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Fish farm consultation descends into chaos

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A planned community consultation on a proposed fish farm descended into chaos earlier this week when protesters took over the event demanding a public meeting.

The consultation at the Lochranza and Catacol village hall on Tuesday was intended to inform the Arran community of the plans by the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) to develop a new fish farm on the north east coast of Arran near Millstone Point.

Under the proposal, which has yet to seek planning permission, the SSC hopes to construct two groups of 10, 120-metre fish pens, with a linked feed barge.

Inviting their business partners GaelForce Group – which is concerned with improving fish health and wel-

fare; Arcus – environmental planning and engineering consultants; and Imani – economic and development consultants, the 13-strong team joined SSC CEO Craig Anderson to answer any questions that might arise either ecologically, financially or regarding welfare concerns of the salmon themselves.

Mr Anderson said: 'What we hope to achieve here today is to get the real information out there to all Arran residents. We wish to share with the community exactly what we wish to achieve.'

However, his hope was to be short-lived when just after 2pm a large group of around 150 people poured into the hall. The group comprised members and senior figures of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) and representatives of the Lochranza and Catacol Community Association (LCCA) along with members of the public, not allied with either organisation.

COAST co-founder Howard Wood and director Paul

Brodick's green-fingered band



Brodick primary pupils beam with delight at taking the Brodick Castle Gardens Trophy for the school gaining the most points last weekend in the Spring Flower and Bulb Show held by the Arran Horticultural Society. See page 10 and 11 for the full story with more pictures. 01_B14trophy01

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Consultation descends into chaos

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Chandler joined the huge influx of people who filled the hall to capacity and made moving about in the restrict-



The looks on these faces express the mood of the event after learning that there would be no public presentation or Q and A session. 01_B14ffarm03

ed space difficult. Robert Cumming of the LCCA, who prior to the event had requested a public presentation and a question and answer session but was refused, stood aloft and once again made a plea for a representative of the SSC to answer their questions.

Upon being told that the event was a public consultation and that a question and answer would not be forthcoming at this stage of the application the room erupted into loud jeering and booing and Mr Cumming once again addressed the crowd.

'This consultation is a statutory requirement and SSC have no intention of answering our questions or engaging with us so we have no need to be here,' said Mr Cumming, encouraging the assembled group to walk out en-masse.

Many walked out in what one described as 'disgust at the failure to engage with

the community' while a fair amount remained in the hall and spoke to the business partners to find out more about what they had intended to share with the community.

'It is the same old guff, we have heard it all before, what use is a community meeting if it is only one sided?' enquired a protestor dejectedly as she left the building.

The SSC operates more than 60 sites across the west coast of Scotland. It is registered in Jersey, floated on the Norwegian stock exchange and the largest shareholder is held by an anonymous bank account held at the Swiss Stock exchange. It exports 60 per cent of its produce to 26 countries around the world, focussing on North America and the Far East.

COAST opposes any open-cage fish farms in Scottish waters. It advocates for a transition to closed containment



Putting their case forward: Craig Anderson SSC CEO, centre, flanked on either side by, left to right, Nick Wright, Arcus ecologist, Martin Eichhorn, Imani economist, Andrew Parker, Imani economist, Stewart Graham GaelForce group, Donnie Sinclair, SSC area manager, Dave Cockerill SSC biology director, Jamie Young, Arcus. 01_B14ffarm01



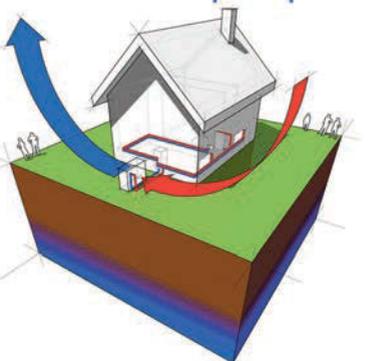
The Lochranza and Catacol village hall continues to fill with over 150 people attending the consultation. 01_B14ffarm04

systems and alternative forms of sustainable aquaculture. Through its North Arran Salmon Farm Campaign it has vowed to continue lobbying both government and any other organisations to stop the expansion of open cage fish farms.



Robert Cumming of the Lochranza and Catacol Community Association addresses the crowd in the village hall calling for a Q and A session. 01_B14ffarm02

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Fish farm benefits outlined

The benefits the proposed new fish farm could bring to Arran were outlined to the Banner by the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) and their representatives on the day.

SSC biology director Dave Cockerill explained, along with Donnie Sinclair, SSC area manager, that the proposed fish farm would be using the latest innovations to ensure robust fish health and welfare and environmental sustainability.

Good health

A trained veterinarian, Dave said: 'SSC operates according to the Farmed Fish Health Framework to ensure the good health of our salmon and to minimise the environmental impact on our farming operations.

'Through innovation in our processes we operate a prevention is better than cure ethos and we rely on both medicinal and non medicinal methods to ensure fish health.'

When questioned further on farm lice, which is of concern for many fish farms, Dave said that while wild wrasse and farmed lumpfish were used, so too were new methods

which involved physical removal, flushing and filtering and that half of all solutions used were non medicinal and all complied with the requirements of Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and governmental regulations.

Economist Martin Eichhorn and Andrew Parker, both of Imani Development, were keen to explain the financial impact that the creation of a fish farm would have. Citing jobs foremost and which their preliminary report stated would create seven new positions locally and a further 51 throughout the Scottish supply chain and economy.

Estimating a figure of £10 million a year that the farm could stimulate in the economy, the economists also discussed a six-figure sum awarded to a Whiting Bay organisation for workboats. This they said, was not only a direct financial benefit for Arran but financial benefits increased exponentially throughout the industry and locally from haulage all the way through to transportation, equipment, retail and research.

Tributes pour in for Fireun

Tributes have poured in this week to tragic teenager Fireun Hunter who was found dead two days after going missing on Arran last weekend.

The 17-year-old Taekwon-Do champion and fitness enthusiast was found dead near Glenashdale Falls around 5pm on Monday bringing to a sad end a search for him by Police Scotland and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

The rescue team posted on Facebook: 'Our thoughts are with family and friends at this extremely sad time.'

The youngest of five, he had three older brothers and a sister Maya, with whom he had been living in Whiting Bay. His mum Mandy, who has been living on the mainland, has returned, as have the rest of the family, to the island.

Their many friends and the Whiting Bay community has rallied round the family and many messages of condolence and support have been posted on social media.

Fireun had only recently left Arran High School and was working at a hotel in Whiting Bay but his real interest lay

in mixed martial arts and he had also recently taken up boxing at a new club at the school.

Fireun took two golds and a silver in the Taekwon-Do European championships last July which he went to as Scottish champion in his category.

Elite Taekwon-Do and Ninja Kickers posted on social media: 'RIP Fireun Hunter. A young aspiring student and competitor from the Arran club. You will be sadly missed. Condolences to Fireun's family. We are thinking about you all at this sad time.'

High school head teacher Barry Smith, in an open letter to parents and carers, said that, in spite of the school holidays, support and counselling was available for any pupils or parents who might have been affected by the tragedy.

He wrote: 'I am writing to you in light of the death of one of our former students, Fireun Hunter, who you may be aware was found yesterday, having been missing since Saturday evening. Our



thoughts and prayers are with Fireun's family at this difficult time.

'I know that you will want to support your son/daughter through this difficult period and that as a community we will pull together in support of one another.'

'We will have a staff member in school during each day of the school holidays should any young person or parent wish to talk to someone and our Easter Study School sessions will continue as normal.'

'Our school counsellor will be available in school until next Wednesday. Information regarding further support services is available on our school website and Facebook page should you wish it.'

Police Scotland said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Fireun Hunter with one of the martial arts trophies he won. Inset with his medals from the European Taekwon-Do championships.

UK government is 'cutting the incomes of older people'

An MP has called on the UK Government to justify its planned changes to Pension Credit, following the publication last week of annual poverty statistics.

These latest figures from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) show that almost a fifth of pensioners are living in poverty, according to North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson.

Pensioners Credit is a means-tested benefit for pensioners, introduced in 2003 specifically to tackle pensioner poverty. It provides a guaranteed minimum income to those over state pension age. Currently, people who reach retirement

age can claim Pensioners Credit regardless of the age of their partner. However, from May 2019 pensioners will have to wait until their partner also reaches 65, and this will be increased to 66 in October 2020 as the state pension age rises. This means thousands of pensioners face losing their entitlement to Pensioners Credit, leaving them out of pocket by up to £7,320 each year.

Mrs Gibson questioned work and pensions secretary Amber Rudd at Westminster and called for a parliamentary vote on the changes to Pension Credit. She said: 'Figures show that pensioner poverty, by all measures, is

increasing, while the UK Tory government is cutting thousands of pounds from disadvantaged older people.'

'I asked the secretary of state to allow the Commons to vote on this major change, and that she explain why the UK government continues to focus on cutting the incomes of older people.'

'The secretary of state's response was disappointing to say the least, trying to sell the mythical benefits of Universal Credit, which is already causing significant hardship and difficulty to many of my constituents.'

'That this discredited system will now be foisted on pensioners, simply because of the age of their partner, is truly appalling, particularly as 18 per cent of pensioners already live in poverty.'

'Alongside the intransigence of the UK government over women born in the 1950s, who have already had their state pension age delayed with little or no notice and withdrawing free TV licences from the over-75s, this UK government's approach to older people is shameful,' Mrs Gibson added.



North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson.

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Eco Savvy hands out energy



Daisy Earle reads out one of the winners. 01_B14awards05



Award winners with the Eco Savvy team and the Arran schools Eco Committee.

Billed as the Eco Savvy event of the year, the Eco Savvy Energy Challenge Awards 2019 were held last week at the Little Rock Café in Brodick.

This was a very special event to celebrate the end of Eco Savvy's year-long energy efficiency project, funded by the Scottish Government through the Climate Challenge Fund, which has saved a significant amount of carbon on Arran through a range of different activities including home energy audits. Through these audits many Arran residents have taken strides to becoming more energy efficient, benefiting from both a cost and environmental perspective.

Carbon saving

Eco Savvy has delivered a total of 300 audits in the year-long project, 19 per cent of Arran's residential homes and a carbon saving so far of 352tCO₂e. This carbon saving is the equivalent of 99 car trips around the world or 42.2 homes' annual energy use.

Significantly, Eco Savvy has assisted more than 25 households considering solar PV projects, which has resulted in 14 solar PV installations. This is one of the most successful elements of the project as this means

hundreds of pounds saved yearly on the household's electricity bills, 25 years each of green renewable electricity which is not impacted by energy companies' price hikes, and around 1.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide saved by each household every year.

There were six award categories and 46 shortlistees, with six winners. Guests of honour – representatives from new Arran schools Eco Committee – were invited to deliver the awards presentation, and the six primary school children executed this brilliantly. Quinton Black, deputy head, who has been dedicated to pulling the committee together, told how the newly launched group would be enhancing and bringing together the huge amount that the schools are already doing in terms of reducing waste, raising awareness and working with local organisations with eco credentials.

The Eco Savvy Energy Awards categories and winners were:

Energy Usage Data Champion – person who has consistently communicated with Eco Savvy to provide empirical evidence such as meter readings for their reporting to the Scottish Government:

Richard Trewby.

Solar Energy Champion – for the household most engaged with Eco Savvy's solar PV project: Jim and Toni McKenzie.

Immediate Solutions Champion – for the household committed to implementing the quick fix energy saving ideas as suggested through Eco Savvy's home energy audits: Peter Early.

Renewables Champion – for the household that has done the most work towards large scale or multiple renewable measures such as air source heat pumps: Stan Cline.

Proactive Energy Champion – for people who implemented energy efficiency measures prior to an audit but still wanted to improve their household: Elaine Duncan (solar thermal, solar PV and air source heat pump).

Energy Advocate – for the person most engaged with spreading word about home energy efficiency measures: Chris Attkins (electric car, solar PV, Be Green 2019 film).

Fantastic venue

Little Rock provided a fantastic venue and delicious vegan and vegetarian refreshments including chef Stuart Macpherson's famous tacos, as well as some delicious canapes from Mon's Thai Kitchen, food that has been particularly popular at events such as the Corrie Food Festivals.

Arran Dairies' first vegan ice cream was launched and taste tested by event attendees.

At development stage, feedback from the many vegans attending the event was welcomed and will be taken on board to develop the prototype further.

The theme of vegan and vegetarian food was chosen to



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Overall, the Eco Savvy Energy team provided an entertaining night which enabled a look back at the Energy Challenge and all it had achieved, thanking all the hard work of individuals all over the island who have been part of this incredibly positive and successful movement to make Arran a

greener and more sustainable island.

Celebration

Projects manager Jude King said: "The Eco Savvy Energy Challenge Awards 2019 was truly a celebration of all that has been achieved, with most thanks owed to the Arran community that has embraced the project and enabled such success in the delivery of project outcomes, to the Arran young people for

their accelerating support, to our volunteers and board of trustees who give so much of their time to making this all possible through Arran Eco Savvy.

"Thanks also to a great team that I have had the pleasure of working with every day who are all equally as passionate and driven to make a difference in the climate change challenge."

All photos by Simon Sloan



Jude King interviews Eco Savvy stalwart Esther Brown. 01_B14awards06



The Arran schools Eco Committee.

Eco Savvy gets two-year funding boost

Eco Savvy has secured two more years of funding to deliver its Sustainable Island Life Project.

The announcement that the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund will be supporting Eco Savvy for another two years came at the energy awards event.

This multi-faceted project will again significantly cut island carbon emissions, continuing focus on energy efficiency but additionally, sustainable food and travel.

Support

The funding will support the creation of two new roles for Eco Savvy's Climate Challenge Funded project, totalling the support of five jobs on Arran over the two year project period. See jobs page.

Through the Sustainable Island Life Project, Eco Savvy will continue to offer free support to help residents on the Isle of Arran to reduce their energy use and carbon emissions through home energy advice visits and

other energy related initiatives.

Eco Savvy will also continue to tackle food waste and raise awareness around sustainable food behaviours by conducting sustainable food education through workshops and other initiatives.

This will also see the implementation of a community fridge/freezer for food collection and communal benefits.

The Food Share project, in conjunction with the Co-op, seeks to re-distribute produce that would previously have been heading for the bin due to use-by dates. Already, since November, the initiative has expanded to several nights and locations over the island and Eco Savvy and its volunteers have helped divert almost a tonne of food from going to landfill.

This funding means that this hugely successful



Eco Savvy logo

campaign can continue and grow.

The Sustainable Island Life project will also deliver the promotion and facilitation of low-carbon transport alternatives through a range of different activities.

This will include an island wide eBike low carbon travel scheme, Arran's first green transport map, a volunteer lift share scheme, a bike maintenance tool library, and a series of low-carbon travel related community consultation roadshows, workshops and events.

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A very Victorian welcome awaits at Brodick Castle

Brodick Castle today (Friday) opens its doors to a whole new chapter in its history.

The castle will today welcome its first guests after being closed for two years to allow extensive fire prevention works and for the design of a new castle visitor experience.

And having had a sneaky peak inside, it is clear that visitors new and old will not be disappointed.

While the essence of the castle and its artefacts remain, interactive displays help tell the story of the castle and

the Hamilton family, whose home it was for generations. New parts of the castle have also been opened up for the first time, including the library and there is a new room dedicated to the collection of William Beckford.

Victorian

The guides, too, will all be dressed in Victorian costume to help bring the castle to life assisted by mood lighting and lifelike sounds, including a working kitchen. There is also a new Woodland Cafe, entrance hall and gift shop, plus a Victorian surprise.

There is now a single admission charge of £13.50 for adults and £9.50 for children/concessions which includes all of the formal and informal gardens and the Isle be Wild playpark, which operations manager Jared Bowers believes is excellent value for money. There is no garden only entry ticket anymore.

However, he is urging locals to consider an annual National Trust membership which will give them even better value and costs just £9 per month for two adults and up to six children.

Online portal to help find new business

An extended online portal that helps small to medium enterprises in the Highlands and Islands find new business opportunities from large contracts has been launched.

The Open4Business (O4B) portal was originally set up in 2012 by SSE to link supply chain firms with large SSE construction projects.

