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D-Day for £8m homes

Plan for affordable housing heading for crunch time

by Hugh Boag
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A decision on an £8 million proposal to build more than 50 affordable homes on Arran should be known in a matter of weeks.

The Arran Development Trust has now identified three sites in Lamlash where they hope to build 43 homes for rent as well as provide 14 plots to sell for islanders to build their own homes.

The fact that Arran has a critical shortage of affordable homes has been well documented but the community is driving an initiative to fix the problem and should find out next month if the Scottish Government will back the plan and provide the £8 million needed.

The Banner first revealed the plans last December and the trust has been giving details of their progress at two public events held recently at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick.

At the meetings trust chairman Barry Mochan confirmed that if funding is

granted two of the sites will provide 43 homes – a mix of one, two, three and four bedrooms – for affordable rent and a third site will offer islanders the chance self-build their own home on one of 14 fully serviced affordable plots which will be for sale.

All the plots will have a rural housing burden on the Title Deed to ensure they are utilised only as principal residences and not as holiday or second homes.

Two of the sites have been identified. One is at Rowarden on Benlister Road, which Trust Housing previously had planning permission to build, but the development did not go ahead. A total of 18 homes are earmarked for this site.

The second is at Dyemill where the housing plots would be available.

The third site, where there would be 25 homes, has not been revealed. Plans for these sites have now been drawn up by Ayr-based architects Denham Benn, which has also come up with innovative house designs.

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Say cheese ...



The team at Torryllyn Creamery are feeling like the cat that got the cream after winning a Scotland Food and Drink excellence award for their vintage cheddar. Taking the Dairy Product of the Year title were the team of Allan Nicol, Richard Scott, Stewart Kilpatrick, Philip Ward and Lisa Edwards. Turn to page seven for the full details. 01_B22cheese01

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A decision on phase one of the Scottish Land Fund submissions is expected when the committee meets on June 19. If approved, this will allow the site valuations to take place – and if suitable/acceptable – the purchase of two of the identified sites.

While phase two of the Rural and Islands Housing Fund applications are now being finalised for all three sites and are due to be lodged shortly. If approved, it will

allow the purchase and installation of services on one site (self-build), and the construction/development of the other two sites, after planning permission has been sought and obtained.

The trust is due to meet with representatives of the Scottish Government/RIHF in early June to discuss all three sites in further detail.

The trust has also applied to become a Rural Housing Body, which allows the organisation the right of

pre-emption to any land or buildings which the community feel would benefit from their support and ownership. It also allows the ADT to design and apply a local lettings policy, specifically designed to benefit the local community on Arran. The Scottish Government decision on this application will be known by the end of June.

Mr Mochan said: 'We want to build affordable homes for rent and offer self-build plots for residents and people



The Rowarden site and the house site plans. 01_B22housing02 and 01_B22housing03



Trust chairman Barry Mochan outlines the plans at one of the public events. 01_B22housing01

coming to work on the island. 'To get started an Arran Development Trust application to build 43 affordable homes, with 14 self-build plots, is in process. We have passed the first two hurdles,

but we can only succeed if the Trust can demonstrate strong community support.'

Anyone can become a member of the Trust provided they are a permanent resident on the island and are over 16.

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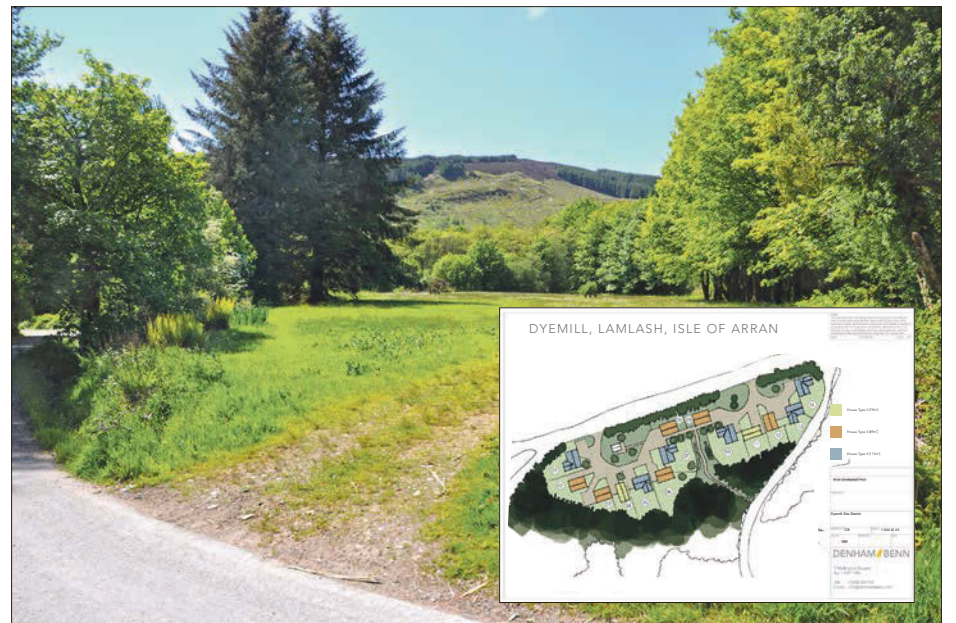
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The Dyemill site and self-build plots plans. 01_B22housing04 and 01_B22housing05

Recycling site is facing closure at short notice

The Broddick recycling site could face being temporarily shut at short notice due to 'manpower issues', the public has been warned.

Bin collections could also be delayed, island officer Gus MacLeod told Arran Community Council this week.

The issue appears to be a lack of resources in the refuse department to staff both refuse collection and the household waste recycling station in Broddick.

Mr MacLeod said he had had to shut the station at short notice on several occasions recently and it would happen

a few more time as he 'did not have the manpower'.

However community council members expressed concern that householders could have wasted journeys and were worried about what to do with the waste if they could not access the site.

Manpower

Mr MacLeod said the manpower issue had gone to 'director level', but added: 'In the meantime we are stuck with it.'

The problem only affects domestic waste and not commercial operations at the waste transfer station next door.

When the Banner visited the site on Tuesday there was a notice advising that the facility would be closing early.

However, a North Ayrshire Council spokesman on the mainland insisted it was business as usual.

He said: 'While there have been some minor issues relating to the operation of the waste transfer station, we don't anticipate this having any impact on waste collection services on the island.'

'The household waste recycling centre, which is a separate facility, will continue to remain open to the public within its stated hours.'

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Stuart completes 120m double Arran cycling challenge for Crohn's

by Colin Smeeton
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Stuart Robinson has overcome serious health adversity, building up his strength over a period of five years, to complete his biggest challenge yet – cycling around Arran twice in one day.

And at the end he admitted: 'Blimy that was hard, but I did it.'

Diagnosed with Crohn's colitis at the age of 20, Stuart's love of cycling, and his life 'went to pot' after suffering the debilitating ill effects of his condition.

Too ill to work and too ill to cycle, and suffering from negative side effects of medication, he spent a great deal of time in hospital receiving treatments and undergoing a number of operations.

After an arduous 15 years of dealing with the condition and watching his health continually decline, including the onset of arthritis caused by the disease, Stuart eventually found a semblance of relief with a drug called Humira.

The new drug offered a glimmer of optimism for Stuart and he gradually was able to become more active.

Over the last five years he has steadily improved his



Stuart Robinson looked fresh and determined at the start of his 120 mile challenge in aid of Cure Crohn's Colitis. 01_B22cycle01

search into cures for inflammatory bowel disease so less people have to suffer. There's so many people suffering out there who aren't as lucky as I am.

'If your donation helps the advancement of treatments then that has to be a good thing whether it's £1 or £10.

'I must give a huge mention of thanks to Blackwater Bakery for donating fuel during my ride, all those who have donated, and to everyone who supported me along the way.'

abilities to the point that he wanted to take on a big challenge to prove something to himself but more importantly, to 'show Crohn's who's boss'.

A huge accomplishment for anyone, and especially someone who has to monitor their colitis symptoms, arthritis and anaemia, Stuart completed the 120-mile challenge while fundraising for Cure Crohn's Colitis.

His Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuart-robinson33 will continue to raise funds

for sufferers of Crohn's and inflammatory bowel disease. Every single penny raised will go towards finding a cure for the disease with no administrative costs being recovered from donations.

