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Salmon bosses are told: you're not listening to us

by Colin Smeeton
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There is growing anger from opponents of the proposed fish farm development on Arran after a public consultation held on Wednesday left them with more questions than answers.

The Q&A sessions held by applicant The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) were highly anticipated following a public information session held last month in Lochranza, which sparked an angry reaction from those attending who walked out in protest because they felt that their questions were not being answered.

Taking the sessions in Brodick were: Marc Browne, SSC head of site development; Dave Cockerill, biology director; David Taylor, SSC head of production north; and consultants Jamie Young (Gaelforce) and Jamie Gilliland (Arcus).

The meeting was mediated by independent mediator Douglas Campbell, who introduced himself as a Lamlash resident of 20 years

with experience of conflict resolution and having previously mediated between banks and businesses. He also stated that he was not in the employ of SSC and wished to hear the concerns of the community.

Restricting the numbers to 10 people per session, over the course of the day, the sessions had to be pre-booked in advance, including by the Banner.

When a representative of the Banner attended the first session of the morning, a public relations officer at the door expressed doubts as to whether there would be space for them in that particular session.

Following a quick chat with the hosts, the Banner was allowed in to the Ormidale Pavilion to join the eight members of the Arran public and the five SSC staff, consultants and the mediator.

Following a brief introduction by Mr Browne, who outlined the plans for a 5,000-tonne, 20-pen farm off the north coast of Arran, he handed over to Mr Campbell who fielded questions from

the participants and directed them at the relevant representative.

During the course of the one-hour session which had to be brought to a close owing to time constraints – despite the next session not taking place for another hour – a total of six questions were asked.

Four revolved around fish welfare, fish mortality, lice, animal deterrent devices and one was a constructive criticism of the manner in which the entire application process had been undertaken.

The attendee, noting that the entire fish farm industry had a huge problem with public perception, suggested that SSC should look at conducting its affairs differently, especially considering the environmentally aware Arran population.

He suggested that hearts and minds could be won by making the proposed Arran site one that was the envy of the industry with technological advancements and an openness that could

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Big Davy in anvil reunion



Big Davy with the anvil which now sits in the gardens of the Douglas Hotel.

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Big Davy Ballantyne was this week reunited with the anvil which he dragged up Goatfell.

The anvil now has pride of place in the garden of the Douglas Hotel in Brodick overlooking Arran's most famous mountain where it will be used for wedding

photographs, but it is already proving a popular picture spot.

It is three years since Davy, who now works at the new Lagg Distillery, dragged the 120-kilogram anvil to the 874-metre

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New fish farm development consultation

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deal with quality issues and environmental concerns.

The final question came from the Banner. We asked: 'There has been concern expressed to us about the format of this Q&A being stage managed and controlled by limiting numbers to small

groups. Can you provide me with some insight as to why you chose this format?'

The question was immediately fielded by mediator Mr Campbell, who described the small groupings as engaging on a personal level and that the smaller groups were more productive and useful.

Pressing the issue and requesting a response from Mr Browne, no further explanation was forthcoming, save to say that he concurred with the reasons provided by Mr Campbell.

After the session one of those attending, who asked not to be named, said: 'I would have liked to ask a question but there was no time. The format of the meeting did not allow for free two-way discussion. It all felt completely controlled and managed to the point of farce.'

Tick box

'This was not a Q&A, it was a tick-box exercise that was completely aimed at limiting discussion, limiting time, limiting opinion and, of course, preventing any points, other than their own, being expressed.'

Throughout the day, Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) chairman Russ Cheshire sat outside the



A small group of pre-booked attendees take part in a consultation event. 01_B2155C03



Opponents to the fish farm development held a dignified protest outside the venue and were happy to answer any questions that attendees had. 01_B2155C01

venue and met with attendees and answered any questions that they had, which they felt remained unanswered.

Craig Anderson, CEO of the Scottish Salmon Company, who was not in attendance, said: 'The Isle of Arran has played a long-term role in our business and as part of our programme of responsible

development, we are looking to further develop our operations.'

'We welcome feedback on these proposals and have already enjoyed discussing our plans with our local community. We are committed to working with the people of Arran in order to develop our plan, which is

why we have held a number of public consultation and Q&A sessions across the island. For anybody who has yet to speak to us about the proposal, we would invite them to attend our next consultation in Brodick on Monday May 27.'

The public exhibition will take place at Brodick Hall from 3-7pm.

Big Davy Ballantyne in anvil reunion

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summit of Goatfell to raise money for diabetic research.

He came up with the challenge after his daughter Roisin was diagnosed with type one diabetes, aiming to raise £3,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. In the end, after worldwide publicity, Davy raised an astonishing £19,000 by the Herculean feat which took him 26 days - completing the final stretch on Sunday June 5 2016.

Afterwards there was a debate over whether the anvil should stay permanently at the top of Goatfell, but eventually it was decided it should be removed with Davy dragging the anvil back down from the top with a little help from friends.

A new home was found for it when the Douglas Hotel stepped in with a generous



Flashback: Big Davy drags the anvil up Goatfell with the help of Fraser Aitchison. 01_B19anvil01

donation to the charity and the anvil was handed over, initially being used inside the hotel until finding its new permanent home on a plinth in the hotel gardens with a plaque recognising

Davy's achievement. Davy said: 'I'm delighted to see the anvil in such an ideal spot with Goatfell behind it. It is already three years ago but it is something I will never forget.'

Last year Davy took on a new challenge walking up Ben Nevis in a day, wearing 60kg of chains, but had to stop just 300m from the summit due to dangerous weather conditions. He still managed to raise more than £3,000 for the JDRF charity.

Big Davy's Anvil Challenge June 2016

After his 10 year old daughter was diagnosed with the disease, Davy pulled this 120 kilogram anvil to the 874 metre summit of Goatfell, to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The plaque on the anvil. 01_B21anvil03

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Brewery boss slams 'deeply flawed' bottle return scheme

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Arran Brewery boss Gerald Michaluk has slammed the Scottish Government's proposed deposit return scheme as ill-conceived, unpractical and damaging to Scotland's manufacturing base.

The government at Holyrood has set out in a 700-page report how it will organise and finance a deposit return scheme ahead of the rest of the UK.

But Mr Michaluk has called the scheme 'rushed, deeply flawed and open to potential fraud on the scale of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive scandal'.

He praised the overall objectives of increasing the rate of recycling of metal, glass and plastic drinks containers from 50 per cent to 95 per cent as a great goal

but heavily criticises the way the Scottish Government is going about it and the huge burden it will place on small business, not to mention the cash flow implications to marginal businesses.

Mr Michaluk said: 'It is no wonder big business is behind this since it will disproportionately hit their small but growing competitors hard, if not sink some of them.'

'The basic idea is to pay the public for return bottles, made of plastic, glass or metal, so they can be melted down for recycling. It is not about returning bottles for reuse by the bottlers. So basically there will be an obligation on the manufacturers to charge a deposit on their containers of 20p. This the consumer will get back when they return the empty vessel to any reverse vending location.'

'So suddenly all drinks in

these containers will cost 20p more. What does that do to inflation?

'Small businesses as well as large supermarkets will be required to set up the infrastructure to handle the returns and fund the deposit repayments. Not too easy physically and financially for a small business.'

'If the supermarkets do it better, as they will, why will consumers not just shop there too? Yet another nail in the high street coffin. You can see why the supermarkets like the idea.'

Mr Michaluk is working with SIBA, the brewers' trade body, to lobby the Scottish Government not to rush into a potentially damaging scheme but take time to introduce a workable industry-supported affordable scheme.

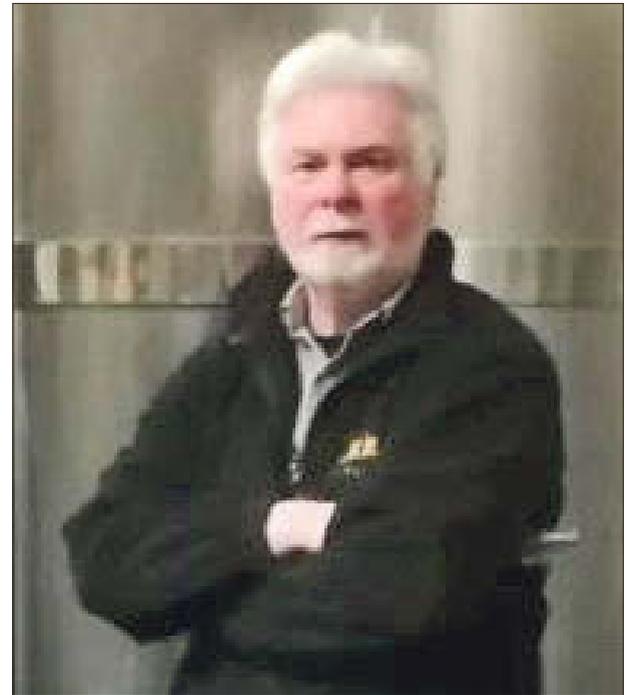
'Let's not see Scotland once more the testing ground for

flawed, politically motivated, ill-conceived projects that are doomed to failure,' he added.

Scotland is likely to be the first nation in the UK to introduce a bottle deposit return scheme.

A Scottish Government spokeswoman said: 'We believe Scotland's deposit return scheme can help us to achieve a glass recycling rate approaching 90 per cent which is well in excess of that being recovered through existing collection arrangements.'

'We have designed the scheme in a way which ensures glass manufacturers will benefit from access to high quality recycled material, and the intention is that the DRS will be cost neutral for retailers. We will continue to work closely with the industry during its implementation.'



