

Cruize
Bar Brasserie
eclectic dining for all the family

open daily for breakfast, lunch & dinner, as well as snacks & drinks throughout the day.

Auchrannie Resort, Brodick
call 01770 302234
www.auchrannie.co.uk

THE ARRAN BANNER

Arran
ESTATE AGENTS

SOLD THIS WEEK

COLMAR, CATACOL

01770 302310
arranestateagents.co.uk

Zoopla
rightmove

Women in Business

Meet some of Arran's inspiring business women **PAGES 12-15**

Call for action on 'danger' boats at Corrie harbour

by Hugh Boag

editor@arranbanner.co.uk



A village's hopes to rid a Corrie harbour of eyesore boats have hit an impasse.

Concern about the abandoned boats at Sandstone Quay is not a new problem, but their continued deterioration presents both a danger to children as well as being an ugly blight at the pretty harbour, according to villagers.

Some of the boats are in such a poor condition that they are unlikely to be seaworthy again. However, as they are privately owned and sitting on private land, which belongs to Arran Estates, it seems there is little anyone can do about it - except appeal to the owners to remove them.

One local resident said: 'They are not only an eyesore but a hazard to children. They sit right next to a playpark, with one of the entrances blocked by these boats. Kids will naturally be tempted to play pirates on them but they are really dangerous.'

'Kids will be tempted to play pirates on them, but they are really dangerous'

The problem, which has been going on for years, was exacerbated by high winds 18 months ago which saw some of the boats strewn across the road. Several were put back and have not moved since, and one, which was blown on to the playpark, still lies there upside down.

Both North Ayrshire Council and Police Scotland have confirmed that, while frustrated, there is little they can do to help. Mr Charles Fforde of Arran Estates told the Banner he had not been approached for assistance.

Now Corrie and Sannox Village Committee is asking local residents if anyone can come up with a plan to rid the village of the eyesore.

They would consider an amnesty if any owners were willing to hand over ownership to them so they could dispose of the boats but since most of them are fibreglass, this is also problematic.

Another possible solution is

Continued on page two

Whiting Bay takes trip down memory lane



Young James Mack takes the wheel of an Austin Gypsy fire engine that served Whiting Bay during the 1960s. The vintage vehicle was one of the many displays at the Celebration of Whiting Bay Past and Present event held last weekend. For a full report with photographs, turn to pages four and five.



John Thomson Construction Ltd

HOUSE BUILDING | CONSTRUCTION | HAULAGE | AGGREGATES | PLANT HIRE

New homes for sale - Cairnhouse, Blackwaterfoot: A stylish range of six newly constructed 4 bedroom villas in a picturesque location in Blackwaterfoot. Two 2 bedroom bungalows also coming soon.

Coming soon - Springbank, Brodick: 3 bedroom, detached villa in an elevated position in central Brodick, overlooking Brodick bay.

www.thomsonconstruction.co.uk | 01770 600 242

Cairnhouse, Blackwaterfoot



JUST 3 REMAINING

McEwan Fraser Legal

Call us for a competitive quote for:

- Aggregates (incl. chips, stone, gravel & sand)
- Ready Mix Concrete
- Skip Hire
- Haulage & Operated Plant Hire

Also available at JTC in Lamlash:

- Building Materials & Supplies
- Timber Workshop
- Petrol & Diesel Station
- Lamlash Motor Garage



Call for action on 'danger' boats at Corrie Harbour



Continued from page one

an enforcement notice warning owners to remove the boats in a specified timescale but that, too, is fraught with legal difficulties.

'I think the best we can do is to appeal to the owners to either scrap their boat or find some alternative storage for it while it is repaired.'

'Some of the boats in the harbour are well looked after and regularly used, and it would be great to see it tidied up for everyone's benefit,' one nearby resident said.



Clockwise from top left: Corrie residents are calling for the pretty harbour to be cleaned up 01_B18quay14; the hazards on this open boat are clear to see 01_B18quay03; a makeshift fishing boat lies abandoned 01_B18quay01; boats block the entrance to the playpark 01_B18quay05; an abandoned boat lies feet from the swings in the playpark 01_B18quay07.

Arran Visual Arts SUMMER EXHIBITION

Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall

Saturday 25th May to Friday 31st May 2019
Open from 10.30am to 5pm each day.



There will be a family workshop
on Monday 27th May
from 2pm to 4 pm
with a variety of arts and crafts
for children and young people.

Original works of art
by local artists
on display and for sale.
Vote for the
"People's Choice" award!



www.arranvisualarts.co.uk

Sign up for Brodick 200 Club

There has been a good response to the appeal by the Brodick Improvements Committee for more people to join the Brodick 200 Club, not just from Brodick but from down south as well.

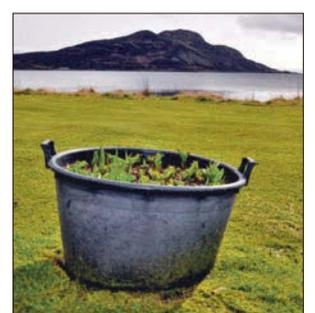
For just £20 a year everyone can help boost the pot of money needed to support the amenities the club looks after in Brodick – including the Fisherman's Walk, the public toilets and the flower tubs – and there is a chance to

win £50 every month in the prize draw.

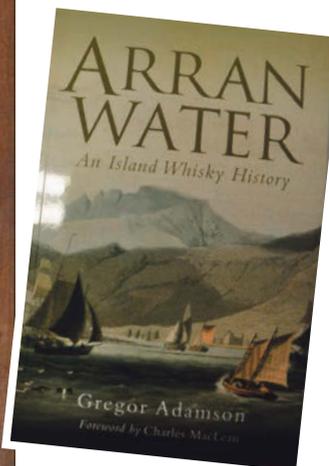
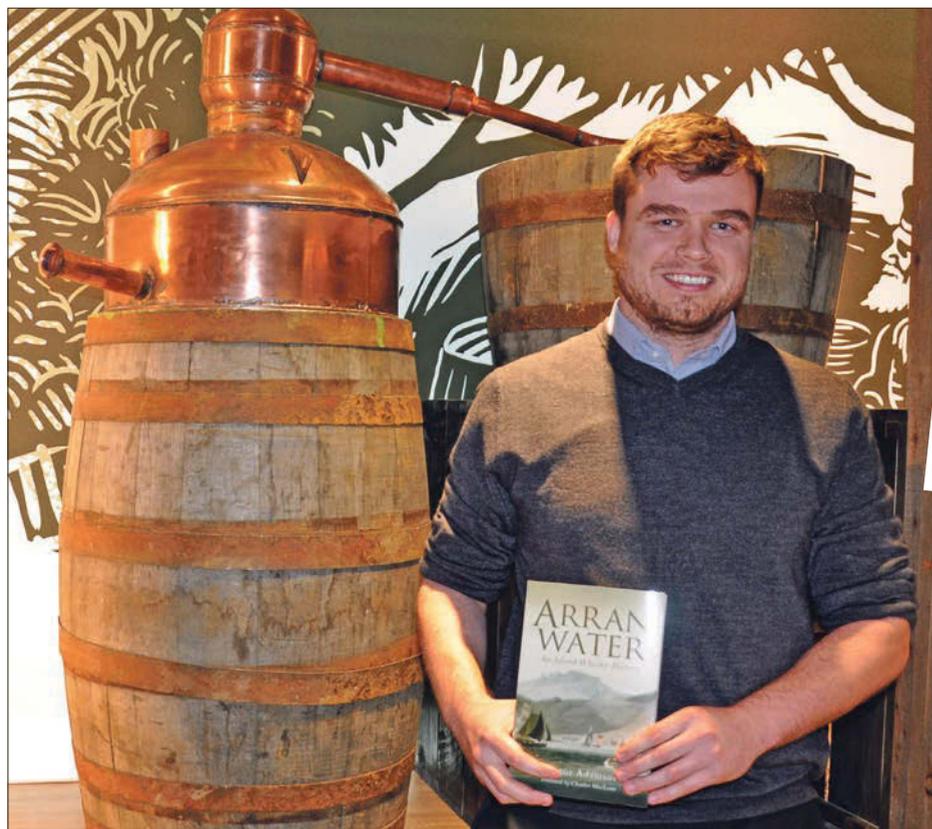
Applications are still available by emailing Kathleen Boag at bic.contactus@btinternet.com or they can be picked up at the Red Door gift shop in Brodick.

Current members who have not updated their standing orders to take into account the increase from £12 to £20 are also requested to do so.

The winner of May prize draw is Margaret Harvie.



Brodick 200 Club now plant and maintain the flower tubs in the village.



Author Gregor Adamson with his book at a historical display at the new Lagg Distillery. 01_B20book01

Arran Water pours new light on whisky smuggling trade

by Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The untold story of the history of illicitly distilled whisky on Arran is the subject of a new book which has been produced to coincide with the opening of the new Lagg Distillery next month.

The book is the first to chart this fascinating aspect of the island's history which has, until now, largely been ignored.

Yet the illegal spirit produced on Arran was revered for its quality throughout Scotland during the heyday of smuggling in the late 18th and 19th centuries, and the deadly and daring tales of its shipment to the mainland make for a fascinating read.

Despite this reputation, Arran's rich distilling past has long been forgotten, cast into the shadows of more illustrious whisky-making neighbours such as Campbeltown and Islay.

But the new book, entitled *Arran Water: An Island Whisky History* aims to change all that. Written by first-time author Gregor Adamson, the book provides a comprehensive first-hand account of distilling on the island from the clandestine

manufacture in the late 18th century to the construction of the new distillery at Lagg, which has reinstated legal whisky production at the south end of the island after 160 years – 24 years after the establishment of the island's first modern-day distillery at Lochranza in 1995.

Gregor gained a degree in Scottish history from the University of Stirling, followed by a master's degree in environment, heritage and policy at the same institution. A native of Arran, he now lives in Dunblane and works as a freelance writer and researcher specialising in the history of whisky distilling in Scotland.

Arran Water dispels the myths, hearsay and folktales that have distorted Arran's distilling story and provides a clear narrative, largely through primary research, which highlights the key role that illicit whisky production and smuggling played in the island's economic, social and cultural development.

Using a vast array of original sources, Gregor outlines the manufacture, transportation, and consumption of sma' still whisky, unearths the secrets of the hidden bothies of the Arran hills and glens, and

describes the bloody battles fought between island smugglers and the Excise gaugers and Revenue Cuttermen.

The author also explores the development of licensed whisky production on the island, from the lost legal distilleries of the 1790s and 1820s to the modern developments at Lochranza and Lagg.

'This is the best account of smuggling I have encountered,' Charles MacLean, the world-renowned whisky connoisseur and historian, says in his foreword of the book.

Illustrated with archival and contemporary images, the book offers a captivating historical insight into the island and its people, making it essential reading for lovers of Arran and whisky enthusiasts alike.

Published by Neil Wilson Publishing Ltd, *Arran Water* costs £9.99 paperback (£14.99 hardback) and is available in the shops and online. It will also be for sale at the new Lagg Distillery when it opens in early June.

YOURSTORY
email us at editor@arranbanner.co.uk
telephone 01770 302142

Nominate your local school to help renew their library

Parents and teachers on Arran are being invited to vote for their local school to receive a £5,000 boost toward replenishing their school library in the National Book Tokens competition.

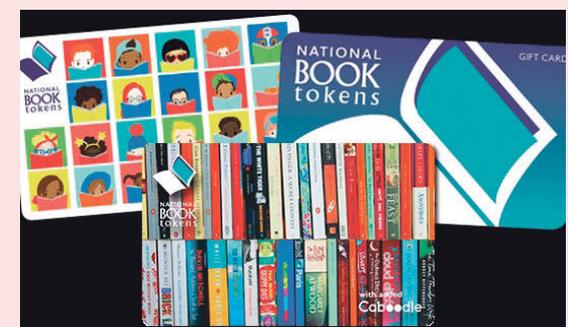
The competition, which is being held by National Book Tokens, will see the winning school receive £5,000 worth of book tokens, with the person who made the nomination receiving £100 of book tokens.

National Book Tokens work with charity partners at World Book Day, Book Aid International

and Read for Good – and through the thousands of people who give National Book Tokens as gifts and rewards to children and young adults each year – to encourage a lifelong love of reading among children everywhere.

Nominations can be made online at www.nationalbooktokens.com and the more nominations a school receives, the higher their chances of winning.

The prize draw closes on Wednesday July 31 and the winner will be announced at the start of the new school year in September.



IT'S BBQ SEASON SO BUY YOUR PATIO GAS FROM US!



T: 01770 302777

E: info@arranhaulage.co.uk

Home Farm, Brodick Isle of Arran KA27 8DD

SHOP WITH US

Memories are made of this in Whiting Bay

Words and photos
by Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The second Whiting Bay past and present event was one to remember last weekend.

Everyone with a connection to the village, it seems, wanted to see the spectacular exhibition that was A Celebration of Whiting Bay Past and Present ... and they were not disappointed.

The amount of material from the village which had been accumulated in Whiting Bay hall was phenomenal and if you thought the history of the village and its environs would only be around 100 years old, David Aitcheson made sure it went back 8,000 years.

As well as the huge picture exhibition and archive cine film, the hall was filled with

crafts and activities including the history of spinning and weaving, model boats, a children's banner and Crafts & Co with a sewing for beginners exhibition. There were also stalls, a raffle, tombola and a Memories Cafe. Outside, the star attraction was the Austin Gypsy fire engine, which served Whiting Bay in the 1960s. It has since been restored and was brought over to the island from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Heritage Trust museum in Greenock for the weekend. As well as the exhibition, village streets were lined with eco-friendly bunting. There were special Mogabout trips, a family ceilidh on Saturday night and a children's games day at Sandbraes on Sunday.

Island-based Positive Pictures filmed the event and will be producing a DVD of the memorable weekend.



