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# Post Office on the move

'We are excited by the opportunity to be the new home for the Brodick Post Office'

by Hugh Boag  
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Brodick Post Office is 'coming home' to the Book and Card Centre on Shore Road. The present branch and shop is set to close in October with all business taken over by Claire and Tom Fleming at their newsagent's and book and card shop. The move comes as a result of the resignation of current postmaster Cams Campbell who has run the Brodick Post Office with his wife Lorraine for 11 years. The new branch, which has been described as being in a modern open-plan retail environment, will still offer banking services for personal customers and small businesses as well as a wide range of Post Office services – all with longer opening hours. The new branch will be just 260 metres from the current location at Mayish Road, which will close on Monday October 28. The new branch

is scheduled to open at 1pm the following day and will be open six days a week, Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm, offering 48 hours of Post Office service every week. Tom said: 'We are excited by the opportunity to be the new home for the Brodick Post Office because it would enable us to better serve our community and offer a service which goes hand in hand our existing products and it will be very easy to post a card. 'As the shop was originally built as the Post Office, it's also "coming home" in a sense to its original location on Brodick's shore front.' The new Post Office will also be open on bank holidays and will be closed just three days a year – Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The shop was the original home of the Post Office and telephone exchange during the 1930s before the new purpose-built Royal Mail facility,

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## Five-star students at Arran High



Eilidh Hamill and Hannah McCartney both got five As and the other pupils who gained five Highers were: Rhodri Herapath, Elyse Aitken, Cara Crawford, Laurie Miller, Daisy Urquhart-Dixon, Finlay Elliott, Kirk Inglis, Ellie Wood, Robbie Milton and, not pictured, William Downing. 01\_B35Higher01

Here are the Arran High School students who gained five Highers in the recent SQA exams in another good achievement year for the school. Head teacher Barry Smith said: 'We are delighted that once again the students of Arran High School have performed very well in their SQA examinations. 'Although we do not have our official

Insight statistics update from the Scottish Government yet, our own calculations tell us that it has been another successful year at both National 5 and Higher level. 'A total of 30 per cent of our S5 students achieved five Highers this year and there were many more excellent results for students in S4 and S6. 'I would like to congratulate our

young people on their success and thank our hard-working teaching and support staff who always "go the extra mile" to help our youngsters achieve to the best of their ability. 'Our ongoing strong performance in SQA examinations means that our youngsters leave school knowing they are well prepared to take successful next steps in life.'

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# Brodick Post Office is coming home



Continued from page one incorporating the Post Office, was built in the 1940s.

Cams will give up his lease on the Post Office-owned shop at the end of October and it is expected to be advertised for rent.

He told the Banner: 'I am really pleased that the Post

Office is to be modernised and brought up to date. This building is rather dated and it will be a better experience for the customers. I wish Claire and Tom every success.'

Lorraine added: 'It will be a big change for us and above all we are going to miss our customers, some of whom

have become like friends.'

Cams and Lorraine intend staying on the island with Cams pursuing his music teaching and photography and Lorraine her translation work.

However, before being finalised, the Post Office is now inviting customers and interested parties to give their comments on the move in a six-week public consultation.

Karen Bragg, Post Office change manager, said: 'We are making it easier for customers to get their cash, send and collect their mail and do their banking because we know how important these services are to local residents.'

She added: 'We are confident that this vibrant new-style Post Office at the heart of the local community will meet customer needs.'

During the public consultation, Post Office Ltd welcomes feedback on any issues cus-



Lorraine and Cams will be saying goodbye to the Post Office in Mayish Road. 01\_B35post03



Tom and Claire with their daughter Betty outside the Book and Card Centre. 01\_B35post01

tomers would like considered before a final decision is taken on this proposal. The consultation will close on October 3. Customers can share their

views during the consultation online at [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk) with the branch code 213843.

Submissions can also be

made via email to [comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk), by post to Freepost Your Comments, or by Phone 03452 66 01 15 or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

## Plan to move car ticket kiosk

A proposal has been made to relocate the car ticket kiosk at the Brodick ferry terminal.

Almost since the new marshalling yard has been opened there have been complaints of cars queueing out on to the main road.

Now in a bid to help resolve the problem CalMac is considering moving the kiosk further into the marshalling lanes to give a longer drive in zone for cars.

The proposal was reported to Tuesday's meeting of the Arran Community Council from the ferry committee. Chairman Bill Calderwood said moving the kiosk would allow more traffic to queue off the road. He said it was also proposed that the kiosk could have two sides working - similar to Ardrossan - during busy sailings.

He said the proposal was under consideration by the CalMac board.

Meanwhile, service on the Ardrossan to Brodick route was disrupted earlier this week when on Wednesday morning the MV Caledonian Isles developed a technical fault necessitating the cancellation of sailings for the entire day and the following morning.

### Lesser capacity

The MV Isle of Arran, which has a lesser carrying capacity, and which is assisting with

the Arran route until Monday September 30, remained in service.

The 26-year-old MV Caledonian Isles developed a coolant leakage on the main engine that required a repair.

To help clear traffic and deal with passenger numbers, the MV Isle of Arran did an extra return sailing on Wednesday evening, as did the MV Catriona at the north end of the island.



The car ticket kiosk which could be moved. 01\_B35kiosk01

## Search for missing tourist ends in tragedy

The search on Arran for a missing German tourist ended in tragedy last week when he was found dead.

Police and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team had still been searching for missing 58-year-old Valerij Tomarenko as the Banner went to press. However, on Friday, it was confirmed that his body had been discovered on Goatfell at around 11.30am the day before.

Earlier in the search, police had issued a CCTV image of the last sighting of Mr Tomarenko which was taken on Thursday August 15 at the Brodick ferry terminal. His car was later found at Ardrossan. He had been staying in Glasgow before travelling to Arran to go hillwalking.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.



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# Double Bill tops sunflower contest

There was a double Bill win at Brodick Golf Club's annual sunflower growing contest this year.

Bill Donaldson took the best in show prize, chosen by horticultural society chairman John Sillars, while Bill McNicol picked up the trophy for the tallest sunflower which stood at 10ft 3in.

A good entry of 31 sunflowers were entered into the competition this year from the 85 seeds sold at the start of the growing season. All monies raised go to club funds.

Runner-up behind Bill McNicol was Wyllie Hume, whose entry was 9ft 9 1/4in, and third was Ann Hart at 9ft 3in.

Jimmy Armit picked up the booby prize of a box of plant food for his sad looking wilted effort, while a special prize of a first aid kit went to Jack Barbour, whose entry blew down in the storms and was



then run over by a car!

Next year will see the 10th anniversary of the contest and, at the prize-giving held

last Friday night at the clubhouse, organiser Nicol Hume promised something special for 2020.

Some of the splendid sunflower entries.

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Nicol Hume measures Bill McNicol's winning tallest sunflower. Bill missed the prize-giving. 01\_B35flower04



Nicol Hume announces the winners at the prize-giving. 01\_B35flower01



Bill Donaldson with his best in show entry to his left. 01\_B35flower03



Jimmy Armit picked up the booby prize. 01\_B35flower02

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# Eco Savvy's day at the dump



Eco Savvy project coordinator Ruth McLaren sought clarity on a number of questions posed by members. 01\_B34dump03

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Environmental campaigners and those with an interest in where their waste ends up attended Eco Savvy's recent day at the dump in Brodick.

The informative tour of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) was conducted by landfill transfer station and HWRC supervisor for North Ayrshire Council, Jake Elliott, and waste awareness team member Tylar McBreen.

While sounding like a rather unpleasant topic, the tour of the facilities actually provided attendees with an insight into how waste is dealt with on Arran – and further afield – with particular relevance on recycling and reuse, among the core tenets of Eco Savvy.

Visitors were 'talked through' the steps that are taken while being able to witness the actual events taking place at the facilities. From the arrival of the refuse collection vehicles, who collect both domestic and commercial waste from the entire island, to the bulked up and compacted product that

is ready to be transported off the island.

The large metal containers that hold between 12 and 14 tons of waste are shipped off on the ferry, sometimes making two trips a day at a cost of roughly £150,000 a year in ferry fees alone.

As there are no longer any landfill sites in North Ayrshire since May 2018 – and the remainder of all landfill sites in the UK closing in 2021 – non-recyclable waste goes to an energy plant in Dunbar where it is incinerated to produce energy as part of the Clyde Valley Residual Waste Project.

The recyclable blue bin waste goes to Northern Ireland to be processed and sorted for recycling, but around 17-18 per cent of the blue bin waste is contaminated and not suitable for recycling.

Some organisations that specialise in dealing with certain waste streams collect items and process them for further use; cooking oil and motor oil is used to make bio diesel, televisions and computer monitors are processed by another organisation who use them for parts and recycle the components.

Garden waste brought to the HWRC is bulked and sent to

a company in Blantyre who put it through an accelerated composting process. NAC then return a small tonnage back to Arran for the public to collect from the HWRC, usually a couple of times a year.

In North Ayrshire, the current recycling rate is 56 per cent with the target of 70 per cent set for 2025. Since opening the Brodick HWRC in 2017, this has diverted approximately 500 tonnes of waste from landfill to recycling a year.

Arran Eco Savvy project coordinator Ruth McLaren said: 'Thank you to Jake and Tylar from NAC for giving us this hugely interesting tour of the waste and recycling facilities on Arran. Most people now are aware of the importance of recycling and it was very good to actually see the process in action and hear about little things that we as residents can do, such as making sure whatever we put in the recycling is clean and taking care to make sure "scrunch-able" plastic film doesn't get put in the blue bin.'

