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Arran is first island to ban cold callers in Scotland

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Arran is about to become the first official 'no cold calling' island in Scotland.

Signs are to be erected both at Ardrossan and Brodick warning unscrupulous workmen and bogus callers that they are not welcome on Arran.

A new leaflet has also been produced by Arran Community Council to help communities deal with the menace. Doorstep caller warning stickers are also available for householders to post to their front doors.

The leaflet is entitled 'Who's that knocking at my door'. It explains that a No Cold Calling Zone (NCCZ) is about helping residents and communities to have the confidence to say 'no' to uninvited salespeople and to warn rogue traders they are not welcome.

The leaflet has been produced with the assistance of Police Scotland and the North Ayrshire Trading Standards team.

Members of the community council were updated on the plans when they met last week. They heard the signs had been ordered and that

Mesmerising Messiah



The Arran festival choir joins the students of the Arran summer school and the orchestra of the Royal Northern College in a performance of the Messiah in the community theatre on Sunday night. Report and more pictures in the leisure section. 01_B37concert01

Advice given in the booklet includes:

- Remember you are not being rude if you refuse to discuss having work carried out on your home and shut the door.
- Remember you are under no obligation to speak to anyone at the door.
- Be aware an ID card may not be proof that your caller is genuine. It can be very easy to make an ID card on a computer.
- Remember if you don't know who you dealt with and don't have an address to contact it is highly unlikely that any problems will be resolved.
- On leaflets, if in doubt bin it.

Peel Ports at Ardrossan and Thomson Construction in Brodick had agreed they could be erected on their property.

Chairman Bill Calderwood said the move was welcome and said the Arran sergeant Dougie Robertson and his officers had been 'very, very

helpful'. PC Colin Haddow attending the meeting said: 'I really think the more signs we have up the better.' There have been concerns

for some time that the island is seen as a soft touch by unscrupulous workmen and bogus callers, who target
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All change at the Douglas Deli

The Douglas Hotel is planning to create new hotel accommodation at the former Douglas Deli.

The Brodick hotel has applied to North Ayrshire Council for a change of use for deli premises in the Douglas Centre into a new family room.

A design statement submitted with the application states: 'Due to unforeseen circumstances the deli did not prove to perform to the projected financial expectations. Subsequently the deli ceased trading in 2018.

'After a long considered use for the space, a proposal for additional quality hotel accommodation has been developed. With the increasing demand for tourist accommodation, the proposed plans are to provide an additional family room accommodation. Keeping in line with the existing standards of quality in the Douglas Hotel, the proposed alterations will achieve the same high calibre of quality and workmanship.'

The matter is under consideration by the council's planning department.

Drivers rally to clear road blocked by fallen tree

A large tree that was blown over and which was blocking the A841 near Strabane was rapidly cleared by car drivers and members of the Arran community within less than an hour of it being discovered.

The large fallen tree along the tree-lined road that runs between the castle exit and Home Farm was reported on social media to warn other road users at 3.50pm last Wednesday.

Within minutes the

occupants of roughly seven vehicles, whose progress was obstructed, climbed out of their vehicles and started removing some of the debris that was scattered across the road.

As the number of cars in the queue increased so did the number of volunteers who were by now breaking branches of the fallen tree in an effort to help clear the blockage.

Within 20 minutes around 10 children and adults were clearing away manageable sized logs that were being sawn off by a workman who suddenly appeared with a handsaw.

Assisting with the progress and speed of cutting up the fallen tree by hand a North Ayrshire vehicle containing two workmen



Speeding up the process greatly a North Ayrshire Council workman cuts up the tree with a chainsaw while volunteers remove the wooden logs. 01_B37tree01

arrived on the scene after 30 minutes and with the help of a chainsaw started cutting the tree into pieces which the volunteers helped to remove.

The car drivers, along

with the addition of a cyclist, made quick work of removing all of the cut logs, and in a great combined effort cleared the road completely by 4.25pm.



In an unspoken joint effort, car drivers remove some of the smaller branches of the fallen tree while a workman with a saw gets to work on the larger branches.

