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# Yard snub over £61 million demand for ferry contract

by Hugh Boag  
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The Clyde shipyard where the new Arran ferry is being built this week claimed it needed another £61 million to complete the work, but it seems unlikely it will get it.

Ferguson Marine (FMEL) and state-owned Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) are involved in a bitter legal battle over the cost to complete the MV Glen Sannox and her yet-unnamed sister ship at the Port Glasgow yard.

However, CMAL told the Banner it had already ruled out a compensation claim and again accused the yard of a 'lower level of work than expected at this stage' on the ferries.

It now seems unlikely that the MV Glen Sannox will be complete before the summer of 2020 and would then require at least two months of sea trials.

Owner Jim McColl, who is one of Scotland's leading businessmen, has this week accused CMAL of failing to discuss seriously the yard's demand for more than £61m in extra costs to be added to

its £97m contract to build two ferries.

Mr McColl told the Financial Times that, if the money was not paid, the consequences would be disastrous for the yard, which has enjoyed a dramatic revival since Clyde Blowers rescued it from administration in 2014.

'Our investment would be wiped out. The government's loans would be wiped out. It would be a huge waste.

'Someone would have to come in and try and get as much money back for the creditors that they could,' he added. Mr McColl warned that, should the £61m claim remain unpaid, the yard would not be able to finish the two ferries — and this would mean higher costs for CMAL.

'It would [cost] a lot more to take those ferries and get them to completion than it would have to pay to settle a claim,' he said.

There have been suggestions that there have been behind-the-scenes moves to have the ferries completed elsewhere, with Poland being considered a possible option.

The MV Glen Sannox was

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## A fond farewell to Mrs Smith



Pupils at Whiting Bay primary school presented teacher Catriona Smith with a bouquet of flowers and other presents on her retirement after 32 years' teaching on the island. See full story on page 3.



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# Please come back soon Lizanne, say supporters

by Hugh Boag  
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A petition demanding a U-turn over the decision by the Home Office to deport an Arran businesswoman has been signed by more than 17,500 people.

It was presented in parliament by North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson on Tuesday where she said it was a decision 'which benefits no one and makes no sense'.

Lizanne Zietsman, 37, has to leave the UK today (Friday) or face deportation back to South Africa, where she still has a passport, after her visa to stay was refused.

The situation, highlighted in the Banner last week, has attracted widespread media attention both in national newspapers and on TV and radio.

Last week Lizanne's hus-

band John Malpas, who with his wife runs The Sandwich Station in Lochranza, thanked the people of Arran for their generous support of her plea to stay.

And in an interview with The Herald newspaper this week Mrs Malpas echoed that sentiment.

She said: 'I keep waking up and hoping that it will all just disappear and that it has been a complete mistake. But sadly, not so far. What I can say, however, is that the whole community of Arran has been absolutely astonishing and amazing in its support for us.'

Vowing to return as quickly as possible, she added: 'There have been lots of hugs and tears over the last few days from everyone I meet. It is truly incredible the depth of feeling and support we have received.'

'In fairness, I seriously



The couple outside The Sandwich Station they run in Lochranza.

cheked contesting the UK Government's decision to force her to leave her British-born husband has already attracted more than 17,500 signatures.

Lizanne said she plans to appeal immediately against the Home Office ruling as soon as she arrives in South Africa.

However, even if the case is fast-tracked, it could take at least six weeks before the case comes up for consideration, although hopes are high her application for a visa will then be granted quickly.

Mr Malpas, also 37, told the Herald that the couple had been 'living the dream' since returning to Arran, where he has family ties, in 2015.

He said: 'Since taking the shop on, the business has gone from strength to strength. We had to become VAT-registered early last year and everything continues to grow.'

doubt whether I would have managed to get through it all this far without this enormous love towards us and our plight.'

Indeed a petition laun-

But their dream came crashing down on Wednesday, June 19, after receiving a letter from the Home Office stating Lizanne's visa renewal had

been refused – and she must cease working immediately.

Failure to comply would result in the business being automatically fined £20,000. But worse still, she was informed she must leave the country – with no right of appeal while she remained in the UK.

It is understood one of the reasons why the Home Office had declined the businesswoman's initial visa request was because they needed to prove sufficient earnings to support them both. However, Mr Malpas believes the latest accounts from the business will demonstrate they can comfortably meet the necessary financial threshold figures required.

Mrs Gibson said the case was the 'latest in a long line' of people wanting to settle in Scotland but being denied the chance.

She said: 'It honestly defies logic and something must be done urgently to correct this hostile environment being created by the government towards helping people settle in rural communities.'

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#### Wednesday 17th July:

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Family Fun Quiz The Village Hall, 7pm (BYOB & nibbles)

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Family Fun Run (Fancy Dress) Sandbraes Park, 6pm

#### Saturday 20th July:

Duck Race & BBQ

Dog Agility

Sandbraes Bridge, 2pm & 3.30pm

## Salmon company to consider sale offers

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), which owns the fish farm in Lamlash and which is proposing to build a second farm in the north east of Arran, has announced that it is considering selling part or all of the company.

The stock exchange announcement from the Oslo-listed company follows a number of expressions of interest from buyers who wish to purchase parts or all of the organisation.

SSC is considering the offers as part of a review to maximise value for shareholders and the sale is just one of many strategic options being considered. The review is expected to conclude by September.

A spokesperson from SSC said: 'The review is ongoing and progressing in line with expectations. Among the options being considered within the framework of the review are several formal, non-binding expressions of interest to purchase part or all of the company that have been received by the company via its financial advisor Daiwa Corporate Advisory Limited.



The Scottish Salmon Company site in Lamlash. 01\_B3655C01

'As part of this process, the company will allow selected parties access to non-public information.'

'No assurance can be given that any specific outcome will be proposed or completed as a result of this process.'

SSC owns 60 sites across Scotland and employs around 600 people.

On Arran the company made headlines in 2015 when it proposed to expand operations in Lamlash, a move which prompted fierce opposition from locals and environmental groups.

This year the SSC has faced

further angry reactions at its public consultations during engagement events aimed at informing residents about its plans for a 20-pen fish farm near Millstone Point.

Despite the recent negative press about the industry in the BBC television documentary Panorama and criticism from high profile figures including David Attenborough – who spoke out about the negative effects of fish farming – the company reported revenues of £53.5m for the first quarter of 2019 – an increase from £43.3m from the same period last year.

# Whiting Bay says a sad farewell to Mrs Smith

Colleagues, pupils and parents wished Catriona Smith of Whiting Bay Primary School a fond farewell at the end of the school term last week when the much-loved teacher retired after more than 32 years of service.

Mrs Smith is not only well known and well liked in Whiting Bay but is also known by pupils and parents across the island having taught in many schools on Arran before finally settling down in Whiting Bay.

Possibly one the youngest teachers in recent times, Mrs Smith came to Arran and started her teaching career when she was just 19, having left school at the end of her fifth year. Two days after starting, she celebrated her 20th birthday which means that she has now been teaching former pupils' children but thankfully, she quips, not quite their grandchildren.

For the last 13 years, Mrs Smith has been in the middle class, working with a combination of primary 3, 4 and 5s. Prior to that, she spent almost 20 years teaching in the infant class.

One colleague said: 'Catriona has been a great teacher, and has become the Whiting Bay French specialist, among her many talents. She is always upbeat and cheerful, and is not phased easily.'

'She keeps the staff room smiling with her anecdotes and views on the world, including the latest news on Love Island!'

Mrs Smith is looking forward to having more time to spend on her hobbies and with her own children but will remain on the supply list so she might make the occasional welcome return. Her husband Brian is still working – she has told him that he

has to work for at least a few more years to let her sustain her QVC addiction. Catriona loves her garden and is looking forward to spending more time in it as well as relaxing in her new garden furniture with a book.

She has three boys and will be able to spend more time with them, and although they are living away from home, she will now be able to make plans to spend more time with them.

She will also be able to devote more time to her other great joy, singing in the Arran Singers choir, which practises weekly and hosts a variety of performances annually.

While Mrs Smith is undecided on what the long term future holds for her, she is looking forward to celebrating her big birthday in London with her best friend, Jane Boyle. Everything has been booked for months



Catriona Smith with a number of gifts and mementos she received from parents, pupils and colleagues.

and they have been saving to are visiting the Mary Quant are, Convent Garden and do have an indulgent time. They exhibition, going to the the- plenty of shopping.

## Parisian cafe music at Whiting Bay

Music Arran will be hosting its first summer concert of the season with a performance by Les Trois Blondes – the only ensemble in the UK specialising in Bal Musette, the French café music of Paris.

Bringing a little bit of the Parisian music scene to Whiting Bay Hall this evening (Saturday) at 7.30pm, Les Trois Blondes is a double entendre and in the context of the band, it means 'Three pints of lager please' and not 'Three blonde ladies'.

Brothers John and George Burns on accordion and Fergus Wood on drums and comper, will entertain with a range

of music by famous French artists, Maurice Chevalier, Edith Piaf, Hubert Giraud, Adrien Morbidelli, Toots Thielemans, Victor Marceau, as well as Django Reinhardt and some Irish and Scottish jigs. There is a strong tradition of playing this type of music with Scottish accordionists, so lovers of Scottish music will have an added element to enjoy.

The event is BYOB. Tickets are £10 on the door, from [www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com) or from Inspirations in Brodick. Children and young people are admitted free, along with an accompanying adult.



Les Trois Blondes bring Parisian cafe music to Whiting Bay.

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## Yard snub over £61m demand to complete ferry contract

Continued from page one intended to go into service on the Ardrossan to Brodick route in 2018, but is now not expected to be ready until the middle of 2020 at the earliest, and that is before sea trials. The second vessel, known as Hull 802, is to serve the Uig Triangle, but remains under construction on a Ferguson slipway.

The vessels were ordered under a fixed-price design-and-build contract. But Mr McColl blamed the delays and increased costs on substantial late changes by CMAL to the ferries' original specifications.

Kevin Hobbs, CMAL chief executive, said in March

that the dispute was 'sad and distressing', but not the state company's fault. 'Ferguson Marine] knew the requirements and what we needed from the vessels, their speed, capacity, dimensions ... none of those have changed,' Mr Hobbs told the magazine of the Institute of Directors Scotland.

A spokeswoman for CMAL said: 'FMEL submitted a claim in December 2018. Our legal team analysed the claim and concluded that it does not contain valid grounds for compensation. We provided an official response to FMEL in early March 2019.

'Work continues on the vessels, but at a lower level than

expected at this stage. We do not believe that the current delivery date for MV Glen Sannox can be achieved. We have not received an updated timeline from the shipyard.'

FMEL provided a timeline in June 2018 which included a revised delivery date of summer 2019 for MV Glen Sannox, and spring 2020 for Hull 802.

Much is likely now to depend on the next steps by the Scottish government, which has lent Ferguson Marine £15m for working capital and £30m for business development.

A Scottish government spokesman told the Banner: 'An independent view of the legal merits of the claim submitted by FMEL has been carried out for the Scottish government. We have advised the interested parties of the outcome but, in keeping with normal practice, this opinion will not be shared further.

'The next steps in this process are currently being finalised and we will update parliament in due course.'



MV Glen Sannox photographed at the start of the year.

# Trying to make right

Captain Alan Sinclair is retiring from CalMac after 32 years' service, during which he earned a reputation as one of the company's finest ship handlers, writes Andrew Clark.

Known throughout the fleet as 'The Dooker', a nickname associated with his Tarbert (Loch Fyne) background, Captain Sinclair bowed out this month with an open email to staff in which he made clear his frustration with CalMac's management culture and west coast infrastructure - views widely shared by fellow officers but unlikely to endear him to managing director Robbie Drummond.

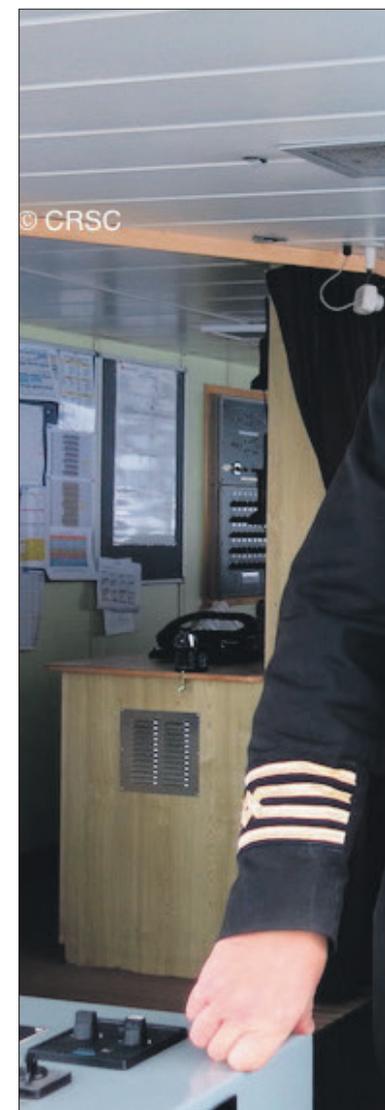
As one of CalMac's senior relief masters, he has never been tied to a single ship or route for any length of time - the advantage being that he gained an almost unrivalled familiarity with the quirks of virtually every wheelhouse and harbour in the CalMac domain.