In just over five years, it led to more than £174 million in contracts to local businesses, contributing directly to the economic well-being and sustainable development of many communities across the region.

In 2018, SSE passed O4B to Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) so it could be extended to include new industries and developers and encourage them to advertise their requirements on the portal.

HIE has now appointed Inverness Chamber of Commerce to promote and manage the portal for the next two years. The two organisations will work together to further develop the platform, to include op-

portunities in other key sectors. There will be an emphasis on recruiting new contractors to push their upcoming works through the service, opening up more opportunities for Highlands and Islands businesses.

Elain MacRae, head of energy strategy at HIE, said: 'The Open4Business portal has been fantastic in bringing opportunities direct to local businesses and enabling top tier companies to find out what is available locally.'

'We congratulate SSE for creating this tremendous asset and delighted to be working with the Inverness Chamber team to take it to the next stage.'

'In the next two years we can expect the portal to expand its reach in a way that will benefit even more local firms across the region and beyond the energy sector.'

Businesses not already registered on the portal can do so in around five minutes by visiting www.04b-highlandsandislands.com.



The guides dressed in Victorian costume will be welcoming the first guests today.

'Visit the castle three times in a year and the membership pays for itself,' Jared said. All events held at the castle are

also included with the admission price.

'This is a really exciting time for us and the whole team look

forward to welcoming visitors back to Brodick Castle where we think there will be something for everyone.'

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Arran ferry service has crisis of confidence

by Hugh Boag
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Serious disruption to the Arran ferry services is costing the island £7 million every year in lost revenue to the island, a new report reveals.

The report was produced by the Arran Ferry Committee which believes there is now a real crisis of confidence in the ferry service which it says is not fit for purpose.

A delegation from the committee took its concerns to the Scottish parliament this week where, along with Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson, they held talks with Islands Minister Paul Wheelhouse MSP. See next week's Banner for a full report.

Delegates took with them a hard-hitting report on the effect the unreliability of the service has had with the cancellation rate double in the first quarter of 2019 to what it was the previous years.

Concerns have been brought to a head by the major disruption caused last month after the MV Caledonian Isles had to be taken out of service for repair after crashing into the pier. The delegation involved

in the Holyrood talks were Arran Community Council chairman Bill Calderwood, Arran Economic Group chairman Tom Tracey and development director Sheena Borthwick-Toomey.

The report they took to the minister stated: 'An ageing fleet, two boats under roster, ageing port infrastructure (Ardrossan) an inflexible labour force, a scheduling and information system from the last century combines to create a significant threat to Arran's social and economic cohesion.'

'We are sure we are not alone. The size of the threat requires an appropriate response. We will only increase confidence through improved results. We ask your support.'

The report went on: 'Current and future sustainability depends upon an accessible island with high growth rate and high quality of life, making Arran the place to live, work and visit.'

'Demand exceeds capacity with one vessel for seven months and unreliability of the second vessel for the remaining five months. The

service promotes frustration, confusion, low confidence and reputational damage, threatening the current and future sustainability of our island. The service is not fit for purpose.'

The extensive report, compiled in association with VisitArran, contains testimonials from every sector

of the island. 'Sentiment has moved from irritation to severe frustration.'

'Lives and livelihoods are being significantly impacted,' it states.

Missed hospital appointments, educational opportunities, family gatherings, business meetings are extremely annoying but have

no monetary value. However, revenue loss is estimated at £7m annually with a six per cent increase in cost.

Passengers and car volumes increased by 19 per cent (2014-19), slightly ahead of TMfS predicted increases of 25 per cent cars and 44 per cent freight 2014-37.

The report says that the re-

quired response is to develop and implement a harbour, ferry and people plan that promotes maximum flexibility across harbours, fleet and crews to meet demand, but it says a resolution is at least two years away.

Arran and other island communities need an interim plan to fill this gap.



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It says immediate action is needed to:

- Provide increased ferry capacity by supplying new crews to the existing fleet and/or lease additional capacity on the international market. Use cash saved from operational budget not spent on the MV Glen Sannox.
- Implement capacity management, scheduling, ticketing and communication system to optimise the existing capacity and improve customer service.
- Develop a commercial problem solving and customer service ethos eg next two weekends schedule full. Boat available. Not in use.
- Monitor, measure and report on all of the above on a monthly basis. Your customers need hope.



The damaged MV Caledonian Isles.

Extra holiday ferry sailings

The meeting with Islands Minister Paul Wheelhouse MSP brought an immediate benefit after it was announced that Arran would get additional sailings for the next three weekends.

As reported by the Banner in March the Arran Ferry Committee had been pressing for the island's second boat to start the summer service early as it had not been due to begin sailings until May 2.

Many of the MV Caledonian Isle sailings over next the few weekends are already full.

Sailings for the Easter weekend had already been secured but it has now been announced that the MV Isle of Arran will operate from Friday to Sunday both this weekend and next providing a significant back-up.

The additional Easter sailings will operate from Thursday April 18 to Monday April 22 inclusive.



LETTERS

Editorial

Fish fight

Proposing to establish a fish farm in the north east of Arran was always going to be a hard sell for the team from the Scottish Salmon Company.

Not only wishing to locate the development in an unspoiled, undeveloped area known for its scenic beauty, but also having faced Arran's environmental campaigners previously, there could be no doubts in the minds of the visitors that they would face fierce opposition to the plans.

The fish farming industry as a whole has been under increasing pressure as the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) admitted that it did not know the long-term effects that fish farms have on the environment.

Adding extra credence to the distrust of the possible environmental impact, well-loved conservationist Sir David Attenborough went as far as to say that fish farms threatened the very survival of wild salmon.

On one side of the debate we have proponents with very deep pockets, and, on the other, fiercely protective and passionate people who believe that their local environment is being destroyed.

There is no doubt that as this proposal progresses, with a decision anticipated before the end of the year, the determination and frustration felt on both sides is only destined to increase.

Thought for the week

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Ferry services meeting called

Sir,
Margie Currie's letter (Arran Banner March 30) is a timely reminder of the very many problems surrounding our island's lifeline ferry service.

Issues in terms of reliability, resilience, and accountability, are now impacting very significantly on island life, and economic well being. Despite the efforts of the ferry committee and community council, major concerns remain unanswered and apparently ignored by higher authority.

We the undersigned feel the time has long since come to escalate the debate, and give the public a much-needed voice on the subject. As an island, we need to come together and discuss where we are with the service, the accountability for investment decisions, and the changes we need to see, as soon as practical, in both future provision and representation.

With this in mind, and to try and take matters forward, we would invite all interested parties and members of the public to attend a meeting at Brodick Hall on Tuesday April 9 at 7pm.

Please come along and give us your opinion, and hopefully your support, to achieve a service and infrastructure that is fit for purpose.

Yours,
Bob Haddow, Sally Campbell, John Campbell, Gavin Fulton, John Ford, Robert Cumming, Ross McLean, Chris Attkins, Ken Thorburn.

Kept in the dark

Sir,
I was among those who were delayed by five hours by the Caledonian Isles hitting the pier on March 16, as per

your lead story that week, and obliged to hang about the charmless new terminal departure hanger.

Of course, I appreciate that accidents do happen – especially when the fleet is so far past its scrap-by date. I also appreciate that most of the CalMac staff go to great lengths to do their best for us.

Alas, this does not remotely apply to the management, whose policy appears to be to give passengers the very least information it thinks it can get away with.

Indeed, at one point the man who appeared to be in charge at Brodick terminal actually told me that there was a technical fault and the ferry was delayed, and 'that is all you need to know'.

There was at no point any suggestion of CalMac keeping its customers fully up to date with what was happening, or not happening. All we were told (and even that very late in the day) was that we were waiting for permission to be given to sail. By whom or why it was necessary, or why it was taking all day, was never stated. Instead we were taunted every hour or so by announcements that we should be careful when boarding (as if!) as the gangway might be 'slippy', and that we should read the ads around the terminal for ideas on what to do on Arran.

The CalMac web site (if you can find the relevant section) says that '50 per cent of the ticket price will be refunded for a delayed arrival of over four hours'. CalMac preferred to keep that secret (but note that it is not too late to claim).

It tells us that we were entitled to 'a non-alcoholic drink such as a bottle of water or a hot drink and a snack (up to the value of £7)'. On boarding, we were given vouchers which did not make

this clear, but offered 'soup or a sandwich' plus a non-alcoholic drink.

The reason I write to you is that a disappointing number of those affected by this delay seemed to accept, no doubt from long experience, that they were going to be treated very much like the 30 cattle which were also waiting to board. I do not regard this as acceptable. Everyone who agrees with me, and thinks that CalMac has a responsibility to inform, as well as transport, us has only one option.

CalMac needs to respond only to its owners at Holyrood, who have other concerns than the people of Arran. The only way we are going to get CalMac to treat us properly, is to make that the easy option. Right now, the easy option, and therefore the one taken, is to ignore us as far as possible. We can change that, and I am afraid we have a responsibility to do so. Next time your sailing is disrupted by a CalMac failing, make sure you (ALL of you!) pester the life out of CalMac at the highest level you can find, until they keep us properly informed out of simple self-defence.

Yours,
Richard S Henderson, Lochranza.

Caring survey

Sir,
More than 750,000 people in Scotland are caring, unpaid, for a loved one who is older, disabled, or seriously ill.

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Carers in Scotland deserve to have their say on what affects them and their ability to care – what is working well and what needs to change. By filling in Carers UK's State of Caring survey (at www.carerscotland.org) they can help inform Scotland's research into experiences of looking after a loved one.

The survey answers will help the charity make life better for carers – giving us the evidence to push carers up the agenda for policy makers and politicians and campaign for support and change.

It has never been more important for unpaid carers to share their experiences.

Yours,
Simon Hodgson, Director of Carers Scotland.

Coffee thanks

Sir,
We would like to thank everyone who attended our coffee afternoon on March 9. It was a great success and the fantastic sum of £858.13 was raised for our Christmas party. Thank you to David at the Blackwaterfoot Lodge for providing the very comfortable venue.

Yours,
Shiskine and Machrie Senior Citizens Committee.

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Remembering those lost at sea on HMS Dasher

The words 'we will remember them' were particularly poignant last Saturday at the 76th annual remembrance service held in memory of the victims of HMS Dasher, who perished in 1943.

Taking place at the memorial plaque at the Brodick ferry terminal, members of the HMS Dasher Association, Royal British Legion

Scotland, along with serving seamen and veterans, paid their respects at a short service conducted by Liz Clarke.

Former Arran resident Ian Clarke once again returned to Arran to perform the lament while members of RBLS were the flag bearers.

Each year a service takes place on the top deck of the Arran ferry with the assis-

tance of CalMac which sails the ship over the exact spot, five miles from the Cumbrae lighthouse, where the ship went down. The crew turns off the engines, holds a service and throws wreaths into the sea.

The annual service, at sea and in Brodick later that day, takes place on the Saturday closest to March 27, when in 1943 at 4.40pm a huge explosion ripped HMS Dasher apart and sunk the vessel within eight minutes, taking with it 527 men of whom only 149 survived.



Serving mariners and war veterans stand in solemn silence and pay their respects at the HMS Dasher service.

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Piper Ian Clarke performs the lament.

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Liz Clarke led the service in remembrance of the 378 souls who perished in the explosion.

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Water works taking longer than planned

Scottish Water has admitted that major repair work to underground pipes in Brodick is taking longer than planned.

There have been increasing complaints over a temporary pumping station, powered by a noisy generation, on the shorefront at Brodick – opposite Arran Active – which has been there for more than six months.

The generator was operating round the clock but now is switched off at 7.30pm due to neighbour complaints.

There is also concern at the unsightly appearance of the equipment just off Brodick promenade with the tourist season about to get into full swing.

Problems

Scottish Water says that one of the problems is that pipework, some of it 23ft (7 metres) underground, has moved.

A Scottish Water spokesman said: 'We have a mobile pumping station in place temporarily on the shorefront

in Brodick to enable us to maintain normal service while we are working to repair some of our existing underground pumping infrastructure in the area.

'The repair work is required because pipework has moved. We are working to complete the repairs as quickly as possible but it is taking longer than we had expected, partly due to access for contractors. Parts of the infrastructure are about seven metres below ground.

'Although we are operating the temporary pumping station seven days a week, we are switching it off at about 7.30pm each day to help minimise any inconvenience to customers in the area.

'Because the temporary pumping station is above ground, unlike the existing infrastructure, it is difficult to avoid some inconvenience and we apologise to affected customers and thank them for their patience and understanding.'



The temporary pumping station on Brodick shorefront.

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Arran in bloom at spring



Alison Bilsland with her exhibit which won best in show. 01_B14spring08



The garden in a tray category received a number of detailed and creative entries. 01_B14spring16

All of the signs that spring has arrived were evident at the annual Isle of Arran Horticultural Society spring flower and bulb show held on Saturday.

Adorning the tables of Brodick village hall were an assortment of daffodils, tulips, croci and amaryllii and a large number of cut flowers which were displayed in decorative vases and made into brightly coloured bouquets.

With more than 26 categories in six sections there was a large variety of floral options for green-fingered enthusiasts to enter and visitors to admire.

In the children's categories – which received the most entries in the show – the walls were filled with the artwork of children who entered the show with their pictures depicting spring flowers. Children also entered miniature gardens, Easter bonnets and life-size scarecrows.

Society chairman John Sillars said: 'Despite the weather, the quality and quantity of entries this year has increased from last year. The children's categories in particular have increased exponentially and the standard



of entries remains high.'

At the conclusion of the

show a small prize-giving was held where trophies were



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Isaac Jones of Shiskine won first prize for his creative drawing in the under eight category. 01_B14spring04



Angela Cassels shows off her spring bulbs that won her the best exhibit in the category and the R W McKelvie Cup. 01_B14spring17



Shiskine primary children jointly receive the prize for their garden in a tray. 01_B14spring12



Eoin Jones of Shiskine joined his twin brother in coming up with a creative entry which was highly commended by the judges. 01_B14spring05



Multiple prize winner, Kirsty Hume won first place in the Easter bonnet category and second in the garden in a tray category. 01_B14spring11



Angela Cassels receives the R W McKelvie Cup from society chairman John Sillars for her best bulbs in show. 01_B14spring09

flower and bulb show



The Easter bonnet category demonstrated the high level of quality entries. 01_B14spring15

Visitors browse the exhibits of Brodick Hall while others enjoy the refreshments on offer. 01_B14spring06

exhibit in show was Alison Bilsland for her floral art which featured a brightly coloured Easter-themed presentation comprising eggs, chicks and springs.

Angela Cassels won the RW McKelvie Cup for best exhibit in the bulb category while Tilda Litton won the Neil Mclean Cup for the best exhibit in the children's category.

May Crawford, who entered in the flower categories, but also decided to try her hand at photography this year, won the Arran Horticultural Society Trophy for the best photograph in show.

Brodick Primary School was the winner of the Brodick Castle Gardens Trophy for the school which won the most points in the show.

The Arran Horticultural Society hosts two shows a year, the spring show and a show in summer which, this year, will take place on Wednesday August 14.



Show visitors Myra and Neil Frost can't resist the temptation to smell the delicate fragrances of the flowers. 01_B14spring02



Joey Duncan proudly shows off his rosette for taking second place in the Easter bonnet category. 01_B14spring13



Finn Popplewell proudly shows his spring-themed drawing which won third place in the under eight category. 01_B14spring03

awarded for the exhibits that were judged best in category.

Taking the Royal Bank of Scotland trophy for best



Top prize winners, Angela Cassels, Alison Bilsland and May Crawford with their trophies in the spring sunshine. 01_B14spring14



Olivia and Ava McNeice took first prize for their garden in a tray in the children's section. 01_B14spring10



May Crawford shows off her winning photography which was judged best in show. 01_B14spring07



Alasdair Hendry shows off one of his first prize entries that he and his brother Charles won this year. 01_B14spring01

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Arran gets birds' eye view of international exercise

Residents on Arran have been getting a birds' eye view of the latest major international military exercise which has been taking place in the Firth of Clyde.

More than 10,000 military personnel, 35 warships, five submarines and 59 aircraft and helicopters from 13 countries are taking part in Exercise Joint Warrior until Monday April 11.