'It was fascinating to learn about what happens to our waste once it leaves Arran and heartening to hear that so much of it is recycled.'



Councillor Timothy Billings, who happened to be making use of the site, took the opportunity to make a few improvement suggestions to supervisor Jake Elliott. 01\_B34dump01



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Visitors at the Eco Savvy day at the dump are pictured at the textile recycling section of the HWRC. 01\_B34dump04



Supervisor Jake Elliott and Tylar McBreen explain to visitors how waste is dealt with on Arran. 01\_B34dump02



Visitors watch as a refuse collection vehicle unloads its cargo at the processing facility. 01\_B34dump05

# The Coig aims to help drive digital tourism

Arran businesses are being encouraged to sign up to a new digital marketing initiative aimed encouraging new driving routes across the west of Scotland.

The Coig is a collection of five driving routes across Ayrshire, the Firth of Clyde and the islands of Arran, Bute and Cumbrae. Coig is Gaelic for five.

The Coig has been developed by the same team who created the NC500, and it will work through a digital app.

Private sector-led with public sector support, this mould-breaking approach to tourism is being led by Tom Campbell, creator of the North Coast 500.

He said: 'The Coig will reach out to a global audience putting these areas firmly back on the tourism map. It will bring a community of new visitors and supporters to visit our towns and villages, increasing tourism spend and boosting the local economy.'

'We plan for every town and

village to be marked with interesting content on the interactive map and mobile app. We know that visitors enjoy local, quirky experiences and will be looking for places to eat, shop, stay and play.'

Sheila Gilmore from VisitArran said: 'I'm really keen to engage Arran businesses in this as I think it

will deliver a digital aspect that VisitArran doesn't have resource for.

'A 50 per cent discount has been negotiated for VisitArran partners for the first year. This then gives time for businesses to evaluate the success of the scheme, which it is hoped will go live next month.'



The Coig is being developed by the team behind the NC500 seen here.

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# Seven new lodges to be built at couples' retreat

Seven new lodges are to be built at the Auchrannie Resort's popular couples' retreat and most of them will have an extra bedroom.

Planning permission has been granted by North Ayrshire Council, which agreed to the change in the second phase of the development.

The original approval allowed for 14 single-bedroom units, six of which opened in the summer of 2018, and which have already proven to be incredibly popular. However, owing to customer demand and

guest feedback, Auchrannie requested permission to alter the remaining units to two-bedroom dwellings.

To complete the initial row of seven buildings, one further single bedroom will be built and the remaining six two-bedroom units will be constructed. This will bring the total number of units to one fewer than the initially proposed 14 because of the alteration and space restraints.

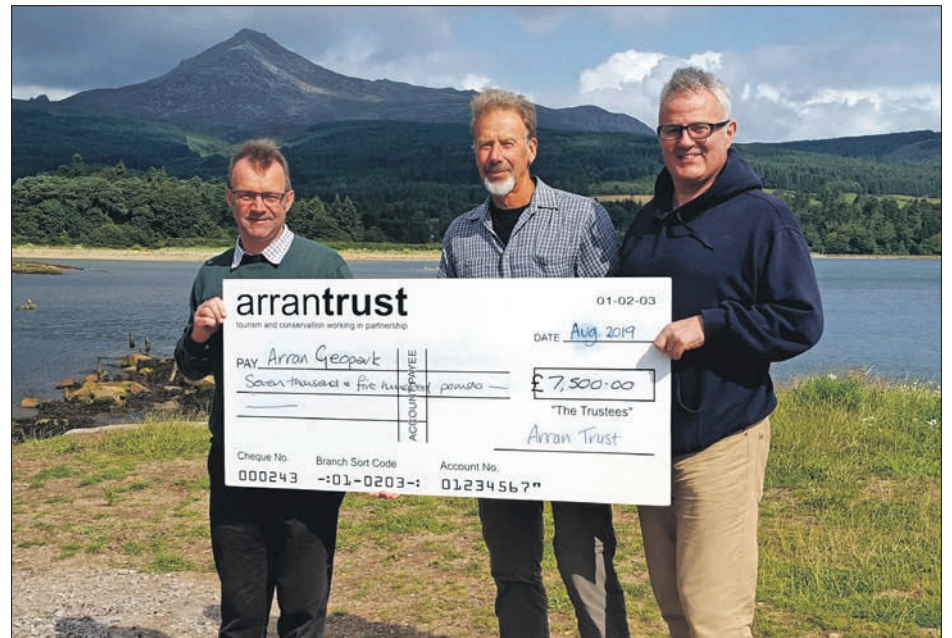
The footprint of the two-bedroom units are similar to the larger one-bedroom units and will continue with the

environmentally friendly theme and style. The lodges are built from timber from sustainable forests and the windows are made of floor to ceiling glass. The interior finish is in a Scandinavian style and the roof is covered with living sedum. Each also has an eco-friendly outdoor hot tub.

The alteration to the initial permission and deletion of a unit was approved by the planning department with no objections and only two considerations, both pertaining to flood prevention and flood risk measures.



The new lodges at the couples' retreat at Auchrannie Resort will complement the existing six already on site. 01\_B24retreat04



Nial Moffat, the Arran Geopark coordinator, and Malcolm Whitmore, chairman of trustees of the Arran Access Trust, receive a cheque for £7,500 from Arran Trust's business development manager Cameron Bruce.

## Arran Trust gives a helping hand

The Arran Trust, the island's visitor gifting scheme, has just handed over two cheques totalling £10,500 to two community groups.

Helping with care and maintenance of popular Fisherman's Walk in Brodick, the Arran Access Trust received a cheque for £3,000 which will go towards covering the construction costs of the recently repaired boardwalk.

The Arran Geopark was also given a welcome cash boost with an award of £7,500 which will assist with the cost of completing the geopark's six self-guided walks and three interpretation centres.

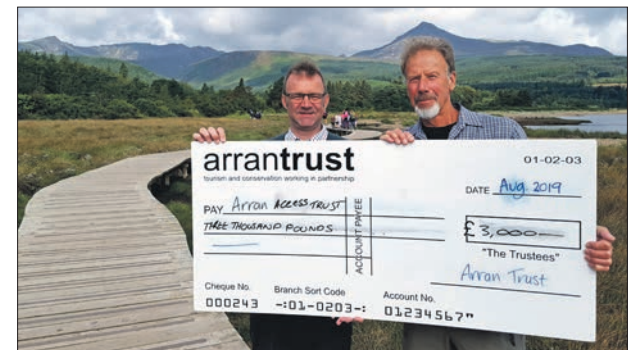
The geopark aims to promote and conserve Arran's spectacular and globally important geology by improving access to it, provid-

ing education and awareness surrounding it, while also benefiting the local economy.

The Arran Trust, a visitor gifting scheme with tourism and conservation ideals, regularly provides grants and support for organisations and projects that seek to

contribute positively to the environment and those that benefit the local community.

You can find out more about the Arran Trust and the projects it supports at [www.arrantrust.org](http://www.arrantrust.org) and the Arran Geopark at [www.arrangeopark.co.uk](http://www.arrangeopark.co.uk).



The Arran Trust's business development manager Cameron Bruce presents a cheque for £3,000 to Malcolm Whitmore, chairman of trustees of the Arran Access Trust.

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# Brodick oil leak was from domestic tank



The polluted water ran down the small burn at the former McLaren Hotel. 01\_B35spill02

An oil leak which was causing concern in the centre of Brodick has been prevented from causing any further spillage into the sea.

Over the weekend there were widespread reports of a strong, unpleasant oil smell which appeared to be coming from the burn running between the former McLaren Hotel and the crazy golf course.

#### Pungent smell

The leak was first noticed last Friday owing to its pungent smell but the person was unable to locate where the odour was coming from. Following further investigations over the weekend, the oil, which was suspected to be domestic heating oil, was discovered in the water in the burn which runs down from the areas near Alma Road, Hillview and Brathwick Place.

The leak was reported



Domestic heating oil is evident at the outlet pipe near the Brodick slipway. 01\_B35spill01

to Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) on Monday, which acted quickly to assess the situation and address the problem.

A spokesman for SEPA said: 'Following a report from a member of the public, a SEPA

officer visited the location of the oil spill on Tuesday afternoon and located the source which was a domestic oil tank.

'Action has been taken to address the issue and on assessment there has been

no significant environmental impact. If anyone is concerned about any incidents of potential pollution please call our 24-hour hotline on 0800 80 70 60 or use our online reporting form at [sepa.org.uk/report](http://sepa.org.uk/report).'

## Parking charge proposals for Brodick are scrapped

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A move to introduce car parking charges in Brodick has been scrapped by North Ayrshire Council.

The plan was finally thrown out this week after it failed to receive the support of the audit and scrutiny committee and was returned to the council cabinet to reconsider. The decision will cost the council around £10,000 a year in potential revenue.

With the combined efforts of the Arran and Ardrossan councillors - Timothy Billings, Ellen McMaster and Tony Gurney - who made their opposition to the proposal clear to the audit and scrutiny committee back in July, the cabinet was convinced by their reasoning and agreed not to introduce seasonal parking charges on Brodick shorefront.

In June, as part of an effort to improve the turnover of spaces in high demand areas and reduce problem parking, it was agreed to introduce charges in selected car parks across North Ayrshire.



The area which was earmarked for seasonal parking charges.