Gerald Michaluk. 01_B21brewery01



Children enjoy an afternoon of clay modelling at last year's exhibition.

Summer art exhibition gets under way

Artworks from artists from across Arran will be on display at the Arran Visual Arts (AVA) summer exhibition which opens today (Saturday) at the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall.

Taking place until Friday May 31, from 10.30am to 5pm each day, the exhibition features paintings, drawings, textiles, photography and a number of other media and art forms.

The summer exhibition is AVA's annual flagship event showcasing the work of the charity's nearly 100 members.

Formed in 2001 by island artists, the group also organises and runs weekend arts workshops throughout the year led by professional tutors.

AVA is a registered charity and was instrumental in the development of Art in Mind, a weekly group whose members will be showing some of their work at the summer exhibition. Pictures will be available for sale for a minimum donation of £15 and the proceeds will be used to help keep the group afloat.

During the exhibition, on Monday May 27, there will

be a family workshop from 2pm to 4pm where children and young people can, with their parents, enjoy a creative afternoon painting, card-making and weaving.

Visitors during the event are also invited to vote for their favourite piece of artwork and, at the end of the exhibition, a small monetary prize is awarded to the winning people's choice artist. Further information about the exhibition, artists and about AVA can be found on the freshly redesigned AVA website at www.arranvisualarts.co.uk

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Island gets big boost from extra sailings

The benefits the island gained by having the MV Isle of Arran deployed for 89 additional sailings in April has been highlighted by the Arran Ferry Committee.

As reported last month in the Banner, the committee met with Islands minister Paul Wheelhouse MSP and whilst the majority of the discussion centred on the reliability and resilience of the service, they also highlighted the constraints on travel in the current single vessel service.

The committee was able to provide evidence of the restriction this had for residents and businesses and negotiated 47 additional sailings to be provided by the MV Isle of Arran on the Ardrossan to Brodick route over Easter to alleviate restrictions for short term travel needs.

Continued discussions with CalMac and were also able to gain a further 42 sailings provided during the week leading up to Easter support-

ed by Transport Scotland.

The benefit for residents and businesses on Arran can now be quantified with CalMac confirming the carriage numbers showing that this extra capacity allowed 11,844 passenger and 3,203 car journeys. There were also 773 metres of freight and three coaches carried which may have freed up space on the Caledonian Isles for other vehicles. The added capacity

helped to reduce the short-term limitations for residents' travel plans and also contributed a significant financial boost to the island's economy, the committee says.

Arran Ferry Committee will continue to work with CalMac and Transport Scotland to explore all opportunities to develop the timetables for both Ardrossan and Lochranza routes within the current fleet's capability.



MV Isle of Arran.

Arran council delayed at Ardrossan

'There have been too many p...

An Arran councillor has called for the proposed redevelopment work at Ardrossan harbour to be delayed until a firm commitment is made about the deployment of the MV Glen Sannox on the Arran route.

North Ayrshire Conservative councillor Timothy Billings has said it would be 'folly' to commit significant amounts of public money to the project at this time.

His comments came at the full meeting last Wednesday of North Ayrshire Council where a report was brought forward that outlined the next steps in the development of Ardrossan harbour.

As reported in the Banner earlier this month, the work, now costed at up to £25 million by Peel Ports, is expected to start in the spring of 2020. It includes the current Arran berth being realigned to accommodate the MV Glen Sannox, still under construction in Port Glasgow.

At the meeting, Councillor Billings, who represents Ardrossan and Arran, asked if it was the right time to commit public money to work that was made necessary for a boat that may not even

come in to service. The reply was that the work could benefit other boats in the CalMac fleet. Councillor Billings proposed that the detailed design work for the harbour reconstruction should continue, but that construction work should wait until there was final agreement on the design of the future Arran ferry.

He stated: 'There have been too many poor decisions taken relating to this project already. Committing significant sums of public money to the construction of a harbour mainly for the benefit of a ferry that we don't even know is going to come in to service is folly.'

Take account

He further proposed that the council confirmed that it would not agree to any proposal that allowed the Arran ferry service to be harmed whilst any harbour construction was taking place, and that it would properly listen and take account of Arran residents' views when designing the new terminal facilities at Ardrossan.

He added: 'It is recognised that Brodick's new terminal has significant issues with passenger access and service reliability. It is essential that

Action group ready

In keeping with its intention of being open and transparent the Arran Ferry Action Group provided the Arran Banner with a report of its second public meeting

Forty residents attended the second public meeting of the new Arran Ferry Action Group at the Ormidale Pavilion last Wednesday to adopt its constitution and elect a committee.

The constitution has been drafted to permit the action group to do whatever it believes necessary to improve Arran's lifeline ferry service and was unanimously approved following a brief discussion.

Nigel Armstrong suggested that since CalMac excluded weather-related issues from its published performance figures, the action group might like to

conduct its own monitoring of the service.

Gavin Fulton, standing as chairman, spoke passionately of his frustrations with the decline in Arran's ferry service and his determination to bring about improvements.

John Ford, standing as treasurer, used to be a chartered engineer, nuclear physicist and designer of power stations. His motivation to join the action group arises from the ferry service being less reliable following government investment of £100m.

Chris Atkins, standing as



secretary, spoke of his commitment to provide timely reporting of the group's activities. He emphasised the importance of widespread public support for the group, as was being solicited both online and on paper, pointing out its political significance.

Sally Campbell, who was absent due to attending another conference, sees her role and the committee's role as working



Bob Haddow gathers support for the group at the Whiting Bay memories event. 01_B21action01



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Conservative Councillor Timothy Billings.

the council takes account of this and we get a terminal at Ardrossan that is truly fit for purpose.' He went on to say 'non-residents do not appreciate the difficulties that delays and cancellations make to everyday life on Arran. I wanted the council to have a clear policy statement that included meaningful engagement with Arran's residents and that harbour construction didn't impact on ferry frequency or reliability'.

When Councillor Billings' proposals were put to a vote seven councillors – six Conservative and one independent – supported him. All the other councillors present dismissed these concerns, including the two SNP councillors, who represent Arran and Ardrossan.

Mr Billings stated: 'It is typical of non-islanders to dismiss the real concerns that Arran's residents have about their ferry service. Too often passengers' issues are not taken into account leading to anger and frustration around how decisions are made. What is particularly disappointing is that my fellow ward councillors, including the one who lives on Arran, could not support my proposals.'

to lobby for change

ACTION GROUP

towards improvements in reliability and resilience of the ferry service for all residents of Arran, not just this summer but strategically for the years ahead. Also absent due to a prior commitment was Sam Bourne, who, with 20 years' experience in the leisure marine industry, holds a degree in naval architecture and small craft engineering and is currently working towards becoming a specialist marine surveyor. Sam has managed large refit projects, has a firm understanding of some of the issues that are causing the significant reduction in service and brings practical, common-sense engineering solutions to the action group. Robert Cumming, from Lochranza, is determined to raise public concerns at the highest level to bring about changes for the better and spoke of the benefit of collaborating with other western isles to prevent yet more public money being wasted. As a community councillor, Bob Haddow knows how hard others have tried to

bring about changes, but they have been ignored by those they petitioned. He too spoke of the need to form a western isles group that would be more representative and expressed the ambition to bring about smaller, local improvements very soon, while working towards more ambitious goals.

A part-time Arran resident for 15 years, Sharon Shenhav has been a lawyer for 50 years, with experience of lobbying, drafting legislation, working with government ministers and civil servants.

She reminded those present that she tackled the minister for transport at last year's cabinet meeting on the island over issues of passenger assistance, the elevators and onward connections. The minister had been encouraging, asking her to monitor the service.

Andrew Walsh listed his involvement with diverse island organisations including his own business Arran Active, chairing Arran High School Parent Council and as a trustee of ArCaS. This will enable him to present the impact of poor ferry service from the perspective of these organisations.

All nominees for the committee were unanimously approved.

Keen to make progress, chair-

man Gavin Fulton promised that the action group would meet very soon to determine its strategy for how best to lobby for change.

He explained that the group's objectives were currently categorised according to 'doability', ranging from immediate no-cost steps, such as reinstating the waiting list book at Brodick, through low-cost short-term improvements like persuading CalMac to sail to Gourock when bad weather prevents berthing at Ardrossan, to longer-term strategic aims like influencing harbour developments and the acquisition of appropriate ships.

He encouraged all ferry users to report any difficulties in using the service to the group, preferably backed up with photographs or video, where this would be collated for future evidence-based submissions made by the action group.

Secretary Chris Atkins announced that close to 1,000 supporters had already signed up, with very clear priorities for the group.

The action group also stressed its intention to operate transparently and publicly, publishing as much as possible.

Council spend on Arran's pothole problem revealed

North Ayrshire Council has spent £230,777 on repairing potholes and footpaths on Arran in the last financial year.

The figures were revealed at the full council meeting last week following a question by Councillor Ronnie McNicol.

It was also revealed that across North Ayrshire – including the Arran figures – more than 4,300 reports of potholes and footpaths were lodged, costing the council £932,000 to patch them up.

These figures are for the financial year, April 2018 to

March 2019, with just less than half of the reports coming from the public and the remainder by council road inspectors themselves.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie said: 'The council's road service has a proactive road asset management system in place, which involves regular inspections by our inspectors to identify defects and potholes requiring repair. In addition we receive requests from members of the public for repairs to be carried out.'

'I can confirm the impact of

the significant winter events we experienced at the end of 2017 and beginning of 2018 had an unprecedented effect on the condition of our roads.'