Right: Jimmy Miller and Dick Carlile of the Heritage Trust with the Austin Gypsy fire engine. 01_B20memory02



Pipers Patrick and Beverley Scott welcome guests. 01_B20memory03

Left: Katharine and Stephen Sparshott in Victorian dress outside their shop. 01_B20memory01



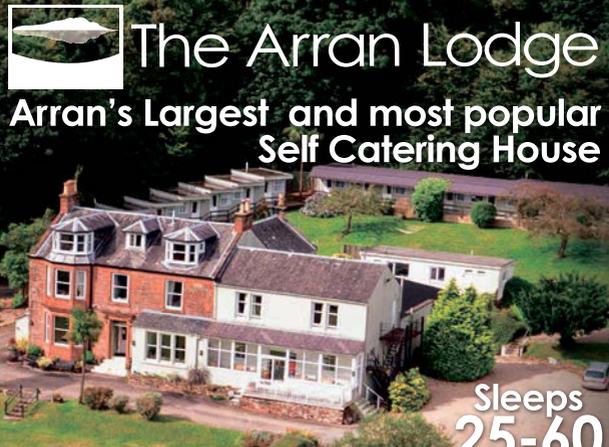
Lynn Ross with her weaving history display. 01_B20memory05



David Aitcheson with his fascinating model of the Giants Graves. 01_B20memory12



Esther Brown and Val Waite at the Eco Savvy stall. 01_B20memory08



The Arran Lodge
Arran's Largest and most popular
Self Catering House

Sleeps
25-60

The Perfect Wedding venue
Family Reunions Special Birthdays
Conferences Walking Groups

ALL ROOMS EN SUITE

www.thearranlodge.com
info@thearranlodge.com
01770 600468



The Arran Lodge
Lamlash
Isle of Arran
KA27 8LQ



ARRAN
SLEEP
HUTS
.com

Budget Accommodation
for solo or group travellers

All rooms are ensuite with
the use of our cookhouse

Prices from **£35** per night room only
or make use of our **3 night offer**

Arran Sleep Huts
Arran Lodge
Lamlash
Isle of Arran
KA27 8LQ
www.arransleephuts.com
info@arransleephuts.com
01770 600468

Rory
Iona
Arran

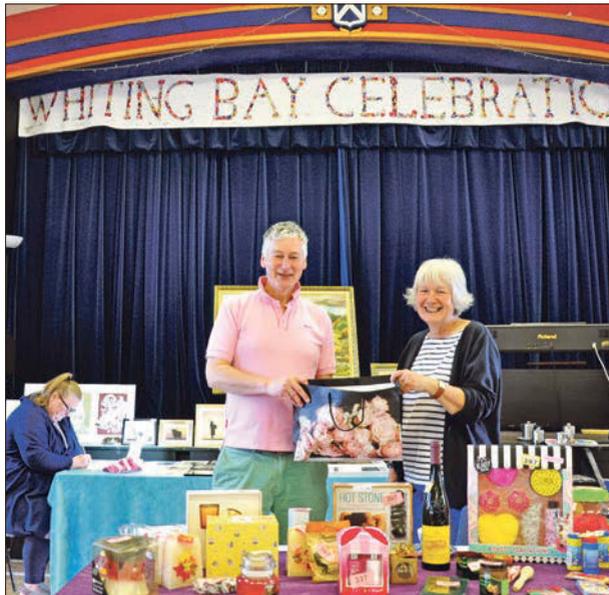


A visitor takes a close look at the memorabilia. 01_B20memory07



Susan McNicol and Fiona Yates at the raffle stall.

01_B20memory06



Eric Kay and Cheryl Burgess at the tombola stall.

01_B20memory09



Visitors take a keen interest in the displays. 01_B20memory13



Visitor Liz Rose examines one of the documents on show. 01_B20memory11



Maureen Moore with the model boat 'Romsey' made by her late husband John. 01_B20memory10



Iain Rutherford weaves on a Foulie rug made by Colonel James Innes on Arran. 01_B20memory04



Nina Szwaliec gets her first lesson in sewing from Coral Smith. 01_B20memory14

MAINLAND TAXIS
Tel: 01294 463 556
Mob: 0792 199 8457

01294 463 556

Glasgow City Centre..£45.00 Kilmarnock..£25.00
Ayr..£30.00 Crosshouse Hospital..£20.00 Ayr Hospital..£32.00
Ayrshire Central Hospital..£15.00
GLASGOW AIRPORT £37.00
PRESTWICK AIRPORT £25.00
EDINBURGH AIRPORT £100.00
RETURN BOOKINGS WELCOME
HOSPITAL TAXI SHARE & OTHER QUOTES AVAILBLE ON REQUEST
Friendly Reliable Service GUARANTEED

6 & 7 Seater Taxis Available on Request

CONTACTUS
email us at editor@arranbanner.co.uk
telephone 01770 302142

Residents' impassioned plea to save village amenities

Words and photos
by Colin Smeeton
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The depth of feeling and strength of opinion was overwhelmingly evident at an event last week when nearly 60 people made the case for the retention of all council facilities on Arran, including Brodick hall and Arran Library.

The community engagement event, held in Brodick hall, is the first stage of a four-part process – held to national and international standards, according to council representatives – in gathering information and data to help decide the future role of libraries, halls and centres in communities throughout North Ayrshire, including all facilities on Arran.

Workshops

Described as workshops and conversation cafes, the engagement event comprised just three questions: Tell us what matters to you most? Why is the venue(s) important? Is there anything else you would like to say about the area and facilities?

Senior manager of participation and empowerment Jim McHarg and two engagement and participation officers, Anne Marie Hunter and Pam Crosthwaite, after a brief introduction by Jim, invited the attendees – who were seated in small groups of about nine people – to discuss the three questions.

Unsurprisingly, after an hour and a half of discussion, the results from each table were remarkably similar. Chief among them was the fact that Brodick's early years class operates



Engagement and participation officers, Anne Marie Hunter and Pam Crosthwaite, with Jim McHarg 01_B20engage01; participants are seated in small groups to discuss and contribute their views 01_B20engage02; chairman of the community hall association John Sillars. 01_B20engage07

out of the Brodick village hall, despite severe restrictions and inconvenience, including having to clear away the educational equipment in the premises every day, children having to share toilet facilities with the general public, and the other resultant complications from not having a fixed-purpose facility.

A speaker at one table said that any negative changes to the situation for the highly regarded and well-used facility would be disastrous for the children, parents and community. Speaking of the knock-on effects the closure or reduction in hours would have for the school, despite increases to school hours coming into effect in the near future, the discussion then extended to the facilities' social benefits, outlining the invaluable contribution the village hall and library play in the lives of the elderly, infirm and social groups.

Another table described the hall as

the heart of a vibrant community, a community asset that must remain to encourage sustainability, social wellbeing and for its tourism potential of encouraging visitors to the many events hosted at the hall.

Another speaker raised the subject of resilience, highlighting the role that the village hall played during the 'snowmageddon' event of 2013 when Brodick hall was used as a meeting point for residents and a base for food distribution and communications.

While a question and answer session could not take place due to time constraints, Mr McHarg did invite one speaker to air his opinion and it was perhaps the most poignant comment of all.

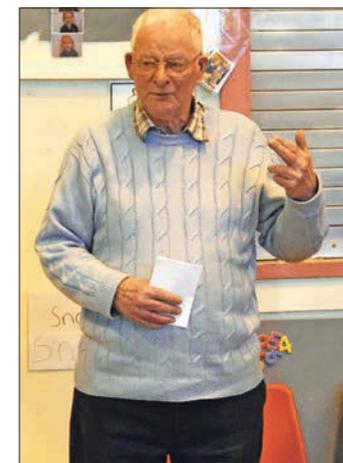
Chairman of the community hall association, John Sillars explained his role in the organisation, having taken over the bookings for the hall on a 'temporary' basis in 2005 when



the agreement was made that the committee would utilise the income from the hall to subsidise community groups and events, and a third of it would return to the council.

Subsidising the early years class fees, the annual Christmas party and a great many other events, John described the events as the 'things that keep us close' as a community. Speaking convincingly and passionately about the hall and its use as a focal point for the community, John stressed the point by ending his comment with a simple but very well supported statement: 'We want to keep this hall and we want to run it for the benefit of the community.'

The views gathered from the event will now join those from 14 other workshops held throughout North Ayrshire and will be compiled into a document which will help decide the future of local facilities in North Ayrshire.



Residents can also contribute their views online at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/your-community/your-voice-your-view.aspx where more than 70 people have already contributed their opinions, among them Kirsty.

Restricted

She said: 'Our local library in Brodick is important to me. A source of books, mini art exhibitions, local information, book bug, access to computers and is used by the Action on Hearing Loss volunteers to provide a service to people on Arran. The service is already restricted to part-time opening hours. Please do not reduce the opening times any further.'

A decision on the future of Arran Library, Brodick hall and other council subsidised centres will be made by council officials later this year after a final report has been submitted to them in November.

Campbell Fuel Oils

Is your current supplier letting you down?
Why not contact Campbell Fuels for a reliable service

The most frequent service on the Isle of Arran supplying heating oil, tractor diesel, derv and a wide range of lubricants

Call us on 01563 521925
Hurlford Road, Riccarton, Kilmarnock KA1 3LS
www.campbellfuels.co.uk

THE WHINS CRAFTS WORKSHOP
HOME OF THE ARRAN STONEMEN
North Newton, Lochranza 01770 830650

Hand painted stone characters and animals, decorative candles and woodwork.
Handmade on the premises by working craftsmen.
Open to the public 7 days a week. 10am - 6pm.
Walking only please...signposted from Lochranza.

..and also

Lochranza Decorative Candles
Handmade candles at the Whins Crafts Workshop.
Ornate and unusual designs for gifts or your own home.
Lochranza • 01770 830650

8-SEATER TAXIS AVAILABLE

DIRECT TAXIS

01294 60-2005

ARDROSSAN HARBOUR TO:

Glasgow Airport FROM £37.00
Prestwick Airport FROM £27.00

enquiries@directtaxis.net - Return bookings and other prices on request.

PAUL | TODD JAMESON

JOINERY & CONSTRUCTION

Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service
Free Estimates
All joinery and construction work considered

Paul or Todd
T: 01770 600678
M: 07919 150436 M: 07879 060102
E: pjameson@icloud.com

Call for islanders to have their say on National Islands Plan

Scottish Government officials will visit Arran next week to ask for input on the National Islands Plan.

They want to hear about the challenges islanders face and how these issues could be addressed as part of the development of the National Islands Plan.

The event, which will take place at Brodick hall on Wednesday May 22, starting at 7.30pm with refreshments, will be one of more than 50 such events taking place across 40 of Scotland's islands between now and the middle of July.

The event is billed as 'a unique and exciting opportunity to shape future policy and strategy', and all islanders are invited to get involved.

There is also an online consultation at consult.gov.uk (search for the National Islands Plan) or email info@islandsteam.scot if you

would prefer a hard copy of the consultation document.

The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 was granted royal assent in July 2018 and one of the key measures in the Act requires everyone who makes or designs new policies, strategies or services to consider how these will impact on islands. One of the ways that this will operate is through Island Communities Impact Assessments.

Your views on both the National Islands Plan and the Islands Communities Impact Assessments will help authorities formulate, and guide them on how these impact assessments and the National Islands Plan will operate.

YOURSTORY
email us at editor@arranbanner.co.uk
telephone 01770 302142

PS Waverley runs out of steam

by Colin Smeeton
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



Paddle Steamer Waverley has been withdrawn from service and will not be able to fulfil any of her sailing programme for 2019.

The sad news for those that hold a deep affection for the last seagoing paddle steamer in the world follows ongoing repairs but after extensive consultation and investigation has resulted in the ship's boiler being condemned.

Despite trying to find alternative methods of securing the service for more than three months, the vessel has had to be withdrawn from service for the first time in 45 years.

Waverley Excursions general manager Paul Semple said: 'The whole Waverley team is deeply disappointed that we are unable to repair the ship's boilers and operate this



PS Waverley pictured near Lochranza. Photograph: Stuart Whiston.

season despite every effort being made to overcome the challenges presented.

'I know first-hand the fondness that the general public have for Waverley and I know this news will be disappointing for the tens of thousands of passengers who would have sailed with us this year around the UK.

The registered charity which owns Waverley will

shortly launch an appeal to save the ship and ensure she sails again. The cost of the required works is significant but if every passenger who would have sailed this year was able to donate the cost of a ticket towards the appeal then we will be able to return Waverley to steam next year.

'More than ever we need support to preserve this iconic vessel as the last seagoing

paddle steamer in the world.'

The withdrawal of Waverley will be felt by the many coastal communities she visits on her annual programme, including on Arran, where her sailings continue to be well supported and enjoyed by enthusiasts and visitors.

Donations can be made by visiting waverleyexcursions.co.uk or calling 0141 243 2224 or by texting STEAM followed by your chosen amount £10 or £20 to 70085.

Waverley was gifted to the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society in 1974 for £1. Since 1975 she has operated on a 'not-for-profit' basis and is owned by a registered charity.

Since being preserved and restored she has carried more than 6 million passengers and visits more than 60 ports and piers around the UK offering a variety of day, afternoon and evening cruises.



ELECTRICAL LTD
PLUMBING
HEATING

Keeping Scotland Warm and Cosy For Over 35 Years

Join The Arran Renewable Heating Revolution



In the past two years TK Murray have helped 82 people on Arran revolutionise the way they heat their homes and water by installing an air source heat pump. You probably know some of them

All now enjoy warmer more comfortable homes and lower energy bills...As well as doing their bit to help save the planet.



Right now the Government will pay you an incentive of up to £10500* to replace your existing oil, LPG or storage heaters with a renewable air source heat pump.

The heat pump will provide you with all year round warmth and comfort and all the hot water you need at about the same running costs as a mains gas boiler.



Don't miss out on this generous government incentive. It won't be around for ever.

To Join The Arran Renewable Revolution and start reducing your energy bills and help save the planet simply call us today on 01236 730 579 or send an email to info@tkmurray.co.uk. We are on Arran twice a week, every week and would be happy to drop by for a chat.

"To benefit the planet by reducing carbon emissions, not use fossil fuels and reduce my annual energy bills, the technology is a no-brainer"

GEORGE CLARKE

Architect, writer and TV presenter

*This refers to the Governments Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme. For more information go to website: www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/domestic-rhi

LETTERS

Write to us: send your letters to editor@arranbanner.co.uk
or The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ

Whatever floats your boat...

Rustic boats in a small village harbour can help paint a pretty picture of a sleepy seaside idyll but when, after many years, they reach an advanced stage of deterioration, they start to portray the signs of coastal village decline and can become an eyesore.

With an appreciative nod to our laissez-faire attitude, and a proud fishing heritage, now long past, many of Arran's smaller informal harbours and boat storage areas have traditionally been tolerated, even when becoming a bit ramshackle – after all, we are an island and we ask ourselves what harm are they doing?

One of the many pleasures of living on Arran includes the fact that a small rowing boat, for instance, can be left on a remote shore without the need for legislation, strict rules, enforcement or official involvement.

So it would be a great pity if now, in an age of increased tourism, we are to lose one of the great freedoms that we all enjoy. Do we really want stricter rules regarding vessel moorings, harbours and storage?

Let's hope that the Corrie and Sannox Village Committee can find an amicable solution to the Corrie harbour problem with the support of the villagers and without the need for any enforcement measures to be introduced.

