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New salmon fish farm is ready for planning fight

by Hugh Boag editor@arranbanner.co.u

The company hoping to create a controversial second fish farm on Arran has submitted more than 900 pages of supporting argument as to why it should go ahead.

A widely anticipated planning application submitted the Scottish Salmon Company to North Ayrshire Council this week contains a 914-page dossier which planners will have to pick through with a fine-toothed comb.

It includes two environmental reports running to 256 pages, a 109-page public consultation report, a 46-page planning statement and a 41page socio-economic report.

Planners will now have just four months to plough through the detailed information together with the expected widespread objections to the proposals for the north end of the island which have already started to pour in.

A North Ayrshire Council spokeswoman said this week: 'The application is currently scheduled to be considered

by the council's planning committee towards the end of this year.'

The application for the installation and operation of an Atlantic salmon fish farm comprising 20 pens of 120m circumference and an accompanying feed barge on a site to the east of Millstone Point near Lochranza.

Major opposition to the plans is expected both on Arran and from further afield with the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) and Lochranza and Catacol Association Community already urging the public to make their views heard.

A design statement prepared by Glasgow-based Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd for the proposed development gives the location of the fish farm as approximately 2km south-east of Laggan and approximately 4.5km north of Sannox in open water 200m off the coast.

It goes on to say it would occupy a surface area of approximately 2.3 hectares comprising two groups of 10 pens of 120m circumference

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Finance Secretary Derek Mackay at the now publicly-owned Ferguson Marine yard in Port Glasgow with the unfinished Arran ferry, the MV Glen Sannox, behind him. With him are Inverclyde MSP Stuart McMillan (left) and the area's MP Ronnie Cowan. Full story, page three.



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Arran search for missing German tourist goes on

A search was continuing for a 58-year-old German tourist thought to be missing on Arran for more than a week, as the Banner went to press.



A CCTV image of Valerij Tomarenko arriving on

It is thought Valerij Tomarenko may have come to Arran hillwalking and on Thursday the Arran Mountain Rescue Team were drafted in to search in the Goatfell area for the missing man.

Earlier this week, Police Scotland issued a CCTV image of Mr Tomarenko which was taken on Thursday August 15 at the Brodick ferry terminal, and are urging the public to get in touch with any information on his whereabouts.

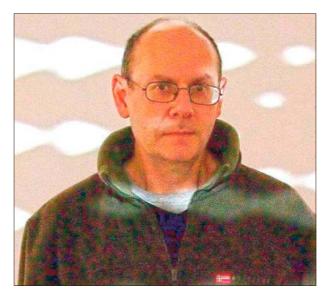
Police have been studying other CCTV cameras in Brodick in a bid to establish his movements after he arrived on the island, but without any success. The search of Goatfell is an educated guess as to where he may have been going.

Police cannot also rule out that he may have left Arran, but there is no evidence of this as his car was found, and remains, at Ardrossan ferry terminal.

Mr Tomarenko is described as around 5ft 9ins, medium build with receding brown/grey hair. In the image he is wearing a green hat, a grey and black jacket with a distinctive fluorescent yellow trim and light-coloured cargo-style trousers. He was carrying a small black bag.

Sergeant Paul Hughes of Saltcoats Police Office, said: 'In the image, Valerij is seen getting off the ferry at Arran around 10.40am on Thursday. His hire car, a silver Hyundai i10 with the registration number EG68 FHA was found parked at Ardrossan ferry terminal.

'He may have planned to go hillwalking on the island and officers are currently carrying out searches and inquiries to trace him. I am urging anyone who has seen



German tourist Valerij is described as around 5ft 9ins, of medium build with receding brown/grey hair.

Valerij on Arran or who has any information regarding his whereabouts to contact the police.'

Mr Tomarenko arrived

in Edinburgh on Monday August 12 and was due to fly home last Sunday. He was staying in Springburn, Glasgow, and has not been in contact with any family since Wednesday August 14, the day before he apparently travelled to Arran.

Constable David Park, Maryhill Police Office, said earlier: 'He told family he was going hillwalking in a Scottish national park when he last spoke to them and was due to attend the Edinburgh Fringe Festival on Friday August 16. It is unknown if he went to Edinburgh.

'His belongings have been left at his accommodation in Springburn and therefore we believe he intended to return before catching his flight on the Sunday.'

Anyone with any information should contact Police Scotland via 101, quoting incident number 0491 of Monday August 19. Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 where information can be given in confidence.

Fish farm is ready for planning fight Continued from page one (19.1m) radi. The total surface impacts where necessary. A review of the relevant policy Gross Value Added (GVA) for

(19.1m) radi. The total surface area of the moorings would be (1km2) and the proposed development would have a construction period of between 12 to 16 weeks.

The pens would be held in two groups of 5 x 2 pens. The pens (feed pipes and SeaSpine) would be painted dark grey or black in colour to minimise visual intrusion and impact on the landscape

In the documents submitted to the plannerss the company states: 'The planning statement is intended to provide North Ayrshire Council with sufficient information to allow determination of the application.

Each of the subject areas is considered in light of the planning policy context, proposed including the North Ayrshire Council Local Development Plan (at examination) and current adopted North Ayrshire Council Local Development Plan (NACLDP). Other relevant material considerations are also summarised and assessed.

'The detailed Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) that accompanies the application highlights any areas of environmental sensitivity and details methods of mitigation to reduce impacts where necessary. A review of the relevant policy and planning context found significant support for the proposed development at a national and local level with a balance having to be struck between environmental and economic priorities.'

A proposed production cycle based on 5,000 tonnes maximum standing biomass is expected.

The proposed development would operate for 22 out of every 24 months, ensuring that a two-month fallow period takes place prior to the introduction of the next input of smolts.

Harvesting and processing would take place at SSC's Ardyne and Cairndow sites respectively.

As part of the development plans, SSC says it is looking to recruit an additional 10 fulltime equivalent members of staff in the area which would support 51 supply chain jobs and 10 wider economy jobs across Scotland with a total Gross Value Added (GVA) for the Scottish economy of over £8.6 million per year.

However, opposition has already started with one objection stating: 'As Arran residents, we strongly object to the proposal to locate a salmon farm at Millstone Point.

'Having carefully researched the proposal and the effect it would have on our marine life on the island, we feel that it would be a travesty for this farm to go ahead.

'The practices used to keep natural predators away from the farm affect all marine life and would repel seals, dolphins, porpoises etc away from our lovely island. The impact this would have on tourism alone would have a hugely negative impact on island economy, and a purely commercial enterprise which is so at odds with the inherent natural beauty of Arran has no place here.'



A computer generated image of how the fish farm would look from the shore.



Can we have our ferry now?

by Hugh Boag editor@arranbanner.co.uk

The Scottish Government has pledged to deliver the MV Glen Sannox to Arran 'as soon as possible'.

It follows public takeover of the Ferguson Marine shipyard in Port Glasgow by the government last week after bosses served notice of intent to put the business into administration.

Finance Secretary Derek Mackay has said details of a 'robust delivery schedule' for the Arran ferry and her sister ship, known as Hull 802, will be announced by the end of October by the review board which has been set up.

The MV Glen Sannox is

The MV Glen Sannox is understood by the Banner to be about 75 per cent finished but still needs around nine months of work before leaving the yard.

At least three months of sea trials will then be required because of the dual fuel power of the vessel, which has caused so much of the trouble, making the spring/summer of 2021 the earliest before Arran is likely to see the ferry. That is a staggering three years late.

Ferguson was involved in a dispute with the Scottish Government over the construction of the ferries. The yard was owned by industrialist Jim McColl, who could not persuade ministers to pay more than the £97m contract price for the disputed vessels.

The Scottish Government will now buy the yard, which

employs around 300 workers, if no private buyer is found within four weeks.

Speaking after meeting the new board members at the shipyard on Monday, Mr Mackay said: 'We have always been clear that we want to complete the vessels, secure jobs and give the yard a future.

'On Friday, I met with the excellent workforce and stressed the Scottish Government's commitment to achieving the best possible outcome for the yard.



Board chair Michelle Rennie.

'Today, I convened the first meeting of the newly-established programme review board and tasked them with establishing a new delivery schedule for both vessels and a revised cost window.

'This group will help assess the current situation and ensure the effective and efficient delivery schedule of the CMAL ferry contracts as quickly as possible.'

Transport Scotland director of major projects Michelle Rennie has been appointed to chair the board on an

interim basis. The Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise each has a member on the board. The new team also consists of a 'turnaround manager' Tim Hair.

While the CMAL vessels are completed the Scottish Government will conduct further work to identify a viable future for the yard.

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'When the SNP government tendered for the two new vessels, there were seven bids submitted from yards in England, Germany, Poland and Turkey, alongside FMEL.

"The tender was for a "design and build" and the range of tenders was from £93 to £99 million. Thus, all yards believed they could deliver on time to their tendered price.

'Scottish ministers understandably selected FMEL – there would have been a furore had they not – as the price was commensurate with other bids and a dying yard with only 67 employees would be revitalised, as would the local supply chain, creating and sustaining hundreds of jobs here in Scotland.

"That FMEL was unable to deliver at the price it offered to design and build at – for reasons it and CMAL dispute – is the reason we are where we are.

'Ultimately, Scottish ministers took their original decision in 2014 for the right reasons and are now determined to complete and deliver the MV Glen Sannox for the people who both live on and visit Arran.'



The Glen Sannox on launch day in November 2017. 01_B47launch10



Derek Mackay addresses the workers at the Ferguson Marine yard after the government take over.



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Woodworkers inspire at C





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An assortment of large carvings enticed visitors to see what further wonders awaited indoors. 01 B34wood02

Karen Bell with a collection of her intricately detailed cardboard and paper cut-out pictures. 01_B34wood05

Woodworkers shared their love and appreciation of all things timber at the Inspiration from Wood Festival held last weekend at the Corrie and Sannox village hall.

The two-day festival, now in its fourth year, is a testament to the many functional and decorative uses of wood, which was demonstrated with a number of exhibitions, demonstrations and the opportunity for visitors to try their hand at the craft.

The event encompassed the entire spectrum of woodworking, from the milling of felled trees to the finely carved and highly polished end products which ranged from decorative household items to furniture and artworks and even jewellery and pens among others.

Joining millers Mark Bunyan and Jamie Campbell on the lawn were woodcarvers Marvin Elliott and his one-time student Robert Coia, who had a number of exhibits, some life-sized, on display. The two well-known artists welcomed visitors and demonstrated their skills while working on their latest projects.

An equally well-known Arran artist, Henry Murdo, displayed some of his works while encouraging visitors to make use of his chisel and mallet to get a feel for the work, and the satisfaction that can be derived from wood carving.

Detailed

Indoors lathe workers Graham McArthur of Rosa Wood and Rory Cowan demonstrated the ornate and finely detailed items that can be created by wood turning. Rory is as well-known on Arran for building wooden boats as he is for his unique wooden pens.

