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# Torrylinn Creamery closure is 'a tragedy'

by Colin Smeeton  
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It is the end of an era as production ceased at Torrylinn Creamery on Wednesday after 73 years.

The head cheese-maker at creamery, which will shut its doors at the end of this month, has described the closure as a tragedy that will have implications for dairy farmers, the five staff – four whom will now leave the island – and for Arran as a whole.

The death knell for the creamery came in April last year when owner First Milk announced that the business, and another creamery in Campbeltown, were 'not core to its business strategy for the future'.

Both businesses were put up for sale and, while a co-operative of farmers is in the process of purchasing the Campbeltown concern, a buyer for Torrylinn could not be found, as reported in the Banner last week.

The news has been a ham-

mer blow for staff – some of whom have been with the company for 17 years – who were informed earlier this month that consultations with employees would commence immediately and which would result in the doors of Torrylinn closing permanently on Wednesday July 31.

The mood at the creamery on Wednesday was sombre with the final day of production taking place and the last batch of Torrylinn cheese being produced by staff.

Head cheese-maker Allan Nicol said: 'It is a tragedy. When once there were over 60 dairy farmers on Arran, there are now two, both of whom will feel the impact of the closure. The five staff will also be severely impacted by this, as four of them are having to leave Arran to seek employment, giving up their houses and their contribution to the local economy. It is also a sad loss for Arran and for the tourists who used to come and watch the cheese being made, many of whom also

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Meet Arran's new Queens. In the main picture Imogen Allison was crowned Lamlash Heather Queen on Saturday and the following day it was turn of Annie West to be crowned the Bay Queen in Whiting Bay and is seen here (inset) with her maids Caitlin Fraser and Harriet Lucas. 01\_B29queen01 and 01\_B29queen02



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# Creamery to close



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purchased cheese in the creamery shop.

'It is a sad day for everyone and it has affected me more than I thought it would. As matters stand, I believe that someone will come in at the

end of the month, switch off the electricity supply, lock the doors and the site will be placed on the market.'

Allan, who has been producing cheese at the creamery for 17 years, will remain on Arran and 'make himself

useful' on his father's farm while undertaking whatever freelance farm work he is offered.

Over the years Allan has been at the helm of the cheese production which has seen the company earn numerous



Torrylinn Creamery has ceased cheese production and the site will be sold by the owner, First Milk. 01\_B29creamery02



Allan Nicol, Philip Ward, Lisa Edwards, Richard Scott and Stewart Kilpatrick look out over the last batch of curds and whey that will become the final batch of cheese made at the Torrylinn Creamery which will close at the end of this month. 01\_B29creamery01

awards, most notably a World Cheese Award for its white extra mature cheddar and most recently a Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Award for their vintage cheddar which was nominated as the dairy product of the year.

The creamery, which first opened in 1946 and was later owned by the Scottish Milk Marketing Board before being taken over by First Milk in 2007, still makes its award-winning cheese by hand in open vats using traditional methods that have been passed down through generations.

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

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.

#### Regret

'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.'

Kenneth Gibson MSP, who raised the issue of the Torrylinn closure at First Minister's Questions in April last year, said: 'It is deeply regrettable that no sustainable

future for Arran Creamery has been found, despite the best efforts of First Milk, the Scottish Government, Dairy Growth Board, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Development International, Confederation of British Industry and Scottish Enterprise.

'Other dairy companies such as Graham's, The Family Dairy and Lactalis were also engaged. The Scottish Government was ready and willing to assist financially with potential bids. However, none emerged.

'The priority now is to support the creamery's employees and Arran's dairy farmers, whom rural secretary Fergus Ewing MSP met during his visit to Arran last month.'

## Arran hit by power cut

More than 2,000 businesses and residents on Arran were left without electricity on Monday morning after a major power cut.

There was a complete blackout in Brodick, Lamlash, Lochranza and Shiskine affecting 2,148 customers of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN).

Surging before switching off altogether, users experienced a 15-minute power failure just before noon.

Explaining the cause for the loss of power, a spokesman from SSEN said: 'When our team of local engineers were carrying out repairs to the overhead lines following last week's lightning strikes, a fault on the network caused the power to go off for a short time.

'Situations like this are very rare, and we would like to reassure our customers that we did everything we could to get their supplies back on as safely and as quickly as possible.'

Despite the rapid resolution of the problem, customers were seen gathered outside the doors at the large Co-op in Brodick, which also suffered from the loss of power and which was unable to serve customers.

One positive outcome of the outage has been that the Co-op self-service loyalty card scanner at the cigarette counter, out of action for a number of weeks now and was awaiting repair, returned back to life after the jolt and has been working perfectly since the power failure.

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# Lizanne leaves Scotland to fight for a new visa

by Hugh Boag  
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Arran businesswoman Lizanne Zietsman is back in South Africa after the Home Office ordered her to leave Britain after they would not renew her current visa.

She flew out from Glasgow Airport on Friday, the last day she could leave without facing deportation, but this week she told the Banner: 'I will do my utmost to ensure I can return to my home, Arran, as soon as possible and very much look forward to the day when I disembark the ferry.'

As previously reported by the Banner, the 37-year-old has lived on Arran since April 2016, running The Sandwich Station in Lochranza with her husband John Malpas.

Despite backing from the community and a petition signed by nearly 18,000 people, the Home Office did not back down on its decision to refuse her leave to remain.

Back in South Africa she said: 'I left the island with quite a lot of people at a send-off on Thursday night, so that was really nice of everyone to have got together for that. There was a fair amount of tears.'

'At the airport I proudly draped the Scottish flag over my shoulders after a tearful farewell to John and friends, and walked through the departure lounge with head held high.'

'I would like to thank the Arran Banner for your support and sincerely appreciate you taking the time to publish mine and John's story, and hope that this has and will continue to shine a light on the current immigration regulations and ideally help others in similar circumstances.'

'This is going to be the



Lizanne, draped in a Scottish flag, says goodbye to husband John at the airport together with friends of the couple.

longest time of separation. When you have all that time together and suddenly have none of it, it does feel like you have lost a part of you and you do feel empty,' she added.

Lizanne is now staying with her mum in Louis Trichardt which is a town in northern South Africa, around five hours' drive from Johannesburg.

'Obviously it's nice to be able to spend quality time with the family, but it does feel quite odd when you know this is not your home,' she said.

Lizanne is now in the process of making a new 'out of country' visa application which, if it can be fast-tracked, could see her back in two or three months, but that costs more money.

She added: 'The best route for me now is to be able to tick the financial requirement box and then re-enter again on a

spousal visa. So it will be a completely new application. Once the next financial accounts are ready for the business, I can prove I have the necessary income - which is the only box I couldn't tick in my initial application.'

North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson, who has been fighting the decision said: 'As well as being deeply disappointed that Lizanne has been forced to leave her home, I am angry and ashamed that such a highly-esteemed member of the Arran community, who has chosen to make her life in my constituency, in my country, has been treated in this way.'

'I will continue to work with Lizanne and her husband to ensure that she can return to her Arran home as soon as this can possibly be arranged.'

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## Brodick Church fete and auction

Brodick Church of Scotland is holding its annual fete in the church grounds at Knowe Road today (Saturday).

Starting at 2pm all the usual stalls - baking, tombola, plants, bric-a-brac, toys, bookstall and many others will be competing for your custom, plus children's games, and, of course, a tearoom.

Donations of baking and any other goods can be delivered to the church hall from 10am onwards.

On Thursday July 25, the venue moves to Brodick Golf Clubhouse at 8pm when the

Grand Auction takes place. This is always a lively and enjoyable evening, with lots of bargains on offer.

Items being donated can be delivered to the church hall the day before, on Wednesday July 24, between 7pm and 8pm, or on the Thursday between 10am and 3pm.

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# Open doors for 40th anniversary



Volunteer researchers Mhairi Macmillan, Jean Glen and Margaret Wright demonstrate the archival resources and information held by the genealogy department. 01\_B29museum06



Museum photographer and helping hand Jim Arnold performs on the organ. 01\_B29museum02

The Arran Heritage Museum celebrated its 40th anniversary by offering visitors free entry to the attraction and a rare insight into the behind the scenes work.

Visitors who were out enjoying the summer sunshine with the temperature nearing 30 degrees were allowed an all access visit and the opportunity to meet with the volunteers who were on hand to provide knowledgeable answers to any visitors' questions.

In addition to the museum itself, visitors enjoyed live music by the Jazz Cafe Band and the Arran Pipe Band while relaxing in the gardens or under the marquee, where many enjoyed afternoon tea and refreshments from Cafe Rosaburn.

Musicians Jim Arnold, Sandy McQueen and the Rev Ian Macleod also added a touch of authenticity to the

period surroundings with a performance on the organ and fiddle which echoed through the domestic setting of some of the exhibits.

Of particular interest, volunteer researchers Mhairi Macmillan, Jean Glen and Margaret Wright gave visitors a behind the scenes look at the resources and techniques used by the genealogy department.

**Vast**

Not usually open to the public, visitors were allowed into the archive room which is a temperature- and humidity-controlled space that houses the vast repository of material collected over the past 40 years.

Stored in acid-free containers and professional archival conditions, the archive consists of a huge amount of social history, local books, photographs, maps, ephemera and every single edition of

the Arran Banner going back to 1974.

Manned entirely by volunteers since it opened in 1979, the museum has taken responsibility for helping to preserve, record and illustrate the history of Arran and all of its inhabitants.

The more than 20-strong team, who do everything from maintaining the attractive garden through to the archiving and displaying of exhibits, have been responsible for elevating the museum to a four-star family attraction that has flourished over the years and is dear to the hearts of Arran residents.

The museum is totally independent, financed by entrance fees, shop sales and donations and the ever increasing items on display – and archived materials – have all been donated by people from Arran and those with Arran connections.