However, while rejecting the charges, cabinet members did agree to move forward with plans to decriminalise parking enforcement (DPE) on the island, which means that the power to deal with problem parking will pass from the police to the council. A final decision on this will be made at the next meeting of the full council on Wednesday September 25.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said: 'In agreeing not to introduce car parking charges, we have taken on board the comments of local members and we will continue to work with them to identify parking issues on the island and act accordingly.'

'As we move towards

decriminalising parking enforcement, it is important that we have the ability to deal with parking issues across all of North Ayrshire.

'If DPE is not introduced on Arran, we would not be able to control any existing or new issues with parking behaviour and Police Scotland have confirmed that they would welcome the transfer of parking enforcement powers to the council. At a time when the number of vehicles on Arran is continuing to increase, the council will be in a better position to deal with situations as they arise.'

A spokesman for Arran Community Council said: 'The proposal appeared to be more about making money than resolving an issue.'

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## Expanding empire

That Brodick is to lose its dedicated Post Office should come as no real surprise to anyone.

Over the past few years Post Offices up and down the country have been shutting and moving into retail premises, including many in W H Smith stores.

However, we were a little taken aback this week to learn that 98 per cent of Post Office branches are now run with retail partners on an agency or franchise basis. So there really needs to be little concern that Arran's main Post Office is moving round the corner into the Book and Card Centre.

Given the other services the shop offers, it looks like being a good fit and this was backed up by the Arran Community Council, which, at its meeting this week, said it did not see the move as being a big problem.

However, it is keen for assurances that all the services offered at the old Post Office will be available at the new branch and plans to make some inquires in that regard.

A six-week consultation is now under way before the move, but it seems to be very much a fait accompli given that the present postmaster has already resigned.

We wish Claire and Tom the best of luck with their expanding empire.

### Thought for the week

'Everyone who makes himself great will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be made great.' Luke 14:11

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## Summer ceilidhs

Sir,  
Once again Brodick Improvements Committee has held ceilidhs every Wednesday evening throughout the school holidays.

As chairman, I would like to thank the indefatigable Arranach Ceilidh Band and the callers, Ali Paul and Chris Trail, our hallkeepers Brian and Wyllie, Liz and others at the Big Co for their continued support, together with all the local businesses and individuals who generously contributed prizes for our weekly raffle.

A big personal thank you from me to our loyal committee members who turn up week after week to support the events.

It has been a great pleasure to see folk turn up on a dreich evening, drookit and miserable on very wet nights, and three hours later to see them leave with a beaming smile after dancing for three hours, offering their thanks to us for giving them an enjoyable time and saying they look forward to seeing us next year.

This year's guests have been truly international. To add to the Scots/English mix we have had visitors from France, China, Spain, Holland, Germany, the USA and Australia.

Well done everyone.

Yours,  
**Harry Davidson,**  
Chairman,  
Brodick Improvements  
Committee.

## Foreign invasion

Sir,  
Even devout Brexiteers have no way of stopping ever-increasing numbers of two particular foreigners invading our shores, establishing themselves quickly and then multiplying so that local services are overwhelmed and cannot cope. They are not even from Europe and so the EU can't be blamed – though I'm sure Brexiteers will try!

I refer, of course, to Japanese knotweed (JK) and Himalayan balsam (HB). There seems to have been an

alarming increase in these insidious invaders but I'm not aware of anyone seriously tackling the problem. Like global warming, are we going to wait until it is too late to act? By then any solutions will cost vastly more time and resources.

My understanding of JK (the one with heart-shaped leaves) is that it does need specialists to eradicate it, and where I've seen this done it has been successful. However, a stop/start approach is allowing other areas to become infested in the interim.

On the other hand, HB (more slender leaves) can easily be pulled out of the ground, and if done before the seeds set, can be stopped in its tracks, with a little patience and determination.

I should mention here how satisfying it is to uproot one of these. It reminds me of when as a child one can waggle a loose tooth. You need to try it yourself to understand and see just how easy it is.

So this is a 'call to arms' to help stop some of our island's invaders, and get to the root of the problem, by tackling your own area/beach and reclaiming them.

If you decide to use a spade, then you can claim to be 'digging for victory' in this war, though it really does only need a tug!

Yours,  
**David Lang,**  
Cordon.

## Trust's opinion

Sir,  
Severin Carrell's article in The Guardian, 'Heritage body objects to plans for big salmon farm off Hebridean isle', has highlighted a growing disconnect in Scotland of salmon aquaculture, communities and ecosystems.

Once again MOWI, a multi-national salmon aquaculture company, is aiming to raise 2,500 tonnes of salmon, this time around Canna, and discharge untreated faeces and other waste equivalent to a town of over 30,000 (Dumfries or Lichfield) into pristine, protected marine inshore waters.

All around the west of Scotland similar applications are being submitted to planners, and indeed just last week, Scottish Salmon Company (a company not Scottish at all in investment terms) has put in for a huge farm to be located aside the unspoilt coast of North Arran, with untreated waste of faeces, and food of 20,000 tonnes per year, equivalent to the waste of a town of 14,000 – 2.5 times the resident Arran population – being put untreated into the inshore marine environment; and that is before chemicals are added to feed or used in 'bath treatments' to control parasites and disease.

Already the Clyde has 16 operational salmon farms which have emitted, over time, enormous waste tonnages of copper, zinc, nitrogen, phosphorus and organic carbon into the waters of Loch Fyne and other marine waters in the Clyde. The accumulative impacts of so much waste are increased plankton blooms, enormous turnover of 'morts', dead fish in the cages, and big increases in sealice and disease problems.

There are plans, too, for another four farms in the Clyde: around Bute, Ardentinny, Little and Great Cumbrae. This klondiking behaviour, whilst they can before tighter regulation of companies seeking to maximise profits for the short term benefit of shareholders, mostly abroad, sacrificing the ecosystems, the wild salmon of the west of Scotland, interfering with cetaceans, basking sharks and seal habitats, using the 'commons' in a way that is destructive to inshore fisheries, tourism and communities, is being permitted by the statutory authorities despite protests from communities up and down the west coast and islands.

So hurrah for the National Trust for Scotland's stance on objecting to the development in the sea off Canna.

The value of the marine environment and ecosystem services is difficult to put into the strictly capitalist economic model for each proposed salmon aquaculture farm, but eco-

nomics, economics, economics, the mantra of these companies, without looking at the community and real sustainability, which includes the salmon feed carbon footprint, is not in the long-term interest of us all. Just by moving the farm out from sheltered sea lochs is no answer to pollution and disruption of ecosystems; it just spreads the waste and chemicals further with potential long-term impacts for us all.

Yours,  
**Sally Campbell,**  
Lamlash.

## Competition question

Sir,  
The Adam Smith Institute says that competition is the silver bullet that will make our ferries better, in last week's Arran Banner letters page.

How does it work this one out? Tendering hasn't done much for the buses or trains has it? Serco won the contract to run the sleeper. How is that going? Badly – according to all reports.

For me, the deeper problem is that our engineering has fallen by the wayside. Whether it's the ferries up here or Crossrail down there, nothing seems to go smoothly. We need to develop the right people to do the job. It seems there is no relation at all between writing an essay to win a tender and actually building something.

Let's invest in our young people and make things here in Scotland. Tom Tracey's letter saying we should do more locally is spot on. Get on with doing the job in hand and stop the paper chase of tendering. Competition gives a charade of activity but butters no parsnips.

Yours,  
**Alistair McIntosh,**  
Lamlash.

## Engineering competence

Sir,  
The letter from Dr Eamonn Butler last week advances the favourite,

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some would say only, prescription of 'free market' economics and that is to introduce more competition, in this case into the CMAL ferry procurement process.

The diagnosis leading to this solution is presumably that a cheaper bid will be a better bid, wherever in the world the build would take place and wherever the jobs and downstream value are exported.

I would have thought that the rather tight spread, from £93m to £99m of the seven bids received from across Europe suggests strongly that the solution will not come from spreading the net even wider but maybe from taking a closer look at the technical competence of the design and build contractors and in particular their engineering design competence.

It is quite possible that FMEL could have built the Glen Sannox on time and budget if given a detailed design to work from.

It is unreasonable to expect a shipbuilder, especially a very small shipbuilder, to carry the overhead of naval architects and other engineering design staff, unless the company has a guaranteed flow of work.

Taking on a fixed price contract for a vessel type with which it had no experience was always going to be a painful experience for FMEL and this much was obvious at day one.

The traditional way to avoid this problem is for the design to be executed before any construction takes place, it is so much easier and cheaper to modify a digital design

drawing than cutting lumps out of or welding bits onto a hull.

The ship should have been designed by an independent naval architect(s) and engineering designers possibly with construction input from FMEL to produce an optimum design.

Having a competent design prior to construction award is the only way that the budgeted price and timescale can be achieved.

For any engineering artefact, the only way that a client will get the desired end result is to make sure that the design is performed by competent and experienced engineering personnel prior to construction commencing.

No amount of accountancy or legal or economic or political scrutiny will produce the desired result if the design is inadequate or in this case didn't exist in any substantive form.

The answer is not to invite bids from even more shipyards in other countries, the answer is to ensure we have the engineering competence to build class leading ships on budget and the only way to make them class leading is to make them technologically competitive and this can only be done by technologists with the appropriate skills.

Yours,  
Donald McNicol,  
Kings Cross.

### Concert thanks

Sir,  
I would like to thank everyone

who made the concert at St Bride's Church, Lochranza, such a success last Thursday evening.