Garnering a huge amount of attention was a display by Stuart Gough with his ever-increasing collection of treasured tools, many with a local provenance and most handed to him for archival

Still relating to wood, Karen Bell of Karebell Designs showed off her paper and cardboard artworks which are made using hand-cut layers to build up artworks, some of which can take months to create.

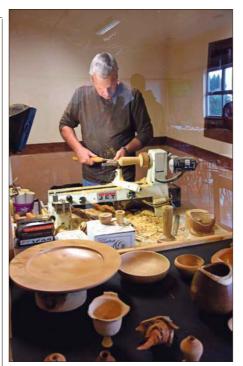
While showcasing the work of full-time wood workers, the festival also highlighted the enjoyment of woodworking with a display of some of the wooden items created by retiree Rob Grant of Whiting Bay. Rob makes chairs, boxes, objets d'art and trinkets in his workshop purely for the enjoyment of working with his hands and working with wood.

Organiser and host Marvin Elliott said: 'Thank you to all of the exhibitors and visitors for helping to make the Inspiration from Wood Festival such a success. We received a large number of visitors on both days and it was a great day out for many of the visiting families and friends who came to show their support.'



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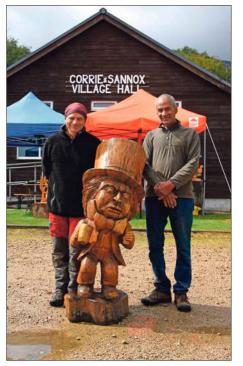


Graham McArthur of Rosa Wood works on his lathe creating bowls, ornaments and items of interest. 01 B34wood06



Rob Grant of Whiting Bay with a collection of some of his workshop projects.

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Carvers Marvin Elliott and Robert Coia with one of Robert's large carvings.



Kate Sampson, senior ranger of Brodick Country Park and Goatfell, spoke to visitors about the Glen Rosa reforestation project. 01_B34wood12

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orrie festival



Visitors browse through a number of wooden items on display at the festival. 01_B34wood14



Mark Bunyan milled a large Douglas fir tree and spoke to visitors explaining the process. 01 B34wood10



Jamie Campbell demonstrates his Alaskan mill, a mobile chainsaw mill that can be operated by a single person. 01_B34wood11



Marvin Elliott 'roughs out' the shape for a dolphin carving. 01_B34wood13



Henry Murdo teaches two visitors how to use the chisel and mallet. 01_B34wood07



Rory Cowan, more accustomed to boat building, invited visitors to try out his mini lathe which is used for small wood turning projects. 01 B34wood08



Stuart Gough answers questions about the remarkable collection of vintage woodworking tools that he has amassed over the years. 01 B34wood03



Bob Logan, wildlife ranger for the Forestry Commission, speaks to a visitor about forests on Arran. 01 B34wood09



The air ambulance landed at Ormidale Park to pick up the injured cyclist. 01_B34cyclist01

Badly injured cyclist airlifted to hospital

A badly injured cyclist was airlifted to hospital from Arran on Sunday after an accident on the String Road.

The 41-year-old man was later said to be in a 'serious but stable' condition in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow, where the man lives. He is thought to have been visiting Arran with his family.

The incident happened about 10.30am on Sunday August 18 when the male cyclist fell from his bicycle while riding on the String Road near to Glenloig access road, sustaining serious injuries. It is understood there were no other vehicles involved.

Emergency services attended the scene and the casualty was rushed by ambulance and airlifted to hospital in Glasgow by an air ambulance which landed in Ormidale Park in Brodick.

Five hours

A section of the String Road was closed for around five hours to allow for the casualty evacuation and subsequent inquiries to be conducted.

Any witnesses who saw the cyclist around the time of the accident are asked to contact Arran police on the non emergency 101 number.



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A pint with a view Third time lucky for at Douglas Hotel

The view overlooking Brodick Bay from the Douglas Hotel has been named as one of the most stunning locations in Scotland to enjoy a pint.

It has been included in a new Tennent's ViewPints which names 15 pubs and bars across Scotland worth visiting for the view

The map is part of a promotion encouraging Tennent's lager drinkers to visit all 15 locations as part of a competition in which the first five people to complete the challenge will win a year's supply of beer.

The Douglas is included among a number of unique and picturesque locations some of which overlook some of the country's most iconic landmarks - that have been selected for their stunning views and chilled pints.

Other locations include a 300-year-old coaching inn, a pint aboard a boat on Loch Katrine and a hotel just a few miles from the site of the KLF's infamous million-pound bonfire.

A challenge issued to fans wishing to take part in the ultimate pub crawl would involve travelling at least 830 miles by land and sea, from Arran to St Andrews and from Cullen to Campbeltown.

McGarrie, group Alan brand director for Tennent's Lager, said: 'Scotland is the most beautiful country in the



Melissa Burnikell of the Douglas Hotel serves a pint of Tennent's in front of the view from the hotel which has put it on the map. 01_B33beer01

world, and what better way to complement those stunning views than with a pint of the country's favourite beer. We've created the ViewPints map to inspire and challenge

beer drinkers to get out and see Scotland like never before.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the island, the Kinloch Hotel has been voted by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) one of the top 10 pubs in Britain offering the best views to take in while enjoying a pint to mark their

beach barbecue

Having been postponed twice already, due to adverse weather, Brodick Improvements Committee is going to have one last try to hold its Beach Barbecue tomorrow (Sunday) at 2pm.

In postponing the event for a second time, the barbecue, one of the group's main fundraisers, was in danger of losing its liquor licence, as NAC rules insist on a minimum seven days' notice. However, councillors Timothy Billings and Ellen McMaster, both acting with speed and alacrity, contacted Ronnie McNicol, the chairman of the NAC Licensing Board. The result was that common sense prevailed and the event will have its fully-licensed bar. Organisers thank the councillors for their sterling work.

The bar will accompany the usual children's races, sandcastle competition, burgers, putting, frisbee golf, standing long jump and the world's most magnificent and munificent tombola.

Thank you to all who donated prizes to the latter, and to Doreen and Alison for collecting them. Auchrannie have lent their equipment for the volleyball competition entries on the day, organisers

All these events will take place to a background of beach music provided by Trevor, who will be lugging the PA equipment into a van and on to the beach for the third time in three weeks.

For the stage, thanks go to Arran Haulage, who have provided a curtain-sider, and Stud for driving it down. On this Arran Haulage stage will be various Arran folk musicians, and to round off the event, Arran's best-loved rock band The Brown Noise, who are scheduled to take the stage around 3.30 pm.

Bedraggled Brodick beach gets the buddy treatment

An 'emergency' clean-up of Brodick beach took place last week after a deluge of logs and wood debris washed down the Rosa and Cloy burns following the major storm, reported in last week's

A group of 11 adults and two children, members of the Beach Buddies group, removed a total of 60kg of rubbish and 108kg of logs and wood from Invercloy beach.

Further down at the opposite end of the beach, at Strabane, another group of young people doing a Duke of Edinburgh Award, in conjunction with Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), removed 35kg of rubbish from that beach.

The next scheduled beach cleans will take place at Lochranza on Sunday September 8 and at Machrie on Sunday September 15. Further information on these, and future beach cleans, can be found by searching for Beach Buddies Isle of Arran on Facebook.

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Arran delivery firm to be hit by electric supply cut

by Hugh Boag



A vital island delivery firm is to have its electricity supply at Ardrossan cut-off in less than three months - leaving it with an uncertain time ahead.

Due to developments on the harbour, owner Peel Ports has told local businesses to find a new supplier by November this year, directly affecting Arran Deliveries, Service Station and Jewson Builders.

This has come as a shock to Arran Deliveries, who have had their electricity supply via Peel Ports since they built the depot 20 years ago.

However, they have been told because of the taxpayerfunded development of the harbour area this is no longer

Unbelievable

Owner Tony Morrow told the Banner: 'Myself and the other businesses involved have invested heavily in our harbour premises. For Peel Ports to be given £20 million to £30 million of taxpayers' money and then to cut off our electricity supply is totally unbelievable. I employ 20 people and to put these and other jobs at risk is completely out of order as I have never taken a penny in grant money in my life.'

And he is angry that small businesses have been only months to arrange for a new supplier when CalMac and the Clyde Marina have been aware of the situation for 18 months.

Mr Morrow has written to West Scotland MSP Jamie Greene and Cunninghame North MSP Kenneth Gibson



asking for help. He told them. 'It seems unreasonable that the taxpayer funds CalMac, Clyde Marina and Peel Ports while cutting off electricity and potentially closing down other viable and important businesses within the local community.

'I am not being dramatic with this statement as the cost of new cable and equipment may be prohibitive. Further, it is unlikely Scottish Power would be able to do any works within such a short timescale.'

Difficult

'Having such a short time to arrange a new power supplier will prove to incredibly difficult for all businesses currently operating on the harbour.

'Given that this situation has been known for some time, it's surprising that we only received notice recently. Scottish

hope the Government listens to the concerns that we, local businesses, are raising and take some measures to address this,' he added.

The Ardrossan depot

of Arran Deliveries.

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As a result, Mr Greene has written to the Scottish Government's business minister Jamie Hepburn to see if the government can assist local businesses. Mr Greene said he was 'surprised' that businesses were kept out of the loop for so long and has asked the Scottish Government to intervene to ensure firms can maintain their electricity supply.

Mr Greene said: 'It is vital that we continue to support local businesses in our community. This is why I have written to the business minister to see if the government can provide some assistance in this matter.'

A spokesman at Peel Ports said: 'We can confirm that

an upgrade to the electrical network at Ardrossan is scheduled for November 2019.

'This work is to replace the main incoming cable and is essential in safeguarding a long-term sustainable supply. The provision to CalMac will be unaffected.

Early notification

'In March 2018, the owners of the affected sites were informed of the plan to cease supply and advised that alternative arrangements would have to be made. A reminder was issued to the tenants in May 2019, followed with confirmation w/c August 5, of the November cut-off date. Early notification of the intended change was communicated to provide sufficient time to source an alternative supply, and mitigate unnecessary disruption. It is our understanding that one of the tenants has already

completed this.

'In the coming weeks we will be convening a meeting with the marina and the affected tenants to explore options and assist them with the transition.'

However, Mr Gibson said: 'This matter needs to be resolved with much greater urgency. Holding a meeting "in a few weeks" is not good enough. Local businesses need to be assured of a continuing electricity supply. Peel has a responsibility to itself secure that on behalf of all its tenants, rather than expecting each of them to scurry around seeking alternatives.

Mr Gibson has written to Peel Ports and North Ayrshire Council, who will be responsible for the 'land' aspect of Ardrossan's harbour regeneration, who are said to be 'looking into the matter'.

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Castle to stay open longer

Brodick Castle is to stay open for two months longer than usual. In a first for the castle, gardens and country park, the venue is going to remain open until December 22.

Operations manager Jared Bowers said: 'It is very exciting as it's a first at the property, from what I understand. There are a couple of reasons for this - one is that we've had a fantastic season so far with increased visitor numbers and would like to extend our normal closing date of October 31.