Large scale

On Sunday a large-scale exercise involving warships, smaller vessels, fast inflatables, support ships and a submarine was played out in Brodick Bay.

The aim of Joint Warrior is to allow the UK's Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and their allies in NATO to conduct joint operations involving different forces and units and against a range of potential current and future threats.



HMS Albion arrives at Faslane to take part in the Joint Warrior exercise.

Defence secretary Gavin Williamson MP said: 'The UK military is a partner of choice for its major international allies and a resolute

force for peace around the world. The UK will not waver in continuing to work with its allies to protect our mutual interests.

'Led by the UK, Joint Warrior allows key NATO allies to tackle complex warfare scenarios to ensure that the international com-

munity stands fit and ready to work to face any threat together.'

Although run by the UK, Joint Warrior is closely

aligned to NATO training aims and is included in the NATO exercise programme.

The exercise is being controlled and directed from the Maritime Operations Centre at Scotland's largest military establishment, HM Naval Base Clyde, with a range of air, surface, sub-surface, sea control and maritime security roles being rehearsed off the west coast of Scotland. Other exercises are being held across the country.

Exercises

Taking part in the exercises are armed forces from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, the UK and the US.

Together these allies and partner nations have deployed 10,300 armed forces personnel – at sea 6,500 personnel, land 3,000 personnel and air 800 personnel.

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This isn't idle boasting, the evidence speaks for itself: between now and the end of the year HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS of people will visit the West Highlands and islands.

They are coming for the stunning scenery, the history, the Gaelic culture, the music and song. They are coming to celebrate the birthplace of one of the world's most famous drinks, whisky; to enjoy food produced in some of the clearest waters and least polluted landscapes.

Not forgetting the craic either!

This is where we live and what we are and if that isn't worth a festival, then what is?

Music is at the heart of Gaelic and we do not just celebrate our own: you will hear classical, rock, jazz, blues and much more here on the west coast and the islands. What you should also remember is that the vast majority of the talent will be home grown.

When it comes to food and drink, we have something to show the world: lush pastures filled with dairy herds to give our cheese makers the finest raw ingredients, plus there is the rise of some seriously good local ice cream manufacturers. Our hills and upland pastures are full of sheep and beef cattle being raised as nature intended. Oban is the seafood capital of Scotland.

Our whisky distilleries are the stuff of legend. People come from all over the world to visit and they've even been known to get married in them.

The number of book and film festivals continues to rise, with authors and film lovers coming from all over and heading to the remotest of locations as people enjoy the written word together. And all these events take place in some of the most stunning and unspoiled locations in Europe so it is only right that we throw festivals for the wildlife and countryside – and the dark skies of Coll for star gazers.

This festival guide is just the beginning – our guides to all the Highland games and gatherings and agricultural shows will be published in coming weeks.

So start planning your festivities.

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Fàilte don Ghàil

The Gaelic language is in safe hands thanks to the mòds and fèisean and every year thousands of people compete, further their education and talent thanks to them.

Performance is at the heart of both organisations and many more people attend their concerts and festivals. These events are not just supported by local people but by tourists from the UK and abroad who go home having sampled a real experience of Scottish culture.

An Comunn Gàidhealach was founded in Oban in 1891, and ever since the organisation has been at the heart of promoting and keeping alive Gaelic culture through its teaching, lobbying and the famous network of Mòds and has developed many international links and friendships not only with other Gaelic speaking-countries but around the globe.

The 'provincial' mòds are smaller events in communities throughout the Highlands and also towns and cities that have Gaelic-speaking populations. They all build towards October and the annual Royal National Mòd – a glorious event lasting for more than a week, full of the finest that Gaeldom has to offer with a great social scene.

Those in the know make their way to Mull for its mòd only weeks beforehand as many of the top choirs and soloists use this as their final 'warm-up' performances before the big event.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is the National Association of Scottish Gaelic Arts youth tuition festivals.

The organisation was founded in 1988 to expand and support the organisation of Gaelic arts tuition festivals and develop these community-based festivals throughout

Scotland with immersive teaching courses, specialising in traditional music and culture. You might end up taking part; if not, each fèis usually ends with a concert where the participants showcase all that they have learned.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is currently putting the finishing touches to its programme for this year's Blas – a nine-day celebration each September of the music, language, song and culture of the Highlands, taking place across a number of venues.

Also eagerly awaited are the details of the year's ceilidh trails, cèilodhean air chuairt, which showcase the talents of young performers aged 16 to 25 in a professional summer tour in their local area, with the support of their tutors and teams of professional musicians. Check the Fèisean nan Gàidheal website for the final details.

These events give the young musicians incredible experience to help them develop as performers at the same time creating fantastic evenings for everyone to go along and enjoy. The Scottish music scene is packed full of musicians who will tell you they got their first taste of performing in front of live audiences at these events.



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*An Comunn Gàidhealach
and Fèisean nan Gàidheal
are driving forces behind
Gaelic's summer festivals*



Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail Glaschu 2019

This year we are exporting one of our biggest festivals to Glasgow. For the first time in 29 years the week-long Royal National Mòd will be held in the city which has such a strong Gaelic tradition, thanks to generations of Gaels heading to the city to work or study. The event runs from October 11-19.

The provincial Mòds*

Stirling, 17-18 May
Uist, 24-25 May
Skye, 29 May - 1 June
East Kilbride, 31 May-1 June
Oban, 31 May-1 June
Sutherland & Caithness, 8 June
Lewis, 4-7 June
Lochaber, 7-8 June
Glasgow, 8-9 June
Harris, 14 June
Perth & Angus (Aberfeldy), 14-15 June
Ardnamurchan, 14 June
Islay, 15 June
Inverness, 21-22 June
Mull, 13-14 September
Barra, 21 Sept
Edinburgh, to be confirmed
Mòd Loch Aillse, to be confirmed

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Let the good times roll! Start filling up your diary now

Lorn Drama Festival	Oban	27-29 March
Loch Shiel Spring Festival	various locations	19-21 April
Mull Music Festival	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	25-29 April
Gintyre	Campbeltown	13 April
Fiddlers' Rally	Oban	27 April
Carradale Music Festival	Carradale	19-21 April
Walk Islay	Islay	21-26 April
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	26-27 April
Colonsay Book Festival	Isle of Colonsay	27-28 April
Colonsay Spring Festival	Isle of Colonsay	29 April-19 May
Highlands & Islands Music and Dance Festival	Oban	3-5 May
Moladh Uibhist (In Praise of Uist)	South Uist	3-5 May
Kintyre Songwriters' Festival	Campbeltown	3-5 May
Scapa Yoga Fest	Ardkinglas, Loch Fyne	3-5 May
Ullapool Book Festival	Ullapool	10-12 May
Coll Bird Festival	Isle of Coll	10-12 May
Bèo Festival	Isle of Skye	17-18 May
Gig in the Gail	Lochgoilhead	17-19 May
Campbeltown Malts Festival	Campbeltown	21-24 May
Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	23-25 May
Bluebell Music Festival	George Hotel, Inveraray	24-26 May
Islay Festival of Music & Malt	Isles of Islay & Jura	24 May-1 June
Mhòr Festival	Balquidder, Perthshire	24-26 May
FyneFest	Glen Fyne, Inveraray	31 May - 3 June
Oban Live	Oban	7-8 June
Arran Folk Festival	Brodick, Isle of Arran	7-9 June
Killin Music Festival	Killin	14-16 June
Skye Food & Drink Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	24-29 June
Scottish Rally Championship, Round 4	Dunoon	22 June
Arran Malt & Music Festival	Isle of Arran	28-30 June
Gigha Music Festival	Isle of Gigha	28-29 June
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	4-8 July
Ceòlas Uibhist	South Uist	7-12 July
Carradale Harbour Day	Carradale	20 July
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	6-7 July
Cantilena Festival	Isle of Islay	7-12 July
Fèis an Eilean, Skye Festival	various venues	12 July - 20 August
Loch Fyne Viking Festival	Tarbert Loch Fyne	13-14 July
Tiree Music Festival	Isle of Tiree	12-14 July
Heb Celt	Stornoway, Isle of Lewis	17-20 July
Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	20-21 July
Bute Studio Trail	Various open studios across Isle of Bute	20-21 July
Scottish Series	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	24-27 July
Tarbert Fair	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	25-27 July
Eilean Dorcha Festival	Benbecula	26-28 July
ButeFest	Isle of Bute	26-28 July
Belladrum	Beauly, Inverness	1-3 August
Bute Noir, crime writing festival	Isle of Bute	2-4 August
MOKfest, Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	21-25 August
Art Map Argyll	Various open studios across mainland Argyll	23-26 August
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	1-7 September
Skye Live	Portree	5-7 September
Clachan Smallholders Gathering	Clachan, Kintyre	7 September
Blas	venues still being confirmed	TBC
Ceòl Cholas	Isle of Colonsay	12-15 September
Lagavulin Jazz Festival	Isle of Islay	13-15 September
Tarbert Music Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	20-22 September
Hebrides International Film Festival	Lewis, Harris, Uists & Barra	12-14 September
Cowal Open Studios	Various open studios across Cowal Peninsula	27-30 September
Three Lochs Books and Arts Festival	Sunart Centre, Strontian	20-21 September
Jura Music Festival	Isle of Jura	27-29 September
Bookends Festival	Benderloch	20-27 September
Islay Book Festival	Isle of Islay	29 Aug - 1 Sept
Loopallu	Ullapool	27-28 September
CowalFest	Cowal Peninsula	27-29 September
Callander Jazz & Blues Festival	Callander	4-6 October
Ullapool Guitar Festival	Ullapool	4-6 October
Fèis na-Mara	Arisaig	4-6 October
Coll and the Cosmos	Isle of Coll	26-27 October
Colonsay Autumn Food & Drink Festival	Isle of Colonsay	9-23 October
MOJO Argyll	Ardfern	19 October
Tarbert Book Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	26-28 October
Mallaig Book Festival	Mallaig	8-10 November
Scottish Comedy Film Festival	Campbeltown Picture House	15-17 November
Fèill Leabraichean Uibhist (Uist Book Festival)	Across Uist	18-24 November
Oban Winter Festival	Oban	15-24 November
Fèill Leabraichean Uibhist	(Uist Book Festival)	18-24 November
Seall Festival Small Halls	venues across Skye & Lochalsh	22-30 November
Oban Festival of the Sea	Ocean Explorer Centre, Dunbeg	TBC

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Fyne Ales gets set to celebrate 10 years of FyneFest!



Argyll brewery Fyne Ales will celebrate 10 years of their award-winning family-friendly festival of beer, food, later this year.

FyneFest, winner of Beer Event of The Year at the Scottish Beer Awards, takes place at the Fyne Ales brewery estate near Cairndow from May 31-June 3, once again seeing almost 3,000 thirsty festival-goers visit scenic Glen Fyne to sample beers from the award-winning host brewery and over 50 guest breweries from the UK and Europe.

'When we held our first FyneFest in 2010, we never anticipated the festival would grow to be such a huge event for us,' commented Fyne Ales MD Jamie Delap.

'From 300 people at our first festival to around 3,000 this year, the event has gone from strength-to-strength over the past 10 years, and we can't wait to celebrate its birthday with attendees this year.'

This year's festival will celebrate the history of FyneFest with music and beer line-ups featuring a 'best of' line-up of artists and breweries.

Among the 40 breweries already confirmed for the festival are Oakham, Ashover and Thornbridge, three breweries which had beer pouring at the first FyneFest event plus Verdant, Magic Rock, Fierce Beer and Cloudwater among many others.

Across three stages, a mix of talented local artists, festival regulars and high profile bands will perform, including headliners Bombskare on Saturday June 1. FyneFest also offers kids' activities, tours, talks, tastings, Glen Fyne walks and food from more than 15 street-food vendors including Loch Fyne Oysters.

Tickets for FyneFest 2018, including discount tickets for those local to the brewery, are on sale now and selling fast. Under-13s and dogs go free, visit www.fynefest.com for all the info and to book.

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Trail West headlines a superb line-up at Killin



Killin Music Festival is an electric, feel-good, three-day music gathering featuring top-of-their-game bands and artists, as well as a range of fringe events throughout the area over the festival weekend.

Finalists for Event of the Year in the 2017 Scots Trad Music Awards, Killin Music Festival is carving its own niche as a relatively small and intimate family weekend in the very heartland of Scotland, whilst still delivering a star-studded lineup.

The new Trail West big-band lineup returns to the 2019 festival to cap off the Friday events in their inimitable west coast style. Elephant Sessions will continue their recent industry domination with their impactful set to close off the Saturday main stage. The

seated concert on Sunday evening will be headlined by three-times Scots Singer of the Year – the bright, unforced and precise Siobhan Miller.

Alongside the headliners, the fully packed 2019 line-up also includes: Blue Rose Code, Kinnaris Quintet, Torridon, Ryan Young, Gness, Tom McGuire and The Brassholes, Beinn Lee, Eabhal, DLÙ, The 101, Headland, Greig Taylor Music Blues Combo, Katie and Abi and the Open Stage Sunday competition. The festival runs Friday June 14 through to Sunday x June 16.

Visit killinmusicfestival.com for scheduling and ticket details, and stay up to date with all our antics on Facebook and Instagram.

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The picturesque Falls of Dochart, Killin.

Hello campers!

Whether you are old school and under canvas, glamping, in a yurt, a campervan or luxury motor home being outdoors is part of the fun



Cantilena Festival on Islay



Cantilena is a week-long festival of classical chamber music on the beautiful and romantic island of Islay. Along with five professional players, Cantilena selects gifted students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to perform and learn alongside musicians who have all worked with Britain's major orchestras. This is a rare and highly sought-after privilege for these young professionals and Cantilena is the only opportunity for Islay residents and visitors to hear music which ranges from Renaissance to the present day. The festival is now in its 19th season and has become a near sell-out event,

attracting audiences from as far afield as Germany and Italy, thanks to the intimate and informal atmosphere of the venues which include some of the island's famous malt whisky distilleries. The 2019 festival runs from Sunday July 7 to Friday July 12. The programme includes music by Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach, Mendelssohn and Puccini. Tickets are available from the Celtic Shop, Bowmore from June 1, or by contacting admin@cantilenafestival.co.uk.

Sunday July 7	Columba Centre Bowmore	7.30pm
Opening Concert with music by Mozart, Brahms and Shostakovich		
Monday July 8	Laphroaig Distillery	7.30pm
Student Showcase featuring young musicians from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland along with works from the full ensemble		
Tuesday July 9	Lagavulin Distillery	7.30pm
Corelli, Vivaldi, Rossini, Richter and Mendelssohn		
Wednesday July 10	Columba Centre Bowmore	7.30pm
A piano recital by young professional Daniel Silcock and Bach from the full ensemble		
Thursday July 11	Ardbeg Distillery	7.30pm
Bach, including Brandenburg Concerto No.3, Telemann, and CPE Bach featuring two trumpet soloists from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland		
Friday July 12	Bruichladdich Village Hall	7.30pm
Final concert including Vivaldi, Puccini, Bartok, our trumpet soloists and the usual Classical Ceilidh		

Book early – we can't tell you that often enough. Get your pitch booked and your place on the ferry secured if heading to the islands or taking a short cut across a peninsula. And if it is a short ferry crossing with no bookings make sure you plan your journey to arrive at the pier in plenty of time; these routes can build up a tailback when big events are on.

Many people now make a festival the highlight of a bigger holiday and book a holiday cottage or other self-catering. That way you get to enjoy the buzz of the build-up to the festival, watching the stage and equipment arrive, hearing the sound checks – it can all add to the festival-going experience.



By the time our prevailing weather systems have crossed the Atlantic they are bored and want to have fun. You will be amazed at how many different types of weather you will encounter in one day and your camping equipment should be able to cope with this and so should your clothes: think layers, lots of them.

Do practise pitching your tent beforehand and using your kit, even if it is only in the back garden. This will save you a lot of heartache.

Camping at a festival is just like ordinary camping, but magnified. Everyone's stories of festivals include having to rescue someone who had never been camping before. Don't let that be you.

When God invented wellies He did so with festivals in mind – remember to bring yours.

Bring water, lots of it, to keep hydrated, also non-perishable food. You will want to eat at some of the amazing food trucks but keep the budget balanced with some cheaper meals in between.