Visitors relax in the garden on the seat provided by the Arran Society of Glasgow. 01\_B29museum10



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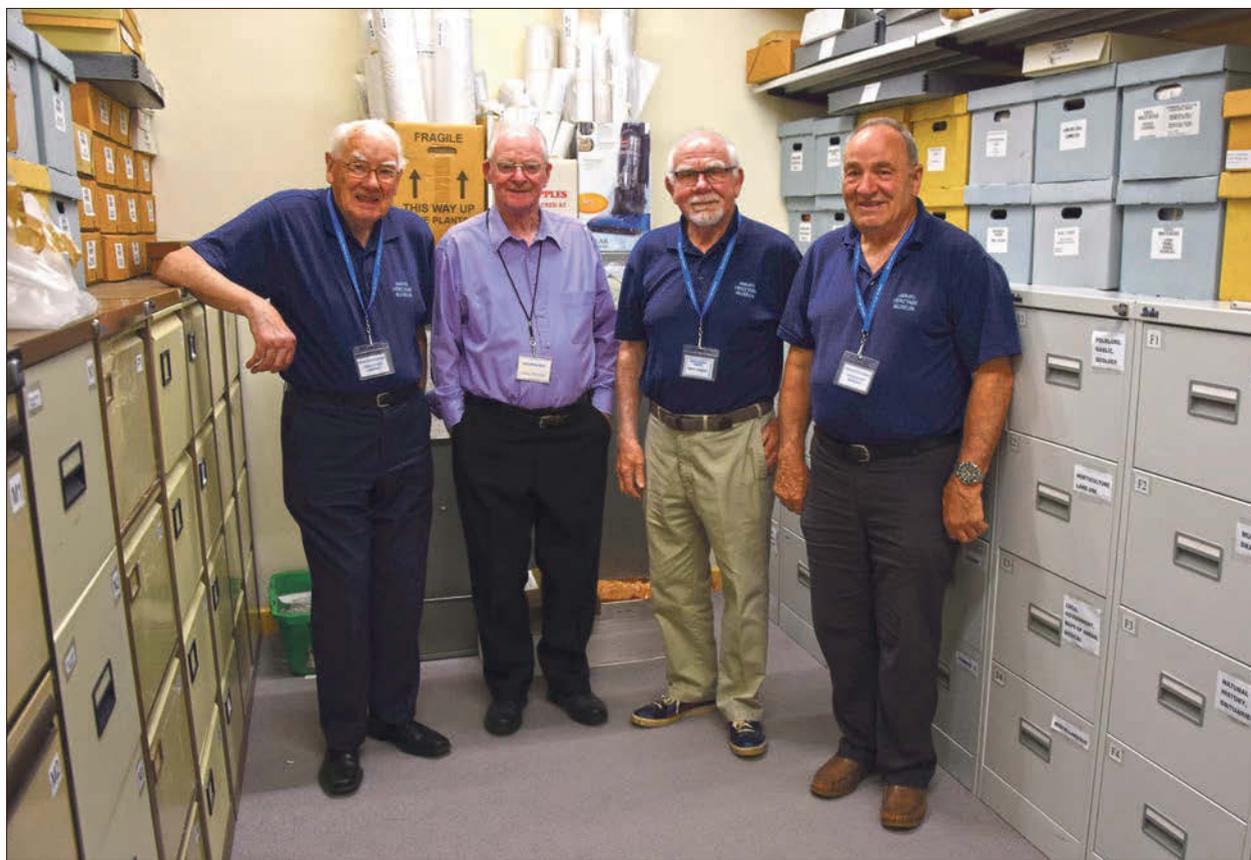
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Jim Arnold, Sandy McQueen and the Rev Ian Macleod perform for visitors in one of the exhibit rooms. 01\_B29museum08

# Anniversary celebration



Chairman John Lauder, vice-chairman John Sillars, archivist Keith Thomson and secretary/manager Tom Macleod show visitors the archive room. 01\_B29museum03

## Meet the experts at museum

Throughout July and August, the Arran Heritage Museum will be hosting a speaker each Wednesday who will give a short introduction to either the island's unique geology or its memorable archaeology.

There will be two talks on the same subject each day at 1.30pm and again at 2.30pm. The talks are free except for normal museum admission, and will be held in either the museum's geology or archaeology rooms. The speakers are both highly qualified experts on their subject, and during the earlier part of the summer the geology talks were already enjoying capacity audiences. Dates for geology talks are August 7 and 14, while the archaeology talks are on July 24 and 31, then August 21 and 28.

The museum is also hosting each Thursday, at present, members from the island's spinning and weaving group who are demonstrating their skills in these traditional crafts. You can meet these experts from 11am to 3pm each Thursday in July and August, and they will be very happy to show you their equipment in action and examples of their work.



Visitors enjoy the summer sunshine and a performance by the Arran Pipe Band. 01\_B29museum01



Megan Fyfe and Chris Black showed visitors some of the items in the storeroom that are not on permanent display. 01\_B29museum05



Elspeth McDonald welcomes visitors and plays a number of roles at the museum. 01\_B29museum07



Visitors enjoy the smooth sounds of the Jazz Cafe Band who performed under a marquee in the garden. 01\_B29museum09



Geologist Gordon Macleod, who helped to set up the geology department, showed visitors the geology exhibits. 01\_B29museum04

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# Scotland can learn from teamwork here on Arran

Says police board chief Susan Deacon

The chairwoman of the Scottish Police Authority, Susan Deacon CBE, says the police force across Scotland can learn from the cooperation between the emergency services that exists on Arran.

The police board chief spent last weekend on Arran during which time she met divisional and local police officers and partners, including the HM Coastguard and Arran Mountain Rescue Team. She also attended the Heather Queen gala in Lamlash on Saturday where she met some representatives from local organisations to informally

to hear their feedback about policing on the island.

Mrs Deacon, a former leading Scottish politician, told the Banner: 'I visit different parts of the country and hear at first hand how diverse Scotland is, even on different Scottish islands. On Arran, I have been struck by the strong sense of community which is reflected in how well the police and the other services work together. It is also an exemplar for the significant contribution volunteers make in the delivery of these services.'

'The rich mix of a dedicat-

ed police service working together with a really, really strong volunteer base in the community and the strong liaison between Coastguard, mountain rescue team and the fire and rescue service I met at the Heather Queen event is to be commended.

'Each and all give enthusiasm and commitment to their work. The summer officers, who all come from urban beats, have to adapt to the Arran environment and experience the unique challenges of rural policing. They say they are really benefiting and enjoying the experience.'



Susan shares a joke with rescue team leader Alan McNicol. 01\_B29deacon02



Police board chief Susan Deacon with Arran officers and members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team after a tour of their Cladach headquarters. 01\_B29deacon01

Her praise for Arran comes 18 months after she took up one of the toughest jobs in policing to oversee the work of a troubled joint Police Scotland force.

She told the Banner she believed that Police Scotland now had a 'stronger and more stable leadership' and that gave her, and her board colleagues, more chance to get out see more of the policing of Scotland at first hand.

Mrs Deacon said she believed Police Scotland had

## Always contact the police

Police on Arran this week reminded the public to contact the police on the non-emergency 101 number if they are aware of an ongoing incident or by calling 999 in the case of an emergency. This number can be used to directly contact Lamlash police office.

It follows a recent incident which saw a number of posts on social media regarding a relatively minor ongoing matter, without any recourse to the police.

been a success in bringing all of the divergent police resources together across the country. But she added: 'Specialist services are available to all at a national level at the same time it is important that, as on Arran, that policing is delivered locally and effectively.'

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# ArCaS to fund new cancer coordinator

Arran cancer charity ArCaS is financing the appointment of a new cancer care support and services coordinator for the island.

Initially £30,000 a year for three years will be made available to fund the introduction of a specialist nurse to provide cancer care and support services for people diagnosed and living with cancer on the island, with a pledge that patients will be at the centre of decision making.

The post will be administered by the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

The news came at the 30th annual general meeting of the ArCaS, held in the Ormidale Pavilion, where the charity also celebrated the 30th anniversary of the charity, with volunteers Ruth and Allan Thompson cutting a lovely celebratory cake.

The AGM heard the ArCaS shop made £126,618 and

£16,251 was received in donations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. The patient transport costs were £28,378, ferry transfer £2,341 and complementary therapy £4,920.

Other gifts made by ArCaS were to: the Beatson Hospital – £20,000 to refurbish two relatives' rooms and complementary therapy; Arran Medical Group – £33,004 for palliative care, cryosuccess gun and cartridges; Arran War Memorial Hospital – £1,700 for storage rental; community nurses – £392 for storage boxes, pillows and alarms.

The AGM also heard that £40,000, which was previously pledged towards the purchase of a state-of-the-art x-ray machine for the new accident and emergency department at Arran War Memorial Hospital, had now been handed over and spent.

Chairman Douglas Johnston said: 'ArCaS is delighted to contribute to the very worthy and exciting island project – a cancer care support and services coordinator.

'The trustees and committee of ArCaS would like to thank the people and businesses on Arran for their generosity, donations and support, and all the hard-working volunteers who have staffed the shop and the mainland drivers for their excellent service. Without this assistance, ArCaS would be unable to provide the services to cancer patients and support other organisations.'

The trust was set up in 1989 to help relieve the suffering and distress of people with cancer on the island. Their fundraising centres on their charity shop at the pier in Brodick, staffed by volunteers, and generous donations and bequests.



The ArCaS 30th birthday cake.



Ruth and Allan Thompson cutting the celebratory cake, are, with 25 years' service, the longest serving ArCaS volunteers.

The funds raised are used to provide transport to hospitals on the mainland for cancer patients. Any excess cash is dispersed to the community nurses, Arran general surgeries and mainland hospitals that provide diagnostic services and support for cancer patients and their carers.

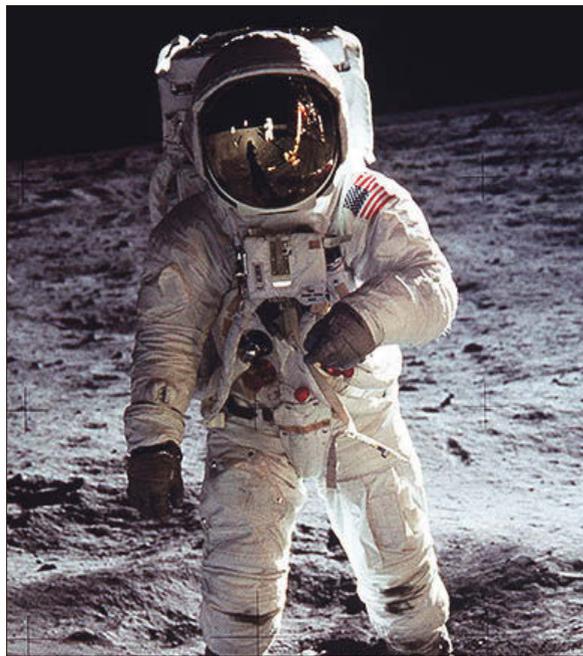
The trustees are: Douglas Johnston (chairman), Elizabeth Ross (treasurer), Keith Cheshire (transport coordinator), Janet Rawlin (secretary), Philomena Campbell (complementary therapy coordinator), Aileen Auld, Andrew Walsh and Barbara Crawford. Lisa

Remington is the shop manager. If anyone wishes to know more about ArCaS and the support offered to cancer

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## Moon man visited Arran



Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon.