The figures, broken down further, detailed that a total of 3,413 works instructions were issued to fix carriageways on the mainland – costing £665,826. Nearly half, 1,518, of the complaints came from residents and each work instruction could relate to multiple potholes. On Arran 385 reports of problem roads were reported, and which cost £230,777 to repair.

Trees receive temporary reprieve

A six-month preservation order has been imposed on an avenue of trees in Brodick by North Ayrshire Council to halt any harvesting while further investigation takes place.

Concerns were raised by members of the public and the Arran Civic Trust who had spotted that the trees between Rosa bridge and

Cnocan bridge, north of Brodick, had been numbered and many had been marked with crosses – a potential indicator of planned culling.

Initial assessment of the trees found that they contributed to the public amenity and character and setting of Brodick but now that a six-month Tree Preservation Order (TPO) has been

imposed, a further detailed study will be undertaken.

The TPO was agreed at a council meeting on Wednesday and this will allow for the council to begin dialogue with Arran Estates to determine the landowner's intentions and assess the impact of the trees on the area.

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Arran residents learn all about solar innovations

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Arran Eco Savvy held a really exciting event on Tuesday explaining solar innovations and the future of green energy in the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick.

With the end of the Feed in Tariff for solar PV at the end of March this year, a huge spike of interest in domestic solar technology was experienced as domestic residents rushed to meet the payment deadline on Arran and across Scotland.

Streamlining the process, Eco Savvy helped 12 households on the island with their solar PV projects and are now looking to help those who are still considering it or wanting to maximise the efficiency of their existing solar PV systems.

The solar PV accessories event, held this week, was well attended by more than 20 residents and was an opportunity to hear a presentation about exciting new technologies from an industry expert, as well as speak to a representative from Home Energy Scotland about the financial help available for these technologies.

Marty Mellix-Fox, guest speaker and technical director of Solar Wind Applications, reported that in 2018, an estimated 74.6 per cent of gross electricity consumption came from renew-



able sources. Furthermore, Scotland has a target to deliver the equivalent of 100 per cent gross electricity consumption from renewables by 2020. Marty highlighted that domestic generation had been key to delivering this target, and domestic generation paired with storage would be crucial in improving this further.

At the event, attendees learned about new technologies with regards to battery storage systems, such as the Tesla Powerwall 2 and the Scottish product Sunamp, both of which were explained

‘Event attendees were left invigorated and inspired by the developing technologies for solar, and a future where dependence on fossil fuels is eliminated.’

with current example data from customers displayed in graphs, and with an emphasis on the different battery

qualities required for each particular use.

The hot topic of electric vehicles (EV) was discussed as electric cars are basically large batteries on wheels. This, along with the fact that they are often parked, means clean solar power produced locally can be stored and then used to directly offset fossil fuel. It was pointed out that there were far more EV charging points than fuel stations and many are still free, perfect for remote and rural living. There was a great deal of interest in innovative products from myenergy that



Guest speaker Marty Mellix-Fox, technical director of Solar Wind Applications informs on new solar technologies to the audience and, above, Marty and Kevin McFadzean, renewables adviser of Home Energy Scotland, with the Tesla Model S.

are both cost-effective and an efficient accessory that can be retro fitted or installed at the same time as solar panels.

The technology diverts excess solar energy to other uses within the home instead of exporting to the grid, with no impact on the payments for people who are currently signed up to export tariffs.

Eco Savvy project manager Jude King said: ‘Overall, event attendees were left invigorated and inspired by the developing technologies for solar, and a future where dependence on fossil fuels is eliminated.’

‘Many will support this goal with the implementation of solar PV or upgrading of existing systems. Eco Savvy will continue to offer free support and assist residents who require further information and guidance in their renewables projects.’

Tomorrow (Sunday) Eco Savvy is holding an eBike open day where it will be showing off its new eBikes and offering trial runs. There will also be free regular bike MOTs and repairs by the Arran High School mountain bike club. The event is on from 12.30pm until 3pm.

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New luxury housing shelved as council calls for 'balance'

A proposal to build 18 new luxury homes in Brodick has been shelved.

Arran Estates had sought planning permission in principle for a residential development including 16 plots and associated infrastructure, and detailed planning permission for roads, parking areas and two detached homes on a site to north west of the new Montrose House in Glen Cloy Road.

In a response to the application, Arran Community Council said that while it had no objection in principle to the building of houses on the site, it had some general concerns, which, it said, was not directed towards the applicant, but felt the time had come to raise the issue of housing on the island in more general terms.

Under the plans, which have been withdrawn, each of the plots, on what is presently farmland, would have been sold off separately for individually designed houses of two storey, one and half storey or single storey.

In its submission the community council stated: 'In registering local views, we respectfully suggest that this development does not appear to address the priority need for low cost housing for young families etc.'

'North Ayrshire Council's own local housing strategy 2018-2022 states that in the case of Arran, 'median house prices are eight times higher than the median income, suggesting that buying a house on the island is not feasible for a significant number of people.'

'Surely, as the local planning authority you must seriously take that on board. Not only register what it says but also begin to take active steps to address it.'

'As it currently stands, to the best of our knowledge, planning permission for several hundred large dwellings

has been granted on Arran. It's almost certain that none of them will be affordable to most of the young local working families.'

'The Business Gateway Service Arran and Cumbrae, carried out a survey on Arran in 2016. Again, we quote, 'it tried to understand how the housing market influences employment and recruitment. A third of those asked felt the lack of affordable housing was halting the expansion of local businesses because they were unable to recruit or retain staff. Stakeholders also advise that there is a significant number of "hidden households" on the island (eg. people living in caravans, being overcrowded etc). The Arran Economic Group is a multi-agency group that includes representatives from Visit Arran, North Ayrshire Council, Highland and Island Enterprises, Scottish Government, Arran Community Council and local businesses. Members are working to maximise the potential for economic growth on the island, and for a sustainable, vibrant and prosperous island. One of the group's priorities is the delivery of additional housing that will support economic growth.'

'With absolute respect to all, the NAC local housing strategy is saying one thing and the constant issuing of planning permission by NAC planning for expensive dwelling houses is saying another.'

'All we as a community council are saying is, whether you can afford a large or small home, your right to own a home is equal and the market, if balanced should be able to cater for that. Arran is in its own "housing bubble", perhaps the time has come to begin to set down local guidelines or impose conditions which are existent in current legislation to effectively balance the local housing need.'



The site of the withdrawn housing plans. 01_B07housing01

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Turning tide

There can be no doubt that the tide could be turning for the owners and developers of fish farms in Scotland following the revelatory episode of BBC's Panorama this week which asked: 'Is there a problem with salmon farming?'

The programme, produced in Scotland, exposed some fish farm practices concerning animal welfare and environmental damage which has produced revulsion in many of the commentators who had their worst suspicions of animal welfare and environmental damage confirmed.

Concerning too, was the fact that regulations, which govern the industry in Scotland, are far more relaxed than that of Denmark, for instance, where operators are strictly monitored and regulated. It begs the question, is Scotland's environment being damaged by a loosely regulated industry?

The juxtaposition of facts from the industry, and those of concerned environmentalists, are starkly in contrast, and the truth may possibly lie somewhere in-between the two.

The only way that the muddy waters can be cleared is if there is openness and transparency from all parties, something that many at this week's Q&A sessions felt was distinctly lacking.

If confidence is to be restored in the industry, and many will argue that it is desperately needed, players are going to have to learn to work with the communities that they operate in if they wish to avoid continually having to swim against the current of public opinion.

Thought for the week

'Sing a new song to the Lord; he has done wonderful things. By his own power and holy strength he has won the victory.'
Psalm 98:1

Negative effect

The North Arran development proposal by the Scottish Salmon Company should be a concern to everyone on the island.

These open-cage fish farms are hugely environmentally damaging both to the sea from untreated fish excrement and to wild salmon in the surrounds which are contaminated and eaten alive by sea lice from the farms. There are also huge mortality rates associated with these farms, and the Scottish Salmon Company farms in particular - 58 per cent at its Inch Kenneth Farm in 2018.

This farm would disrupt and deter the natural marine life, including the seals, dolphins, otters and basking sharks we regularly see. Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADDs) are proposed to keep wildlife away but SSC wishes to have the option to shoot 'rogue' seals that it considers a threat to the fish.

Arran, and the section at North Sannox in particular, is a place of exceptional peace and natural beauty with many locals and visitors coming here to experience this. The visual impact, and associated activity, of this huge fish farm will be devastating and will have a negative economic effect for the island.

The idea that open-cage salmon farming is a 'sustainable' means of food production is laughable, with 5kg of wild fish being caught and fed to produce 1kg of farmed salmon.

**Ruth McLaren,
Sannox.**

Knotweed worry

As regular dog walkers along the fisherman's walk, we were surprised to see the emergence of extensive areas of Japanese knotweed along the Brodick golf course.

This extends into the beach itself alongside the 12th tee but is seen in several patches along the fisherman's walk and also close to the fourth tee across the Rosa Burn.

This is our first year on Arran so perhaps this is a normal part of the local flora but it is worrying as this perniciously invasive plant could

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Making the grade for our photograph of the week, Jess MacDonald Brass snapped these images of her daughter Kayla, and her young superhero friends. The children were actually just visiting Kayla, and decided to delve into her costume collection to be suitably attired for a superhero bike ride and picnic in the sunshine at Blackwaterfoot.

spread from the golf course to surrounding properties.

There may be a simple answer to this and it may be a usual occurrence but tentative approaches on this subject have been rebuffed.