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Arran's ageing population.

Since the introduction of RET it has also been much cheaper for them to bring their vans on to the island.

Last year a petition campaign was launched spearheaded by Lamlash resident Liz Rose, after a personal experience by a cold caller at her home, that gained hundreds of signatures.

A 'no cold calling zone' is established to protect residents from unwanted doorstep callers. They are designed to act as a deterrent to stop businesses cold calling in areas that are clearly marked as such.

It is hoped the zones empower residents to feel confident about sending unwanted callers away.

Initiative

In the future the initiative will involve a massive education and engagement exercise supported by Trading Standards, Police Scotland and a range of partners. The partners will look at ways the community can support vulnerable residents and find volunteers who will play active and important roles in providing that help.

Sergeant Robertson told residents: 'If you have any suspicions about a cold caller they will more than likely

continue knocking on doors in your neighbourhood until they find someone who may be vulnerable.



The new leaflet which has been produced.

'If we don't know about them we can't do anything. So, if someone suspicious does call at your door, always report it and call 101 to help safeguard your community.'

Councillor Alex Gallagher,

cabinet member for economy, said recently: 'Criminals find it easy to come on to islands and then simply get on a boat and leave without trace. There is frequently a population of elderly residents on islands, which makes them an attractive place for criminals to target.

'We are trying to make Arran a place that cold-callers and scammers won't want to visit.

'If we have support from the local community, backed up with messages displayed everywhere - on lampposts and people's doors - it will send a message that cold callers are not welcome in Arran.'

The leaflet and stickers are available from community council members, health centres, the library, police office and ACVS office in Lamlash. They will also be handed out at the Arran Elderly Forum next week.

Lottery cash for arts trust

Groups from across Scotland are sharing in a bumper package of National Lottery Awards for All grants totalling £952,883, which have just been announced.

Among them is the Arran Theatre and Arts Trust which has been awarded £3,700 to run free workshops for talented young musicians on the island. These workshops will be led by tutors from the McLellan Arts Festival and cover traditional fiddle, singing, drama and poetry writing.

Muddy mums get stuck in for cancer research event

Ten Arran mums have proved that where there is muck there is brass at a charity event in Glasgow.

They have raised more than £1,500 for Cancer Research UK by taking part in the Race for Life Pretty Muddy 5k event.

Prepared to roll up their sleeves, the women, who have

all been affected by cancer to some degree, travelled to Pollok Country Park where they joined more than 3,000 people taking part in the messy, but worthwhile and entertaining, fundraiser.

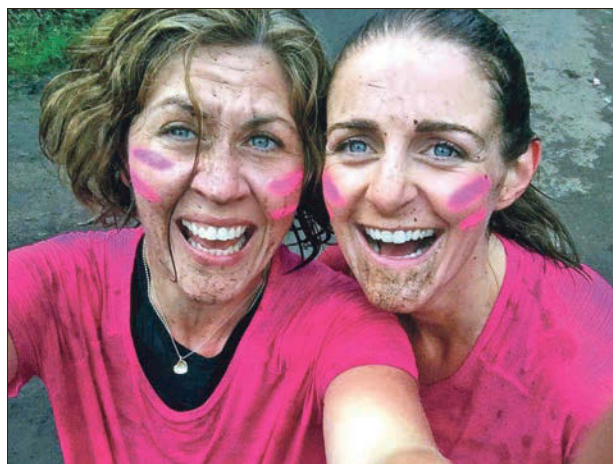
A spokeswoman for the group said: 'Each of us have our own stories about how cancer has affected our lives.

Together we were determined to raise lots of money for this great cause and have lots of fun while we were at it. We are delighted to have raised more than £1,500.'

The Cancer Research Race for Life Pretty Muddy events are held throughout the country and are open to participants over 13 years of age. Participants can select either a five or 10-kilometre course, which involves conquering a number of obstacles along the route, mostly in very muddy conditions.