At 4.30am you will wish you had spent more money on a good quality sleeping bag and sleepmat. You might not be planning on getting much sleep but when you want to, you will want to be warm and cozy.

You've got the power: because you have remembered to bring extra batteries and a power bank to recharge your mobile phone.

A week of chamber music in venues across the island

Cantilena Festival on Islay

Cantilena Festival on Islay

7 – 12 JULY 2019

Sunday 7 July Columba Centre
Monday 8 July Laphroaig Distillery
Tuesday 9 July Lagavulin Distillery
Wednesday 10 July Columba Centre
Thursday 11 July Ardbeg Distillery
Friday 12 July Bruichladdich Hall

Visit CANTILENAFESTIVAL.CO.UK
 for more information and details of our pre-Festival recital in Portnahaven

All concerts start at 7.30pm Tickets £14
 (Senior £12, £5 with Student Card, free for schoolchildren)
 Season £70 (Senior £60) available at the Celtic House, Bowmore from 1 June and at the door on the night or visit cantilenafestival.co.uk/tickets

Cantilena Festival on Islay Ltd is a Scottish Registered Charity No SC033071

Strange but true

These two facts might sound crazy when attending a festival, but believe us, they are true.

Bring your sunscreen and a hat and never lock your tent.

Ambulance crews and on-site first-aiders say they deal with more cases of severe sunburn, dehydration and heatstroke than they do hypothermia, which is a rarity.

Why?

We have a lot of weather, and some of it all in the same day and on a repeat cycle at that, but no-one is prepared for heat. Everyone thinks oh yeah, Highlands, better take my thermals and wellies, so no-one is ever prepared. Never mind what the national weather forecast says, the islands, sea lochs and mountains create crazy little weather micro-systems.

And when it comes to tents, a securely locked-tight tent just screams: 'Hey, we have something worth stealing.' Apply common sense along with your sunscreen and keep valuables with you at all times.



Culicoides impunctatus – on tour this summer

Culicoides impunctatus is not the name of a band; it is the Latin name for midge. Not just any midge, mind you, our own, special, native-born variety.

When the weather conditions are right they like to party just as much as any festival goer. Their idea of a good time will not be yours, so go armed with the midge spray, lotion or potion of your choice.

By the way, the Gaelic for midge is *Meanbh-chuilleag*, which IS the name of a theatre group visiting schools as part of *Fèisean nan Gàidheal*.

A new kind of festival

The Isle of Skye sees a brand new festival, *Beò* launching in May this year. A celebration of the music, culture and heritage of the Highlands and Islands, the two-day event will see renowned bands across the west coast of Scotland come together to enjoy the best of Gaelic culture and craic.

Situated in the lesser travelled south end of the island, the festival will take place in the historic grounds of the Armadale Castle with views over the sound of Sleat, the silver sands of Morar, and the hills of Knoydart. The picturesque backdrop is matched only by the high calibre of fresh musical talent taking the stage. *Hòr-gheallaidh* legends *The Vatersay Boys* will be joined by the roaring success of west coast favourites *Trail West* and *Beinn Lee*, the world-touring 'Gaelic Supergroup' *Dàimh*, and a line-up of the finest musicians the *ceilidh* scene has to offer.

Taking its name from the Gaelic word 'Beò' meaning 'Live', the festival is a celebration of the Gaelic language and culture, which thrives particularly in Sleat where the Gaelic college, *Sabhal Mòr Ostaig UHI* is situated. Brothers John and James Robertson were inspired to create

the event to help promote the use of Gaelic in a non-educational environment and allow all that attend to enjoy the unique Highland heritage that makes a place like Skye special. Supported by fellow Scottish businesses including *CalMac*, the festival will run on May 17 and 18.

More info at www.beofest.co.uk



Beinn Lee

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival



Artistic Directors:
the Doric String Quartet

September 1 – 7

Concerts of chamber music on Mull, on Iona, and in Oban

For 30 years the Festival has celebrated the visit of the composer Mendelssohn to this part of the world with a week of classical music.

Music for strings by Mozart, Haydn, Brahms, and Mendelssohn.



Also this year

Mendelssohn on Mull Spring Music – April 26 & 27
The foundation of a new ensemble drawn from last year's participants

Mendelssohn on Mull Summer Music – July 4 – 8
The Calgary Quartet, Festival graduates, return to perform on Mull and on the Hebridean Princess cruise ship

Details on our website:
www.mendelssohnonmull.com

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival 2019

The Mendelssohn on Mull Festival was founded in 1988 by the revered violinist Leonard Friedman. It celebrates the composer's visit to this part of the world in 1829 with a week of music-making specialising in the chamber music for strings that was so important to him.

The festival presents a dozen concerts, between Monday September 2 and Saturday September 7, in venues all over the Isle of Mull, on Iona, and in Oban, but its focus is on training. This year 12 gifted musicians, who are starting in the profession, will collaborate with the world-famous Doric String Quartet in a variety of groupings. Not only are the concerts generally admission free, it is possible to attend open rehearsals, and there will be introductory talks and chances to meet the artists.

This year five artists from last year's festival meet for a week's



retreat to begin to create a new ensemble. They will give three public concerts, including in Iona Abbey, during April 26 and 27.

And we welcome back the Calgary Quartet, graduates of past festivals, who will present concerts on Mull and on the Hebridean Princess cruise ship, between July 4 and 8.

The September festival is the second of four in which the Doric Quartet will be our

artistic directors. They have selected musicians of great promise and the standard of their performances will be as high as any in the great concert halls of the world. The chance to be present in an unassuming venue on Mull and witness this magic at work is what makes the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival unique.

Details are available on the festival's website – www.mendelssohnonmull.com

Three days of fine whisky and music await you on Arran



Every year, the Arran Malt and Music Festival is held in the grounds of the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza. This year it will take place from Friday June 28 – Sunday June 30. The weekend has become an important date in the calendar for whisky and Arran enthusiasts, bringing together some of the best island food producers, Arran musicians and bands from the mainland in a celebration of

matching some delicious locally made chocolates along with some specially selected single malts from the distillery...a real gourmet experience. There will also be the chance to taste rarely available limited expressions of The Arran Single Malt Whisky by the dram from our fully stocked bar.

The annual special Festival Single Cask Release will be available to purchase on the day – a small batch bottling which is chosen each year by the participants of the Ultimate Masterclass. The Saturday festivities are set to continue long into the evening with a celebratory ceilidh led by the Scottish folk band Heron Valley and the official Arran Distillery band James and the Staves.

Entry to the festival on the Saturday, 11am – 5pm, is FREE. Masterclass and Saturday evening ceilidh tickets can be purchased from www.arranevents.com.



all things malt and music. On Saturday June 29, the festival starts at 11am and features whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved, chat to the people who make the whisky and hear about their experiences in the industry. This year there will also be the opportunity to take part in a whisky and chocolate tasting,



The Arran Malt & Music Festival 2019

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Whisky & Chocolate Pairing

£15.00 - 30mins

3 drams & a selection of hand-made chocolates incl. £5 off Malt Whisky Voucher. 11am, 4pm daily.

Combined Tour & Tasting Discount Ticket

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www.arranwhisky.com



Malts festival showcases the best of Kintyre whisky

Springbank, Kilkerran and Cadenhead lovers from across the world will travel to Kintyre in May for the 2019 edition of the Campbeltown Malts Festival.

This year's festival takes place from Tuesday May 21 - Friday May 24 and we will be hosting a range of events to display our variety of whiskies from across the three companies.

Our events start with a special tasting for Cadenhead Club members on the Tuesday, with the Springbank Society's exclusive tasting happening the following morning. Our traditional Distillery Dinner will take place on Wednesday May 22, this year being held at Glengyle.

The Springbank Open Day on Thursday May 23 will see hundreds of visitors in the grounds of the distillery which will be full of stall holders and local businesses. We will be hosting a number of whisky tastings throughout the day, with the opportunity to buy tickets for certain events on the day. There will also be free tours of the distillery throughout the day and live music in the yard until around 9pm.

Friday May 24 is dedicated to Scotland's oldest

independent bottler, Wm Cadenhead's and Kilkerran Single Malt. Tickets are still available for the Evolution of Kilkerran Tasting on this day: please contact us (details on advert) or visit eventbrite.co.uk to purchase tickets.

The benefits of the event are enjoyed throughout Kintyre as accommodation, restaurants and bars will all be packed for the duration, contributing hundreds of thousands of pounds to the Kintyre economy.



Fellow whisky producer Glen Scotia and Torrisdale-based gin distillery Beinn An Tuirc are also part of the Campbeltown Malts Festival and will be hosting their own events during the week.

22nd Lorn Drama Festival

This year's Lorn Drama festival is taking place over three nights, until March 29, in the Corran Halls.

The festival continues to be supported by local clubs and those from further afield and we're always delighted to see Accent players making the trip up from Campbeltown. This year we welcome Dunoon Drama Club for the first time and we're really pleased that all the clubs take the time to come to Oban and perform for you, the audience.

Festivals like this give amateur actors and directors the opportunity to take the audience to different places and tell a wide variety of stories, some unashamedly comic, others more serious. It also allows creative writers to try their hand at writing for the stage and we are pleased to be awarding the Drama Festival Quill again after its inaugural outing last year. This award is for the best original script, written by or for the clubs and in its first production. It is hoped that this award will continue to encourage clubs and local writers to produce interesting and original work for the festival.

This year's festival promises a mix of youth and experience, and comedy and drama. Writing talent is also on show with Seil performing an original script written by John Colston and Caroline Morgan.

The work of established writers is also welcome and this year we have 'A Respectable Funeral'

by Jimmie Chinn performed by Dunoon Players. This play is one of Chinn's earliest plays and was originally performed as a double bill with 'From Here to the Library' on stage and then on BBC Radio 4 in the early '80s. This is a well-observed piece examining in a tragi-comic way the family tensions that are uncovered immediately after a funeral. A more recent BBC Radio 4 writer, John Finnemore, wrote 'English for Pony lovers' and 'Hot Desk' as part of his Double Acts series of two-handed plays. Finnemore is well known for comedy writing for The Now Show and the award winning series Cabin Pressure. Both these plays are presented by Benderloch and North Connell Drama Club.

A much darker two-handed play 'When a Man Knows' is performed by Taynuilt and District Drama Society adults. Taynuilt juniors are presenting 'Bad Reception' by Paul Vincent, a comedy play. The other junior play this year is 'Charlotte Holmes: future detective' by Richard James performed by Benderloch juniors.

Accent Players are performing 'Grave Prospects' by Isabella C Rae, a dark comedy set in a graveyard where the living interact with the recently departed.

Accent, Dunoon and Benderloch recently performed at the Campbeltown Festival. Benderloch won first prize and the inaugural Jenny Black Memorial Trophy for best acting. Accent were second. Both these teams will go to the SCDA Wester Division final in Castle Douglas in April.

Oban audiences will have a chance to see these award-winning plays, along with all the other festival plays at the Corran Halls until March 29.



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Seahorses frontman and rising Scottish

The 12th annual Kintyre Songwriters' Festival will be held in Campbeltown from Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5 2019.

The famous open stage events begin on Friday night and continue over the weekend in The Commercial Inn. The open stage draws singer-songwriters and bands from all over the country to perform alongside local talent. The open stage will be headlined by The Gilchristians, performing the songs of festival founder Kenny Gilchrist, and will be hosted by The Twisted Melons.

On Saturday, local acts like The Dubious Blues Band, Gareth Croll, Eddie McGuire, Chris Annetts and newcomers The Endorphins will be joined by the cream of Scotland's songwriting talent in Campbeltown Town Hall.

Widely regarded as one of the Scottish folk scene's brightest young talents, Edinburgh-born singer/songwriter Adam Holmes has been compared to John Martyn and has a sound that encompasses Scottish influences and Americana. Adam previously performed a headline show in Camp-



Adam Holmes

beltown in 2013 with his award-winning folk band Rura and this time round will be performing songs from his solo albums with hit band The Embers.

MALKA is the latest project by UK singer-songwriter Tamara Schlesinger. Tamara began her career as the lead singer and songwriter of critically-acclaimed Indie folk outfit 6 Day Riot. Following three successful albums which saw her music

featured in the tv show Skins, Scream 4 and Danny Boyle's 127 Hours, Tamara's solo album The Procession also found widespread critical acclaim and was followed by second album Ratatat in 2017.

Cara Rose is a 21-year-old singer/songwriter from Glasgow influenced by the likes of Amy Winehouse, Lianne La Havas and Lauren Hill. Exploring what it means to be a young person in these uncertain times, Cara's soulful musings have won over fans young and old as she honed her craft across the city's venues. Distinctly Glaswegian, Cara's direct, passionate and insightful lyrics hold no punches as they traverse topics of young love, humanity and political discourse.



MALKA

Saturday's guests are completed by Marc Rooney, who is best known as the frontman of Scottish alternative rockers Pronto Mama who headlined the festival in 2017. Marc returns this year with a stripped down show that lets the songs do the talking.

On Sunday, the festival casts its net even further afield to bring the best songwriting talent to Kintyre.

MOK Fest 2019 set to rock the Wee Toon

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FOR INFO ON TICKET AVAILABILITY FOR THIS YEARS FESTIVAL
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The 27th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest, as it is more commonly known, runs from August 21 – 25.

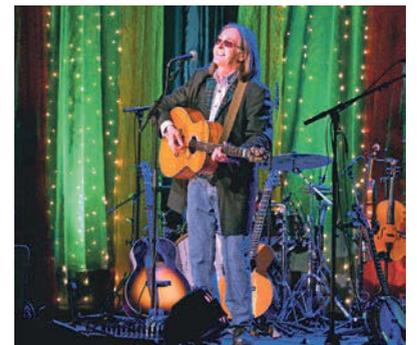
The Saturday night concerts on August 24 promise a fantastic night of music with folk-rock legends Manran in the Victoria Hall 'West Coast Rocks' concert with Heron Valley and Rhuvaal. The traditional concert the same night in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will headline with premier Scottish singer-songwriter Dougie MacLean supported by Ceann Tir, featuring a host of young musicians from the Campbeltown area.

The Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band is guaranteed to get everyone dancing at

the Festival Ceilidh Night on August 23. Young folk fusion band Eriska, along with The Dalriada Connections Band, will also perform with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band getting the night started in their usual rousing style.

The Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections Concert on August 25 will have another great line-up with headline act Chris Stout and Catriona Mackay supported by Western Sound, Ciaran Mulholland and Scooter Muse, Ross Conner plus many more. Don't forget to pick up the sponsor's free whisky miniature at the door.

The Festival Gaelic Night on August 21 features a host of outstanding



Gaelic performers, great tunes, stories and songs. The following night on August 22 the Young Folk Night promises another great selection of young performers from across Kintyre.

The festival ends on August 25 with Survivors' Night, headliners Slainte Davaar Allstars and many guest bands including Rhuvaal, we.R.soul, Gilchristians and many more acts across the night. There are also free open air events including Up the Close and music in the hotels and bars around the town.

For further information visit www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk

stars to headline songwriters' festival



Chris Helme

Chris Helme is probably best known as the frontman of The Seahorses, the band formed by former Stone Roses guitarist John Squire. The Seahorses supported The Rolling Stones and U2 and enjoyed four UK top 20 hits and a Scottish number one in the late '90s including Love Is The Law, Blinded By The Sun and Love Me And Leave Me, co-written with Liam Gallagher of Oasis. Chris usually travels to all his shows by train but is making a special exception to get to Campbeltown for the festival!

Winners of both The Billy Kelly Song Writing Award and a Burnsong songwriting award, Dumb Instrument bring the songs of Tom Murray to life. The band is perhaps best known for its single 'Suffering From Scottishness' which was adopted by the Scottish independence referendum's YES campaign. The focal point of a Dumb Instrument song is most definitely the lyric, with diverse subject matter negotiated in each record, from wheelie bin theft to mortality. Stylistically the band weave hints of disco, ragtime, gypsy or even Latin.