Stuart, who lives in Sheffield, but is a regular visitor to Arran, said: 'This was a proper challenge and I had no idea if I could manage it but for the sake of the charity, Cure Crohn's Colitis, I fought it and overcame the difficulties.

'If you are able to, please donate all you can to aid re-

Waitlist reinstated for early ferry

A campaign to have the waitlist for the ferry reinstated has been successful.

Since the waitlist (diary) was withdrawn last year the Arran Ferry Committee have pushed to have it reintroduced, and discussed the reasons and offered alternative solutions to provide this valued facility.

The main issue appeared to have been the new GDPR regulations and the committee says it has repeatedly challenged this and requested that the decision be reviewed.

As a result of the pressure CalMac have announced that the waitlist book will be re-introduced, as previously, for the Monday to Friday 8.20am sailing from Brodick to Ardrossan.

Customers previously used the waitlist if they could not get a booking on a ferry for a particular day. The list is used if space becomes available due to pre-booked commercial traffic not using the sailing.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'We will record the customer's name, telephone number and booking number.

'This requires full payment having already been made for a reservation – this will

save time when it comes to transferring passengers onto the sailing. At the end of each day the waitlist page for that day will be removed and shredded.'

It has also been cautioned that if there are any issues related to GDPR the system will be withdrawn.

A ferry committee spokesman said: 'I am sure everyone will welcome this response to our request.'



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World gin day at Wineport

To celebrate the 10th annual world gin day, The Gin School Scotland, in association with The Wineport at Cladach, have announced details of their upcoming festival on Saturday June 8, from noon until 6pm.

The school has hand-picked six of Scotland's finest craft distillers who will offer tastings and carefully matched mixers in the Gin Room, and live bands will provide musical entertainment all afternoon in the marquee.

To date, confirmed producers taking part include Colonsay Gin (wild thyme spirits) Mcleans Gin, Biggar Gin, Linlithgow Gin, Pentland Hills Gin and the Isle of Arran Gin.

There will be delicious barbecue food straight from the grill – with proceeds to Arran Mountain Rescue – as well as the Wineport's own superb fayre available all day. The event is free to attend with a small charge for entry to the Gin Room.

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Pedal power to the fore at eBike open day



Mountain bike training equipment provided visitors with laughs and a few scares. 01_B22Eco02



Two eBikes get put through their paces by experienced riders. 01_B22Eco06

Launch gets off to flying start

Environmental charity Eco Savvy welcomed more than 100 people to Ormidale Pavilion for an open day to launch its eBike scheme which features the latest electric bike technology.

The open day celebrated the purchase of a fleet of six eBikes which will be used to demonstrate alternative, less polluting travel options for Arran residents as part of an eBike scheme funded by Transport Scotland's Energy Saving Trust eBike Fund.

The eBike scheme will see the loan of the eBikes to local businesses whose staff will trial them to experience their benefits while also reducing the use of their usual vehicles.

In a huge show of support and interest in the scheme, a number of local organisations joined Eco Savvy volunteers at the launch event. Gerard Tattersfield of the Arran Bike Club provided visitors with

information and a quick introduction on how to use the eBikes before allowing them to test their capabilities.

Teacher Robert McNiece and pupils from Arran High School Mountain Bike Club set up a marquee to offer a free bicycle repair service and repaired 14 bicycles on the day. The club will have the use of one of the new Eco Savvy eBikes.

The afternoon also provided an ideal opportunity for collaborating with Emma Tracey of Arran Bike Hire who helped with the initial plans for establishing a bike tool library.

The, as yet to be finalised plan, aims to establish a repository of tools for bike owners to borrow to allow them to fix their own bicycles to help lower the cost of ownership.

The response to the eBike scheme has been so success-

ful that Eco Savvy has plans to extend the fleet and the initiative by seeking funding support from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund.

Eco Savvy project manager Jude King said: 'Our eBike open day launch was a great success and we are delighted with the enthusiasm from Arran residents for this technology, before, but especially after the eBike trials.'

'Thanks to everyone who came along and engaged, to everyone involved, especially the volunteers, in the lead up to our eBike launch and on the day.'

'We are looking forward to much more of this so stay tuned for future developments in our project.'

Further information about the eBike scheme, and any of their other projects, can be found on their web page at www.arranecosavvy.org.uk



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It's so easy! An eBike gets the thumbs up from a young tester. 01_B22Eco05



Apprehension turned into confidence after a test drive by Sheila Gilmore. 01_B22Eco08



The Banner's Colin Smeeton also had a go on the day. 01_B22Eco09



Testers share their thoughts with Jude King and Gerard Tattersfield. 01_B22Eco07



Ruby MacArthur shows her appreciation to the members of Arran High School Mountain Bike Club who serviced her bicycle. 01_B22Eco01



Outlining plans for a bike tool library were: Emma Tracey, Arran Bike Hire; Helen Ross, Eco Savvy trustee; Jude King, Eco Savvy project manager and Hilary Maguire, Eco Savvy trustee. 01_B22Eco03



Arran High School Mountain Bike Club members carried out free bicycle 'MOTs'. 01_B22Eco04

Probe starts after felling halted on tree-lined road

by Colin Smeeton
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uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of trees except with the consent of the planning authority.

It is believed the landowner, Arran Estates, had planned to cut down the hardwood trees for timber sale.

Intentions

But under the TPO it will now have to confirm what its intentions are for the trees and further investigation into what amenity value and significance they offer can take place.

The order came after a meeting of the council's planning committee which decided to impose the protection measures after being alerted by Arran Civic Trust and members of the public that work could potentially

be undertaken on the trees. Fears rose from the fact that more than 100 trees were marked with bright orange numbering, starting next to Brodick Primary School and ending with number 107 at Cladach, near the Wineport.

A number of misshapen, damaged, diseased and unhealthy trees have also been marked with a X which is an indication for felling.

Scope

The full scope of the temporary TPO covers the grouping of trees adjacent to the south side of the A841 between Brodick Primary School to the junction with the String Road and on both sides of the A841 from the junction with the String Road to Cnocan Bridge.



The tree-lined avenue on the A841 is popular with pedestrians and drivers and features a variety of large mature trees. 01_B22trees01

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Four in a row for Matthew and Pip

Matthew McNeish and his dog Pip have won the Dougarie dog trial for the fourth year in a row.

The 131st Dougarie dog trial attracted a good entry of 40 dogs running at the event which was held at Glenloig last week. The entrants included dogs and handlers from across the west of Scotland and the north of England, with eight of them running in the confined class by Arran handlers.

Racking up an impressive score of 96 out of 100 the open class was won by Carol Mellin from Yorkshire with her dog Ben. In the confined

class Matthew from Slidery took the title, and the bulk of the trophies, with his dog Pip.

The judge, Jimmy Barr of Campbeltown, announced the results as follows:

Open: 1 Carol Mellin, Skipton, Ben, 96, 2 Kenny Donald, Dalrymple, Choc, 90, 3 Alec Watson, Shotts, Moss, 86, 4 Peter Martin, Glenlyon, Jill, 85, 5 Matthew McNeish, Arran, Pip, 80, 6 Neil McVicar, Dunoon, Mist, 80.

Local: 1 Matthew McNeish, Pip, 80, 2 Iain McConnell, Sam, 75, 3 Iain McConnell, Drift (Grif), 60, 4 Liz Robertson, Jim, 54, 5 Wullie



Confined winner Matthew McNeish and son Todd with Pip.

Stevenson, McLeod, 54. The confined (Arran) class trophy winners were: Learig Cup for the winner of the confined class, Matthew McNeish of Slidery with Pip. Baldy Craig Rose Bowl for the best outrun/lift/pen, Matthew McNeish.

Harbour View Cup for the best drive, Liz Robertson of Machrie with Jim. Machrie Farmer's Cup for the best fetch/shed, Matthew McNeish. Glaister Shield for the highest pointed Arran bred dog, Matthew McNeish (Pip).



Todd McNeish receives one of the many trophies won by his dad Matthew.

The Brodick dog trial will take place on Thursday June 13, at 4.30pm for the confined (local) class and on Friday June 14, at 10am, the open class will be held.



