide this. It is the responsibility of the UK Government, and I believe it is despicable that it has abrogated its responsibility in this way and left the BBC to decide on whether to charge over 75s.

'I urge the Tories to honour their manifesto commitment and maintain pensioner benefits, including the TV licence, so that elderly people can continue to enjoy watching television free.'

Bridge results

The Arran Bridge Club results for February, so far:

Monday February 4, matchpoints competition: 1 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 2 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 3 Jan and John Beattie

Thursday February 7, The A Morrison Cup, 5 1/2 tables: 1 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson.

Monday February 11, matchpoints competition: 1 Jan and John Beattie, 2 Maureen Cumming and Fiona Henderson, 3 Dougie and Margaret Bruce.

Thursday February 14, aggregate competition: N/S 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan, 3 John and Caroline Macmillan. E/W 1 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 2 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 Jesmay Peacock and Margaret McGill.

Poppy appeal

The door to door poppy appeal held in the Shiskine Valley in November raised £801.38. Organisers wish to thank all collectors and supporters.



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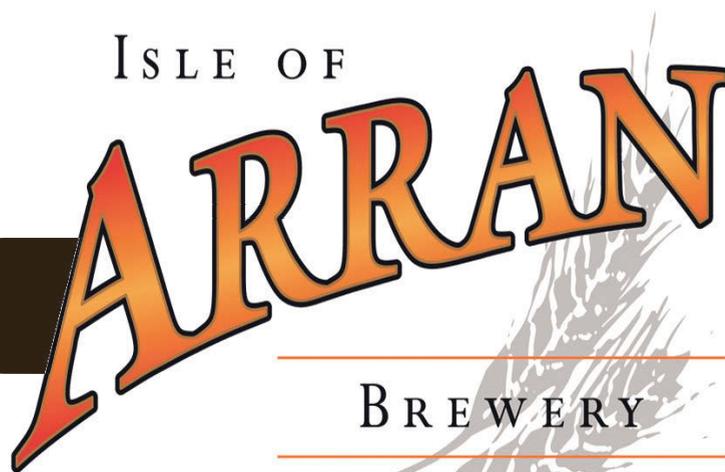
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Isle of Arran Distillery, Lochranza, 10am - 4pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodict, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm)
& 6pm - 8pm (last entry 7pm)
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodict, Monday - Thursday, 4pm - 6pm
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Tuesday - Thursday, 11am - 4pm. Tours daily at 2pm

Netball
Scottish Country Dancing
Eco Savvy Food Share
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Traditional Music Sessions

Arran High School Gym, 7pm -8pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
Brodict Bar, 9pm

Saturday 23rd February

Flow Yoga
Winter Rink Bowls
Arran CND Group
Family games
Gym Induction
Fun in the pool
Live Music - Ralph Shillock & Bethany Walsh
Live Music - Point Blank - a rock band with a flair!
Over 21's Disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

Wednesday 27th February

Yoga
Hydrofit
Brodict Gardens Volunteers
Coffee Morning
Knit and Blether
Arran Heritage Museum
Chair Yoga Exercise Class
Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Dog Classes
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Brodict, 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 6.30pm
Tae Kwondo Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Advanced Juniors & Adults, AHS, 7.30pm -8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Family Friendly Pub Quiz
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo
Arran Farmers Society AGM

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am -10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodict Castle and Country Park, 9.30am -1pm
St Bride's Church, Brodict, 10.30am - 12noon
Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 10.30am -12.30pm
Rosaburn, Brodict, 11am - 3.30pm
St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Brodict, 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 6.30pm
Tae Kwondo Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Advanced Juniors & Adults, AHS, 7.30pm -8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
Kilmory Hall, 8pm

Sunday 24th February

Live Music - Ralph Shillock & Bethany Walsh
Family games
The Last waltz, Grief Circle
Gym Induction
Fun in the pool
Charity Auction
Wully Smith - Singer songwriter A great young voice and entertainer.
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
"From Machair to Munro" with Will Copestake
Folk Music Session

Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 1pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Heather Lodge, Brodict, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Kilmory Hall, 3pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Arran Outdoor Education Centre, Lamlash, 7pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Thursday 28th February

Morning fitness
Chair Yoga Exercise Class
Music Matters
Arran Heritage Museum
Steak Night - 2 Steak dinners and a bottle of wine
Body Blitz (booking essential)
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome
Badmington, All welcome
Arran Hockey Club - Seniors (12 yrs +)
Arran Soul Choir
Brodict Embroidery Group
Eco Savvy Food Share
Eco Savvy Food Share
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am -10.30am
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 10.30am
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
Rosaburn, Brodict, 11am - 3.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 5pm -9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
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
Brodict Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Monday 25th February

Morning Fitness
Save the Children AGM
Scotland 6 Nations Rugby Match, shown live
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Adult Tennis
Circuit Training
Live Music - Mike Bailey
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am -10.30am
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 11am
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 2.15pm
Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 6.30pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Friday 1st March

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum
Gym Induction
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwondo
Live Music - The Sensational Biff Simpson
Friday Night Quiz

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am -10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Rosaburn, Brodict, 11am - 3.30pm
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
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

Tuesday 26th February

Body Blitz (booking essential)
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 - 2 Ribeye Steaks & bottle of wine
Gym Induction
Arran Hockey Club - Juniors (5 -14yrs)
Flow Yoga

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
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
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
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Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm



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Get your home and garden ready for spring



While it may not seem evident at the moment, spring is just around the corner with longer days, milder weather, and of course, beautiful snowdrops and daffodils already making their welcome appearance.

This gradual introduction to spring will first afford an occasional sunny day or two but before you know it, the warmer weather and blooming gardens will be a regular fixture.

If you wish to be ahead of the pack and spring-ready, now is the time to start planning and making arrangements to take care of all of those chores and tasks you may have been putting off during the long winter months.

Household tasks that you have been delaying and tolerating are, much like your garden, getting ripe to be tackled and now is the ideal time to get started.

While some tasks may seem like an unwelcome chore - not that you can't employ an Arran professional to take care of it for you - there are others that, like the warm sunshine and lack of rain, we can all relish.

A cleaner garage, unblocked rain gutters, freshly painted walls and surfaces, manicured hedges and lawns, less clutter - these are all little things that can be done without spending a fortune.

If you have the skills and motivation, you can buy everything that you need to get started with your own DIY projects, all from friendly suppliers on Arran, and most of whom will be happy to provide advice on how to accomplish the task.

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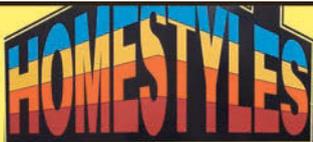


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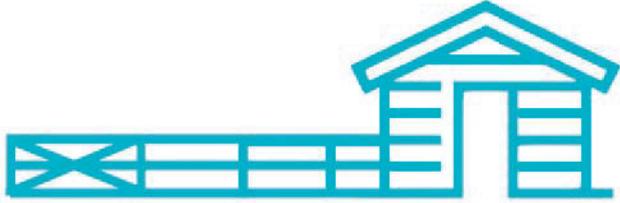
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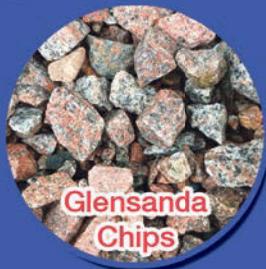
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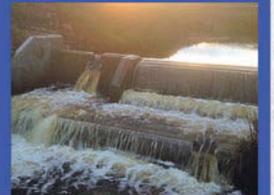
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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday February 20, 1999

Housing concern

A major study of Arran's housing is currently being undertaken by the University of Stirling and the Scottish Agricultural College.

A key issue for the study, which was jointly commissioned by North Ayrshire Council and Scottish Homes is to assess the various impacts that recent housing investment has had on the island.

Of key interest is to understand the mismatch between the high demand for housing on Arran, and the lack of available housing to meet that demand.