'Arran is steadily becoming a year-round destination and we are interested in testing the waters in the shoulder season to see what interest there would be in attracting visitors to the property. All attractions will remain open during this time, including the Isle be Wild adventure playpark.

'Another reason is that we have a couple of special Christmas events planned, the main one being a month-long event that will run from November 22 to December 22 where we will decorate the interior of the castle.

'We hope that this will entice more visitors to the castle during this time and we look forward to seeing everyone this autumn.

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Fish fight

So the gloves are off and the fish farm fight is on for real.

The consultation and pre-planning work is over and the Scottish Salmon Company has handed over the documents it hopes will see the controversial proposal for a second salmon farm on Arran through the planning process.

When it submitted the application, it certainly must have landed with a thud given it has submitted 32 lengthy documents running to 914 pages – and some of that in very small print.

No one can then accuse the firm of not doing its homework and North Ayrshire planners are going to have their work cut out to process the application in four months - which is the required timescale to do so.

What has started as a trickle but is expected to become a flood are the objections to the proposal for a second fish farm in the north of the island.

Fish farming, and in particular salmon farming, has not been getting a good press of late and opponents are unlikely to be swayed by how many reports the company puts together to back its case.

The planning authorities, on the other hand, will have to take all matters into consideration when determining the application which is expected to come before councillors by the end of the year.

What lies ahead for Arran and fish farming will be much clearer then.

Thought for the week

'Those who are now last shall be first, and those who are now first will be last.' Luke 13:30

Brand Arran

Arran makes the difference: Amid all the bad news about our inability to build ferries, manage our steel companies or run our own trains. there was a heartening reminder in last week's Banner that on Arran at least people still make stuff.

Jain Monteith saw the demand for strong reliable workboats, used his engineering and fabrication skills to make them and market them and now they are being sold across the country and exported beyond it. The company employs highly skilled local people directly as well as in the supply chain.

Also, the article on Paterson of Arran, another company working away quietly, making world class products. Add to this Arran Aromatics, our two distilleries, our brewery, our chocolate maker, Taste of Arran, our forestry, farming, quarrying, construction, transport, electricity generation and a raft of small arts and crafts companies, and we have a very good manufacturing/ production base, with the Arran brand at its centre.

Not suggesting we take over British Steel, build ferries or run the trains but if the people who produce things and employ people on this island wanted to, they probably could. It would be good to hear more from them.

Yours. Tom Tracey, Brodick.

Fact, not fiction

I refer to the letter from J M Campbell in the Arran Banner dated August 17.

Mr Campbell has never set foot on Arran Workboats premises, nor has he had any insight into our boat building procedure and yet he deems himself qualified to comment on our business.

The facts he stated in his letter are not only blatant untruths but he is inciting mischief by his false reports against our products and tendering process, obviously with the intent to discredit our company's reputation and integrity.

Had Mr Campbell been in our workshop during the past 10 years, he would know that all our boats are built entirely from scratch in our Arran workshop, including the hull, which Mr Campbell refers to as the 'shell'. Our calculations and designs have been passed by CE Proof and have build certificates issued by HPI Verification Services. Getting to the position we are now in has involved a huge amount of work and considerable investment. All our component parts are designed in-house and cut out on our CNC routers. The boats are fabricated on jigs and rotating spits, all designed and manufactured in-house. The long-term employees who build the boats are all certified by The Welding Institute (TWI). The finished boats are coded by the MCA and the coding has to be renewed every year.

Mr Campbell has done everyone who works here and everyone involved in the knock-on effect a great disservice with his totally fictitious assertions about our company. One of our key selling points is that the boats are built from scratch and can be customised to suit the customer's requirements. Every contract we have won has been put out to tender.

In fact, anyone who would be interested should purchase an excellent little DVD called 'Welcome to Whiting Bay' (cost £10). In it, they can see for themselves how the boats are built plus many other talks and anecdotes of our village.

Thank you, Mr Campbell, for giving us the opportunity to share with our community the wonderful work carried out by our hard working and dedicated team at Arran Workboats

Yours.

Iain and Sandra Monteith. Directors, Arran Workboats Ltd.

No merit

I feel obliged to write to correct some misinformation contained in Mr Monteith's letter to the Banner

last week on the subject of the proposed fish farm. He asserts that the Lochranza open meeting was a farce and that people did not have the opportunity to be better informed. Perhaps he was not at the meeting, but he is undoubtedly unaware of what actually transpired.

Firstly, I am not a campaign leader - simply a representative of our local community association. We had encouraged our members to come along to learn more about the proposal, and had invited them to attend at a specific time so that their comments could not be watered down, as happened subsequently with the strictly controlled and contained, small numbers allowed at the Brodick consultation.

On arrival at the hall, we were delighted to learn that Craig Anderson. chief executive officer of the Scottish Salmon Company, was present. Our association formally invited him to give a brief presentation to the assembled company as to why this fish farm development was a good thing, and perhaps answer a few questions from concerned residents. Much to our surprise, he absolutely and steadfastly refused our invitation.

We considered the matter further and came to the rapid conclusion that if the head of the company was unable to speak in favour of the proposition, that there could be no merit in the proposal for a fish farm and no point in remaining at the

Further, we do not complain about being ill-informed as it is difficult not to be, with the extensive and largely unsupportive media coverage this industry has received of late.

Now that the planning application has been received at NAC, our community association urges all, of whatever opinion, to read the application, and respond individually to NAC with copies to both of our Arran-based councillors who sit on the planning committee.

Scottish salmon is apparently Scotland's biggest food export. Despite a recent independent report to the Scottish Government stating that fish farm expansion should

be halted, further development is being allowed. We should all think carefully as to whether trashing our marine environment and endangering wild fish stocks is a price worth paying for limited economic development.

As has been decided with fracking, we urgently need a moratorium on further expansion of the industry. This would provide an opportunity to reassess the environmental impact in terms of pollution, toxic chemical use, and wild fish endangerment. It would identify whether open cage fish farming is sustainable in its present form and also determine what further measures are required in terms of industry inspection and regulation. We must also have reassurance about fish husbandry, given the huge numbers of casualties, something which is totally unacceptable to many. Future generations are unlikely to forgive us for accepting significant environmental damage for short term economic prosperity.

Yours.

Robert Cumming. Secretary, Lochranza and Catacol Community Association.

Show thanks

While chair of Arran Farmers' Society (AFS), I would sincerely like to thank the sponsors, the raffle prize donors and the many volunteers for their support of the Arran Agricultural Show on Wednesday August 7. The show wouldn't function without the support of these

Next year will be the 184th Arran Show - one of the longest running agricultural shows in Scotland. It will take place on August 6 when AFS hopes, with your help again, to celebrate another successful show and another contribution to Arran's ongoing festival of summer events all so well recorded in the Arran Banner.

Yours.

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Ferry meddling

The old Ferguson Shipbuilders was almost certainly forced to close by the same problems that have plagued our naval and commercial shipbuilding for a generation: customers' unrealistic technical aspirations, design creep, underappreciation of the complexities and poor project control.

Now its successor, Ferguson Marine, has suffered the same fate except that now the complexities are even greater: the new type of ferries Ferguson Marine was asked to build, running on diesel or liquefied gas, are untested in operation anywhere

CalMac (the ferry operator) and CMAL (provider of the ships and ports) are both Scottish Government owned and have already cost taxpayers £1bn over eight years. The cost of nationalising the last ferry builder on the Clyde seems likely to rise from a predicted £130m nine months ago to £200m+ now.

The Glen Sannox was supposed to be serving Arran last year; it looks unlikely that the problems will be fixed fast enough to get it into service even next year. Meanwhile, island residents, businesses and visitors have to endure the delays, cancellations and squalor that come with an over-stretched and clappedout fleet.

The recent renewing CalMac's monopoly on the Ardrossan-

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Lending credence to the expression, Calm before the storm, this picture by Susan Gray of Kilwinning was taken at Dougarie beach – near the boathouse – the night before the huge storm swept over Arran last Friday causing heavy rain and widespread flooding, as reported in last week's Banner.

Brodick route now looks pretty sick. A dose of competition would focus minds and bring in new ideas and capital. New providers might even buy ferries that actually work, from proven ferry builders, rather than waste taxpayers' money on untested ideas so that politicians can signal their 'green' virtues. That is why it is sad that the Scottish Government's only answer to the problem is yet more meddling control by the

same bureaucrats who have already messed things up so spectacularly. Yours,

Dr Eamonn Butler, Director, Adam Smith Institute, London.

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Dylan Gee receives the **Stewart Dickie trophy from** Sheila Gilmore. 01_B34dylan01

Dylan's trophy

In last week's submitted results from the Brodick Highland Games, we were given the incorrect name for the winner of the under-12 boys' 100-metre race. The winner of the race and recipient of the Stewart Dickie Trophy was in fact Dylan Gee and we are happy to set the record straight.

Market report

United Auctions in Stirling had a catalogue entry of 6.810 store lambs at their sale on Monday August 19.

The best prices were: TexX lambs - £71 Balgowan, £70 Ardbhein, £67 Lenamhor, £63.50 Ceither Gaoithe, £61.50 Bellevue, £61 Bridge. SuffX lambs - f65 50 Ceither Gaoithe £65 Ardbhein. Mule lambs - £57 Balgowan.

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Distillery leads the way to become plastic-free

The Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza has become the first island business on Arran to achieve Think About Plastic accreditation at Gold level and become a TAP

TAP launched the new accreditation programme to help businesses and organisations on Arran make a meaningful reduction in the amount of single-use plastic they use and to choose alternatives which can be recycled or composted.

Think About Plastic-Arran have worked with Lochranza distillery over several months to offer advice, when requested, and to monitor progress.

Helen How, chairwoman of TAP, said: 'The changes made at the distillery have been pragmatic and sensible and have made a significant difference. TAP advocate using up existing stock before



replacing with more environmentally products in order to avoid wasting resources. Discerning visitors are now seeking out businesses with a mindful approach to plastic. The TAP accreditation scheme provides a visible means of identifying such businesses.'

Distillery visitor centre manager Gerard Tattersfield

said: 'Our journey towards being plastic-free has been very rewarding. We've had to be creative in coming up with cost-effective solutions **Gerard Tattersfield** with the TAP accreditation certificate.

in or use any plastic wherever possible and the vast majority of our customers seem to applaud our efforts, especially when we explain our actions. Manufacturing industries and suppliers still have a long way to go and a huge role to play in eradicating single-use plastic completely.'

Businesses and organisations wishing to know more about Think About Plastic -Arran should, in the first instance, contact TAP via their website www.think aboutplastic-arran.co.uk.



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John Wright, director for

at times but we now don't buy Tough action to be taken

Tough action is to be taken to tackle the inappropriate use of blue badge parking spaces at NHS Ayrshire and Arran car parks with the issuing of hefty fines.