**Dr Val Thomas,
Brodick.**

Step up for cancer

Both my wife and I are aware of bowel cancer and make sure to take our screening tests when they arrive every two years, but we also try and make lifestyle choices that lower our risk of developing bowel cancer.

Exercise is obviously a huge part

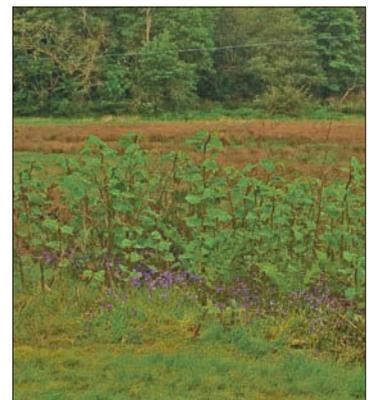
of my life but knowing the massive effect that just 30 minutes of exercise a day can have on my long-term health is a great extra motivator.

That's why I'm supporting Bowel Cancer UK's latest fundraising challenge, Step up for 30, to encourage the nation to get sponsored to do 30 minutes of physical activity every day for 30 days in June.

Every 30 minutes someone dies of bowel cancer in the UK.

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**Mr Motivator,
Fitness Guru.**



The Japanese knotweed at Brodick golf course.

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Why I want our school meals to be nitrite-free

North Ayrshire Council is leading the way with healthy eating in its schools. Now Labour leader Joe Cullinane wants all school meals to be nitrite-free and in an article written for the Herald on Sunday, and reprinted here, he outlines how the council plans to achieve this.

Nicola Sturgeon's 2016 programme for government pledged to make Scotland a Good Food Nation. After more than two years of silence, and criticism over a lack of progress, the bill's consultation was finally published in late December 2018 and closed at the end of March.

The consultation results are not yet known but one thing should be obvious: a Good Food Nation cannot serve school meals which include chemicals linked to cancer.

A Herald on Sunday investigation recently found that three-quarters of Scotland's councils have school menus that include processed meats which contain nitrites. That is only possible because the nutritional standards set by the Scottish Government allows it. That's why, when presented with the newspaper's findings, local government body COSLA responded that councils 'adhere closely' to national nutritional standards.

In the coming weeks, Scotland's schools will break for summer. When children return in August, nitrites should be disappearing off the school menus across the country.

This doesn't require legislative change. Nicola Sturgeon and her deputy, John Swinney, should get their skates on, adjust the national nutritional standards and ban cancer-linked chemicals from Scotland's school canteens. Should they do so they will have the full support of the Scottish Labour Party.



North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane.

However, so far they have failed to show any leadership on the issue. In the absence of national action, it will be down to individual councils like the one I lead to make the right decision for our own school pupils.

North Ayrshire Council already exceeds the Scottish Government's nutritional standards. We have been reducing ham, bacon and cured meats in our school menus by introducing meat-free days. All our

primary schools have Gold Food for Life accreditation. We are sourcing more organic produce and using more local suppliers. However, when the Herald on Sunday asked whether our menu was completely nitrite-free, the council's answer was no.

So over the summer our school menus will be reviewed with input from pupils.

Cured products will be off the

menu, red processed meats will be reduced and we will be working to source nitrite-free products across the full menu.

That's a decision we will make of our own accord. It reflects our values as a council which has pioneered school holiday meal provision over many years and whose work around dignified access to food has resulted in £150,000 of funding being awarded in recent weeks to projects led by the North Ayrshire Foodbank and the Three Towns Growers allotment group.

The reality, however, is that cash-strapped councils will be left to make their own decisions. The SNP's failure to offer an alternative to Tory austerity and instead dump cuts on to local government means that councils, including SNP-led authorities, are struggling to maintain even basic services. When councils are fighting just to keep teachers in front of pupils, is it any wonder that three-quarters are not exceeding national nutritional standards and banning nitrites from school menus?

This is a national public health issue. It requires national leadership and it needs a government that genuinely works in partnership with councils to make the best decisions for Scotland's young people, not one that starves councils of resources to a level where cancer-linked chemicals become an acceptable part of school meals.

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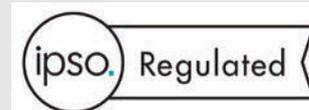
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Brodick early years pupils enjoy a fun morning learning about oral health. 01_B21brush02

Arran pupils brush up on

Fun event has serious message

Pupils from all of Arran's primary schools and early years classes cleaned their teeth simultaneously on Monday morning in an organised brushathon.

The event, organised by the NHS Ayrshire and Arran's oral health team, is aimed at raising awareness of the im-

portance of paying attention to oral hygiene to maintain a bright and white smile.

The pupils from Arran's schools eagerly took part in the fun brushathon and shared a laugh with fellow pupils who sported large smiling lip masks.

With an emphasis on

having fun, the event also encouraged smiling, good oral health and healthy lifestyles.

The brushathon was held as part of National Smile Month which runs until Thursday June 13 with the aims of achieving good physical and mental wellbeing by improving oral health.



Brodick primary P3 pupils join in the brushathon. 01_B21brush04



Pirnmill primary pupils eagerly take part in the brushathon. No_B21brush01



Corrie primary pupils with their brushathon goody bags. 01_B21brush07



Brodick primary P4 and P5 pupils are all smiles. 01_B21brush05

oral health awareness



Brodick primary P1 and P2 pupils with their toothbrushes at the ready. 01_B21brush03



Brodick primary P6 and P7 put on a happy face. 01_B21brush06

Winter woollies wanted

Eco Savvy is appealing for the donation of any unwanted winter woollies which it will put to good use at a number of recycling workshops later this year.

The charity, which promotes recycling, reusing and breathing new life into unwanted goods, is particularly interested in any clean woollen or Polartec jumpers, scarves, hats or blankets.

The workshops will be held throughout September, October and November this year and will be run by Jo Wise and Helen Ross, along with other creative Eco Savvy volunteers.

The workshops will be suitable for beginners, to more experienced crafters, and it will help participants transform old woollens into beautiful ponchos, cosy throws and hot water bottle covers, among many other useful items.

Val Waite, Eco Savvy shop manager, said: 'It's so important to recycle, but it's much better environmentally if we can reuse and repurpose unwanted items instead. We thought it'd be great to have fun, learn new skills together, and have a cuppa and a natter while doing so.'

Further details on the workshops will be provided nearer the time but before then any items will be gratefully received at the Eco Savvy community shop in Whiting Bay.

Darts night for charity

It is time to look out those arrows as Lodge St Molios No 774 is holding its biennial charity darts night next weekend.

The date for the diary is Saturday June 1 and, with a £100 first prize, it is sure to be a popular event which is being held in the Masonic Lodge in Park Terrace, Lamlash.

All proceeds will be in aid of the Arran Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme and Brodick Church foodbank.

Registration will be from 4pm on the day and there is a £5 entrance fee. There will also be a raffle, food and a licensed bar. For more information, or if any businesses wish to donate raffle prizes, contact john.murchie@btinternet.com.

COAST centre dives into underwater exploration

The Arran Trust has provided Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) grant funding which will allow the marine conservation charity to be able to offer visitors the chance to explore Arran's underwater habitat.

Operating from the Octopus Centre, Lamlash, COAST will be offering snorkel taster sessions – catering for all abilities from novice to experienced – which will allow participants to learn how to snorkel safely, build their confidence in their ability and to have fun while under the expert tutelage of fully qualified BSAC instructors.

Over the course of three hours, participants can learn how to use and fit equipment, how to snorkel safely and then be taken on a snorkelling adventure to discover some of the underwater treasures that Arran has to offer.

All equipment will be

provided for these sessions, with wetsuits, hoods and fins kindly contributed to COAST by the snorkel instructors themselves, Amanda and Brian Grindall. Masks and snorkels were purchased with the money awarded by the Arran Trust.

The grant funding has also contributed towards the purchase of an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) which was subsequently assembled by COAST volunteer engineers. The ROV awaits sea trials before being officially launched to gather data in the waters around Arran at the hands of citizen scientists. The building of a shed to house the ROV, as well as COAST's air compressor which offers public cylinder fills, was also made possible by the funding from the Arran Trust.

The additional facilities and services coincide with



COAST centre administration assistant Nikki Harris receives a cheque from Arran Trust's Sheila Gilmore and Cameron Bruce, along with snorkelling instructors Brian and Amanda Grindall, executive director Paul Chandler and funding and centre manager Geoffrey Dallamore.

an expansion of staff at the Octopus Centre with the recently appointed new members, funding and centre manager Geoffrey Dallamore and Nikki Harris, centre administration assistant.

Further information about the COAST snorkel sessions, which begin on Saturday June 1, or volunteer vacancies, can be found on their website at www.arrancoast.com



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OTTER'S TAIL

Otter's Tail are a new outdoor adventure company for Arran in 2019, offering sea kayaking, hillwalking and gorge



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ARRAN ART TRAIL

The Arran Art trail provides the opportunity to go on an artistic journey through Arran's dramatic landscapes following a trail of studios and workshops, finding out how the beautiful island inspires the creative people who live and work here. The small studio signs direct

visitors and local people to undiscovered places with some spectacular views. It includes 17 venues, potters, painters, jewellers, sculptors, wood turners, photographers, textile workers, glass workers and furniture makers as well as venues and galleries exhibiting local artists work all year round.

A printed brochure is available on the ferry, at the Visit Scotland tourist office and other venues around the island. There is also an annual celebration of visual art on the island, the Arran Open Studios weekend event, in August. This year Friday 2nd to Monday 5th August, when many more artists and crafts people open their studios and workshops to the public.