Open class winner Carol Mellin from Yorkshire with her dog Ben.

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Torrylinn cheese triumphs

by Colin Smeeton
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The small team at Torrylinn Creamery have had their vintage cheddar selected as the Dairy Product of the



Simon Park, First Milk production engineer and team leader of Campbeltown and Torrylinn creameries, and cheese maker Allan Nicol show off the cheese that earned them the award. 01_B22torry01

Year at a glittering ceremony attended by more than 800 people at the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh.

Taking the title, the small creamery at the foot of Butter Hill in Kilmory received the accolade at the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards.

Noting the full-bodied taste with a creamy texture and a hint of sweetness, the 2017 cheddar competed against three well-known cheese producers, including cheddar from The Orkney Island Smokery, skyr from Graham's family dairy and cottage cheese from Yester Farm Dairies.

Simon Park First Milk production engineer and team leader of Campbeltown and Torrylinn creameries visited the Arran site to congratulate the staff on their achievement.

Simon said: 'This award is a testament to the quality of the product and the hard work of the team at Torrylinn.'

'We are delighted to add this award to our expanding trophy cabinet in recognition of the dedicated team on



Simon Park presents the team with the dairy product of the year award which they won for their 2017 vintage cheddar. 01_B22torry02

Arran, including the milk suppliers from Arran and the farmers whose milk has helped to make this vintage cheddar an award-winning, quality product that stands out among its peers.'

Presenting cheese makers

Allan Nicol, Richard Scott, Stewart Kilpatrick, Philip Ward and Lisa Edwards with the award and a certificate, Simon visited the creamery to thank each member of staff personally for their hard work.

The Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards have been in existence for more than 20 years and through the awards the aim is to highlight and celebrate the very best of Scotland's food and drink.

Road closures at Lagg

Drivers have been warned there will be temporary road closures at the south end of the island next week for resurfacing.

There will be daily road closures from Monday June 3 to Friday June 7 between 9.15am and 6pm.

The first will be from Clachaig Farm to Clachaig Cottage, Lagg, on Monday and Tuesday. The second will be from The Lagg Hotel to the 30 mph speed limit signs, east side of Kilmory from Wednesday to Friday.

A North Ayrshire Council roads official said: 'A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order has been promoted on the above areas of Arran by reason of carriageway resurfacing works which are to be carried out on or near the public highway.'

'Due to the nature of these works and existing road widths, legislation requires that in the interest of safety to both the road users and the work force, a restriction of use must be put in place for the duration of the works.'

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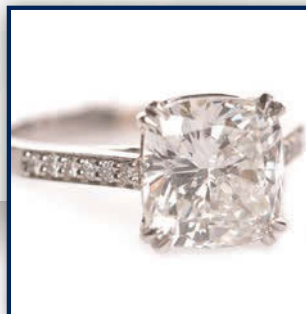
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Pedal revolution

If the amount of interest in the eBike scheme established by Eco Savvy is any indication of the future popularity of the new technology, then it is safe to say that Arran's green team are at the vanguard of making it accessible to the island community.

The scheme, which will allow organisations and all of their staff, access to try out the eBikes, will introduce a wide audience to the new technology – which previously was prohibitively expensive and relatively inefficient.

Those days are gone and eBikes, as many are about to learn, will revolutionise the industry and experts predict that it will be less than a decade before the standard pedal bicycles will be referred to as 'old fashioned' bicycles. Compare the seismic shift between landline telephones and mobile telephones and you may have an idea of the changes expected.

Congratulations must go to Eco Savvy for a bold initiative – one of many that they have introduced – which, time will prove, will have far reaching implications for Arran, our environment and the health of the people who adopt the technology, ethos and lifestyle.

Thought for the week

Jesus said to his disciples: "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

John 14:23

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Festival delight

Sir,
Can I express my thanks to all who contributed to the organisation and execution of the Arran Mountain Festival, the staff at Arran Adventure, the drivers from Auchrannie who shuttled us to the start and finish, and particularly the volunteers who led the walks.

My first foray into the Arran hills was in 1956 and many have followed since then but my erstwhile walking companions are no longer participating. So it is a great help to have organised groups of very amenable companions for the day. See the photograph (right/left) of our group on Mullach Bhuide Breac looking cheerful despite the weather.

The impact to the Arran economy by the festival must be significant: we spent over £700 over the weekend and there were 160 participants overall – so a £100k boost to the island's tourist trade?

Long may it continue and thanks again.

Ian A Brown,
Blairgowrie.

Barren beds

Sir,
As regular visitors to Arran over the last 40 years we have become accustomed to being welcomed to Brodick by beautiful floral displays along the front.

Imagine our dismay this year when all that greeted us were empty and what appeared abandoned beds. No tulips or geraniums to enhance the pictures taken across the bay. I am hoping this is only a temporary miscalculation and that next time we visit the flowers will be blooming again!

Alison and Alan Noble,
Kendal, Cumbria.

Signet ring discovered

Sir,
While holidaying in Arran last week (May 18-25), I was strolling down the beach at Lamlash when I was drawn to an object in the water, I picked it up and discovered that it was a gold



The mountain festival group on the summit of Mullach Buidhe Bhreac.

signet ring. On closer inspection it was engraved with some initials and inside it a date. I was wondering if it would be possible for you to put it in your paper that it has been found. I suppose that if it belonged to a local person who reads your paper there would be a chance they would see it, but a visitor probably not.

I know it is a bit of a long shot but it is probably of great sentimental value to someone. Thank you.

Philip Seddon,
Ormskirk.

Constructive discussion

Sir,
The Scottish Salmon Company hosted a second community consultation in Brodick this week and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend. This offered local residents a further opportunity to learn about and share their views on our proposed development off the north east coast of Arran.

The plans would bring 10 new jobs to Arran, while supporting a further 51 across Scotland, and contribute £8-10 million to the economy annually.

This feedback, along with the views we have already gathered from a number of stakeholders, will help determine the final shape of our project. We also hosted an additional community Q&A last

week (May 22) in direct response to requests from some residents who wished to discuss particular areas of concern in greater detail with our team.

The Q&A was designed to enable a constructive discussion. Smaller sessions and an independent mediator helped facilitate this. We were able to accommodate everyone at their preferred Q&A session and, again, we'd like to thank attendees for coming along.

We invite anyone to ask questions or share their thoughts about the project by sending an email to arran@scottishsalmon.com

Our proposals can also be viewed at any time by visiting www.scottishsalmon.com/community/projects-and-developments

Marc Browne,
Head of site development,
The Scottish Salmon Company.

Concert thanks

Sir,
Save the Children on Arran would like to thank Iain Clarke and Helen Matthews for the wonderful concert held in the community theatre in Lamlash on May 11.

We are very grateful for the support of the large audience who helped to make this a memorable and successful event celebrating the centenary of the Save the Children charity.

Save the Children, Arran branch.

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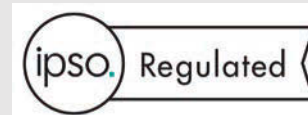
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Consultation is held on National Islands Plan

Arran residents turned out in their dozens to help shape the National Islands Plan last week.

The Scottish Government is holding a series of consultation events across the country to hear about the challenges islanders face and how these issues could be addressed as part of the development of the plan.

They visited Brodick hall on Wednesday May 22, when more than 70 islanders took part in what was described as 'a unique and exciting opportunity to shape future policy and strategy'.

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.

In wide-ranging round table dis-



Don Morrison of the Scottish Government Islands Team give the background to the consultation. 01_B22island02

cussions people had the chance to give views on both the islands plan and the impact assessments, which will help authorities formulate,

and guide them on how these will operate.

One resident who attended said: 'It would have been nice to see some



Dr Francesco Sindico of Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance outlines the island plan. 01_B22island01

younger faces.' However there is also an online consultation at consult.gov.uk (search for the National Islands Plan) for any younger

residents interested in giving their views, or email info@islandsteam.scot if you would prefer a hard copy of the consultation document.



Representatives at the public exhibition reported a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. 01_B22farm01

... and salmon company hosts second exhibition

The Scottish Salmon Company has hosted its second public exhibition on Arran outlining their plans for a salmon farm in the north east of the island, near Millstone Point.