He says the mandatory introduction of the International Safety Management Code (ISM) in 2002, following the Herald of Free Enterprise and Estonia disasters, rectified previous slackness in safety administration, but fostered a climate of suffocating

over-regulation. 'In the past we were trusted to do the job we were qualified for and allowed to get on with it. ISM has regulated it to the point where everything has to be written down as a procedure, inadvertently fostering a blame culture.

'It tries to standardise behaviour in an environment where there are an awful lot of variables. Managers keep saying "the master is still in charge", but they're very quick to wave the red card if the outcome isn't to their liking. If, for example, there is a mechanical failure during a berthing and the ship hits the quay, they'll jump on anything that can be blamed on you after the event. "We've made all these procedures to stop things going wrong, so it must have been your fault." But these things happen in a very fluid situation. A master can only do his best. With hindsight it's always easy to pick holes.'

His favourite boat is the oldest, the MV Isle of Arran, 'the last ferry to have been built with proper looking funnels,' he says. 'It's unfortunate that most modern funnels look like Corn Flakes packets. There was character and style in the older boats. If something breaks down with the



newer ones, you have to send for an expert from the other side of the world. With the Arran, you can just swear at it



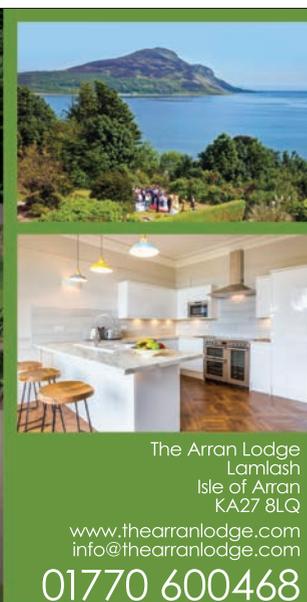
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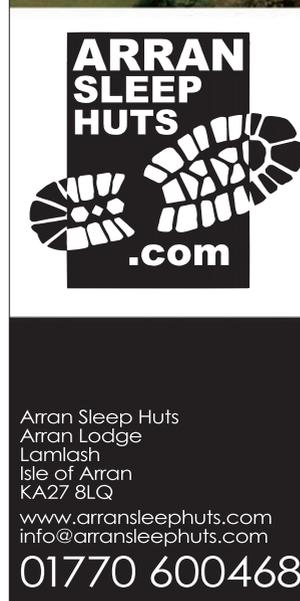
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## Let's not repeat cost

The new Arran Ferry Action Group is determined to prevent a repetition at Ardrossan of the costly mistakes made at Brodick in the redevelopment of the harbour.

As a result the group wrote to all interested parties asking for evidence of improved resilience following the proposed works, but the response has been extremely disappointing.

In a report to the latest committee meeting of the group held on July 2 it was reported: 'CMAL tell us this has nothing to do with them. Peel Ports referred us to the Ardrossan Taskforce chairman, Paul Wheelhouse MSP, who to date has not replied. Transport Scotland has promised to respond in a matter of days. CalMac's response is evasive. In its letter, which you can read on our website: www.arranferries.scot, CalMac cite exemption from FOI of environmental information, Taskforce confidentiality, and prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs as its reasons to refuse to share the information we requested. We are left wondering why everyone is so reluctant to share what should be good news: evidence of imminent improvements to our lifeline service.

'We are now going to write to the Scottish Information Commissioner contesting CalMac's

decision to withhold this evidence. We will point out that we are not asking for any information that might, for good reason, be commercially confidential.'

'In other Arran Ferry Action Group news:

### What does he know?

'If you have read the recently publicised interview, see above, with a long-serving master, you will understand our frustration with a corporate culture of ignoring those best placed to offer practical advice. In an attempt to overcome such complacency, we are thinking of inviting all involved in our ferry provision to a second public meeting later in the year, to give you the opportunity of holding them to account.

### Ardrossan Taskforce

'One member of our committee, Sharon Shenav, spent a morning in Irvine with Karen Yeomans, executive director of economy and communities, who is in charge of North Ayrshire Council's involvement with the Ardrossan harbour development. Sharon discussed with her our request to become a recognised participatory body in the Ardrossan Taskforce. Karen assured Sharon that

# Are we building the wrong infrastructure



**Captain Alan Sinclair on the bridge of the Clansman in 2017.**

Photo Andrew Clark.

not very good, because it's a hollow pier and provides no shelter — it's very exposed to easterly winds and swell.'

And Ardrossan? The harbour's exposure to southerly winds and swell at the entrance makes it notoriously difficult to get into when the prevailing wind is anything more than moderate. Although CalMac masters are versed in the 'do I abort?' dilemma, Captain Sinclair believes Ardrossan is the one port where the question should never need to be asked.

'Ardrossan requires a level of experience so that you

make the decision at Brodick — you make a decision not to go anywhere near it. "Going to have a look" is not one of my favourite pastimes. As a general rule, if you're not sure you can manage it with a reasonable safety margin, you shouldn't be trying. You frequently get the suggestion: "Can you not go and have a look?" What managers want is to be able to say to the public that "we tried". There is commercial pressure all the time. That — and the paperwork — is what makes the job onerous.'

Captain Sinclair's valedictory email to colleagues included sentiments directed not just at CalMac's Gourock management but also CMAL and public policymakers.

'We need to be planning piers that will accommodate a five-metre draught, and we need to be doing it 10 years ago, not 10 years from now — preferably solid, double sided piers with a linkspan on both sides; marshalling areas for more than the ship's capacity; departure lounges/waiting areas equivalent to the ship's

capacity. Then we need to be building a suitable fleet for the future.

A deeper draughted ship would give increased deadweight, better seakeeping and increased propeller and bow thrust immersion, resulting in improved handling and fuel efficiency.

'All the management and information technology in the world is not going to make wrong infrastructure right, especially when most of that management is recent, and now has no direct knowledge of our service,' he added.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'CalMac's management culture is open and inclusive.

'Any member of staff who feels strongly about a subject is free to raise it at the highest level. Our managing director's door is always open to anyone and we would expect our leaders to raise any concerns internally in order that they may be addressed through the appropriate channels.'

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with a hammer. I'm not keen on so-called state-of-the-art electronics or touch screens — not because I'm a dinosaur,

but because the latest systems don't always work, and they usually decide not to work at the worst possible moments,

when you really need it to do what you want it to do.'

Even where a new pier has been built, as at Brodick, 'it's

## Why Brodick mistakes

her ongoing participation would be welcome and responded warmly to a lunch invitation when she next visits Arran in August.

### Terminal illness

'At the end of May, Sharon wrote a four-page letter to the transport minister, cataloging ongoing problems at the Brodick terminal. He forwarded this to Transport Scotland, which has not responded within its 20-day timescale, so Sharon has chased up the transport minister, requesting a response. Watch this space.

### Staggering statistic

'In response to our letter of introduction, CalMac's managing director Robbie Drummond has invited us to meet with him to discuss potential improvements to the 99.6 per cent service reliability he claims on the Ardrossan-Brodick route. If only!

'We are of course going to take up this opportunity to disabuse Mr Drummond of this fairytale and we're hoping to persuade CMAL and Transport Scotland to join that meeting, at which our naval architect committee member, Sam Bourne, will present his practical proposal



to overcome the most serious weather deficiencies of the new pier at Brodick.

### Meeting MSPs

'In response to our letters of introduction, Jamie Greene MSP has agreed to meet with us on Arran to explore how he might help us. We are extending a similar invitation to Kenneth Gibson MSP and look forward to useful discussions with both gentlemen.

### A small concession

'Everyone, but especially infirm passengers are fed up with what seems a pointless trek from car to terminal, to ticket booth, back to car to purchase a piece of cardboard and hand it in. John Ford is going to write to Transport Scotland and SPT requesting that measures be taken to reduce this inconvenience. Sally Campbell is chasing up the missing handrail on the terminal stairway.'

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# Trolley tots are hot to trot at the Co-op shop



Competition winner Angus Henderson leads the trolley charge with young shoppers Maisie and Jack Picken advancing from the rear. 01\_B27coop01



Loxa Sorcha Dunsmuir starts with a packet of biscuits, to the delight of her parents who proudly look on. 01\_B27coop02

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To celebrate the purchase of shopping carts designed specially for children, the Brodick Co-op hosted a competition in which six lucky winners were selected to be the first to trial them with the

help of £10 gift vouchers.

Selecting the names at random, the winners were: Kayleigh McEwan, Maisie and Jack Picken, Loxa Sorcha Dunsmuir, Angus Henderson and Rennie Sloss.

Manager Liz Mclean, whose shop was not earmarked to receive the child-sized trolleys, managed to secure them

by convincing bosses that there was sufficient demand for them on the island.

Purchasing a single small trolley earlier this year, and offering it to young shoppers to gauge interest, the trolley proved to be so popular that they have now become a regular feature in the store.

Liz said: 'The new child-

sized trolleys came about from customer demand. A number of customers, whose children had used them on the mainland, inquired if we would consider purchasing some of them for their children to use. We held a trial with just one small trolley and it was such a big hit with children and parents that

Co-op management agreed to purchase some for our store.

'The new trolleys are already proving to be very popular and are adding to the shopping experience for young children, and helping to make life just a bit easier for parents. Mums, dads, children and families can now all visit our store and

enjoy a great family-friendly shopping experience.'

The competition winners visited the store last week and had the opportunity to test the new trolleys which, if the smiles on their faces were any indication of their approval, have been readily accepted as another welcome addition to the store.

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# Sean winds up series with trip to Arran

The final episode of a Scottish travel programme will see STV's Sean Batty visiting Arran.

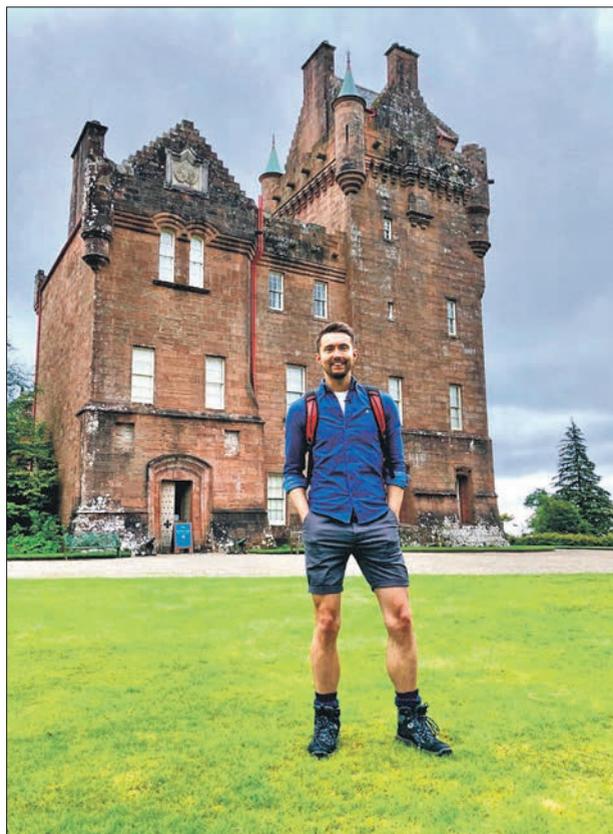
Sean's Scotland has seen the popular weatherman embark on a scenic journey across Scotland. In the series finale, which will be broadcast on Monday July 15 at 8pm, Sean travels to Arran, an island he already knows well.

For the programme he visits the newly refurbished Brodick Castle and learns about its history, the established gardens and how the National Trust for Scotland manages the estate which includes the mountain of Goatfell.

He also goes on a walk with a Forestry and Land Scotland ranger to find out about the



Sean at Kildonnan in a scene from the Arran episode. 01\_B28sean02



Sean at recently reopened Brodick Castle. 01\_B28sean01

island's woodland and how its healthy red squirrel population faces a struggle for food during the summer months. He also learns about the work of COAST (The Community of Arran Seabed Trust) which has made a huge difference to the conservation and restoration of the seas around Arran and the Clyde for the past 20 years.

Then it is on to the delicious food and drink of the island. Sean first gets a breadmaking lesson at the Blackwater Bakehouse and finally he visits the Isle of Arran distillery at Lochranza to learn

about the history of whisky production on Arran.

During the series viewers have seen Sean exploring some of Scotland's most beautiful landscapes – from the wilds of Sutherland down to Dumfries and Galloway and the Isle of Colonsay across to Aberdeenshire – meeting people and hearing stories from all corners of Scotland.

Sean said: 'We already know we live in one of the most beautiful countries in the world, but the environment has suffered over the years. Over the course of the series I'll take you on a journey to

some of the most scenic parts of the country, and introduce you to lots of lovely people along the way.

'It's a very varied programme where I try my hand at paddle boarding, basket weaving, bee keeping, gin making and river bank restoration. But the programme is all hinged on those people who work tirelessly to save Scotland's countryside and provide nature with a helping hand to ensure it remains beautiful for a long time to come.'

The whole series is available on the STV player.



Lev Atlas.

## Jewish cultural group hosts first event

A new Arran group of the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC), which formed this year to bring Jewish cultural activities to the island, will be hosting its first event next week.