For more information on Arran Art Trail and the Arran Open Studios weekend event, visit www.arranopenstudios.com

ARRAN GEOPARK

Arran Geopark is now well and truly open. The interpretation centre in Lochranza has interactive activities for children and adults alike. In it, you can



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Wednesday 26th	Guided Walk: Hutton's Unconformity
	<u>July</u>
Wednesday 3rd	Arran Heritage Museum Talk
Wednesday 10th	Guided Walk: King's Cave and Drumadoon
Wednesday 17th	Arran Heritage Museum Talk
Friday 19th	Wildlife and Geology Land Rover Safari

For booking information, and details of future events, please visit www.arrangeopark.co.uk

explain how the more recent ice ages have helped shape the glens and beaches, and the flora and fauna on the island.

Throughout the summer the Geopark Ranger Bob Gooday is running weekly walks and talks which add more detail to the story of Arran. Bob is an expert on the recent volcanic activity on the island. Finally, on the 13th, 14th and 15th of September the annual Arran Geology Festival will take place all over the island.

THE ARRAN COMMUNITY LAND INITIATIVE

The Arran Community Land Initiative (ACLI) will be running a Garden Party every Friday from 10am to 12.30pm at their Community Garden off Golf Course Road in Whiting Bay. All are welcome and no prior knowledge is required.

The sessions will be run by an experienced horticultural teacher (Darren Townsend) and the emphasis will be on

having fun. Activities will include practical, hands-on food growing, cooking, gardening and conversation; refreshments will be provided.

No special equipment or clothing is required and on days when the weather is not ideal for outdoor work we have two large poly-tunnels in which we can gather. Car parking and toilets are available.

Simply come along or contact us at arranacli@gmail.com

ARRAN GRAPHICS

Based at Cladach, Brodick, Arran Graphics provide a unique range of Arran branded products from car decals and ceramic mugs to T-shirts, Hoodies and Caps. Their new T-shirts are made from 100% organic cotton with water soluble ink! It is not just the family who are catered for, you will also find a range of goods for your four legged best friend. If you love Arran we are sure you will love their Arran products. And even though you may not wish to purchase anything it is worthwhile popping in just

to have a look and say 'Hi' to Dusty on your way up Goatfell.

LOCHRANZA CENTRE

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You can pop into Lochranza Centre anytime and pick up our information sheets and maps for some orienteering, Geocaching or a mystery trail through the village. After some initial instruction visitors are pointed in the right direction and off you go! It cost £5 per family and there is a prize every time.

FORESTRY AND LAND SCOTLAND

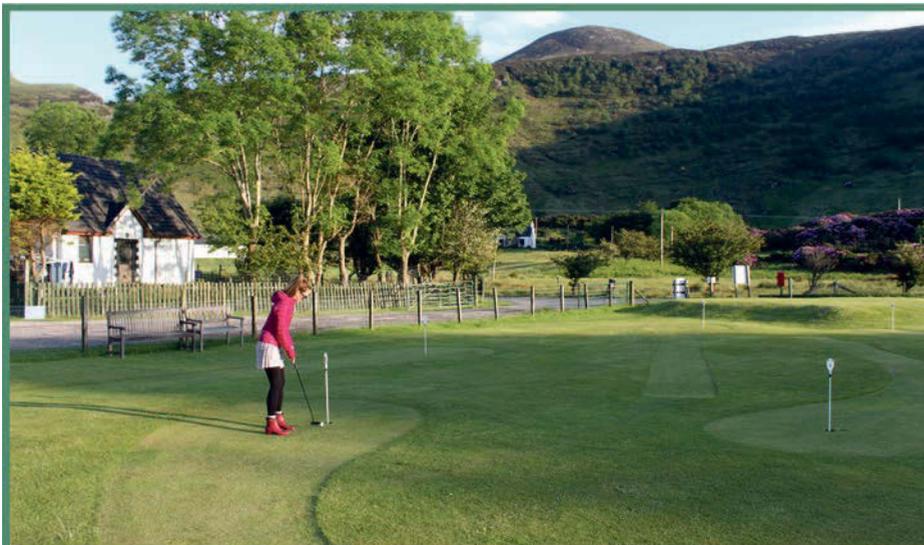
Thanks to the newly created Forestry and Land Scotland, formerly the Forestry Commission, and the National Trust for Scotland, Arran has some of the most expansive and well maintained footpaths in Scotland - helping to get you to remote and beautiful places, ensuring that visitors get to experience

most of Arran's top natural attractions such as Glenashdale Falls, Kings Cave, North Sannox and parts of Goatfell.

The forestry authority takes care of Arran's forests, woodlands and natural environment. While not only protecting these areas, they also promote the sustainable management of them and encourage visitors to come and enjoy them through collaborations with tourist organisations and environmental groups. Also involved in the setting out of regulatory care, the Forestry and Land Scotland play a huge part in ensuring that Arran, of which a quarter of the island is covered by forests, is accessible for visitors to enjoy.

LOCHRANZA GOLF COURSE

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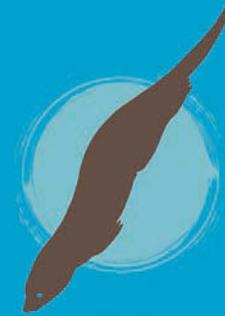
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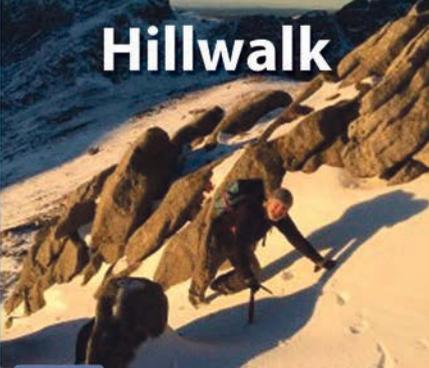
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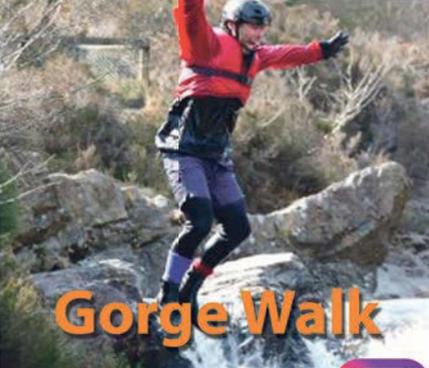
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loch and you are likely to see wild red deer as you play and, if you look up, you may see golden eagles soaring. Besides the beautiful nine-hole, par 34 course there is also a pitch and putt in which no hole is longer than 120 metres.

Lochranza Golf Course is a pay-and-play course so there is no need to book. They have clubs and trolleys available to hire and dogs

on a lead are most welcome. Prices are affordable and they offer fantastic value. For great offers keep an eye on the website at www.lochranzagolf.com You can also make a day of your visit to Lochranza and enjoy combining golf with a visit to the Arran Distillery or Lochranza Castle.

ARRAN ACTIVE

Situated right on the shore

front in Brodick Arran Active has everything that you could want or need to enjoy the great outdoors. From camping equipment to hiking and outdoor necessities such as maps and guidebooks, the large and well equipped shop specialise in outdoor clothing and footwear for all the family whether it be a walk up the hills, camping or a swim in the sea.

With regular special offers, there are always bargains aplenty and a wide range of stock to select from. If it is outdoor related, Arran Active is bound to have it, and if they don't, they will happily try and source it for you. From well known brand names to affordable quality products, Arran Active has you covered from head to toe, for all of your outdoor needs.

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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

A feast of folk at the 25th festival

'The festival sold out in advance last year and we fully anticipate a repeat this year'

The Arran Folk Festival is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Tickets are already selling well for the festival which is being held from Friday June 7 to Sunday June 9 at various venues around Brodick.

Long time organiser Jon Hollingworth said: 'We think it is quite an achievement for the Arran Events team which has taken it from number 16 to where we are now, and the original committee which got it to number 14 from its start in 1989 - with a little break of five years in between.'

Fittingly the anniversary has been incorporated into the iconic original logo of the

festival which was designed by the famous Ayrshire cartoonist Malky McCormick, who sadly died last month at the age of 76.

Headlining the Friday night concert are Jenn Butterworth and Laura-Beth Salterare who are no strangers to the festival and organisers are delighted to welcome them back this year. Meeting through the thriving folk music scene in their adopted home of Glasgow, the two singers and musicians have formed a tight-knit act, their rhythms and harmonies blending seamlessly together.

As well as performing as a duo, Jenn and LB are also



The organisers are delighted to welcome Daimh.

founder members of Kinnaris Quintet, which has steadily been storming the UK festival scene.

Also performing will be the Maeve Mackinnon Trio. Maeve, a graduate of the RSAMD and Sabhal Mor Ostaig, released her debut album Don't Sing Love Songs back in 2007. Last year saw the release of Maeve's third album, Stri, to four and five star reviews. Between albums, Maeve has toured internationally with her own band and with acts such as McFall's Chamber and Salsa Celtica. In 2015 she was featured vocal soloist at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo playing to crowds of 3,000 per night.

Maeve will be appearing at the festival with her regular trio: the fantastic Brian McAlpine (Session A9) and the wonderful Ross Martin. (Daimh).

Bobby Watt is Arran born and bred but has spent his

adult life in Canada. A multi-talented man - singer, songwriter, stonemason and scuba diver - organisers are delighted to welcome Bobby 'home' as part of the 25th anniversary line-up.

In fact, it was Bobby who organised the very first Arran Folk Festival away back in the early '70s as a means to raise funds to start a diving club on the island.