Dumb Instrument

Djana Gabrielle is a French-Cameroonian singer songwriter who won the prestigious Danny Kyle award at Celtic Connections in January 2019. After graduating from law school, she travelled extensively for a few years before moving to Paris to focus on music and started playing small gigs around the city. She then moved to Glasgow, a city she chose for its vibrant music scene and where she recorded her debut EP released in December 2015. She spent most of 2016 touring around Europe to promote her music and wrote, recorded and released a



Djana Gabrielle

brand new song each month in 2018. The Kintyre Songwriters' Festival brings her to Campbeltown for the first time.

Local acts performing at the Town Hall on Sunday include Gullion, Judith Jones, Under Smoke, Thomas Jordan and Jenni Martin.

With 13 acts per night, the festival has something for everyone. Discounted early bird weekend tickets are available for £35 from Campbeltown Town Hall and AP Taylor, and

online from Ticketweb. Individual event tickets are £20.

More information from www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk



A festival to showcase Kintyre's songwriting talent

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HOPE STRANG
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Sunday 5th May

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DUMB INSTRUMENT

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How to get to the Isle of Jura Music Festival



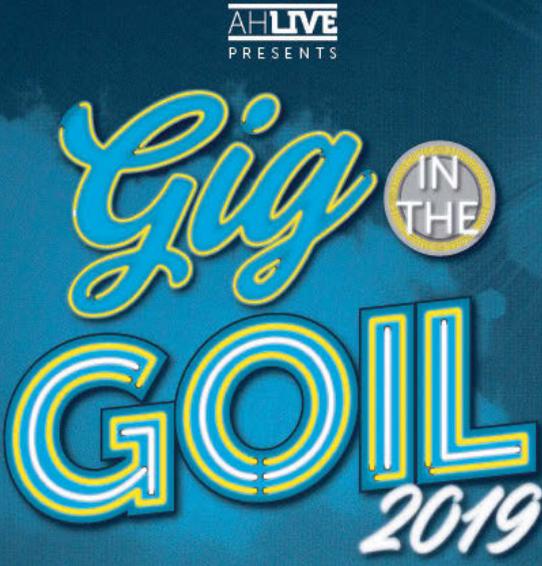
Getting to Jura could not be easier. For the very rich: charter a sea plane or pilot your jet into Islay Airport. Super yachts should anchor off-shore and passengers use one of the motor launches; helicopters can be accommodated on the island with advance notice or use Islay Airport.

For the rest of us heading to Jura for the music festival, who aren't yachties, or don't have some handy cousins who own a fishing boat, the secret is to get yourselves to Tayvallich to catch the Jura passenger ferry to Craighouse.

You can arrive at Port Askaig by CalMac ferry or by flying into Islay Airport on a scheduled service and booking a taxi.

CalMac's most frequent sailings are from Kennacraig to Port Askaig or Port Ellen; if you catch the boat for Port Ellen, then it's the bus or a taxi for you.

But once on Jura, whatever your bank balance, whatever the weather and whether you are young or old, a good time is guaranteed. See you there. And don't forget the Jura Hotel offers a camping package.



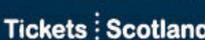
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Gig in the Goil returns to Argyll

Back for the fourth consecutive year, Argyll Holidays' Gig in the Goil is set to be bigger and better than ever before.

The brainchild of award-winning holiday park operator Argyll Holidays, the boutique festival will showcase the very best musical talent, plus food and drink between May 17 and 19 for what is sure to be a fantastic weekend.

More than 60 acts are set to perform across three stages at Drimsynie Estate Holiday Village, set within the unmistakable backdrop of Loch Goil and the Arrochar Alps.

Former Runrig frontman Donnie Munro tops this year's bill which also includes popular trad outfit Mànran and Trail West – returning by popular demand after closing the festival in 2017.

They'll be joined by some of the country's finest acoustic, contemporary, folk and traditional artists, with the likes of Clann An Drumma, Beinn Lee, Vistas, Shambolics and Rollin Drones taking to the stage at the 'Goil this May.

Festival-goers have also been promised delicious food and drink options including street food and craft beers, children's entertainment and plenty of family fun, with face painting, stalls and games. In addition, kids aged 10-and-under go free.

More than 500 tickets for Gig in the Goil have already been snapped up, with organisers anticipating another sell out

weekend. Ross Coutts, event manager, said: 'Gig in the Goil is a highlight of the summer for us here at Argyll Holidays, and we're delighted at securing such a strong line-up for 2019.'

'Donnie Munro is one of the finest Gaelic singers this country has ever produced. As well as all the Runrig favourites, he has a fantastic back catalogue of material to keep the crowd entertained on the Saturday evening. Mànran and Trail West are both award-winning groups with plenty of energy and a huge draw for a village like Lochgoilhead – we're absolutely buzzing to welcome them here.'

'It's great to offer something a little different from the bigger festivals and really showcase the immense talent we have right here in Scotland, in an intimate surrounding.'

For those looking to enjoy the festival in style, Argyll Holidays has a limited number of luxury lodges available over the weekend, with prices starting at £80pp. Guests will also be able to take advantage of a number of Go Active outdoor activities over the weekend, with everything from archery to WaterWalkerz available.

Tickets are available at early-bird prices until the end of March from argyllholidays.com. Follow @giginthegoil on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for all the latest updates.

Eighty on stage for the 75th consecutive fiddlers' rally

The Oban and Lorne Strathspey and Reel Society members are busy practicing for their next annual fiddlers rally which will be their 75th consecutive rally concert. The society was founded in 1944 by well known Oban musician Charlie Hunter. Their current conductor, Helen Jordan, is also a well known musician in the town.



Gold Medallist and well known in the Oban area and throughout the west coast.

Guest artists this year will be Paul Anderson and Paul MacCallum. Paul Anderson is a Glenfiddich Fiddle Champion, as well as an Oban Masters judge, from the north east of Scotland. Paul was a friend of Maurice Duncan, who died last year, and plans to include some of Maurice's tunes, as a tribute to Maurice, in his repertoire. Paul MacCallum, accompanied by Hamish Menzies, is a Mod

As usual, the rally will not only include local members but also fiddlers from several strathspey and reel societies from as far north as Caithness to as far south as Wales. The concert will be held in the Corran Halls on Saturday April 27, 2019 and will start at 7.30pm. For further information, please see our Community Notice Board nearer the date of the concert.

Clachan Smallholder's Gathering an autumn extravaganza

For at least a decade Clachan Smallholders' Gathering has punched far above its weight as one of Argyll and Bute's best annual seasonal festivals.

Last year's event saw woodworkers and artists become guitarists and violinists to spur on a Wild West themed event encompassing crafts, industry culture and music.

On the Saturday afternoon events centre round the village hall and in various marquees on the surrounding grass.

In 2018 Wild West games were played as hardy visitors tested their strength on a bucking bronco fair ride and younger guests had their faces painted.

Meanwhile, fitting with the season, freshly harvested vegetables, art, soaps and various crafts were both demonstrated and for sale in the hall.

Arran woodcarver Henry Murdo brought some of his masterpieces as well as a work-in-progress, a rabbit on which people could try their hand at carving.

Mark MacSporrán involved people of all ages in Samba drumming, using a variety of instruments to create a carnival rhythm.

At night local performers join a headline act on stage as the action becomes musical and outside a barbecue, weather permitting and campfire enhance the 'romantic' carnival atmosphere.

This year's event is on the weekend of August 31 and September 1 with the theme to be confirmed.

Visit us at Facebook to see announcements for daytime stalls, Demonstrations, activities, evening acts, musicians and headline band confirmations. Or contact the Smallholder's Gathering Team on 01880 740 660 for more information or to discuss sponsorship opportunities.



Raphael MacLachlan tries his balance on the bucking bronco in 2018.

Loch Shiel Festival 2019

19-21 April 2019

A cultural treasure of the West Highlands of Scotland, the Loch Shiel Festival is arguably Scotland's most picturesque chamber music festival, renowned for making use of spectacular and unusual settings around Loch Shiel and hosting performances from internationally acclaimed chamber musicians.

The Loch Shiel Festival marks its 23rd year with a micro-festival on the theme of "Inspirations", exploring some of the great masterpieces of the chamber music repertory which have

changed the course of history.

Scotland's esteemed Maxwell Quartet takes centre stage this year, fresh from their recent tour of America, during which they were heralded by the New York Times: "striking arrangements of folk music ...the sound of traditional fiddle playing carried over beautifully into fresh readings of Haydn and Beethoven". They are joined by violinist of the Kapten Trio and soprano Rachel Spencer, and Scottish Chamber Orchestra

violinist Felix Tanner. The programme features music by Haydn, Mozart, Debussy, Shostakovich and Eddie McGuire, as well as a guided walk along the shores of Glenuig. As always, world-class music is partnered with the chance to enjoy excellent food from local chefs.

More details about this year's programme and tickets for all festival events are available on the festival website: www.lochshiel festival.com



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Oban Winter Festival returns November 15 - 24



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Award winning festival returns this year

Friday 15th November - Sunday 24th November

- Parades / Ceilidhs • Markets / Shopping
- Food & Drink / Competitions
- Live Music / Street Parties
- Art Exhibitions / Fireworks

Image by John Gibb

Now in its ninth year, Oban Winter Festival has grown to accommodate an extensive programme of events aimed at people of all ages. Organised by six volunteers and supported by the community, it is a 10-day celebration of Oban's unique culture and community with street parades, international and local performance acts, fire artists, crafts, pipers, parades and family fun. Festival action takes place mainly in the centre of town which means getting from place to place is easy. Discover Oban's great shopping, bars and restaurants that make this town tick. Take a tour of Oban Distillery to sample its malts, or enjoy a relaxing coffee in one of our many cafés while soaking up the beautiful view of the bay.

For those seeking more refined entertainment, there are various literary, language, cinema, music and theatrical events throughout the festival, offering a chance to learn, participate and celebrate our culture. Should you choose to stay overnight in Oban to enjoy one or more of the winter festival events there are various options for your stay, from top class hotels and apartments in the town centre to the many excellent bed and breakfast establishments. You can find more details at www.obanwinterfestival.com, or www.visitscotland.com or www.oban.org.uk So why not join the biggest winter party in the west? We are waiting to welcome you.



Get wild at Mhor Festival 2019

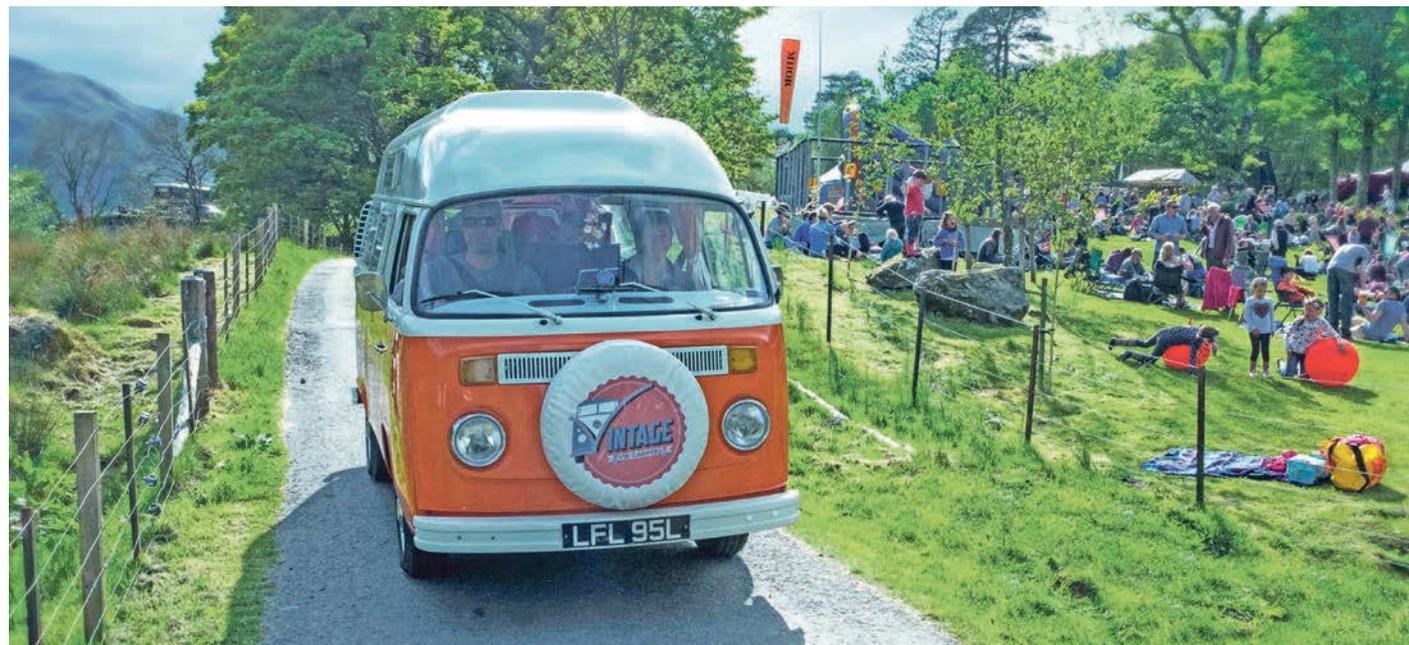
Rediscover your wild side this May with one of the UK's most loved food and music festivals.

Set in the stunning surrounds of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, the Mhor Festival is a celebration of musical talent, internationally-acclaimed artists, inspirational makers and creators, jaw dropping performances and more award-winning food and drink than you can shake a ladle at.

Taking place between May 24-26, the Mhor Festival is the lovechild of The Mhor Collection and takes place in the grounds of the award winning Monachyle Mhor Hotel, on the banks of Loch Voil and in the midst of Rob Roy country.

In an era when what you have seems increasingly less important than what you do, the Mhor Festival is leading the way in putting experience at the heart of wellbeing and encourages guests to rediscover their wild side by getting back in touch with nature and themselves.

Guests will be treated to a line-up of experts and specialists including foragers, herbalists, yogis and nutritionists, on hand



to help tailor what you do and eat with what your individual body needs, through a range of talks and workshops. Experts in mental health and wellbeing will also take to the stage to share their journeys and give advice on how to make sure you take care of yourself.

Food is something that makes us feel good and brings us together and this year's Friday Night Feast will do just that and more. This year, held in honour of the festival's great friend and champion Andrew Fairlie, the feast will raise funds for the Cornhill Macmillan Centre, Perth.

Fantastic food will be a recurring theme throughout the weekend with the festival introducing its Food Hall for the very first time. Packed with sweet and savoury delights from the likes of Mhor Bread, Mhor Fish, Chick and Pea, Babu Kitchen and Nomad Pizza, guests can sample the goods of some of the UK's finest fare. From coffee to kombucha, churros to charcuterie, there's something to tingle every taste bud.

Next door in the Dutch Barn, a rolling programme of talks, demos and workshops will keep everyone from toddlers to teenagers (and their parents) entertained. Whether you've always wanted to try your hand at bread making or have a hankering for lino printing, we've got just the thing and you can sign up to join in on the day.

Another highlight is an appearance by Balquhider's Clare Hunter, who will be talking about her new novel and Radio 4 book of the week, *Threads of Life*. Part

memoir, part journey through time it is, as its subtitle says, 'a history of the world through the eye of a needle'.

For those wanting to get a little more active, Outdoor Swimming Society Ambassador Calum MacLean will be sharing some of his daring, water-based escapades, detailing the adventures this increasingly popular past-time has taken him on. If you're feeling extra brave why not take a dip in the loch yourself and see how it makes you feel.

Gabriella Bennet, acclaimed journalist, author and wild swimming aficionado, is delighted to see one of Scotland's only family run festivals embrace the sport and embody the philosophy contained in her newly published book 'The Art of Coorie'.

Literally meaning to 'cuddle in' the word coorie is most typically used in the winter months, but the definition has evolved to include the sense of oneness and a strong connection to what surrounds you, be they landscapes, people, activities, or vibes.

Mhor Festival invites you to get wild and coorie in all weekend.

For more information visit www.mhorfestival.net or call 01877 384 622 for more information.

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Tarbert – a whole world of festivals!



THE CHARMING fishing village of Tarbert, photographed above by the world renowned, late, great Dennis Hardley, plays host to several festivals this season that celebrate its rich heritage in sea, food, music and literature.