This is the third ARCO and 'Friends' concert held in our church and again was extremely well supported despite being a horribly wet night!

I am grateful to ARCO for organ-

ising this event and helping to raise the wonderful sum of £824 towards our much needed church funds. Thanks must also go to the audience who gave so generously showing their appreciation for a wonderful evening.

Bill Scott,  
Lochranza.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Making a splendid sight. The tall ship Tenacious sits in Brodick Bay on Tuesday. This modern British wooden sail training ship was specially designed in the 1990s to accommodate anyone over 16 with a disability. When completed in 2000, it was the largest wooden ship to be built in the UK for more than 100 years.

Photo: Colin Smeeton

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# Masonic Lodge raises cash for foodbank

Lodge St Molios on Arran tries in a small way to raise money for local good causes, and earlier this summer ran a darts tournament which raised £1,400, to be split between this year's nominated charities – the Arran Churches Together foodbank and Arran Duke of Edinburgh Award group.

This week the Right Worshipful Master John

Murchie handed over a cheque for £700 to the foodbank, which is based in the vestibule of Brodick Church.

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the foodbank is available to everyone on a completely confidential basis – simply turn up and take what you need.

The foodbank is run by a team of volunteers and receives regular donations

from the Brodick Co-op, which also stocks the freezer on a weekly basis, and from locals and visitors, who can put donations in the foodbank receptacle in the Big Co or hand them in at the church. All donations to the foodbank are used on Arran.

Every lodge in Scotland raises money for charities throughout the country. Over the years each province nominates and supports good causes.

In 2012 the Grand Lodge of Scotland nominated Prostate Scotland as the charity of choice for the following five years giving more than £400,000.

The office bearers and brethren of Lodge St Molios in Lamlash would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising.

Mr Murchie said: 'It is our pleasure to help good causes on Arran in some small way.'

## What is needed for the foodbank

Volunteers have started to keep a record of how the foodbank is used so they can try to keep up with demand.

From October 2018 to July 2019, two of the most popular items were tinned meat along with biscuits/treats followed by canned fish, vegetables and fruit and soup.

The foodbank regularly ran out of juice, sugar, coffee, baby nappies and milk, household cleaning items, bread/rolls and dog/cat food.

It is hoped that by keeping a record, a better system of planning can be put in place.



The Right Worshipful Master John Murchie presents the cheque to Ann Mackay of the Arran Churches Together foodbank. Also in the photo is lodge secretary Andrew Martin and Ann Hart and Susan Dobson, foodbank volunteers, and the Rev Angus Adamson outside Brodick Church. 01\_B35food01



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# England learns from COAST example of marine protection

by Colin Smeeton  
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The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) received a visit this week from Richard Benyon MP and a number of officials from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) who wanted to gain an insight into the operation and success of the organisation in establishing and maintaining a Marine Protected Area (MPA) and No Take Zone (NTZ).

Following the announcement by the Secretary of State for Environment for a review of Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMA) in English and Northern Ireland inshore and offshore waters, Mr Benyon was appointed as panel chairman.

With his experience as the former fisheries minister, he has been visiting a number of relevant stakeholders to formulate an evidence-based assessment of the views of sea users and other relevant stakeholders on the potential

environmental, social, and economic impacts of HPMA.

Currently in England and Northern Ireland, MPAs provide a measure of protection for maintaining species and habitats and allow for some sustainable activities to occur in them.

In the review being undertaken by Mr Benyon and the panel the purpose is to investigate how and whether HPMA – which would prevent all human activity with the potential to damage the marine environment – could be introduced to keep these areas entirely pristine.

The visiting delegation were particularly keen to learn from COAST trustees and staff about the work and processes that have gone into establishing the No Take Zones and MPAs and the community-led action that has brought their creation.

Following a short introduction and show-around of the Octopus Centre, COAST members sat and exchanged knowledge and information with the panel members and

chair, who described the meeting as 'useful'.

Mr Benyon told the Banner: 'We had a really useful discussion and have taken away some great ideas for the creation of more Highly Protected Marine Areas in England. Lamlash Bay is a fantastic example of how a community-based project can be delivered.'

The review is due for completion by the end of this year and, upon completion, it is expected to develop processes and criteria for selecting HPMA and it is also required to include recommendations on potential locations for up to five pilot sites.

These will all be located in the waters for which the Secretary of State has responsibility: the English inshore and offshore and Northern Ireland offshore zones. Scotland and Wales are not included as executive competence for marine conservation is devolved in Scotland and Wales, and in Northern Ireland in relation to the inshore zone.



Attending the meeting were, left to right: Ruth Stubbles, Paul Chandler, Howard Wood, Richard Benyon MP, Aisling McGarrigle, Simon Brockington and Simon Ross-Gill. Not pictured was Jenny Stark. 01\_B35COAST01



Delegates sit around the table at COAST and listen as COAST co-founder Howard Wood details some of background information in establishing the MPA. 01\_B35COAST02

## Webcasting to be extended

The live online broadcasting of council meetings is to be extended to cover more proceedings.

Since December 2017, North Ayrshire Council has been webcasting its full council meetings, allowing more people to see how decisions are made. That provision is now set to be increased to cover meetings of the council's cabinet, the main decision-making body of the council.

Council leader Joe Cullinane said: 'When the full council or cabinet meet, members

of the public are welcome to attend although relatively few people come along in person. By broadcasting our proceedings online, it makes it easier for people to see what actually happens in the council chambers and how decisions are reached.

### Comfort

'People no longer have to visit the council chambers in person and can view the meeting from the comfort of their own home if they wish. It's important that our proceedings are open, transparent and democratic – creating

greater access to our meetings ensures that's the case.'

After being approved this week it is expected that the first cabinet meeting to be webcast will be at 2.30pm on Tuesday September 24. The next meeting of the full council will be webcast on Wednesday September 25. As well as watching meetings live, members of the public can also view archives of meetings.

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# Still smiling after five years of raising money

Participants in the Smile of Arran Trust's round Arran walk are still smiling after completing their fifth annual charity event, which helped to raise more than £3,000 for

children and families affected by brain tumours. Started in 2014 by Alison and Steve Tosh of Essex – in memory of 13-year-old Arran Tosh who unexpectedly

passed away from a brain tumour – the charity has over the years raised thousands of pounds which are used for providing grants and charitable donations.

Most recently, just before undertaking their Arran walk, Alison and Steve once again visited Glasgow Children's Hospital where they made a £5,000 donation to support the work of the organisation which they highly regard and regularly support.

## Supporters

The walk this year was undertaken by 22 people over five days but additional supporters joined them for various sections which meant that numbers neared 30 on many of the days. Some brave souls decided to include a hike up Goatfell in their itinerary which also included visiting a number of organisations who have been collecting for the trust during the year.



Still smiling, participants of the round Arran fundraiser complete their walk at the Coastal Way marker in Brodick. 01\_B34smile01



The Smile of Arran Trust receive a rousing send off at the annual Brodick Highland Games where they join a mass march of the pipes bands before starting their 65-mile walk. 01\_B34smile02

Alison Tosh said: 'We are incredibly grateful to all of the people who have supported us and who continue to support us in helping to make a difference to children and their

families whose lives have been affected by a brain tumour. Thank you to everyone who has wished us well on our walk and to those who have been so generous with their

help and donations. Special thanks to Lamlash Bay Hotel, Lochranza Distillery, Brodick and Lamlash golf clubs and Sheila Gilmore of VisitArran for all of her help.'

## Music in the time of Anne Frank

A recital and talk entitled Music in the time of Anne Frank will take place next month hosted in partnership with the Arran Jewish Cultural Association, the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities and the Jewish Music Institute.

### Free entry

Entry to the event is free and open to all and will take place on Thursday September 12 and will feature Deborah Nemko, pianist and professor of music at Bridgewater State University, USA.

Dr Nemko received a Fulbright scholarship to spend half a year in the Netherlands researching and recovering the compo-

sitions of Dutch Jewish composers who suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

The programme celebrates the piano compositions by Leo Smit, Daniel Belinfante, Henriette Bosmans, Geza Frid and Dick Kattenburg. Their music is often jazzy and sometimes influenced by French and American composers and is largely unknown.

Light refreshments will be served at 7pm and the recital will begin at 8pm. As this is an in-home concert, space will be limited so bookings will need to be made as soon as possible, either by email [arran@scojec.org](mailto:arran@scojec.org) or online at [www.trybooking.co.uk/7858](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/7858).



Deborah Nemko, pianist and professor of music at New England Conservatory, will be playing rediscovered works by Holocaust composers, from classical to jazz.

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# Brodick beach barbecue ba



A standing long jump participant launches herself into the air. 01\_B35beach10



Tia McKinnon showing off her decorated sandcastle. 01\_B35beach09



The Brown Noise – Arran's rock band – perform for the crowd. 01\_B35beach11



Kirsty Hume stands in the middle of her impressive sandcastle. 01\_B35beach15

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Twice postponing the Brodick beach barbecue paid off last Sunday for the organisers of the event as they, and the big crowd, enjoyed one of the warmest days of the summer.

Under clear blue skies and with temperatures in the mid-20s, the annual fun day went ahead with a record number of visitors flocking to the beach to enjoy the many activities on offer and the relaxed summer party atmosphere.

The day also set another record in raising money for Brodick Improvements Committee (BIC), which took in just under £3,000 on the day, with overheads still to be calculated.

The family friendly event

took place right on Brodick beach with the barbecue and beer tent located between beach goers who built sandcastles and took refreshing dips in the water, and the large grass patch where families set up picnics on the grass and energetic groups played volleyball.