At its most recent meeting, NHS Ayrshire and Arran board members agreed to create a traffic regulation which would make it an offence for anyone not displaying a blue badge to park in designated disabled parking bays at main hospital sites. The regulation will also apply to those who park for longer than the stated time in the drop-off areas at hospital entrances.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran will work alongside the Ayrshire Roads Alliance to create the regulation, which will encourage behavioural change by those who misuse the disabled parking bays and free these up for people who have a genuine need to park closer to hospital entrances.

corporate support services, explains: 'Across our sites, we have almost 5,500 car parking spaces, 261 of which are dedicated disabled parking bays. Despite this, we receive



Arran War Memorial Hospital.

a high number of complaints from service users and visitors to our hospitals that these disabled parking bays are often filled with cars not displaying a blue badge.

'Currently, the misuse of disabled spaces carries a penalty in public car parks and roads, but not in hospital

'By introducing this traffic regulation, we hope to discourage drivers from parking inappropriately - either in disabled parking bays or in the drop-off areas at our hospital entrances.'

The Disabled Parking Places Act (Scotland) 2009 gives local authorities the power to create a traffic regulation which

make it an offence for anyone not displaying a blue badge to park in disabled bays. Regulations can also include time-limited spaces such as drop-off spaces.

Ayrshire Roads Alliance, acting on behalf of East and South Ayrshire Councils, would 'police' these spaces and issue any relevant penalty notices in line with the Act. Enforcement in North Ayrshire, including Arran, remains with Police Scotland at this time, and so any penalties issued for non-compliance of the order would be treated in the same manner as other traffic offences, which would be issued by traffic police and collected and utilised by North Ayrshire Council.

A fine floral festival at the horticultural summer show

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

Green-fingered gardeners and creative children all ensured that the annual Arran Horticultural Society summer show was a blooming success with a huge amount of flowers, plants, vegetables and floral arrangements on display.

The show, which took place at Arran High School, covered a vast array of disciplines including 10 sections covering cut flowers, pot plants, decorative arrangements, fruit, vegetables, baking, produce, handcrafts, photographic and a children's category.

The show once again attracted a large entry in the children's category which included flower bouquets, jewellery and miniature gardens, along with artworks and items made from recycled materials.

Equally popular was the baking category which saw rows of tables laden with impressive sweet treats and scones, pancakes and cakes of all varieties.

The most avidly contested sections naturally were those involving vegetables, fruit and flowers. Filling the entire theatre was a forest of prize plants and shrubs and an assortment of fruit and vegetables that far exceeded those, both in size and appearance, that are available in supermarkets and shops.

Society president John Sillars said: 'Thank you to the committee and all of the participants involved in this year's summer show. Both the judges and I commend all of the participants on the exceptionally high quality of the entries, particularly in the children's categories. The entrants have once again exhibited an exceptional degree of talent and skill, especially in the growing sections where they have had to contend with the vagaries of the weather.'

Bringing the show to its conclusion, a prize-giving was held where 22 trophies were awarded for various categories and achievements.

Society treasurer Angela Cassels, a regular trophy winner herself and recipient of this year's Chris Hall Rose Bowl Trophy, presented the awards. Margaret Whyte, daughter of Mairi Turnbull, presented the new Mairi Turnbull Memorial Trophy to its first recipient, Sonia Harding, who earned it with her presentation of the best pot lilium in show.



Charles Hendry shows his exhibit of six roses which earned him the Silver Vase trophy. 01_B34hort01



All of the prize-winners at this year's Arran Horticultural Society summer show. 01_B34hort36



Myra Frost stands besides her first place agapanthus.



Sally Brookes took the Millennium Cup for the most first prizes in the horticultural section, including the tomatoes category which is fiercely contested. 01_B34hort06



Norman Cuthbert with his Hiles Muir Trophy-winning three spikes of gladioli. $01_B34hort08$



John O'Sullivan with his prize winning parsnips which are extraordinarily long and unblemished. 01_B34hort03

Blooming brilliance on d



Sweet pea perfection, Malcolm Wheeler won the Archie Craig Memorial Trophy for his dahlias and the Bank of Scotland Cup for his sweet peas. 01_B34hort10



John O'Sullivan with his vegetable display that earned him the Charles Revell trophy. 01_B34hort05



Prolific producer Sally Brookes won the Orr Watt Cup for the most points in the vegetable section. 01_B34hort07



Noah Macaulay-Smith took a first prize for his posy in a teacup. 01_B34hort09



John O'Sullivan with an impressive display of his large onions that won the Eric Gregory Cup for the best exhibit of onion in show. 01_B34hort04



A deserving winner of the Rhoda Henderson Memorial Cup, May Crawford with her wicker basket of cut flowers and, behind her, another impressive floral arrangement with the theme Music Festival. 01_B34hort11



Lily Glover with her first prize winning drawing.



Kirsty Hume impressed the judges and earned herself the MF Murchie Cup for her amazingly detailed miniature garden. 01_B34hort16



Angela Cassels with her embroidery work which earned her the Chris Hall Rose howl of Padports



Visitors browse the photographic section. $01_B34hort22$



Young Rosalie helps dad Tony Macauley-Smith show off his certificates for his first prize apples and grapes. 01_B34hort14



with his first prize rosette for his bouquet of leaves and grasses in the six years and under category. 01_B34hort15



Angela Cassels presents Charles Hendry with the Mrs Blain Silver Vase for his roses. 01_B34hort18



An assortment of vegetables and fruit shows the variety of produce on display. 01_B34hort30

isplay at summer show



Alice Maxwell with a flower arrangement which earned her the Allen McKay Memorial Quaich. 01_B34hort17



Alice Maxwell was the winner of the Allen Mckay Memorial Quaich. 01_B34hort23



Kirsty Hume receives the MF Murchie Cup for her miniature garden. 01_B34hort28



Angela Cassels presents Janice Murray with the Lady Jean Fforde Cup for the best exhibit in the pot plant section.

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Barbara Paulucy won the Roy Ure Tray for the best pot of fuchsias. 01_B34hort20



Winner of the most prizes in the horticultural section, Sally Brookes with the Millennium Trophy. 01_B34hort21



A rare but winning smile from John O'Sullivan who won the Charles Revell Trophy and the Eric Gregory Cup, both in the vegetable section. 01_B34hort24



Sarah Crawford won the FC Henderson Trophy for most points in the baking section. 01_B34hort25



Arran Horticultural Society president John Sillars presents the Chris Hall Rose Bowl to treasurer Angela Cassels for the best exhibit in the handcraft section. 01 B34hort26



Margaret Whyte presents Sonia Harding with the new Mairi Turnbull Memorial Trophy for the best pot lilium in the show. 01_B34hort27

Horticultural show results

The full results were: Section 1 - cut flowers. Vase small decorative (5 blooms), J Lammie. Vase miniature decorative (5 blooms), 1 J Lammie. Vase medium or semi-cactus (3blooms), 1 N Cuthbert. Vase single agapanthus, 1 Myra Frost, 2 N Cuthbert, 3 Jo Totty. 4 pansies on board, 1 Mary Raeburn, 2 Tom McNeish, 4 violas on board, 1 Tom McNeish, 2 L Currie, 3 L Currie. Vase flowering shrubs, 1 L Currie. 6 roses on board, 1 Charles Hendry, 2 Kate Henderson, 3 Lesley McLelland. 3 roses on board, 1 Tim McNeish, 2 C. Hendry, 3 N.Cuthbert. 1 Vase 1 Stem 1 large flowered rose (HT type), 1 Kate Henderson, 2 Kate Henderson.Vase, 3 stems rambler or old-fashioned roses, 1 Cathy Steed, 2 N. Cuthbert. Vase Phlox, (4 spikes), 1 Cathy Steed. 1 vase carnations, or pinks 6 stems, 1 Laura Currie. Vase asters any var 5 stems, 1 Janice Murray. Vase calendula (6 blooms), 1 Janice Murray. Vase African marigolds (5 blooms), 1 Janice Murray. Vase French marigolds (5 blooms), 1 Janice Murray, 2 Janice Murray, 3 Janice Murray. Vase Janice Murray, 3 Janice Murray. Vase gladioli, large flowering (3 spikes), 1 N Cuthbert. Vase gladioli, large flowering (2 spikes), 1 N Cuthbert, 2 N Cuthbert. Vase gladioli, large flowering (1 Spike), 1 Elizabeth Ross, 2 N Cuthbert, 3 Sue Thoroughgood. Vase sweet peas, one colour (12 stems), 1 Tom McNeish, 2 Tom McNeish. Vase sweet peas, mixed (12 stems), 1 Malcolm Wheeler, 2 Tom McNeish. Vase hardy herbaceous, mixed, 1 Myra Frost. Vase of single stem buddleia, 1 Alice Maxwell, 2 Alice Maxwell, 3 Sonia Harding. 2 vases mop head hydrangeas (2 blooms in each vase), 1 A Bilsland, 2 John Lammie, 3 Kate Henderson. 2 vases lace cap hydrangeas (2 blooms in each vase), 1 Sue Thoroughgood, 2 In each vase), I sue Inoroughgood, 2 Sue Thoroughgood, 3 Angela Cassels. Vase cut garden flowers, 1 Janice Murray, 2 Mairi Simpson, 3 Janice Murray. The Bank of Scotland Cup for best vase of sweet peas in the show: class 41 Malcolm Wheeler. The Hiles Muir Trophy for best exhibit of 3 spikes of gladioli: N Cuthbert. Silver

Vase presented by the late Mrs Blain, for the best exhibit of 6 roses: Charles Hendry. The Dippen Lodge Challenge Cup. Presented by Hon Frances de Moleyns, for the best exhibit of hydrangeas: class 45 A Bilsland. The John Sillars Cup for best exhibit of dahlias (classes 1 to 15): class 4 John Lammie. The Millennium Cup for the most 1st prizes in horticultural sections: Sally Brookes. The Archie Craig Memorial Trophy for the best exhibit in section 1: m. Wheeler.

Section 2 - pot plants. Pot lilium, 1

Sonia Harding, 2 Sonia Harding. Pot plant, foliage (over 8" pot), 1 Cathy Steed. Pot plant, foliage (not more than 8" pot), 1 Carol Vella Boyle, 2 S Talbot. Pot geranium, zonal, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie, 3 Elby Lang. Pot plant geranium, other, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie, 3 Laura Currie. Pot petunia, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie. Pot fuchsia - double (not more than 8" pot), 1 B Paulucy, 2 Laura Currie, 3 Laura Currie. House plant, flowering (up to 8" pot), 1 Laura Currie, 2 R Philips, 3 A Bilsland. Orchid - flowering, 1 Emma Stevenson, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Morag Murchie. Collection of 6 cacti and/or succulents, 1 A Paulucy, 2 Angela Cassels. 6 cacti and/or succulents in one container, 1 A Cassels, Jim Jaur. Cactus or succulent, 1 Janice Murray, 2 A Cassels, 3 A Cassels. Hanging Basket, 1 Tom McNeish. Patio Pot, floral, 1 Tom McNiesh, 2 Unknown. The Lady Jean Fforde Cup presented for best exhibit in section: class 65 Janice Murray. The Roy Ure Tray for best pot fuchsia: B Paulucy. Section 3 - decorative.

Section 3 - decorative.