A number of consultants and company representatives were on hand at the event in Brodick hall on Monday to provide details on their 5,000 tonnes, 20-pen farm as part of their scoping plans.

The exhibition follows on from an initial exhibition, held in Lochranza at the start of April, which was commandeered by opponents to the project who demanded a representative answer their questions.

A requested Q&A session was held last week but it was highly criti-

cised for restricting the numbers of attendees who had to book in advance to attend. Many people who attended reported not being able to ask their question in the strictly controlled sessions.

The public consultations are a requirement during the initial stages of the planning application.

Literature provided by the Scottish Salmon Company said: 'We are committed to engaging and listening to you during the planning process and would encourage you to discuss our proposals with us and provide feedback. You can get in touch with us by emailing arran@scottishsalmon.com or visit www.scottishsalmon.com or visit www.scottishsalmon.com.'



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Fairy tales come alive at castle



Brodick Early Years pupils search through the bushes and flowers looking for materials to use to build a fairy house. Photograph: Arran Ranger Service.

Children were transported to a magical world of fairies and magic at the opening of the Brodick Castle and Country Park's new Fairy Trail last weekend, writes Colin Smeeton.

Taking place in the forest under the shade of the tall trees, children were spellbound by the captivating storytelling of Marty Ross who painted a vivid picture of enchanted forests, fairies and magical beings.

Also sparking the children's imaginations were a number of fairy houses which were to be discovered along the trail, accompanied by mystical

music which echoed through the forest. In addition to the storytelling and enjoying the trail itself, children enjoyed a fun session, with members of the Arran Rangers Service, building their own fairy houses using natural materials found in the woods.

The event was well attended throughout the weekend and Brodick Early Years class used the opportunity to take the pupils on an outing, to the obvious delight of the children who relished discovering secret hideaways among the trees and taking part in the outdoors activities in the spring sunshine.



Fairy houses are just some of the many delights children can discover on the trail. 01_B22fairy03



Brodick Early Years pupils with some of their house building materials. Photograph: Arran Ranger Service.



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e's new Fairies Trail



Relaxing in the shade in the forest, children listen to the captivating storytelling from Marty Ross of Whiting Bay. 01_B22fairy01



Brodick Early Years pupils make their way along the Fairy Trail while keeping a lookout for any fairy activity. Photograph: Arran Ranger Service.



Hands-on operations manager Jared Bowers is pictured on the Fairies and Legends Trail. 01_B22fairy02



A group of youngsters get to work on building their fairy house. Photograph: Arran Ranger Service.



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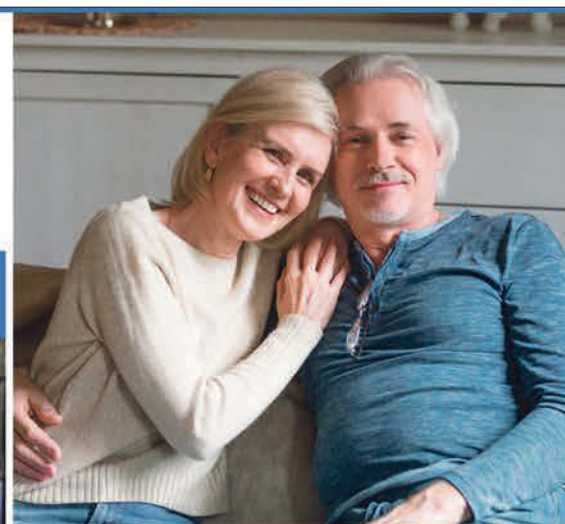
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Rosie McNamara and Kizzy fly round the jumping.



Niamh Gosman and Harriet Lucas fly over the traditional unmounted 'chase me charlie'.



Sophie Smythe on Cocoa perform their dressage test.



All the young riders and their horses. Left to right: Niamh Gosman and Fred, Rosie Wilkinson and McCrae and Lily Currie's Missy, Harriet Lucas and Hollie Adamson's Prince, Jenny Currie and Janis Smythe and Emma Popplewell's Cocoa.

Equestrian girls at Balgowan po

A highlight in the Arran Riding Club calendar is undoubtedly the much-anticipated pony club camp which, this year, saw 11 children enjoying an entire weekend of equestrian activities at Balgowan Farm.

Leaving little time for boredom it was an action-packed weekend with all the riders brushing up their skills with encouraging tuition from Jen McNeish.

Under Jen's patient guidance all of the young riders made significant progress in their abilities

and many learned new skills that they can now practise.

On Saturday the girls all ran off some steam before dinner by trying out the jumps sans horses. Later they all experienced driving a pony thanks to Janis Murchie, who kindly brought Woody along.

Everyone loved having a turn guiding him around the cones, and leaning out at the back step – a crucial job in keeping the carriage level. Later the children had the opportunity to try their



Fancy manes and tails were order of the day. Lucy Blair and Carney.



Everyone enjoyed a hack up the hill.



Milo, Lisa Henderson and Teddy, Grace Popplewell and Fudge, Rosie McNamara and Kizzy, Eva Murchie's Raffles, Chloe McNeil and Bonnie, Lucy Blair and Emma Popplewell's Carney, Sophie

ls riding high ony club camp

hand at some TREC obstacles and that evening there was a mass hack up the hill.

On Sunday all had a warm-up lesson and spent time plaiting their ponies in the morning. Then all the ponies came out together to enjoy some gymkhana races. This gave the riders a chance to test out their accuracy of steering and stopping, and for some, a chance to practise their new-found speed.

Finally the parents arrived and everyone gathered round to watch each combination perform a

dressage test and a round of jumps. Fancy manes and tails were the order of the day, and it was plain to see how much all the riders had learned over the weekend.

The Arran Riding Club committee organise, with the assistance of club members, a number of events throughout the year, a showjumping competition, a showing show, training days, lectures and demonstrations and they also assist with the running of the annual Farmers' Society Show. *Elanor McNamara*



Raffles and Jenny Currie tackle the low branches in style during their TREC session.



Janis Murchie brought Woody and his carriage along and everyone had a turn driving and being back step.



Rosie Wilkinson and Milo enjoy a gallop together.



Harriet Lucas and Prince enjoy the jumping.

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN



Florence and Edward Woore, from Derbyshire, try their hand at wool craft as dad Robert looks on. 01_B22art01

Last chance to see art show

Artworks from artists across Arran have been on display all week at the Arran Visual Arts (AVA) summer exhibition at the Lochranza and Catacol village hall.

Today (Friday) is the last chance, from 10.30am to 5pm, to see the exhibition which features paintings, drawings, textiles, photography and a number of other media and art forms.

On Bank holiday Monday family workshops were held where children and young people could, 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 which will win the people's choice prize.

See next week's Banner to learn the winner and for full coverage of the event.

A Peace of History

After a month on show at the City Chambers in Glasgow, the next location for the Scotland: A Peace of History exhibition, will be on Arran.

The colourful and informative display highlights 80 years of campaigning across Scotland to make the case for nuclear disarmament.

It is being shown at various locations across Scotland during 2019.

The exhibition includes a visual timeline with accompanying video testimonies from key figures in the nuclear disarmament movement.

It also shows the progression of nuclear weaponry from the first 'a-bombs' to the multi-billion dollar global industry that exists today.

Dangerous

Events such as international treaties and agreements regarding nuclear weapons give a historical view of the ways in which the global community has tried to navigate this dangerous and divisive topic.

Scottish CND, which turned 60 this year, hopes that this exhibition will be nostalgic, inspiring and educational.

Emma Cockburn, campaign worker at Scottish CND, said: 'This is a massive project, the

first of its kind which collates nearly 80 years of peace activism in Scotland.

'Every one of us has a role in the campaign against nuclear weapons on our land and in our 60th year as a campaign, nuclear disarmament is needed now more than ever.'

Campaigns

A CND group was formed on Arran in 1983 and over the years many Arran residents have played a part in anti-nuclear campaigns under various reincarnations including Arran for a Non-Nuclear Future, Arran

against the Bomb and Arran Peace and Justice Group. To reflect the local aspect the exhibition will include a stall displaying memorabilia from Arran people illustrating their involvement over the years.

A recently re-formed and active CND group meets monthly on the island and members of this group will be staffing the exhibition.