Setting the scene, a number of poets, musicians and the rock band The Brown Noise entertained the crowds and performed throughout the afternoon.

In addition to the music, there was also a number of other activities to entertain both the children and the adults.

The putting competition drew a big entry, as did the sandcastle competition while the children's races on the beach drew in the most participants and the standing long jump competition.

The Arran Pipe Band, in full regalia, made for an unusual sight on the beach but the upbeat performance added significantly to the occasion and their efforts were well rewarded by a lengthy round of applause from the beach-goers.

A raffle, described by organisers as legendary, ensured that a very high percentage of ticket holders took home prizes, many of them donated by island organisations. And the weather, live music and party atmosphere ensured that the visitors enjoyed a full afternoon that carried on well into the balmy summer evening.

Proceeds from the fundraising event are used by the BIC for the upkeep and maintenance of village amenities including public toilets, floral displays and the boat jetty among many others.



A firm favourite with visitors, a large entry sets off in the mixed age group race. 01\_B35beach07



The friendly competition of the children's under four race. 01\_B35beach05



Luca Duncan with his small but perfectly formed beach creation. 01\_B35beach16



Kathleen Boag and Stacey Smith keep everyone well fed at the burger stall. 01\_B35beach08



Volleyball players enjoy a match on the grass. 01\_B35beach04

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Families make the most of the weather and enjoy the beach. 01\_B35beach02



An unusual but well appreciated sight on Brodick beach, the Arran Pipe Band perform at the beach party. 01\_B35beach01



High temperatures saw many families taking to the water to cool down. 01\_B35beach03



Arran Fiddle Club tutor Alistair Paul supports Kayleigh Easton in her performance on the main stage. 01\_B35beach12



Arran poet Colin Guthrie entertains the crowd with a poem about a Glasgow cat. 01\_B35beach14



Biff Simpson sets a relaxed summer tone with her smooth jazz singing. 01\_B35beach13



Runners at the ready, children set off in the beach races. 01\_B35beach06



Warm summer sunshine ensured a huge attendance at this year's beach barbecue and fun day. 01\_B35beach17

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# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

## McLellan festival gets under way

Tonight (Friday) sees the start of the McLellan Arts Festival with a poetry event in Corrie Hall, as previewed in the 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.

The weekend continues with fun and interest with the famous festival ceilidh tomorrow (Saturday) with a live band, The Drambusters, Stuart Gough calling, pipes from Angus Adamson, songs from Tim Pomeroy and jazz duo, Biff and Tom. Ideal for all ages with children and

young people at school going free (BYOB).

On Sunday at noon in Corrie Church you will be delighted with the beautiful voices of the summer school students and in the evening in the community theatre, Lamlash, be fascinated by Kirsty Wark talking about her life in pictures as well as her new novel, with a book signing afterwards.

As the week continues, on Monday September 2, there is interesting archive film being shown in Corrie Hall as well as a chance to see the all Arran comedy Uncowed – a really entertaining piece starring

beautiful Arran as well a host of Arran characters as you've never seen them before!

Theatre enthusiasts will welcome a new production in Brodick Hall on Tuesday September 3 called My Name is Irrelevant. The show blends the spoken word with a live original soundtrack. A great opportunity to see new professional theatre on Arran.

Then, in Whiting Bay Hall on Thursday September 5 don't miss Paul Anderson, a talented and acclaimed fiddler from the north-east, who will entertain alongside fellow entertainers from Aberdeenshire and Arran.

Friday September 6 is gala night at the community theatre in Lamlash when the young opera singers who have been working all week at their Summer School at Altachorvie will perform for us. More glorious music from them, the McLellan Festival Chorus and an orchestra from the Royal Northern College who will perform Handel's Messiah on Sunday September 9 in the Community Theatre, Lamlash.

On Saturday September 7, more talented young people from the Royal Scottish Conservatoire – will show

case their vibrant and excellent theatre work in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. Only 50 tickets for this so book early.

And don't forget Opera Bohemia, an acclaimed professional Scottish company who will give a fully costumed and staged performance of, perhaps the world's best loved operetta The Merry Widow in the community theatre on Saturday September 14.

Tickets for all events can be bought online at [arranevents.com](http://arranevents.com), The Book and Card Centre, Brodick or at the door.

Kirsty Wark.



## MCLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL 2019







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## Saturday August 31st

Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm

Tickets £12 including supper

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# Calluna Duo returning to Arran in early September

Calluna Duo, comprising well-known Arran pianist Iain Clarke and oboist Helen Matthews, will be returning to Arran early next month for a series of three concerts as part of their autumn tour.

The two highly accomplished musicians, who impressed Arran audiences at their performances last year, will be performing at St Brides Church in Brodick on Wednesday September 4, Corrie Parish Church on Thursday September 5 and at St Molio's Church in Shiskine on Friday September 7.

The concerts all start at 7.30pm and are free of charge, although donations can be made on exit if desired. Iain and Helen will be performing a number of classics from Beethoven, Bozza to Barber and a great deal more.

Former Arran High School pupil Iain started to learn piano at seven years old,

taught by his dad, John. After several successful years at the Arran Music Festival, it was suggested he audition for the Junior Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow.

He spent the next four years of Saturdays there before becoming a full-time student at the Senior Conservatoire. Iain graduated in July with a BMus (Perf) first class honours degree. He auditioned for the Royal College of Music in London and was offered a place which he has accepted to do a two year Masters degree.

Helen, from Shawlands in Glasgow, is about to start the fourth year of her undergraduate degree at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, studying under the tuition of Peter Dykes and Stephen West. Originally starting out on the clarinet, she decided to pursue oboe at the age of 13, soon playing as principal



Helen and Iain will be performing on Arran next month.

oboe in the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra and their Chamber Orchestra. She was also involved in the Music for Youth Proms, performing at the Royal Albert Hall, and recording side-by-

side with the BBC Symphony Orchestra for BBC Radio 3.

Since starting at RCS, she has enjoyed performing with various ensembles, including their chamber and symphony orchestras, as well as their

flagship wind ensemble, Stevenson Winds. In addition to this, she has also worked side-by-side with the musicians of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra,

the latter culminating in a performance of Strauss's Fröhliche Werkstatt.

Iain, who has just completed his Bachelor of Music (Hons) course in Piano Performance at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, studied with Jonathan Plowright (previously Heather Slade-Lipkin) and has also received tuition from Olga Kern, Steven Osborne, Leon McCawley, Danny Driver, Aaron Shorr, Fali Pavri, Petras Geniusas, Martin Roscoe and Sofia Bugayan.

More recently, in January this year, he took second place in the Walcer Prize for Chopin piano solo at RCS. He made his international recital debut in July 2019 at Kaunas Piano Fest in Lithuania. And later next month he will be taking up a place on the Master of Performance course at the Royal College of Music in London.

## MCLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL 2019

Fri 30th August - Sunday 14th September

"and when the seed was sown, the hairst was gethert"

Robert McLellan (Arran Burn)

**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**  
Corrie Church, 12.00 noon.  
Free event.

**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.



# Calluna Duo

Helen Matthews oboe  
Iain Clarke piano

## Autumn Tour 2019

Beethoven, Bozza, Barber and more



**SEPTEMBER:**

- 4<sup>th</sup>:** St Bride's Church, Lochranza, Isle of Arran, 7:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup>:** Corrie Parish Church, Isle of Arran, 7:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup>:** St Molio's Church, Shiskine, Isle of Arran, 7:30pm

Donation on exit

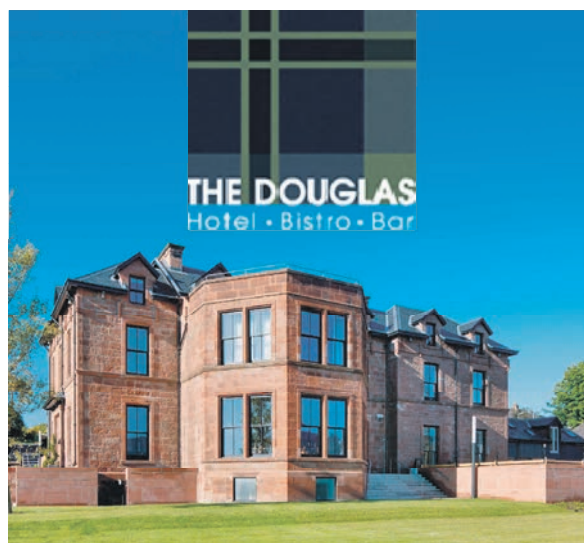
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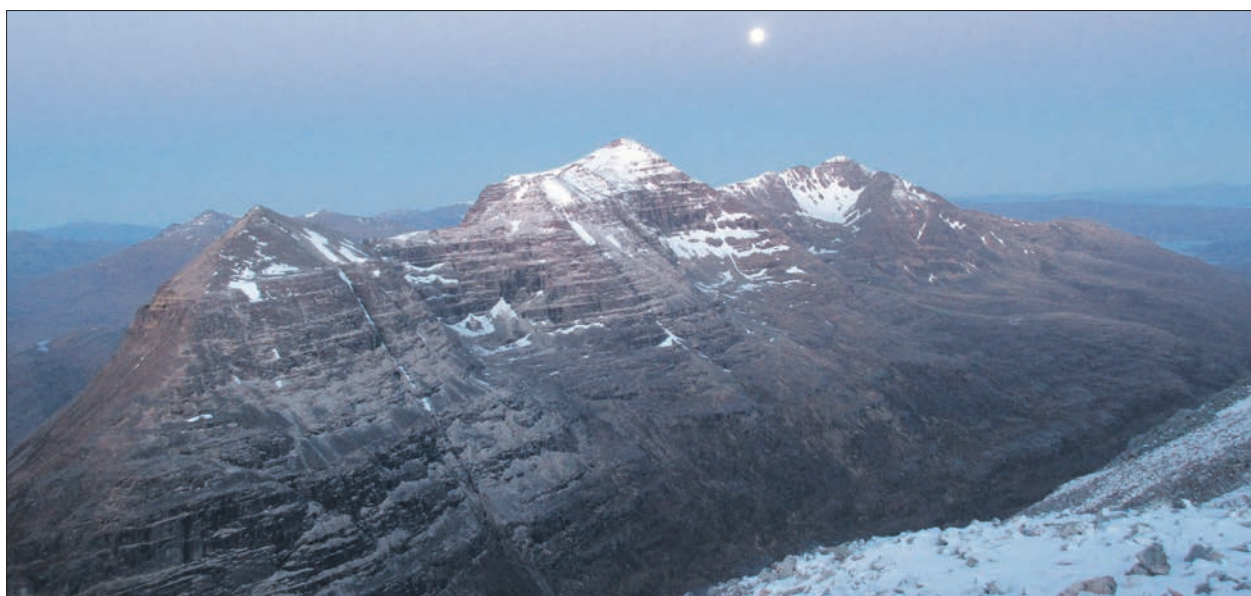
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Mountains of the Moon has a number of panoramic images of the mountains that the author scaled under bright moonlight.