The excitement begins May 24-27 with The Scottish Series, Scotland's premier annual yachting regatta. The Clyde Cruising Club organises this long-running event, in which keen sailors enjoy passage racing and Olympic triangles in Loch Fyne.

This year's programme includes the opening Clyde Challenger Race from Largs for white sail, family class and cruisers.

The laid-back atmosphere and good craic of this event have sailors and non-sailors alike coming back year

after year. All visitors, whether into sailing or not, will love the spectacle and everyone is welcome. The Tarbert Harbour Authority, whose facilities are ever-improving, provides a warm welcome for all competitors from the harbour master and staff.

The Seafood Festival, which is held in July 6-7, gives visitors the opportunity to sample Tarbert's culinary delights. The harbour bustles with food stalls, cookery demonstrations and tastings.

A highlight of the weekend is the crowning of the Seafood Festival queen and her princesses, who arrive in a flourish by sea and parade through the village led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Live music and kids' activities abound at this wonderful family-friendly festival.

The Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival, July 20-21 draws beautiful vessels of all kinds from across Scotland and Ireland over the weekend, providing a spectacle in the harbour for on-lookers. Visitors enjoy boat tours, stalls, live music, demonstrations and family activities.

Tarbert Fair has been held since 1705 and is one of the oldest fairs in the Highlands. It starts every year on the last Thursday of July (25-27) and continues

the festivities over the weekend. Originally a cattle fair, it's now about live music, amusements and fairground rides.

One of the longest-running music festivals in Argyll, the Tarbert Music Festival has been celebrating song and food for 29 years.

Held the weekend of September 20-22, it features a full programme including the popular fêis for children in the morning and adults in the afternoon plus concerts by local talent, turning out everything from rock to reggae to traditional music. Impromptu sessions are encouraged and attract musicians from far and wide. Visitors will enjoy the relaxed vibe and fantastic local seafood in the hotels and restaurants.

Tarbert Book Festival, in the pretty fishing village, is a cracker. Hear book readings by a selection of authors and meet the people behind the characters. There's lots to enjoy for adults and children across various venues from October 26-28.

Camping is available in the shadow of Robert the Bruce's castle and scenic walks along the Kintyre Way make Tarbert an ideal destination weekend for the whole family, so pack a tent and come along: www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk

And also remember the Tarbert Christmas Fair with crafts, stores, Santa's Grotto and the switching on of the village Christmas lights – date to be confirmed.

TARBERT FESTIVALS 2019

Tarbert is an enchanting and beautiful fishing village sitting on the west shores of Loch Fyne.

There are several festivals held during the year which encompass Tarbert's fishing heritage and its affinity with the sea.

Come to Tarbert and experience life on Scotland's west coast - you will be made most welcome.



Scottish Series
24-27 May



Tarbert Seafood Festival
6-7 July



Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival
20-21 July



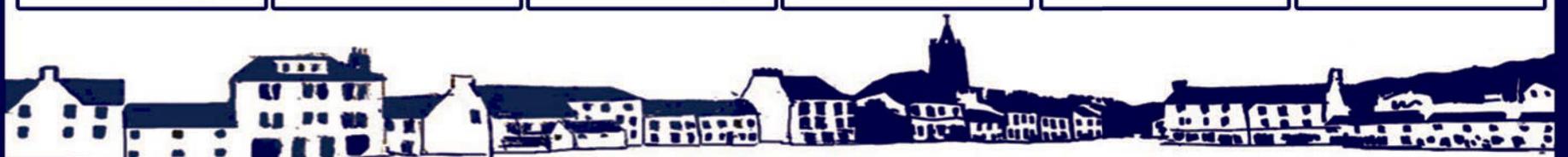
Tarbert Fair
25-27 July



Tarbert Music Festival
20-22 September



Tarbert Book Festival
26-28 October 2018



www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk

Clean, green festival machine



Let's get our act together and keep our beautiful festival locations unpolluted and litter-free

The growth in popularity and number of festivals across the West Highlands and islands has coincided with the rise in consciousness about the environment and the use and abuse of plastic.

So let's make sure that our festivals get a name for being the greenest as well as the best in Scotland.

- The biggest single threat to the environment from a festival will be litter. Help by not being the cause of it and by helping to prevent it.
- Look out for recycling points around the festival grounds and use them.
- If you take extra batteries for torches and gadgets remember to take them to the right recycling point or take them home to dispose of carefully.
- Remember the 4Ps – only pee, poo, paper and puke should ever go down a toilet.
- When you buy baby wipes to take with you, buy a bag of nappy sacks as well – use them for disposing of the wipes and everything else that isn't going down the loo. (See above).
- If your cans of drink come with plastic loops keeping them together, then snap open the loops before disposing of them safely. Birds, fish and other wildlife can get caught in them.
- Don't launch sky lanterns – they may say the paper is biodegradable but the wire falls to earth threatening wildlife and farm livestock.



Is this an old-fashioned answer to a new problem? The traditional Indian Tiffin carrier, a set of food boxes fashioned together, is a great way to take-away. Take your own reusable food containers and cups with you to the food trucks.

Welcome to the Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival

May 3 - 5 2019

This year the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival celebrates its 36th anniversary from May 3 to 5 2019, and Oban will again see an influx of young performers all ready to compete. Come and join the town celebrate the talent of our budding Highland dancers, fiddlers, pipers, pianists, accordion and classic players and not forgetting woodwind, brass and singing at a variety of venues throughout Oban.



Each year there are performers from near and far, making the trip and entering more than 1,100 class competitions.



The festival provides quite a spectacle of dancers at Atlantis Leisure Centre, Highland Dancing Choreography at the Corran Halls and some of the best fiddle and accordion players in the Masters in St John's Cathedral on the Friday night.

The Highlands and Islands festival promotes a long tradition of music and dance, and the opportunity for many young people to show off their talent. Argyll is rich in music and dance heritage and the festival provides a great outlet. In conjunction with Feis Latharna, this year the festival is hosting new workshops at Oban High School for any children interested, from five-18 years, who might want some tops or to pick up a new instrument for the first time, on Sunday May 5.

Feeling up to the challenge, visit our website www.obanfestival.org

Family-friendly festival fun

Don't just go on holiday, create memories your family can share

A good family holiday has something that each member of the family can enjoy so a family-friendly festival ticks all the boxes.

Mum and dad and older kids can get stuck into the main events and the smaller members of the family can have a great time being entertained by all the face-painting, game-playing, model-making, bubble-blowing machines and everything else the event organisers can conjure up – including magicians.

A secure, well-run kids' section is such a joy for all involved; the kids can enjoy running free and parents can relax and have fun, knowing the wee ones are happy and safe.

The same rules for camping and festival going apply to the tiniest of festival goers: good camping kit, clothing in layers,

sunhat, sunscreen and wellies. Pay attention to hydration levels and keep them topped up with snacks – you will be amazed how much energy your children will burn off.

Camping with babies and tots is just a more intense version of daily life. Getting out of the door with a baby or pre-schooler is a major logistical operation at the best of times. A wee tip: it can be reassuring to know that an extra pack of baby wipes or disposable nappies, loo roll or bottled water is tucked away under the seat or the back of the car boot or caravan. Do remember the nappy sacks to help keep litter under control.

Take loads of photos and video and remember to download it and keep it secure. You will be amazed at how much five-and-six-year-olds are fascinated by, and proud of, film and pictures of themselves as babies and toddlers.



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DEFEND YOUR EARS

Make sure your child goes home with happy festival memories and a fully-working pair of ears.

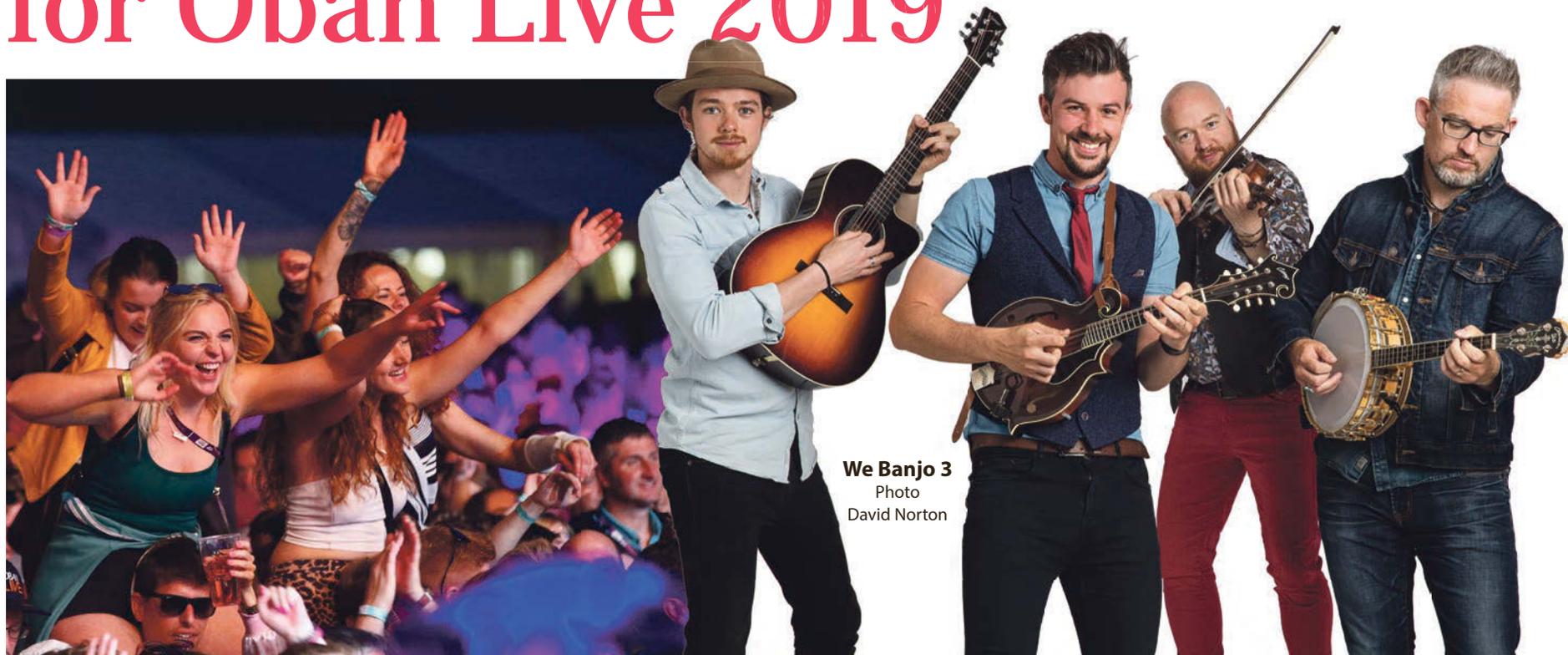
We write this every year and we will keep on doing so – this is really important.

Action on Hearing Loss says sounds over 80 decibels (dB) can cause hearing loss that may leave your child with permanent damage or ringing in the ears.

Ordinary spoken conversation is 60dB and shouting is 80dB, so if you have to shout to make yourself heard, then your kids should be in ear defenders.



Scottish exclusives announced for Oban Live 2019



We Banjo 3
Photo
David Norton

Argyll's biggest outdoor live music event Oban Live has announced it will be the only place in Scotland in 2019 to see multi-award winning Irish quartet We Banjo 3.

We Banjo 3, described as one of the best live acts to come out of Ireland in recent years, will reunite with international trad-fusion Scots band and headline act Skerryvore for a special collaboration on the Saturday as well as performing their own energetic set on the Friday night. The two bands caused a comedy storm on social media during their joint American tour earlier last year as they fought for votes in their widely popular Bagpipes versus Banjo campaign.

Meanwhile, international bagrock sensation Red Hot Chilli Pipers have announced their new album Fresh Air will be out June 7 and will be launching it at Oban Live 2019.

Lucy Spraggan, Elephant Sessions, Talisk and JigJam are also amongst the first confirmed acts to join headliners Skerryvore at their signature event in June. More acts are to be announced in the coming months and this will also include two winners of the event's recent Scottish Sea Farms Unsigned Oban Live campaign.

The Oban Live Fringe is all set to extend the party across the town over the weekend with live music, events and special offers for party goers. Details are expected to be released in May.

Tickets are on sale now for Oban Live 2019 which takes place on Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8 at the town's Mossfield Stadium. Visit www.obanlive.com.

WIN TICKETS TO OBAN LIVE 2019!

3 pairs up for grabs!

As Oban Live media partners, we've teamed up with the spectacular event to offer readers the chance to win one of three pairs of tickets!

Argyll's biggest annual outdoor live music concert takes place on June 7 & 8, 2019, at Mossfield Stadium in Oban. Winner of Best Cultural Event at the Highlands & Islands Tourism Awards 2018, Oban Live plays host to thousands of visitors from all over the world who come to see an eclectic line-up of incredible 'Trad', rock and pop artists in a rural stadium sized setting. A stellar line-up is planned for 2019 including Skerryvore, We Banjo 3, Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Lucy Spraggan, Elephant Sessions, Talisk, JigJam and more to be announced! The Oban Live Fringe extends the party across the whole weekend with live music & special offers on offer across the town. www.obanlive.com.

To enter, simply answer this question, complete the coupon and send it to:
OBAN LIVE COMP, Wyvex Media, Lochavullin Industrial Estate, Crannog Ln, Oban PA34 4HB by 15th April, 2019.

QUESTION: We Banjo 3 come from which country?

- a) America
- b) Ireland
- c) Scotland

Answer.....

Name.....

Address

..... Postcode.....

Telephone.....Email

Terms and conditions: Tickets are subject to the Oban Live terms and conditions which can be found at www.obanlive.com/ticket-tcs. The prize is 2x2-day standard tickets to Oban Live 2019 (June 7 & 8) per winner. Three winners with the correct answer will be chosen at random. Entrants must be over 18. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Winners will be selected at random after the closing date and will receive a 2x2-day standard tickets to Oban Live 2019 (June 7 & 8). The prize is not transferable or redeemable for cash equivalent. The Editor's decision is final. Photocopied entries will not be accepted. Winners may be asked to take part in publicity and may appear in a Wyvex Media publication and website. The competition is not open to Wyvex Media and associated company employees and their families. Digital subscribers can enter by printing this page and submitting their entry accompanied by a letter explaining that you are a digital subscriber. The closing date for entries is midnight, 15/04/19. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition. Entry data will be deleted/disposed immediately upon the competition entry deadline and in a manner appropriate to GDPR regulations. Entrant's details will not be used for any other activity.

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MAURICE LOCKHART



Wealth of history on offer for just £1

Scottish actor Cherry Campbell was at the National Trust for Scotland's Pollok House in Glasgow this week to launch a campaign to support young Scots to visit and get inspired by the country's unique heritage.

For just £1, holders of a Young Scot card will be granted access to National Trust for Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland and Historic Houses Scotland properties across the country, including Brodick Castle which opens today. (Friday)

Now in its second year, the £1 offer means that anyone aged 11-25 with a Young Scot card will be able to visit a choice of 600 properties which showcase Scotland's built and cultural history.

Cherry Campbell, star of Katie Morag, Clique and The Loch and a Young Scot Awards finalist, helped

launch the campaign. She said: 'I absolutely love exploring Scotland's historic buildings. Some of my favourites are Robert Burns Birthplace Museum and Stirling Castle and I like to go back time and time again because you always discover something new. This £1 offer is a fantastic opportunity for young Scots to discover some of the country's most historical places and spaces and it's a great way to do something different with friends over the spring and summer months.'

Find out more about the £1 entry offer and how young people can get their Young Scot card at www.youngscot.org. A full list of properties and locations can be found at participating organisations' websites: www.nts.org.uk; www.historicenvironment.scot and www.historichouses.org.



Actor Cherry Campbell launches the campaign at Pollok House. Photo Martin Shields

Market report

United Auctions had forward 1,516 store cattle and 118 cast cows at its auction in Stirling on Wednesday March 20.

Leading prices were: SimX blks - £945, 239p from Bellevue; £880, 239p from Birchburn. LimX blks - £880, 250p from Balgowan; £870, 229p from Kilpatrick. AAX blks - £910, 232p from Birchburn; £840, 200p from Tighnafreoch. SimX hfrs - £855, 235p from Bellevue; £810, 226p from Birchburn. LimX hfrs - £865, 235p from Kilpatrick; £640, 214p from Balgowan. AAX hfrs - £845, 226p from Birchburn; £735, 184p from Tighnafreoch. B & W Cast Cows - £695, 111p from Tighnafreoch.