Over the next two months researchers will be making contact with a number of people to collect views and to see what still needs to be tackled on the housing front.

Halls of fame

In a spotlight on village halls we look at the humble origins of Kilmory Hall.

On 13th March 1934 a number of southend worthies gathered in a farmhouse at Torlin and hatched a plan to build a village hall. In the constitution, it was to serve the district of Craighdu in the east to Corriecravie in the west and up the Ross road to include the lands of Glenscorrodale.

The first trustees appointed were James Dewar, John Cook, Daniel Ferguson, Jean McLardy and Kate McDonald. A bank

loan of £400 was undertaken and after much fundraising, the building was erected by Messrs Lamberton and Anderson of Whiting Bay and Lamlash at a cost of £1,230.

In July 1935 the new hall was officially opened by Her Grace the late Duchess of Montrose and the first hall chairman was William McKinnon of Bennecarrigan.

Among the early activities were carpet bowls, family dances and the lesser hall to the rear of the stage became known as the Rural room as it was the ladies of the WRI who raised funds for its construction.

A well-used community space, the hall managed to pay off all of its debts, including the bank loan, by 1943.

Second class

Since the Royal Mail changed from using the ferry to a fishing boat from Tarbert to Lochranza, the mail system has been foolproof – until this Tuesday.

That morning it was blowing a storm. The boat managed to make the passage to Lochranza with the mail but it was unable to berth at the landing and tied to a buoy.

From there it was not possible to bring the mail ashore so the majority of the mail from the mainland did not get to Arran until the following day.



Prize winners at the Brodick Ladies' annual dinner and prizegiving which took place at Brodick Bar and was attended by more than 65 ladies. 01_B08twe03



An event in Kilmory Hall from November 1987 when Lt Commander Mike Souter told Youth Club members about the forthcoming Operation Purple Warrior on Arran. 01_B08twe05



Above, senior pupils in Arran's primary schools had an extra day of fun tacked on to their half term break when pupils travelled to Lamlash to compete in the North Ayrshire Sports Development Team's indoor sports. 01_B08twe02



New high heid yin. Brodick Castle has a new administrator. One of three candidates interviewed for the position, Ken Thorburn of Corrie, right, has been appointed to the post. 01_B08twe01



Kilmory Hall: harking back to the past is this image from 1994 when the September weekend fete was opened by Edna Picken, Angus Fleming, Caroline Fleming, Alastair Barr and Howard Driver. 01_B08twe04

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

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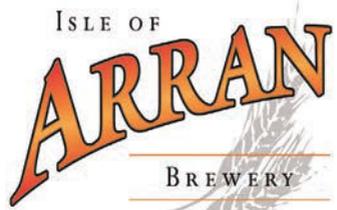


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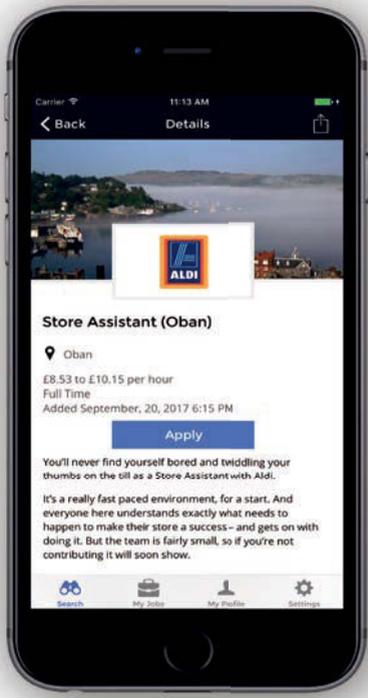
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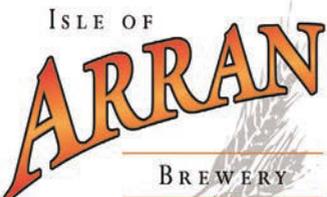
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Sunday 24th February
Sunday Mass 11am

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HAMILTON MARY: The family would like to express their sincere thanks to all who attended Mary's funeral, sent cards and wishes of condolence. Your support has helped us through a difficult time. Thank you to nurses and doctors at AWMH for their care and compassion; to Clair and David for taking care of all Funeral Arrangements, to Eleanor for the beautiful flowers, Robbie and Kinloch Staff for lunch in one of Mary's favourite places which holds so many memories. A particular thanks to Jean Hunter for spiritual support and paying a lovely tribute to the life and memory of a loving Aunt to All.
The sum of £550 was raised from the retiral offering for St Molios Church fabric fund.