They could, of course, take a leaf out of Whiting Bay's book and turn an unsightly old boat into a well loved, bright and colourful village icon.

Thought for the week

I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live. Psalm 23:6

Celebrating memories

Sir,
The Whiting Bay Memories group would like to thank everyone who took part in our weekend Celebration of Whiting Bay Past and Present. It is not possible to thank everyone personally, there are just far too many.

To all our bunting makers, for spending hundreds of hours converting unwanted fabrics into 600 metres plus of fabulous bunting, and all who braved the terrible weather when it was put up, thank you, the village looks wonderful.

To the village hall committee, thank you for all your support, we couldn't have done this without you. Special thanks go to Whiting Bay Primary pupils and staff – our banners looked stunning! Thanks to our artists, our face-in-the-hole boards will be enjoyed by many for years to come.

Our young musicians, and those a little older, you were all excellent and very professional. You added something special to the occasion.

To the Bowling Club, and the Improvements, thank you for all your support and for organising your special events which were enjoyed by many.

To our businesses, thank you for embracing the idea and joining in the celebrations. Your bunting looked wonderful and we are sorry for traumatising you with a camera!

Everyone who took part in our DVD filming, you were all great. Well done!

To all our exhibitors and makers, thank you for your wonderful effort, our special exhibits were indeed very special.

Thank you so much to the many volunteers, your hard work before during and after the event made this all possible, without you none of this would ever have happened.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to our ever-growing collection of memories, by sharing yours you allowed so many people to enjoy them and in many cases, re-live them with old friends and new.

On a financial note, to all those who donated raffle and tombola prizes, thank you all very much. We began without a penny to our name, but thanks to everyone's support and generosity, we have managed to pay all of our bills. We should still have enough left to establish our memories group and develop some of our new ideas.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the celebration. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Yours,
Barbara P'Anson
The Whiting Bay Memories Group.

Ferry fears

Sir,
Over the past 50 years as a resident of Ayrshire and Lanarkshire, frequent day trips to the Isle of Arran have been a pleasant relaxation.

It was a great privilege to wake to a bright summer morning and decide to head for Ardrossan, perhaps with our bikes, and have a day on the island. Sometimes we would leave the bikes, and take the dogs and have a day on the hills. One essential annual visit is to Arran Show, when we take some elderly friends by car.

I holiday on the island every year for a month, in addition to several short breaks. This year I have had one short break so far, but for the first time ever I am uneasy about attempting a day trip.

I need to use the lift from the car deck because of arthritic problems, and I now understand that there are issues with the lift on the Caledonian Isles.

Also, it appears that there is no longer a reliable timetable for the island services. Ferry and port malfunctions with the added hazard of newfound sensitivities to weather vagaries have led to many surprising cancellations.

Taking elderly passengers for a day trip to the island risks being benighted as ferries can be cancelled without warning.

Surely this situation is untenable.

What is for me a regrettable inconvenience must be wholly unacceptable for the people of Arran.

Whilst it appears that there has been ineptitude at an executive level on the part of the Scottish Government and also Caledonian MacBrayne, I would stress that my experience of support to the traveller on board and in port by the staff of CalMac is beyond reproach. This applies not only on the Arran services but the Hebridean and West of Scotland services.

I shall be most grateful if someone can provide assurance that a solution to these problems is under urgent consideration and confidence in the island service can be restored.

Yours,
Nancy Anderson
Strathaven

Ferry frustration

Sir,
One of the many ferry frustrations raised at the recent Arran Ferry Action Group (AFAG) public meeting concerned concessionary fare ticketing. CalMac at Brodick seem unable/unwilling to issue concessionary driver/passenger tickets in the circumstance where vehicles are booked on the ferry online or by telephone.

One can collect one's car travel ticket at the Brodick port control booth on arrival but one is then obliged to park the car, walk some 250m to the terminal booking office to purchase the ticket(s), then walk 250m to the control booth to hand it/them in and then a further 250m back to the car. Not very pleasant if one is elderly, probably with walking difficulties, and especially nasty for anyone in winter when one is very likely to be exposed to horizontal driving freezing rain.

Concession passenger tickets can be issued at the Ardrossan control booth and on the moving Lochranza/Kintyre ferry. Why is it not possible to do this at Brodick?

This question has been repeatedly put to the Arran Community Council and the Arran Ferry

Committee without any progress towards resolution. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) is involved, but says it is impossible to make any changes. Additionally, it says, it is impossible to prevent abuse of concessionary scheme with online/ telephone bookings!

One way forward here, we suggest, might be to restrict the use of each concession card via its unique number, to one concessionary return journey to Ardrossan per day. Who would possibly want to do the journey more than once per day? Each concessionary card could be viewed at the Brodick control booth when picking up the associated car ticket.

These points are being put to Gordon MacLennan, chief executive of SPT, and Robbie Drummond, MD of CalMac. We will keep all of you informed of progress via the AFAG web site, www.arranferries.scot

Yours,
John Ford
Arran Ferries Action Group

Personal choice

Sir,
The Mobile Breast Screening van is due to arrive in Brodick on Wednesday May 22 for approximately four weeks.

It was last here three years ago when of the 856 women invited for screening 163 did not attend or declined the invite. That's just over 19 per cent.

I did attend and as a result a small tumour (otherwise undetectable) was discovered and I was able to have the appropriate treatment.

Obviously attending for screening is a matter of personal choice – I am just very glad that I did.

Yours,
Carol Mills
Sliderry

ME Awareness Month

Sir,
Many of your readers living with the complex, neurological condition myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) are missing out on normal life;



Daily collection throughout Ayrshire, Glasgow and surrounding districts

www.arrandeliveries.co.uk

Glasgow Depot

c/o Hebrides Haulage
149 Balmoral Street
Glasgow, G14 0HB
Call us on 01475 676255
Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

We've been in our Glasgow depot for 25 years, our long time friends Hebrides Haulage operate it and provide a great service. We can accept all size of deliveries into Glasgow. Our trucks call in daily to collect all goods destined for Arran.

Anything in before 1pm is guaranteed next morning delivery on the Island. Let us know your requirements when you book in with our office, as well as our speedy parcel service, we offer 2 man delivery and Tailift Service throughout the island. Forklift at depot.

Ardrossan Depot

Arran Deliveries
Parcelpoint Ardrossan
Ayrshire, KA22 8BZ
Call us on 01475 676255
Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

We are open to accept all your deliveries large and small. A lot of companies won't deliver to Islands, why not use us as your mainland address and let us bring it to your home. We have all the national parcel companies and pallet networks calling in daily to our Parcelpoint. If you are ordering from a few different companies we can

hold it until all your goods have arrived and deliver it all together to your home. If you're needing special arrangements for your delivery we can help. Just let us know your requirements when you book in. Forklift on site for pallets and as well as our speedy parcel services, we offer a 2 man and tailift service throughout the Island.

one in four are so severely ill they are house- and/or bed-bound. As part of our work for global ME Awareness Month in May, UK charity Action for ME is asking everyone with ME to share their experiences of healthcare, welfare benefits, employment and education in our Big Survey.

We will use what you tell us to campaign more effectively for better services and support, and improve the lives of children, young people and adults with ME. Take our Big Survey now at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/afmebigsurvey, open until Friday August 2 – and please get in touch on 0117 927 9551 if you need information and support for you or a family member.

Yours,
Sonya Chowdhury
Chief Executive Action for ME

Fundraising drive

Sir,
The Scottish SPCA are appealing to kind-hearted locals to help at the Pets at Home Summer Fundraising Drive to raise vital funds for abused, abandoned and injured animals in their care.

Scotland's animal welfare charity is looking for anyone who can spare even an hour of their time to volunteer at the Kilmarnock Pets at Home store. It's a great activity to do with friends, work colleagues or come along and meet new people.

From May 17 to June 13, people can pop down to their nearest Pets at Home store where they will get the chance to meet Scottish SPCA volunteers, supporters, staff members and dogs from the Scottish SPCA's animal rescue and rehoming centres.

The Scottish SPCA receives no government funding and we rely on the kindness and generosity of the public to continue our work. We would be extremely grateful if anyone would like to donate their time and help us raise vital funds.'

Yours,
Sharon Comrie
Scottish SPCA

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Describing it as 'one of God's magic moments', 14-year old Alex Barnett of Glasgow experienced a chimerical moment and managed to capture it with these photographs. Explaining the experience, Alex said: 'My papa and I parked in the layby in Lamlash at the "No Fishing" sign to take a photograph of a seal. Suddenly an otter appeared at my feet, stared at me then disappeared below the water to return almost immediately with a small fish/eel in its mouth which it seemed to offer to me as a gift.'

CONTACTUS

Arran Banner,
Brodick,
Isle of Arran,
KA27 8AJ
Phone: 01770 302142

News editor
Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Reporter
Colin Smeeton
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Advertising
Cecilia Paul
adverts@arranbanner.co.uk

Head office
Wyvex Media,
Lochavullin Industrial
Estate, Oban,
PA34 4HB



PRESSPOLICY

At The Arran Banner, we endeavour to ensure all our reports are fair and accurate and comply with the Editors' Code of Practice set by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO).

However, we realise that mistakes happen from time to time. If you think we have made a significant mistake and you wish to discuss this with us, please let us know as soon as possible by any of the three methods: emailing editor@arranbanner.co.uk; telephoning the chief reporter on 01770 302142 or write to the Group Editor at Wyvex Media, Crannog Lane, Lochavullin estate, Oban, PA34 4HB. We will try to resolve your issue in a timeous, reasonable and amicable manner. However, if you are unsatisfied with our response, you can contact IPSO, which will investigate the matter.

You can call IPSO on 0300 123 2220 or email inquiries@ipso.co.uk. IPSO is an independent body that deals with complaints from the public about the editorial content of newspapers. We will abide by the decision of IPSO.

The Editor welcomes letters for publication on this page. The Editor reserves the right to shorten, amend or to refuse to print them. Names and addresses MUST be supplied to indicate good faith, although these details can be withheld from publication. Telephone numbers, if available, should also be included. Anonymous letters will not be considered. Please write to: Letters, The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ. Fax: (01770) 302021. Email editor@arranbanner.co.uk Emailed letters can only be considered if they have a name, full address and phone number.



SELLING YOUR WHISKY CASK?

If you own a cask of Scotch Whisky and are interested in selling it, we would love to hear from you.

We are always searching for individuals who wish make a return on their casks, making the process simple and easy whilst offering the best market price.

We will also give 3 bottles of any cask back to you free of charge to enjoy.
Please send details to cask@atombrands.com

Island-wide initiative celebrate



Pupils line up to see the sheep brought to the school by David Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm. 01_B20farm01



Pupils are allowed to climb into the Massey Ferguson tractor to see what it would be like to operate the machine. 01_B20farm02



George Grassie of Blackwater Bakehouse gives each pupil a taste of the bread that is produced in his bakery at Blackwaterfoot. 01_B20farm03

Pupils from all of Arran's schools have been involved in a large number of educational events and activities as part of health and wellbeing week, writes Colin Smeeton.

Focusing on both physical and mental health, the initiative involved an outdoor day at Dymill, an outdoor cooking day, a football game on Lamlash Green, a walk up to the Roots of Arran community land, a cycle to Brodick, a summit ascent of Goatfell and a beach clean in Lamlash, among many others.

The highlight for many came on Wednesday when all the island's P5/6/7 and S1 to S3 pupils took part in a Farm to Fork initiative which, with the assistance of the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET),

involved over 13 exhibitors – local and from further afield – hosting demonstrations and activities aimed at teaching children about where their food comes from and the benefits of healthy eating.

Depute head teacher Quinton Black, speaking at the Farm to Fork event at Lamlash Primary School, said: 'This initiative serves not only to educate pupils about making educated and informed choices about food but it also demonstrates some of the many career options that are available to school leavers without having to leave the island.'

Island food producers who hosted exhibits included farmer David Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm, who intro-

duced the children to some of his sheep and explained the process of farming while answering any other questions that the children had about food, farming, sheep, cattle and raising livestock.

Children were also invited to climb into the huge tractor that was parked in the school property while indoors children sampled bread from the Blackwater Bakehouse and cheese from the Arran Cheese Shop, all while learning all about how the products are made. Children also learned about beekeeping and sampled honey and could try on a beekeeper's suit from the Arran Bee Group.

Local butcher David McKinnon of the Arran Butcher attracted a huge



A hands-on experience, young boys experiment with the barley used in producing whisky. 01_B20farm04



Douglas Coulter, tour guide at Lochranza Distillery, shares a laugh with three young girls asking about the distillation process. 01_B20farm05

s health and wellbeing week

amount of interest from children with an exhibit of a lamb carcass which he later portioned in a demonstration for the older children. Younger children who wished to were allowed to feel and touch the skinned lamb with gloves on their hands while David answered any questions about meat, butchering and healthy eating.

Equally popular were the Arran Distillery exhibit – where children had to opportunity to try the product prior to the fermentation process where alcohol is produced – and the exhibit of Robin's Herbs where children eagerly enjoyed tasting and identifying the herb samples.

Two interesting and informative exhibits were those

of RHET representatives Elaine Bryson and Christine Cuthbertson who taught the children about milling wheat and arable farming. Elaine taught the children about the concepts of food miles, sustainability and healthy eating while promoting farming and countryside practices.

Elaine said: 'The Royal Highland Education Trust works with children and volunteers to provide free educational activities and experiential learning opportunities linked to the Curriculum for Excellence.'

'People have lost the connection between food and farms and we are delighted to be visiting Arran again to rebuild that connection.'

The children have been very receptive to learning more about farming, particularly during our recent farm visits, and they are better able to make choices about the food that they eat to be able to make better life choices.'

Faculty leader for hospitality, technical and health and wellbeing Lucy Urquhart-Dixon said: 'Thank you to Elaine of RHET and all of the exhibitors for helping to make this possible. With the assistance of the many teachers and exhibitors who have been involved, we have helped to inspire the children to provide them with the knowledge and skills and coping mechanisms required to develop into well rounded, confident individuals.'



Butcher David McKinnon shows the pupils the various cuts of meat and explains the butchering process. 01_B20farm09



Robin Gray asks pupils to identify the taste of the various herbs he has given them to sample. 01_B20farm10



Ayrshire and Arran project coordinator for RHET Elaine Bryson watches on as pupils assemble plastic food items. 01_B20farm06



Pupils try on a beekeeper's suit with Arran beekeeper Margo McLellan. 01_B20farm08



A popular choice, Arran Cheese Shop supplies had to be constantly replenished. 01_B20farm11



Primary pupils handle the meat provided by the Arran Butcher. 01_B20farm07

Women in Business

We live in a bold new modern era where traditional gender roles have changed with the times and women are freer than they have ever been to follow their own pursuits. Some choose to raise a family, some choose to work, and many do both.