Club draw winners

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club March draw were, first prize Andrew Allison, second prize Heather McConnachie.

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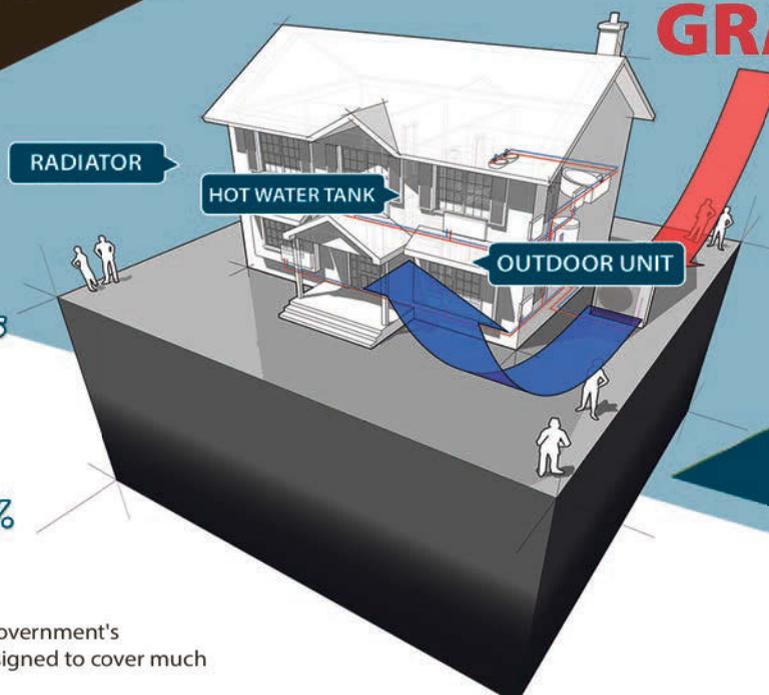
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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

Another fabulous musical feast



Jay Pearcey, proud winner of the elementary piano solo category. 01_B13music24

The 90th Isle of Arran Music Festival was held over three days last month in Whiting Bay Hall and featured a large number of musicians, vocalists and dancers, as reported in last week's Banner.

Here are the full results: Class 1, Vocal Ensemble/Choir, Primary, Ormidale Cup - Whiting Bay Primary School. Class 3, Action Songs/Singing Games, Nursery, Nancy Cooper Memorial Shield - Kilmory Primary Nursery Class and Brodick Early Years. Best Choir, J K Cameron Morrison Cup - Whiting Bay Primary School. Highly commended children's singing group, Elsie Wood Award - Kilmory Primary Nursery Class and Brodick Early Years. Class 5, Vocal Solo, 8 years and under, Monte Rey Cup - Finn Popplewell. Class 6, Vocal Solo, 9 to 11 years of age, Helen Love Challenge Trophy - Harry Gilmore. Class 9, Vocal Solo, traditional, Donald Paton Trophy - Annie McKelvie. Best vocal solo, Margaret Laidler Memorial Trophy - Harry Gilmore. Class 13, Vocal Duet, children up to 11 years, Brida Fergusson Cup - Harry Gilmore and Annie McKelvie. Class 14, Vocal duet, 12-17 years of age, Douglas Hotel Cup - Greta Litton and Daisy McNamara. Class 15, Piano Solo, elementary, Professor

Alan Gemmell Cup - Jay Pearcey. Class 16, Piano Solo, intermediate, James Tool Tray - Beth McCarthy and Jesse Townsend. Best solo player, Dorothy Lees Challenge Cup - Beth McCarthy and Jesse Townsend. Highly commended, Joan Topley Trophy - Jay Pearcey. Class 22, Woodwind Solo, elementary, Festival Salver - Michael Nicholl. Class 23, Woodwind Solo, intermediate, Festival Salver - Ruairidh Lindsay-Smith. Class 30, Brass Solo, intermediate, McLeod Cup - Myles Lindsay-Smith. Class 34, Brass Groups, primary age, Three Dimensions Trophy - Lamash Primary Brass. Class 36, Traditional Fiddle, elementary, Festival Salver - Lily Keir. Class 37, Traditional Fiddle, intermediate, Festival Salver - Annie West. Class 38, Traditional Fiddle, advanced, Festival Salver - Daisy McNamara. Class 43, Strings Solo, elementary, Festival Salver - Daisy McNamara. Class 52, Group Music Making, primary age, Bess MacMillan Cup - Shiskine Primary School. Class 56, Chanter Solo, primary age, Festival Salver - Annie McKelvie. Class 57, Chanter Solo, secondary age, Festival Salver - Patryk Gwizdowski. Class 58, Pad and Sticks, primary age, Festival Salver - Andrew Currie. Class 62, Pipes, solo,

elementary, Corrie Cravie Cup - Annie West and Alfie Robinson. Class 64, Piping Solo, advanced, Rosebank Cup - Rory Currie. Class 70A, Scottish Country Dancing (P1 to P3), Corrie Scottish Country Dancing Club Cup - Brodick Primary School. Class 70B, Scottish Country Dancing (P3 to P5), The Associations Shield - Brodick Primary School. Class 70C, Scottish Country Dancing (primary mixed), Jean Marriott Trophy - Brodick Primary School. Class 70D, Scottish Country Dancing (Boys or Girls), Cresswick Cup - Shiskine Primary School - Boys. Best Scottish Country Dance team, Macdonald Memorial Shield - Brodick Primary School. Specially Commended Scottish Country Dancing Team, Margaret Hart Trophy - Kilmory Primary School. Class 79, Choric Speaking, Primary, Choric Speaking Salver - Brodick Primary School - P6/7. Class 80, Verse Speaking, Nursery and P1, Bilsland Plate, Louis Henbery. Class 81, Verse Speaking, P2, Alice Geddes Memorial Cup - Mavis Helliwell. Class 82, Verse Speaking, P3, Bakers Cup - Charlie Gilmore. Class 83, Verse Speaking, P4 and 5, K Wilson Cup - Ava McNeice. Class 84, Verse Speaking, P6 and 7, Ormidale Cup for Junior Verse - Harry Gilmore. Best Junior Verse, George D McArthur Cup - Harry Gilmore. Class 101, Open Vocal Ensemble, Festival Salver, Vivace. Class 110, Traditional Instrumental Solo, Festival Salver - Andrew Earle.

Congratulations to all performers, and many thanks to adjudicators Lesley Wilson, Jim Gibson and Eric Findlay and, from the Burns Section Dolina Rumbold, Gillian Seaman and Jock Kelso, and to Lorna Buchanan-Hollingworth, accompanist.

Thanks also to the band of volunteers and the committee for assisting in keeping everything running smoothly.



Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith performs The Merry Peasant.

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Participants join trophy winner Harry Gilmore, who won the vocal solo category in the nine to 11 years age group.

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Unable to decide on a superior performance, adjudicator Leslie Wilson presented the James Tool Tray to both worthy contenders in the piano solo intermediate category, Beth McCarthy and Jesse Townsend. 01_B13music23



Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith receives the Festival Salver from adjudicator Leslie Wilson for his solo performance in the woodwind section. 01_B13music21



Finn Popplewell of Brodick proudly won the Elizabeth Cup for his rendition of Do Re Mi in the under eight vocal solo category. 01_B13music25

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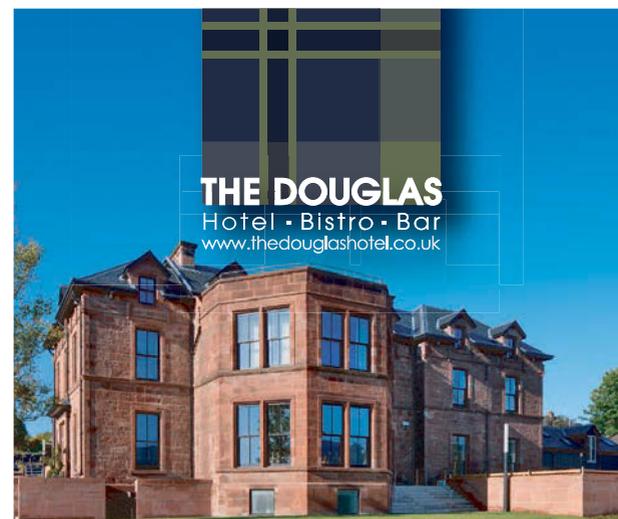
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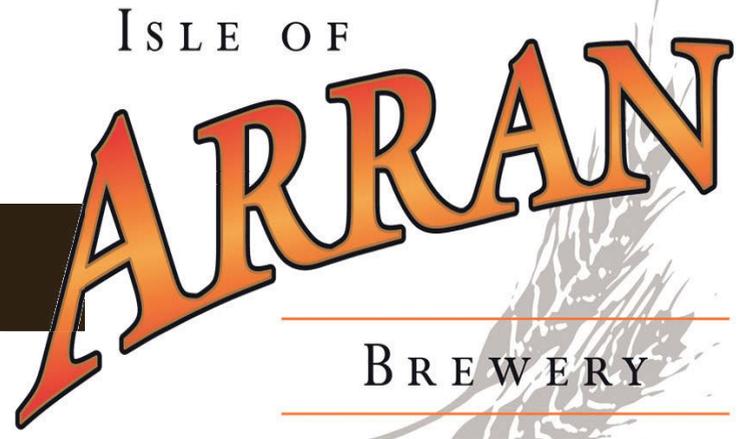
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 Soap making and candle dipping Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am-4pm
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 Arran Brewery Open Monday, Friday and Saturday, 10am-5pm
 Tuesday-Thursday, 11am-4pm. Tours daily at 2pm
 'Portals' by Mike Bailey Arran Active, 10am-5pm Arran
 Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am-4.30pm

Saturday 6th April

Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Consultation on Clyde Regional Marine Plan Octopus Centre, Lamlash, 11am-3pm
 Winter Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
 St Bride's Ladies Easter Fayre Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm-3pm
 Gym Induction Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm-4pm
 Consultation on Clyde Regional Marine Plan, Presentation & Q&A session Brodick Hall, 7pm-9pm
 Live Music – Anchor Line Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Fue Fighters, look nothing like them but sound like The Foo Fighters The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Over-21s' Disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Sunday 7th April

Live Music – Anchor Line Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm-4pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm-3pm
 An Audience with Clive Ponting, the story of the Belgrano affair Arran High School, 2pm - 4pm
 Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm-4pm
 Live Music – Charlie Gorman – multitalented singer songwriter The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Folk Music Session Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 8th April

Morning Fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
 Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
 JogScotland mixed ability running group Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
 Circuit training Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm-7pm
 Live Music – Cams Campbell Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
 Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s Brodick Church Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

Tuesday 9th April

Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
 Healthy Outdoors Team Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am-1pm
 Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am-3pm
 Eco Social Eco Savvy Shop, Whiting Bay, 11am-3pm
 Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm
 Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm
 Steak Night – two ribeye steaks & bottle of wine Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm
 Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
 Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm-7pm
 Flow Yoga Corrie Hall, 6pm
 Netball Arran High School Gym, 7pm-8pm
 Scottish Country Dancing Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Eco Savvy Food Share Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm
 Trev's Pop Music Quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Traditional Music Sessions Brodick Bar, 9pm

Wednesday 10th April

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am-10.30am
 Brodick Gardens Volunteers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am-1pm

Coffee Morning
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 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
 Arran Pace Makers Running Group Brodick, 5.30pm
 Flow Yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
 Live Music – Joni Keen Duo Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
 Tae Kwondo juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Badger Watch Arran Rangers, Brodick Castle, 7.45pm
 Family Pub Quiz The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
 Rock 'n' Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 11th April

Morning fitness
 Chair Yoga Exercise Class
 Bird Box Making
 Adult Tennis
 Steak Night – two steak dinners and a bottle of wine
 Body Blitz (booking essential)
 Badminton, All welcome
 Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +)
 Brodick Embroidery Group
 Eco Savvy Food Share
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 The Drift Inn Quiz
 Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am
 Arran Rangers, Brodick Castle, 1.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 5pm-9pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm-7.15pm
 Shiskine Hall, 7pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm-8.30pm
 Brodick Library, 7.30pm-9.30pm
 Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
 Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 12th April

Wildlife and Geology Land Rover Safari
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Kayak Club Open Day
 Adult Tennis
 Nature Play for Families
 Gym Induction
 Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only)
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Tae Kwondo Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 Live Music – The Sensational Biff Simpson Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
 Friday Night Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
 New local band – Myles Johnson has pulled together this exciting new band The PHT, 9pm

Saturday 13th April

Flow Yoga
 Rink Bowls
 Family games
 Gym Induction
 Fun in the pool
 Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only)
 Live Music – TBC
 The Lynsey Dolan Band - blues, country and a dash of 'Glasgow Soul' The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Over-21s' Disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 2-3pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3-4pm
 The Shore, whiting Bay from 6pm
 Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm



The whisky stills of Arran - illicit and legal

Arran man Gregor Adamson was the speaker at the March meeting of the Arran Historical Society.

The subject was the history of whisky production on Arran, with the emphasis on the illicit manufacture of 'Arran Water' as the product was known. The first written reference records that King James the fourth granted distilling rights to Lindores Abbey in 1491. Legislation in 1781 and 1784 outlawed the distilling as a cottage industry - an important source of revenue. The country was split into the Highland area and the Lowland area (the boundary passed between Arran and Ayrshire) with higher taxes levied in the Lowlands.

Gregor captivated his audience with a brief history of distilling of 'uisge-beatha', made using barley yeast water and heat. The whisky bore no

resemblance to modern whisky as it was crystal clear, fiery and could be undrinkable. By 1797 there were 50 illicit stills 'sma'stills' at the south end alone. Distilling was moved to remote areas in bothies - the remains of one can be seen at Smuraig.

Often the whisky makers were economically vulnerable tenants, widows, the elderly etc - their only income to pay the rent. Traditionally women were the distillers. It is recorded that five women were fined in 1802 and another in 1806. The whisky could be very profitable, and the men involved in smuggling took risks - three men were drowned in 1822. Whisky smuggling was a desirable occupation, indeed a Kilmory minister of the day classed it as an honorable occupation. The smugglers ran the gauntlet of the revenue cutters, and the excisemen.

The good reputation of Arran whisky was obtained by using copper stills. The source of copper stills was Robert Armour of Campbeltown.

It is recorded that one William Jameson of Torrylinn had his confiscated but was able to return the following day for a replacement.

There was a clampdown on illicit stills between 1815-1817 due to the Duke of Hamilton's land reforms.

The tenants were pressurised to stop distilling as it was a hinderance. This resulted in the 'the whisky killing' at Shannochie in 1817.

A search found four illegal casks then William McKinnon, his son Donald and Isobel Nicol were shot dead when a crowd threatened the armed crew of the revenue cutter.

This was followed by the Excise Acts of the 1820s

which played a critical part in eradicating illegal distilling.

Gregor followed with the legal production by licensed distillers such as the The Old Lagg Distillery set up by three locals who formed The Arran Distillery Company.

In 1840 it went out of business as it couldn't compete with the larger distilleries based in Campbeltown.

Now 170 years later the south end will once again be involved in the distilling of whisky when the new Lagg Distillery opens for business.

The next speaker is Robert Barclay from Ayrshire, an expert on Robert the Bruce, especially on his base Carrick and Arran, on Monday April 15 at 2pm in Brodick Hall.

At that meeting members will be given details of the field trip to Skipness in May.

Gregor Adamson.



Susie shows a lifetime of art at library exhibition

Arran's own Susie Thompson is the featured artist in Brodick Library for the month of April.

Susie, who is self taught, has always been creating art and many will be familiar with her porcelain clay work. Over the last three years, however, she has been painting more and enjoying working with vibrant colours saying: 'Vibrant colours are wonderful to work with, they bring a joy to life.'

Painting mostly in watercolours and occasionally with acrylics or pastels, Susie's Christmas cards have become a household name on Arran.

Their unintended success came about after a friend watched her painting cards



Susie in her garden in Shiskine with one of her Christmas card designs. 01_B14library02

for her own amusement and suggested that they would be popular if they were sold around Christmas time.