Golf round-up

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday February 17, Ryder Cup final day. Shiskine 4 v Kilpatrick 4, Torbeg 6 v Blackwaterfoot 2. Final Table: 1 Torbeg 24pts, 2 Kilpatrick 19pts, 3 Shiskine 17.5pts, 4 Blackwaterfoot 11.5pts.

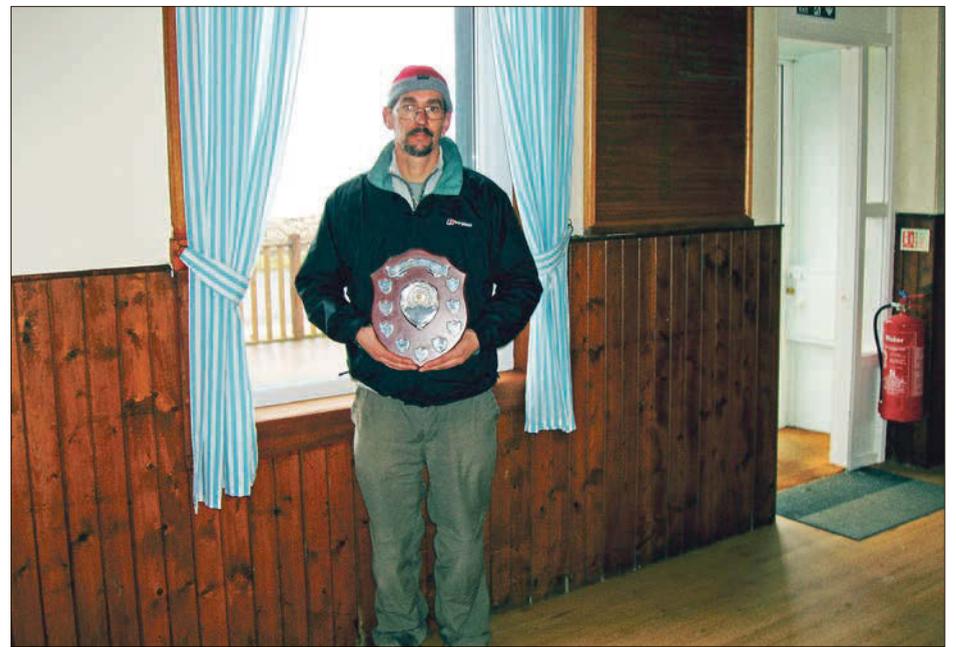
Well done to captain Joe Faulkner and the Torbeg team. Nearest pins: 4th J Faulkner, 7th A Napier, 10th N Hird, 12th A Napier. Well Done to Alan.

Captains for next year: Torbeg, Willie Robertson; Kilpatrick, David Henderson; Shiskine, Sandy Kerr; Blackwaterfoot, Robbie Crawford.

Lochranza Castle Golf Club
Saturday February 16, winter match. Lochranza Castle and Shiskine Golf Club members met to contest their monthly winter match which ended in a draw, again. Also played for was 'The Bucket', which returned some surprisingly good scores considering the near gale-force winds. 1 A Napier 43-6=37, 2 J Faulkner 45-5=40.

Brodick Golf Club
Wednesday February 13, Wednesday Cup. A total of eight played in a stableford over 12 holes. 1 D Robertson 27pts, 2 R McCrae 22pts. Magic twos, D Robertson and D Roxburgh. Well played Douglas.