The free exhibition will be upstairs at Arran Active, Brodick on Saturday June 8 and Sunday June 9 from 10am to 3pm on both days.



Part of the CND exhibition which is coming to Arran.

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

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Folk 'n' talent at The PHT

There is some fine music lined up at the Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash for the month of June. With the emphasis this month on folk, owner Jane Howe has some fantastic treats in store – and, as always, all the music is free at the PHT.

Luckenbooth – Saturday June 8 at 9pm

Luckenbooth is a term that describes a brooch dating back to the 16th century and was traditionally given by a man to his sweetheart on their betrothal. It was considered a lucky charm, protecting the wearer against the evil eye and among other powers the Luckenbooth was supposed to ease the pain at childbirth.

The band liked that background and called themselves Luckenbooth and have been playing together around the folk clubs and festivals in Scotland for almost 20 years. A multi-talented group playing a wide range of instruments; Christine Knox on vocals, keyboard, whistle and percussion; Mhairi Phillipson on fiddle, viola, vocals and percussion; Alex Knox on guitar, vocals, whistle and mandolin. The inter-changability of the performers makes for a varied and interesting performance, and they all play very well with a great audience rapport.

Their repertoire is a mix of traditional and contemporary folk, country, pop and arrangements of traditional folk tunes, with some more modern offerings from the likes of Kate Rusby, Robin Laing and Amy McDonald and they even play a few self-penned songs. Two of the band come from a classically trained backgrounds and

the predominant musical influences of Luckenbooth include Jez Lowe, Kate Rusby, The Ennis Sisters, Nanci Griffith, The Corries and The Incredible String Band.

Luckenbooth have released two albums, *Finally Tuned* and *Sun and Moon and Stars*, both containing a wide mix of styles.

Hingin by a Threed - Sunday June 9 at 4pm

Hingin by a Threed is a Celtic folk band who play Irish, Scottish and American folk music. The band are led by former Guildhall School of Music student Diane Merson-Jones, who has an incredible CV having played with the Scottish Ballet, Scottish Opera and BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

Accompanied by John Scott, banjo, bouzouki, guitar and backing vocals; John Walker, guitar, penny whistle and backing vocals; Ian Blue, mandolin, guitar and vocals; and Brian Knox, fiddle, guitar, concertina and vocals, their repertoire is a wide range of traditional folk and modern songs as well as jigs and reels from Ireland, Scotland and America. Band members have covered many genres of music over the past 40 years including folk, rock, jazz and country.

Stan The Man – Friday June 14 at 9pm

Stan Robertson has recently



Stan the Man has recently moved to Arran.

made his home in Lochranza having spent the last 30 years based in Oxford, although originally from East Kilbride.

He has toured extensively as a session guitar player and vocalist with many bands including travelling to the USA, Europe and even New Zealand to work. His last band was based in London. The Silver Searchers had a great line-up including the drummer from Mud and Sweet along with the resident

bass player of the Cavern Club in Liverpool. Stan still joins forces with the boys to gig several times a year.

Tiderays – Saturday June 15 at 9pm and Sunday June 16 at 4pm

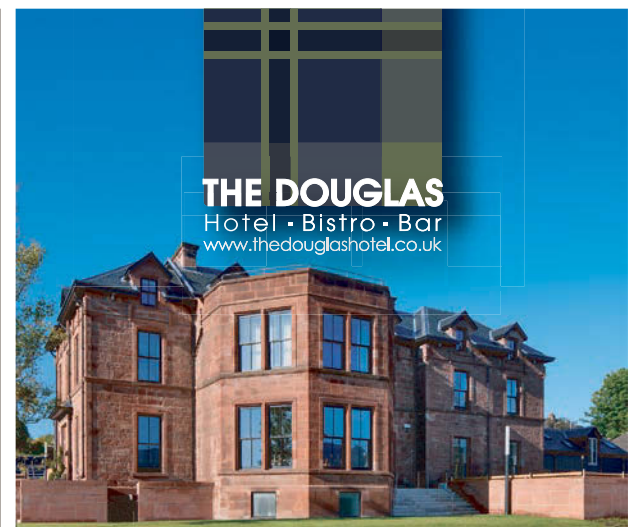
Dumfries band Tiderays made up of Eddie Oakes, Liam Russell, Robbie Huxtable and Trevor Newport, have been creating quite a buzz recently. Their first single, *Papillon*, gained airplay on Tom Robinson's BBC Radio 6 Music show, from Jim Gellatly on Amazing Radio and from CamGlen Radio.

Rod Jones of Idlewild has been working with the band to record and produce their singles and videos out of his Post Electric Studios in Edinburgh. Tiderays have opened the main stage at the Electric Fields festival, sold out hometown shows at The Venue and The Stove, Oran Mor and showcased at Dumfries Music Conference. They've also played at Carlisle Fringe Festival and Solfest.

On December 16 2018, they received the accolade of Artist of the Week in the Scotsman newspaper in partnership with The Association of Independent Music. Tiderays launched their new EP *Parallel* in March 2019.



The popular Hingin by a Threed play next Sunday.



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 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
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 and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm)
 Swimming lessons Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm
 Arran Brewery Open Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm
 Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am & 2pm or by arrangement
 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 1st June

Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Rink Games Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
 Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
 Rink Bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 "Arran Water" - by Gregor Adamson book signing Book and Card Centre, Brodick, 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
 Charity Darts Night St Molios Lodge, Lamlash, 4pm
 Live Music – Tim Pomeroy Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Live Music - Arizona The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Over-21's Disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Sunday 2nd June

Holy Isle Open Day Holy Isle Ferry from Lamlash Pier, 9.30am - 3.30pm
 Young musicians open mic/session Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 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 - Cosmic String Theory The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Folk Music Session Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 3rd June

Morning Fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
 Arran Skinnymalinks, Shiskine St Molio's Church, Shiskine, 5.15pm
 Jog/Scotland 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 4th June

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

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

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 Chair Yoga Exercise Class
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 Rink Bowls
 Live Music – Arran Dawn
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 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Family Friendly Pub Quiz
 Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

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 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10:30am
 St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
 Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
 Arran Heritage Museum, 1.30pm and 2.30pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Shiskine Hall, 6pm
 Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 6th June

Morning fitness
 Chair Yoga Exercise Class
 Arran Skinnymalinks, Brodick
 Adult Tennis
 Steak Night - two steak dinners and a bottle of wine
 Body Blitz (booking essential)
 Badminton, All welcome
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 Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
 Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 7th June

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 ACLI - Friday Garden Party
 Adult Tennis
 Arran Folk Festival - Open Session
 Gym Induction
 Pop -Up Evening, BYOB (bookings only)
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Tae Kwondo Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
 Live Music - Anchor Line with late night open session Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm -3am
 Arran Folk Festival - Jenn & LB, Maeve Mckinnon Trio, Bobby Watt Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Friday Night Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
 Arran Folk Festival - Late Night Session Brodick Bar, 1pm - Late

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot, 11am
 Douglas Hotel, 12noon - 5pm
 Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
 The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
 Brodick Bar, 1pm - Late

Saturday 8th June

Flow Yoga
 Scotland: A Peace of History Exhibition - 60 years of CND
 Young Naturalists' Club - Investigating Insects
 Arran Folk Festival - Open Session
 World Gin Day
 Rink Games
 Rink Bowls
 Rink Bowls
 Family games
 RNLI Shop - Open
 Gym Induction
 Fun in the pool
 Pop -Up Evening, BYOB (bookings only)
 Hingin' by a Threed & late night open session Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 3am
 Arran Folk Festival - Daimh, Gillian Frame, Finlay Napier & Mike Vass Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Live Music - Luckenbooth - 3 piece folkband
 Over-21's Disco
 Arran Folk Festival - Late Night Session

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Arran Active Gallery, 10am - 3pm
 Rangers Centre, Brodick Castle, 1030am
 Douglas Hotel, 12noon - 5pm
 The Wineport, Cladach, 1pm - 6pm
 Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
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 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm
 Brodick Bar, 1pm - Late



Path firm takes skills to Skye



Arran Footpaths workers construct resilient water routes to prevent damage to the existing path.

by Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



Arran path workers have completed major restoration works on a historic and popular route in north Skye which is part of a community heritage project.