Let's meet some of these inspiring business women to learn about what motivates them, how they started out in the business world and what it is that drives them to succeed.

In the previously male dominated world of business, women have made huge inroads in changing stereotypes and they are now paving the way for others to follow.

And while we can all celebrate the achievements of businesspeople on Arran, let us take some time to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of the women on Arran who are following their dreams and making a name for themselves in business.



Lynn Walker –
Chameleon Ladies
Boutique



'It has long been my ambition to own a boutique that offers something different. Returning to Arran after a career in

Bell's of Arran



**THE FLASH' WELLIES
INFANT SIZE 4 TO
BIG SIZE 3,
£11 TO £14.**

**MEN'S/ UNISEX
T-SHIRTS SIZES S TO
3XL, £5 EACH.**

**CHILDREN'S
UNDERWEAR, SOCKS
AND TIGHTS**



Shore Road, Brodick. KA27 8EN
Tel: 01770 303787
Find us on facebook @bellsofarran



Johnston's Arran Bookroom

**Atholl House
Lamlash, Isle of Arran, KA27 8LD**

01770 600344
heather@johnstonsarranbookroom.co.uk

Arran and Nautical books a speciality. Yachting, Diving, Shipwreck, Naval, Collectable Scottish and Children's Books.



Chameleon LADIES' BOUTIQUE

FANTASTIC SUMMER SHOES



Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:30 am - 5 pm

Find us on 

28 HAMILTON TERRACE, LAMLASH
01770 600201 WWW.CHAMELEONARRAN.COM

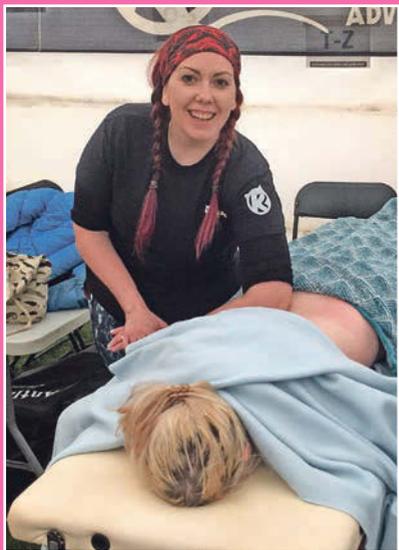
London, the opportunity to refurbish the Post Office in Lamlash was too good to miss!

'I'm now in my sixth season and enjoy every day assisting my customers to feel great. A visit to Chameleon should be an enjoyable and personal experience not just a shopping trip - that's what the internet is for. Browse uninterrupted or relax while we do the hard work and suggest styles and accessories to meet your every day or special occasion needs.

'My frustration is that despite all my efforts to promote the business, I still meet locals who didn't know the shop was there or assume it's somehow "not for me". Come and visit to see for yourself!'

Chameleon Ladies Boutique is next to Thomson's garage in the centre of Lamlash. Open Monday to Saturday 10:30am - 5pm.

Brèagha Holistic Beauty - Shona Catriona Dunsmuir



'I relocated to Arran eight years ago with a BSc in Medical Illustration and a BA (Hons) in Fine and Applied Arts. My new location inspired me to follow my lifelong dream of becoming self employed. I decided to amalgamate and develop my skills and open Brèagha.

My main interests were advanced mas-

sage and nail structures, fuelled by my previous attainments in anatomy and physiology and sculpture. I wanted Brèagha to present a nurturing, relaxing environment, conducive to healing. Since opening I have continued to develop my techniques and skills. I am currently half-way through my Advanced Remedial Massage Diploma at Glasgow Caledonian University, which will be completed in November.

Thanks to local support Brèagha became my full time job six months after opening and has steadily grown since. I am excited for the future and owe so much to my fantastic clients, who made my dream a reality."

The Arran Gift Box - Shiona McGarrigle



Shiona is the owner of The Arran Gift Box Company.

'Originally from Lamlash, I left to go to university and after eight years of working in digital marketing, decided to move back to Arran to bring up my two girls with my husband. I also partner my husband Tom at Eyespace Digital - a creative web design agency who have many Arran clients, and has a business with Forever - The Aloe Vera Company, both businesses brought over to the island and are still going strong.

'The Arran Gift Box was set up to bring together some of the wonderful prod-

ucts found on the Island and create the "perfect gift for every occasion". As well as working with local B&B's, hotels and guesthouses to provide welcoming gifts for guests, Arran Gift boxes are now sold all over the UK from the website, with plans to expand the range this year.'

Johnston's Arran Bookroom - Heather Johnston



Johnston's Arran Bookroom is a small bookshop in Atholl House, Lamlash specialising in rare and out-of-print books about the Isle of Arran - a collection built up over many years by Heather and her late husband Donald. 'There are so many books about Arran, novels for adults and children set on Arran and books by Arran authors. It's fascinating,' says Heather. There are also many nautical books for sale - previously in the Marine Stores in Lamlash - especially books relating to diving, shipwreck and salvage and a huge collection of vintage children's books. 'I have so many, it is impossible to display them all!' Many books are available online at Abebooks.co.uk but Heather prefers to sell the Arran titles actually on Arran as a slightly different holiday souvenir or a special gift for an Arran resident. The shop is open by appointment: phone 01770 600344 or email heather@johnstonsarranbookroom.co.uk



JESS MACDONALD BRASS



Jessmacdonaldbass@gmail.com

Find me on Instagram & Facebook  
www.etsy.com/uk/shop/jessmacdonaldbass

T: 07961 866255

Faye's Foot Clinic

- Registered foot health practitioner
- Home visits by arrangement • Fully insured
- Appointments available in Brodick - call for availability

Faye Anderson

SACdip RFHP

Thistle Dhu • Shiskine
Isle of Arran • KA27 8EP
01770 860121
Mobile: 07880 666 696



Kate's Ladies Hairdresser

07511728563

Market Road
Brodick Isle of Arran
 @KatesHair1



Mariko Clothing Ltd

Ladies Boutique
Sizes 6 - 32

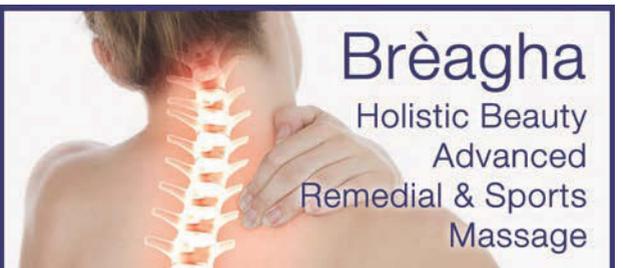
Bags
Scarves
Jewellery
Gifts & Cards

Opening Times
Mon - Fri
10am - 3pm
Find us at
Kilmory Hall

www.marikoclothing.co.uk
Follow us on Facebook/Instagram

Brèagha

Holistic Beauty
Advanced Remedial & Sports Massage



Relaxing, rewarding Advanced Remedial & Sports Massage, Holistic Therapies & Nail Treatments in a nurturing environment, Facilitating recovery from injury, tension &/or stress

Find us at The Corrie Hotel, Corrie, Isle of Arran.

To make an appointment
Tel: **01770 810581** or PM
facebook.com/breagha holistic beauty
massageonarran/



Janie's - Janie MacIntyre



'I worked in the airlines for over ten years prior to moving to Arran in 2002 having met and married my husband. After owning a local public house I took over the cafe in 2013. The previous owners had resigned which left an opening and I was asked to take over by Duncan Russell. The cafe was perfect as the hours are more suitable for my family life especially as we now had a young son.

'I love my job and have a family orientated business now because my niece has permanently moved over to the island and we work together in the cafe. We have both made our lives here now.

'Janie's prides ourselves on supplying homemade produce to our customers and were delighted to win the VisitArran Homebakers' of the Year award.'

I stock mainly Made in Italy clothing, with most items priced at under £30. I am open Monday - Friday 10am-3pm and by appointment outwith these times.'

Island Porcelain - Tracy Gibson



Tracy is a very talented painter and crafter who now runs Island Porcelain. British birds make up the majority of their designs, though there is

a small range of porcelain animals such as dolphins, seals, red squirrels and their popular Corrie sheep.

'My family come from Arran and I always wanted to come back and live here and have been on the island all my working life.

'Having raised my five children on the back of the Boathouse, Brodick for 15 years I was looking to do something different. When Island Porcelain and Studio 4 both came available I felt it was a sign to take on a new creative project which excited me. The hand-crafted porcelain figures are inspired by the exceptional wildlife and breath-taking scenery on and around our beautiful island and have, to date, found new homes as far away as Australia, New Zealand and Canada - proof indeed that our Island's charm does truly extend worldwide.'

Mariko Clothing - Naomi Boyd



'I opened Mariko Clothing in May 2018 after initially hosting small parties at home in Sliderry. Originally stocking plus size clothing, I was soon asked if I could start stocking regular sizes too. An opportunity to rent a small space at Kilmory Hall came up and it offered me a great way to start slowly building the business alongside my other work, and to get involved with the local community. I've got to know so many lovely ladies who have offered me fantastic support. It's great encouraging people to try something different and seeing how something cut to flatter their shape can give so much confidence. I'm so lucky to have such fun with my customers and getting to know what styles and colours work best for them.

Bell's of Arran - Elizabeth Bell



You know when your child says something doesn't fit and they need it for school today? At the time there was nowhere on Arran to go to purchase the shorts her son needed so Elizabeth start-



JANIE'S

Serving Coffees, Cold Drinks,
Delicious Homemade Cakes and Scones,
Light Snacks and Lunch.




Home Farm, Brodick beside Arran Aromatics
Tel: 01770 302874 Facebook: @janiesbrodick

ed to think of how she could create a business selling clothing. Coincidentally at a family Sunday dinner her parents said: 'Why don't you sell clothing at the market as well as your craft items?' She started researching by looking at clothing wholesalers and soon discovered excess stock clothing from high street shops. This meant short runs of clothing could be purchased and on January 22, 2015 Bell's first clothing delivery arrived, making her dream a reality.

After a great deal of hard work Elizabeth now finds herself with a shop crammed full of clothing and profit margins have started to increase, to the point that she is now able to pay herself a wage. Elizabeth is a single parent with Fibromyalgia which means work options are limited and working for herself now means that she is able to work.

Jess MacDonald Brass Jewellery - Jess MacDonald Brass



'I moved back to Arran a year ago, with my husband and young children, to be close to our parents. I left a job of 18 years in one of Scotland largest jewellers workshops, which had become a second family to me!

'I carried on making jewellery as a hobby when I came to Arran, with the hope of starting up my own small business from home. This has allowed me a perfect balance of being there for my young family and doing what I love. With the amazing support of the community here, I am on the road to setting up my small business.

'Being surrounded by such breathtaking landscapes, the natural textures and wondrous flora and fauna, I'm constantly exploring new ideas with metal. I draw a lot of my designs from what's around me that day. Whether its picking Heather with my children from Machrie Moor, my quiet walks on Blackwaterfoot beach, taking in the energy from the sea or just driving from Lamlash to Brodick with the view of those mountains...there's so much around Arran that inspires me.

'It can be hard work and scary at times juggling children, jobs and setting up a new business, but it's been overwhelmingly satisfying seeing it slowly come together!'

Kate's Ladies Hairdresser - Kate Robinson



'Always wanting to be a hairdresser, at 16, I applied to the Rainbow Room, a top award-winning Salon in Glasgow. I loved and admired their atmosphere and professionalism. After a gruelling application process, I was successful, and moved off the island to begin my training and career. Seeing my love, passion and flare for colouring my manager sent me on an advanced colour course. I proudly won a prestigious award for Assistant Stylist of the Year and, once qualified, stayed and worked with them until I moved back to Arran to work for myself. With over ten years' experience what I love most about being a hairdresser is the ability to create the perfect colour or cut for someone, knowing they are leaving with a smile on their face and a magic glow. We all know if your hair looks good, you feel good and that's my goal in my work.'

Faye's Foot Clinic - Faye Anderson



'I was born and brought up in the island, I left to go away and study and travel. After ten years away I wanted to return home.

When I came home I drove an HGV at Arran Haulage for three years. Then I trained as a Foot Health Practitioner. I realised that there was a need for this service on the island. The service I offer is general foot care including nail trimming, care of corns and callus, verucas and diabetic foot care.

'I love my job and it's really to meet so many nice people. It's a very satisfying job being able to help people. Every day is different for me.

'I'm my spare time I like to walk my dogs. I like to ride my horse and am an active member of the Arran Riding Club. I also keep a small flock of Suffolk and Zwartbles sheep.'



ARRAN GIFT BOX

ISLE OF ARRAN | SCOTLAND

Our bespoke Arran Gift Boxes include some of the Island's fantastic products, the perfect gift for any occasion.



Are you a hotel, B&B or holiday home owner that would love to leave your guests the perfect gift?

An Arran Gift Box is the ideal welcoming gift for your guests, choosing from a selection of popular Arran products.



We deliver our boxes all over the UK, to view our full range visit our website.

Get in touch:
telephone: 07883 302021
email: info@thearrangiftbox.com

www.thearrangiftbox.com

ISLAND PORCELAIN

A range of
ornamental
figures.

Find us at
Studio 4, Lamlash
www.islandporcelain.com

T: 01770 600919



Council approves new structure aimed at streamlining services

North Ayrshire Council has approved a new chief officer and directorate structure in an effort to transform and streamline its services.

A meeting of the council's staffing and recruitment committee confirmed the changes which are now under way and will take effect in two phases.

By the time the restructure is completed in 2020/21, the number of directorates and executive directors will reduce from four to two and the post of one head of service will be removed and a dedicated director post to deliver growth and investment will be created.

Chief executive Craig Hatton said: 'We have great ambitions for the people of North Ayrshire and its economy. To help us achieve our aims, we are altering the way our services are structured.'

'The result will be a more streamlined, efficient structure which will allow us to be leaner, sharper and better

positioned to focus on our priorities. These changes will encourage us to work and think differently and allow our services to work more closely – collaborative working will be key to our future success.'



North Ayrshire Council chief executive Craig Hatton said the restructuring would allow for 'a more streamlined, efficient structure' which will be 'leaner, sharper and better positioned to focus on our priorities'. Picture by John Young.

Phase one of the restructure is already under way and will see the formation of two new council directorates that reflect their two strategic themes of communities and place.

Communities will comprise the services delivered under education and youth employment alongside those services currently delivered by connected communities.

Place will comprise all services currently delivered by place alongside economic development and regeneration.

These two new directorates will each have an executive director and these new posts are being advertised with appointments made by the summer.