Arrangement in a small teapot, 1
Sonia Harding, 2 Mary Raeburn, 3
Frances Wheeler. Spray (small) and
1 buttonhole, 1 Frances Wheeler, 2
R Roberts. Bowl of floating flowers,
1 Janice Murray, 2 Frances Wheeler.
Wicker basket of cut flowers, 1 May
Crawford, 2 Frances Wheeler. Flower
arrangement - Music Fest, 1 Alice
Maxwell, 2 May Crawford, 3 Frances
Wheeler. Cameo, miniature exhibit
not exceeding 4" overall, 1 Frances
Wheeler. Floral art exhibit - Floral



Elizabeth Ross with the IP Engraving Trophy for gaining the most points in any two sections. 01_B34hort29

Crown, 1 Frances Wheeler, 2 May Crawford. Arrangement of dried materials, 1 Sue Thoroughgood, 2 Frances Wheeler. The Allen McKay memorial Quaich for best exhibit in section: Alice Maxwell. The Rhoda Henderson Memorial Cup for best exhibit in class 73: May Crawford.

Section 4 - fruit. 4 apples, 1 Tom Macaulay Smith, 2 Unknown 3 Emma Campbell. 4 plums, 1 H Hamilton. 10 blueberries, 1 E Ross, 2 A Maxwell, 3 B Paulucy. 20 redcurrants, 1 Fiona Carswell. Tea plate any other fruit, 1A Maxwell, 2 A Bisland. Bunch grapes, 1 Tom Macauley Smith, 2 Tom McNeish, 3 Tom McNeish.

Neckesh, 3 folm McNeish.
Section 5 - vegetables. 4 courgettes,
1 Hugh Hamilton, 2 Sally Brookes, 3
Sally Brookes. Marrow, for quality,
any size, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Iain Logan,
3 Sally Brookes. Pointed cabbage,
1 Alice Maxwell. Round cabbage,
1 Morag Murchie. Savoy cabbage 1
Lesley McLelland. Red cabbage, 1 Iain
Logan. Head kale, 1 Sally Brookes.
3 carrots, long, 1 John O'Sullivan,
2 Sally Brookes, 3 Sally Brookes. 3
pot leeks, 1 John O'Sullivan, 3 long
leeks, 1 Unknown, 2 Cathy Steed. 3
parsnips, 1 John O'Sullivan, 2 John
O'Sullivan. 3 white, purple or yellow
turnips, 1 Sally Brookes. Calabrese /
broccoli - 2 heads, 1 Alice Maxwell.
3 onions grown from seed, 1 John
O'Sullivan, 2 John O'Sullivan, 3
John O' Sullivan. 3 globe onions
grown from sets, 1 John O'Sullivan, 6
Shallots, 1 Lesley McLellan. 2 lettuce,
1 Alice Maxwell, 2 Sonia Harding.
6 garden peas, 1 Iain Logan, 2 Ian
Bremner, 3 Iain Logan, 2 Ian
Bremner, 3 Iain Logan, 2 Tom McNeish,
3 Sally Brookes. 6 pods runner beans,

1 John O'Sullivan, 2 Hugh Hamilton. 6 pods French beans, 1 Ian Bremner, 2 Ian Bremner, 3 John O'Sullivan. Bouquet of herbs, 1 Lesley McLelland, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 Sally Brookes. 3 Stalks rhubarb, for quality, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 John O'Sullivan. 3 beetroot, globe, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Morag Murchie. 2 heads of celery, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes. 4 potatoes, white, 1 Lesley McLelland, 2 Lesley McLelland, 3 John O'Sullivan. 4 potatoes, coloured, 1 Lesley McLelland, 2 Alice Maxwell. cobs sweet corn, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes. Collection of vegetables, 6 kinds from above, garnishing allowed, 1 John O'Sullivan. 2 cucumbers, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes 3 Sally Brookes. 6 tomatoes, red, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Tom McNeish, 3 Sally Brookes. 6 tomatoes, yellow, 1 Hugh Hamilton, 2 N Cuthbert, 3 A Cassels. Truss tomatoes, 1 Ian Bremner, 2 Sally Brookes. Any other vegetable not specified, 1 Alice Maxwell, 2 John O'Sullivan, 3 S Harding. Novelty vegetable, 1 Helena Paul, 2 John O'Sullivan. Basket or trug of mixed vegetables for the kitchen. mixed vegetables for the kitchen, 1 Lesley McLelland, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 Sally Brookes. The MacAndrew Cup for best exhibit in section: Lesley McLelland. The Orr Watt Cup for most points in section: Sally Brookes. Anne Middleton Trophy for best exhibit in potatoes: Lesley McLelland. Charles Revell Trophy for best collection of vegetables: John O'Sullivan. Eric Gregory Cup for best exhibit of onions: John O'Sullivan. NVS Medal for best dish in section: Iain Logan.

Section 6 - baking. 2 soda scones, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Alison Henderson. 3 plain oven scones, 1 Sarah Crawford, 2 Alison Henderson, 3 Sarah Crawford. 2 individual quiches, 1 Rosemary Roberts, 2 Sarah Crawford. 3 pancakes, 1 Kate Henderson, Elma Stevenson, 3 Morag Murchie. 3 Coburg cakes, 1 Alison Henderson, 2 Elizabeth Ross, 3 Elizabeth Ross. Victoria sponge with jam filling, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Elizabeth Ross, 3 Alison Henderson. Gingerbread, 1 Sarah Crawford, 2 Sarah Crawford, 3 Rosemary Roberts. 3 shortbread fingers, 1 Alison Henderson, 2 Elizabeth Ross, 3 Elizabeth Ross. 3 empire biscuits, 1 Sarah Crawford, 2 Sarah Crawford, 3 Alison Henderson. 3 melting moments, 1 Alison Henderson. Lemon Drizzle cake, 1 Sarah Crawford, 2 Rhona Fulton, 3 Elma Stevenson. Banana loaf (1lb tin), 1 Elma Stevenson, 2 Neil Frost, 3 Emma Campbell, 1/4lb vanilla tablet, Alison Henderson, 2 Pat Reid, 3 Laura Currie. White loaf, yeast hand made, 1 Elizabeth Ross, 2 Neil Frost, 3 Malcolm Wheeler. FC Hendersons Trophy for most points in section: Sarah Crawford.

Saran Crawford.
Section 7 - produce. Jar raspberry jam, 1 Rosemary Roberts, 2 Rosemary Phillips, 3 M Murchie. Jar rhubarb and ginger jam, 1 F Wheeler. Jar apricot jam, 1 M Murchie, 2 M Murchie, 2 Ialbot, 3 F Wheeler. Jar jelly, any variety, 1 Jo Totty, 2 Kate Sampson, 3 Jo Totty. Jar lemon curd, 1 M Murchie, 2 R Roberts, 3 K Henderson. 1/2 dozen hen eggs, 1 M Murchie, 2 K Sayer, 3 Laura Currie. Jar Honey, 1 ABG, 2 ABG, 3 ABG.

Section 8 - handcrafts. Jumper, 1 Laura Glister, 2 Elma Stevenson. Baby garment, 1 Janice Murray, 2 Elizabeth Ross, 3 Elma Stevenson. Child's garment, over 22" chest, 1 Elma Stevenson. Any knitted article using more than one colour, 1 Elma using more than one colour, I Elma Stevenson, 2 Sarah Crawford. Any knitted article using less than 100gms, 1 Rhona Fulton, 2 Elma Stevenson, 3 Sarah Crawford. Any knitted article using more than 100gms, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Sarah Crawford. Any article made from recycled materials, 1 Hugh Hamilton 2 Mairi Simpson, F. Wheeler, Article of crochet using less than 100gms of heavy yarn, 1 Elizabeth Ross, Elizabeth Ross. Article of crochet using more than 100gms of heavy yarn, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Elizabeth Ross. Article in canvas work, 1 Angela Cassels. Article in counted stitch, 1 Angela Cassels, 2 Angela Cassels, 3 Elizabeth Ross. Any article of em-broidery, 1 Elizabeth Ross. Garment sewn, 1 Laura Glister. Soft toy knitted, 1 Janice Murray, 2 Elizabeth Ross. Soft toy sewn, 1 Janice Murray, 2 Janice Murray, 3 Elma Stevenson. Any work, any medium, 1 Elizabeth

Ross, 2 Elizabeth Ross. Any article in any other craft, or using more than one craft, 1 Clive Harding, 2 Nancy Bremner, Elma Stevenson. 1st Birthday card, 1 Rosemary Roberts. Chris Hall Rosebowl for best exhibit in section: Angela Cassels. Illia Price Engraving Trophy for exhibitor with most points having exhibits in any two sections from sections 6,7,8: Elizabeth Ross.

Section 9 - children's. Bouquet of leaves and grasses, no flowers, 1 Robert Dick, 2 Fiona Dick. Bouquet of leaves and grasses, no flowers, over 7 years, 1 Kirsty Hume, 2. Miniature garden, 1 Kirsty Hume, 2 Eve Glover, 3 Unknown. Bowl of floating flowers, 1 Kirsty Hume, 2 Kate McGovern, 3 Haley Glister. Posy in egg cup, 1 Kate McGovern, 2 Kirsty Hume, 3 Emma Henderson. Posy in teacup.

1 Noah Macauley Smith, 2 Hayley Glister, 3 Kirsty Hume. Colour photograph showing animals, 1 Jemma Totty, 2 Kate McGovern. Metalwork article, 1 Callum Glister, 2 Dan McGovern. Soft Toy, 11 years 2 Dan McGovern. Solt 10y, 11 years or over, 1 Kirsty Hume. Sewing or knitting, 1 Jemma Totty, 2 Jemma Totty, 3 Kirsty Hume. Picture in any medium, 1 Lily Glover, 2 Jemma Totty, 3 Kirsty Hume, Animal or figure made from fruit or vegetable, 1 Kate McGovern, 2 Gregor Campbell, 3 Shaila Campbell. 9 varieties of presses tree leaves, named, 1 Kirsty Hume. Edible necklace made from fruit, vegetables, nuts, sweets, etc, 1 Kirsty Hume, 2 Callum Glister, 3 Kate McGovern. Picture or collage using shells, beads, seeds etc, 1 Kirsty Hume, 2 Lily Glover, 3 Kate McGovern. 4 oven scones, 1 Lily Glover. Any other article made from recycled materials, 1Dan McGovern, 2 Jemma Totty, 3 Kate McGovern. The Jim Cassels Trophy for most meritorious exhibit in section: Callum Glister, Loch Ness Monster (metalwork). The MF Murchie Cup for best miniature garden: Kirsty Hume. Section 10 -photographic. Black

Section 10 -photographic. Black and white, any subject, 1 Callum Taylor, 2 Kate Sampson, 3 Frances Wheeler. Nature, animal or bird, 1 Kate Sampson, 2 Sheila Carswell, 3 Callum Taylor. Pictorial, flowers, trees, 1 Sheila Carswell, 2 Diana Carswell, 3 Elizabeth Ross. Pictorial, landscape, seascape 1 David Henderson, 2 Callum Taylor, 3 Susanna Talbot. Pictorial architecture, 1 Elizabeth Ross, 2 Callum Taylor, 3 Callum Taylor, 1 David Henderson, 2 Kate Sampson, 3 Diana Carswell. Any other subject, 1 Kate Sampson, 2 Frances Wheeler, 3 Callm Taylor. Trophy for best entry in section: Callum Taylor.