Sunday February 17, Winter Cup Stableford, 10



Reuben Betley winner of the Eclectic Shield at Machrie.

played, NC. Douglas Robertson 19, 38pts, Bill Donaldson 16, 37pts, Donald McKinnie 10, 36pts.

Fixture: Sunday February 24, Winter Cup Stableford, 9am and noon.

Lamlash Golf Club
Thursday February 2, yellow medal. 1 John O'Sullivan 90-24=66, 2 Serge El Adm 74-15=69. Magic twos, Graeme Andrew at 16th.

Sunday February 17, sweep (Stableford). 1 Andy Smith 30pts. Best scratch, Ian Bremner 22pts. Magic twos, Graeme Andrew and Ian Bremner, both at 16th.

Fixtures: Sunday February 24, Winter Stableford, 9.30am and noon. Thurs-

day February 28, Yellow Medal, 11am start.

Corrie Golf Club
Saturday February 16, 18-hole sweep. 1 Raymond Burke 76-12=64, 2 Robert McLean 78-13=65, Monday February 18, Winter Cup. 1 Len Hartley 72-13=59, 2 A Smith 71-4=67 and scratch.

A great score from Len considering the challenging weather.

Machrie Bay Golf Club
Tuesday February 19, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Phil Betley 42 pts, 2 Willie McNally 38 pts, 3 Brian Sherwood 33 pts.

The winner of the 2018 Eclectic Shield was Reuben Betley with a net 40.

Fixtures: Tuesday February 26, Winter Cup, tee-off noon. Saturday March 2, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee-off noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Fixture: Sunday February 24, Sweep, yellow tees. One draw at 10am.

Arran Golfers Association
Fixture: Sunday March 3, Winter League (Duncan Trophy) at Lamlash Golf Club, 10am shotgun start for every game.

Could all golfers arrive in plenty of time please. Go to allocated tees and wait till 10am and a clear fairway ahead.

Lamlash v Machrie Bay, Brodick v Whiting Bay, Shiskine v Corrie.

Memorial darts contest

Entries are now open for the annual Donald and James Mackenzie memorial mixed doubles' darts competition which will take place in Kilmory Hall on Saturday March

9 from 7.30pm for an 8pm start. It will be the 31st staging of the contest in memory of Donald, who passed away on June 6, 1988, and James who passed away in 2004.

All the money raised this year will be donated to Kilmory Hall and any donations or raffle prizes would be most appreciated by organiser Mar-

garet Mackenzie. The competition is open to over 16s only.

The social club will be open on the night and local transport can be arranged. The names of those wishing to play should be telephoned to Margaret on 870309 or Eddie on 870345 by Friday March 8 at the latest.

DEATHS

BARCLAY KENNETH FORSYTH (KEN): Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Sunday, 17th February 2019. Beloved husband of the late Jean, father of Fiona and Andrew and Grandpa of Steven and Lucie. Funeral service at Lamlash Church of Scotland on Wednesday, 27th February at 11:30 am. Transport available from 9:45am ferry leaving Ardrrossan. There will be a retiring collection for Arran Hospital Supporters League.



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Arran Stepps up to the mark at Glasgow Green

Stepps Ladies' 2s 0
Arran Ladies 4

With a team of 11, the Arran Ladies' Hockey Club was looking forward to playing at the National Hockey Centre in Glasgow Green against Stepps Ladies' 2s despite the cold and windy start to the day.

Prior to the start of the game, umpire Pauline Reid had reviewed her notes and advised team coach and captain Lorraine Hewie that Stepps had come out strongly in their last match and scored in the first few minutes. Forewarned, Lorraine chose the first push-back, having won the toss. With a quick pass to Judith Ross, who flew up the right wing past the Stepps defenders, Lorraine received a cracking pass back from her when she had run into the opponents shooting 'D' and scored Arran's first goal – all within the first 43 seconds. It was an exhilarating way to start the game for Arran.