To ensure the success of the recently-approved Ayrshire Growth Deal, the executive director for economy and communities, Karen Yeomans, will now spearhead its implementation in North Ayrshire and the

wider growth and investment opportunities, by taking on the new role of director of growth and investment.

Additionally, the council's executive director for finance and corporate support has indicated that she wishes to retire during 2020/21 as part of phase two of the restructure. This post – alongside that of the head of service, customer and digital services, which is currently vacant – will not be replaced.

The responsibilities for these posts will be assumed by the head of service for financial and customer services, and the head of service for people and transformation.

The Health and Social Care Partnership will remain unaffected by these changes however, it is currently recruiting for the head of service (children, families and justice) and is giving consideration to the nature of the other vacant position, head of service health and community care.

Free radios are music to the ears of Arran's visually impaired

Visually impaired people on Arran are being invited to check if they are eligible for a free specially adapted audio device from a leading blind charity.

British Wireless for the Blind Fund (BWBF) provides a range of equipment all designed with blind and partially sighted people in mind. The equipment is given free of charge to those who meet BWBF's criteria.

The charity, which celebrated its 90th year in service last year, provides devices such as CD players, digital radios, USB players and much more. Everything is designed with tactile controls, enabling someone with sight loss to use them easily and independently.

Regional development manager Sophie Wheldon, said: 'Our recipients tell us that their radio is invaluable to them, allowing them to access a huge variety of audio all at the touch of a button. All equipment is delivered to the home by a volunteer who sets it all up and provides

support in using it and we offer ongoing support.

'Our radios are vital to someone who cannot see – they provide news, information and entertainment but also, more importantly, companionship and a friendly voice. It's much more than just a radio.'

If you or someone you know is interested in a BWBF radio, you can contact Sophie Wheldon by email at sophie@blind.org.uk or by telephone on 01283 790 208.

More information on British Wireless for the Blind Fund can be found at www.blind.org.uk.



The radios are designed with the visually impaired in mind with large easy to use controls.

INTERNATIONAL AUCTIONS

FIRST CLASS SERVICE

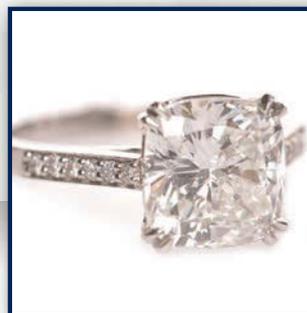
MCTEAR'S SPECIALISTS WILL BE ON ARRAN TO OFFER AUCTION VALUATIONS



Jaeger Le Coultre
Atmos Clock
Sold for £750



Italian silver grouse
Sold for £1,700



Flawless four carat
diamond ring
Sold for £40,000



Chinese bronze foe dog
Sold for £3,400



Black Bowmore 1964
Sold for £15,000



Tudor wrist watch
Sold for £16,000

With dedicated auctions and specialist departments in Silver, Ceramics, Clocks, Scientific Instruments, Whisky, Wine, Jewellery, Watches, Coins, Asian Works of Art, Militaria, Furniture, Pictures, Scottish Contemporary Art and Sporting Medals, McTear's offers a style of service seen in only a handful of auction houses outside of London.

Specialists will be visiting residents at their homes on the 7th and 8th June to offer complimentary, no obligation valuations and to accept consignments for the international auctions taking place in Glasgow in June, July and August.

Live online bidding brings these Glasgow auctions to an international audience. Every lot is offered on the the-saleroom.com bidding platform that boasts 2.9 million visits per month. Let McTear's take your lot to the world.

To discuss a home visit please contact Magda Ketterer on 0141 810 2880 or email magda@mctears.co.uk.

MP Patricia Gibson highlights the plight of infant mortality

Local MP Patricia Gibson last Thursday led Westminster's first debate on pre-eclampsia, a condition related to high blood pressure during pregnancy which kills 100 otherwise healthy babies a year in Scotland.

Mrs Gibson, who lost her own son Kenneth in 2009 after hospital staff failed to spot she had pre-eclampsia, said: 'Infant mortality has fallen steeply over generations, but there are still an unacceptable number of stillbirths and babies born prematurely because of this condition.'

'It is a complex illness and it's difficult to predict who will develop pre-eclampsia or what causes it. Because symptoms and signs are not reliable or consistent, women may be admitted to hospital unnecessarily or go undiagnosed. I, like too many other women, know how tragic that can be.'

'Being aware of, looking for and dealing with pre-eclampsia must be on the radar of all



Arran MP Patricia Gibson is seeking to secure a new blood test for patients which will help spot signs of pre-eclampsia, a cause of infant mortality.

health professionals dealing with expectant mothers. Recognition and early intervention are vital, and when signs are present, it is important they are not missed.

'A new blood test (PIFG) indicates whether an expectant mother has pre-eclampsia, needs to be admitted to hospital and deliver soon or can safely stay home. I am

working to ensure PIFG is available in Ayrshire and across Scotland. It will save lives, NHS resources and offer great reassurance about a baby's health.'

Council seeks public views on Gaelic language plans

North Ayrshire Council is seeking the views of residents from across the region in order to help formulate the Gaelic Language Plan which will be put in place for the next five years.

The first Gaelic Language Plan was introduced in 2014, covering the period of 2014-2019, and the refreshed, updated and approved version will be in place until 2024.

The updated plan will now be subject to a consultation period where residents can look over the details and provide some input into it before it is finalised.

The consultation period, which will last until Monday June 10, will provide the opportunity to share your views on what is working well, what changes to the draft you would make and what can be done to develop Gaelic further.

Since the first Gaelic Language Plan was introduced, a number of measures have been implemented to increase the visibility of Gaelic. The new council logo

now features Gaelic and there are also bilingual signs on buildings.

A great deal of work has also been carried out in schools to deliver Gaelic-based learning through cultural activities.

Councillor Louise McPhater, cabinet member for communities, said: 'So far we have promoted the Gaelic language at a minimal cost and have maximised opportunities for external funding.'

'The new plan is now ready and it's really important that the public look over it and share their thoughts. We look forward to hearing their views.'

The Gaelic Language Plan is a statutory requirement for local authorities and last year the council received a Gaelic grant of £67,000 from Scottish Government.

To take part in the consultation visit <https://nay.communitychoices.scot>.

HAVE YOUR SAY
email us at editor@arranbanner.co.uk

food available including a veggie bbq

Arran eBike open day

FREE eBike trials

free regular bike MOTS & repairs by Arran High School Mountain Bike Club

SHARE YOUR BIKE TOOL LIBRARY IDEAS in collaboration with Arran Bike Hire

Sunday 26th May | 12:30pm-3pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

Arran Eco Savvy

SOLAR PV ACCESSORIES INFO EVENT

with representatives from HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND

TUES 21ST MAY
ORMIDALE PAVILION
12.30-14.30 -> drop in anytime!

@12.30 - Presentation on ground breaking solar technology from a guest speaker in the industry

solar&wind applications

Do you have, or are planning to install solar panels and want to maximise their potential?

Book your place by emailing: charlotte.ecosavvy@gmail.com

Find out how you can store your free electricity for usage in the evenings!

Find out how you can harness excess energy to heat your hot water tank instead of being sent to the grid!

Climate Challenge Fund
OSCR
A PROUD MEMBER OF ENERGY ACTION SCOTLAND
Greener Scotland Scottish Government

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

An enchanting fairy tale at Brodick's fairy trail

Brodick Castle and Country Park will be hosting a week-long celebration of magic, mystery and fairies next week to promote their new Fairies and Legends Trail.

With mysterious names like Fairy Dell and Fairy Glen found in villages throughout Arran, it should come as no surprise that Brodick Castle and Country Park has its own share of resident mythical creatures hidden beneath its leaves, petals and bushes.

Joining their other woodland walks and forest trails the new Fairies and Legends Trail celebrates these mysterious characters and occurrences and the event will introduce visitors to some of the residents of the fairy world living on Arran.

There will be storytelling sessions where you can learn about Arran's magical fairies at noon, 2pm and 3pm and there will also be a fun family workshop where you can build your own fairy house using natural materials at 1pm. And, who knows, you might even see a fairy or two.

The Fairies and Legends Trail event will take place from Friday May 24 to Monday May 27, between noon and 4pm, and is free of charge with castle entry. The storytelling will take place at the Bronze Age roundhouse and there is no booking required.

Belles enjoy an away day in Troon

The Isle of Arran Belles took a slight detour from their usual cycling route and enjoyed an off-island outing to Troon.

Stopping first at Small Talk Coffee and Gift Shop, Irvine, for a refreshment break with tea, coffee and scones, the ladies then moved on to Troon for some retail therapy before enjoying lunch and returning home.

While meeting regularly for group cycles, and with the weather starting to improve, the number of cycling events is set to increase exponentially for the group.

The Arran Belles have an away day every month from April to October and next month a visit to Cumbrae is on the cards. In July, 10



Putting their best foot forward, Isla Murchie, Annie Lloyd, Josephine Broekhuizen, Fiona Leslie, Fiona Carswell and Janice Small.

Belles will visit Gigha and in September, 15 Belles will cycle the breadth of Scotland on the Coast to Coast route from Claonaig to St Andrews.

Apart from the larger outings, the group also meet twice a week, regularly cycling Arran's south loop and north loop.

A spokesperson for the group said: 'We like to keep the rides informal, although cycling is our motivation, our rides are about having fun.'

24TH - 27TH MAY | 12PM - 4PM



FAIRIES AND LEGENDS TRAIL



BRODICK CASTLE, GARDEN AND COUNTRY PARK

Whiting Bay play travels well to take top trophy



A village accomplishment taking pride of place, the Whitemoss Trophy, is displayed at the Whiting Bay Memories event.

The Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music have once again enjoyed theatrical success with their play *Nunquam Non Paratus* which they performed at the East Kilbride Rep Fest where it came in third place and won the Whitemoss Trophy.

The winning play from the Arran One Act Drama Festival in February, which was written by Whiting Bay resident Andy McNamara, was very well received by the audience and judges when it competed against nine other plays from the area.

Cast members Allan Nichol, Andy McNamara, Patrick Scott, Zoe McGovern, Val Waite and piper Beverley Scott, together with the director, David Simpkin, travelled to The Village Theatre, East

Kilbride, on the Kilmory Community Bus which was also loaded with their props and costumes.

Arriving at the venue in time for a quick technical rehearsal, the group made some last-minute adjustments to sound and lighting – and enjoyed some refreshments provided by hosts, the East Kilbride Repertory Theatre Club – before raising the curtain on their performance.

The festival was held over four days and the results were only announced after the last two plays were performed. The winners were East Kilbride, who won the festival for the first time in its 35-year history, with last year's winners, Fintry Amateur Dramatic Society, being placed second. Whiting



Some of the star-studded cast comprising Beverley and Patrick Scott, writer and actor Andy McNamara, and Val Waite, who all joined their fellow cast members on the ferry.



Director David Simpkin joins the travelling actors Allan Nichol and Zoe McGovern on the ferry to perform at the East Kilbride Rep Fest.

Bay were third and received the Whitemoss Trophy.

Unfortunately, there was no one from Whiting Bay to receive the award at the presentation but Val's mother kindly accepted it and brought it across to Arran on Sunday, where it was proudly displayed at the Whiting Bay Memories event.

The Whiting Bay Drama Club will be performing *Nunquam Non Paratus*, for those who have not managed to see it, with a performance in the Whiting Bay Hall later this summer.

Piper Beverley Scott performs the opening scene in the play *Nunquam Non Paratus*.



ARRAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Scottish Charity Number SC002089 Telephone 01770 302636
Web site: www.arranmuseum.co.uk email: info@arranmuseum.co.uk
Rosaburn, Brodick, Open Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm



THIS IS THE 40TH SUMMER SEASON OF THE ISLAND'S FOUR STAR FAMILY DAY OUT

Learn about Arran's Unique Geology, Farming, Archaeology, Social History, Clearances, etc., and visit the 19th Century Cottage, the 1940's Schoolroom, the Blacksmith's Forge, and lots more.

Archive and Genealogy researchers welcomed

(on Wednesdays only from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm or by appointment).

Children's Quiz and Play Area. Riverside Picnic Area. Gift Shop. Lovely Snacks and Meals at Café Rosaburn.

BRASS FUSION

Saturday 18th May

Old Byre Visitors' Centre, Machrie at 11.30am to 1.00pm
Lochranza Distillery, from 2pm to 3.30pm

Sunday 19th May

The Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick at 2pm to 3.30pm
The Douglas Hotel from 4pm

FREE ENTRY



Find us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/arranbanner



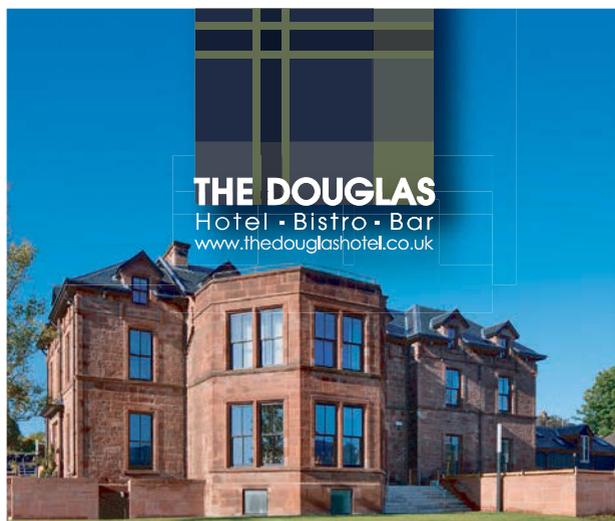
presents

CRAFT FAIR

at
BRODICK HALL

Saturday 25th May
11.00am - 3.00pm

To book a table please contact
Kat: 01770 600110
Email: katsock@yahoo.co.uk



THE DOUGLAS
Hotel • Bistro • Bar
www.thedouglashotel.co.uk

**ALWAYS A GENUINE
WARM WELCOME
SERVING TEA, COFFEE
Delicious Home Baking
SANDWICHES, MEALS AND
SHARING PLATTERS
ALL FRESHLY PREPARED**



Please call us for bookings
01770 302968

**FOOD SERVED UNTIL
9:30PM EACH DAY
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**



Find us on Facebook
Twitter and Instagram

**THE
BRODICK
BUNK
HOUSE**

www.brodickbunkhouse.co.uk
sleep@brodickbunkhouse.co.uk
BOOK ONLINE £25 PER NIGHT

60 million years beneath our feet

Organisers of the Arran Mountain Festival – which starts today (Friday) and continues until Monday May 20 – will be hosting a free event tonight at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick called 60 million years beneath our feet.