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In September 1985 the man who became the most famous person on earth on July in 1969 paid a visit to Arran and Brodick Castle.

Without announcement or media fanfare, as was his preference, the notoriously private Neil Armstrong arrived at the castle with a group of American friends.

Taking a giant step from just across the water, the visitors were taking a break from a golfing holiday at Turnberry.

Following the groups' visit, they all departed as unobtrusively as they had arrived.

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## End of an era

The closure of Torrylinn Creamery and the loss of yet another piece of Arran's heritage is a lamentable reality in this day of corporate ownership and tightly managed profit margins.

While making an exceptionally high quality product that is internationally recognised and that has an established and eager market, the closure all boils down to numbers. Not just financial numbers but also in size – Torrylinn Creamery has an annual output of 200 tonnes while Campbelltown Creamery, which was also put on the market at the same time and which has now found a buyer, has an output of 3,200 tonnes.

The numbers just do not add up for potential purchasers. A concerted effort has been made to sell the enterprise, even as far as to approach buyers in Taiwan where there is a niche market for quality Scottish products, but thus far there has been no interest.

Of course, small batch, artisan products are still very much in demand and can command a higher price but overheads need to be kept low and careful investment in marketing, production and future proofing also needs to be made.

Torrylinn and its staff have soldiered on for many years, punching far above their weight, but even they cannot weather the lack of investment, diminishing markets and corporate demands.

We are sorry to see it go.

## Thought for the week

'By means of the physical death of his son, God has made you his friends.' Colossians 1:22

## Heartfelt thanks

Sir,  
It is not only with a heavy heart but a mind full of thoughts and overwhelming emotion that I write this letter.

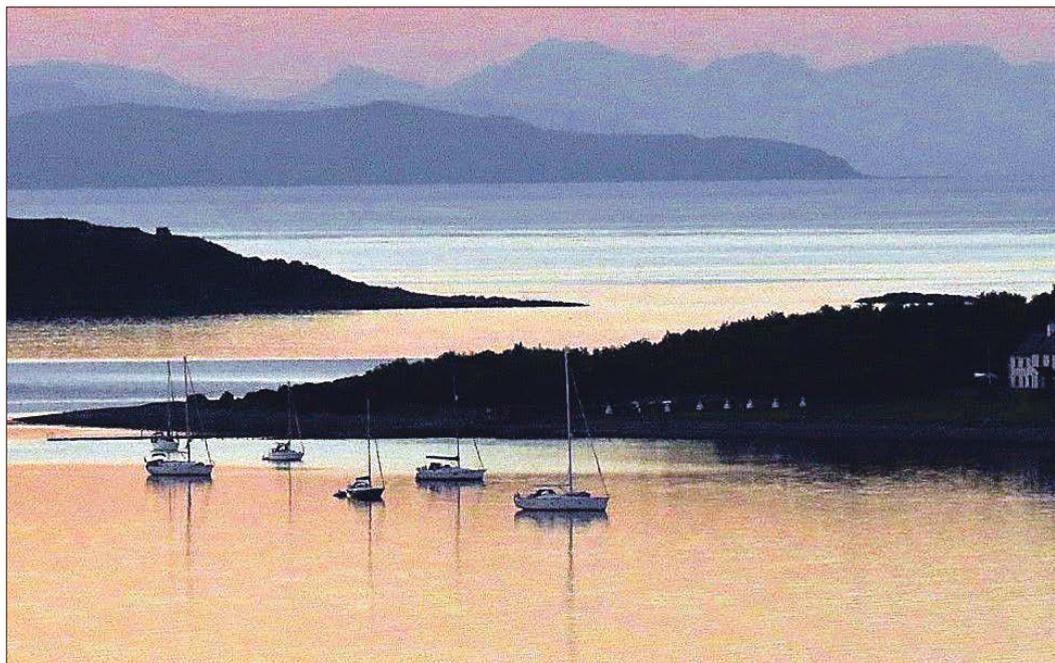
Regardless of all our joint efforts I have been placed on an unwanted and duly unnecessary crossroads, and am currently dealing with the prospect of having left my much loved home of Arran. I leave behind my husband, soulmate, life partner, friends, loving community and business to submit a new out of country spouse visa application in the hopes to regain my immigration status and return as soon as possible.

It has been a very trying time not only for John and me, but all involved in taking on board a cause reflecting the greatest compassion and understanding to individual circumstances. We would not have had the strength to get through this had it not been for the overwhelming support and encouragement from not only close friends, but the Arran community and all involved either through signing the petition, writing to various members of parliament, social media and media alike. A special thanks to Patricia Gibson MP, who has dealt with my case from the onslaught and has worked tirelessly far and beyond the realm of duty pushing for a favourable outcome.

The volume of support received is a true indication of the spirit of heart within a society that welcomes people from all walks of life, cultures and background, given the opportunity to not only integrate in a community but become part of and loved.

I ask that this not be the end but the beginning of a struggle to grant not only myself but people in similar circumstances equal rights to live a life where they so wish and are welcomed with such loving arms as I have experienced on Arran. Let us all through solidarity keep writing to respective MPs continue signing the petition and stand together in a righteous cause that is unjustly

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Illustrating the photography rule of thirds and an unusual view overlooking Holy Isle and to the hills beyond, this image from reader Arno Loessner of Kings Cross captures the muted tones and layering effects of a hazy sundown admirably.

putting countless people through undue hardship, pain and suffering.

Together we can and will make a difference to individual lives in future by building the foundation of a society where one can be free, integrate and contribute towards strengthening and uniting a country and its diverse people. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Yours,  
**Lizanne Zietsman,  
Corrie.**

## Arbitrary figure

Sir,  
Is someone who earns about £15,000 a year necessarily a lesser person, or a less worthy citizen, than someone who earns about £50,000 a year? What kind of government enforces the separation of a couple who

earn enough to pay their way but not enough to meet some arbitrary figure? The government should reverse its decision to deport Lizanne Zietsman as soon as is humanly possible.

Yours,  
**Tony Baboolal,  
Lochranza.**

## Sound facts

Sir,  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 90 people who attended the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) screening of the salmon industry exposé film *Artifishal* on the evening of Tuesday July 9.

Thanks are extended to Patagonia for producing the film and allowing us to host a screening, which provid-

ed an insight into the fish farming industry across the world and sparked a lively discussion placing issues raised into context on Arran.

I would particularly like to thank, on behalf of COAST, our guest panelists on the evening, Dr Sally Campbell, Dr Bryce Stewart and Corin Smith, for taking the time to lead the discussion and answer the audience's questions with sound facts, information and advice.

We hope that attendees gained as much from their input as we did and look forward to working with all interested to tackle the Scottish Salmon Company's proposal to build a new farm off Millstone Point between Lochranza and Sannox.

Sincerest thanks.

Yours,  
**Russell Cheshire,  
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## CalMac concerns

Sir,  
To say I was annoyed at CalMac's reply to Captain Sinclair is putting it mildly, see last week's Arran Banner.

How they can have the audacity by innuendo to say a person of Captain Sinclair's standing and experience had never approached management with concerns is frankly laughable to me.

The ineptitude of this response can be compared to last week's humiliating turn round of the decision to cancel the Barra boat which resulted in MPs, councillors and the press getting involved. Suddenly they found an asset to fill the gap, just shows what can be done when the will is there and a wedding is going to be wrecked.

I feel it is time senior managers everywhere stop 'the door is always open' excuse and own up when the company gets it wrong or is censured in public by an employee who has not been listened to.

After all, in CalMac's case, they work for and are paid by us or have they forgotten that?

Yours,  
**Roderick C McKay,  
Moray.**

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# Happy team pick up more awards

Auchrannie Resort is celebrating after picking up recognition for being among the very best employer in hospitality.

Within the space of a couple of days the Brodick resort was named as outstanding employer of the year at the 2019 British Institution of Innkeeping Scotland awards, as well as being named among the best places to work in hospitality by the Caterer Magazine – the only Scottish business to make the top 30.

Auchrannie has been at the forefront of several initiatives recently which have been aimed at increasing team member morale and reducing staff turnover.

These include transitioning to employee ownership early last year and becoming the first resort in Scotland to pay the real living wage, both of which has helped increase average length of service to almost four years.

In addition, Auchrannie has been developing a number of training schemes which are being rolled out to all 167 team members – including a two-day Auchrannie Does Happiness course and a one-day Auchrannie Gives You More course.

Continued investment into staff accommodation is also helping make Auchrannie an even more appealing place to start or grow a career.



Claire Johnston, centre, HR and people development manager at Auchrannie Resort collecting the award.

A recent independent survey of team members produced results which showed more than 93 per cent of staff were happy to work there and 92 per cent and would recommend Auchrannie as a great place to work.

Claire Johnston, HR and people development manager said: 'As well as being employee owned and a real living wage employer, we

continuously strive to offer a unique, innovative and rewarding employee experience for every one of our team members. We are proud that working together we are continuing to ensure that Auchrannie remains a premier destination of choice and an exemplar in being a great place to work; and of course, a happy team makes for happy guests.'



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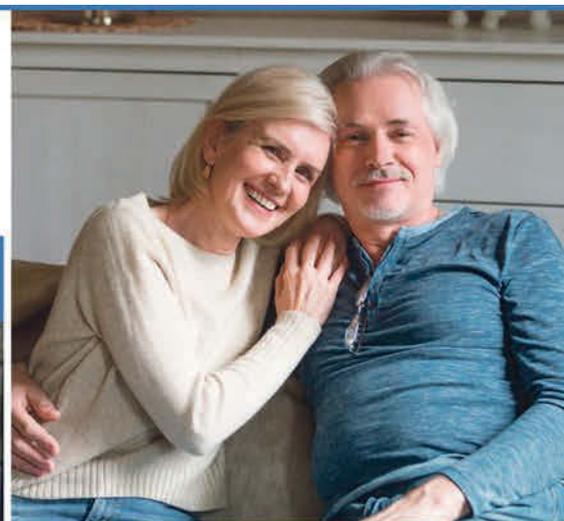
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# Super support for Save the



Visitors pack Brodick Hall to support the charity fundraiser. 01\_B295TC03



Yvonne Brothers provides the relaxing background music while visitors enjoy their tea and cakes. 01\_B295TC02

The annual Save the Children fundraiser once again welcomed a huge number of supporter to the Brodick Hall for their summer fair last Thursday.