The obstacles include climbing a giant A-frame, navigating through mud pits and a 'spider's web', crawling through tunnels and clambering over inflatable obstacles. Then there is a short course to complete on space hoppers and a gauntlet to run before the finale, a mud slide that leads into a mud pool.

The event raised more than £200,000 for Cancer Research UK.



It's a messy but fun business as Caroline McArdle and Jenny Duncan's faces show.



A team photograph with their medals, left to right, Alison Henderson, Jenny Duncan, Claire McNally, Claire Scott, Kirsten Picken, Lindsay Baughan, Jacque Rankin, Caroline McArdle, Pamela Gaw and Aileen Brand.



Arran team members make their way down the mud slide at the end of their challenge.



Pamela Gaw and Claire McNally make good progress on the space hoppers.

NO North Arran Salmon Farm

Let's make a (Millstone) Point

Join us this Sunday to form a human chain along the coast at the site of the proposed salmon farm. The farm would be the size of 33 football pitches, would extend for more than 1km along the Arran Coastal Way and would produce fish poo equivalent to the sewage from a town the size of Troon.

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Joining hands in protest at fish farm

Opponents are to form a kilometre-long human chain running the length of the proposed fish farm at Millstone Point to help residents visualise the extent of the development.

Describing the farm being proposed by the Scottish Salmon Company as a 'mega-farm', members of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), supporters and visitors are aiming to illustrate the visual impact that a farm the size of 33 football pitches, and which will run for one kilometre along the coast, will have on the surroundings.

Supporters and anyone that wishes to make their

feelings known about the development are invited to join the human chain tomorrow (Sunday) between 2pm and 4pm. Described as a family friendly event, supporters can meet at the North Sannox car park at 1.30pm where a shuttle service will be available to transport people to the Fallen Rocks, from there a 2.5-kilometre flat walk along the Coastal Way will be required to reach the remote but scenic site.

The initiative known as 'Let's make a (Millstone) point' is part of the COAST campaign representing its views, and those of many island residents, who are firmly opposed to the development

of a fish farm off Millstone Point, near Lochranza.

The campaign is in direct response to a 914-page planning application submitted to North Ayrshire Council seeking permission to develop a fish farm comprising 20 x 120m circumference fish pens and an accompanying feed barge which officials are currently considering.

The proposal has been vehemently opposed by COAST, the Lochranza Community Association and 82 per cent of the attendees at a Scottish Salmon Company public consultation event held at Lochranza where environmental concerns, potential visual impacts, fish welfare and impacts on the island's tourism industry were cited as the main concerns.

The Scottish Salmon Company says that the development will create 10 full-time jobs and a further 51 supply chain jobs and contribute a total Gross Value Added (GVA) for the Scottish Economy of over £8.6 million per year.

The application is currently scheduled to be considered by the council's planning committee towards the end of this year.



Outlined, the site of the proposed fish farm near Millstone Point.



Alisdair Weir from Lochranza was one of those taking part in an induction day for nursing students at Argyll College, Lochgilphead.

Alisdair signs up for nursing course

A total of 22 new students from Arran, Bute and from across Argyll have embarked on an access to nursing course from Argyll College as part of the Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP).

This year-long, full-time course has been specifically designed for adult returners to education and will prepare students to enter degree level education in nursing, helping to meet the growing demand for healthcare professionals in rural areas.

The Argyll College students will be based

in six locations throughout Argyll and the isles, including Arran, Campbeltown, Islay, Helensburgh, Lochgilphead and Oban, and they met for the first time at their induction session in Lochgilphead last week.

Tutor Linda Brown, said: 'SWAP is a registered charitable organisation providing opportunities for adults who want to access higher education. Access to Nursing is part of SWAP and is specifically for people wanting a second chance at education to fulfil their academic potential.'



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Arran residents to have say in shaping climate change policy

Residents on Arran will have the opportunity to share their views on climate change at a meeting called the Big Climate Conversation which will be used by the Scottish Government's climate change policy team when formulating policy.

Hosted by Arran Eco Savvy the Big Climate Conversation is part of a series of Climate Conversations initiated by the Scottish Government that are taking place all over the country.