It will be a summer house concert in Whiting Bay with Lev Atlas, a Klezmer viola virtuoso and principal viola of the Scottish Opera Orchestra. The concert will take place on Thursday July 18, with a buffet dinner starting at 7pm followed by a concert and discussion. Entrance is free of charge but donations will be accepted and appreciated to help with costs.

Sharon Shenhav, one of the organisers, said: 'We are delighted to welcome back Lev Atlas, who has performed at concerts on Arran many times and is well known to locals. I hosted a home concert several years ago and the audience was charmed by the warmth and intimacy as well as the talent of this personable musician.'

'All are welcome to join us and we look forward to a very special evening. There will be a chance to have a discussion with Lev and we welcome other musicians to bring their instruments for a musical session after the concert.'

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or The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ

## Ferry frustration

Another week, another row over Arran's new ferry. And who are the ones left most to suffer? The travelling public of this fair island.

A lifeline service served by two boats with a combined age of 61 years, while our new boat remains under construction at – it would seem at snails' pace – in Port Glasgow.

Instead of getting on with it, Ferguson Marine appears determined to push and push the Scottish Government into giving it more cash – £61 million more is this week's ever-increasing figure.

But the yard boss Jim McColl has already tried legal action to get more cash and been rebuked and CMAL shows no signs of shifting its position any time soon.

The Scottish Government, too, says there has been an 'independent review' and while it won't say what the outcome was, it seems pretty likely it backs the CMAL stance.

So what now? There has been talk of the Arran ferry, and her sister ship, being taken elsewhere to finish, with Poland considered a front runner. But Mr McColl warned this week such a move could end up costing even more money.

Whatever the future, let us hope it is sorted out soon so that Arran can, at last, benefit from a new fit-for-purpose ferry.

### Thought for the week

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind.'

Luke 10:27

## All welcome

Sir,  
Having just visited Arran, and the exceptional Sandwich Station in Lochranza, I was saddened to hear that Lizanne is being forced to leave the country due to the UK's immigration rules.

Hers is one distressing story amongst many. Across Scotland thousands of people are living in insecurity, in fear of being separated from their loved ones and communities and facing deportation due to this inhumane immigration system.

The vast majority have to face the racism built into our system. Almost none have any support, save for a handful of volunteers from organisations like The Unity Centre in Glasgow which supports some of the most vulnerable as they navigate the system.

Scotland needs a humane and compassionate immigration policy that welcomes everyone who wants to come and make their home in Scotland.

Not only is this the right thing to do, it is in Scotland's interest as we face static population growth. Communities like Arran are aware of the difficulties that stagnant population growth can cause – Arran's population is lower now than it was 300 years ago. This is unsustainable, particularly as we face an ageing population.

Let us show the world that Scotland welcomes all its citizens with open arms. Let us support all those currently struggling against the UK's immigration system. And let us ensure that no more families have to face the heartache that the Malpas currently face.

Yours,  
**Ed Pybus,**  
Tighnabrauaich.

## Geopark opinion

Sir,  
I am contacting you as a geography student at York St John University currently conducting dissertation research into the effects of the new geopark status on the Isle of Arran.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Johnnie Soutter from Brodick pictured at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh receiving his Duke of Edinburgh gold award, presented by Sanjeev Kohli aka Navid, in the presence of Prince Edward, the Earl of Forfar, on Friday July 5.

Geoparks were created to promote areas with geological diversity as well as raise awareness of local geology and increase economic development. These things form the basis of my research.

In order to gather data for my research, I am looking to collect information from businesses on the island about their opinions of the geopark and about any effects they may have noticed. This will be carried out in the form of online surveys. Having visited the island

previously on several occasions, I am interested to see what has changed since I last visited. In order to make this beneficial to you, I am willing to keep in contact and share the results of my study with you should you wish to use it for your own benefit.

This will most likely come in the form of a short summary of my findings.

Should you wish to participate, email [abigail.brook-pett@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:abigail.brook-pett@yorks.ac.uk) and I can provide a link to the survey which can be found at [https://](https://forms.gle/ji6FKkT6eDBwHMgS8)

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I ask that you provide an email address as instructed in order for me to identify your data should you wish to withdraw. All data will be kept anonymous in the final dissertation. You may withdraw from the study at any time up until September 30, 2019, and any information provided up until that point will not be used in the research.

If you have any questions about anything I have mentioned please feel free to email me. I appreciate you taking the time to read this and I hope to hear a response soon.

Yours,  
**Abigail Brook-Petty,**  
York St John University.

## Castle's ghosts

Sir,  
Regarding your story on 'Ghostly goings on at the castle' in last week's Arran Banner, it is okay if some people want to be scared and are prepared to pay for it. All power to the resident ghosts.

Perhaps the Grey Lady and her spectral companions should get in training by first haunting the North Ayrshire parking enforcement officers when they first arrive in Brodick with their cameras and ticket issuing machines? Just the castle wall to drift through and then a wee trip across the bay shouldn't give them any problem eh?

Yours,  
**Tony D'Arcy,**  
London.

## Fishing permit

Sir,  
I recall that Blackwaterfoot Angling Association had the fishing on the Blackwater river and also on Loch Cnoc an Loch in the hills above Shiskine. You used to be able to buy a day ticket, or to join the association. I would like to contact the association to buy a permit to fish the loch. Can any of your readers put me in touch with them please?

Yours,  
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# Six jobs are lost as Arran Creamery shuts

by Hugh Boag

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The Arran Creamery in Kilmory is to close with the loss of six jobs.

The Scottish Creameries were put up for sale in April 2018 when First Milk announced that its Arran and Campbeltown creameries were not core to its business strategy for the future.

Despite significant effort over the past 12 months, it has not been possible to conclude the sale of the Torrylinn site. As a result, First Milk has begun employee consultation about its proposed intention to close the creamery.

First Milk can also confirm that it is in discussions with its local Kintyre farmer members, with the active involvement of the Scottish Government, which will hopefully conclude with the Campbeltown Creamery being owned by the local farmers.

It is envisaged the farmers will form a new co-operative which will



The Torrylinn creamery which is to close.

operate the creamery independently of First Milk. However, the operation will be significantly scaled down.

First Milk chief executive Shelagh Hancock said: 'We are deeply disappointed that it has not been possible to conclude a sale of Arran Creamery.

'We remain hopeful that it will be possible to secure the future of the Campbeltown Creamery in the ownership of the local farmers and the proposed changes that we have announced today will help with that.

'We fully appreciate that these developments have significant

consequences for colleagues at the creameries and the local community, but it is important that we act in the best interest of the wider business and our farmer members, and continue with the solid progress we have made in strengthening and developing First Milk.

'We regret the impact this decision will have on our colleagues and are committed to treating those affected fairly and with consideration during this difficult time.'

The award-winning cheese is still made by hand in open vats using traditional methods that have been passed down through generations. The milk comes from just two farms on the island.

Only last month the Banner reported that the creamery won the Dairy Product of the Year at the Scottish Food and Drink Awards.

The creamery, which was first opened in 1947 by King George VI, was later owned by the Scottish Milk Marketing Board before being taken over by First Milk in 2007.

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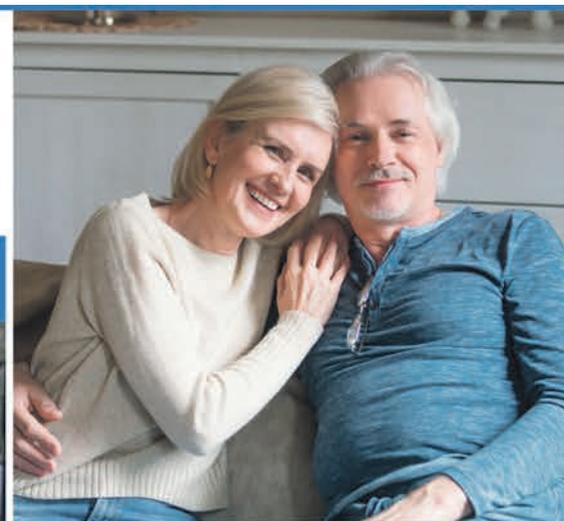
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# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

## Big gala weekend is here



Final preparations are being made for the big gala weekend on Arran. Both Lamlash and Whiting Bay take top billing in a packed weekend which also sees the first ever Makers' Festival and the 40th anniversary of the Arran Heritage Museum – not forgetting the Grinduro cycling event.

The Lamlash Heather Queen crowning and fun day – which is a time-honoured tradition on Arran – will offer visitors to the Lamlash green on Saturday a number of fun

**Last year's newly crowned Lamlash Heather Queen Keira Willis will lead the parade this year.** 01\_B29Queen01

activities and stalls which are bound to have something for everyone. The fun starts with the parade from the clock tower which sets off with a fanfare at 1pm and there will be fancy dress, best dressed pram and cutest pet competitions to enter.

The following day, Sunday, marks the start of a very busy week for residents and visitors to Whiting Bay's week of fun activities. Starting with one of the most popular, the raft race followed by the crowning of the Bay Queen. The week-long itinerary continues with up to four events a day and concludes with the incredibly popular duck race

on Saturday July 20, which was attended by hundreds of visitors last year.

Set for success the Brodick Castle Makers Festival has kicked off for the first time on Saturday with a three-day extravaganza aimed at makers, creatives and many more besides. Music, workshops, demonstrations and stalls from various groups and individuals on Arran will ensure that this event will hit the ground running and become a regular fixture on the summer calendar.

There is, of course, still time to catch the tail end of the Kildonan celebrations as the Oriental food tasting

event will place this evening (Friday) and the grand finale on Saturday, the beach games and sports, still awaits those hoping to enjoy some outdoors fun on the beach. Then there is also the opportunity to catch a mystery film in the village hall at 7pm. Best enjoyed with nibbles, drinks and friends.

And the fun continues next weekend with the Lochranza Gala Weekend – offering even more unmissable events.

Starting on a high note the Argyll Ceilidh Trail band will start the proceedings on Thursday July 18 with a licenced bar and family ceilidh taking place at the village

  
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Brodick Castle

12-14th July 2019

  
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FESTIVAL**

10am - 5pm

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The talented makers on the island are coming together for three days of making and sharing. Perfect for families and people who love to be creative. Come and learn a new skill!



hall. At the same venue the following evening an enjoyable quiz will take place with participants enjoying a light supper.

Saturday July 20 sees the highlight of the weekend with the Arran Pipe Band performing at the Castle Spit at 1.30pm.

Following this visitors will join the pirate-themed march to the village hall where a number of stalls, a barbeque and live music will await the revellers. Kids games, a dog show and a bogie race on the castle spit will complete the list of fun activities while in the evening a live band, Soundcradle, will entertain the crowds.

The following day, Sunday, promises to be a less energetic day with a seashore scramble hosted by COAST in the morning and an afternoon barbecue and teddy bears' picnic and duck derby for those wanting a relaxing ending to an eventful weekend.



King Neptune  
Raymond Jeffrey  
and his Sea Queen  
Jessica Kerr at the  
Lochranza Gala  
Week back in 2001.

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## Summer fun with the Arran RNLI

As the good summer weather arrives, Arran RNLI will once again be opening its station doors to the public during its annual open day.

On Saturday July 20 the volunteer crew at Arran RNLI will welcome members of the public to their station in Lamlash for a chance to meet the crew and find out how the RNLI carries out their lifesaving work.

Visitors will have the chance to see the inshore lifeboat Rachel Hedderwick, witness a display demonstrating the abilities of the Atlantic 85, join the crew for a barbeque and have the chance to hear about the work of the RNLI and what it means to be part of the station.

The volunteers promise a great day out for the whole family and encourage everyone to take the opportunity to pay the station a visit for a rare behind-the-scenes look at how an RNLI station works.

The event on Saturday July 20 will take place from noon until 5pm at the Lamlash Pier.



Visitors at last year's open day line the Lamlash pier to enjoy a demonstration of the Arran lifeboat. 01\_B28RNLI01

## LOCHRANZA GALA WEEKEND

**THURSDAY 18 JULY**

'CEILIDH TRAIL' 7.30pm - LOCHRANZA HALL • LICENSED BAR

**FRIDAY 19 JULY**

QUIZ 7.00PM - BYOB - LOCHRANZA HALL. Light Supper provided £2 per team, max 4 people per team

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# Delightful day at Dougarie

It was perfect weather for visiting gardens – sun, a light breeze and no midges – when Dougarie Estate held its annual open day last Tuesday.

In all 240 people came through the gate and enjoyed

the gardens, and the teas in the 19th century boathouse and a total of £1,325 was made for Scotland's Gardens charity initiative.

Taking place this year for the 36th time, the open day

at Dougarie saw visitors view the terraced garden in the castellated folly built in 1905 to celebrate the marriage of the 12th Duke of Hamilton's only child to the Duke of Montrose.

They also enjoyed a selection of tender and rare shrubs and a small woodland area that included azara, abutilon, eucryphia, hoheria and nothofagus trees, not forgetting a walk over the bridge with no sides over the Iorsa Water.

In addition to the open garden, teas and homebaking were served in the 19th century boathouse, where there was also a tombola and other stalls.