Manning a wide range of stalls and activities, a small army of Save the Children volunteers ensured that visitors were warmly welcomed and that events ran smoothly.

The fair is the second charity event held this year by the Arran branch of Save the Children, the first having been a music concert celebrating the centenary of the charity this year.

On offer for supporters and visitors at the Brodick fair was the ever popular home-baking stall which, stocked entirely by donations, saw loaves, tartlets, buns and scones rapidly being snapped up at bargain prices.

Equally popular was the tombola, where supporters tried their luck before entering the middle of the hall where the treasure hunt was located. For a nominal sum visitors selected a spot on a

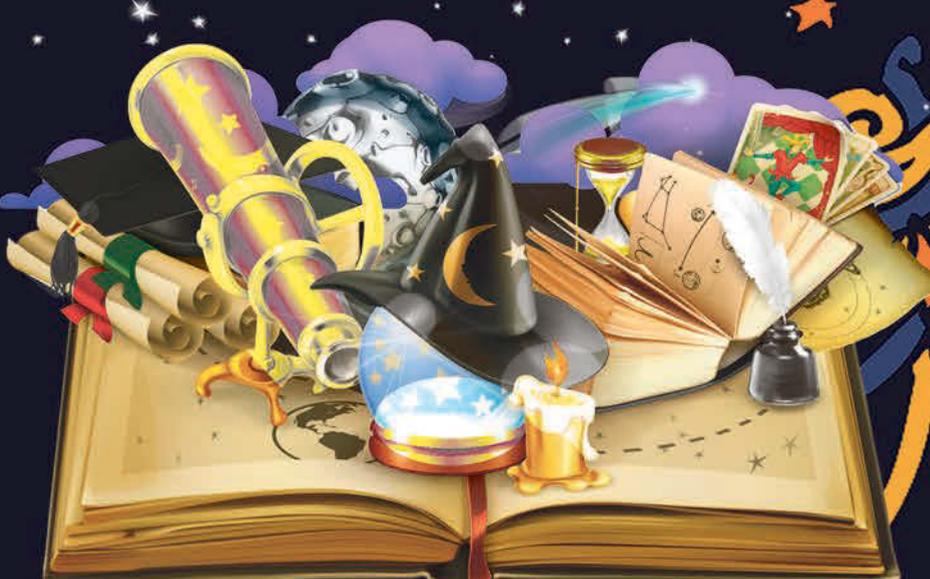
map of Arran with the person closest to the predetermined location winning a hamper prize.

On offer, too, was a bric-a-brac stall, handmade cards and jewellery stall, a quiz and a stall selling a number of household items and children's toys.

Once visitors had their fill of the activities on offer, many picking up small bargains from the stalls, they settled down at the seating area to enjoy refreshments and tasty treats. The afternoon tea was accompanied by relaxing piano music played by Yvonne Brothers.



Jean Robertson, Irene Rollo and Margaret Bryce sold copious amounts of home baking. 01\_B295TC05



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# Children fundraiser Save the Children



Volunteers serve up gallons of tea at the tea station.  
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Margaret Wright sells a number of useful items including reusable water bottles. 01\_B29STC09



Rosemary Roberts sells handmade cards while Pearl Forbes does a roaring trade with her handmade jewellery.  
01\_B29STC01



A supporter places a pin on the map in the treasure hunt.  
01\_B29STC06



Visitors browse the goods at the bric-a-brac stall. 01\_B29STC07



Chris and Jan Atkins are kept very busy at the tombola stall. 01\_B29STC08



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For further information, call Auchrannie Spa Leisure Club on 01770 302234 (extn 4755).

Library membership is free. Forms are available from Brodick Library, which should be signed by a parent or carer and returned along with two documents giving proof of address.

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The Arran Ferry Committee meeting transport minister Paul Wheelhouse in Brodick last November. Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson was also at the meeting. 01\_B29wheelhouse01

# Ferry committee is fighting to improve 'lifeline' services

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**Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran**

Only a handful of members of the public turned up to the Arran Ferry Committee (AFC) AGM on June 25 at Cladach, the only public meeting they hold each year.

The ferry committee membership is nominated annually from the various bodies represented to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive representation of island views, including: Arran Community Council, voluntary sector, haulage, tourism, business, NFU, NHS, economic group, public transport independent travellers and North Ayrshire councillors.

Meetings are regularly supported by CalMac and other bodies attend as required, and their participation is appreciated.

At the meeting chairman Iain Thomson reported on the significant work which had been carried out over the year and acknowledged the support from Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson, who attended the meeting, to assist in facilitating meetings with senior political representatives.

This year included meeting with Michael Matheson MSP Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity who met with the committee on Arran in July of 2018. The committee also met with Paul Wheelhouse MSP on several occasions to highlight the continued reliability and

resilience issues around the ageing fleet and the negative impact this was having for residents and business travel arrangements.

Mr Wheelhouse, the minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, acknowledged the situation and indicated he was working on several approaches to help resolve the position. This resulted in additional 89 sailings being provided which was welcomed. There is an ongoing commitment to work with AFC to improve and develop the longer-term plans for both Brodick and Lochranza routes.

### Poor service

The latest meeting again provided examples of the impact the poor service was having and the lack of capacity due to the delay in the delivery of new vessels. Further funding is now provided to CalMac to help resilience servicing.

The AFC has consistently been requesting an expanded service from Lochranza for both summer and winter timetables but, due to availability of vessels and the crewing requirements, this has not been possible. An opportunity for an extended service was recently rejected due to the impact it would have on other routes that did not want to lose their services but were supportive of our proposal to expand the northern services.

AFC also work with other

island routes to present a united approach to developing the services all year. Other factors covered include the waiting list which was removed and subsequently re-instated following challenges.

Issues with connectivity with road and rail services feature regularly and discussion has been initiated for the future service to ensure that, when we progress to a two boat timetable, it will be supported with appropriate services.

The problems with the PAS have been highlighted and CMAL's chief officer attended AFC meeting to explain the corrective actions planned and some of the causes which had not been evident in other ports using similar equipment. Many interruptions were related to warranty issues on the new equipment. He also explained the limitations in providing central handrails due to building regulations and safety concerns.

AFC are providing inputs to the Ardrossan Task Force to ensure residents' needs are being considered and that 'lessons learned' from the Brodick development are reflected in the new designs etc being prepared.

The chairman concluded by confirming that the AFC will continue to work with all relevant bodies to improve and develop the 'lifeline' services for Arran on behalf of all sectors of the Arran community.



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Annie is crowned Bay Queen by last year's queen Greta Litton. 01\_B29bay08



# Annie is the Queen Bee at Whiting Bay

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What a difference a day made for this year's Bay Queen Annie West. On Saturday she was dressed as a bee for the Lamlash fancy dress contest only to be transformed into a princess for her crowning glory on Sunday.

From early morning, there was a cloudless sky and the sun shone for the opening day of the Whiting Bay fun week with the traditional raft race and Bay Queen crowning.

The day was full of promise for the start and setting up the centre of the village for the start of the fun week was smooth and easy. Village events do not happen by chance and an efficient

background organisation is vital yet this first Sunday was a day which had a magical and relaxed quality ... a real community celebration.

Although only a couple of entries were confirmed in advance for this year's raft race, a creative flotilla of seven vessels appeared at the jetty as the time of the race approached. The mellow crowd of spectators gathered in and, while anticipation built up, many queued at the popular burger stall.

The race was as exciting as ever - hard work for those on rafts and excitement on the shore for spectators and supporters. Ian Cook on the megaphone set the scene and built the atmosphere by delivering an informative, irreverent commentary.

Everyone was a winner but

the race ashore for first and second place was especially tight. First place went to the Otter's Tail ahead of Mair Steam. The Old Relics (oldest combined age crew) were third followed by Queen Annie (best dressed raft), Kontiki (youngest team), Jolly Rafter and Pineapple Destroyer (last raft home).

A short time later the sound of bagpipes heralded the arrival of the royal procession led by Willie Robertson escorting this year's Bay Queen, Annie West, to her throne for her crowning accompanied by maids Caitlin Fraser and Harriet Lucas in attendance and her young attendants.

Fun games for children, a climbing wall and the ever popular tombola kept the crowds entertained on a lovely afternoon in Whiting Bay.

The newly crowned Bay Queen Annie West with her entourage. 01\_B29bay01



Piper Willie Robertson leads the Bay Queen procession from the village hall. 01\_B29bay05



The flower girl drops petals during the procession. 01\_B29bay07



One of the traditional games at the gala day. 01\_B29bay02



The young kilted attendants out in front at the parade. 01\_B29bay06



Annie West is the radiant Bay Queen. 01\_B29bay09



The oldest, The Old Relics, and youngest, Kontiki, teams together after the raft race.  
01\_B29raft07



And they're off with Queen Annie taking an early lead. 01\_B29raft03



The race is on to get into the rafts first. 01\_B29raft02



Fergus West collects the best dressed raft prize from his sister Queen Annie. The beer is for their dad! 01\_B29raft08



Elanor and Andy receive the raft winners' trophy and prize from Queen Annie. 01\_B29raft06



Andy and Elanor McNamara are the first raft home. 01\_B29raft04



Sid, Jesse and Kitty Townsend from Whiting Bay with their friend Lenny Boyd who's visiting from London with their raft. 01\_B29raft01



Digging deep at the tombola stall. 01\_B29bay04

A young girl reaches the top of the popular climbing tower. 01\_B29bay03



# Sun shines for Lamlash big day



Retiring queen Keira Willis waves to the crowd.

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The sun shone and the crowds turned out in huge numbers for the Lamlash Heather Queen celebrations on Saturday.

Lamlash Green was turned into a festival of fun after the

traditional parade along the main street, and the pomp and ceremony of the crowning ceremony.

## Parade

The parade, as always, was led by the Arran Pipe Band followed by the float carrying last year's Heather Queen, Keira Willis, and the soon-to-be crowned 2019 queen,

Imogen Allison, along with her maids, Catherine Smith and Ruby Wright and the attendants – all Lamlash primary one pupils.