Discussion

The session will include a discussion about ways the community can reduce the emissions that cause climate change, and prepare for a changing climate.

The Climate Conversation has been organised as part of Eco Savvy's Sustainable Island Life Project and will take place at Home Farm, Brodick on Thursday September 19 at 2pm. The session will last around one hour 15 minutes and refreshments will be provided.

Owing to strict country-wide conditions, numbers have had to be restricted and attendance needs to be con-

firmed by Friday September 13. An Eco Savvy spokeswoman said: 'We know many of you have strong opinions, anxieties and frustrations surrounding the climate crisis and we would love it if you came along so that we can tell the Scottish Government

what we think is important for our community and for Scotland.'

Places for the Big Climate Conversation can be booked by emailing Ruth McLaren at ruth.ecosavvy@gmail.com or call 303 026 if anyone has any questions.



Lodge gives boost to DoE awards group

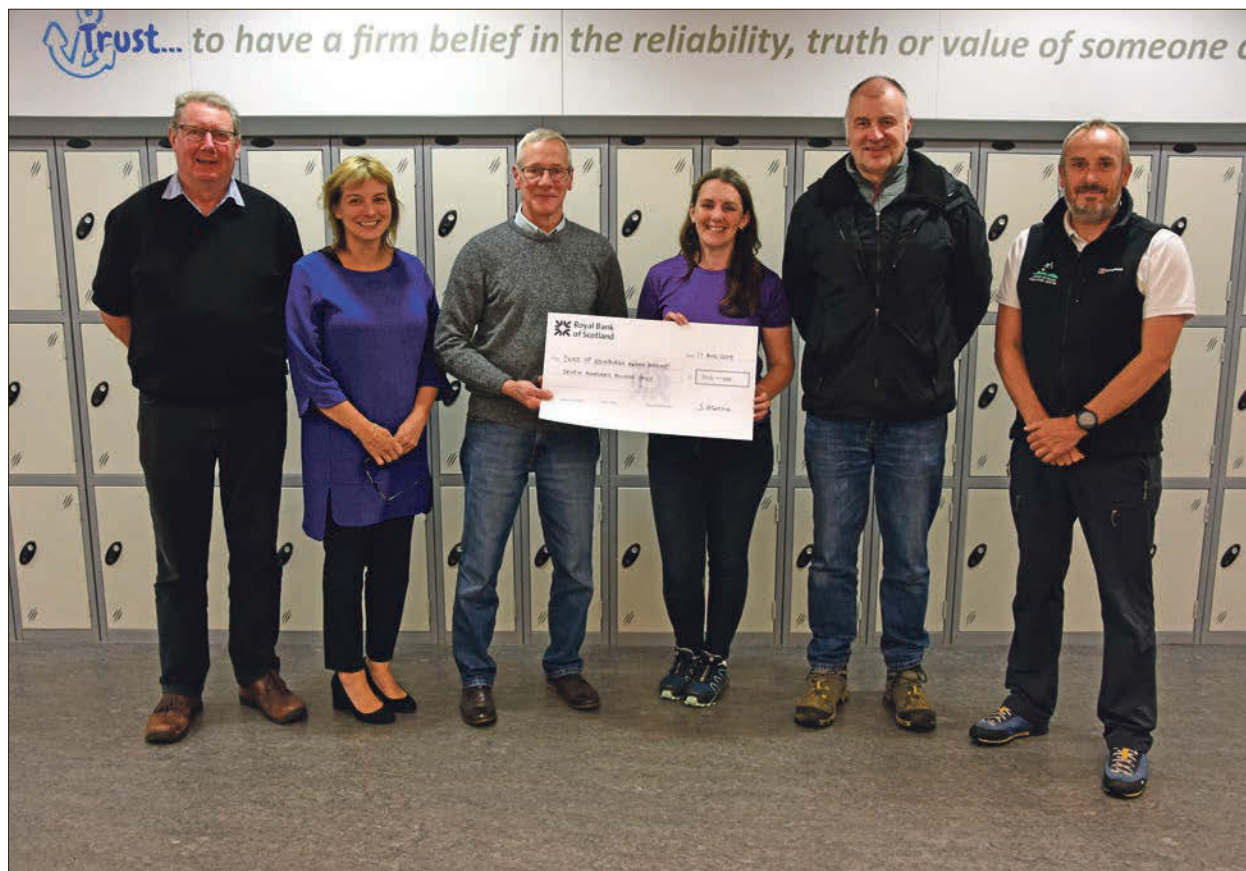
In its second large charitable donation in weeks, Lodge St Molios in Lamlash presented members of the Arran Duke of Edinburgh Awards group with a cheque for £700.