# Moonwalker launches new book on Arran

Munro Moonwalker Alan Rowan is launching his latest book, Mountains of the Moon, on Arran in support of the Arran Mountain Festival.

Alan Rowan became known as the Munro Moonwalker for his night ascents of the 282 Munros. This unusual approach to the iconic Munro round was his answer to the demands of his 'day job'.

His two previous books, Moonwalker and A Mountain Before Breakfast, are his entertaining accounts of this epic Corbett walks.

Tomorrow (Sunday) Mountains of the Moon will be launched by Alan at the Arran Outdoor Education

Centre in Lamlash. Starting at 7pm, he will talk about his amazing adventures last year when he scaled a different Scottish mountain on each of the 13 full moons of the year.

"Thirteen?" you might ask, 'surely there is only one full moon each month?' But 2018 was one of those years with an extra, 'blue moon' and just to add to the story Alan chose mountains that corresponded to the names of each moon.

If this sounds a bit baffling, join Alan on Sunday evening to find out more and follow the trials and triumphs of his 2018 quest.

For the Arran Mountain

Festival's summer fund-raising event, the festival organisers invited Alan to launch his latest book on Arran as he has been such a regular and enthusiastic supporter.

The festival on Arran owes its continuing success to contributors such as Alan as well as the qualified mountain

leaders, volunteers, and local businesses and individuals sponsoring the annual programme of walks and events.

Tickets can be bought at the door or from Arran Active in Brodick where Alan's book will also be available.

There will be refreshments and a raffle with great prizes.

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Munro Moonwalker Alan Rowan will be proving some insight into some of the details of his newly released book, Mountains of the Moon.



# Teenager completes Coastal Way walk for Age Concern

Owen Gosling from Colchester, Essex, has completed his goal of walking around Arran along the Coastal Way's 109km route while raising funds for Age Concern Colchester.

Setting off on Thursday August 15 and completing the mission on Wednesday August 22, his adventure has taken him to most sites of interest and attractions around Arran.

While the walk alone was challenging enough, Owen added further difficulty to his challenge by being as self-sufficient as possible by carrying his own food and wild camping throughout the journey.

It was particularly important for him to undertake the walking sections alone as one of Age Concern's biggest challenges is in combating



loneliness among the elderly.

Owen had been in training for the event for over eight months and, while his fitness never failed him, his tent

did one stormy night and he had to consider abandoning the challenge. Thankfully, a kind-hearted local helped him with a tent and he was

able to continue and complete the challenge.

Owen said: 'Everyone has been amazing and supportive, I have so many stories to

**Owen Gosling completes his walk around Arran with a flag bearing the names of all of the people who have sponsored him and helped him along the way.** 01\_B35owen01

tell. Thank you to everyone who has supported me and donated to my gofundme page at [www.gofundme.com/f/you-the-island-and-i](http://www.gofundme.com/f/you-the-island-and-i)

'Special mentions must go to the Greannan, Glenisle and the Douglas hotels and also Lagg Distillery and Seal Shore Campsite. The people of Arran are amazing – many recognised me from my social media posts and offered to help in any way that they could. I've really thoroughly enjoyed this challenge, the island, its people and its stunning sites. I will miss Arran and will always long to return,' he added.

Now that Owen has completed this challenge he has returned home to Colchester for some relaxation and he looks forward to joining the Royal Air Force later this year.

## Beach clean dates are confirmed

Arran Beach Buddies have confirmed the dates for Arran beach cleans during the month of September.

The first of the two will take place at Lochranza on Sunday September 8. Volunteers can meet at the Sandwich Station, Lochranza where the event will be from 2pm to 4pm.

On Saturday September 14, at Machrie, volunteers can meet at the Golf Club Tea Room car park for the clean-up which is scheduled for 6pm to 7.30pm. This beach clean will run in conjunction with Mindful Chef who are trying to get 100 beaches in the UK cleaned on that date. Unfortunately for Arran, the tides are not best suited for the beach clean during the day so the start time has been set for early evening.

Everybody is welcome to attend either or both events and will require gloves and sensible footwear. Disposable bags and pickers will be supplied. The events are sponsored by Arran Dairies Ice Cream and The Parlour.

Further information can be found on Facebook by searching for Beach Buddies Isle of Arran.

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## Every day

Trout fly fishing	Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Arran Geopark Information & Activity Centre	Lochranza, 9am - 5pm
Brodick Castle and Gardens	Open 10am - 5pm
Octopus Centre	Old Pavilion, Lamlash, centre open seven days, 10am - 5pm
Octopus Centre – tennis	Old Pavilion, Lamlash, open 7 days, any time
Brodick Mini Golf	Open seven days, 9am - 6pm-ish, ALL weather
Public swimming	Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodick, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm) and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm)
Swimming lessons	Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday - Thursday, 4pm - 6pm
Arran Brewery	Open Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm
	Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am & 2pm or by arrangement
Arran Heritage Museum	Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
McLellan Festival	Various venues and times as listed below

## Saturday 31st August

McLellan Festival – Poetry Workshop with Sean O'Brien	Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 11am
Arran Highland Dancers	Lamlash Church Hall, 11am
Rink games	Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
Rink bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Rink bowls	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Arran Gin final beach party – G&Ts, Cocktails & Chai Caddy	Cladach, Brodick 3pm - 9pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym Induction	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only)	The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
McLellan Festival – famous festival ceilidh, BYOB	Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
End of season disco	The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 8pm
Live music – Little Fire	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
Live music – Jeremy Levif	Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm - 11pm
Live music – Brimstone & Blake - roots, blues & Americana	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

## Sunday 1st September

Goatfell night walk with Alan Rowan	Arran Mountain Festival, Arran Ranger Service, 2am
McLellan Festival with the Royal Northern College of Music	Corrie Church, noon
Live music – Little Fire	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live music – Brimstone & Blake - roots, blues & Americana	The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm - 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
McLellan Festival - An Arran Clamjamfry with Kirsty Wark	Community Theatre, Lamlash, 7.30pm
Folk music session	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Monday 2nd September

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Adult tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
JogScotland mixed ability running group	Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Junior rugby (P3-P7)	Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Junior rugby (S1-S6)	Ormidale Park, Brodick, 7pm - 8pm
Circuit training	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Summer bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396	Arran High School 6.15pm for 6.30pm
Rink games	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink bowls	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Live music – Mike Bailey	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s	Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm
McLellan Festival - Arran on Film, Uncowed	Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 7.30pm

## Tuesday 3rd September

Body Blitz (booking essential)	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Healthy Outdoors Team	Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries	Home House House, Brodick, 10am - 3pm
Rink bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)	Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group	Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm
Steak night – two ribeye steaks & bottle of wine	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
The 1st Shiskine Rainbows and Brownies	Shiskine Hall, 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs)	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm

Mini Kickers  
Flow Yoga  
McLellan Festival - Theatre - My Name Is Irrelevant  
Eco Savvy Food Share  
Trev's pop music quiz  
Traditional music sessions

KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm  
Corrie Hall, 6pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm  
Brodick Bar, 9pm

## Wednesday 4th September

Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodick Gardens volunteers	Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
Lamlash Church coffee morning	Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
Archives and Genealogy Service	Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Chair Yoga exercise class	St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Knit and Blether	Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
Talk introducing Arran's Geology	Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Parkinson's Support Group	Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm
Arran Pace Makers running group	Brodick, 5.30pm
Flow Yoga	Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Rink games	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink bowls	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Tae Kwon Do	juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Calluna Duo autumn tour 2019	St Bride's Church, Lochranza, 7.30pm
Live music – Arran Dawn	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Pub quiz	The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock 'n' pop bingo	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Thursday 5th September

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 - 10.30am
Chair Yoga exercise class	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
Music Matters	Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
Adult tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Body Blitz (booking essential)	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
McLellan Festival - A Scots Hairst	Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Calluna Duo autumn tour 2019	Corrie Parish Church, Corrie, 7.30pm
Arran Hockey Club – seniors (12 yrs +)	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
The Drift Inn quiz	Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Tommy's general knowledge quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Friday 6th September

Wildlife and Geology Land Rover safari	Arran Ranger Service, Brodick Castle, 9.30am
Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
ACLI – Friday Garden Club	Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm
Adult tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 11am
Qi Gong (Tai Chi), all welcome	Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only)	The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwon Do	Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
McLellan Festival – opera gala night	Community Theatre, Lamlash, 7.30pm
Live music – Scott Nicol	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Friday night quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

## Saturday 7th September

Rink games	Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
Rink bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Rink bowls	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Pop-up evening, BYOB (bookings only)	The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
McLellan Festival – drama live	Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 7.30pm
Calluna Duo autumn tour 2019	St Molios Church, Shiskine, 7.30pm
Live music – Gregor Flynn	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
Live music – Matt Scott & Anna Sweeney	Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm - 11pm
Live music – Scott Nicol	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm



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## Back to school

The schools are back after the summer holidays and the biggest change and the one causing the most disruption is at Brodick Primary. While the playground stood empty for most of the summer holiday, construction work began just a few days before term started. Now much of the playground is off limits and gaining access to the school front door is difficult.