A total of 60 per cent of the funds raised will be donated to a local cause, nominated by the garden owners, which this year will be Pirnmill Village Association. The rest of the money raised will go to Maggie's Caring Centres, The Queen's Nursing Institute, Scotland, and Perennial – formerly the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society.



Maisie Picken takes a close interest in the flowers.

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Lucia Macmillan visiting her relatives in Brodick from Edinburgh enjoys the flowers in the garden. 01\_B28dougarie02



The raffle and tombola were busy throughout the afternoon. 01\_B28dougarie11



The new gamekeeper's wife Suzi Ahlheid helps behind baking stall. 01\_B28dougarie09



The plant stall does a roaring trade. 01\_B28dougarie06



Visitors enjoy the gardens in the sunshine. 01\_B28dougarie01



## Lamlash Heather Queen Crowning & Fun Day Saturday 13th July 2019

Fancy Dress, Best dressed pram  
& your cutest pet competitions to enter  
**Parade from the Clocktower,  
Car Park Lamlash, 1pm**

Tea Tent, Home Baking, Tombola, Burgers,  
Murrays Famous Dog Scurry, Music & Dance  
Show, Not-So-Serious Pet Show, Bouncy  
Castle, Face Painting, Craft Stalls, Daft Stalls,  
Emergency Services and many more fun  
activities for a fantastic day out for all!





Visitors explore the grounds of the estate. 01\_B28dougarie07

# Museum celebrates 40th anniversary

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, the Arran Heritage Museum will open its doors to all and sundry with free entrance on its open day tomorrow (Sunday).

This is an opportunity for everyone to go along and see for themselves not only the full range of exhibits, but the museum volunteers will be showing off and explaining the areas behind the scenes.

The archives, genealogy, and conserva-

For a number of years in the '60s and '70s there grew a feeling among some Arran folk, particularly those involved in the island's tourist association, that the island merited and needed a museum to tell its history.

It was eventually in 1976 that Bess Macmillan, one of the prime movers of the idea, chaired the first public

meeting of interested parties and the Arran Museum Association and the Arran Museum Trust were formed.

These two bodies were to be run by Arran residents and would be non-profit making charities, with running costs assisted by membership subscriptions and donations. Fund-raising was begun in earnest to raise sufficient cap-

ital to start the project once a suitable site could be found somewhere on the island.

Fortuitously at that time Rosaburn Smiddy on the outskirts of Brodick was put up for sale, and was purchased in 1976, followed a year later by the semi-detached cottage opposite and the adjoining stable block. It took a couple of years before they could all be prepared for public viewing, during which time many supporters donated items for display and toiled with paint-brushes and tools to create an attractive series of displays.

Here John Lauder tells the story of the birth and development of an island institution.

Opened

On July 13, 1979 the museum opened to the public albeit only the smiddy and shoeing shed, but this was followed over the next year or so by the stable block and cottage. Entrance to the museum was controlled by a small cabin alongside the main road.

The roadside bothy was acquired in 1981, and quickly the reception and a shop selling souvenirs and gifts. That was followed in 1982 by Rosaburn House which, after substantial renovation, was



Cunninghame District Councillor Sam Gaw, right, officially opens the museum on Friday July 13, 1979 with museum chairman Donald McNiven. 01\_B28museum03

turned into accommodation for caretakers, a café, a special exhibitions room, and a base for the archives and genealogy departments.

The popularity of the museum was growing rapidly, and by the 1990s the operation was expanding, not least by the volume of artefacts being donated, so work began on planning an extension to the stable block. This would house an office, an archives department, a genealogy room, a workroom for the conservation team, enlarged storage accommodation for the burgeoning collection of items donated, and a committee room. It was eventually opened in 2002, and the vacated area in Rosaburn House allowed the café to be expanded.

Such was the success of the museum by now that it was decided to create a new shop

and reception area at the northern end of the car park, thus releasing the former shop-reception building to be turned in to a specially designed geology room to reflect and demonstrate the

unique geology of the island. This took place in 2007. The museum continued to grow and the latest expansion has been a further extension of the stable block, which in

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Donald Ferguson at work on a horseshoe in the old smiddy in the early '80s. 01\_B28museum02



How the Banner covered the opening of the museum. 01\_B28museum10



The sculpted head of Clachaig man. 01\_B28museum11

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Your opportunity to see the whole museum – including behind-the-scenes departments – and meet the team who make it all happen.

# Museum looks to the fu



Chairwoman Ella Lennox picks up a prize for the museum, which finished runners-up in the 1981 National Heritage Scottish Museum of the Year award, only beaten by Hunterian Art Gallery at Glasgow University.



A demonstration of horseshoeing in the early days of the museum. 01\_B28museum09



The resiting of the old paybox in 1989. 01\_B28museum06



Some of the volunteers who keep the museum running. 01\_B28museum01

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2017 added much-needed extra space for both the archives department and the capacity of the storeroom.

The museum was fortunate, in acquiring Rosaburn House, to also have a large lawn leading down to the Rosa Burn, and this has provided a lovely picnic area, a children's play area, excellent space for a programme of special open air events every year, a workshop and storage shed for the maintenance squad, lovely flower beds, enough space for siting a bathing hut, and the building of an implement shed in which to display some of the large collection of farming machinery.

From the outset, the museum has been dependent on volunteers to run the operation, and over the years many folk have given of their time and expertise to do the mundane and the specialist work involved in keeping the premises and displays up to scratch. It is impossible to evaluate just how much the volunteers have contributed in so many ways to the museum's success, and that continues today, when up to 20 folk can be at the museum on Wednesdays each week

throughout the year. Teams and individuals provide essential maintenance to the buildings, deal with membership subscriptions and publicity, work on the attraction's finances and administration, field visitor enquiries in the archives and genealogy sections, plan and create displays, and so on – the list is almost endless.

Achieving the coveted Scottish Tourist Board four-star status in the early 2000s was a great boost to the museum, whose policy has always been to keep admission charges as affordable as possible, particularly for families. The museum is totally self-financing, with no outside funding except for the occasional very generous donations or, very rarely, successful grant application for specific projects. It is enlightening to peruse the pages of the visitors' books and to see the worldwide addresses from which visitors have come, and their very appreciative comments about the museum.

History may be the basis of the museum, but the future is always uppermost in the minds of those charged with running the organisa-

tion, and plans are always being considered for improvements. In 2018 the museum finances were in such good shape that the toilet block was completely renovated to the highest standards, and the café's kitchen was refurbished and new catering equipment installed. Another large outlay last year was the purchase of a complete new nine-station computer network to



The museum as it looks today. 01\_B28museum12

# GRINDURO!

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# WELCOME TO #GRINDURO SCOTLAND



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Fàilte gu Grinduro Alba!

If Gaelic isn't your native tongue, we'd like to join the locals in saying "Welcome to Grinduro Scotland!" We're glad you're here.

The Isle of Arran is a magical place and a visitor's paradise. From the lush forest and breathtaking beaches, to glorious castles and friendly locals, you've arrived at a place that's captured the hearts of many – including the Irish, Viking invaders, the Celts, the English and more – dating back thousands of years. Over the course of the next few days you'll have a rare and special view of this wonderful historic land, as the Grinduro course weaves and rolls through villages and over fields, along the coastline and stunning vistas that will leave you breathless – even when you're not in the saddle. You're here because you wanted to experience Grinduro – as a racer, a volunteer, a friend, supporter or a contributor.

Regardless of why you're here or where you came from, when you're here, you're one of us and together to make Grinduro the most unique race/festival around. So we'd like to say THANK YOU to all of you! We also owe a tip of the cap to the amazing crew at Focal Events; our local connections at Visit Arran and the Arran Trust; our host brand Canyon Bicycles; Grinduro's global supporting sponsors: Giro, Fabric, Rapha and Maxxis. Thanks also to The Bicycle Academy, Arran Gin Company and the Arran Distillery, the Pier Head Tavern, as well as Clif Bar, Chamois Buttr and Weldtite, and finally thanks to the Arran Banner for helping get this stack of ink and paper into your hands.

Final words: Be good to each other, have fun and enjoy the Isle and the ride. We'll see you at the party!

# NOTES FROM OUR HOST



## CANYON

Canyon are hugely excited to be involved in this year's Grinduro, Scotland. As a brand, the event has been on our radar since the beginning. It's a great diversion away from the mainstream Pro Sports events - and offers an amazing experience for riders of every level, as well as some good-natured competition. We are committed to helping support and grow this innovative and relatively young category of cycling because it takes things back to what riding bikes is all about - getting out, exploring and most importantly - having fun.

About the GRAIL Rigs: Gravel. All Road. New Road. Putting 'genre' aside, our Grail range are bikes ready for adventure or just the next journey. With growing road traffic and evolving technology, a new definition of freedom is born. Whenever you spot that perfect path alongside the road, just take a turn and enjoy the endless possibilities out there. No matter if you strive for a long-distance adventure, a time trial through the woods or the shortcut back home, our GRAIL will open up opportunities you couldn't imagine before.

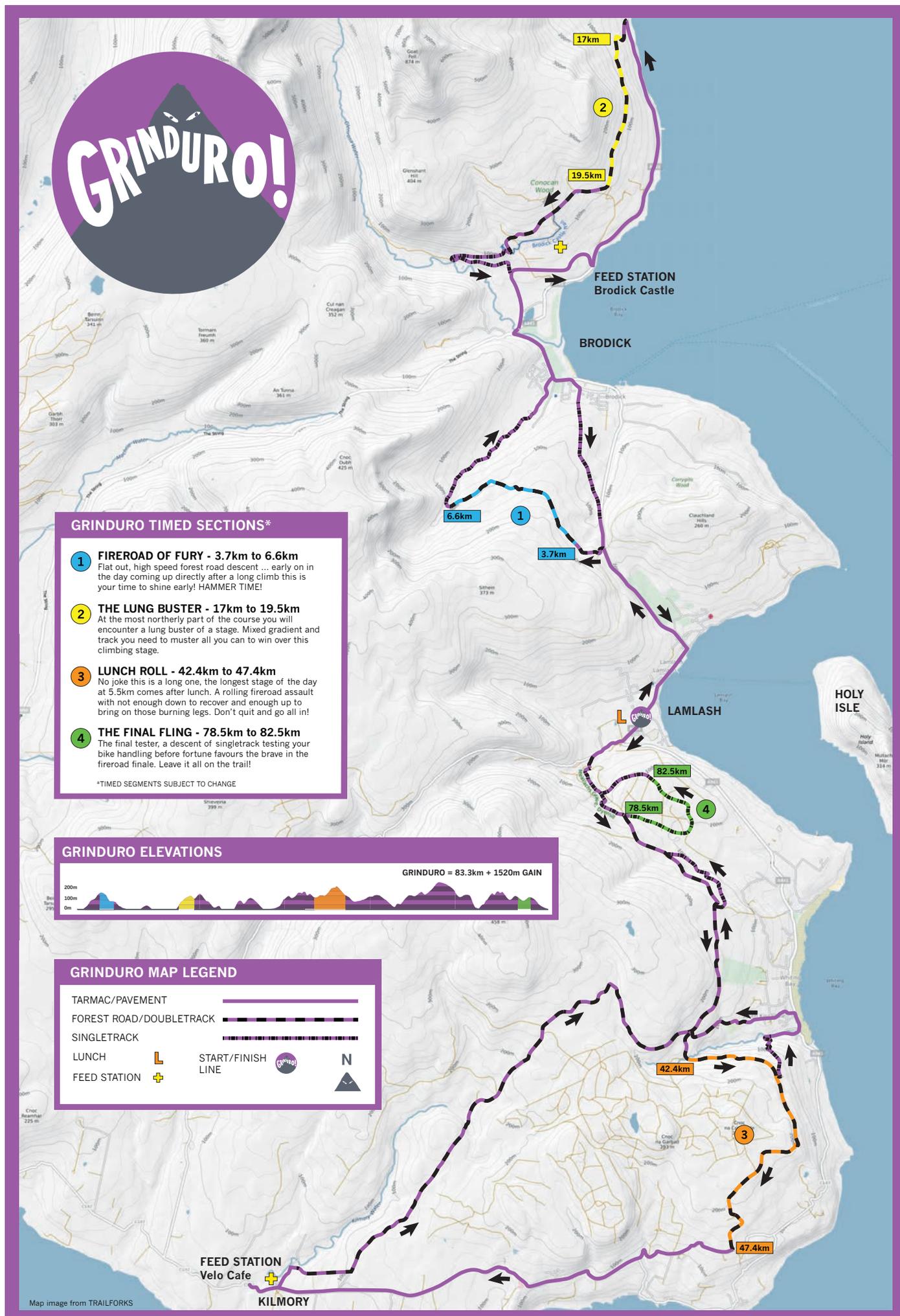
Carefully selected designs and components balance on-road agility with off-road stability and comfort. The GRAIL's geometry has had the full R&D treatment too - we made changes and refinements which led us to our Gravel Pro Geometry. Using a combination of longer wheelbases with shorter stems and wider bars to achieve the 'Holy Grail' of handling - something that simply works everywhere.