Visitors browse the cut flower section. 01_B34hort33



The tempting baking section. 01_B34hort32



Fruit and vegetables of all varieties are represented at the show. 01 B34hort34



The handcraft section receives a good number of entries each year. 01 B34hort35





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atmosphere and very friendly service. Went in next day for lunch (soup with best cheese scone ever!). Also ordered a home baked chocolate cake for my sister's birthday. We all loved it, thank you so much!!'

'Brilliant little cafe which was welcoming and had service with a smile. You can tell it's well loved by the food they make. Recommended. Baby and dog friendly.

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Saturday 24 August 2019

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

Something for everyone at arts festival

The McLellan Arts Festival really does have something for everyone with this year's packed programme including opera, poetry, music, dancing and chat and much more.

It all kicks off next Friday, August 30, with a poetry event in Corrie and Sannox village hall, as previewed in last week's Banner.

Sean O'Brien will announce the winners of this year's McLellan Poetry competition and read from his own work all enhanced with music from Arran Dawn.

For anyone interested in literature, this is bound to be

a very interesting event.

On Saturday August 31, the rafters of Whiting Bay hall will resound to the music and fun of the famous festival ceilidh with a live band, The Drambusters, Stuart Gough calling, pipes from Angus Adamson, songs from Tim Pomeroy and jazz duo Biff and Tom. This is always a good night and ideal for all ages with children and young people at school going free. BYOB.

For those of you who delight to wonderful voices, the talented students of the Royal Northern College will



My Name is Irrelevant will be performed in Brodick hall.



Students from the Royal North College of Music who took part in last year's summer school with tutors Pat McMahon, Peter Wilson and Alex Crowe.

sing their beautiful music in Corrie Church at noon on Sunday September 1. (Please note the time – not as advertised in flyer as 12.30pm). On Sunday evening, September 1, a treat is in store. This year's Clamjamfry event features Kirsty Wark who will talk about her life in seven

images and then talk about her new book with a question and answer session and book signing after – all in the community theatre, Lamlash. Monday September 2 is film night and, this year, Arran Vintage film is being shown in Corrie and Sannox village hall as well as the Arran-made

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Archive and Genealogy researchers welcomed

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

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

BRODICK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Sunday 25th August

ON BRODICK BEACH

Thank you for all donations to the raffle which will take place at the BBQ

Beach Volleyball • Putting
Frisbee Golf • Burgers
Bar • Children's Races
Standing Long Jump • Raffle
Rock Band (Brown Noise)
Sandcastle Competition
Traditional Music • Fun

2.00pm start All Welcome





The Arran Banner **LEISURE** 19 Saturday 24 August 2019



Paul Anderson will be the headline act at the concert in Whiting Bay hall.

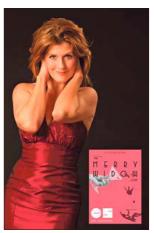
successful comedy Uncowed. Theatre enthusiasts will welcome a new production in Brodick hall on Tuesday September 3 called My Name is Îrrelevant.

The show blends the spoken word with a live original soundtrack. A great opportunity to see new professional theatre on Arran.

A real foot-tapping evening is promised in Whiting Bay hall on Thursday September 5 when Paul Anderson, a talented and acclaimed fiddler from the north-east, will entertain alongside fellow entertainers from Aberdeenshire and Arran, including Sheila Gilmore, John Sillars and John Cruikshank. Not to be missed.

Friday September 6 is, of course, the opera gala at the community theatre in Lamlash when the young opera singers who have been working all week at their summer school Altachorvie will perform for us. Always a joy.

And then on Saturday September 7, more talented young people - this time theatre students from the Royal Scottish Conservatoire



Opera Bohemia are bringing The Merry Widow to the festival.

- will perform their vibrant and excellent work in Corrie and Sannox village hall. Now in its fourth year, this popular event has become a real showcase of talent.

On Sunday September 9, expect a glorious musical event in the community theatre. Lamlash when the McLellan Festival Chorus,



The Clamjamfry event features Kirsty Wark.

the summer school students and young musicians from the Royal Northern College perform Handel's Messiah.

Then you get a week off! Return for what promises to be a joyous evening in the community theatre, when Scotland's acclaimed professional company, Opera Bohemia, give a full costumed and staged performance of, perhaps the world's best loved operetta, The Merry Widow.

Tickets for all events can be bought online at arranevents. com, The Book and Card Centre, Brodick, or at the door.

A festival season ticket is also available so you don't miss a thing.



Friday 30th August
SEAN O'BRIEN
McLellan Poetry Competition
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 7.30pm
£12, Children and young people
at school free.

Saturday 31st August
POETRY WORKSHOP
Corrie and Sannox Hall,
11am - 3.30pm
£12 including lunch.
Booking essential 01770 700464
or cicelym39@gmail.com

Saturday 31st August

FAMOUS FESTIVAL CEILIDH
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30.
£12 Including supper. BYOB.
Children and young people
at school free.

Sunday 1st September MCLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL AT CORRIE CHURCH

Sunday 1st September KIRSTY WARK An Arran Clamjamfry Community Theatre, Lamlash, 7.30pm £12, Children and young people at school free.

Monday 2nd September

ARRAN ON FILM
Arran Archive Film
'Uncowed' - A serious comedy
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall,
7.30pm. Entry by donation.

Tuesday 3rd September

THEATRE
'My Name Is Irrelevant'
Supported by The Touring Network, produced by Tortoise in a Nutshell Brodick Hall, 7.30pm £12, Children and young people at school free.

Thursday 5th September

A SCOTS HAIRST
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm. BYOB £12, Children and young people at school free.

Friday 6th September

OPERA GALA NIGHT
Community Theatre Lamlash, 7.30pm
£12, Children and young people
at school free.

Saturday 7th September

DRAMA LIVE
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 7.30pm.
Book early as numbers
are restricted to 50
£12, Children and young people
at school free.

Sunday 8th September

THE MESSIAH
Community Theatre, Lamlash
School, Lamlash, 7.30pm
£12, Children and young people
at school free.

Saturday 14th September THE MERRY WIDOW

(LEHÁR) - OPERA BOHEMIA with Music Arran Community Theatre Lamlash, 7.30pm £16, Children and young people at school free.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT SCHOOL FREE AT ALL EVENTS. See Arran Banner and website, arrantheatreandarts.co.uk for more details

Tickets for performances can be bought online at arranevents.com, at the Book and Card Shop, Brodick or at the door.

SPECIAL OFFER

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The Arran Banner
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Arran catches up with brave Valdete 10 years on



Many Arran residents will remember when we raised funds to bring this young lady from Albania for surgery and treatment to improve her quality of life, writes Sue Davidson.

This was a big deal for Valdete Gjonpalaj and her family as she was just 18 years old and had never been outside of Albania. There were many first experiences she had to face – first time on a plane, struggling to understand the Scottish accent and, most difficult of all, surgery without her parents here. She had to stay with us for eight months, four of those with a heavy plaster on her leg.

When the plaster came off, she was able to wear proper

An article in the Arran Banner from 2008 shortly after Valdete arrived on Arran.





Valdete Gjonpalaj pictured on her mobility scooter 10 years on.

shoes for the first time, very important to a teenage girl. Then she stood for the first time and was able to walk short distances with a zimmer frame.

The most difficult time for all of us, was when she had to return to Albania. She wanted us to adopt her but of course this wasn't possible as she was over 18. She found it difficult to settle down again in her own country but what kept her going was her desire to help other young people with physical disabilities, most of whom were hidden away in their homes at that time. The private hospital where she had her surgery gave us £500 to start a charity to help others in Albania.

This we did and some of you will remember when Pat

Ferguson and I drove our minibus full of equipment from Arran to Albania.

So, here is Valdete, 10 years on, able to go out alone for the first time in her life with the mobility scooter we bought for her.

We opened the day care centre she dreamed of and Valdete was my translator until I could learn the difficult Albanian language. She studies at our centre and has just finished her second year of high school along with two other students.

This was amazing for their families and something they didn't believe would happen. We're training them for employment in the future – another first!

It's difficult to find the £2,000 per month to run our

centre but we've been open now for five years. Brexit has seen the British pound lose value which, of course, increases our costs.

We need help. Is there anyone interested in helping with fundraising, able to help with setting up Instagram and other IT pages?

If we could find 50 people willing to give £10 per month or 100 people able to give £5 monthly, we'd be able to continue. As we're a registered charity in Scotland as well as in Albania, we can claim Gift Aid on your donations.

We need to see not only Valdete but the other students at our centre through another two years of school.

If you're able to help in any way, please contact Sue on 850503 or Ken on 700644.

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Arran Heritage Museum

Saturday 24th August

Craft market Fun Texas Scramble & BBQ, visitors welcome Rink games Rink bowls Rink howls Family games RNLI shop – open Gym induction Fun in the pool Copperwheats Knockout Cup Final – Northend v Southend Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only) Live music - Davie Anderson Live music - Scott MacDonald Live music - Contraband, playing songs everyone loves Over-21s disco

Brodick Hall, 11am - 3pm Whiting Bay Golf Club, 12noon Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm Ormidale Park, Brodick, 3pm The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm -11pm The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Live music - Davie Anderson **Brodick Beach BBQ** Family games
In Our Hands, Eco Savvy Food Film Last Waltz Grief Circle RNLI shop - open Gym induction Fun in the pool Live music - James McKay

Sunday 25th August

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Folk music session

Monday 26th August

Morning fitness Live music – James McKay, singer, songwriter Adult tennis JogScotland mixed ability running group Circuit training Summer bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396 Rink games Rink bowls Live music - Fatman & the Angel Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s

Brodick Beach, 2pm Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm Home Farm, Brodick, 2pm - 3.30pm Heather Lodge, Brodick, 2pm - 4pm Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm - 6pm Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm - 6pm Blackwaterfoot, 5pm Whiting Bay, 5.30pm Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm Arran High School 6.15pm for 6.30pm Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm

Adult tennis Body Blitz (booking essential) Eco Savvy Food Share Eco Savvy Food Share The Drift Inn quiz Tommy's general knowledge quiz

Scottish Country Dancing

Traditional music sessions

Brodick Gardens volunteers

Lamlash Church coffee morning

Archives and Genealogy Service

Arran Pace Makers running group

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

Special themed music pub quiz

Live music - Tim Pomeroy

Brodick Church coffee morning

Bronze Age roundhouse open

Chair Yoga exercise class Knit and Blether

Junior rugby (P3-P7)

Eco Savvy Food Share

Trev's pop music quiz

Hydrofit

Flow Yoga

Local dog trial

Tae Kwon Do

Rock'n'pop bingo

Rink games

Rink bowls

Brodick Church Hall, 7.30 pm Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm Brodick Bar, 9pm