The old toilet block and hutted classrooms have been knocked down and new buildings will go up between the old school building and the newer block. The new buildings will incorporate new toilets and will bring the two parts of the school together as one.

School roles on the island remain steady. Fourteen pupils have started at both Brodick and Lamlash while the others had more modest numbers with Kilmory having only one.

## World record

On September 9 every Arran primary pupil –

and many others from the mainland – will be singing from the same hymn sheet. They will be singing in a 'marasong' when, for one hour, 76 Ayrshire schools will all sing together in support of the Hansel Village outside Ayr.

All proceeds will go to the new courtyard development at the village for people with learning difficulties and it is believed that over 15,000 children will all be singing together. They hope also to establish a new record in the Guinness Book of Records.

## Right recipe

Children at Pirnmill might be eating some of the best school meals in the whole country. School catering manager Sonia Fox entered the local heats for the best school chef and, after cooking a meal for the judges, she had been selected with another school in Dundee to compete in the finals in September. If Sonia, who has been at the school four years, wins that it will mean that she will go on to the national finals.



New primary pupil for the school term at Kilmory is Stuart McMaster with teacher Mrs Barbour. 01\_B35twe01



A Sea King helicopter attended a medical emergency in Brodick Bay on Monday after a man aboard the yacht Highland Flame had a heart attack. The lifeboat brought the Wiltshire man to a waiting ambulance before the helicopter flew him to Crosshouse Hospital. 01\_B35twe02



Landlord of the Cameronia Hotel in Whiting Bay Ross McKay handed over a cheque for £1,000 to the village Mother and Toddlers Group. With Ross are Cathie Steed, David Thompson, Christine O'Donnell, Lorna McKinnon and Hazel McKenzie. 01\_B35twe04



Mrs Tod at Shiskine with new pupils Beth Hamilton, Yasmin Potts, Connor Smith, Jamie Leese, John Murchie, Keiran Bunyan and Scott Rankin. 01\_B35twe02



Liddy and Margaret Brogan are the two new pupils of this year's Corrie intake. 01\_B35twe03



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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 Regulation 20(1) 19/00609/PPM;** Site To East Of Millstone Point, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Installation and operation of an Atlantic Salmon Fish Farm comprising 20 x 120m circumference fish pens and an accompanying feed barge.

### THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) SCOTLAND REGULATIONS 2017 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 21

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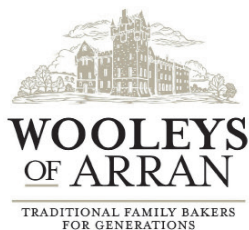
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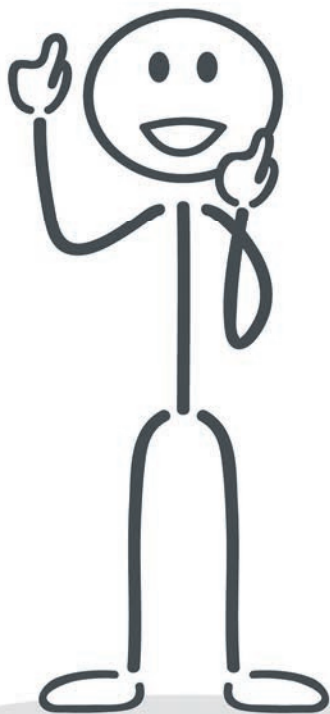
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**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Saturday August 24, fun Texas Scramble. The Texas Scramble is a fairly recent addition to the club's itinerary but what a success it has proved to be, not least because of a history of fine weather to play it in. The 2019 version proved no different and a fine afternoon greeted the players. The competition was over 15 holes so that no one had to climb back up the 16th with the smell of burgers on the grill tormenting them.

Scoring was tight with placing being determined only by handicap differentials and the winning team captained by Lynda Blair prevailed on the narrowest of margins. Well done, Lynda, and her team of husband David, Stephen Brown and David Brookens.

Thanks to all who played, to Stewart and Corey for the magnificent condition of the course, to John, Louise and Nancy for the clubhouse food and drink and finally to all the sponsors and donors who gave so generously to ensure such a fine day.

Sunday August 25, The Taylor Trophy Greensome. Another sweltering Sunday for this popular greensome following the success of Saturday's Texas Scramble. A late night in the clubhouse went some way to explaining a relatively low turnout of only 13 players. 1 Wolfi Kroner and Kevin McAleney 11.6, 60.4, 2 Douglas Auld and Corey Allan 12, 61. Magic twos Graeme Crichton and Neillie Mckechnie @17th.

Fixtures: Saturday August 31, Mixed Fours Salver. Sunday September 1, AGA

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**PRESTAGE - Richard**

Richard's family wish to express their sincere thanks to all the family, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support following their recent bereavement, for their many flowers, cards, letters, expressions of sympathy and attendance at the crematorium. Many thanks to family friend Laura Gillespie for a moving service and to Hendry Funeral Services for funeral arrangements

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**MURRAY - Norval 24/5/33 - 5/8/19**

Memorial Service at Brodick Church 2pm, Saturday 28th September 2019 followed by an informal reception with family at the Brodick Bar.



**Alistair MacDonald, winner of the Lawson Cameron and Phil Betley winner of the Peter Sutton trophy.**

Autumn Handicap, Shiskine Golf Club. Tee off time sheet is available at Whiting Bay clubhouse. Wednesday September 4, Summer Cup.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Thursday August 15, ladies visitors and locals. 1 E Kelso, E Henderson and M Ritchie 37, 2 F Scott, J Hutton, A Dale 39, 3 A Anderson, J Turnbull, C Buchanan and S Myles 40. £61 was raised at the raffle for Glasgow Children's Hospital.

Sunday August 18, Victory Shield and Kay Maxwell Trophy. 1st class: 1 C Dair 49-7=42 BIH, 2 and scratch A Stewart 48-6=42, 3 G Andrew 50-7=43. 2nd class: 1 A Bannatyne 57-14=43, 2 S Kerr 52-8=44, 3 C Rutterford 57-13=44.

Thursday August 22, ladies' 12-hole medal. 1 and scratch Jenni Turnbull 55-11=44, 2 Pat Adamson 61-15=46, 3 Alice Anderson 57-11=46.

Sunday August 25, gents' Murray Cup. 1 C Rutherford and T Ellis 31pts BIH, 2 A Stewart and R Traill 31pts, 3 B Sherwood and C Dair 29pts BIH.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Sunday August 25, Brandon Cup final, CSS 65. 1 George Hamilton 81-14=67 acb, 2 Bob McCrae 75-8=67 acb, 3 Bill Donaldson 82-15=67. Sweep, 15 played. 1 John May 84-20=64, 2 Matt Keir 72-5=67 acb, George Hamilton 81-14=67 acb. Scratch Matt Keir 72.

Sweep, CSS 65. 1 Andy Smith 79-17=62, 2 Derek Harrison 89-23=66. Best scratch Andy Smith 79. Magic twos, none recorded so the rollover continues.

Ladies section: Wednesday August 14, Medal 7, CSS 67, par 65. 1 Sheena Murchie 84-14=70, 2 Kate McAdam 91-16=75. Scratch Sheena Murchie 70.

Fixtures: Sunday September 1, AGA autumn handicap at Shiskine, sheet for names on notice board, late entries accepted. Thursday September 5, Summer Cup, make up own groups

**Corrie Golf Club**

Saturday August 24, Joe MacKenzie Trophy. 1 R MacLean 71-15=58, 2 D K Henderson 68-9=59, scratch, 3 A Napier 71-11=60.

Fixtures: Saturday August 31, George Watson Cup, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday September 4, Sweep and magic twos, ballot at 5pm. Saturday September 14, Captains Prize, ballots at 9am and 2pm.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday August 20, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Phil Betley 64, 2 Ross Trail 65, 3 Campbell Laing 66.

Tuesday August 27, Medal and sweep. 1 Phil Betley 65, 2 Reuben Betley 67, 3 Brian Sherwood 68.

Tuesday August 27, Final of the Lawson-Cameron. Played between Alistair MacDonald and Campbell Laing. Alistair won.