Did our distinctive Grail Cockpit with its Biplane looks catch your eye? Come and get to grips with the design which tears up the rule book on how a bar and stem behave - offering comfort while you cruise on the tops, and stiffness while you attack on the drops. With a full quiver of spec options across both Alloy and Carbon platforms we aim to provide a bike for everyone within our portfolio of Grail models.

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# A NOTE FROM OUR SPONSORS

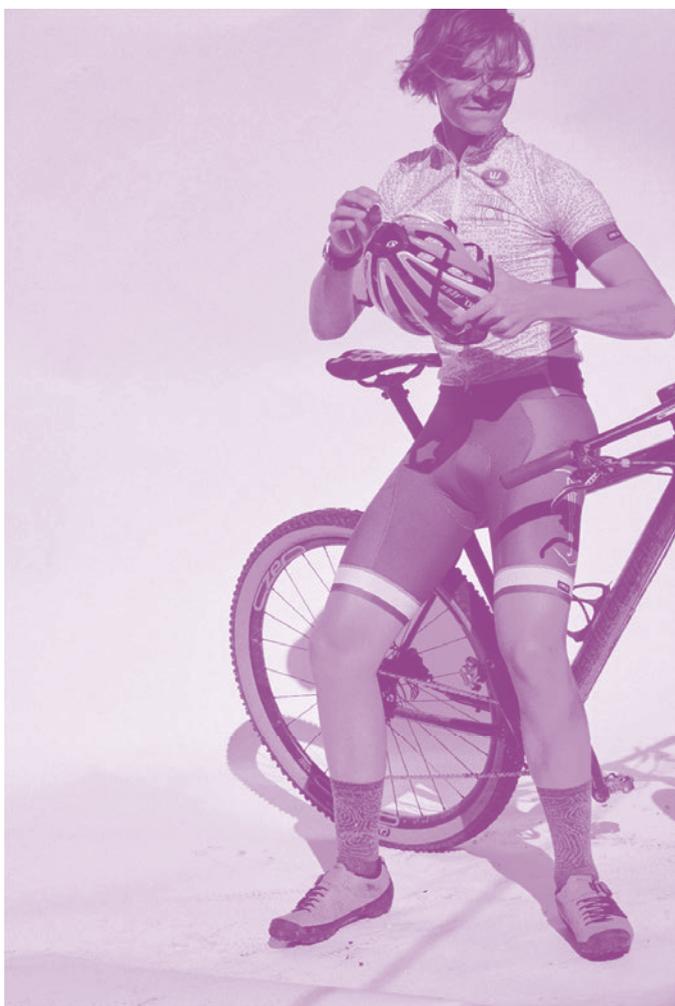


Grinduro started when a handful of Giro employees saw the opportunity to create an organized event that celebrated our favorite style of riding. To be clear, we're not saying that we invented gravel or that no one had ever bombed down singletrack on drop bars before Grinduro. But we are proud founders of this movement that's grown bigger than any of us ever expected.

Giro is based in California, so we're a long way from home, and we're stoked to be back on Arran. And with the addition of more supporters this looks to be the best edition of Grinduro Scotland yet.

During this year's ride/race we're keeping a steady focus on the #partytoraceratio with a new addition to the festivities – we're hosting a Poker Ride during Grinduro! Never done one of these before? No sweat. Just grab the playing card in your swag bag, and a draw card at each stop during the race. Then come by at the finish to slap a high-five and see if your hand is a winner. And after the race, get cleaned-up for the party at the pop-up barbershop. It's true – we're giving fresh cuts post-race on a first-come, first-served basis! Because going fast is looking good.

Other than that – enjoy the ride, go fast, take chances (but stay safe!), stop and take in the views, tell some stories, make some friends, skid around some turns and savor every opportunity to enjoy Arran. That's the path to true #maxinandrelaxin' at Grinduro!



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Adventure-seekers, mile-munchers, gravel-grinders, KOM-smashers and singletrack enthusiasts apply here: our new XC & Gravel Collection of products from Fabric are built with high function so you can rely on the performance, mile after lovely mile.

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Join us at the Fabric beach party right after stage 4 for Gin and Ice Cream on us! Just follow the signs on the way back to base.

# Raypha.



Grinduro is the best gravel weekender there is – of that there is no doubt. But with mixed terrain courses that take in everything from smooth tarmac to singletrack, there might be some doubts about what's best to wear. Baggies with pockets or bib shorts with a comfortable pad? Allow us to introduce another option that combines the best of both.

They might have raised some eyebrows to start, but our Cargo Bib Shorts are quickly becoming ubiquitous among off-roaders. With two pockets on your legs and two more tucked up under your top there's ample space to store all you would in the pockets of a normal jersey and more, thanks to their durable stretch mesh. Better yet, whatever you stuff in your leg pockets is close at hand, whether that's your phone for gramming or rations to keep you riding.

With your supplies stowed in your shorts, you're free to wear whatever you want up top. Pair them with a regular jersey for max pocket space, or opt for our Technical T-Shirt instead. With a honeycomb mesh that wicks and dries quickly, it'll keep you cool and comfortable on the trail and in the post-ride party tent.

Right, that's clothing covered. Now it's time to send it.



## MAXXIS®

We understand that gravel is your escape from the office, from increasingly congested roadways, and the other confines of modern life. Your escape at Grinduro offers all of that in a race format set among the world's most epic places. But even the most gorgeous settings can have teeth. That's why we created the Rambler! With a 60 TPI, bead-to-bead SilkShield protected casing, offered in 650x1.50, 700x38c, 700x40c, and 700x45c, every gravel mission has options to get the most from man and machine. What lies just around the bend may be a mystery, but which tire you can rely on shouldn't be. Whatever your goal, and wherever the destination, we want to ensure your tires get you there!

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CLIF Bar is proud to sponsor Grinduro Scotland this year and will be providing a nutritious CLIF Bar and pack of BLOKS for each and every rider. We hope you enjoy the riding, enjoy the festival and enjoy CLIF Bar helping you to #feedyouradventure. Find out more at [www.clifbar.co.uk](http://www.clifbar.co.uk)

Grinduro has to be the ultimate cycling event. The inclusive atmosphere, a melting pot of road and mountain bike riders, the debate over best bike set up, the epic scenery, the food and drink, the party, the competition, the good times etc. etc. etc.

This is Weldtite's first year at the event with TF2. We are here to make sure your bike is working perfectly so you have the best time. Need assistance with going tubeless? Fancy a complimentary bike clean? A bit of Ceramic lube before the off? Just give us a shout for a hassle-free ride!

# TF2

# LOCAL FLAVORS



## ISLE OF ARRAN DISTILLERS ARE EXPANDING. THIS SUMMER YOU CAN VISIT THE PICTURESQUE LOCHRANZA DISTILLERY AND BRAND NEW LAGG DISTILLERY.

In 1995, Isle of Arran Distillers revived whisky distilling on the island with the building of a brand-new distillery in the village of Lochranza, situated in the north. Twenty-four years later and whisky distillation has been brought back to the south of the island with the opening of Lagg Distillery.

During the 1800s, the south-end of the island was a hotbed of illegal farm distilleries and casks would be smuggled off the shores in small boats headed for the mainland. The rebirth of whisky distilling at the south end of the Isle of Arran marks the beginning of another new and exciting era for the island. It is a tremendous boost to the local community and puts the Isle of Arran firmly on the map as a whisky destination for tourists coming to Scotland from all over the world. The Distilling Team at Lagg Distillery are led by Graham Omand, the nephew and protégé of Isle of Arran Master Distiller James MacTaggart, who has been running operations in Lochranza since 2008. Graham oversees the production of the heavily-peated Single Malt Scotch whisky which will be earthy and rich in character.

Lagg Distillery will be open to visitors, offering them the chance to tour the new Distillery and relax in the Café & Bar which have stunning panoramic views of the Ayrshire Coast and Kintyre Peninsula. The

modern building is firmly rooted in the agricultural traditions of the south end of the island and will bring a new generation of whisky drinkers to discover the beautiful Isle of Arran and its two distilleries.

The Distillery at Lochranza continues to produce the un-peated, award winning Arran Single Malt range. As a destination, the Lochranza Distillery & Visitor Centre has become one of the most visited attractions on the island with hourly tours of the distillery as well as the welcoming CASKS Café and well-stocked gift shop. It was awarded the top award in 2018 from ASVA (Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions) for Best Visitor Attraction, a high accolade in the tourism industry and testament to the quality and warmth of the welcome that is offered to the many tens of thousands of visitors who visit every year.

These are certainly very exciting times for Isle of Arran Distillers as a company. Master Distiller James MacTaggart says “With the opening of Lagg Distillery, this truly feels like the start of an exciting new chapter; not just in the story of whisky production on Arran, but for the island as a whole. We cannot wait to welcome whisky fans old and new to show them the two sides of our beautiful island home.”

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Arran Gin is loaded with at least double the weight of botanicals used in normal gins – it packs a punch! Only interesting plants are selected for their big taste and interplay: Sea Lettuce, Hogweed Seed, Meadowsweet, Noble Fir, Lemon balm and Fuchsia... powerhouse flavours. As for the gin itself: big floral and herby aromas - coastal and vegetal, evoke the scents of summer shorelines and meadows.

The Arran Gin team has been inspired by the Grinduro zest for racing and fun, "the ultimate party-to-race ratio". So we made a totally bespoke alcohol creation ... Cue 'Purple Haze', in race colours and exclusively for you – it's the most delicious fruity boost for your Arran G&T



Explore more with Grinduro and komoot! Grinduro and komoot are coming together to ensure you have a great time riding in the Isle of Arran. Unique sport-specific routing and detailed surface and elevation profiles make planning a route on komoot easy. En-route navigation ensures you stick to your perfect route plan so you can focus on the race, the company and keeping your eyes on the Scottish scenery.

Speaking of scenery, remember to add your favourite Highlights on komoot so other riders can enjoy the same scenic points or route segments. Experience more of the outdoors with komoot.

# HANDBUILT BIKE SHOWCASE



Since the start of what we now recognise as gravel riding, there has been a constant search for the perfect bike to use. This search has been led by those who can produce their own visions, the hand-built bike builders. From workshops across the globe, bikes have been created to represent their builders' interpretation of what a gravel bike is... drop bars, flat bars, skinny tyres, fatter tyres... nothing is off-limits.



Grinduro has always set out to be a champion of these bikes. Our courses offer no obvious solutions for bike design, forcing reasoned choices, often compromise, and sometimes just a refusal to conform to any requirement. At each round of the Grinduro series you will find within our pop-up examples of hand built and crafted bikes. We challenge our builders and artists to present what they feel is the perfect Grinduro bike.



In its third year Grinduro Scotland again will work alongside The Bicycle Academy to present 5 of the best Grinduro Bikes UK builders can offer.

- Spoon Customs - His finishing is amongst the best in the business and he has a special plan for a "monstercross" bike.
- Ted James Design - Ted's fast enduro mountain bike will showcase his typical BMX and pirate influences.
- Pi at Clandestine - building a bike packing bike designed for epic dirt rides.
- Lucy Greaves - a promising new builder who is going to be supported by Mercredi Bikes in the quest to build the ultimate modern gravel race bike.
- The Bicycle Academy - will be showcasing their vision of a modern gravel bike and a world cup capable XC race bike with a Lefty. Rumor has it there's a posh paint job too!

The Bicycle Academy provides frame building courses and skills masterclasses for novices, enthusiasts and pros, and fully equipped workshop hire for those who don't have their own. They specialise in teaching and are renowned for the exceptionally high standards that our students achieve.

# WHAT'S ON STYLE

## DOPEICKFLY

We're always striving to hit the perfect party to race ratio at Grinduro and this year, we've lined up a stellar live music set to help you shake things loose after Saturday's race.

This year, Glasgow's own DopeSickFly is bringing their unique mix of Neo Soul spiced with Funk and a hint of acidic, jazzy goodness to the Isle of Arran! As one of the hottest bands in Scotland, this foursome will have you grinnin' and groovin' as the post-race festivities kick into gear. You can get a preview of their latest tracks at [dopesickfly.com](http://dopesickfly.com)



## G. SCOTT GENTLEMAN'S HAIRDRESSER

Grinduro may leave you feeling dirty, but we'd never want to send you home that way. Thanks to our friends at G. Scott Gentleman's Hairdresser, the most established barber in Newcastle, you can get a fresh cut that will have you looking good and feeling fast.

Barry and the crew at G. Scott have been on the scene for ages, taking care of everyone from celebrities to street corner crooners, so whether you're looking for a vintage quiff or just a simple trim, they'll take care of you. Cuts are FREE thanks to GIRO, but only available on a limited, first-come-first served basis. You can sign on at the pop-up barbershop in the Grinduro Village. There will also be a DIY nail painting bar available to anyone who wants a fresh coat or color for the weekend!

## BRAZING DEMO

If you love hand-built bikes as much as we do (and we're guessing that you do), you've probably dreamt of building your own bike at some point. Or maybe you've simply wanted to try your hand at the magical art of brazing?

Well, thanks to the fine and generous folks at The Bicycle Academy, you can get hands-on with a torch here at Grinduro! The Bicycle Academy will have a live brazing demo set-up here in the Grinduro Village, where you can see and learn the process with the support of experts. You can also learn more about their educational programs, including courses on building your own bespoke bicycle frame. See the event schedule for details on the time, and head over to [thebicycleacademy.org](http://thebicycleacademy.org) to learn more about TBA.