The money was raised from a darts tournament in June and both the Arran Churches Together foodbank, as previously reported in the Banner, and Duke of Edinburgh Awards groups received an even share of the proceeds.

The donation was gratefully received by Amanda Hogge and Susan Foster of Arran High School as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards will now be incorporated into the school's outdoor learning curriculum for S1 to S4 pupils.

Amanda said: 'A huge thank you to Lodge St Molios for this helpful and appreciated donation. The money will be used for camping stoves, keeping kit up to date and to help fund expeditions. The group generally host fund-raising events in order to keep costs as low as possible for pupils so this donation will really help and go a long way.'

At an informal presentation at the school office, bearers and brethren of Lodge St Molios presented the cheque and expressed their support for encouraging youngsters to get out in nature and to take advantage of all of the positive benefits that the Duke of Edinburgh Awards offers.



At the cheque presentation ceremony were, from left, John Murchie, Susan Foster, Chris Stirland, Amanda Hogge, Alex Roberts and Ian Staples. 01_B37DOE01

Past Master of Lodge St Molios Chris Stirland, who presented the cheque with the Right Worshipful Master John Murchie, and brethren Alex Roberts, said: 'We are delighted to be able to support this worthwhile cause. Thanks must go to all of the

local businesses, sponsors and supporters who helped us raise these funds at our darts nights.'

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards is a programme aimed at 14-24-year-olds which, when successfully completed, leads to a bronze,

silver or gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

There are various sections to complete and generally involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition.

Through the programme young people have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence and they gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive.

Views sought on tourist tax

The Scottish government is seeking views on a local discretionary transient visitor levy, or tourist tax.

The consultation is aimed at informing government on the wider issues and concerns when developing the legislation which will give local authorities the power to apply a visitor levy.

The move is something that VisitArran is very concerned about and the Scottish Tourism Alliance is urging all businesses who benefit from tourism activity to share their views by participating in the online survey.

Views obtained through the consultation, which will run until Monday December 2 this year, will be used to help shape the draft bill provisions. The survey can be found at gov.scot and by selecting consultations.

Embroidery classes back

Meetings of the Brodick Embroidery Group will recommence on Thursday September 19 meeting at Brodick Library from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

All will be made most welcome from beginners to more experience embroiderers. This is an opportunity to meet with others who share a common interest, to exchange ideas, learn new techniques, or just get started. Help is available to all. People can come when they can, with no need to commit to every week. For more information phone Ann Hollingworth on 840270.

Medevac from putting green



Brodick putting green had an unusual visitor last week when the medevac helicopter of the Scottish Air Ambulance Service dropped in. They were picking up a patient from Brodick early on Thursday afternoon when the pilot took the decision to land on the putting green rather than the more usual landing site at Ormidale Park.

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Small business association plan

Arran businesswoman Clair Reeves from the Bay Kitchen and Stores in Whiting Bay has taken the first steps in creating a small business association.

Starting as a forum on Facebook called Arran Small Businesses, the intention is to gauge interest to see if there is a wider need for setting up a small association or federation.

The aim of the group is for a unified voice to speak on behalf of small businesses and to share ideas and good practice. The sharing of local knowledge and representation will also be useful, as will a forum to discuss pertinent issues affecting small businesses.