Following the crowning ceremony, there was a display by the pipe band, dancing from the Fancy Feet dance group and a not too serious dog show.

There was also the chance to see the lifeboat and a fire engine up close and take part in the various side shows and stalls.

The event was started in 1950 by present organiser Tracy Gibson's grandmother Jean Marriott and next year a special 70th anniversary event is planned.



Catherine Smith, Imogen Allison and Ruby Wright are all smiles on the float.

01\_B29lamlash01



Heather Queen Imogen Allison with maids Catherine Smith and Ruby Wright.

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Youngsters get the chance to look round the lifeboat.

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Queen Imogen shows off her dance moves with the Fancy Feet troupe.

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The fancy dress winner receives his prize from the Heather Queen.

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PC Joanne Graham is all smiles at the Police Scotland stall.

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A small girl leads a very big pooch at the dog show.

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A girl follows her dog through the agility tunnel.

01\_B29lamlash24



Queen Imogen is crowned by Keira. 01\_B29lamlash09



Queen Imogen addresses the crowd. 01\_B29lamlash11



Warran Jackson reads the proclamation. 01\_B29lamlash07



Retiring queen Keira is helped to the stage by her young attendants. 01\_B29lamlash05



The royal party on board the float. 01\_B29lamlash02



Retiring queen Keira is presented with a bunch of flowers. 01\_B29lamlash10



Piper Rory Currie leads the new Heather Queen to the stage. 01\_B29lamlash08



The pipe band lead the parade. 01\_B29lamlash03



The pipe band entertain the crowd. 01\_B29lamlash17



The swarm of bees are Annie and Innes West (left) with Grace Crichton and Isla and Ava Pingle. 01\_B29lamlash15



A happy bee during the fancy dress competition. 01\_B29lamlash12



Organisers Fiona Doubleday and Coral Smith welcomed visitors to the inaugural Makers' Festival. 01\_B29maker03



Jenny Stark of COAST and Simon Ross-Gill, creator of the Arran Green Map, welcomed visitors to learn about marine conservation and environmental responsibility organisations on Arran. 01\_B29maker01



On display inside the castle itself was an exhibition of the project, 52 Stitched Stories. 01\_B29maker02



Lynn Jones of Lynn's Art on Arran stands among some of her favourite works. 01\_B29maker14



Karen Bell of Karebell Designs welcomes visitors to her stall showcasing her handcut creations. 01\_B29maker15

# Makers' Festival a showcase of craft talent

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Vivace, the Arran Taiko drummers and the Arran Pipe Band.

Crafts and Company are a collective of artistic ladies on Arran who practise, promote and encourage others to share and enjoy the practice of crafting and making items by hand, often with charitable intentions.

### Wide audience

Through demonstrations, workshops and courses, they promote crafting to help develop and share skills and encourage creativity. The Makers' Festival, along with the support of Brodick Castle, allowed a wide audience to enjoy the creative talents of makers and artists who shared the tricks of their trade and encouraged others to try their hand at learning a new art.

On offer were classes on crocheting, making paper

flowers, making gift boxes, clay work, embroidery, weaving, painting, sketching, felting, knitting, beadwork and jewellery-making, among many others.

A spokesperson from Crafts and Company said: 'A huge thank you to Jared Bowers of Brodick Castle for hosting the first Makers' Festival. So many makers on the island came together to share their skills and in their work with workshops, demonstrations and talks.

'Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the event which was supported by community groups and musicians. All the makers have thought about the sustainability of their work as we come together to map a more sustainable future for our making community on the island. Planning is already under way for the 2020 Makers' Festival.'



The friendly faces of Arran crafting – artist Lesley Van Bogerijen and Karen Furze of Arran Candle Makers. 01\_B29maker09



Assja Baumgartner of Arran Gems displays her line of jewellery made from recycled and upcycled materials. 01\_B29maker06



Alison Page, author of Corrie Capers, reads to young Marsaili Martin with mum Cheryl and dad Craig enjoying the story too. 01\_B29maker05



Rorie Rutherford hosted a demonstration on spinning and weaving. 01\_B29maker07



Visitors browse the attractively decorated marquees in the castle grounds. 01\_B29maker08



Jenny Clutterbuck teaches Carol Quinney how to crochet during a crochet workshop. 01\_B29maker04



Makers of all ages enjoy a peg doll workshop. 01\_B29maker11



Young children explore the various tents in the Makers' village. 01\_B29maker10



Artist Gordon Davidson speaks with a visitor about his art and the charity that it supports. 01\_B29maker12



A visitor admires the detail on one of Maya Maclean's handmade products. 01\_B29maker13

# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

## Arran is ready to rock

by Hugh Boag  
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Preparations are nearing completion for the second Arran Rock 'n' Blues Festival which will bring crowds of rockers from all over Scotland and beyond to Arran next weekend.

Organised by Lamlash Events in conjunction with The Pierhead Tavern (PHT), the 2019 festival will see around 15 bands play in the marquee on Lamlash Green over two days on Saturday, and Sunday, July 27 and 28.

On the Saturday, at least eight amazing acts will play the marquee between noon and 10pm, including the talented Stevie Nimmo who is back on the road again promoting his latest album after a cycling accident kept him away from the stage last year. The Sharpeez Maximum Rhythm & Blues band are travelling all the way from London to play from their latest album Wild One.

Opening the festival will be the blistering Dr Feelgood and also on stage will be two

young bands who are making their mark in big venues around Scotland – Black King Cobra and Rigid Soul – plus more.

Sunday will feature at least four bands from 1pm to 5pm, including Redfish, a soul deep blues ensemble, and Greig Taylor's latest project, The Blind Lemon Gators, 1930s delta-style blues with Iain Donald on slide and John Martyn's former drummer Dave Cantwell. There is also a late addition to the line-up: Ayrshire band The Scene, better known for their Stiff Little Fingers tribute called The Straw Dogs.

On both days there will be more bands and live jam sessions hosted by the hugely talented guitarist Pete Parisietti on at the PHT.

But it's not just about the music – businesses and artists will be showcasing their produce, arts and crafts, with food from local suppliers too at the market village which is open to non-ticket holders. Scottish real ales will also be in abundance and fun merchandise including air guitars.



The fabulous George Lindsay Blues Band have been doing a spot of promotion for festival in Lochranza.

Tickets for the 500 capacity event are selling fast, although there are still some available. Unfortunately, the 80 half-price tickets held for Arran residents have long sold out.

Tickets costing £20, available from [www.tickets-scotland.com](http://www.tickets-scotland.com), The Book & Card Centre in Brodick and The Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash.

Children and youngsters up to age 14 are free when accompanied by an adult. Please note, however, there will be no admittance to children under the age of 14 without an adult, or under 18 after 10pm.

See the website for the full line up of the 15 bands performing over the weekend at: [www.arranrockandbluesfest.co.uk](http://www.arranrockandbluesfest.co.uk).

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# Biscuit tins are back

The Arran Open Studios biscuit tin initiative is returning for 2019. A total of 18 Paterson of Arran biscuit tins are located across the island, in coffee shops, tea-rooms, hotels and the library.

But there are no biscuits inside. Instead, there are drawing/writing materials. At your leisure, you are invited by open studios organisers to make a drawing, write a poem or share a meditation and leave it in the tin. All contributions will be exhibited at the end of Arran Open Studios at Arran Active and an Arran-specific prize will be awarded to the best contribution. Become part of the wider enterprise; whatever you contribute, it will be much appreciated.

This year's event, August 2 to 5, boasts paintings, stone and bronze sculptures, ceramics, woodworking, graphics and illustration, jewellery, textiles and weaving, printmaking and murals. In total, 43 artists and makers. All are happy to open and talk about the making, materials and, as crucially, the inspiration behind the making. This is a unique opportunity to meet artists in their natural habitat. It's an opportunity to see works in progress, talk about materials and processes and, importantly too, to be able to purchase unique art works directly from their



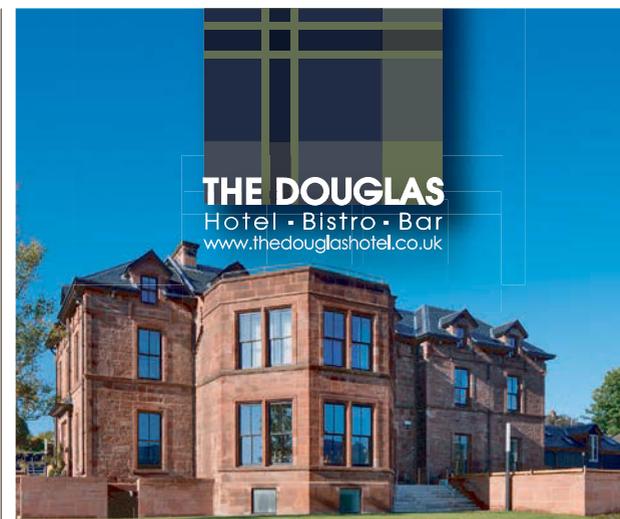
Pictured are the usually camera-shy AOS organisers, from left: Tim Pomeroy, Ann Hume, Ruth Mae, Jan Macgregor, Dave Samuels and the biscuit tins. Photo Richard Fletcher

creators. An opportunity not to be missed and a fascinating new dimension to Arran's burgeoning creative life.

Locations to look out for: Corrie Hotel, Kildonan

Hotel, Kinloch Hotel, Lagg Hotel, Glenisle Hotel, Drift Inn, Machrie Tearoom, Lochranza Distillery, Coast, Made in Arran, The Coffee Pot, Felicity's, The Shore, Bay

Stores, The Tourist Office, Janies, The Douglas Hotel and Arran Library. For more [www.arranopenstudios.com](http://www.arranopenstudios.com) <https://www.facebook.com/Arran12/> tel: 01770 820373.



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Community Theatre Arran High School  
Friday 26 July 2019  
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Featuring Entertainment and music from  
our Fèis Participants  
Adults £6 Children £3  
Tickets available at the door.

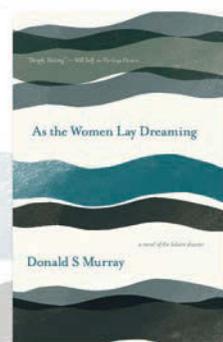
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Arran Library  
Monday 22nd July  
7pm

## Summer fun in Lochranza

The summer fun continues on Arran this weekend when it is gala time in Lochranza

Events today (Saturday) start 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 barbecue and live music will await the revellers.