# GRINDURO!

## MAP OF GROUNDS



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### FRIDAY, JULY 12TH

- 09:30 – 19:45**  
CAR PARK OPEN AT CLYDE MARINA - Ardossan Ferry Terminal
- 09:45 – 19:45**  
GRINDURO WELCOME DESK - Ardossan Ferry Terminal
- 11:00 – 11:45**  
CHECK IN FOR FERRY GROUP 1 - Ardossan Ferry Terminal
- 12:30 – 13:25**  
FERRY CROSSING 1 - Ferry
- 13:50 – 14:35**  
CHECK IN FOR FERRY GROUP 2 - Ardossan Ferry Terminal
- 15:20 – 16:15**  
FERRY CROSSING 2 - Ferry
- 16:30 – 17:15**  
CHECK IN FOR FERRY GROUP 3 - Ardossan Ferry Terminal
- 18:00 – 18:55**  
FERRY CROSSING 3 - Ferry
- 12:30 – 21:00**  
FOOD VENDOR - Grinduro Village
- 13:30**  
GRINDURO GATES OPEN - Arran High School
- 13:30pm – 22:30**  
GRINDURO EXPO, ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 14:00pm – 22:30**  
REGISTRATION / CHECK IN - Sports Hall
- 15:00pm – 22:30**  
BAR / DRINKS - Canteen
- 17:30pm – 20:30**  
FOOD VENDORS - Grinduro Village

- 18:00 – 19:00**  
STEEL BRAZING W/ THE BICYCLE ACADEMY - Grinduro Village

### SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

- 04:55**  
SUNRISE
- 07:30 – 08:30**  
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 07:30 – 09:00**  
BREAKFAST - Grinduro Village
- 09:30 – 12:30**  
RACE START - Start/Finish Line - Front of Village
- 11:45 – 13:15**  
LUNCH - Grinduro Village
- 12:30 – 13:30**  
START OF AFTERNOON STAGE - Start/Finish Line - Front of Village
- 15:00 – 19:00**  
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 15:00 – 23:30**  
BAR / DRINKS - Canteen
- 15:00 – 18:00**  
FINISH LINE STUDIO PORTRAITS - Grinduro Village
- 17:00 – 20:00**  
DINNER - Grinduro Village
- 18:00 – 19:00**  
STEEL BRAZING W/ THE BICYCLE ACADEMY - Grinduro Village

- 19:30 – 20:00**  
AWARDS - Theater
- 20:30 – 21:30**  
DOPESICKFLY BAND - Theater
- 21:50**  
SUNSET
- 21:30 – Late**  
DJ - Theater

### SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

- 07:30 – 09:00**  
FOOD VENDOR BREAKFAST - Grinduro Village
- 08:00 – 10:00**  
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 09:00 – 10:00**  
CHECK-OUT & BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 1B - Arran High School
- 11:05 – 12:00**  
FERRY CROSSING 1 - Ferry
- 12:00 – 12:45**  
CHECK-OUT & BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 2B - Arran High School
- 13:55 – 14:50**  
FERRY CROSSING 2 - Ferry
- 15:00 – 16:00**  
CHECK-OUT & BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 3B - Arran High School
- 16:40 – 17:35**  
FERRY CROSSING 3 - Ferry

# ture as well as the past



The museum as it looks today. 01\_B28museum12



How the stable block at the museum used to look. 01\_B28museum07

## How you can get involved

The museum is totally independent, financed by entrance money, shop sales, donations, and membership fees. It is run by a group of volunteers, many of whom have been there for a long time, and there are a number of jobs being done which could be shared out better if they had even more volunteers. If you think you could offer your time to help on a regular basis, go along and speak to one of the office-bearers on duty on Sunday. Failing that, call in any Wednesday and have a word with the museum manager, Tom Macleod.

The museum has a substantial membership base, but could do with lots more. Joining is not expensive and entitles you to free access whenever the museum is open. You will also receive a regular newsletter about the museum's activities. So why not sign up at the shop reception desk on the day, or any time you can fit in a visit, or just give the museum a ring during opening hours?

Remember the museum is a community project, and your support will keep it going and help make it flourish even more successfully.



Sculptor David Taylor hands over his model of the Clachaig Man to chairman John Sillars in 1999. The model was created from the skull of a stone age man found at Clachaig above Kilmory in 1900. The original is at the Hunterian Museum. 01\_B28museum05

replace the outdated equipment which had been built up over the years. With a massive database of all the museum's holdings in constant use, regular internet access, the popularity of emails as a means of communicating enquiries, etc., the museum, which has become such a successful fixture in the island's many attractions, is now firmly into the 21st century.



Extensive work being carried out on the cottage and stable block after it was purchased in 1977.

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# New west coast whale trail

Arran has been included on a spectacular new trail which has been launched to showcase Scotland's west coast as a world-class destination for spotting whales, dolphins and porpoises from land.

The Hebridean Whale Trail, the first of its kind in the UK, is a unique initiative connecting more than 30 top places offering opportunities for land-based sightings of whales, dolphins and porpoises, or showcasing important whale heritage sites that reveal the history of people's relationships with whales in these communities.

## Archipelago

Basking sharks, seals and other wildlife may also be seen from the trail, which features 33 sites across the Hebridean archipelago and along Scotland's stunning west coast, from the Clyde to Cape Wrath, and as far west as St Kilda and includes Lamlash Bay which is listed as a 'key site'.

It also includes lighthouses at the Butt of Lewis on the Isle of Lewis, Eilean Glas on the Isle of Scalpay, and the

UK mainland's most westerly point at Ardnamurchan Lighthouse.

Beaches include Clachtoll in the Highlands, and Huisinis on the Isle of Harris. Bustling harbours include Tobermory on the Isle of Mull, and Ullapool.

The trail ranges from easily accessible attractions such as the Hebridean Whale Trail Centre in Tobermory, to remote and wild destinations such as the Oa on Islay.

'Scotland's west coast is one of Europe's best places to catch sight of whales, dolphins and porpoises from land - and you may see bottlenose and common dolphins, harbour porpoise, minke whales and killer whales,' said trail manager Karl Stevens.

'We want people from all walks of life to visit the Hebridean Whale Trail to enjoy exploring the region's unique nature, culture and history, and to be inspired to support marine conservation.'

The aims are also to boost the local economy and support communities through



A common dolphin at play.  
Photo Kerry Froud

sustainable eco-tourism, provide educational opportunities, and improve connections between coastal areas.

The Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust has spent a year developing the trail, identifying sites with communities, site owners, conservation organisations, schools, and businesses.

The trail's website [www.whaletrail.org](http://www.whaletrail.org) includes routes, transport options and site details. On-site in-

terpretation at key locations will explain which species of cetaceans - the collective name for whales, dolphins and porpoises - might be seen.

Across the trail there will be many opportunities for visitors and residents to get involved in marine conservation activities - including joining volunteers to watch, identify and record marine wildlife from land or the ferries which connect the sites,

as well as discovering more about Scotland's seas from experts at a range of visitor centres.

'The trail encourages accessible, low-impact whale-watching from land, which for many is a completely new way of thinking about viewing marine wildlife.'

## Stunning places

'Scotland's west coast is dotted with stunning places where you can quietly watch whales, dolphins, and other

wildlife going about their business from a clifftop or harbour,' said Alison Lomax, director of the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust.

'Ultimately we want people to experience the thrill of watching a fin breaking the surface in the distance, and the challenge of identifying which type of whale they've seen, sharing that experience with others, and learning about the threats these animals face in our seas.'

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# Whisky galore at annual jamboree

The 10th annual Arran Malt and Music Festival again proved a huge success when it was held over the last weekend in June at the Lochranza distillery.

On the Friday night, The White Stag Dinner kicked off the festivities with guests treated to a delicious three-course meal prepared by award-winning chef Scott Gilmore, accompanied by a range of whiskies, and music from well-known Scottish folk band Heron Valley.

In the centre of each table sat a private cask bottled spe-

cially for The Ride to Arran 2019. This was an event which saw a group of Arran White Stag friends cycle 500 miles from Belgium to Lochranza in aid of the Belgian charity To Walk Again (<https://www.towalkagain.be/>). The Ride to Arran bottling is available for purchase from Lochranza Distillery and from each bottle sold £5 will be donated back to the charity.

On Saturday, Lochranza distillery hosted a selection of masterclasses, distillery tours and specially designed tastings. As well as the core

range of Arran malts, a festival exclusive bottling and the second edition in the Harmony series were available to purchase from the visitor centre shop.

Throughout the day, special drams were available for purchase from the bar inside the marquee where guests were able to enjoy their dram whilst enjoying music by Isle of Arran Junior Pipe Band, Tim Pomeroy and the Arran Takio Drummers.

Festivities continued long into the night with a ceilidh led by Heron Valley and music from the official Arran distillery band James and the Staves.

On Sunday, a new addition to the festival, the Long Lagg Lunch was hosted at the new Lagg distillery. Guests were greeted by visitor experience manager Faye Waterlow and head of production Graham Omand and guided around the facility and production process before taking their seats in The Sheiling Bar and Bistro. Lunch was a nod to the weekend past with all



The festival was busy with visitors throughout the day.

of the food based loosely on hangover favourites: a cheesy beano, kebab and banana spilt. A great way to end a weekend spent amongst friends old and new enjoying music, food and above all a few good drams.

A distillery spokeswoman said: 'Each year, we are delighted with the amount of Arran whisky fans who we welcome from around the world and our hearts are warmed to have caught



The Arran Takio Drummers performing in the marquee.

up with old friends, met faces new and shared a dram together in good spirits. We look forward to welcoming you all again next year for our 25th anniversary festival.'



Visitors on one of the special distillery tours over the weekend. 01\_B28malt04

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# Society enjoys talk on Scots philanthropist

Members and visitors at the June meeting of the Arran Historical Society meeting enjoyed an informative talk by Barbara Graham on the life of a Scots-born philanthropist, who went on to become one of the richest men in American history.

Andrew Carnegie was born in 1835 in Dunfermline, Fife where he spent his formative years before emigrating to the USA in 1848.

The family lived in difficult times when ordinary cottage industry workers – like weavers and leather horse harness makers – were suffering from a recession which didn't relent.

They also lived at a time of great change, just when the industrial revolution was starting and the potato blight and famine were causing huge suffering in the Highlands.

Politically they were

Chartists identifying with Robert Burns and Robert the Bruce.

They were stubborn, honest and hardworking and when Andrew was eight years old his mother managed to save enough money to send him to charity school.

In 1848, after hearing of better life opportunities in America from her two sisters who lived there, the family travelled to Pennsylvania, USA.

## Opportunity

Andrew and his father secured employment in cotton mills while he continued his education, learning book-keeping while working 12 hours a day at two jobs. His second job was in an office and it was not long before he got an opportunity to enter the modern and developing telegraph service and railway industry.

His expertise was rewarded and he became a manager, saving enough money by 1861 to avoid the draft into the Union Army by paying for a substitute at a cost of \$840.

Soon he was managing railroads, ironworks and bridgeworks during the civil war which has been coined as the first modern industrial war.

After the war in 1865 the boom continued, and his business ideas of integration of manufacture, using modern methods, were a winner. His life changed and he became an author advising others in business ethics and methods and helping those less fortunate than himself – a reflection of his Scottish background.

His American experience was reflected by his dislike of war and the monarchy. His mother's influence meant his

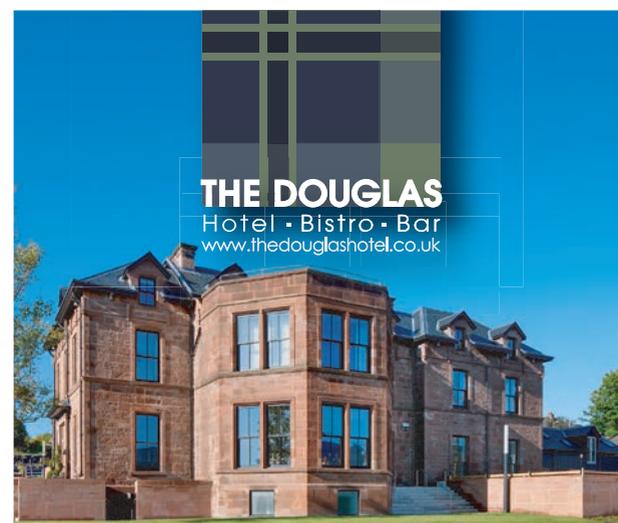
girlfriends were never good enough and he did not marry until she died in 1886.

Andrew Carnegie died in 1919 but his legacy continues today, here and abroad, in the form of church organs, libraries, concert halls, Help for Heroes and the United Nations. His dislike of war was influential and led to the formation of the League of Nations – forerunner of the United Nations.

## Legacy

It is estimated he gave away, in today's money, six billion dollars and is still doing so through the fund set up to administer his legacy.

The next meeting of the Arran Historical Society will be on Monday July 15 at 2pm in Brodick hall when Val Reilly will talk on the odd history and customs surrounding the Scottish wedding.