The upgrade of the badly eroded Flodigarry to Quiraing footpath, by Loch Langaig, in Staffin, was carried out by Arran Footpaths and Forestry Ltd.

The footpath which has just been completed was originally an old cart track used by crofters to collect their peat and it is still used to gather sheep from the hill grazings.

However, the path surface had badly deteriorated in recent years through blocked ditches, water damage and heavy footfall, and was damaging the protected landscape.

The hardy team from Arran Footpaths completed the contract, which started in January, despite facing tough work conditions including snow, sub-zero temperatures, heavy rain and high winds.

The work involved extensive



Scott Murdoch of Arran Footpaths and Forestry Ltd braves the elements while undertaking the path work.

resurfacing, ditching and pitching to keep water off the route, which is key to every path's durability, and a significant amount of landscaping.

Scottish Natural Heritage gave its consent for the works to be carried out as the area lies within a Special Site of Scientific Interest.

The work is part of Staffin Community Trust's (SCT) Skye Ecomuseum. It is an outdoor museum with 'no walls and a roofless sky' and includes a footpath network

across the district, a viewing platform, parking and physical interpretation illustrating the area's special features and heritage.

Owner Scott Murdoch said: 'Arran Footpaths was delighted to be part of this project. Skye is a very special place and to be able to improve access and prevent erosion in one of its most beautiful locations was an honour.

'We appreciate the effort that went into getting this project off the ground and are

delighted to have been able to successfully complete a good quality footpath that sits well within its surroundings.

'We established a good rapport with our machine sub-contractor Ian MacDonald of Staffin Groundworks, who helped us greatly with his skills and local knowledge.'

The Ecomuseum is supported by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, Coastal Communities Fund and SSE Sustainable Development Fund.

The return of the whimbrel

Bird
notes
by Jim Cassels

This is a photograph of a whimbrel taken on the shore at Porta Buidhe in Kildonan on April 28 this year. From the little 'flag ring' on its leg, this is not any whimbrel, this is A2.

The group of bird ringers on Arran had caught and ringed this bird in April 2017 with the intention of trying to learn more about the movements of whimbrel.

Whimbrel are related to curlew but do not breed on Arran. They breed in the north on sub-Arctic tundra and taiga bog in places like Iceland, Norway and Russia with some breeding in Orkney and Shetland. They winter on African coasts but rarely in Europe. It is during this twice-yearly migration between African coasts and northern tundra that whimbrel pass through Arran in late April/early May and again in September.

Having been ringed and released from a south Arran shore in April 2017, the bird



The tagged whimbrel has returned again this year.

continued on its journey.

To date there have been no reports of A2 from any breeding area or any wintering ground, but on April 26, 2018, one year after it had been ringed, it turned up on the shore at Porta Buidhe. Another year later almost to the day, it turned up yet again on the same shore. Birds are fascinating.

One obvious difference in A2 is the colour of the 'flag ring'. When fitted it was bright red but two winters in the African sun have caused it to fade.

For more information on the excellent work of the bird

ringing group on Arran, I recommend the Bird Ringing on Arran Report by Terry Southall in the Arran Bird Report 2018.

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.

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Tower trouble

Nobody is entitled to a view is what planners often say. Resigned, but sad, Anne and Rodden Middleton have accepted this fact despite the fact that their view from their lounge window will now include a four story tower belonging to the new fire station in Lamlash.

Shown on the original plans and in their neighbour notification documents the tower should of been built just out of sight of their vista but owing to the building being built in the wrong place it will now be sit directly in their view. Not only has the building been built further back than it was intended, and further towards the Cordon road, it has also been built in reverse, with the fire appliance garage to the north and not at the south end as expected.

Mr Middleton said: 'If it was where it should of been we'd hardly have seen it at all, it is especially sad since it all smacks of one rule for some and another for others.'

Underground water

The community council was shown plans on Tuesday evening for the water pumping station to be built at the top of the String Road. At the highest point it would, in normal cir-

cumstances, be very visible but after talks with the Water Board they have agreed to make the building almost completely underground. Still visible will be the entrance, a fence marking out the area and a stone embankment. But Stewart Walls who had been liaising with the Water Board said: 'They have gone a considerable way in deciding to put the whole building underground. I think it's been well worth the exercise.'

Coup clean-up

North Ayrshire Council has been pulled up by SEPA for allowing dumping outside the Brodick coup after hours. Having been previously allowed, some builders - who should have paid a charge - were leaving rubble outside in great quantities. Some people abused the courtesy so much that council workmen have been unable to get their truck through the gates on occasion owing to the amount of waste there.

SEPA have now also stepped in, concerned about waste leeching into the sea, and for fear of breaking the law the council will now no longer allow any dumping at the gate. Council officials insist that there is no loss of the facilities at the dump but it has to take place during opening hours.



Narrowly missing out on the Arran Haulage Cup was Cameronia, who were defeated in a penalty shoot-out by Shiskine after a 4-4 draw. 01_B22twe04



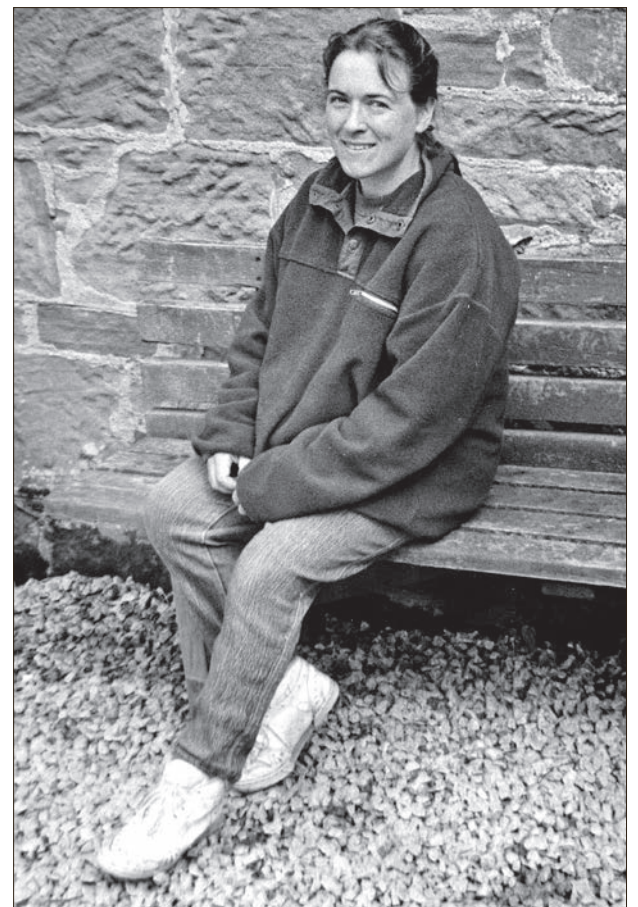
Organiser of a Skilltasters course, Eve Broadis is pictured with participants Russell Bailey, Shaun Hamilton, David Harper, Vicki Jones, Melanie Battershill and Clive Berry, owner of the course venue at Lilybank, Lamlash. 01_B22twe03



Winners at the North Ayrshire Burns Speaking Competition were Kirsty McBain, Malcolm Pennycott, June Bunyan and Guy Sloan. 01_B22twe02



A leaving party was thrown for Charles Currie last Friday on board the Caledonian Isles. Charles, until recently, was the marketing director with the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board and can be seen keeking over the heads of those in front. 01_B22twe05



Laura Selkirk of Brodick will set out on the Inca Trail Trek in October in aid of diabetes research. Having diabetes herself, Laura will join 25 others with the condition on her Peruvian adventure. 01_B22twe01

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (A841 BRODICK PRIMARY SCHOOL
TO CNOCAN BRIDGE, BRODICK, ISLE OF ARRAN)
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2019

THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL hereby give notice that it appears to them as
Planning Authority for North Ayrshire that it is expedient in the interest of
maintaining the character and amenity of land lying between Brodick Primary School
and Cnocan Bridge, Brodick, Isle of Arran in the Parish of Kilbride and County of Bute
to make provision for preservation of the trees specified in the Schedule hereto, which
trees make an important contribution to the amenity of the area, and consequently
the Council have made an Order under Section 160 and 161 of The Town and
Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 prohibiting the cutting down, topping,
lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of any tree specified in the
said Schedule. Copies of the Order and the map referred to therein may be inspected
by any person, free of charge at Arran Library, Main Street, Brodick, Isle of Arran
KA27 8DL between the hours of 10am to 5pm on Tuesdays; 10am to 7.30pm on
Thursdays and Fridays and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays and at Cunninghame House,
Irvine during working hours.