Bobby has performed with numerous bands, starting with Cromdale and more recently with Ecosse, but is performing solo at the festival. Still one of the best male voices in folk music, organisers can't think of a better way to get this year's festival off to the perfect start.

The Saturday headline act is something of a coup and organisers are delighted to have finally got the band to Arran. Taking their name from the Gaelic for kinship, Daimh - pronounced 'dive' - are a five-piece group based

in and around Lochaber and Skye. Their contemporary take on Highland and Gaelic music is built around the bagpipe/whistle skills of Angus Mackenzie, the fiddle virtuosity of Gabe McVarish and the grooving guitar of co-founder Ross Martin. Complemented by the mandola and accordion playing of Murdo 'Yogi' Cameron, and topped by the wonderful voice of rising star Ellen MacDonald, Daimh are definitely worthy of the title Gaelic supergroup.

Winners of Folk Band of the Year at the most recent Scots Trad Music Awards, the night's headline act is definitely not to miss.

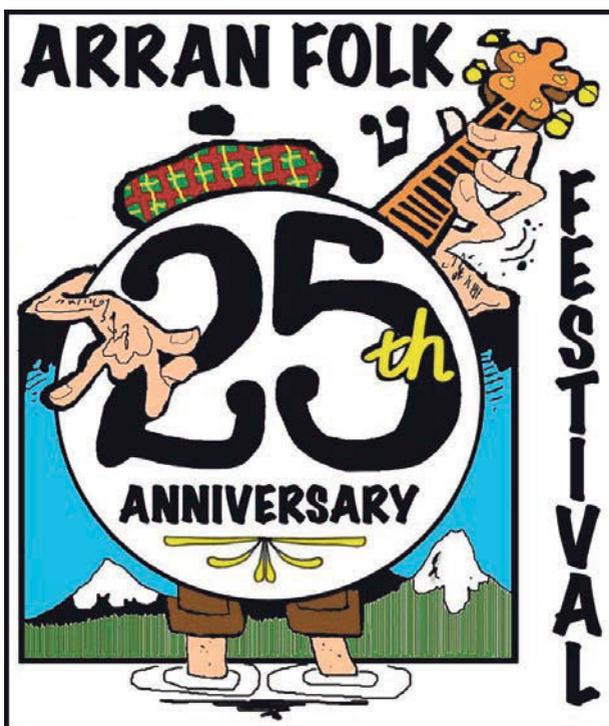
Also on the bill are The Ledger, a collaborative project that teams Gillian Frame and her husband Findlay Napier with their good friend Mike Vass. Together the trio cast a contemporary eye over folk songs originally collected during the '50s by folk song champion (and later MP)

Norman Buchan. Arran lass Gillian has firmly established herself as one of the country's most respected fiddlers/singers/tutors, while Findlay's own songs are fast becoming standards among his fellow musicians.

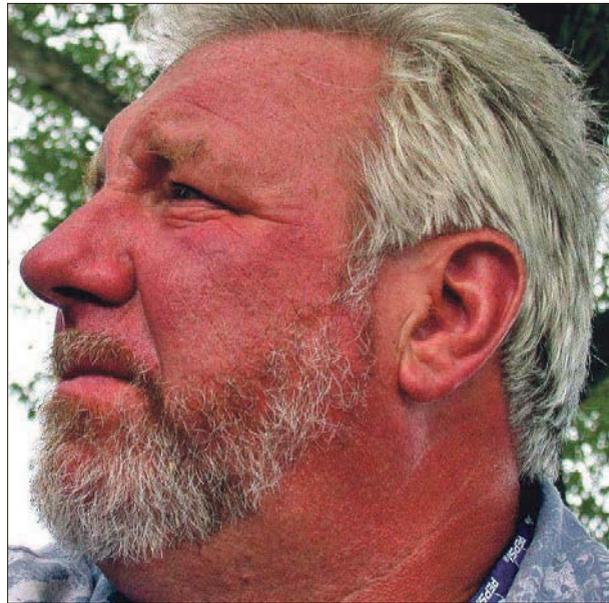
Completing the line-up is the extremely talented composer/multi-instrumentalist Mike Vass, whose skills as an arranger and producer have seen his name appear on so many of the best albums coming out of the scene today. This promises to be a fine treat indeed.

The evening concerts in Brodick Hall on Friday and Saturday nights will again be licensed by the Isle of Arran Distillery, this time under the guise of its soon-to-open Lagg Distillery. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start and tickets are available to buy online from www.arranevents.com or in person from Brodick Post Office.

Jon said: 'Online ticket sales



The 25th anniversary logo featuring the iconic design of the late Malky McCormick.



Maeve Mackinnon will be performing with her regular trio. Bobby Watt is coming 'home' for the festival.

to date have been exceptional – the festival sold out in advance last year and we fully anticipate a repeat this year so I would advise not leaving it until the last minute. I know a lot of people say this about their own ticket sales but I actually mean it.

'In addition to the above concerts there will, of course, be free afternoon sessions in the wonderful Douglas Hotel hosted by Uncle Keith. As always, feel free to bring an instrument or a song and show us what you've got.

'The success of our evening sessions has led us to seek larger surroundings so we are grateful to the new owners of the Brodick Bar for taking us in and providing a venue for this year's late night sessions which will start once the concerts in the hall have finished.

'We hope we have succeeded in presenting a blend of well-loved and established acts mixed with a fine selection of up-and-coming talent from the world of folk music and would like to thank all our visitors this year – old and new – for coming (back) and we hope the weekend is as busy as usual,' Jon added.



Jenn Butterworth and Laura-Beth Salterare, who are no strangers to the festival.



Findlay Napier, Gillian Frame and Mike Vass will be in collaboration.



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Brass Fusion are brilliant

Last weekend saw the brass combo Brass Fusion make the 1,000-mile round trip from Sussex to play a short engagement tour on Arran.

The 12 musicians surprised and delighted audiences with their musicianship, virtuosity and humour at the four venues selected for their performances; the Old Byre Visitors' Centre in Machrie, Lochranza distillery, the Arran Heritage Museum and the Douglas Hotel in Brodick.

The band were treated to the wonderful hospitality that Arran offers and in return they played music for every taste – traditional marches, jazz, film and television themes and tunes

from Broadway and the West End.

The audiences loved it – giving standing ovations as well as singing along and dancing to the music. Brass Fusion's set list reflected just what a talented group they are performing a variety of tunes and genres including Ghost Busters, Abba Fantasy, Game of Thrones, Under The Boardwalk, the sensational It's Raining Men and the wonderfully atmospheric Arran Melody were just a few of the memorable tunes entertaining the audiences – one of whom was overheard to say that he didn't know they would be that good. Praise indeed.

At the distillery a coach

party from across the Pond arrived as the band struck up New York, New York – timed to perfection. There were some expert solos on trombone, cornet, flugel horn and a trio comprising of sousaphone, cabassa and trumpet which brought smiles to the faces of the audience. Ending their tour at the Douglas Hotel the band's last number was their signature tune, Sussex By the Sea, which they dedicated to the venues that have hosted them on the tour.

Brass Fusion were delighted with the response they received and they will return in the not too distant future. Look out for them – Brass Fusion are brilliant!

Brian Grindall.



Brass Fusion members at Lochranza Castle.



The band gather on Tommy's Tractor at the heritage museum.



Performing on the lawn at the Douglas Hotel.

Corrie Primary School and Early Years Class School Fair
Wednesday 29th May at 10am - 12noon

Cream teas Bric a Brac
Tombola Homebaking
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Guess the weight of the cake and lots more!

Please come along and join in the fun at Corrie School.

ARRAN FOLK FESTIVAL

25th ANNIVERSARY

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

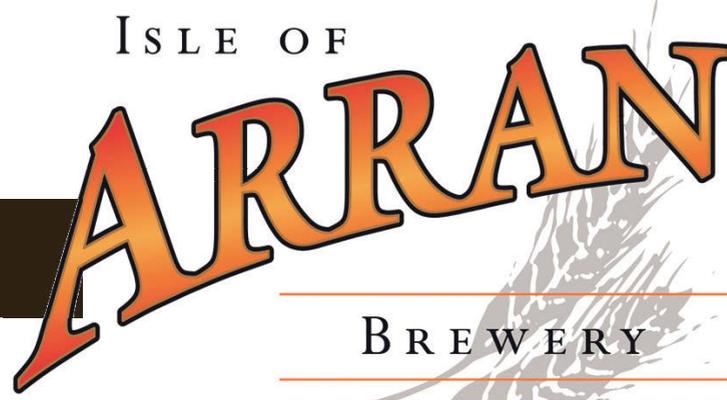
Sunday 9th June Survivor's Session - Douglas Hotel - 12noon - 5pm

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

What's on

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Every day

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

Saturday 25th May

Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Katstock Crafts presents Craft Fair Brodict Hall, 11am - 3pm
Fairies and Legends Trail Brodict Castle and Country Gardens, noon - 4pm
Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Rink Bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
RNLI Shop - Open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Arran CND Group meeting Ormidale Pavilion, 2.15pm
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, Brodict, 7.30pm
Live Music - The Bond, popular function band The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s' Disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

Sunday 26th May

Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Fairies and Legends Trail Brodict Castle and Country Gardens, 12noon - 4pm
Eco Savvy - E-Bike Open Day Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 12.30pm - 3pm
Live Music – Accord Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 1pm - 4pm
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
RNLI Shop - Open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live Music - The Bond The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Folk Music Session Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Monday 27th May