Kids' games, a dog show and a Bogie McBoatrace on the Castle Spit will complete the list of fun activities while in the evening a live band, Soundcradle, will entertain the crowds.

Tomorrow (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.

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# Wellies for Woodside Farm's first open day

Woodside Farm in Kildonan will be hosting its first open day later this month which will allow visitors to learn all about their organic growing techniques, permaculture design principles and regenerative agricultural practices.

Hoping eventually to become the first fully not-for-profit and community owned farm in Scotland, Woodside Arran is run according to community supported agriculture (CSA) principals.

CSA is a partnership between farmers and consumers in which the responsibilities, risks and rewards of farming are shared. Consumers, often referred to as members, support the efforts of the farm and receive benefits which can range from vegetables, fish and poultry to meat and dairy products.

The Woodside Farm open day will take place on Saturday July 27, from 10am

to 4pm and on offer for visitors will be the opportunity to meet the pigs and the chickens, check out their new sawmill and rocket composter, try some vegetables from their market garden or relax by the pond and the trees with a cup of tea and cake.

There will also be a members-only day on Wednesday July 24 for a sneak preview before the open day with the promise of 'a few surprises'.

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**SATURDAY 20 JULY - Bogie McBoatrace!**

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Unfolding Moments photography exhibition Arran Active, Brodick, 9am - 5pm  
Brodick Castle and Gardens Open 10am - 5pm  
Octopus Centre Old Pavilion, Lamlash, centre open seven days, 10am - 5pm  
Octopus Centre – tennis Old Pavilion, Lamlash, open 7 days, any time  
Brodick Mini Golf Open seven days, 9am - 6pm-ish, ALL weather  
Soap making and candle dipping Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am-4pm  
Public swimming Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodick, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm) and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm)  
Swimming lessons Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm  
Arran Brewery Open Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm  
Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am & 2pm or by arrangement  
Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm  
Lochranza Gala Weekend Starts Thursday 18th - Sunday 22nd July  
Wizard School Brodick Castle, 22nd - 28th July

## Saturday 20th July

Whiting Bay gents' open, phone 01770 700487 to book Whiting Bay Golf Club  
Wildlife Week Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodick Castle  
Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am  
RNLI open day Arran Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 12noon - 5pm  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – fun and games Castle Spit & Lochranza Hall, 1.30pm  
Summer fete Brodick Church, Knowe Road, Brodick, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Fun Week – fuck race, barbecue and dog agility Sandbraes Bridge, 2pm & 3.30pm  
Rink games Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm  
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm  
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm  
RNLI shop – open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Gym Induction Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm  
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – Bogie McBoatrace Lochranza Hall, 4pm  
Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only) The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – live music from Soundcradle Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Live music – Matt Scott & Anna Sweeney Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm - 11pm  
Live music – Mike Bailey Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm  
Live music – Stan the Man Lochranza Hotel, 9pm  
Live music – The Jammshed The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

## Sunday 21st July

Whiting Bay gents' open, phone 01770 700487 to book Whiting Bay Golf Club  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – seashore scramble with COAST Lochranza Hall, 10.30am - 12noon  
Open garden in aid of ArCaS Crimond, Strathwhillan, Brodick, 11am - 4pm  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – barbecue Lochranza Hall, from 12noon  
Lochranza Gala Weekend – duck derby Lochranza Hall, 1pm  
Live music Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm  
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm  
RNLI shop – open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
The Last Waltz, Grief Circle Heather Lodge, Brodick, 2pm - 4pm  
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm  
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
Live music – The Jammshed The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Folk music session Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Monday 22nd July

Whiting Bay junior open Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.30am  
Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am  
Coffee morning Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, Whiting Bay, 10.30am - 12noon  
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm  
JogScotland mixed ability running group Whiting Bay, 5.30pm  
Circuit training Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm  
Summer bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396 Arran High School 6.15pm for 6.30pm  
Rink games Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
"As the Women Lay Dreaming" – talk by Donald Murray Arran library, Brodick, 7pm  
Live music – Mairi MacInnes Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over-10s Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

## Tuesday 23rd July

Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Healthy Outdoors Team Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries Home House House, Brodick, 10am - 3pm

Forest Land Rover safari Rangers Centre, Brodick Castle, 11am  
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm  
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm  
Steak night – two ribeye steaks & bottle of wine Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm  
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm  
Flow yoga Corrie Hall, 6pm  
Netball Arran High School Gym, 7pm - 8pm  
Whiting Bay Drama summer play Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start  
Eco Savvy Food Share Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm  
Trev's pop music quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm  
Traditional music sessions Brodick Bar, 9pm

## Wednesday 24th July

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Brodick Gardens volunteers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm  
Coffee morning Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon  
Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
Chair yoga exercise class St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am  
Knit and Blether Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm  
Talk Introducing Arran's Archaeology Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm & 2.30pm  
Arran Pace Makers running group Brodick, 5.30pm  
Flow yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm  
Junior rugby (P3-P7) Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm  
Rink games Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Tae Kwon Do juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Summer ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band Brodick Hall 7.30pm - 10.30pm  
Fèis Arainn – family ceilidh Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm  
Live music – Able Faces Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
Family friendly pub quiz The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm  
Rock'n'pop bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Thursday 25th July

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am  
Chair yoga exercise class Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am  
Spinning and weaving demonstration Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am to 3pm  
Brodick Castle seashore scramble Rangers Centre, Brodick Castle, 11am  
Music matters Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm  
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm  
Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Brodick Church annual auction Brodick Golf Clubhouse, from 8pm  
Eco Savvy Food Share Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm  
Eco Savvy Food Share Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm  
The Drift Inn quiz Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
Tommy's general knowledge quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Friday 26th July

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am  
ACLI – Friday garden party Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm  
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 11am  
Fèis Arainn participants' concert Community Theatre Arran High School, Lamlash, 2pm  
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Tae Kwon Do Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Live music – Mic Clark Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
Friday night quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

## Saturday 27th July

Arran Rock 'n' Blues Festival Lamlash Green and the PHT, Lamlash, All day  
Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am  
Craft market Brodick Hall, 11am - 3pm  
Rink games Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm  
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm  
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm  
RNLI shop – open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm  
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
Live music – Mic Clark Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm - 11pm  
Live music Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm  
Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

# June blows unexpected visitors our way

**Bird notes**  
by Jim Cassels  
JUNE

With at least a bit of heat, June was noticeably warmer than the cool May. The mean temperature was three degrees higher but June was wetter with three times as much rain as May. In comparison to last June, this June had a similar mean temperature but had twice as much rain, most of it falling in the first half of the month. The wind direction

this June was more easterly than last June.

This easterly wind direction may have assisted the arrival of two unexpected species which winter in India and breed in eastern Europe across temperate southern Asia. These birds overshot their breeding areas and arrived on Arran. On 4 June an adult rose-coloured

starling was by the shore at Blackwaterfoot and on 6 June a male black-headed bunting was in a garden in Strathwillan. Both are rare birds in the UK. The bunting is the first recorded on Arran and will feature in a future Bird Notes in the Banner.

The warmer spell of weather benefited many breeding birds. There were many

reports of fledged birds in gardens, including unfamiliar looking young birds, like goldfinch without the red face of the adult birds, spotty young blackbirds and robin with spots and no red breast. As well as the more familiar birds like blackbird, song thrush, blue tit, great tit, coal tit and chaffinch all with young. There were reports of a family of grey wagtail in a garden in Corrie on 6th, young bullfinch being fed in Brodick on 20th, a family group of long-tailed tit in Alma park on 24th and young great spotted woodpecker with its distinctive red cap in Auchagallon on 30th. Most prolific of all seemed to be house sparrow with 20 in Lagg on 27th being one of the larger numbers and also lots of reports of numbers of siskin and goldfinch with young around homes across the island. Like last year, it was again encouraging to get reports of young greenfinch from widespread locations. This species had been decimated by the parasitic disease, trichomonas.

Away from gardens, there were many signs of breeding including: 200 starling with many young birds in Glenkiln on 21st, a sand martin colony in Glen Catacol with 135 nest holes on 23rd, two young moorhen on Mossend Pond on 24th, a woodcock with four young at Auchareoch on 26th and activity at the grey heron heronries in Stronach Wood, Brodick, Lagg and Whitehouse Wood, Lamblash by the end of the month. In addition, the healthy vole population in many areas was beneficial to some breeding raptors. There were also encouraging reports of young lapwing from four areas. This once widespread farmland breeder is just hanging on.

Around the coast, there were further signs of breeding including: shelduck with seven young and mute swan with eight young at Cosyden on 9th, 30 black guillemot by the King's Cave colony on 26th and with the strenuous efforts of local people keeping disturbance on the shore to a minimum, young oystercatcher and young ringed plover were seen on the shore at Kildonan on 27th. In addition, the common sandpiper, who having travelled from south of the Sahara to



**Black-headed bunting – a first recorded for Arran. At this time of year they should be much further east like Bulgaria where the photo was taken and they breed.**

Photo Dennis Morrison

breed, had chosen to nest in a garden in Blackwaterfoot, presumably trying to avoid disturbance on the shore from human activity, successfully raised young this year.

Other highlights in a month with again more than 100 species reported included the following: two sanderling at Blackwaterfoot on 3rd, a great northern diver in Whiting Bay on 4th, two puffin in Brodick Bay on 10th, a male tufted duck on Mossend Pond on 24th, two swift over High Kildonan also on 24th and that magpie first reported on 11 May was still in Kildonan on 28 June. Magpie is a vagrant on Arran.

Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran. Throughout May and June there have been many widespread reports. People need no prompting to report the first cuckoo. How about reporting when you hear or see the last cuckoo this year? Most adult cuckoos, taking no part in rearing their young, leave around mid to late July. Juveniles leave breeding areas soon after they fledge, quickly becoming independent of

their hosts before also migrating south, usually in late July and early August. These young cuckoos have a white patch on the back of the head.

Finally, in July, look out for early signs of breeding being over for some birds this year. These could include the return of some Arctic breeding species to our shores. Remember July is the time when many birds, having raised their young, go about the process of renewing their feathers by moulting them. As birds are vulnerable when they are shedding flight feathers, they literally make themselves scarce. On any birding walk you may see fewer birds but they are still around.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2018 and visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)



**Rose-coloured starling – another rarity from the east.** Photo Jim Cassels



**Whitethroat with a tasty fly for its young.** Photo Brian Couper

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**Bullfinch feeding its young.** Photo Arthur Duncan.

# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday July 17, 1999

## Gala parachutists

A new addition to Lamlash Gala Week and something to happen for the first time on Arran will be a freefall parachute demonstration. Given by the Golden Lions freefall parachute team, they are all army personnel selected from various regiments.

In fact it was they who contacted Allan Little and offered their services and found them eagerly accepted. All the organisers had to do was clear at least 75 yards square, such is their precision.

They will take off from Prestwick and arrive over Lamlash at precisely 3pm. When they jump they will be carrying a new crown for Heather Queen Rachel Todd, and on landing she will be presented with it.

## Emergency response

MV Caledonian Isles was diverted on Sunday afternoon when a mayday call went out concerning some upturned canoes off the shore near Seamill. It later turned out that the canoes had not been occupied and had merely

drifted empty out to sea when some boys had been playing with them. The ferry resumed her schedule a little late.

Earlier this week two helicopters also attended to emergencies on Arran. First of all a red ambulance helicopter attended to a 12-year-old boy who had injured his leg while walking with his father at the south end. On arrival, near Cloined, it was determined that the landing position was too dangerous. Later a Sea King helicopter arrived and the youth was winched on board and taken to Crosshouse Hospital.

## Sunny salvation

A great many Arran residents may be unaware that a Scripture Union camp exists on the island or that upwards of 250 children camp there each year. Kings Cross has been home to a Scripture Union camp for over 40 years and back in the early years it was little more than a field scattered with a few tents. But, though the campers still sleep in tents, there are now several buildings on the site including rooms for camp leaders, a dining room and a sizable cooking area.



Ron and Babs Fleming are spending more and more time on Arran. Well known for owning the Wool Sack in Prestwick, the couple bring wool and other items to their other shop, Belford Mill in Whiting Bay, which has now become their busiest outlet. 01\_B29twe01



The Cairnhouse Gymkhana enjoyed brilliant weather this year after last year's wash-out. The overall champion and winner of the Harbour Shop trophy was Jenna Thomson and Merlin. 01\_B29twe04



Children laugh off a powerful right hook in a pillow fight at the Shiskine Valley sports day held on the field at Grannie's Hill on the Torbeg Road last Saturday. 01\_B29twe03



Celebrating access for all were a number of local people, members from Scottish Natural Heritage and other interested parties at the launch of the Arran Access Trust in Glen Rosa recently. 01\_B29twe05



Following Nigel Price's spell in China last year, two trainees from Yunnan spent the summer helping him and learning how things are done at the gardens at Brodick Castle. This year's visitor is Lu Yuan Lin whose speciality is geraniums. 01\_B29twe02

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

19/00455/PP; Auchrannie Hotel, Auchrannie Road, Brodick, Isle Of Arran;  
Amendment of 17/00497/PP to delete 1 lodge and amend layout of 6 lodges at northern end of site and variation of lodge type.

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### NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL TAXI FARE SCALES

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**Sunday 21st July**  
Lochranza Church at 9.30am. Morning Worship.  
Pirnmill Church at 10.45am. Morning Worship.  
Shiskine Church at 12noon. Morning Worship.  
Brodick Church at 10.30am Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church at 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship  
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.  
All welcome

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**Sunday 21st July**  
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**Sunday 21st July**  
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**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Saturday 20th July**  
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**Sunday 21st July**  
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**Lamlash Golf Club**

Saturday/Sunday July 6 and 7, Lamlash Golf Club Championship. The eight qualifiers were Stuart Campbell, Norrie McIntyre, David Cameron, Paul Cowan, Neil Stewart, Neil Young, Todd and Paul Jameson.

Saturday July 13, quarter finals. With the 1st and 3rd qualifier knocked out, the ones progressing to the semi final were Norrie MacIntyre, Paul Cowan, Neil Young and Todd Jameson.

Sunday July 14, semi finals. Both games were tight with Paul beating Norrie at the 17th and Todd being victor over Neil with the final putt on the 18th green. During the match Todd drove the 270-yard 11th and holed out for an eagle two. The 36-hole final will be held today (Saturday) starting at 1pm.

Thursday July 11, Summer Cup and Scratch Cup round two, CSS 64, 20 competed. 1 Neil Stewart 66-5=61, 2 Derek Harrison 86-23=63, 3 D MacFarlane 66-1=65, 4 Robert Calder 77-11=66. Scratch D MacFarlane 66 BIH. Magic twos N Stewart @17th, R Calder @14th, C Rae @2nd. Hole 5 drawn but no winners of the pot.

Sunday July 14, Medal, CSS 64. 1 Alastair Crawford 76-13=63, 2 Derek Harrison 88-22=66. Scratch A Crawford 76.

Ladies' section: Monday July



**Winners of the Penny Salver at Shiskine were Alan Young and Fiona Malcolm, with Jonny Penny and vice-captain Fiona Henderson.**

8, Championship final. The contestants this year were Sheena Murchie, the holder, and Susan Butchard, the challenger.

Susan started forcefully, winning the first two holes before finding the rough and losing the 3rd to a good 5 for Sheena. The 4th and 5th were halved with 4s, the first of five consecutive 4s for Sheena giving her a one-hole lead after 8 before Susan levelled with a 3 at the 9th.

The back nine saw Sheena take the 10th and 11th following a comic episode when neither player could land on the green but Susan recovered to go all square after the 13th was conceded and she had a 3 to Sheena's 4 at the 14th. Three halved holes followed in 4s and 3s before a huge drive put Susan in the long grass left of the 17th green. Sheena was above the green in 2 but, throwing caution to the wind, Susan, after two failed attempts to escape conceded to go one down with one to play. Sheena decided it was her turn to be brave and went for the green in 3. Unfortunately, she failed and lost the hole to go all square after 18.

The majority of the gallery surrendered to the midges and retired to the clubhouse, leaving the two defeated semi-finalists, Kate and Liz, to witness the coup de grace as Susan sank a 20ft putt to win the championship in style after 19 holes. A really exciting and closely fought final played in a very generous spirit.

Wednesday July 10, Medal 6, CSS 64, PAR 65, 10 played.

1 Mary Adams 97-35=62, 2 Ruth Hardy 89-26=63, 3 Anne MacVicar 81-18=63. Scratch, Sheena Murchie 78, BIH over Susan Butchard.

Fixtures: Friday July 19, E I Cannon Charity Day. Sunday July 21, Hamilton Bowl, 9.30am and 12.30pm ballots. Monday July 22, Island mixed fours, contact starter for times. Thursday July 25, Summer Cup. Friday July 26, Frank Crum, 2 ball foursomes one-day event.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Wednesday July 3, The Penny Salver. The second annual Penny Salver, the course was lovely, weather kind and an excellent evening in the clubhouse thereafter. 1 Fiona Malcolm and Alan Young 57-17=40, 2 Buf Ker and Frank Jones 59-18.5= 40.5. Scratch, Alice Anderson and Martin Ker 49.

Thursday July 11, Vice Captain's Prize. Silver: 1 and scratch Ann May 47-4=43, 2 Winifred McCallum 52-7=45, BIH, 3 Fiona Miller 53-8=45. Bronze: 1 and winner Buf Ker 56-19=37, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 57-14=43 BIH, 3 Fiona Malcolm 58-15=43.

Sunday July 14, Victory Shield and Kay Maxwell Trophy. 1st Class: 1 Phil Betley 47-7=40, 2 Craig Watson 48-7=41, 3 Colin Dair 49-7=42. 2nd Class: 1 and winner Kema Genda 50-12=38, 2 Shona Weir 52-13=39, 3 Ross Traill 51-11=40, Magic twos, Miles Baigent, B Bartlett.

Monday July 15, Centenary Putter. 1 W Kelso and Fiona Miller 56pts, 2 A Miller and Shona Weir 52pts. Magic twos, T Ellis x2, E Bryceland, W Kelso.

**Whiting Bay Golf club**

Wednesday July 10, Summer Trophy, nine played, CSS 62. 1 Ronnie Mann 14, 61, 2 Danny Head 5, 62 and lowest gross, 3 Corey Allan 6, 63 ACB, 4 Kevin Jackson 9, 63. Magic twos Ronnie

Mann @4th, Nicol Auld @11th. Hole in one, Corey Allan @4th.

Sunday July 14, The Raymond Curtis Salver. A total of 26 played on another glorious morning and found the course matched the weather. With our Open fast approaching, the greens are in great shape requiring a delicate touch with the putter while still rewarding well struck chips and pitches. Scoring was good with the majority of the field scoring in the net 60s but for all that CSS remained at 63. Neillie McKechnie bettered that by 3 shots to win by 2 from Graeme Crichton. 1 Neil Mckechnie 12, 60, 2 Graeme Crichton 13, 62, 3 Murray Foggo 7, 63, ACB, 4 Jim Mack 21, 63, ACB. Neil Richardson returned the lowest gross score with a 69. Magic twos Michael Mantering @4th, Graeme Crichton @7th, Graeme Mack @12th, Murray Foggo @13th and Kevin Jackson @17.

Fixtures: Saturday and Sunday July 20 and 21, The Armitage Whiting Bay Golf Club Gents Open. Some slots still available, telephone 700487 to book your tee off time. Wednesday July 24, The Jim Pirie Quaich. All day with draw at 5.30pm.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday July 10, Summer Cup, 33 played, CSS 64. 1 Kenny Mcmillan 78-14=64, 2 Bruce Jenkins 71-6=65 acb, 3 Angus Raeburn 76-11=65. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 66.

Sunday 14 July, Graham putter, Greensome, 26 played. 1 Gordon Hendry and Frazer Barr 65-8=57, 2 Nicol Hume and Finlay Sillars 73-13=60, 3 Sam Tattersfield and Ian Shand 78-17=61.

Fixture: Sunday July 21, Navy Shield, names on board or 8.30am and 1pm tee-off times.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Wednesday July 10, 18 Hole Sweep. 1 G Andrew net 59 BIH, 2 A Smith net 59, 3 P Moran net 60.

Saturday July 13, Commemoration Shield and Rose Bowl. 1 C McNeill net 59, 2 E McKinnon net 60. Euan wins the Rose Bowl for best scratch score.

Fixtures: Saturday July 20, 18-hole sweep, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday July 24, Fairs Cup, ballot at 6pm.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday July 2, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary and Duncan Sillars. 1 John Pennycott 64, 2 David Jeffrey 65, 3 Brian Sherwood 66 BIH. Tuesday July 9, Peter Sutton. 1 Phil Betley 62, 2 Campbell Laing 65.