Objections or representations with respect to the Order should be made in writing to
Senior Manager (Legal Services), Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE within 28 days
of the publication of this Notice in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Town and
Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland)
Regulations 2010, a copy of which is appended hereto.

The Order shall take effect from 22nd May 2019 and shall continue in force until
either the expiration of a period of six months, beginning with the date on which the
Order was made, or the date on which the Order is confirmed, whichever first occurs.
Dated 22nd May 2019.

SCHEDULE

5.65 hectares of mainly deciduous mature trees lying to the south west of the A841
between Brodick Primary School and the junction of the A841 with the B880 at Rosa
Bridge thereafter along both sides of the A841 from said junction to Cnocan Bridge
lying to the north of Brodick, on the Island of Arran in the Parish of Kilbride and
County of Bute.

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AND TREES IN CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2010
REGULATION 5

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particular trees, groups of trees, or woodlands in respect of which it is made.
2. An objection or representation shall be duly made if it complies with Paragraph (1)
of this Regulation and is received by the Planning Authority within 28 days from
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill 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 2nd June

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 2nd June

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served after the service. All most welcome to stay and enjoy more fellowship. There will be service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 2nd June

7th Sunday of Easter
Sung Eucharist - 11 am.
Revd Adrian Fallows
Coffee after service
All Welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 2nd June

Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge,
Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash

"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 2nd June

Rev Angus Adamson
In both churches:
Celebration of the Lord's supper
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 2nd June

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 2nd June

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 2nd June

Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick at 6pm
Services will be taken by Rev Rory Stott (interim moderator)

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 1st June

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday 2nd June

Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Thursday 6th June

TAIZE PRAISE and MEDITATION
Theme: See He makes all things new.
Holy Cross Church, Brodick, 5.30pm
All Welcome

DEATH

AULD - Iain. Peacefully, at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Thursday, 23rd May 2019. Iain, aged 77 years, beloved husband of Margaret, step father to Gillian and Stuart, very much loved grandad of Jack, Ross, Rhiannon and Mair. Funeral service at Lamlash Church on Wednesday, 5th June at 11:30am and thereafter to Lamlash cemetery to which all are welcome.

EMSLEY: Peter - The new time for the Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 1st June at Lochranza Church will be at 2pm.

MEMORIAM

MORTON: Archie. Much loved husband, father and grandfather
'Time passes but love remains'
Wilma

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BRYCE - Lesley, Joe W, Amanda and the family of Joe Bryce would like to repeat their sincere thanks to all the doctors, district nurses and staff at Arran Medical Group; the team at Social Services and Care at Home; and the many friends and neighbours for their care, support and kindness when Joe was so ill.

We would also thank David and Clair Hendry for their excellent service and attention to detail; and to Liz Clarke for the lovely service for Joe at Lamlash Church on 21 May.

We would also like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Dogs Trust - which amounted to £350.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Southend's Donny Park drives the ball into the goal while goalkeeper Jack McNally looks on helplessly. 01_B22footy01

Southend start season with Shiskine scalp

Shiskine	0
Southend	8
Arran Dairies League	

Reigning league champions Southend started off their season on the right foot with a convincing win against Shiskine on their home turf on Monday evening.

With both teams starting off slowly, it was clear Southend had not been idle over the winter, with a number of their players involved with Arran AFC in the Ayrshire Sunday League, and they rapidly took control of the game.

Goal scorers included William Sillars, Donald Park, Jed Russell and Joe McHugh, while Gregor Crichton and Ryan Armstrong each scored a brace.

At half time, the score line sat at 4-0 to the visitors and by the full time whistle Southend had doubled their tally to eight. William Sillars was nominated as man of

the match for his committed performance on the field.

Northend 2 Lamlash 6

In their second game of the season, Lamlash travelled to the Ewe Camp in Lochranza to take on Northend.

The game was largely dominated by man of the match, Johnny Sloss whose performance on the field saw him scoring four goals.

Martin Ross added to the score line while an own goal brought their tally to six.

On the Northend side, Jean Demazeux and Andy McNamara retaliated with a goal each but it was not enough to change the outcome of the game which saw the final score 6-2 with the visiting team taking the victory.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

70th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations on your 70th Wedding anniversary Mr And Mrs Deighton (Maurice and Audrey)
Lots of Love from all the family



OBITUARY / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mrs Alice Lennox

The passing away of Mrs Alice Lennox, has brought great sadness to her family and friends.

Born 19th April 1936 to Catherine and Robert Hume at Lamlash Memorial Hospital she lived the early part of her life with her eight siblings at Dougrie before moving to Brodick. Alice married Jack Lennox and moved to Whiting Bay where they had four children Jimmy, Ian, Catherine and Jacqueline, subsequently moving to Brodick then Glenda arrived.

Many will remember Alice when she delivered the mail, her love of socialising and friendly nature.

Alice passed away at Lamlash Hospital on the 9th May 2019.

Our thanks go out to all the medical staff and to all that attended her funeral at St Brides Church, Brodick were the Rev Angus Adamson conducted a lovely service and £1550 was collected for the Glasgow City Mission.

Sunflower

by Granddaughter Ruby
*A sunflower grew on Arran,
her petals bright and bold,
Everyone that met her,
there faces lit like gold.
She made the world a brighter place,
and spread much happy cheer.
And now the sunflower's gone
we'll miss her every year.*



Gregor Crichton challenges a Shiskine player in front of his goal. 01_B22footy03



Danny Head, backed up by team mate William Sillars, closes the open goal corridor for an advancing Shiskine player. 01_B22footy04

Brodick golf champions

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday May 22, Summer Cup, 42 played, CSS 64. 1 Bruce Jenkins 68(6)62, 2 Babbies MacNeil 84(20)64 acb, 3 Sam Tattersfield 83 (19)64 acb. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 66.

Friday May 24, Club Championship semi-finals, Gordon Hendry beat Ewan McKinnon and Ross Duncan beat Frazer Barr. Saturday May 25, Club Championship final, Ross Duncan beat Gordon Hendry 2 and 1.

Sunday May 26, Brandon qualifier, 9 played, CSS 65. 1 George Hamilton 81(16)65, 2 Douglas Robertson 85(19)66, 3 Bob McCrae 76(9)67. Scratch, Bob McCrae 76.

Ladies section: Tuesday April 30, CCQ3, silver division, 1 Isobel Macdonald, nett 68 Scratch Ann May gross 76. Bronze division, 1 Heather Raeside nett 67.

Saturday May 4, Stableford. 1 Ann May, 29pts, 2 equal Susan Butchard and Nina Morgan 28pts.

Tuesday May 14, Club Trophy, R1. 1 Ann May, gross 76, nett 67. 2 Margaret Roxburgh, nett 69. Tuesday May 14, 9 hole Stableford. 1 Moira Small, 13pts BIH, 2 Gege Kroner 13 pts.

Tuesday May 2, Club Trophy, R2. 1 Ann May, gross 74, nett 68. 2 Fiona Henderson, nett 74.

Overall winner of Club Trophy, Ann May, runner up Kate McAdam.

Fixture: Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 2, Arran Open Championship.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday May 22, 18 Hole Sweep. 1 A Burke 81-23=58, 2 J McGovern 73-14=59 and scratch, 3 R Burke 75-12=63. Magic twos, four twos with John McGovern and Graeme Andrew having the magic one @13th.

Saturday May 25, Club Championship round one. 1 R Burke 71-12=59, 2 R Logan 66-6=60 and scratch, 3 L Hartley 80-15=65. Very good



Brodick Club Champion Ross Duncan and Lady Champion Susan Butchard flanked by runners up, Ann May and Gordon Hendry.

round by Robert Logan in difficult conditions.