Goatfell Murder Mountain Walk Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle, 9am
Morning Fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Fairies and Legends Trail Brodict Castle and Country Gardens, 12noon - 4pm
Public Exhibition Scottish Salmon Company Brodict Public Hall, 3pm - 7pm
Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Arran Skinnymalinks, Shiskine St Molio'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 Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink Bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Kilmory Public Hall AGM Kilmory Hall, 7.30pm
Live Music – Arran Dawn Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 28th May

Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Healthy Outdoors Team Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 3pm
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Eco Social Eco Savvy Shop, Whiting Bay, 11am - 3pm
Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
School Swimming Gala Auchrannie Resort, 4pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group Ormidale pavilion, Brodict, 5.30pm
Steak Night – two ribeye steaks and bottle of wine Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 5.30pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
Flow Yoga Corrie Hall, 6pm
Netball Arran High School Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Eco Savvy Food Share Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm
Trev's Pop Music Quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
Traditional Music Sessions Brodict Bar, 9pm

Wednesday 29th May

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodict Gardens Volunteers Brodict Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
Corrie Primary School and Early Years Class School Fair Corrie Primary School, 10am - noon
Lamlash Coffee Morning Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - noon
Brodict Coffee Morning St Bride's Church, Brodict, 10.30am - noon
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 10.30am - 5pm
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
Knit and Blether Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
Dog Classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Arran Geopark Event King's Cave & Drumadoon Walk, 1.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Seashore Scramble with Arran COAST and Arran Rangers Blackwaterfoot, 2pm
Arran Pace Makers Running Group Brodict, 5.30pm
Flow Yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Junior Rugby (P3-P7) Ormidale Park, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
Rink Games Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink Bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Live Music – Fatman and the Angel Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Family Friendly Pub Quiz The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Thursday 30th May

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 - 10.30am
Chair Yoga Exercise Class Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 10.30am
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Music Matters Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Steak Night – two steak dinners and a bottle of wine Drift Inn, Lamlash, 5pm-9pm
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, Brodict, 7pm - 8.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share Brodict 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, Brodict, 9pm

Friday 31st May

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
ACLI - Friday Garden Party Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 11am
Gym Induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwon Do, Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live Music – Accord Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 7.30pm
Friday Night Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Live Music - DJ Tom McGarrige The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 1st June

Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Rink Bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
RNLI Shop - Open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
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, Brodict, 7.30pm
Live Music - Arizona The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s' Disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

Arran finish as runners-up



Archie McNicol was voted man of the match for his superb performance.

Valley Thistle 1, Arran AFC 3 Q&L Skips Division One

Arran travelled to Kilwinning Sports Club for their final league game of the season in a match against Valley Thistle who, with a cup win under their belts, were always going to be tough opponents.

Valley started quickly with a few attacks in the first minute but Arran took the lead when Archie McNicol placed a well-executed lob over the keeper to make it 1-0.

Before long Ryan Armstrong added a second with a low drive into the bottom corner.

In the second half, Arran managed to secure a further goal to take the score to 3-0 when Archie scored again by nodding the ball in at the back post.

Adding to an impressive, but as yet uncounted, tally, it is estimated that Archie has scored more than 30 goals so far this season.

Valley then added their own contribution to the scoreboard when their striker hit a volley into the top corner which would have been dif-



Ryan Armstrong was the second goal scorer in the game along with Archie McNicol.

ficult for any keeper to have prevented.

For the remainder of the match, Valley kept up the pressure while Arran made use of every one of their available substitutes. With only 10 minutes to go Sam Tattersfield fell awkwardly on his ankle and so left Arran with only 10 men.

The boys held on doggedly and they finished their first season in second place. Man

of the match was awarded to Archie McNicol for his superb performance.

■ The season ends on a high tonight (Friday) for Arran AFC when they play the ASAFA Cup final against Killie Athletic at Ardeer stadium, Stevenston, with a 7pm kick-off and they are hoping for a big travelling support to cheer them on.

HOLY ISLE OPEN DAY 2019

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Arran Dairies League

Brodick 9, Northend 0

Arran's league football got off to an action-packed start this week with a goal-filled bonanza for Brodick who scored nine times without reply against Northend.

Joel Small started his season on a high note with a hat-trick, while Cameron Logan scored a brace.

Allan Souter, Toby Wingham and Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil also started

their personal season tallies with a goal each. Northend did manage one, but sadly it was an own goal.

Lamlash 3, Shiskine 1

In a more closely matched game, Lamlash started their season with a win against Shiskine.

Johnny Sloss scored a brace and Finlay Elliott added another while Struan Robertson replied for Shiskine.

Despite three yellow cards being issued to Shiskine

during the game, there were plenty of young players starting in both teams which was noted and appreciated by match officials.

John Mulholland was selected as man of the match.

The next fixtures will take place on Monday May 27 when last year's winners, Southend, start their campaign away to Shiskine and Lamlash travel north to the Ewe Camp to take on Northend. All supporters are welcome.



Southend start the defence of the league title, seen here winning last year, away to Shiskine. 01_B35footy

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday May 21, 1999

Man in the Ministry

Ian Macleod has been ministering to the people of Brodick and Corrie for 25 years now. Some might stay in the same job longer than that but that is pretty unusual for a minister. Ian Macleod is happy to say that through all that time, he has enjoyed his work. The longer he was here the more difficult it became of him to even think of moving on. Having applied to be the minister at Brodick he had only been to Arran for a day when he was 12 but 'it seemed like a nice place'.

When asked what the highlight of the past 25 years was, he replied, 'the day I married my wife, Nancy'. And the most difficult thing? 'One of the hard things you have to learn is to be there when people need you and to leave them alone when they don't,' he said. Knowing this, Ian's role is recognised equally by those who do not go to church at all and it is having been such a significant part of the whole community that he has enjoyed these past 25 years so much.

Farmers' frustration

An Arran farmer was fined £250 at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court last Wednesday for a contravention of the animal by-product act. In fact the farmer had been found guilty of failing to dispose of the carcasses of two dead sheep on his land.

At another farm on Arran up to 20 sheep were found dead in a field during spring. The cause of the deaths was malnutrition and this

was a result of over grazing the land. That was partly to do with the difficult situation facing farmers, the collapse in sheep prices and the hill ewe subsidy having encouraged some farmers to overstock.

The farmer fined last Wednesday could have been fined up to £5,000, however, the Sheriff, in sentencing, said that he did not believe the case to be too severe. Farmers on Arran are angered that this has happened on a very small number of farms yet it gives them all a bad name. The other case of the 20 sheep is being pursued by the SSPCA.

Quiet man

Robin Crawford, a quiet and unassuming man, was nevertheless one of Arran's most significant sons over the last 40 years. He passed away suddenly last Friday night.

Unassuming but always affable Robin was the centre of both Blackwaterfoot and all Arran. In keeping open house at the Kinloch Hotel – which he built up with his brother Lawrence – he had made it the nerve centre of the west side of the island. At the same time his work in the tourist board made an equally significant impact on Arran.

Always approachable, whatever one said to him, even the most awkward question, it was greeted with a light chuckle followed by a courteous response. It is a small measure of how his death is felt that sporting events were all cancelled this week and several hundred people gathered at Shiskine on Wednesday to pay their respects at his funeral.



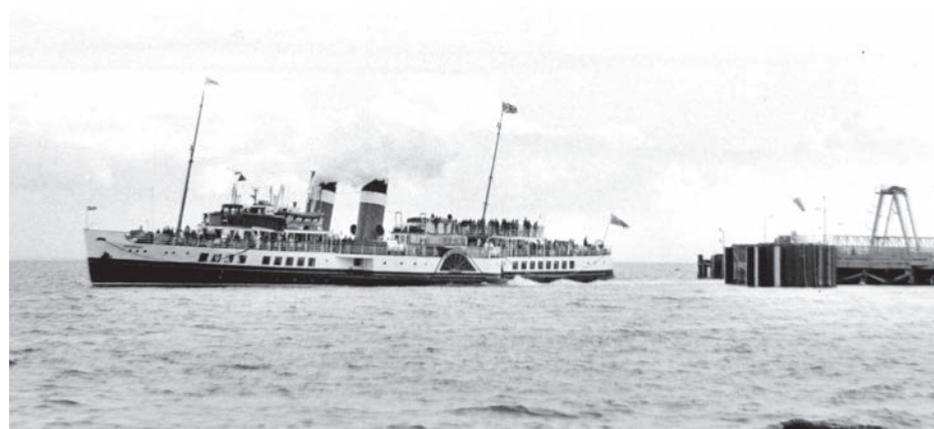
Celebrating her 95th birthday last Tuesday was Mrs Amy Heron of Lamlash. Mrs Heron was guest of honour at a small party held in a friend's house in Lamlash. She is pictured cutting her cake with family members. 01_B21twe01



Old customs die hard – Brodick children scramble for coins after a wedding ceremony outside Brodick Church. 01_B21twe04



They're off! Runners set off at the start of the Goatfell Race. This year 118 individuals, ranging from an 18-year-old to a 61-year-old visitor from Canada, took part in the event. 01_B21twe03



Always a welcome sight on Arran, PS Waverley departs from Brodick pier with a top deck packed with sightseers and nostalgic cruise passengers. 01_B21twe05



Sue Kerr of Lochranza holds aloft a beautiful and colourful patchwork quilt which has taken her nine months to make. Made from contributions from around the village it will go on show at the Lochranza Hall before being raffled off to raise funds for the hall. 01_B21twe02

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**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).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

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Sunday 26th May
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 26th May
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Sunday 19th May
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick at 6pm
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Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday May 15, Summer Cup, 43 played, CSS 64. 1 Iain Keen 73-11=62, 2 Gordon Hendry 68-5=63 ACB, 3 Iain Pittman 75-12=63. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 64.