Stepps gathered themselves very quickly after this opening burst from Arran and managed to repel all of the further attempts on goal from their forwards, pressing their own challenges into the defensive Arran line-up of



Arran prepare for victory in a pre-game team talk, below. No_B08hockey02; Hazel Malakoty, who was nominated dame of the game, weaves her way through the opposition. No_B08hockey02



Faith McKelvie, Elyse Aitken, Jenny Stark and Helen Thomson, who had once again come down from the right wing to support her teammates in defence.

Each attempt was closed

down as the Arran ladies blocked the balls and sent them back to the mid-field players; Susie Murchie, Hazel Malakoty and Mia Walker.

Towards the end of the

first half, the ladies on the front line were once again pressing into the Stepps goal area where the goalkeeper was waiting for them. With fabulous skill and agility she returned multiple shots on goal from the Arran forwards to the point where it looked like a game of table tennis. With tenacity typical of the Arran players they never stopped trying to land the goal and with a superbly collected rebound the versatile Hannah McCarty, who has played in defence and mid-field, and was now playing as

the ball over the grounded goalkeeper and secure Arran's second goal – to the cheers and congratulations of her captain and teammates.

Not allowing the dust to settle, Susie Murchie followed this result with a goal of her own just one minute later with a deadly accurate hit the keeper was unable to prevent.

The teams broke for a quick five-minute half-time rest then returned to the pitch which was now basking in lovely spring sunshine and glorious blue skies.

The Arran forwards

were frustrated by a much stronger defensive line in the second half. However, Hannah was in a perfect position once again on the left post to receive a beautiful pass from Mia, who had worked her way through the defenders. She was able to reward the efforts of her teammates by putting the ball over the goal line, taking Arran to the final score of 4-0 in the 23rd minute.

Goalkeeper Ali 'Ninja' McKie had few occasions for her usual acrobatics skills, but with a couple of short corners towards the end of game, did clear away any hockey balls that came her way in her usual efficient style.

The end-of-match three cheers were lead by Lorraine and Stepps responded in kind. Hazel Malakoty was nominated dame of the game by the Stepps team for her skills and quality gamesmanship.

The Arran Ladies are playing their first home game in three months at the Ormidale Astroturf tomorrow (Sunday), against Hillhead 4s, with a 12.30pm push back. All supporters will be very much appreciated and warmly welcomed.

Entries open for Arran 2019 road events

Look out those running shoes as entries are now open for two road events on Arran.

The first is the Ormidale 10k which takes place on Sunday April 28 at noon and the second is the Shiskine half marathon, being held this year on Sunday June 30.

Last year, the 30th anniversary of the Arran Runners-organised 10k, there was a strong field of 81 entrants, including 23 locals and it is hoped even more island runners take part this year.

The course is flat and is on public roads. It starts



and finishes at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick and follows the main road north along the coast for 5k, returning the same way. There are markers at each kilometre.

Sponsored by the Ormidale Hotel, trophies are

awarded to the first male and female athlete. Subject to there being sufficient entries the shield will be presented in the following categories: U18M, SM, M40, M50, M60, U18W, SW, W40, W50, W60, first team of three, first male

and female local novice.

If anyone wants something of a sterner challenge, the 13.1-mile Shiskine half marathon may be what they are looking for. A total of 91 runners took part in the event last year, which was held

Runners at the start of the Ormidale 10k last year.

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in sweltering temperatures. Starting at noon the route takes runners on a figure of nine from Blackwaterfoot up to Shiskine, across the Rodden, up to Machrie, across the Machrie Moor road and back to Blackwaterfoot via the String.

Trophies are awarded to the first male and female athlete. Awards will be presented in the following categories: SM, M40, M50, M60, SW, W40, W50, W60 and first team of three.

There was a double win

for Ayr Seaforth AC last year, with Kenny Neill taking the men's title in a time of 1:17:43 and Laura Wallace winning the women's race in a time of 1:28:16.

The event is run by Shiskine Valley Improvements and the registration, start and end will be at Blackwaterfoot playing field, and not at the Kinloch Hotel as in previous years. There will be five water stations on the course which is marked at every mile.