Fixtures: Tuesday July 23, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm.

**DEATH**

**ANDERSON:** John. Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Sunday, 14th July 2019. John, aged 86 years, of Hillcrest Farm, Machrie, loving husband of the late Jean (née Taylor), and proud father of Rhona, Iain and Audrey and dearly loved grandfather and great grandfather. Private funeral.

**WEDDING**

**Spence - Sutherland**



**Gemma Lucy Sutherland, granddaughter of Rosa and the late Gordon Martin, daughter of David and Gwen and brother of Jamie, Sarah and Rebekah married Craig Richard Spence, both of Aberdeen on the 6 August 2019 at Kings College, Aberdeen, the reception was held at the Marcliffe Hotel, Aberdeen.**



**Winner of the Lamlash Ladies Championship, Susan Butchard with her trophy and runner up Sheena Murchie.**



**THE LAST WALTZ**

Grief Circle

Is somebody special missing? If you'd like a safe place to share memories over coffee and cake, call into Heather Lodge on Sunday 21st July 2-4pm

# Arran hold heads high at World Championships

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Women 60+ 13th overall. This was a great achievement for the Arran team.

HRH Princess Anne visited the event and started the Ladies 60+ race and afterwards took time to visit the teams and chat to the Arran squad. The overall winners of the Skiffie World Championships 2019 were Dundrum from Northern Ireland. North Berwick, who were the overall winners at Arran's Regatta a few weeks



A flotilla of 57 skiffs led by two skiffs from Stranraer start the week's rowing.



ago, took gold in the Men's Open, putting them number one in the world for that category.

**Arran return from the flotilla to waving crowds.**

A spokesman for Arran said that the club had to encourage more competitive male and female rowers in the 30+ 40+ 50+ age group if they were to improve their world ranking. The next world championships will be held in 2022 at a venue yet to be confirmed.

The club are actively seeking

new members who would like to become competitive rowers for the 2020 season. Full training/instruction will be given. If you are interested in joining our friendly regatta team, please message David Ingham on Facebook or email [arranphotography@btinternet.com](mailto:arranphotography@btinternet.com).

## Family kayak around Arran in memory of loved Ninni

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A family from Bolton are taking on an epic challenge by kayaking around Arran in only four days in memory of their beloved Ninni.

Eleven-year-old Noah and his dad Oliver Wotherspoon will be undertaking the epic 60-mile adventure starting tomorrow (Sunday) with the backing of a support boat crewed by Noah's grandfather, Richard Wotherspoon, and Alex Wotherspoon, who is Oliver's brother.

Noah's mum Tamsin will also be supporting the effort from the land with her nine-year-old daughter Sunni, who will step in to complete the mission if Noah is unable to.

Oliver and Noah will be camping on the beaches they moor up on, so will be carrying their tent and sleeping bags with them as well as fishing lines to catch their dinner for the evening.

The kayaking will be done in stages and once the kayakers have completed their paddling for the day, Sunni and Tamsin will be arranging

a beach clear-up of rubbish and plastic on the shore that they moor up on.

The motivation for the extended family to undertake this challenge is an emotionally driven one which has been a long time in the making. Norma Wotherspoon (Ninni) passed away late last year after a battle against cancer. Norma is the mother of Oliver, Alex, Lizzy and Harry Wotherspoon, wife to Richard Wotherspoon and Ninni (grandmother) to Noah, Sunni, Moses, Beau, Nell, Patrick and Betty.

Norma's last days were spent at Christies hospital in Manchester and the hospital gave so much support and comfort to Norma that her family wanted to do something in the name of Norma, as well as giving something back to the hospital. During the very intensely sad days at Christies the family started talking about what they could do for the hospital and this is where the challenge started, around Norma's bedside.

Through their contribution page at [Ninni.muchloved.com](http://Ninni.muchloved.com)

the family have already raised £11,000 in memory of Norma who spent most of her life helping others as a health visitor in Bolton.

Norma throughout her life visited Arran where she used to have a family house on the beach side of Whiting Bay. Since the family all grew up knowing and loving the island, it has a very special place in their hearts, making it the ideal location for their challenge.

Oliver, Noah and Sunni have been training for this event for the past few months and Oliver's dad has brought his boat Nebo back from Arran to Bolton earlier this year to give her a huge overhaul restoration so the vessel is seaworthy to help as the support boat.

Tamsin said: 'Norma was a wonderful wife to Richard and mother to Oliver, Alex, Lizzie and Harry. She was also a doting Ninni to Noah, Sunni, Moses, Beau, Paddy, Betty and Nell. Family was her life and to the family she was the keystone to all happiness. She is much loved and



Noah is excited to be undertake the challenge in memory of his much-loved grandmother.

will always be remembered.

'We would love it if people would like to come and help with the beach clean-ups and to welcome Oliver and Noah in from the sea when they arrive at their destination. Oliver and Noah intend to do the round trip around the island in four days, they intend to set off from Lamlash but it is weather permitting so their plans may change.'

**Norma Wotherspoon who passed away late last year after a battle with cancer.**



Oliver and Noah Wotherspoon are experienced kayakers who enjoy spending time together.

# Young guns blaze a trail as



A bruising encounter, players collide as they leap into the air. 01\_B29Xfooty04

Brodick	1
Southend	2
Arran Haulage Cup final	

Saturday afternoon saw old rivals Brodick and Southend battle it out for the first silverware of the season in the sun and in a heated game which saw some of the youngest players from both sides rising to prominence by scoring for their teams.

Both teams had players missing, which resulted in a few old faces turning out to help their clubs. The sides cancelled each other out for the first half-hour with some good battles all over the field. Southend broke the deadlock 10 minutes before half-time when youngster Gregor Crichton made a great run to latch onto Ryan Armstrong's through ball.

In the second half, Brodick

came out the blocks and were pushing more boys forward in the hope of an equaliser. Persistence paid off and it was another youngster, Kyle McNicol, who curled the ball beautifully beyond Fraser McKenzie in the Southend goal.

However, it wasn't long before Southend managed to get themselves back in front.

Despite great blocks on the line from goalkeeper Finlay Sillars and then defender Adam McNicol, they were unable to block the third effort from 15-year-old James Currie, which proved to be the Southend winner.

The goal meant that all three strikes in the match were scored by new S5 students at the high school. A great advert for the next generation of footballers coming through.

Southend hit the bar twice in the latter stages through

Ryan Armstrong and Stevie Judge but couldn't increase their lead.

The final whistle went and Southend were crowned champions for the ninth time in 12 seasons. Brodick player Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil was given man of the match by referee Sean Higgins, despite being on the losing side. Babbies has been instrumental to breaking up play in the middle of the pitch and showing his usual determination.

A spokesman for the Arran Football Association said: 'The association would like to thank Struan and Rachel Armitage of Arran Haulage for their continued generous support towards football on the island. A thank you too to driver Donald "Stud" McKinnie for presenting the trophy on Arran Haulage's behalf.'



Donald 'Stud' McKinnie presents Ryan Armstrong with the Arran Haulage Cup while Frazer Barr douses the team in celebratory champagne.

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Man of the match Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil feels the pressure as four Southend players rush for the ball. 01\_B29Xfooty07



Gregor Crichton rounds the Brodick keeper to score the first goal for Southend. 01\_B29Xfooty03

# Southend lift Haulage Cup



The Southend team who have maintained an unbeaten record this season. 01\_B29Xfooty01



Last year's winner of the Arran Haulage Cup, Brodick were unable keep the silverware in their trophy case. 01\_B29Xfooty02



Brodick players defend in numbers to prevent a Southend goal. 01\_B29Xfooty05



Joel Small attempts a scissor-kick. 01\_B29Xfooty08



Southend's Frazer Mackenzie tried to halt a Brodick goal attempt which struck the bar. 01\_B29Xfooty09

## Seven up as Lamlash keep up challenge

Northend	0
Lamlash	7
Arran Dairies League	

Lamlash kept their faint title hopes alive with another convincing away win against Northend in the only game on Monday night.

### Tally

Johnny Sloss added another four goals to his tally for the

season, taking him one goal ahead of Southend's Ryan Armstrong in the battle for this year's golden boot.

Ben Tattersfield and Grant Adamson both scored their third goals of the season respectively. Young Dylan Smith scored a penalty late on to open his account for the season.

Unsurprisingly, Johnny was given the man of the match

for another impressive performance. The way Johnny is playing he has got to be one of the favourites for player of the year.

### Fixtures

The next fixtures in the Arran Dairies league will be on Monday July 22 when Lamlash face Brodick at 6.30pm and Southend travel to Lochranza to take on Northend at 7pm.

# Arran hold heads high at World Championships

Stranraer was chosen to host the third Skiffie World Championships, and it would be difficult to imagine a venue better equipped or more capable of hosting the 57 clubs and an estimated 2,000 people from across the rowing world, writes Dave Ingham.

Teams from the USA, Canada, Tasmania, New Zealand, Holland, England, Ireland and, of course, Scotland were present, making in total 693 crew. Arran have been training for this event for over a year, culminating in sending a small squad of 11 rowers to Stranraer for the week.

With such a small squad it was always going to be exhausting for the team, as most rowers had at least two races per day and on one occasion four races in the day. Because

of the large number of skiffs entered for the event, all races consisted of either three or four heats, then a final. The starting line-up for most races was 15 skiffs. Regular club regattas normally have a six-skiff line-up, so it was challenging, particularly for the coxes right from the start.

Racing was in lanes totalling 2km with each skiff given a specific turn buoy midway through the course. The southerly breeze which was present at the beginning of the week then changed to a north-westerly, made conditions particularly challenging at the halfway turn buoys where keeping the skiffs in their own lanes was proving difficult, with many clubs being awarded time penalties for clashing oars. Arran's coxes skilfully evaded such penalties and on a couple of



Arran pull away at the start of a race.

Photos: Saskia Coulson/CT Productions

occasions used these conditions to their advantage.

In total there were 22 different categories of which Arran competed in 10, qualifying twice for the repechage (fastest skiff not to reach the final) in the mixed 40+ and the women's 50+. And deservedly reached the finals four times in the mixed 60+ 10th overall, in the mixed 50+ 15th overall, Women 40+ 9th overall, and

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Arran's 50+ ladies in action. Photo Dave Ingham



Arran's mixed 40+ in action.



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