Thursday May 16, McCarfrae Trophy, CCQ round two, CSS 64, 16 played. 1 Ewan McKinnon 62pts, 2 Marc McLelland 66pts, Gordon Hendry 71pts. Sweep, CSS 64. 1 Marc McLelland 66-5=61, 2 Ewan McKinnon 62-0=62, 3 Frazer Barr 73-9=64.

Sunday May 19, McCarfrae Trophy, CCQ round three, 22 played. 1 Bruce Jenkins 68pts, 2 Marc McLelland 70pts, Greg McCrae 71pts. Sweep, CSS 63. 1 Terry Raeside 74-12=62 ACB, 2 Bruce Jenkins 68-6=62, 4 Kenny McMillan 78-13=65 ACB.

Sunday May 19, McCarfrae Trophy, Club Championship qualifying, final result. 1 Ewan McKinnon 62+67=129pts, 2 Marc McLelland 66+70=136pts, 3 Greg McCrae 71+73=144ACB.

Fixtures: Saturday May 25, Club Championship finals. Sunday May 26, Brandon qualifier.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday May 16, Summer

Cup. 1 Dougie Macfarlane 65-1=64 BIH, 2 Stuart Campbell 70-6=64, 3 Iain Murchie 75-6=69. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 65. Magic twos Dougie Macfarlane and Paul Jameson @16th, Serge El Adm @5th and 16th, Dylan Smith @8th - hole four drawn.

Sunday May 19, Jamieson Cup. 1 Allan Winship 81-17=64, 2 Paul Cowan 70-5=65, 3 Serge El Adm 82-15=67. Best scratch, Paul Cowan 70. Magic twos, Drew Wales at 13 - winner as hole 13 drawn.

Ladies' section: Wednesday May 15, Stroke 2. 1 Sheena Murchie 75-15=60, 2 Gay Mackay 93-24=69. Scratch, Sheena Murchie 75.

Fixtures: Sunday May 26, Stableford, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday 30th May 30, Summer Stableford, make up own groups.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday May 15, Summer Trophy, 20 played, CSS 63. 1 Andrew Martin 12, 61 ACB, 2 Wayne Dale 28, 61, 3 Sandy Pringle 13, 63 ACB, 4 Douglas Auld 20, 63. Magic twos David Morrison @4th.

Sunday May 19, McKelvie Cup round one. A total of 19 played in the first round of the McKelvie and scoring was so

good that the top six players all matched or bettered par. The runaway winner was Gavin Bell, who carded a net 58 to win by three. Not surprisingly, CSS came down to 62. 1 Gavin Bell 24, 58, 2 Ryan Armstrong 9, 61 ACB and lowest gross, 3 Gus Macleod 13, 61, 4 Stan Rainey 11, 63. Magic twos Gavin Bell and Nicol Auld both @4th.

Fixtures: Sunday May 26, McKelvie Cup round two, draws at 9am and 11am. Tuesday May 28, Club Championship quarter finals and J C Reid Trophy. Wednesday May 29, Summer Trophy, draw at 5.30pm. Thursday May 30, Club Championship semi-finals and J C Reid Trophy.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday May 2, Ladies' Club Championship round one. 1 Fiona Scott 91-27=64, 2 Jenni Turnbull 82-17=65, 3 Kema Genda 81-13=68. Scratch Ann May 80.

Thursday May 9, Ladies' Club Championship round two. 1 Piet Johnston 85-21=64 BIH, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 86-22=64, 3 Esther Henderson 93-27=66. Scratch Ann May 78.

Thursday May 16, Ladies' Club Championship round three. 1 Fiona Scott 84-26=58, 2 Fiona Henderson 78-15=63 and scratch, 3 Liz Kerr 80-16=64.

Sunday May 19, Gents' Club Championship. First class: 1 Alan Stewart 71-11=60 BIH, 2 David Duthie 68-8=60 and scratch, 3 Allan Napier 73-10=63. Second class: 1 Ross Traill 77-16=61, 2 Brian Sherwood 79-16=63, 3 Craig Stephenson 80-13=67. Magic twos J Faulkner, P Betley, R Betley, D Duthie, A Napier, J McNally, A Miller x2.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday May 15, Summer Cup. 1 D Jeffrey 69-8=61, scratch, 2 G Andrew 70-8=62 BIH, 3 P Moran 83-21=62. Magic twos, many with Graeme Andrew finding the magic one!

Saturday May 18, Sweep. 1 A MacDonald 76-15=61 BIH, 2 A Napier 71-10=61, scratch. Magic twos D Logan, A Napier, G Andrew, A MacDonald.

Fixtures: Saturday May 25, Club Championship, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday May 29, Club Championship, ballot at 6pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday May 21, Lady Mary / Peter Sutton. Sweep. 1 Fiona Scott 66, 2 John Pennycott 68, 3 Ron Woods 69. Lady Mary, css 65, Fiona Scott 68, Kath Lord 71, Jenni Turnbull 72. Peter Sutton, css 66 r/o. John pennycott 68, Ron Woods 69, Brian Sherwood 70.

Fixtures: Tuesday May 28, Ladies' and Gents' Club Championship Qualifier first round, tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm. Saturday June 1, Duncan Sillars Cup and second round of the Gents' Club Championship Qualifier, tee off 12.30pm. Monday June 3, Quarter Finals Gents Club Championship. Tuesday June 4, Ladies' Club Championship Qualifier second round and Peter Sutton, tee off 12.30pm / 5.30pm.

Arran Golfers' Association

Fixture: Sunday May 26, Junior Matchplay. Final junior matchplay will be Ross Traill v Gregor Crichton at Whiting Bay Golf Club Sunday May 26 at 3pm. Note, different from fixture list.

DEATHS

DEATH NOTICE - EMSLEY, PETER

Peacefully at Arran war Memorial Hospital on 17th May, aged 91. A much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Thanks to all Arran Medical Group and the Hospital for all the care given over several years. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Lochranza Church on Saturday 1st June at 11.30am to which all are welcome. Black ties need not be worn.



Illustrator Mike Giblin

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Podium finishers, left to right, third place Matthew Sutherland, winner Elliot Sedman, runner-up Thomas Callan. 01_B21Goatfell06



Organiser Peter Mackie presents first female local Fiona Clarke with her prize. 01_B21Goatfell07



Organiser Peter Mackie presents race winner Elliot Sedman with the Goatfell race trophy. 01_B21Goatfell16

Good running conditions at the Goatfell hill race



Elliot Sedman crosses the finish line in first place. 01_B21Goatfell05



Graeme Johnston looks relaxed as he crosses the finish line. 01_B21Goatfell13



Arran locals Keir Robertson and Euan Rains both finished with a time of 2.57.33. 01_B21Goatfell15



Gordon Allsop of Arran Runners celebrates as he crosses the finish line. 01_B21Goatfell08



First female Zoe Harding is all smiles as she crosses the finish line. 01_B21Goatfell09



First resident male over the line is Michal Bochenek, who also won the recent Ormidale 10k race. 01_B21Goatfell10



Arran runner Ken Hogge crosses the finish line. 01_B21Goatfell12



Arran runner Andy McNamara is in good form as he heads towards the finish. 01_B21Goatfell11



First local female home Fiona Clarke smiles triumphantly. 01_B21Goatfell14



The 181 runners set off at the start of the Goatfell hill race. 01_B21Goatfell03

See Arran Banner Facebook and website for race start video.

Elliot returns to take Goatfell race crown

Words and photos by Colin Smeeton
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Former Lamlash runner Elliot Sedman made a welcome return to his old stomping ground last Saturday to take first place in the Goatfell hill race.

The race this year saw 181 runners taking on the 15.5 km (9.63-mile) challenge which climbs to the 874m (2,854ft) summit of Goatfell and returns to the Ormidale park where it also starts.

Although slightly wet underfoot, runners enjoyed good conditions which, while deteriorating at the summit, improved as the day progressed.

Elliot, who now runs with Carnethy HRC in Penicuik, came in first with a time of 1.20.31 and afterwards met up with many of his Arran friends and local runners which, this year, included David Allsop, Michal Bochenek, Andy McNamara, Ken Hogge, Keir Robertson, Euan Rains, Graeme Johnston and the only female local runner, Fiona Clarke.

Winner of last month's Ormidale 10k race, Michal Bochenek also took the Goatfell title as the first resident local home with a time of 1.41.41 while non-resident David Allsop of Arran Runners finished with a time of 1.36.45. Female local runner Fiona Clarke fin-

ished with a time of 2.33.38. Following the gruelling race, which only saw four people not able to finish, a short prize-giving ceremony was held and trophies and prizes were presented.

Organiser Peter Mackie of Shettleston Harriers said: "Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the Goatfell hill race such a success. From the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, the marshals on the route to the Brodick Improvements Committee, they have all played such a large part. Thanks too, to the National Trust for Scotland for allowing us to run the race on their property and to the Isle of Arran Pipe Band which

gave the runners a good send off. Thank you to all of the runners, the volunteers and not forgetting the St Andrews First Aid staff who took good care of the few injuries that were sustained during the day.'

The current record for the Goatfell Hill Race is 1.12.11, which was set by Murray Strain in 2017, and the female record of 1.26.21 was set by Angela Mudge in 2001.

More photographs on page 27.

Elliot Sedman joins his Arran pals Andy McNamara and Ken Hogge for a team photograph prior to the race. 01_B21Goatfell01



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