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Arran Brewery

Arran Heritage Museum  
Wildlife Week  
Whiting Bay Fun Week  
Lochranza Gala Weekend

## Saturday 13th July

Grinduro  
Flow Yoga  
Makers Festival  
Craft Market  
Lamlash Heather Queen  
Kildonan Fun Week - Beach games and sports (weather permitting)  
Rink Games  
Rink Bowls  
Rink Bowls  
Family games  
RNLI Shop - open  
Gym Induction  
Fun in the pool  
Pop-up Evening, BYOB (bookings only)  
Kildonan Fun Week – Mystery Film Night (BYOB and nibbles)  
Music Arran presents 'Les Trois Blondes', BYOB  
Live Music – Mic Clark  
Live Music – Mike Bailey  
Live Music – The Skunnered  
Over-21s' Disco

## Sunday 14th July

Makers Festival  
40th Anniversary Open Day  
W/Bay Fun Week – Raft Race, BBQ, Crowning of Bay Queen  
Live Music – Davie Anderson  
Family games  
RNLI Shop – open  
Gym induction  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Family Bowling Competition  
Fun in the pool  
Live Music – Dopesickfly  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Folk Music Session

## Monday 15th July

Wildlife Week  
Morning Fitness  
Coffee Morning  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Teddy Bears Picnic  
Epic Adventures in the Cosmos, P1-P7  
Adult Tennis  
JogScotland mixed ability running group  
Circuit training  
Summer Bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Car Treasure Hunt  
Rink Games  
Rink Bowls  
Live Music – Tim Pomeroy  
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s

## Tuesday 16th July

Wildlife Week  
Body Blitz (booking essential)  
Healthy Outdoors Team  
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries  
Home Energy Scotland – Arran: Water, Energy and You  
Bronze Age Bushcraft for 8-12yrs  
Epic Adventures in the Cosmos, P1-P7  
Rink Bowls  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – COAST Beach Scramble  
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group  
Steak Night – 2 Ribeye Steaks and bottle of wine  
Gym induction  
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs)  
Flow Yoga  
Netball

Loch Garbad, bank fishing  
Lochranza, 9am - 5pm  
Arran Active, Brodict, 9am - 5pm  
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Old Pavilion, Lamlash, centre open seven days, 10am - 5pm  
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Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodict, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm)  
and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm)  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodict, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm  
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Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am & 2pm or by arrangement  
Rosaburn, Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm  
Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle  
Starts Sunday 14th - Saturday 20th July  
Starts Thursday 18th - Sunday 22nd July

Around the island starting from Arran High School  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am  
Brodict Castle and Country Park, 10am - 5pm  
Brodict Hall, 11am - 3pm  
Lamlash Front Green from 1pm  
Kildonan Village Hall, 2pm  
Brodict 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  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm  
Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm  
Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 8pm - 11pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

Brodict Castle and Country Park, 10am - 5pm  
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm  
Jetty/Putting Green from 12.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm  
Bowling Green, 3pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am  
Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, Whiting Bay, 10.30am - 12noon  
Putting Green from 12noon  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 2pm -4pm  
Blackwaterfoot, 5pm  
Whiting Bay, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm  
Arran High School 6.15pm for 6.30pm  
Village Centre Car Park, 6.30pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Home House House, Brodict, 10am - 3pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 11am - 4pm  
Rangers Centre, Brodict Castle, 2pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 2pm -4pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm  
The Jetty, 3pm - 5pm  
Ormidale pavilion, Brodict, 5.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm  
Corrie Hall, 6pm  
Arran High School Gym, 7pm - 8pm

Eco Savvy Food Share  
Trev's Pop Music Quiz  
Traditional Music Sessions

## Wednesday 17th July

Wildlife Week  
Guided Walk – Arran Geopark  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Brodict Gardens Volunteers  
Coffee Morning  
Archives and Genealogy Service  
Chair Yoga Exercise Class  
Knit and Blether  
Dog Classes  
Epic Adventures in the Cosmos, P1-P7  
St Bride's, Lochranza Church Fete  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Beach Sculpture Competition and BBQ  
Arran Pace Makers Running Group  
Flow Yoga  
Junior Rugby (P3-P7)  
Rink Games  
Rink Bowls  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Summer Ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band  
Live Music – Arran Dawn  
Family Friendly Pub Quiz  
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

## Thursday 18th July

Wildlife Week  
Morning fitness  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Mini Beach Olympics  
Chair Yoga Exercise Class  
Spinning and Weaving demonstration  
DigiDabble  
Epic Adventures in the Cosmos, P1-P7  
Adult Tennis  
Body Blitz (booking essential)  
Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +)  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Family Fun Quiz (BYOB and nibbles)  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – Ceilidh Trail  
Eco Savvy Food Share  
Eco Savvy Food Share  
The Drift Inn Quiz  
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

## Friday 19th July

Wildlife Week  
Wildlife and Geology Land Rover Safari  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
ACLI – Friday Garden Party  
Adult Tennis  
W/Bay Fun Week – Grand Putting Competition & Baking Stall  
Epic Adventures in the Cosmos, P1-P7  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Children's Games and Races  
Gym Induction  
Pop -Up Evening, BYOB (bookings only)  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Family Fancy Dress Fun Run  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – Quiz and Light Supper (BYOB)  
Tae Kwondo  
Live Music – Shindig  
Friday Night Quiz

## Saturday 20th July

Wildlife Week  
Flow Yoga  
RNLI Open Day  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – Fun and Games  
Summer Fete  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – Duck Race and BBQ. Dog Agility  
Rink Games  
Rink Bowls  
Rink Bowls  
Family games  
RNLI Shop – open  
Gym Induction  
Fun in the pool  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – Bogie McBoatrace  
Pop-up Evening, BYOB (bookings only)  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – Live Music from Soundcradle  
Live Music – Matt Scott and Anna Sweeney  
Live Music – Mike Bailey  
Live Music – Stan the Man  
Live Music – The Skunnered  
Over-21s' Disco

Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm  
Brodict Bar, 9pm

Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle  
King's Cave and Dramadon  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Brodict Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon  
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am  
Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 2pm -4pm  
Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 2pm  
The Jetty, 4pm - 6pm  
Brodict, 5.30pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm  
Ormidale Park, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Brodict Hall 7.30pm - 10.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am  
The Jetty, 10am  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am  
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodict, 11am to 3pm  
Arran Library, Brodict, 11am - 3pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 2pm -4pm  
Blackwaterfoot, 5pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 7pm - 8.30pm  
W/Bay Village Hall, 7pm  
Lochranza Hall, 7.30pm  
Brodict Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm  
Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle  
Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot, 11am  
Putting Green from 12noon - 7pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 2pm -4pm  
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Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm  
Sandbraes Park, 6pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Lochranza Hall, 7pm  
Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodict Castle  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am  
Arran Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 12noon - 5pm  
Castle Spit & Lochranza Hall, 1.30pm  
Brodict Church, Knowe Road, Brodict, 2pm  
Sandbraes Bridge, 2pm & 3.30pm  
Brodict 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  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 4pm  
The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 8pm - 11pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm  
Lochranza Hotel, 9pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

# Will water pipit return this winter?

In the Arran Banner bird notes in February the birding highlight was the first ever record of water pipit on Arran and since then there have been more than 30 sightings of the bird across Scotland.

Water pipit breeds in the mountains of Southern Europe and Southern Asia eastwards to China. It is a short-distance migrant; many birds move to lower altitudes or wet open lowlands in winter and a few have been turning up in Scotland.

In recent years one to three records in winter has been the norm, but this year there has been more than 30, mainly on the coasts of Lothian and Ayrshire, where there were eight recordings.

The first official record for Scotland was in 1968. At that time it was considered a sub-species in the rock pipit family but in 1987 it became a full species.

On Saturday February 23 around noon, a water pipit was seen on the shore at Machrie by two experienced birdwatchers from Pirnmill.

Pipits are notoriously one of the most difficult groups to identify, and the various forms of water and rock pipit are possibly the hardest by reputation. Water pipit is a smart and relatively clearly

marked bird in all plumages. It has grey-brown upperparts with a shadow of streaking on the mantle, a warm brown rump and prominently white supercilia (line above the eye), double wing-bars and white outer tail feathers. The underparts are whitish.

To help confirm identification the bird was then legally trapped, ringed, photographed and released. The photographs taken together with the appropriate form were promptly submitted by the observers to the Clyde Bird Rarities Panel where there was no hesitation in accepting the record.

The bird remained faithful to a relatively small area, close to where it was first seen, for six weeks. Initially the wet seaweed tide-lines on the shore were favoured but wet areas on the adjacent golf course and fields were also used.

For a time the fairway in front of the tearoom was a reliable area for watching the bird, offering good views without disturbance. At all times it vigorously defended its feeding patch against rock pipits, often flying quite a distance to chase off intruders.

The long-staying bird was last reported on Friday April 5. Towards the end of its stay



A water pipit in its more natural habitat.



All of the distinguishing features of the water pipit are discernable in this image. Photos: Alex Penn

## Bird notes by Jim Cassels

MAY

in Machrie the pink flush on the breast was beginning to show as the bird moulted into its breeding plumage. Having travelled north to spend the winter on the coast by Machrie Bay, the bird would have headed south perhaps to the mountains of the Pyrenees or the Alps where in its summer finery, the breast suffused a delicate shade of pink, and the head appearing almost blue, it would attempt to breed.

I wonder if it will return to Arran come winter? I know a few people who will be looking out for it.

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.

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This image captured in April shows the bird beginning to moult into its more colourful breeding plumage.

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## Out of stock

The Brodick market is under threat. This is not the first time its future has been considered uncertain, but this time it looks more serious than in the past. Auctioneers A&J Wilson have cancelled next week's sale of livestock due to the lack of entries. The next sale will be in August, the day after the Arran Show.

In the past there were auctions fortnightly in summer and at least monthly in winter. This year there have been very few, perhaps only three.

The reasons are not hard to find and have been around for a long time. It is the cancelling of this sale, however, that brings home how little business is left at Brodick market. Auctioneer Robbie Wilson said that when Wilson's took over the market from Thomas Donald in 1979 there were over 100 registered farms on the island.

Now there are fewer than 60 and many of these are not actually practising farmers.

Mr Wilson believes that the factors that have contributed to the decline in the use of the market are: fewer farms, the sad state of the industry, low prices gained, continual scares about foodstuffs and no opportunity to diversify - except into providing accommodation for visitors.

## Back seat driver

Mhairi Borland of Whiting Bay sat her driv-

ing test on Tuesday. And while this was no ordinary day for Mhairi herself, the test was not a normal one either. Not only was it the first time the newly extended practical exam had been tried on Arran, but so new was the test that the examiner, as well as scrutinising Mhairi's ability behind the wheel, was himself being tested by another examiner in the back seat.

The extra pair of eyes did not seem to put Mhairi off though - she passed her test at the first attempt.

## Dirty dogs

The unsavory subject of dog fouling, or more precisely, owners who do not pick up after their dogs, is once again being discussed by North Ayrshire Council.

Having just taken delivery of warning notices threatening a £100 penalty for anyone caught allowing their dog to foul in a public place, they take a dim view of owners who do not take responsibility for their pets.

In fact the council already employs a dog warden. However his job seems to be more concerned with taking in strays than with dealing with dog fouling. Moreover, Arran is not included in his remit.

Arran is not completely cut off from the service though and a council media officer says that the local police would be called to step in to deal with any careless owners or stray animals.



Arran High School held its annual awards ceremony with an audience of members of staff, pupils and parents and invited guests. Awards were presented for attendance and achievement, both in the school and on the sports field. 01\_B28twe01



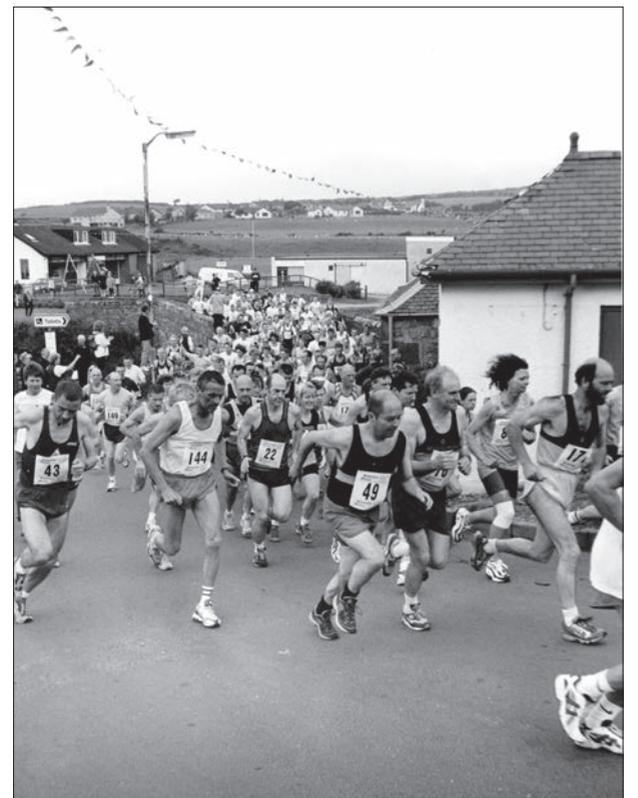
Rugby players attending the Arran summer coaching school had the opportunity to get their hands on the Five Nations Championship trophy which was won by Scotland in April. 01\_B28twe03



Winners of tickets for the Standard Life Loch Lomond golf competition were John and Frances Steel, Sandy and Margaret Gauld and Bobby McCrae. 01\_B28twe02



Brodick Primary School's office auxiliary Jess Fulton retired last week after 14 years' service. Presenting her with flowers were class captains Lucy McNicol, Colin Ribbeck, Sam McDowall, Robyn Keen, John Percy, Euan Smith, headmistress Muriel Argo and Naomi Kelly. 01\_B28twe04



A record 165 runners set off on this year's Shiskine Valley half marathon. Many of them from distant parts of Britain in what is now a popular event in the national running calendar.