Fixtures: Saturday June 1, Club Championship round three, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday June 5, Jack Logan Cup, ballot at 6pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday May 22, Dr Adam Cup. 1 Alan Leek 59-19=40, 2 Colin Rutterford 54-13=41, 3 and scratch Hamish Bannatyne 46-4=42. Magic twos A Miller.

Ladies section: Thursday May 23, Mary Craig Trophy. 1 Fiona Scott 56-15=41, 2 and scratch Fiona Henderson 51-9=42.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday May 22, Summer Trophy, 24 played, CSS 63. 1 Sandy Kelso 16, 59, 2 Cory Allan 7, 62, 3 Jamie Macpherson 5, 64, ACB and lowest gross, 4 Andrew Martin 12, 64. Magic twos Wolfi Kroner @2nd, Sandy Kelso @5th, Nicol Auld @6th, Danny Head and Andrew Martin @17th.

Sunday May 26, The McKelvie Cup round two. A bit of a weather shock for the 12 who played with winter clothing a necessity. The afternoon saw the best of the

conditions, but although the rain went off, the temperature was more akin to March than May. None of this troubled Corey Allan, however, as he romped home with a fine net 60 to win the second round and the McKelvie Cup. 1 Corey Allan 5, 60 and lowest gross, 2 Nicol Auld 6, 64, 3 Wolfi Kroner 16, 66 acb, 4 John Pennycott 14, 66. Magic twos Danny Head @12th, Nicol Auld and Jamie Macpherson @15th. Over two rounds the winner of The McKelvie Cup is Corey Allan with Nicol Auld in second place and Wolfi Kroner in third.

Fixtures: Sunday June 2, Club Championship and J C Reid finals. Wednesday June 5, Summer Trophy, draw at 5.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday May 23, Yellow Medal, CSS 61. 1 Stuart McLaren 69-12=57, 2 Roger Garrett 79-15=64.

Thursday May 23, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Paul Jameson 71=11=60, 2 Scott Macfarlane 74-10=64, 3 Neil Young 73-6=67 BIH, 4 Stuart Campbell 73-6=67 BIH over Dan Bremner. Best scratch

D Macfarlane 68. Magic twos Allan Colquhoun and Neil Young @16th, Paul Jameson @14th. Hole 17 selected - no winner. Fixtures: Thursday May 30, Summer Cup, make up own groups. Sunday June 2, Hamilton Bowl, bogey, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Owing to the sad loss of the club's president Peter Emsley and his memorial service on Saturday June 1 at 2pm in Lochranza Church, The Duncan Sillers Cup which was due to be played on the same day, has been cancelled.

Fixtures: Monday June 3, quarter finals of the Gents Club Championship tee off from 5.30pm. Tuesday June 4, 2nd round of the Ladies Club Championship qualifier and Peter Sutton tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Thursday June 6, quarter final of the President's Cup tee off 5.30pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Junior Matchplay Final at Whiting Bay between Ross Trail and Gregor Crichton. Gregor took an early lead but Ross fought back before finally winning at the 18th hole, two up.



Runner up Fiona Henderson with the winner of the Mary Craig Trophy Fiona Scott.

Thanks to the greenkeepers for the excellent condition of the course.

Fixture: Saturday June 8,

Thomson Cup semi-finals and final. Semis tee off at 1pm and the final at 6pm at Whiting Bay GC.

BBC Radio Sportsound comes to Arran

BBC Radio Scotland's Sportsound on the Road is heading to Arran next week and they are inviting interested people to go along and be part of the audience.

Presenter David Currie will be joined by former Scotland and Celtic player Craig Beattie and former Hearts player Ryan Stevenson along with BBC Scotland's chief

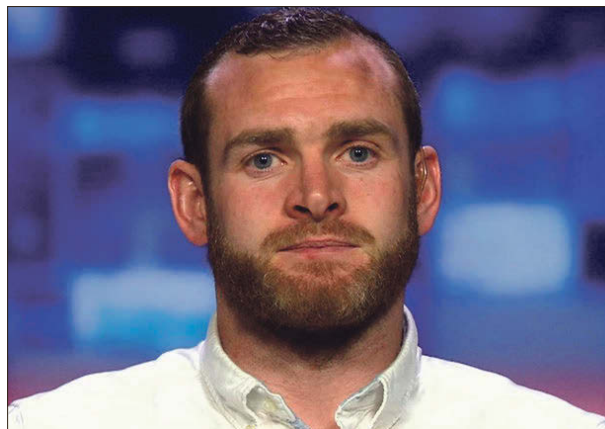
sports writer Tom English. The event is being held in partnership with sportscotland and the programme will be recorded at Arran High School on Thursday June 6 at 5.30pm.

Members of the audience will be given the opportunity to ask the Sportsound panel questions.

Doors open at 5pm and free

tickets can be obtained by visiting Event Brite at www.eventbrite.com and searching for Arran High School.

Former Scotland player Craig Beattie will be one of the panel members at the event.



Summer bridge results

Results of the Arran Bridge Club summer matchpoints competition, played on Monday May 27, were: 1 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie; 2 Libby Alexander and Kay Kitson; 3 Dougie and Margaret Bruce; 4 Andy Martin and Giorsal Kroner. Everyone is welcome to join in bridge games at Arran High School, Lamlash.



Danny Head scores with his head for Arran.



Donald Park about to open the scoring for Arran.



Joel Small scores Arran's second late goal with a spectacular overhead kick.

Killie ends Arran cup final hopes in penalty shoot-out

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Arran's night as Killie won 4-2.

The cup final man of the match was Arran's Johnny Sloss.

A spokesman for the team said: 'The whole squad would like to thank the massive support who pushed us all the way through the game and, most importantly, the entire season. They were absolutely amazing.'

'In Arran AFC's first season, we finished second in the league and made a cup final. I'm sure everyone would say that its been some effort and they have done the island proud. Congratulations to

Killie Athletic on their cup win.'

The spokesman added: 'As the season has come to its conclusion, on behalf Arran AFC players, we would like to make a special mention to those who have been with the squad through out the season. They are our club secretary Marc Head, assistant secretary Dorren McNulty, fitness coach Laura Aitchison, photographer Tam Borland and to Brodick Golf Club for our home games at beginning of the season.'

'You have made our year even more special. Massive thank you from the squad.'



Archie McNicol nets from the penalty spot for Arran.



Archie McNicol takes the corner which leads to Arran's first goal.

Fine weather for bowls opening

After a previous cancellation due to rain, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club had their summer season opening match on Saturday May 11 with a round robin competition.

The weather was excellent and the friendly competition was completed with tea and cakes in the pavilion, where the winner Marian Brambles was presented with her prize.

Club membership is £40 for the full year and new members are most welcome.

Visitor rates are £3 per

person (children free). Come along at any time. Bowls are provided.

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The opening jack is bowled by Gina Green.

Arran cup final heartache after penalty shoot-out

Killie Athletic end final victorious after winning 4-2 on penalties

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ASAFA Cup Final	

Arran's final game of the season ended in heartache when they lost the ASAFA cup final in a penalty shoot-out.

The Arran boys went into the game at Ardeer Stadium, Stevenston, on Friday night full of spirit, but the opposition - Killie Athletic - were a tough side.

The match started frantically with both sides misplacing passes. The first big talking point was on six minutes when Killie played a through ball and the goalkeeper, running at full speed, caught the ball outside the box, leading to him being sent off.

Arran were down to 10 men with 80-plus minutes to play.

Killie made Arran pay for the numerical advantage and went in at the break 2-0 up. A change of formation at half time, to steady the ship, seemed to do the world of good. Arran went out and got a quick goal from Donald Park to make it 2-1 and from then on it was end-to-end action.

Then came a moment of bewilderment when the linesman flashed his flag for a penalty to Killie. Not even the Killie players could believe it, but the Killie forward stepped up to make it 3-1.



Johnny Sloss with his man of the match award.

All photographs: Tam Borland.

Arran battled hard and with three minutes to go Joel Small scored to make it 3-2.

Arran pushed and in the final seconds Danny Head jumped high to head the

ball in to the net to make it 3-3. Within seconds the final whistle took it to penalties but unfortunately it was not



The Killie players rush to congratulate their goalkeeper after his final penalty save won the match.



Johnny Sloss goes flying after a hefty challenge.

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