The talk, hosted by Arran Geopark ranger and geologist Bob Gooday, will provide walkers, mountaineers and geologists with a fascinating insight into how Arran's mountains were shaped.

Bob will be presenting a summary of Arran's mountain geology and will reveal what participants in the festival can look out for on the walks over the weekend.

The guided festival walks, which are now fully booked, range from moderate to strenuous and take place on



Visitors at the free talk by Bob Gooday will learn about the geology of Arran's mountains and the events that helped to shape them. Pictured are Goatfell and the three Beinnns making up the Three Beinnns Horseshoe walk. 01_B20festival01

all of Arran's peaks, ridges and hills. There are also night walks, runs, scrambles and, mercifully, post-walk coffee,

tea and cake events where walkers can unwind and share their experiences with fellow walkers.

More information about the walks, late availability and further events can be found on the festival website at www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk.

The talk tonight, 60 million years beneath our feet, will start at 7.30pm and will end at 9pm and anyone wishing to enjoy an evening meal is encouraged to do so prior to the event starting.

The Arran Mountain Festival ceilidh will once again take place at Brodick Village Hall tomorrow (Saturday) from 7.30pm to 11pm and there will be raffle prizes, an open mic session and food will also be available for purchase.

Tickets for the ceilidh can be bought at the door or at Arran Active.

Photography contest to celebrate cycle network

A photography competition which encourages photographers of all ages to share their best images captured along Scotland's network of cycle paths is now open for entries.

Created by Sustrans Scotland, and supported by Scottish Canals, Scottish Wildlife Trust and Young Scot, the Adventures on the National Cycle Network contest will see winning entries exhibited as part of the Glasgow Canal Festival, and on display to thousands of visitors throughout the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August.

The route from Brodick to Lochranza is part of the network which helps to make up the 2,371 miles (3,815 km) of routes

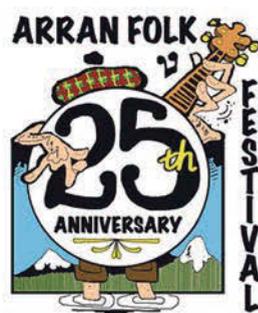
around the country. Entries are open in four categories: wildlife, rural, urban and Young Scot, which encourages photographers aged between 11 and 26 to participate.

Niall Shannon, Sustrans Scotland network engagement manager, said: 'I'm excited to see this year's competition launch and for the photos to start coming in.'

'With the new categories we hope to showcase the diversity of experiences people have on the National Cycle Network, and with the addition of the 11-26-year-old category we expect to see a new and alternative perspective from our younger photographers.'

Nick Wright, people and wildlife manager, Scottish Wildlife Trust, said: 'Exploring Scotland's cycle network is a great way to experience nature. Many parts of the network form vital green corridors for wildlife. We're delighted to support this competition for a second year and I can't wait to see the fantastic entries.'

Entries can be submitted via the Sustrans website at www.sustrans.org.uk/scotphotocomp19 and the competition closes on Saturday June 22. Shortlisted entries will be chosen and entrants notified by Monday July 1, with a public vote held to determine category winners throughout July.



7th - 9th June

A WEEKEND OF SESSIONS & CONCERTS

Brodick Hall - Friday 7th June 7:30pm. £20 Jenn & LB, Maeve McKinnon Trio, Bobby Watt

Brodick Hall - Saturday 8th June 7:30pm. £20 Daimh & Gillian Frame, Findlay Napier, Mike Vass

Sessions: All Welcome, Free Admission Friday 7th & Saturday 8th June

Open Session - Douglas Hotel - 12noon - 5pm Late Night Session - Brodick Bar - 11pm - Late

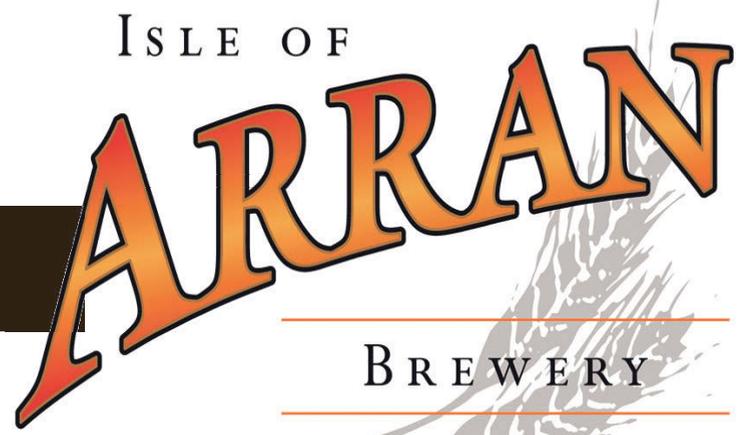
Sunday 9th June Survivor's Session - Douglas Hotel - 12noon - 5pm

Brochures and further info available from local shops.
Tickets now available on-line and at Brodick Post Office.
www.arranevents.com

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

www.arranbrewery.com



Every day

Trout fly fishing Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Brodick Castle and Gardens Open 10am - 5pm
Octopus Centre Old Pavilion, Lamlash, centre open seven days, 10am - 5pm
Octopus Centre – tennis Old Pavilion, Lamlash, open 7 days, any time
Brodick Mini Golf Open seven days, 9am - 5pm-ish, all-weather
Soap making and candle dipping Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am-4pm
Public swimming Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodick, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm) and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm)
Swimming lessons Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm
Exhibition – David Hogg, Unfolding Moments & BM Photography ArranActive, Brodick, 10am- 5pm
Arran Brewery Open Monday, Friday and Saturday, 10am - 5pm
Tuesday-Thursday, 11am-4pm. Tours daily at 2pm
Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 18th May

Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Brass Fusion Old Byre Visitors' Centre, Machrie, 11.30am - 1pm
Goatfell Race Ormidale Park, Brodick, noon
Brass Fusion Lochranza Distillery, 2pm - 3.30pm
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live music – Tim Pomeroy Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Arran Mountain Festival ceilidh Brodick Village Hall, 7.30pm - 11pm
Will & The Wild Horse – folk n blues band with funk and reggae roots The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Sunday 19th May

Table top sale Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 11am - 4pm
Live music – Jamie Angus Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm - 4pm
Live music – Brass Fusion Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 2pm
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live music – Wullie Smith, singer/songwriter The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Folk music session Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 20th May

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Arran Skinnymalinks, Shiskine St Mollo's Church, Shiskine, 5.15pm
JogScotland mixed ability running group Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Circuit training Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Summer bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396 Arran High School 6.15pm for 6.30pm
Rink games Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Live music – Mike Bailey Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 21st May

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
Eco Savvy solar PV accessories event Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 12.30pm
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 and 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
Arran Development Trust presentation by Barry Mochan Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6.30pm
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 22nd May

Dougarie dog trial (open) Glenloig, String Road.9am - 4pm
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
Lamlash coffee morning Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Chair yoga exercise class St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Scottish Salmon Company Q&A session Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 11am - 7pm
Knit and Blether Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Talk introducing Arran's unique geology Arran Heritage Museum, 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Arran Pace Makers running group Brodick, 5.30pm
Flow yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Junior rugby (P3-P7) Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Rink games Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
National Islands Plan consultation Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Live music – Arran Dawn Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Family friendly pub quiz The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock'n'pop bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 23rd May

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am
Chair yoga exercise class Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Steak night – two steak dinners and a bottle of wine Drift Inn, Lamlash, 5pm-9pm
Arran junior triathlon public meeting Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm
Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Badminton, All welcome Shiskine Hall, 7pm
Arran Hockey Club – seniors (12 yrs +) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Eco Savvy food share Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Eco Savvy food share Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
The Drift Inn quiz Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Tommy's general knowledge quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 24th May

Wildlife and geology Land Rover safari Rangers Centre, Brodick Castle, 9.30am
Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 11am
Fairies and Legends Trail Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 12noon - 4pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only) The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwon Do Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live music – Mic Clark Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Friday night quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Saturday 25th May

Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Katstock Crafts presents craft fair Brodick Hall, 11am - 3pm
Brass Fusion Old Byre Visitors' Centre, Machrie, 11.30am - 1pm
Fairies and Legends Trail Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 12noon - 4pm
Brass Fusion Lochranza Distillery, 2pm - 3.30pm
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only) The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Live music – The Sensational Biff Simpson Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Live music – The Bond, popular function band The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm



An ideal time for watching migration

Migration gets under way in April, with arrivals and departures of birds, all seeking their best breeding territories.

This April was warmer and drier than last April.

The mean temperature was 1.5°C higher with a temperature range of 20°C and the rainfall was about a fifth of the rainfall of last April.

Like last April, there was a lot of easterly winds. The impact on migrating birds of the weather here and throughout their route is difficult to know, but even by the end of the month the bulk of the migrants had still to arrive.

By the end of March the first chiffchaff, wheatear and sand martin had been reported. Here are April 'firsts' with the 2018 arrival date in brackets for comparison: sandwich tern 2nd (31 March), white wagtail 4th (7th), Manx shearwater 4th (26 March), swallow 6th (6th), willow warbler 10th (7th), house martin 14th (15th), common sandpiper 14th (14th), whinchat 18th (28th), grasshopper warbler 19th (19th), cuckoo 19th (16th), whitethroat 20th (27th), sedge warbler 20th (20th) and tree pipit 20th (24th).

In April, some of our win-

tering birds were still around including 50 greylag geese in the Shiskine Valley on 7th, one of which had a coloured collar on. This had been fitted to the young bird in summer 2017 in north Iceland where it had hatched. Last winter it was reported in Fair Isle and this winter obviously decided to winter further south on Arran. Other wintering birds included: 50 fieldfare at Shedog on 8th, two redwing at Lagg on 9th, a brambling at Sliderry on 18th, five wigeon at Machriewaterfoot on 19th, one rook on Sliderry shore on 27th and one whooper swan in the Rodden on 10th may have been the bird that over-summered last year. The last report of pink-footed geese was 100 flying north over Silver Sands on migration on 18th.

April is an ideal time for watching migration. These are a few examples: a ring ouzel at North Sannox on 7th, an osprey in Lamlash Bay on 7th and 8th, 60 golden plover at Torrylinnwaterfoot on 14th, six common scoter off Cosyden on 17th, 14 Great Northern diver off Dougarie Point on 19th, two dunlin at Blackwaterfoot on 24th and a bar-tailed godwit

on Sliderry Shore on 27th. In addition there was a much reported passage of sandwich tern, including 24 in Machrie Bay on 26th and whimbrel, including 12 at Porta Buidhe also on 26th. One whimbrel which had been ringed on a southern Arran shore two years ago was reported again almost on the same shore for the second year in a row having again spent the winter in Africa!

Evidence

Migration was also in evidence from the widespread reports received of goldfinch, siskin and lesser redpoll moving through people's gardens throughout the month. Larger garden numbers reported included; 11 goldfinch in Kildonan on 10th, six siskin in Shiskine on 14th and six lesser redpoll in Torbeg on 25th. Tens of thousands of birds seem to be moving through the island at this time of year.

In April there were 117 species recorded on Arran. Here is a further small selection from this list: five goosander at Machriewaterfoot on 6th, two moorhen on Mossend Pond on 7th, a pair of yellowhammer in Lochranza on 26th, a dipper at Lagg also on 26th and the long-staying water pipit first reported in 23 February was last reported on 4 April. Finally it was good to see an increase in the reports of greenfinch in April. They may be on the recovery.

My thanks to the many people who have been in touch to share their sightings in what has been a remarkable month. Those of common birds are as welcome as those of rare ones. May should be an equally interesting month with the arrival of more summer visitors including lesser whitethroat, garden warbler, wood warbler, swift, common tern and, hopefully,



Goldfinch have been turning up in many Arran gardens during their migration. Photograph: Dennis Morrison.



This summer osprey visitor only stayed for two days as it passed through.

Photograph: Brian Couper.



Sandwich tern - another passing summer visitor, widely reported in big numbers.

Photograph: Brian Couper.



Bird
notes

by Jim Cassels

APRIL

The first cuckoo arrived a few days later than last year. Photograph: Irene Grant.

even corncrake and nightjar.

Finally, spring is a great time to be birding, as most birds are getting on with the business of breeding. This involves attracting a mate by song, courtship display and ritual, defining a territory, nest building and generally establishing relationships. Please take a moment to report any signs of breeding birds to me.

Already there have been reports of blue tits nest building, robins feeding young,

blackbirds carrying food, grey heron with young in the nest, dipper carrying food and greenfinch with young out of the nest.

Please remember that under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.

Take particular care on our shores and beaches and please keep your dogs on a lead at this time.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2018 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

WIN ONE OF FIVE PAIRS OF TICKETS TO THE 179th ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

Preparations are well underway for the 179th Royal Highland Show, taking place from the 20 - 23 June 2019 at the Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh.

A celebration of the country's best in farming, food and rural life, the four-day event, supported by the Royal Bank of Scotland, provides the best opportunity to get up close to farmyard animals, sample exceptional food and drink and experience rural living at its most vibrant.

With a dedicated forestry area, an award-winning farrier display, a bustling countryside area, rural crafts, a huge range of farm machinery and a dazzling array of food and drink, there's something for everyone from every walk of life.

Children aged 15 and under go free with an accompanying adult, and the RHET Discovery Centre is a must visit for curious youngsters looking to discover more about the countryside and where their food comes from. This year, it will come alive with a cooking workshop, live demonstrations and interactive sessions.

Visitors can also witness record breaking attempts in the Forestry Arena with the Scottish Pole Climbing and Utility Pole Climbing Championships taking place alongside thrilling bike displays and forestry demonstrations. In addition, a packed programme of music and entertainment will keep the whole family happy.

Proud to display Scotland's traditional skills, visitors will marvel at the skilfulness of competitors as the show plays host to the Scottish Open Farriery Championship horse-shoeing and shoe-making competitions.

This year, the spotlight will also be on the iconic Clydesdale Horse in celebration of the power behind farming at the turn of the 20th century.

For foodies, a visit to Scotland's Larder Live! is an absolute must, offering a chance to taste new and exciting artisan food and drink from across Scotland. Visitors can also catch the line-up of some of Scotland's greatest chefs and see the results of this year's Scottish Bread, Cheese, Butter and Ice Cream Championships unfold.

Extensive shopping opportunities lie in the Show's 13th avenue arcade, where shoppers will be spoiled for choice with the exceptional array of country fare on offer including pet accessories, jewellery, arts and crafts and garden furniture.

The Royal Highland Show truly has something for everyone - so come and join us for a unique and hugely enjoyable day out!



To win a pair of tickets just answer the following question:
What age of children can go free to the Royal Highland Show?

NB: Closing date for entries is May 31 2019

Five winners will each receive two adult tickets valid for entry on any single day to the 2019 Royal Highland Show between the dates of 20 June 2019 - 23 June 2019.