Wednesday 28th August

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon Brodick Church Hall, 10.30am - 12 noon Arran Heritage Museum,10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 11am St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm and 2.30pm Talk Introducing Arran's Archaeology Brodick, 5.30pm Shiskine Hall, 6pm Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm Birchburn, Shiskine, 6.30pm Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 29th August

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm Morning fitness Chair Yoga exercise class Music Matters Blackwaterfoot, 5pm Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Arran Ranger Service, Brodick Castle & Country Park, 7.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm Family badger watch Arran Hockey Club – seniors (12 yrs +) Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 30th August

Yoga Hydrofit Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm ACLI - Friday Garden Club Adult tennis
Qi Gong (Tai Chi), all welcome
Gym induction Blackwaterfoot, 11am Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am - 12.30pm Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only) The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm Frydays chip shop Food pop-up – The Great Wall Lochranza Centre, 6pm - 8pm Lagg Distillery, 7pm for 7.30pm start Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous meeting (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm ean O'Brien Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 7.30pm Tae Kwon Do McLellan Festival – poetry competition with Sean O'Brien Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm Live music - Cams Campbell Friday night quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Tuesday 27th August

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 Forest Land Rover Safari Home House House, Brodick, 10am - 3pm Arran Ranger Service, Brodick Castle & Country Park, 11am Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm Rink bowls Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 2pm Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group Steak night - two ribeye steaks & bottle of wine Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm Shiskine Hall, 5.30pm - 6.45pm The 1st Shiskine Rainbows and Brownies Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm Arran Hockey Club - juniors (5-14yrs) Corrie Hall, 6pm Whiting Bay Drama Summer Plays Whiting Bay Village Hall, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Saturday 31st August

McLellan Festival – poetry workshop with Sean O'Brien Rink games Rink bowls Rink bowls Family games Gym induction Fun in the pool Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only)
McLellan Festival – famous festival ceilidh, BYOB Live music - Cams Campbell Live music – Jeremy Levif Live music – Brimstone & Blake - roots, blues & Americana Over-21s disco

Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 11am Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm -11pm The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday August 21, 1999

South Arran pipeline

Work on the new south Arran water pipeline, or ring main, continues apace. For a few weeks now the work has been clearly visible besides the String Road as the path of the pipe marches on, to the Balmichael borehole in one direction and down towards Glencloy in the other.

Speaking to Norrie Pollock of engineering services at West of Scotland Water, he said that the supply, as well as being plentiful, was of good quality. It is slightly harder than surface water and that only little or no treatment would be needed to make it fit for human consumption. The only chemical required would be chloros, which is related to chlorine and is standard for any new water supply.

The ring main's route takes it from Shiskine valley borehole east to Brodick, and then south through Lamlash, Kings Cross, Whiting Bay and High Kildonan on to Kilmory. The pipe will travel mainly across the back of Brodick, Lamlash and Whiting Bay, with spurs to service reservoirs at Corriegills, Whiting Bay, Kildonan and at the end of the line near Bennan.

It is expected that the project will be completed in 12 months, and the southern half of Arran will then have a new, clean and plentiful water supply.

High speed ferry

It's two and a half hours to Belfast on the high speed ferry from Troon. People in Whiting Bay see it whizzing up the Firth of Clyde each day and are thus constantly reminded of it.

Ideas of newer types of vessel to serve Arran

have been mooted, or flown as kites, for over 10 years. Already there are some people whom we believe are looking into the uses of other types of vessels. Whether as replacements to the ferry or as an additional mode of travel, we are not sure. In the past CalMac has taken a very conservative line towards non conventional ships and, in the late 1980s, when they were raised, there was a long and technical argument against them.

There have been meetings on Arran about making use of the Troon ship, either in its off time or on a more regular basis, and it is believed that CalMac might be more open to the idea. This is all very much in the future but, if it does transpire, we shall all be able to travel to the mainland on a different type of ship, and probably in half the time.

End of leaded petrol

After January 1, 2000, around 800 of Arran's estimated 2,000 vehicles will no longer be able to fill up with leaded petrol as the government is phasing it out. Instead an alternative will be provided which is known as LRP or lead replacement petrol. This will affect all cars older than a K reg.

The publicity claims at the moment – which come from an alternative fuel provider – say that it can't be used on motorways and that it may cause your car to overheat. It is also claimed that LRP will have no standard and that it may damage your engine and your health. Mr D G Weir of Weir's Garage says that these are dire claims from people who have a vested interest in dissuading people from using it.



All of the trophy winners at this year's Horticultural Society Show which took place in Lamlash with a record number of entries. $ol_{B34twe04}$



Overall winners of the annual Scottish Hydro Electric charity golf match at Brodick were Andrew Gillespie and Hugh Angus, who are pictured with Susie McKinnie, Robin McKinnie of Scottish Hydro Electric and Rosie Cook. 01_B34twe05



Chairman of the North Ayrshire Council's community safety forum and Arran councillor John Sillars presents Arran Mountain Rescue Team leader Alistair Hume with a certificate in recognition of the part they play in ensuring community safety. 01_B34twe02



Selling plants and garden gnomes are the ladies from the shop Bay Tree of Whiting Bay. Owners Roslyn Whincup and Sue McGreevy have attended every one of the village 'weeks' this summer.



Elaine Duncan of Brodick entered the horticultural show for the first time and instantly became the champion hydrangea grower. 01_B34twe01

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Sunday 25th August

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland Charity Number: SC014005 25th August 2019 Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship. All most welcome.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Sunday 25th August 10th Sunday after Trinity Sung Eucharist at 11 am. Revd Adrian Fallows Coffee after service

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing) Sunday 25th August Morning Service 11am Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick Evening Service 6.30pm 5 Glen Road, Brodick

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC **CHURCH**

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings **Sunday 25th August** Service at 11am Ormidale Pavilion Tea and coffee after the Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer. Telephone 600222 Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND **Sunday 25th August**

Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie) Brodick at 6pm Services will be taken by Rev John Mann

DEATH

CURRIE: Martha Graham Bridge Farm, sadly passed 20th August 2019, at home August at 11.30am and therewhich all are invited.

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(nee Bannatyne) - Martha, wife of the late Colin Currie, away after a short illness on with her family. Funeral service at St Molios Church Shiskine on Tuesday, 27th after to Clachan Cemetery to

THE EAST WAETZ **Grief Circle**

Is somebody special missing? If you would like a safe place to share memories over coffee and cake, call in to Heather Lodge on the last Sunday of the month.

Next meeting Sunday 30th June, 2-4pm



Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 15, Summer Cup and Jim Young Cup, CSS 64. 1 Scott Campbell 79-16=63, 2 Dougie Macfarlane 66-1=65, 3 Paul Jameson 77-11=66. Best scratch, Dougie Macfarlane 66. Magic twos, Scott Campbell at 14th, Robert Calder at 15th, John O'Sullivan at 16th, Paul Jameson at 17th. Hole in one, Norrie MacIntyre at 16th which scoops the magic twos money. Well done, Norrie.

Sunday August 18, Jamieson Cup, CSS 64. 1 Martin Wallbank 73-15=58, 2 Alan Smith 78-13=65. Best scratch, Martin Wallbank 73. Magic twos, Martin Wallbank at 5th, Alan Smith at 16th. Hole 14 drawn so rollover continues. Overall winner of Jamieson Cup, Lee Dutton 65+61=126, runner up Alan Smith 68+65=133. Overall winner of Hamilton Bowl, Lee Dutton -3 to Bogey (better 3rd score), runner up John O'Sullivan -3 to Bogey. Congratulations to Lee on a good double win!

Fixtures: Friday August 23, Champion of Champions Final, Todd Jameson v Ewan McKinnon, 5.30pm start. Sunday August 25, Sunday Sweep, starts at 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday August 29, Summer Cup and Commando Cup, make up own groups.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 17, Summer Cup, 4 played, CSS 64. Tam McNab 78-13=65, George Hamilton 84-16=68. Scratch, Tam McNab 78.

Sunday July 21, Navy Shield,



Three Arran teams recently played at the area finals of the Coronation Foursomes at Pollok Golf Club. Piet Johnston and Fiona Scott won the qualifying round at Machrie, Sheila Grav and Elizabeth Kelso won at Shiskine and Carole Stewart and Fiona Henderson won at Brodick.

Stableford, 19 played, CSS 37 points. Kenny McMillan 14, 38pts, Gordon Hendry 6, 37pts, Finlay Sillars 12, 35pts.

Wednesday July 24, Summer Cup, 44 played, CSS 64. Gordon Hendry 69-6=63, Bill Donaldson 80-16=64, ACB, Tam McNab 77-13=64, ACB. Scratch, Gordon Hendry 69, ACB.

Sunday July 28, Club Trophy, 22 played, CSS 64. McNab 75-13=62, Tam ACB, Nicol Hume 77-15=62. Bob McCrae 74-9=65, ACB. Scratch, Gordon Hendry 70. Wednesday July 31, Summer Cup, 39 played, CSS 64. Ross Duncan 65-4=61, Sam Tattersfield 80-18=62, Frazer Barr 72-9=63, ACB. Scratch, Ross Duncan 65.

Sunday August 4, Brandon Qualifier, 17 played, CSS 64. Bill Donaldson 77-16=61, ACB, Douglas Robertson 78-17=61, Nicol Hume 77-14=63. Scratch, Matt Keir 71.

Wednesday August Summer Cup, 38 played, CSS 65. Fred Galbraith 75-17=58, George Hamilton 78-16=62, ACB, Gordon Hendry 68-6=62, ACB. Scratch, Ross Duncan 66. Sunday August 11, Centenary Quaich, 13 played, CSS 37pts. Alastair Dobson 12, 36pts. Iain MacDonald 7, 35pts, ACB, George Hamilton 15, 35pts, ACB. Wednesday August 14, Summer Cup, 18 played, CSS 64. Iain MacDonald 70-7=63, Gordon Hendry 69-5=64, Bob McCrae 73-8=65. Scratch, Gordon Hendry 69. Thursday August 15, Senior Club Championship final, Bruce Jenkins beat Bob McCrae.

Sunday August 18, Captain's Prize, Stableford, 22 played, CSS 37pts. George Hamilton 15, 39pts, Bob McCrae 8, 37 pts, Sam Tattersfield 17, 36pts, ACB.

Fixture: Sunday August Brandon Cup final:



Brodick Golf Club's senior champion, Bruce Jenkins, with runner-up Bob McCrae, recent winner of the Brodick Senior Open.

Qualifiers turn up for draws 8.30am/1pm, sweeps will follow on.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday August 14, Summer Trophy, three played, CSS 64. 1 Wolfi Kroner 14, 67 and lowest gross, 2 Ronnie Mann 12, 73, 3 Douglas Auld 21, 79.