Fixtures: Tuesday September 3, Sweep. 12.30pm tee off. Please note that there is now no evening tee off time.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together  
Minister:  
Rev Angus Adamson  
Parish Assistant:  
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Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

**Sunday 1st September**

Lochranza Church at 9.30am. Morning Worship  
Pirnmill Church at 10.45am. Morning Worship  
Shiskine Church at 12noon Morning Worship  
Brodick Church at 10.30am Morning Worship,  
Corrie Church at 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon, the McLellan Festival Service with Students from the Royal Northern College of Music  
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland  
Charity Number: SC014005  
**Sunday 1st September**  
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. There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited.

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**Sunday 1st September**  
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 1st September**  
Service at 11am  
Ormidale Pavilion  
Tea and coffee after the service  
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.  
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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 1st September**  
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick at 6pm  
Services will be taken by Rev David Ford

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Saturday 31st August**  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm  
**Sunday 1st September**  
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

**ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER**

**Thursday 5th September**  
TAIZE PRAISE AND MEDITATION  
Theme: The Gift of The Holy Spirit  
Holy Cross Church, Brodick 5.30pm

**DEATH**

**ROSS - Alan Simpson**  
Peacefully at home on Friday, 23rd August 2019. Alan, aged 72 years, beloved husband of Farquhar, dear father of Lindsay, Martin and Judith, father-in-law of Gillian and a loving Grandpa of ten. Funeral service at Whiting Bay Church on Friday, 30th August at 11:30am and thereafter to Sannox cemetery to which all are welcome. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to ArCaS.



**The Arran runners under the blue skies of Saltcoats. 01\_B35salt01**



# Ewan's 10th win sees him equal Champion of Champions record

Ewan McKinnon's keenly contested win at the Arran Golfers' Association's Champion of Champions final means that he has now equalled the record for this prestigious title by winning it for the 10th time.

In a thrilling and much anticipated match, Ewan McKinnon played against Todd Jameson with record holder, Dougie Macfarlane, spectating at the game attended by more than 60 others.

With everything to play for, Ewan was looking to equal Dougie's record but Todd, who is the Lamlash champion playing on his home course, was equally determined to take the title.

Ewan got off to a great start, in blustery conditions, and went three up after five holes. But Todd fought back, winning six and then eight, with a birdie. Nine was tied, so Ewan was one up at the turn. On the 10th hole, Ewan sunk a lovely putt for birdie.

Todd again rallied and won the 11th with a birdie. Ewan won the next to open up a two-hole lead. But Todd had an answer and won the next two holes.

So it was all square going down the 15th but Ewan birdied to go one up and the 16th was halved in threes. Indeed, the 17th too, as both players got up and down from just beside the green.

High drama as they stood on the 18th tee with Ewan one up. Both were playing a bit downwind and both players could perhaps drive the green with their best. Ewan was up first and he pushed his iron (lay up) to the right and potential tree trouble.

Todd pulled out the driver and pushed his tee shot and where it ended up was anyone's guess. Ewan got a free drop away from a staked tree and then hit a great shot on to the green. Todd's ball was found and he hit his next through the back of the green. Incredibly, with his near impossible chip, he almost holed it for birdie.

The game was played in a very sporting manner between two friends and following Ewan's victory Todd graciously went over and shook Ewan's hand.

A spokesman for the AGA said: 'A super final played in the true golfing spirit, well



Record holder Dougie Macfarlane presents record equalling winner Ewan McKinnon with the AGA Champion of Champions Trophy which he has won for the 10th time.

done to both finalists and a great advert for Arran golf. On the scorecard there were 14 threes recorded in the match between the two players over the course of the 17 holes completed.

'Many thanks to Lamlash Golf Club for hosting. The course was looking fantastic, as ever, so well done to the greens staff. Also thanks to Paul Jameson and all the club for a very warm welcome. Thanks, too, to Jim Henderson for all his help and for refereeing the final.'

## Record equalling

Following the exciting match, AGA president Brian Sherwood and Lamlash captain Paul Jameson made short speeches and then handed over to Dougie Macfarlane to present Ewan with his record equalling 10th title.

In an upcoming fixture, the AGA Autumn Handicap will be played at Shiskine (18 holes) on Sunday September 1 with am and pm starts.

Late entries will be accepted by phoning the Shiskine pro shop on 01770 860 226. There is a £5 entry fee, catering must be paid, and a £2 optional sweep.



## Arran athletes face sweltering run in the sun

Twelve Arran runners braved scorching conditions to take part in the North Ayrshire Athletic Club 10k in Saltcoats last Sunday.

Conditions could not have been worse for the runners, with temperatures in the mid 20s for the race through the three towns which attracted more than 430 entrants.

It was the fifth year of the running festival, which also includes a family 2k event. The island runners were from the newly renamed jogscotlandarran group, which meets in Whiting Bay on the Monday, and the Brodick Arran Pace Makers group which meets on a Wednesday. There is also a beginners' group on the island which meets in Brodick on a Tuesday.

One runner, who needed the assistance of paramedics, would like to say a big thank you to Jean to all the travelling runners for their kindness and help on the day.



Some of the Arran runners at the front of their timed group make their way to the starting line. Photo by John Keachie





The Argyle keeper looks to have this header covered.

# Arran are on cloud nine after first West Cup win



Argyle Wanderers	1
Isle of Arran	9
West of Scotland Cup	

The Arran boys were competing in their first West of Scotland Cup game at the weekend with a long trip to Alexandria. And the team got off to a shaky start in their day as their bus was involved in a minor collision en route.

However, after a delay, the team arrived and hit the ground running. Donny Park opened the scoring after getting the rebound from

an Archie McNicol corner. Archie then made it 2-0 with one of his trademark finishes. The two goalscorers linked up again as Archie's pinpoint corner was met by the head of rising Donny to make it 3-0 going into half-time.

Archie then grabbed his second straight after the break. Argyle pulled a goal back to make it 4-1 but then they also put one in the wrong net to settle Arran nerves. Donny was brought down just outside the area and Archie stepped up to grab his hat-trick with a great free

kick. That man again, Archie, outsmarted the defender for the next one as he anticipated the bounce of the ball which went over the defender's head and he made no mistake in finishing. Young Gregor Crichton assisted Archie in the last goal of the game to take the striker's tally up to five for the day.

Perhaps harshly, Archie wasn't given the man of the match as it went to Donny for his great performance on the right wing and notching up a couple of goals as well.

*All photos by Tam Borland*



Archie McNicol tucks away one of his five in a day.



William Sillars only has eyes for the ball.



Joel Small in a tight tussle for the ball.



# Cup win makes it three and easy for Southend



Northend ahead of their historic cup final appearance. 01\_B35final02



Referee Dougie McInnes leads the teams out as they are piped onto the pitch by Ross Kerr. 01\_B35final03 All photographs: Hugh Boag



Northend keeper Stuart Lawson is beaten this time by Nick Emslie shot. 01\_B35final08



Northend goalkeeper Stuart Lawson is challenged for the ball. 01\_B35final09



Gregor Crichton fires a shot on target. 01\_B35final14



Northend's Andy McNamara makes a determined break with the ball. 01\_B35final18



Jamie Stewart, in his first game in six years, fires a cross into the box. 01\_B35final17



Danny Head in charge in the middle of the park. 01\_B35final15



The game is played out in splendid conditions in the shadow of Goatfell. 01\_B35final16



A Northend defender keeps a close eye on Ryan Armstrong. 01\_B35final06



Southend on the attack. 01\_B35final13



An early tussle in the game. 01\_B35final05



Ewan's 10th win sees him equal record

Arran are on cloud nine after first West Cup win



Handshakes all round before the match. 01\_B35final04

# Southend in clean sweep

Northend Thistle	0
Southend	7
Copperwheats Cup final	

Southend made it a clean sweep this season when they picked up the final silverware of the season with a comfortable win over Northend in the Copperwheats Knockout Cup final in Brodick on Saturday.

It may have been a historic day for Thistle, playing in their first ever cup final, but they were brought back down to earth losing five goals in the first half before steadying the ship to put up a decent second-half performance.

Before kick-off, crowds gathered at the Ormidale Park to watch the final as the Northend boys made the most of the occasion. Piper Ross Kerr lead the teams out to mark the Lochranza team's landmark final.

When game kicked off, it was Southend who were in the ascendancy straight away. Just 15 minutes into the game and captain Ryan Armstrong

opened the scoring for the MBS boys. Nick Emsley then made it 2-0 soon after.

Gregor Crichton was brought down in the Northend box and he stepped up to take the resulting penalty and made no mistake. An unfortunate error in the Northend defence resulted in John Ferguson putting the ball in his own net to make it 4-0. Frazer Barr took the scoring up to five as the teams headed in for the interval.

In the second half, Northend seemed to be a lot more compact and Southend found it harder to increase their lead. Fifteen-year-old James Currie then stepped up to smash in a 35-yard strike straight into the top corner, a goal of the season contender. This was Currie's third cup final and he has scored in every one to mark a great record for the youngster. Returning striker Jamie Stewart came off the bench to play his first game in six years after struggling with back problems. He nodded in a cross to finish the scoring



Southend captain Ryan Armstrong receives the trophy from sponsor John Copperwheat. 01\_B35final20 All photographs Hugh Boag

off at seven. The man of the match award went to Ryan Armstrong for creating a lot of chances for the yellow and blue boys.

After the game, sponsor John Copperwheat presented the last silverware of the season to captain Ryan Armstrong. The association would like to thank

John very much for his continued support and sponsorship, not just in the Arran league but also of Arran AFC. Southend can now add the

cup to their Arran Haulage Cup and the Arran Dairies League shield to their trophy cabinet. See page 27 for more photos.



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