Entry for both events is via www.sientries.co.uk where full details are available.

SPORT



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Arran Steps up to the mark at Glasgow Green

Arran in 11-goal rout as they thrash Ardrossan

League Cup group A

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Arran travelled to play Ardrossan AFC on Sunday in a League Cup group game, a team who looked to be tricky opponents despite their current position after a narrow defeat to Irvine No 1 CSC 3-2 in their cup game the weekend before.

On arrival at the ground, the Arran boys were pleasantly surprised to find themselves playing at Ardeer Juniors home ground, Ardeer Stadium, which despite the wet weather the day before had held its condition well and was an expansive pitch – as close in size to the Ormidale Park as the lads have seen all season off the island.

Arran set up in an attacking 3-5-2 formation, with Babbies McNeil and Corey Allan providing the width in an unforgiving full back role, Nick Emsley screened the defence, with Ryan Armstrong and Donald Park given the task of supplying the front two of Archie McNicol and Johnny Sloss.

As Arran grew back in the game, possession was still being surrendered far too easily, much to the frustration of Sloss, who was seeing his option for the simple pass often ignored in



favour of the harder defence-splitting pass or ball over the top in the hope McNicol's pace would be effective in helping the team find a breakthrough.

As it looked like all the composure had gone from the Arran team the breakthrough finally came, a low drive from Sloss was fumbled by the Ardrossan goalkeeper and slammed home from close range by Corey Allan.

This was soon followed by number two as McNicol rode a challenge from teammate Armstrong in the middle of the park to burst through and find the bottom corner from outside the box with a toe-poke.

As half time approached it was evident that even the calmest of managers, Wil-

lie Sillars, was starting to get frustrated at the lack of quality and composure the Arran team was showing in possession and in front of goal, and the half-time team talk came at the right time.

Calm

Willie was able to change the formation to a more conventional 4-4-2 and a demand for calm, and belief in the ability of the boys to get on the ball and take their chances was quite clearly the minimum expected by the manager.

Within two minutes of the restart it was clear the boys had taken on board their manager's comments. Slick passing and movement was rewarded with a great team goal, finished off by Donald Park as he

burst from midfield to slide the ball past the Ardrossan goalkeeper and make the score 3-0.

Ryan Armstrong then made it four with a composed finish after beating four defenders in a weaving run from the middle of the park.

Arran really started to turn the screw now and their superior fitness, thanks to the hard work of Laura Aitchison, was enabling the team to play a high intensity game which Ardrossan were struggling to match, with spaces really starting to appear in their defensive lines.

When Johnny made it 5-0 Arran did not let up and the strength of the full squad was evident to see. Grant Adamson is contin-



In an acrobatic display Joel Small scores the eighth goal, left; Johnny Sloss weaves the ball through the Ardrossan players and into the corner, above, and right, Archie McNicol being pursued by the opposition before driving the ball home.



uing to make a huge impact on the game from the bench and must be starting to make the manager's decision to leave him out a very difficult one. He came off the right hand side to add a sixth for Arran with a header after following up from a good save by the Ardrossan goalkeeper.

Ardrossan were now tiring and made changes to their team from the bench. Arran were now dominating. Sloss added a seventh with another composed finish after a period of Arran possession.

Another substitute, who along with Grant is creating a selection headache for Willie is Joel Small, he added goals number eight and nine in quick succession, with a bullet header

from a great whipped ball in by Donald Park and then showing his finishing abilities with a powerful left footed drive past the Ardrossan goalkeeper.

Sloss grabbed his hatrick before Armstrong completed a personal brace and Arran's scoring with goal 11.

Arran's man of the match was number 99, Johnny Sloss, for another tremendous display, making things tick for the team and showing a scoring touch that sees him creeping towards Archie McNicol at the top of the scoring charts for the team.

The next league cup fixture for Arran is tomorrow (Sunday) against Irvine No 1 CSC at St Matthew's Academy with a 2pm kick off.



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