Sunday August 18, Stableford Sweep. A blustery morning with heavy showers forecast led to the postponement of the Aitken Rosebowl Foursomes. It will be rescheduled shortly. For the five players who turned up, we ran a yellow tees Stableford. Despite heavy rain showers all five completed the course and Neil 'Sonic' Lucas carded a fine 37 points to win his first event at Whiting Bay. Well done Sonic. 1 Neil 'Sonic' Lucas 14, 37pts, ACB, 2 David Brookens 12, 37, 3 Tom Paterson 0, 35. Magic twos, Tom Paterson at the 4th.

Fixtures: Saturday August 24, Fun Texas Scramble from noon. Sunday August 25, Taylor Trophy Greensome, one draw for partners at 10am. Wednesday August 28, Summer Trophy. Saturday August 31, Mixed Fours Salver.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday August 17, 18 Hole Sweep. 1 A Smith 77-13=64, 2 D Logan 76-12=64, BIH.

Fixtures: Saturday August 24, Joe MacKenzie Memorial Cup, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday August 28, Sweep and magic twos, ballot at 5.30pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 13, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Brian Sherwood 64, 2 Ross Trail 74, 3 Alistair MacDonald 77.

Fixtures: Tuesday August 27, Sweep, tee off at 12.30pm, and the final of the Lawson Cameron.

Arran Golfers' **Association**

Friday August 16, Champion of Champions semi finals, four played at Lamlash Golf Club. The course was looking fantastic as ever and thanks again to the hosts for their warm welcome. Ewan McKinnon beat Ross Duncan, 2 and 1, Todd Jameson beat Gordon Hendry at 18th.

Fixtures: Friday August 23, Champion of Champions final at Lamlash. Tee off is 5.30pm. Ewan McKinnon v Todd Jameson. This final is much anticipated and we would like to see you come along and support. Thursday August 29, Autumn Meeting at Machrie Hall at 7pm. Sunday September 1, Autumn Handicap at Shiskine, am and pm starts, 18 holes, entry sheets at clubs, late entries accepted.

Summer bridge results

The lastest results from the Arran Bridge Club summer competitions are: August 12, four tables, aggregate. N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Alan and Shahina McKelvie, 3 Elizabeth McKellar and Brenda

E/W 1 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie, 2 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough, 3 Alison Bilsland and

August 19, 5 1/2 tables, match points. 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Tom Kelly and Andy Martin, 3 equal Margaret and Dougie Bruce and Jim Peacock and John Baraclough.

Arran kick off the season with cup win over Grange

Grange Isle of Arran

Sunday League – Group A

Arran started their new season in the Ayrshire Sunday Amateur Football Association League with a win against Grange Amateurs at Kilwinning on Sunday.

Arran started well and were 2-0 up early on through a great finish from Donny Park and then an own goal from Grange.

In the second half, Joel Small furthered the lead when he calmly finished from inside the box to make it 3-0. Grange fought their way back into the game and were

awarded a penalty when Joel was judged to have handled inside the box. Despite a great effort in goal from David Heenan, the ball wound up in the back of the net. Grange then made it 3-2 shortly after and Arran were starting to look very nervy.

Goalscoring talisman Archie McNicol settled the nerves though and scored with 10 minutes to go to make the final score 4-2.

Arran have a trip away to Vale of Leven this Sunday to compete in the West of Scotland Cup against Argyle Wanderers. There are spaces on the bus, if any supporters want to join them they should contact the team.

Photos: Tam Borland



The referee awards Grange a penalty for an Arran handball inside the box.



John Drummond was awarded man of the match for his performance on the field.



Goalscorer Archie McNicol in action.



Joel Small powers towards the goal to score for Arran.



Donny Park opens the scoring for Arran with a fantastic goal against Grange.

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Southend take the top spot to be crowned league champions

Brodick Southend

Arran Dairies League

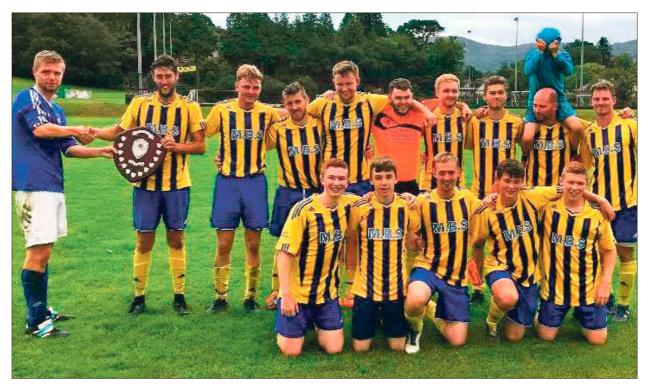
Southend were crowned champions on Thursday night after overcoming Brodick in a tough and scrappy game at the Ormidale Park.

Ryan Armstrong and Lewis Kennedy were on the score sheet for the away team to bring the Arran Dairies League cup back to the Southend for a second year in a row. Southend won all of their games in the league this year and in doing so they only conceded two goals. Despite a lot of the other teams struggling this year, manager Danny Head said that they can only beat what is in front of them and a lot of the young boys had gone up a level in the past year and were developing into brilliant young players.

Martin Hynes of Arran

Martin Hynes of Arran Dairies presented the Arran Dairies Shield to Southend captain Ryan Armstrong following the final game.

Final Arran Dair League Table	ies	Isle of Arran Dairies					
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Southend	8	8	0	0	44	2	24
Brodick	8	5	3	0	37	17	15
Lamlash	8	5	3	0	33	19	15
Northend	8	1	7	0	9	45	3
Shiskine	8	1	7	0	8	46	3



Martin Hynes of Arran Dairies presents league champion winners, Southend, with the Arran Dairies Shield. Receiving it on behalf of the team is Southend captain Ryan Armstrong. Not pictured: Joe McHugh, Neil Lucas and Willie Sillars.

Eilidh to help lead conferences across Scotland

The next cohort of sportscotland Young Ambassadors have stepped up their preparations to lead conferences across the country after their latest training to practice the conference material and their communication skills.

Eilidh Hamill, 16, from Arran High School, is one of four Young Ambassadors from North Ayrshire who are set to lead inspirational conferences across Scotland next month. They joined their conference delivery team colleagues at Carronvale House in Larbert earlier this month.

The team were able to become familiar with the content they will deliver and work on their communication skills ahead of the events.

With conferences in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness, Aberdeen and Perth, hundreds of young people from local secondary schools will take part, and the conference delivery team will lead and present each conference. This is the first year the annual conferences will be led by young people.

The Young Ambassadors will have a helping hand with some very special guests.



Arran's Young Ambassador Eilidh Hamill. 01 B05eilidho1

Commonwealth champion swimmer Ross Murdoch will be at one of the two Glasgow conferences, Olympic and Commonwealth medal-winning athlete Eilidh Doyle will join the young people in Edinburgh and Perth, and Scotland international footballer Leanne Crichton will be in Inverness and Aberdeen. Award-winning

sports broadcaster Rhona McLeod will host each of the conferences.

The athletes will share some of their experiences and advice with the Young Ambassadors from their years of competing at the highest level of their sports.

After a rigorous recruitment process, Eilidh was named among the 32-strong confer-

ence delivery team who will organise and deliver six conferences designed to inspire the next generation of leaders in sport.

Each year, two pupils from each secondary school in Scotland are chosen as Young Ambassadors to promote sport and motivate other young people to get involved in sport in their schools, clubs and local communities.

The project is a key element of sportscotland's contribution to developing young people as leaders in sport. Since the National Lottery-funded programme was launched in 2012, 3,500 Young Ambassadors have been selected and around 650 new Young Ambassadors attend the conferences each year.

Eilidh is all set for the conferences after the latest training. She said: 'I love meeting and interacting with people.

'Having the ability to inspire and create opportunities in sport is what drove me towards the position. I hope to be able to meet new people, gain experience and spread my love of sports to a

wider group. I also hope to be able to improve opportunities within my school and for sport in the future.'

Stewart Harris, sportscotland chief executive, said: 'Our Young Ambassadors' conferences provide an excellent opportunity for pupils across the country who are passionate about sport to come together to make a difference.

'It offers them the chance to meet exceptional athletes and leading sport professionals. The pupils can also gain invaluable first-hand knowledge which will help them in their sporting journeys.

'Becoming a Young Ambassador is a fantastic role. Not only is it a great way to develop new skills, build confidence and meet like-minded people in sport, but the programme helps youngsters develop as sporting leaders by influencing and reflecting the views of other young people.

'We encourage our Young Ambassadors to motivate and inspire others to get into sport, helping shape decisions to ensure youngsters have the best possible sporting experience across Scotland.'

Prince of Arran sparks island interest

There is likely to be a fair bit of interest among racing enthusiasts on the island for one of the horses racing at York today (Saturday).

Prince of Arran may have no direct association with the island, but his name has attracted interest from local punters over the years.

And top trainer Charlie Fellowes believes Prince of Arran can defy his advancing years and make his presence felt in the Sky Bet Ebor at York today.

The evergreen six-year-old will try to gain his first win since landing a Group Three event at Flemington in November when lining up in the prestigious 14-furlong prize.

Although the son of Shirocco, who finished third in last year's Melbourne Cup, has failed to win in more than eight months, the Newmarket handler is confident he will have plenty in his favour on the Knavesmire.

Mr Fellowes told the Sporting Life: 'I should think the Ebor will be the perfect race for Prince of Arran.'



INSIDETHIS WEEK:

Arran kick off the season

Southend crowned league champions

Historic day as Northend contest first cup final

Northend Thistle Shiskine

Copperwheats Cup

Northend Thistle have secured a historic place in what is believed to be their first ever cup final.

The Lochranza team, who finished second bottom of the league, will take on the 2018 league and double cup winners Southend in the Copperwheats Knockout Cup final today (Saturday).

They secured their place with a fine 5-2 win over Shiskine in the semi-final on Monday night and are expected to bring a big travelling support from the north for their dream day at Ormidale Park in Brodick where there is a 3pm kick-off.





The victorious Northend side that will now face Southend in the Copperwheats Knockout Cup.

Both teams had strong line-ups in a bid to make a final flourish in the last competition of the year but Shiskine started the brighter and were 1-0 up early on as Jordan Crawford's shot from close range was fumbled by goalkeeper Stuart Lawson.

The visitors had doubled their lead 10 minutes later

Shiskine were knocked out of the Copperwheats Knockout Cup by a rejuvenated Northend who have now advanced to the final.

when Connor Jack made a great run through and coolly slotted the ball into the corner.

David Jameson came on off the bench late in the first half and made an immediate impact scoring with his first touch to make it 2-1 going into half-time.

In the second half, Northend looked like a different team and scored the equaliser from an Andy McNamara header. Bryan McCallum made it 3-2 before Jameson got his second of the match and made the score 4-2 to the home side. McCallum also got a brace

when he scored late on to finish the scoring at 5-2.

Jamie McClaren of Northend was given the man of the match for some great runs down the left and swinging in some great deliveries.

Meanwhile, Southend had an easier passage to the final as Brodick were unfortunately unable to field a team this week in the other semi-final, giving their opponents the

Southend are also expected to bring a big support to final and, with other neutral football fans, it should be quite a day at Ormidale Park.



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