Susie, who lives in Shiskine, said: 'At the age of 15, when I was at school, the only thing I wanted to do was to go to Wimbledon Art School. My parents wouldn't let me, they said that I'd turn into a hippy - it was the 1960s. So here I am, with no formal training,

working happily in both ceramics and painting. Little did they know.'

The exhibition at the library will be a selection of paintings from over the years. The first one dates back to Susie's school days when she was 17.

It is an abstract watercolour based on the Book of Genesis and the most recent is the latest design for her Christmas cards.



This colourful dragonfly is just one of the paintings from the show.

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Lone crusader

Three years ago the Tourist Board had 345 Arran members, now it has 239. These figures, together with his attendance at the meeting of the Arran Tourism Council shocked Iain Robertson of Lochranza Golf Course. Now after mulling it over, he has decided to take action.

The tourist board is going nowhere, he feels, and individuals must act together for Arran's good. He describes himself as a one-man crusade to get people to come together. This week he has sent out 40 letters to particular people outlining his plans. In 1990 the accommodation register brought 50 per cent of Arran's visitors he says, now it brings less than five per cent.

He is calling for Arran tourism action and is suggesting that people advertise off the island to get people to come to Arran. He has also asked people to contact him so that Arran's tourist businesses can stand shoulder to shoulder to promote tourism themselves.

Quarry study

Continuing work at the Ivy Cottage quarry in Brodick will not have significantly adverse effects on the environment. This is the conclusion of an environmental impact study which has been prepared in preparation for a further planning application.

The proposal is that Murchies Sand and Gravels would take over the site for 10 years, with a possible extension to 15 years, and extract roughly 250,000 tonnes of sand over that time.

It is significant since it comes hot on the heels of the granting of an extension to the sand quarry at Sannox, a development many neighbours feared would have a significant effect on the environment.

The study covered all the relevant topics from visual impact to the effect on bird life and suggested that a boating pond could be formed following the reinstatement of the landscape.

End of the line

The Lakin Forge was set up as a blacksmiths at Torbeg in 1840. It remained in the Ferguson family until 1973 when it was taken over by David Whyte and was by this time operating as a hardware store mainly for farmers.

After Mary and George Kirkwood took over in the early '80s that side of things expanded so that from fencing to welly boots, from wheelbarrows to coal scuttles, from power tools to lamb's milk, it has become indispensable to the whole community.

Soon it will be closed, but through bureaucracy rather than intention. George and Mary, until six years ago, had been running the Lakin as a farm.

Having to leave customers during lambing, they stopped the farming six years ago and decided to build a house in a field not far away and move the store to their new place. But planning said no. The house was outside the area described in the local plan. At that they might have then decided to stay open where they are but, in preparation for this, they had already sold their house. Meanwhile the Lakin store remains open but its days are numbered.



Pictured in the front row are the primary five to seven winners of the Arran heat of the North Ayrshire District Burns Verse Speaking Competition. At the back are the judges who presented them with trophies and certificates.



Ruchill Church Playscheme in Glasgow won a competition to have a day out with CalMac. Their choice of destination? Arran, where the youngsters enjoyed an afternoon of horse riding at Cairnhouse Trekking Centre.



At the launch of Julia Graham's Millennium calendar at Lochranza, awards were presented to those whose pictures were chosen for the various months.



Workmen, with the help of a large crane, remove a huge tree that was brought down by the recent storms. The National Trust for Scotland has thus far spent £32,000 on cleaning operations which will allow Brodick Castle to open for Easter.



Rev Hu Gallagher and Rev Dr Ian Macleod lead a short service of dedication at the HMS Dasher memorial which was unveiled at the Brodick ferry terminal.

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Parish Assistant:

Mrs Jean Hunter:

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

Sunday 7th April

Lochranza Church, 9.30am

Morning Worship

Pirnmill Church, 10.15am

Morning Worship

Shiskine Church, 12noon

Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am

Morning Worship

Corrie Church, 11.30am

Prayer Meeting, 12noon

Morning Worship

There will also be a Service of

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at 1.30pm.

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Whiting Bay and Kildonan

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Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 7th April

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10.30am There will be a

service in Cooriedoon at

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Sunday 7th April:

5th Sunday of Lent

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

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Service at 11am

Ormidale Pavilion

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Wednesday at 7.30pm Home

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study and prayer.

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 7th April

Shiskine at 11am (church on

road between Blackwaterfoot

and Machrie)

Brodick at 6pm

Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

DEATH

MORRISON: Mary. Peacefully at Montrose House on 2nd April, Mary (nee McAllister) of Bennecarrigan. Beloved wife of the late Archie, dear Mum of Ile, Margo, Janette and Jimmy, much loved Gran and Great-Gran. Service at Kilmory Parish Church at 12noon on Friday 12th April. Family flowers only please. Collection at the door for Friends of Montrose House.

Still time to enter Ormidale 10K

The popular Ormidale 10K run, which takes place later this month, already has almost 70 entries and spaces are filling up fast.

Organised by Tommy Gilmore of Arran Runners, the event always attracts a good crowd of entrants and spectators who line the main road and cheer the participants on. Setting off from the Ormidale pavilion at noon on Sunday April 28, the flat course follows the coast road heading north and returns back at the pavilion.

With a minimum age of 16, the event attracts a number of runners from the mainland who undertake a number of 10k runs throughout Scotland. Arriving on the morning boat they then complete the run and make it back home on the 4.40pm ferry.

Tickets are still available online at www.sientries.co.uk and entries close on Friday April 26.



Holy Isle and the 11th tee at Whiting Bay Golf Club.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday March 24, Winter Cup round six. A total of 13 played in the final round of the Winter Cup on a morning that was not best suited for golf. Short dry periods were interspersed with long wet ones that brought Baltic temperatures, heavy rain and hailstones all topped off with a generous helping of strong gusts of wind. No surprise that the CSS went out to its maximum of 66. Cory Allan beat that comfortably to win with a fine nett 64. 1 Corey Allan 8, 64 and lowest gross, 2 Gus MacLeod 12, 66, 3 Douglas Auld 20, 68. Magic twos, Jamie Macpherson at the 12th.

Since no one managed to better his best three scores already posted, the overall winner of the 2018-2019 Winter Cup was David Blair who had the sense not to turn up!

Wednesday March 27, The Tam Young Tankard. A good turnout of 13 enjoyed a fine morning for the final round of the Tam Young Tankard.

A few days of dry weather and the recently cut greens made quite a difference to the course after recent winter conditions.

David Blair was not affected however and he carded a fine 38 points to win by five from his nearest competitor. This being the final round it seems unfair somehow that his handicap will not suffer as a result. 1 David Blair 14, 38pts, 2 Jean Davidson 27, 33, ACB, 3 Wolfi Kroner 12, 33.

The overall winner of the inaugural Tam Young is Wolfi Kroner with a six-round aggregate of 220 Stableford points. Out of the 15 rounds

they managed to play, Wolfi competed in 12 and ended his campaign on a handicap of 12, four lower than his official national handicap – a letter is on its way to Scottish Golf – so congratulations and well done Wolfi.

Finally, thanks to all who turned up on damp and dark Wednesday mornings throughout the winter to play golf and remember Tam Young. It's been great fun and it will all be done again next winter, hopefully after another scorching Arran summer.

Sunday March 31, The Roy Ure Tankard. A total of 12 played on a beautiful spring morning and scoring was so good (for some) that the CSS went out to 37 points. 1 Kevin McAlaney 40pts, 2 David Blair 37pts, 3 David Brookens 36pts ACB.

Fixtures – Sunday April 7, Tor Alvey Greensome. One draw for partners at 10am. Wednesday April 3, Summer Trophy round two. Sunday April 14, Gents Medal.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday March 28, Yellow Medal, 1 Ian Bremner 62-3=59, 2 John O'Sullivan 79-24 =65. Magic twos, Ian

Bremner at 5th.

Sunday March 3, Winter Stableford, 1 John O'Sullivan, 32pts, 2 Serge El Adm, 30pts. Best scratch, Serge El Adm. Overall winner of Winter Stableford – Ian Bremner total 137pts (best four rounds), runner-up Alan Smith total 135pts. Overall winner of Winter Cup – Lee Dutton, total 253pts (best four rounds), joint runners-up Alan Smith and Ian Bremner, 272pts.

Fixtures: Sunday April 7, Carpenter Rose Bowl, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday April 11, Summer Cup, make up own groups.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday March 31, Winter Cup Stableford, 16 played, NC. 1 Chris Pattenden 15, 44pts, 2 Fred Galbraith 17, 41pts, 3 Donald McKinnie 10, 38pts, ACB.

Winter Cup Stableford, final result, best five rounds total points, 1 Fred Galbraith, 198; 2 Chris Pattenden, 194; 4 Brian Smith, 193. Winter Eclectic, fewest strokes taken on each hole, 1 Iain MacDonald, 53; 2 Gordon Hendry, 55; 3 Bruce Jenkins and Brian Smith, 57.

Fixtures: Sunday April

7, Brandon one qualifier, 8.30am and noon, also Summer Cup every Wednesday.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday March 31, 12-Hole Medal and Winter Cup Final. 1st Class: 1 and scratch, Phil Betley 46-6=40, 2 Willie Kelso 49-6=43. 2nd Class: 1 Ross Traill 52-12=40, BIH, 2 Willie McNally 46-9=40. Magic twos, Marc Campbell. Phil Betley wins the Winter Cup and Ross Traill wins the 12-Hole Medal, congratulations.

Fixtures: Sunday April 7, Gents' 12-Hole Medal, 1pm tee off. Thursday April 11, Ladies 12-Hole Medal, 1pm and 5.30pm tee offs.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday April 3, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, Sweep, 1 Campbell Laing 64, 2 Phil Betley 66, 3 Ron Woods 71. Magic two Phil Betley.

Lady Mary, CSS 68r/o, 1 Piet Johnston 98-21=77, 2 Fiona Scott 108-27=81, 3 Kema Genda 95-13=82. Peter Sutton, CSS 64, 1 Campbell Laing 82-18=64, 2 Phil Betley 76-10=66, 3 Ron Woods 89-18=71.

Fixtures: Tuesday April 9, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday March 30, 18-Hole Sweep. 1 D Logan 73-11=62, 2 G Andrew 72-9=63 scratch. Magic twos D Logan and A Napier. Fixtures: Saturday April 6, 18-Hole Sweep, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Monday April 8, Winter Cup, ballot at 12noon. Wednesday April 10, Wednesday Evening Sweep, ballot at 5pm.



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A Troon player is surrounded, foiling her attempt at goal. 01_B14hockeyA03

Honours even

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coming from all angles. The Troon forwards were quick to realise a straight shot at Ali would not get through, so began passing the ball around the 'D' hoping to find a gap in the defence.

After 13 minutes, Troon were awarded a short corner and, with a well-practised and executed set piece, were able to bring the score to 1-1. With such a balanced game, with two equally matched teams, that score remained the same until the full time whistle blew.

Arran led the three cheers for the Troon Ladies and for a game well played, and Troon replied in

kind. Hazel was nominated as dame of the game for her excellent play during the game. Both teams happily retired to the Ormidale Hotel for refreshments and a chat, where Tommy, Trevor and the staff were waiting with a delicious after-match tea.

The Arran Ladies are off for a week but then play another double header on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday April 13 and 14. The first game is against GHK 4s at their home ground and Sunday's game is against Strathclyde University at Stepps hockey ground. All supporters will be very much appreciated and warmly welcomed.



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Hazel Malakoty anticipates a Troon player's next move to curtail any forward advance. 01_B14hockeyA07



Jenny Stark and a determined Troon player battle for possession. 01_B14hockeyA06

Six of the best for Archie in Glencairn whitewash

Glencairn Thistle	0
Isle of Arran	12
League Division One	

Travelling to Ardeer Stadium in Stevenston for a match against Glencairn Thistle, Arran AFC dominated the opposition from start to finish and left their opponents, despite a valiant effort, hit with 12 goals without reply.

Top goal scorer Archie McNicol ran rampant, scoring six goals for the team who are now sitting in second place in the league. With only one point between them and the league leaders, and with only a single game in hand, Arran AFC are now in with a real chance at taking the league title.

The match got off to an explosive start by the Arran boys, with quick passing, asserting themselves in the opposition's half, and it was not long before the first goal came from on-form

Archie. Johnny Sloss followed Archie's goal with one of his own before Archie added another three goals before the half time whistle blew.

A dejected Glencairn side battled on but Arran was not about to let up and increased the pressure. The second half was a repeat of the first with Ryan Armstrong adding a further two goals to the scoreboard and Christopher 'Babbies' Macneil and Sean Higgins each adding a further goal.

Earning his second hat-trick, Archie contributed a further three goals to the tally, securing the title of undisputed man of the match.

The next fixture for the Arran team will be the final league cup game of the season against Killie Athletic tomorrow (Sunday) at Ardeer Juniors Stadium with a 12.45pm kick off. All supporters are encouraged to attend.

Photos: Tam Borland



Johnny Sloss drives the ball from mid-field all the way into the opposition's defence.



The Glencairn keeper dives in an attempt to prevent Archie McNicol's goal.



Christopher 'Babbies' Macneil powers the ball into the goal.



Archie McNicol twists the ball around the Glencairn keeper to add another goal to his impressive tally.



Glencairn tries unsuccessfully to match the speed and agility of Arran's Johnny Sloss.



A Glencairn player helps Johnny Sloss to his feet.

League Tables 2018/19

Q&L Skips Division 1

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Kilbirnie United	11	8	2	1	48	18	30	26
2	Isle of Arran	11	8	1	2	49	18	33	25
3	Irvine CSC	10	7	1	2	41	22	19	22
4	Killie Athletic	10	6	0	4	33	27	6	18
5	Irvine Vics	11	5	0	6	29	28	1	15
6	Valley Thistle	9	5	0	4	24	27	-3	15
7	Glencairn Thistle	10	1	1	8	20	52	-32	4
8	Galston Sunday Amateurs	13	0	1	12	10	59	-49	1

The Q&L Skips Division 1 league table with Arran AFC sitting in second position behind Kilbirnie United.



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Honours are even in last home game of the season

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Troon Ladies 2s	1
West District Division 3	

A return of spring sunshine saw the return to form of an Arran hockey side who, with a full complement of players, competed against Troon Ladies 2s in an evenly matched game at the Ormidale astroturf.

With captain Lorraine Hewie injured and unable play in the club's last home match of the season, she reluctantly took a place on the sidelines to coach and shout encouragement to the players while team vice captain Elyse Aitken took the coin toss with the Troon captain and led the team of 14 players.

Elyse took her position on the defensive line left, with Ellie Wood on the right, Faith McKelvie as sweeper and Ali McKie in goals. Megan McCartney

and Freya McNicol covered the centre back position and Mia Walker, Hazel Malakoty and Susie Murchie were in mid-field. Jenny Stark led a young squad of girls: Hannah McCartney, Isla McKelvie, Cerys Herapath and Judith Ross in the forward positions.

Having had a good turn out at training on the Thursday night, the Arran girls soon settled into their game, and a mere four minutes after the whistle blew, Hannah McCartney was in the right position on the left post to deflect the ball into the net.

This, however, seemed to spur on Troon who then tried tirelessly to break through the solid Arran defence line. Unable to succeed, the half time whistle saw the score stay at 1-0.

The second half saw the ball flying up and down the pitch as both sides displayed excellent stick work and ball control but with neither able



The Arran Ladies hockey team pictured at their last home game of the season. 01_B14hockeyA01

to assert dominance over the opposing side. Despite some inspired playing from Arran – with seamless one-on-one player passing between Elyse and Susie, and Hazel, as centre mid intercepting numerous Troon passes and sending the ball into the attacking 'D' for the forwards – they were unsuccessful as the Troon goalkeeper and defenders played a tightly packed game and let nothing through.

The visitors had the Arran defence under constant pressure from the start of the second half and goalkeeper Ali 'Ninja' Mckie was kept very busy deflecting shots

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Isla McKelvie remains calm under pressure to advance the ball towards the Troon goal. 01_B14hockeyA05



Uncomfortably close, goal keeper Ali McKie still manages to repel a Troon goal attempt. 01_B14hockeyA04



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