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#### Sunday 14th July

Lochranza Church, 9.30am.  
Morning Worship.  
Pirnmill 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 14th July**  
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Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship. All most welcome.

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**Sunday 14th July**  
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### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 14th July**  
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick at 6pm

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Saturday 13th July**  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm  
**Sunday 14th July**  
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

## DEATH

**HOWIE:** Robert - Peacefully at South Beach House Care Home, Ardrossan on Tuesday 2nd July 2019, Robert, beloved husband of Megan and dear father of David, Sheila and Alison. Funeral service, to which all friends are respectfully invited, at West Kilbride Parish Church on Saturday 13th July at 10am, thereafter to West Kilbride Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

## Arran summer bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition played on Monday July 1 were: N/S 1 Anne McKelvie and Brenda Livingstone, 2 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie, 3 Doug Chase and Jennifer Wales. E/W 1 Margaret and Dougie Bruce, 2 Giorsal Kroner and Sue Thurogood, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson.

The results of the aggregate competition played on Monday July 8 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Libby Alexander and Jenny McIntyre, 3 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone. E/W 1 Margaret and Dougie Bruce, 2 Jaqueline Dick and James Thomson, 3 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie.



### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Thursday July 4, Ladies' Open, Tri-Am with two scores counting. The open held on American independence day attracted 33 players. There was quite a stiff wind which was marvellous for keeping the midgets down. 1 Jenni Turnbull, Liz Kerr and Alice Anderson, 2 Shona Weir, Fiona Miller and Lynda Howie, 3 Fiona Scott, Winnie Maccallum and Iris Robertson.

Longest drive on sixth, bronze Fiona Malcolm, longest drive on fourth, silver Winnie Maccallum, bronze nearest pin in two on fifth Elizabeth Kerr, silver nearest pin in two on ninth Alice Anderson, longest putt on eighth Jane McDonald. The course was in great condition thanks to David Jeffries, and to Katie and her crew in the Machrie Teerom who fed everyone very well indeed.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday July 7, Sam Guthrie Memorial Texas Scramble. 1 Sandy Kerr, Fergus Judge, Glenn Stewart and Robyn Keen 36, 2 The Millers 38.1 BIH, also best dressed team, 3 Sheila Gray, Alice Anderson, Willie McNally and Brian Kelso 38.1.

The sum of £800 was raised for Shiskine Valley Trust/Improvements. Many thanks to all the teams who played and to anyone else who helped make this such a successful day.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 4, Tom Graham Trophy and Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Dylan Smith 81-22=59, 2 Dougie Macfarlane 65-1=64, 3 Robert Calder 75-11=64, 4 Todd Jameson 71-5=66 BIH, 5 Allan Colquhoun 72-6=66. Best

## Independence day win at Machrie



Winners of the Ladies' Open at Machrie Bay, held on American Independence Day, were Liz Kerr, Alice Anderson and Jenni Turnbull with several of the hole winners.

scratch Dougie Macfarlane 65. Magic twos Paul Cowan @ second, Dylan Smith @16th, Serg El Adm @14th. Hole 13 drawn - rollover continues. Winner of Tom Graham Trophy (and his first senior trophy) was Dylan Smith with a score of 59. Well done Dylan.

Saturday July 6, Club Championship qualifying round one, CSS 64. 1 Stuart Campbell 69-6=63, 2 Todd Jameson 68-5=63, 3 Paul Cowan 69-5=64. Best scratch Todd Jameson 68. Magic twos Stuart Campbell @13th, Todd Jameson @16th, Dougie Macfarlane @16th. Hole four drawn - rollover continues.

Sunday July 7, Club Championship qualifying round two and Jamieson Cup. 1 Lee Dutton 81-20=61, 2 Derek Harrison 87-23=64 BIH, 3 David Cameron 74-10=64. Best scratch Stuart Campbell 71. Magic twos Lee Dutton @17th, Neil Young @13th, Paul Cowan @ eighth. Hole 16 drawn - rollover continues. Winner of Qualifying Cup (net scores), Stuart Campbell 63+65=128.

Ladies Section: Wednesday July 3, Fleet 4, CSS 64, par

65, seven played. 1 Kate McAdam 77(17)60, 2 Yvonne Brothers 83(18)65. Scratch Kate McAdam 77.

Fixtures: Thursday July 11, Summer Cup, make up own groups. Saturday July 13, Championship quarter-finals from 4.40pm. Sunday July 14, Championship qemi-finals from 12noon, also Medal Shield, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 3, Summer Trophy, 19 played, CSS 63. 1 Sandy Pringle 13, 60 and lowest gross, 2 Edward Hope 17, 63, 3 Colin Wannop 28, 64 ACB, 4 David Blair 15, 64. Magic twos Colin Wannop @17th.

Sunday July 7, The Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy. Another fine summer morning drew a good field of 24 for the latest of the charity support opens with many regular visitors returning as well as some newbies. Nice to see them all getting to enjoy the course in its present fabulous condition and hopefully the newbies will themselves become regulars.

Scoring was good but none-

theless CSS stayed at 63/36 points. Fraser Mackenzie beat that handsomely to win by two points from last year's runner up, Stewart McGregor who this year matched last year's winning total. 1 Fraser Mackenzie 24, 40pts, 2 Stewart McGregor 13, 38, 3 Stuart Paterson 13, 36 ACB, 4 David Blair 15, 36. Magic twos Graeme Mack @fourth and 17th, Stuart McGregor, Stuart Paterson and John Pennycott, all @17th.

Fixtures: Sunday July 14, The Raymond Curtis Salver, open competition, draws at 9am and 11am. Wednesday July 17, The McLintock Cup, draw at 5.50pm. Saturday and Sunday July 20 and 21, The Armitage Groundworks Whiting Bay Gent's Open. Some slots still available, call 700487 to book a time.

### Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 3, Summer Cup, 44 played, CSS 64. 1 Greg McCrae 64-6=58, 2 Chris Park 75-15=60, 3 Bob McCrae 71-10=61. Scratch Greg McCrae 64.

Sunday July 7, Brandon qualifier, 25 played, CSS 64. 1 Douglas Robertson 79-18=61 acb, 2 Terry Raeside 73-12=61, 3 Bob McCrae 71-9=62. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 68.

Fixture: Sunday July 14, Graham putter.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday July 3, 18 hole sweep. 1 A McDonald 72-15=57, 2 J McGovern 76-13=63.

Saturday July 6, J Logan Memorial Trophy. 1 C McNeil 76-19=57, 2 R Logan 67-6=61. Magic twos, too many twos so the pot is carried over to next week.

Fixtures: Saturday July 13, Commemoration Shield and Rose Bowl Open, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday July 17, Crawford Cup, ballot at 6pm.



Winners of the Sam Guthrie Memorial Texas Scramble were Robyn Keen, best dressed, Fergus Judge, Glenn Stewart and Sandy Kerr, grandson of the late Sam Guthrie, with their trophy and prizes.



Jack McNally leaps into the air to head clear this incoming cross from Lamlash. 01\_B28Dfooty02

# Struggling Shiskine have no answer to Lamlash

Shiskine	2
Lamlash	11
Arran Dairies League	

Shiskine continued their run of dismal form with another heavy defeat in the only game of the night on Monday when a well-organised Lamlash managed to notch up an impressive 11 goals.

### First goal

Player manager Johnny Sloss scored twice along with Grant Adamson also securing a brace. Young Thomas

Copperwheat also scored with his first goal since coming through the ranks.

Kyle Campbell scored Lamlash's best goal of the match with a powerful strike into the top corner of the box. Other goal scorers for Lamlash included Jamie Sillars, Ben Tattersfield and Barry Scott.

Dave Webster and Calum McAllister were unfortunate to score own goals with two great Lamlash crosses forcing the mistakes.

Despite Shiskine only scor-

ing two, one of the goals was the highlight of the game – a stunning overhead kick from Cameron Thomson. John Mulholland was Shiskine's other goal scorer.

### Commanding

Referee Danny Head gave David Copperwheat man of the match for commanding the Lamlash midfield and creating loads of chances.

The next league fixtures will take place on Monday July 15 when Southend are at home to Shiskine and Lamlash take on Northend.



Ben Tattersfield powers down the sideline with Shiskine players in hot pursuit. 01\_B28Dfooty03



Lamlash keeper Sam Tattersfield is unable to prevent this powerful Shiskine goal. 01\_B28Dfooty01

### Arran Haulage Cup final today

In what is expected to be a fiercely contested match, old rivals Brodick and Southend will battle it out for the first silverware of the season at the Arran Haulage Cup final which takes place at the Ormidale Park today (Saturday), kicking off at 3pm.

Brodick will be looking to hold on to the trophy they won in 2018 while the Southenders will be looking to continue their unbeaten run so far this season.

Spectators are warmly encouraged to go along to support these two top tier teams as they battle it out to win the prestigious Arran Haulage Cup.



Players mirror each other in a race to claim possession of the ball. 01\_B28Dfooty06



Johnny Sloss is tripped in a tackle under the watchful eye of referee Danny Head. 01\_B28Dfooty05



Johnny Sloss readies himself to score what will be his second goal of the game. 01\_B28Dfooty04

# Isla is a Scottish youth triathlon champion



Isla McKinnon of the Arran Junior Triathlon Club (AJTC) has earned herself a podium finish in her first ever triathlon at the Scottish National Youth Championships.

Finishing in third place and just 30 seconds behind the second placed competitor, Isla battled against more than 300 children at the third Scottish National

Youth Championships at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow which was hosted by the Fusion Triathlon Club.

Held in partnership with Triathlon Scotland, the national governing body for triathlon, the event for children aged between eight and 16 took place in good racing conditions with temperatures reaching above 20 degrees by

the afternoon. Racing distances varied according to the age groups but the category in which Isla competed, the TriStar Start 8-years, comprised a 50m swim, 1.4km bike ride and a 600m running course.

Isla moved up through the field throughout the bike section and then put in a great run to secure the final spot on the champions podium.

The achievement is all the more special for young Isla as it was the first triathlon that

she has competed in since joining the AJTC less than six months ago. During this time she has also competed in a swimathon – which involves the two disciplines of swimming and running – where she took second place in her age category.

Having only been formed in 2016 the AJTC has already made its mark in the triathlon world by producing a number of national level athletes and their own triathlon, the Island-2-Island Festival.



Concentration etched on her face, Isla works her way up the field during the bike section of the triathlon.

Photo: ImaImages Sports Photography.



Isla nears the end of the triathlon having worked her way up into third position.



Members of the Arran Junior Triathlon Club who competed at the Scottish National Youth Championships.



Isla McKinnon secured third place in her age group after Ella Morrison in second and Olivia Lyne in first.

## Weather fails to dampen the spirits of fun runners



Dave Black comes home in first place. 01\_B28run02



Jamie Worthington is the first junior home. 01\_B28run04



Jill Hargan, in half-marathon training, is still smiling at the finish line. 01\_B28run06



Jamie Worthington has a well-earned rest at the finishing line. 01\_B28run09



The second placed runner makes a strong finish. 01\_B28run08



Harry Gilmore in a sprint to the finish line. 01\_B28run05

# Kildonan hill is easy for Dave's old knees

## Mollie and Jamie mop up other prizes

Usually the sun is shining but this year it was a wet night on Tuesday for this year's Kildonan Fun Run.

But 14 hardy athletes dusted down their running shoes to hit the starting line and it stayed remarkably dry for the duration of the race.

Organisers said they were pleased with the turnout

given the weather conditions and were happy to see five juniors taking part which bode well for the future.

### Injury

First home was Dave Black, back from injury after missing last year's race and completing the tough four-mile course in 27min 12sec.

He said: 'Last year I couldn't

run at all because of old duffed knees. This evening I won a running race. That is truly a privilege and I am grateful that my old duffy knees can now manage right up to High Kildonan at all, especially in a faster time than anyone else.'

First female home was Kildonan's own Mollie Maclean, who crossed the

line in a sprint finish with boyfriend Tom Galbraith in a tied time of 33min 47sec. The first junior home was Jamie Worthington in a time of 35min 11sec.

The run is held as part of Kildonan Fun Week and events continue every day until Saturday.

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Ready for the off at the start of the Kildonan Fun Run. 01\_B28run01



Winners Dave Black, Jamie Worthington and Mollie Maclean after the race. 01\_B28run07



Tom Galbraith and Mollie Maclean in a sprint finish to the line. 01\_B28run03



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