To enter, send separate entries (in the same envelope) with your name, address, telephone number and email address to **Scottish Field Competitions, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2DL** or enter at www.scottishfield.co.uk. Closing date, unless otherwise stated, is 30 June 2019. **Winners drawn from all competitions also enter a prize to win a bottle of Whitetail Gin.**

Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Scottish Field, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Usual Scottish Field rules apply. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition - your name, address, telephone number and email address. If you wish to receive news and offers from the third party running the competition, then please mark the words 'OPT IN' on your postcard entry. If you enter various competitions on one card, you will be opting in for every competition running. Unless you opt in to receive further marketing information we will only contact you if you win a prize in the competition. Scottish Field (Wywex Media) will retain your information for a maximum of 5 months after the competition closes and then it will be deleted. If you have opted in to receive third party information, the data you have supplied will be passed to the third party company running the competition. This may be used for the purposes of the third party contacting you regarding new products and services for a period of 3 months, unless you agree to an extension with the third party company at a later date.

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday May 15, 1999

Tall ships ahoy

The Tall Ships race may be coming to Arran at the end of July. First held in 1956, the annual race is for square rigged ships crewed by at least 50 per cent young people. The first race was from Torbay to Lisbon. This year it is from St Malo in Brittany to the Clyde, with the finishing line just to the east of Holy Isle.

Capitalising on this, Lamlash has taken the bull by the horns and asked them to come into the bay. Co-ordinated by Donald Johnston 120 invitations, one to each skipper, has been sent to race organisers, the Sail Training Association, inviting them to visit Lamlash. It is not known how many ships might visit but the sight of all of these ships will be impressive.

Movable goalposts

Lamlash fire station is nearing completion but has come to a standstill, allegedly because it has been built in the wrong place. Planner Mick Lee told The Banner: 'There has been a mistake made somewhere.' He explained that it was further from the neighbouring house than was planned.

A new planning application is being submitted asking for it to be built where it actually is. When this is approved, everything will be correct. Mr Lee said the error had come to light about a month ago when the architect had inspected the new building. He also said that, in making up the new plans, it was realised a new access road would be required so now the fire station would need two entrances rather than one.

Thankfully North Ayrshire, after a quick shuffling of papers in its departments, can overcome its error and allow the project to continue.

Tartan Monty

The Tartan Monty show at Whiting Bay was one which we gave some thought to attending, but recalling the last such strip show we went



Primary schoolchildren from all over the island gathered in Lamlash to enjoy a football fun day organised by the Scottish Football Association. Development officers Richard Wilson, Neil Simpson and Graeme Diamond are pictured entertaining the two groups of children with councillor John Sillars, centre. Above, in the primary school and, below, the high school gym.

01_B20twe04 and 01_B20twe05



to in the line of duty, we decided discretion was the better part of valour.

We hear, however, it was packed with excited ladies of all ages all more than happy to pay the not inconsiderable entrance fee to be with men who were, latterly, wearing nothing.

One who was there described it to us as 'raunchier than raunchy'.



New managers of Charles Fforde's development at Cladach are John and Carolyn Kelly who will be managing the Wineport Bistro which opened last week. 01_B20twe03



Gilleann Bussell first started designing an information pamphlet for visitors to Arran but it soon expanded into what is now her first book called Arran – behind the scenes. Taking readers on an anti-clockwise tour of the island, the book was printed by Arran Graphics. 01_B20twe02



Gerald Fitzgerald and Morven Campbell of Brodick go over the proofs of Gerald's latest book. Called Flying Over Brooklyn, it is the third book he has illustrated. 01_B20twe01

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC EXHIBITION: NORTH ARRAN MARINE FISH FARM, NORTH ARRAN, FIRTH OF CLYDE
Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) is proposing an Atlantic salmon fish farm at North Arran, Firth of Clyde, approximately 4.4 km north west of Sannox at a site to the East of Millstone Point. This public exhibition provides an opportunity to discuss and comment on the planning and development of this site.

This Public Exhibition will be held on:
Monday 27th May 2019 from 3pm – 7pm
at Brodick Public Hall, Brodick,
Isle of Arran, KA27 8DL

Any person wishing to submit comments can do so by contacting: arran@scottishsalmon.com by 30th May 2019. Any comments received by SSC after this date will be considered until submission of the planning application. This second public exhibition follows the previous exhibition held in Lochranza on Tuesday 2nd April 2019. Please note, comments at this stage do not replace the planning application process, where representations should be made directly to the planning authority (North Ayrshire Council).

Q&A Session:
North Arran Proposed Development

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) is proposing an Atlantic salmon fish farm at North Arran, Firth of Clyde, approximately 4.4 km north west of Sannox at a site to the East of Millstone Point.

SSC is holding Q&A sessions on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at Ormidale Sports Pavilion with representatives from the Company to answer questions. The sessions will be chaired by an independent mediator to help facilitate discussions.

The Q&A will run throughout the day in 45-minute sessions from 11am until 7pm. To ensure that everyone has the best opportunity to ask questions, attendance will be kept to around 10 people per session. Please contact arran@scottishsalmon.com in advance to register your interest and time preference. Although we will do our best to allocate your preferred time, this may not always be possible.

Please note, comments at this stage do not replace the planning application process.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 09.00-16.45 weekdays (16.30 Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk *and at The Council Offices, Lamslash
Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 07.06.19. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

19/00300/PP; Site To North Of Woodlea Cottage, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of 4 no. one and half storey detached dwelling houses.
19/00170/PP; Sylvania, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8DE; Change of use from residential to house of multiple occupancy.
19/00315/PP; Ocean Breeze, Kildonan, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of former shop and guest house to single dwelling.
19/00303/PP; Site To South Of Drumaghinier Farm, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Conversion of three derelict cottages to form detached dwelling house.
19/00281/PP; Site To East Of Scotthaven, Park Terrace, Lamslash, Brodick; Demolition of existing storey and half workshop and erection of new storey and half dwelling.

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

Applications for Listed Building Consent.
19/00169/LBC; Sylvania, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8DE; Upgrading of existing internal doors to fire doors and installation of emergency lighting.

Craig Hutton
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



Sannox Christian Centre
AGM
Saturday 15 June 2019
3 pm
Sannox Christian Centre
All Welcome

IN EU 2016,
ALL 32 OF
SCOTLAND'S
COUNCIL
AREAS
VOTED REMAIN

Let's keep
Scotland
in Europe!



SNP X EURO ELECTIONS MAY 23

Scotland is being dragged out of the European Union against our will. All our efforts to be heard on Brexit have been met with a brick wall.

The people of Scotland have been ignored, the Scottish Parliament has been ignored.

And, when the Scottish Government offered compromise – what happened? That's right, ignored.

Now, these European elections are Scotland's chance to make our voice heard.

To send a message that we will not accept a Brexit process that silences Scotland, treats our Parliament and Government with contempt and fails to represent the interests of people in Scotland.

SCOTLAND IS FOR EUROPE!
LET'S MAKE IT LOUD AND CLEAR
ON MAY 23 - VOTE SNP!

VOTE SNP FOR SCOTLAND'S VOICE TO BE HEARD

BANNER
PUBLIC NOTICES
BANNER
PUBLIC NOTICES
BANNER
PUBLIC NOTICES



Cards
Calendars
Gifts

Scottish
Calendars
Tea towels

Prints
Maps
Greetings
Cards



Shop online at www.krispcards.co.uk



RECRUITMENT HIJOBS

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

TO PLACE YOUR ADVERT IN THE ARRAN BANNER:

TELEPHONE: 01770 302142
Lines open: Mon to Fri 9am- 5pm

FAX: 01770 302021

E-MAIL: adverts@arranbanner.co.uk
Please remember to give your name, address, postcode and phone number.

Visit hijobs.net

ARRAN ECO SAVVY IS RECRUITING

**part-time
eBike
coordinator:**

CONTRACT Fixed Term until 31st March 2021

PART-TIME 24 hrs per week

SALARY £25,000 pro rata per annum

**part-time
travel &
transport
officer:**

CONTRACT Fixed Term until 31st March 2021

PART-TIME 16 hrs per week

SALARY £25,000 pro rata per annum

For the job description visit:
<http://arranecosavvy.org.uk/jobs-eco-savvy/>

To apply send your CV and covering letter to:
arran.ecosavvy@gmail.com

Application Closing Date: 22nd May 2019

The Shore

Seasonal Staff Vacancies

Come & join our friendly team!
Part Time Front of House or Kitchen
Weekdays/Weekends/Evenings

01770 700161 theshorearran@gmail.com

**51% of people
turn to their local
newspaper first
when looking
for a new job.**

Source: Recruitment Choice, The Newspaper Society 2005

Regional Press
closer to home

PROPERTY

PERMANENT SUMMER LET

Secluded location, Whiting Bay
1/2 persons, Non-smoking Non DHSS
Price negotiable
Replies to **Box No 35**
The Arran Banner
Douglas Centre, Brodick
Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ

Private sales

free listings for items under £50

Wanted

VINYL RECORDS
WANTED. Rock, Punk,
Reggae, Indy etc. Tel:
07940811264

2 SETS OF NEW DISCS
AND BREAK PADS for
Ford Transit Connect van,
02 - 09 plate. Tel: 07792
452814.

SEAGULL OUTBOARD,
5HP, good working order,
offers welcome. Tel: 07792
452814.

Sales

HYBRID PULLETS for
sale. Tel: 01770 860358

BLUEBELL PULLETS for
sale. Tel: 01770 860358

MOBILITY SCOOTER for
Sale. 4 - 8 mph, 12 miles
distance, £300. Tel: 01770
600387

CLASSIFIEDS

PAINTER AND DECORATOR

FULTON
decorators

LAMLASH

TEL/FAX 01770 600705

Est. 1985

- All paintwork undertaken
- Any job, large or small
- Paper hanging
- Floor sanding & sealing
- Phone Gavin Fulton for a free estimate

WANTED

WANTED

All Redundant, Non-Running, MOT Failures
etc. Motor Vehicles.

Contact: Billy Brown - 07845 643512

INSURANCE SERVICES

Sponsored by NFU Mutual
Campbeltown. Call Chris Husthwaite
on 01586 552 428 for your
insurance needs

NFU Mutual
INSURANCE | PENSIONS | INVESTMENTS

Agent of The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited.



like us on facebook
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

**YOU CAN
NOW FIND
KRISP PRINT
ON FACEBOOK**

Like **krisp print**

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

YOUR attention is drawn to the following terms and conditions which relate to the placing of advertisements in all publications owned by Wyvex Media Limited. Parties to this agreement are the Publisher, Wyvex Media Limited Limited on the one part and the Advertiser on the other part. The Publisher publishes newspapers, magazines, books and provides advertising space therein or provides for the delivery of advertising materials to the public within these publications.

1 Advertising copy shall be legal, decent, honest and truthful and comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice and all other codes.

2 The Publisher does not guarantee the insertion of any particular advertisement.

3 The Publisher reserves the right to cancel or alter the advertisement by giving reasonable notice.

4 An order for an advertisement shall be deemed to be made on acceptance of the advertisers' order by the Publisher whether placed by telephone, mail, fax or in person.

5 Cancellation of display advertising must be received by the Publisher before the publishing deadline, failing which, the publisher reserves the right to invoice the customer in full for the whole cost of the advertisement.

6 The parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts and Scots Law. In the event of any dispute or action by the Publisher to recover payment from an advertiser, it is agreed that matters will be settled in the Oban, Argyll Sheriff Court or such other Court as the Publisher may choose.

7 The Publisher shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by any total or partial failure (however caused) of publication or distribution of any newspaper or edition in which any advertisement is scheduled to appear. In the event of any error, misprint or omission in the printing of an advertisement or part of an advertisement, the Publisher will either re-insert the advertisement or relevant part of the advertisement, as the case may be, or make reasonable refund or adjustment to the cost. No re-insertion, refund or adjustment will be made where the error, misprint or omission does not materially detract from the advertisement.

8 Errors must be notified to the Publisher in writing within fourteen days of publication. In no circumstances shall the total liability of the Publisher for any error, misprint or omission exceed the amount of a full refund of any price paid to the Publisher for the particular advertisement in connection with which liability arose or the cost of a further or corrective advertisement of a type and standard reasonably comparable to that in connection with which liability arose.

9 The Advertiser/Advertising Agency agrees to indemnify the Publisher in respect of all costs, damages or other charges falling upon the publication as the result of legal actions or threatened legal actions arising from the publication of the advertisement in any one or more of a series of advertisements published in accordance with copy instructions supplied to the publication in pursuance of the Advertiser/Advertising Agency order.

10 Adverts under the value of £75 must be paid on acceptance of order by the Publisher. All advertising on a credit basis must be agreed with the Publisher in advance.

11 Payment of any invoice raised by the Publisher will be due 15 days from the date of invoice or as otherwise directed on the invoice. In the event of non-payment the Publisher may charge late payment interest at a rate of 2% and this is chargeable on a daily basis from the due date until the bill is paid. In addition the Publisher may charge a late payment levy of £10 as an administration fee. In the event of late payment the Publisher reserves the right to disallow any discounts given and to raise an additional invoice for the discount which will be treated as though it has been raised with the original invoice.

12 A request to insert an advertisement assumes acceptance of our conditions.

HENDRY
FUNERAL SERVICES LTD

15 Glen Avenue, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8DQ
Tel: 01770 302233 Fax: 01770 302883

Independent Funeral Directors • All Funeral arrangements
Agents for Golden charter Funeral Plans &
Robertson Memorials. A member of S.A.I.F

Telephone David or Clair Tel: 01770 302233

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 19th May

Lochranza Church, Morning Worship at 9.30am
Pirnmill Church, Morning Worship at 10.45am.
Shiskine Church, Morning Worship at 12noon
Brodick Church, Morning Worship at 10.30am
Corrie Church, Prayer Meeting at 11.30am Morning Worship at 12noon
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 19th May
Worship will be conducted by the minister,
Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service. All most welcome.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 19th May
5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion - 11 am.
Richard Trewby
Coffee after service

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 19th May
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 19th May
Mrs Sharon Macleod
Kilmory at 10 am
Lamlash at 11.30 am
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 19th May
Sunday Worship at 11am
'Heather Lodge', Brodick Left of the Douglas Hotel, opposite the ferry terminal.
Telephone 700346, 820223
Everyone Warmly Invited

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 19th May
Service at 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Telephone 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 19th May
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick at 6pm
Services will be taken by Rev David Parker
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saturday 18th May
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm
Sunday 19th May
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

DEATHS

BRYCE: Joe. Peacefully at home in Lamlash, Isle of Arran on 8 May, aged 82 years, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Lesley, a much loved dad of Joe W and Amanda, dear brother to Morag, and brother-in-law to Dorothy. Loved by all the family. Funeral service at Lamlash Parish Church, Shore Road, Lamlash, on Tuesday 21 May at 11.30am, followed by burial at Lamlash Cemetery. Flowers welcome or, if preferred, donations invited during service for Dogs Trust. Your dog is very welcome to come with you into the church for the service.'

GIBSON: Duncan. Peacefully at Crosshouse hospital on Monday, 13th May 2019. Duncan, aged 81 years, beloved husband of Sandra, loving dad and papa of the family. Funeral service at Sannox cemetery on Friday, 24th May at 11:30am to which all are welcome.



Whiting Bay and Brodick players enjoyed the evening sunshine at the AGA Senior Bowl competition played at Machrie.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday May 8, Summer Trophy, 15 played, CSS 63. 1 Corey Allan 7, 61 and lowest gross, 2 Jamie Macpherson 5, 63, 3 Ryan Armstrong 9, 63, 4 David Brookens 10, 65. Magic twos, Ryan Armstrong at the 4th, Corey Allan at the 17th. Friday May 10, AGA Seniors Crystal Final. On a glorious evening for golf Whiting Bay came up short in losing to Brodick in the final of this year's Crystal. Lead Whiting Bay Golf Club pairing of David Blair and Dougie Auld found themselves up against Terry Raeside and Sid Sillars, both in fine form for Brodick. That tie went emphatically in Brodick's

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HOLMES: Michael, Anthony. Pam and the family of Michael Anthony Holmes would just like to say a huge thank you to Dr Gaw and Dr Guthrie, the district nurses, para-medics, the wonderful Marie Curie nurse who was such a caring and calming influence at a really difficult time, and many friends and neighbours for their care, kindness and compassion during Michael's illness.

We would also like to thank David and Clair Hendry for their excellent organisation and Barbara Campbell for conducting a lovely ceremony for Michael. The Marie Curie donations on the day amounted to £462.00 plus more that have been sent direct to Marie Curie Nursing Service.

favour with them leading by five holes in the end. In the second tie of the evening, although the scoring was closer, David Brookens and Stan Rainey found things no easier against Brian Smith and Douglas Robertson and were one hole down by the time the holes ran out and hands were shaken. Altogether a fine effort to retain the Crystal but it has to be congratulations to Brodick. The better team won on the night.

Sunday May 12, medal, 18 golfers played, most enjoying an early start to take advantage of the fine weather and the lunchtime televised football. Scoring at the top of the leaderboard was close with three players carding net 60s and Graeme Crichton prevailing on a countback. 1 Graeme Crichton 14, 60, 2 Kevin McAleney 11, 60, 3 John Pennycott 15, 60, 4 Jamie Macpherson 5, 61 and lowest gross. CSS stayed at 63 and there were no Magic twos recorded.

Fixtures: Sunday May 22, McKelvie Cup round one,

draws at 9am and 11am. Wednesday May 28, Summer Trophy and club championship qualifier, draw at 5.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Monday May 6, Josie Sanderson. On a drizzly wet evening, 15 ladies from around Arran took part in the Josie Sanderson competition at Lamlash. Fortunately, as play progressed the weather improved and the ladies finished in perfect conditions.

The scores were very close with a winning score of 36 points from Sheena Murchie closely followed by Gay Mackay and Kate McAdam on 35 points. Afterwards a delicious supper from Martin and the Lamlash ladies was enjoyed by all.

Thursday May 9, Summer Cup, CSS 64.1 Andy Smith 79-16=63, 2 Norrie MacIntyre 73-9=64, BIH, 3 Paul Jameson 75-11=64, 4 Dylan Smith 89-24=65. Best scratch, Norrie MacIntyre 73. Magic twos, Andy Smith and Paul Cowan at 16th, hole 4

drawn - no winner.

Sunday May 12, Hamilton Bowl, bogey. 1 John O'Sullivan +1 to bogey, 2 Dylan Smith -1, BIH, 3 Paul Cowan -1. Best scratch, Paul Cowan -5 to bogey. Magic twos, Paul Cowan at 16th, Allan Winship at 14th, hole 14 drawn - Allan Winship.

Ladies' section: Wednesday May 8. Medal 2 and Ann Cook Tray, 7 played, CSS 64. 1 Sheena Murchie 80-15=65, 2 Yvonne Brothers 86-18=68. Scratch Sheena 80 Magic twos Gay Mackay at 4th.

Fixtures: Sunday May 19, Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday May 23, Summer Cup, make up own groups. Wednesday July 17, Ladies Open, entry forms can be downloaded from the Lamlash website.

Arran Ladies' Golf Union

We had a glorious day at Lamlash on Saturday May 11, where 14 ladies played in the Flockhart Trophy, the final competition of the ALGU winter season. 1st gross 90 net 63 was Ruth Hardy, 2nd gross



Winner of the Josie Sanderson competition at Lamlash was Sheena Murchie, who is pictured with runners-up Kate McAdam and Gay Mackay.



Winners of the SWI Greensome are Piet Johnston and Fiona Scott with runners-up Carole Stewart and Jenni Turnbull.

85 net 64 Elizabeth Kelso. Scratch gross 74 net 68 was Ann May. Well played, ladies. Qualifiers for the Island Ladies' Championship will be made at the ADM on Monday May 20 at Brodick Golf Club.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday May 8, Summer Cup, 37 played, CSS 65. Douglas Robertson 82-20=62, Bill Donaldson 79-16=63, ACB, John May 83-20=63. Scratch, Greg McCrae 69, ACB. Sunday May 12, McCrae Trophy round one, Club Championship Qualifying, 26 played. Ewan McKinnon 67, Matt Dobson, Ross Duncan, Iain MacDonald, all 72.

Sweep, CSS 64. Terry Raeside 76-12=64, ACB, Matt Dobson 72-8=64, Iain Sillars 82-17=65. Congratulations to our team: Brian Smith, Douglas Robertson, Iain Sillars and Terry Raeside on winning the AGA Senior Bowl against Whiting Bay at Machrie.

Fixtures: Sunday May 19, McCrae Trophy, round three, CCQ. Monday May 20, round one, Club Championship. Thursday May 23, Quarter Finals. Friday May 24, Semi Finals. Saturday May 25, Club Championship Finals. Saturday June 1/2, Arran Open Championship, entry form on website.

SWI Golf

Monday May 13, SWI Greensome. Six teams played in the SWI Greensome in Shiskine on a dry but windy evening. The golf was followed by a delicious supper with sandwiches made by Alan and Siobhan, cakes baked by some of the golfers and a glass of Pimm's made by Jerry. The raffle raised £39 for the Federation funds. 1 Piet Johnston and Fiona Scott 83-22.4=60.6, 2 and scratch

Carole Stewart and Jenni Turnbull 82-17.6=64.4, 3 Ellie Jones and Elizabeth Kelso 87-19.2=67.8. The first two teams will compete in the National Finals at Shiskine on Tuesday August 27 and we wish them well on their home course.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday May 7, Sweep. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 65, 2 Campbell Laing 66, BIH, 3 Brian Sherwood 66. Tuesday May 14, Peter Sutton. 1 R Trail 63, 2 B Sherwood 65, 3 P Betley 67. Lady Mary. 1 B Waring 69, 2 P Johnston 72, 3 K Lord 73.

Fixtures: Tuesday May 21, Lady Mary / Peter Sutton, tee off 12.30pm / 5.30pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday May 8, Summer Cup. 1 D Logan 72-10=62, scratch, 2 R Burke 74-12=62, 3 R McMillan 80-17=63. A big turnout attracted by the large Magic twos pot but still no winner.

Saturday May 11, Sweep.

1 P Middleton 82-18=64, 2 A Smith 77-11=66, scratch. Magic twos, M Elliot, P Middleton, R Burke, A Smith. Fixtures: Saturday May 18, Sweep, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday May 22, Summer Cup and magic twos, ballot at 6pm.

Arran Golfers' Association

Friday May 10, Seniors Bowl. It was a fine evening for the Seniors Bowl at Machrie Bay and thanks have to go to Machrie for hosting the event. Holders Whiting Bay took on Brodick and the games were played in good spirits. The Brodick team comprised Douglas Robertson, Sid Sillars, Terry Raeside and Brian Smith, while the Whiting Bay team was made up of David Brookens, David Blair, Stan Rainey and Douglas Auld. Brodick won 7 and 5 in the end and AGA president Brian Sherwood was on hand to present the trophies.



ALGU Flockhart Trophy winners, centre, Ruth Hardy, left, Ann May, right, Elizabeth Kelso.

There's still time to join the Island to Island Triathlon

Spaces are still available for athletes interested in taking part in the Isle of Arran Junior Triathlon Club's Island to Island Triathlon and open water swims.

The event raises funds for the club which enables free membership for all of the juniors to take part in free swimming, cycling, running and coaching sessions which are open to all.

Subsidising

Funds raised also contribute to subsidising equipment such as bikes and wetsuits, along with club transport to events, and the continual development of the club and its resources.

Starting on Saturday June 1, the day starts with a half iron man triathlon at 9.15am with a 1.9km swim from Holy Isle to the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, followed by a full clockwise cycle around the island and a 20km run between Clachlands and the Dyemill.

The second race of the day is the standard distance triathlon, starting at noon, from Holy Isle with a 1.5km swim back to the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, followed by a 40km cycle to Kildonan and back to Lamlash before finishing with a 10km run between Clachlands and the Dyemill.

The third race of the day is the sprint distance with a start time of 2pm and a 750m swim from the Education Centre, followed by the 20km cycle to Whiting Bay and back and a shorter run to the Lamlash Medical Centre and back to the Arran Outdoor Education Centre.

There are two open water swims planned for the afternoon starting at approximately 2.30pm, a 3.8km two-way crossing to Holy Isle and back along with a one-way crossing from Holy Isle.

The afternoon is the opportunity for the juniors to take part in their classes, with four

triathlon events. These have a start time of 4.30pm/4.40pm/4.50pm to swim, bike and run and an expected finish time of no later than 5.30pm.

In order to make the junior races safe, fun and suitable for all abilities, the club will close a portion of the road to vehicle traffic briefly while the juniors cycle between the Arran Outdoor Education Centre and the corner known as Gorton Jockie on the Shore Road, Lamlash, around 4.15pm but no later than 5.30pm.

Appreciate

A spokesperson from the club said: 'We would appreciate your help, support and understanding during this short period of time to allow for a safe event to continue.'

Spaces are still available for all events and can be booked by searching for the clubs Facebook page - Arran Junior Triathlon Club - Triathlon Scotland website or Active.com.



The AJTC pose for a group picture at last year's Island-2-Island Triathlon.

Photo: Liam Nelson / David Hogg.

Summer bridge club results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer competition played on Monday April 29 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 2 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie, 3 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock. E/W 1 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson, 2 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 Jennifer Wales and Doug Chase.

The results of the competition played on Monday May 6 were: N/S 1 David Campbell and Tricia Martin, 2 Dougie Bruce and Liz McKellar, 3 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock. E/W 1 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson, 2 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie, 3 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson.

Monday May 13 saw the inaugural use of XIMPS at the Arran Bridge Club's Summer bridge game. Overall the club was pleased with the results but there were a few anomalies that resulted in two Giorsal

Kroners and Tom Kelly morphing into Robert. The results were as follows: 1 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 2 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 Sue Thurogood and Jane Davidson, 4 Liz Robertson and Jennifer McArthur.



Arran Coastal Rowers take gold at Largs



The Arran Coastal Rowing Club continued to add to their medal and trophy haul by taking two gold medals and coming in second place overall at the Largs regatta.

Having just returned from their season opener two weeks ago, when they won the Loch Awe regatta, the team were just narrowly beaten by rivals Troon to take the first place trophy.

Their most recent success took place over the weekend when the Firth of Clyde Coastal Rowing Club played host to seven visiting Clyde

clubs at Largs marina. The first race, a mini triathlon, comprised of 5km run, a row over to Cumbrae, a 16km cycle ride round the island, and finally a row back to the mainland. Arran ran, rowed and cycled hard but could only manage fourth place in this race. The worthy winners were a very energetic team from Royal West.

The second race, The Duncan Winning Challenge, was a return sprint over to Cumbrae. Arran took the lead from the start and reached the turn marker buoy ahead of

Arran rowers take gold against Troon at the Largs regatta. Photo: Dave Ingham.

the pack. Troon were chasing hard all the way back to Largs and stole the win from Arran right on the finish line.

As the day progressed the water conditions deteriorated into a choppy sea, but this suited Arran and they found form with a convincing win

in the heats for the Men's Open 500 meter sprint. Arran ladies also took advantage of the challenging conditions and won the Women's Open 500 meter sprint heats. Both finals were fast and closely contested which saw Arran come out gold medal winners

in both races.

Arran put up a good fight in the last race of the day, which was a mixed 500 meter sprint, but unfortunately didn't make the finals.

At the end of an eventful and enjoyable day, Arran came second overall with 33

points, narrowly being beaten by Troon who had 36 points.

As the season progresses, Arran continue to gain confidence, and trophies, ahead of the World Championship which is rapidly approaching and is due to take place in Stranraer.



Arran's Toby Wingham takes flight to drive the ball into the Irvine goal.

Arran footballers reach first final

Irvine Vics	1
Isle of Arran	3
ASAFA semi-final	

Arran AFC have secured a place in their first cup final after a hard-fought victory over Irvine Vics at Ardeer Stadium, Stevenston, on Sunday.

Goalscorers were Archie McNicol, Toby Wingham and Joel Small. Gavin Gilbert

was nominated as the man of the match for an outstanding performance throughout the game.

The next match for the Arran players will be a return to league games with a fixture against Valley Thistle at Kilwinning Sports Club on Sunday May 19 with a 12.45pm kick off.

Photos by Tam Borland.



Gavin Gilbert was nominated as the man of the match in a tough game against Irvine Vics.



LAMLASH GARAGE



CAR & MOTORCYCLE MOT TESTING - LASER WHEEL ALIGNMENT
For fast, efficient, friendly service - contact our reception on: 01770 600328

All Makes Serviced &
Repaired By
Fully Qualified
Personnel



NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING



Recycled paper made up 75.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 2004



Published by Wyvex Media, Brodick, Isle of Arran.
Tel: 01770 302142, Fax: 01770 302021,
Email: editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The Arran Banner's circulation is independently audited by the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC Ltd), www.abc.org.uk. The total average weekly net circulation for the 52 issues between 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2017 for combined print and digital editions was 2,930.