Any business with less than 10 full-time employees, including sole traders, can join the Facebook group. Those who do not use Facebook or those requiring further information can contact Clair directly at baykitchenstores@gmail.com.

Vandalism to parked cars

There has been a minor increase in the number of vandal attacks on cars in Lamlash, Arran Community Council heard last week.

PC Colin Haddow told members that incidents involved minor acts on vandalism to parked cars, many of them around the closing time of licensed premises.

PC Haddow also agreed with members that there was an ongoing issue with parking in Lamlash particularly at the Park Terrace.

Brathwic Terrace houses will go ahead as planned

Housing chiefs this week confirmed that the Brathwic Terrace council house development will go ahead as planned.

They say final preparations are being made ahead of construction work starting on the controversial development in Brodick.

There had been suggestions that the 34-house development, which is costing £5 million, had been scrapped because of delays, but North Ayrshire Council says work is now scheduled to get underway before the end of the year.

Once completed, the new houses will represent the first new council homes built on the island in a generation.

Concern

And while the new affordable housing is urgently needed there remains concern about the access, particularly of construction traffic, through the only entrance and exit to the site – Brathwic Place.

A huge amount of work has already been undertaken to clear the site, which was the site of emergency generators during the snow emergency of 2013, with heavy vehicles making several trips a day to the site through the built-up area.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place at North Ayrshire Council, said: 'We are very excited about our plans for



The site of the proposed new housing development. 01_B37site01

Brathwic Terrace. These will be wonderful, modern and energy-efficient homes helping to meet some of the demand for affordable housing on Arran.

'Following the final plans consultation event held in June, we are now in the final stages of preparations and expect work to get underway in the next few months.'

The development forms part of the council's vision to deliver 1,375 new homes across North Ayrshire by 2024 – one of the most ambitious council house building programmes in the UK.

During the construction, to be undertaken by Prestwick-based Ashleigh Building, every effort will be taken to minimise the impact on

surrounding residents, the council says. The contractor will only make construction deliveries to the site twice a week – on Tuesdays and Thursdays – and these will be scheduled during school hours to minimise impact.

Each of the new homes will be fitted with innovative heat batteries which provide affordable heating and hot

water. Other sustainable features include dual zone heating controls, low energy LED lighting and solar photovoltaic panels placed on homes throughout the site provide free electricity for tenants.

The Brathwic Terrace development is expected to be completed towards the end of 2020.

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'Nemo' rescue vehicle in unique exercises off Arran

A unique submarine rescue system known as 'Nemo' was being tested in the waters off Arran this week.

The Faslane-based Nato Submarine Rescue System (NSRS) has been taking part in Exercise Golden Arrow, which finished yesterday.

The system is jointly owned by the UK, France and Norway and is capable of diving down to a submarine in distress, docking with escape hatches and carrying out an evacuation of the vessel. Operating teams aim to have the system anywhere in the world within 72 hours – a target time which teams have practised and achieved during previous training exercises.

Around 40 military personnel from the UK, Norway and France, including divers and medical staff, have joined with partners from Serco, aboard SD Northern River, James Fisher and Sons and Babcock Marine to test the capabilities of the rescue system.

With speed being essential in any submarine rescue scenario it is crucial that the mobilisation of the system and its operators are tested on a regular basis. Exercise



Operations officer for the rescue system Commander Chris Baldwin.

Golden Arrow provides this opportunity and also brings together the partner nations, allowing them to meet and exchange their knowledge and experience to enhance their collective capability and effectiveness.

Commander Chris Baldwin, the operations officer for the NSRS said: 'Exercise Golden Arrow had involved the submarine rescue vehicle – known as 'Nemo' – conducting submerged operations

enabling the pilots and divers to gain valuable training and experience in submarine rescue operations.'

He said: 'While we hope it will never be used operationally, we obviously need to maintain a capability to respond to a call from any Allied or other nation for assistance to rescue submariners trapped in a disabled submarine, stranded on the seabed.'

The NSRS is in three main parts, all of which will be tested during the exercise – the first is an Intervention Remotely Operated Vehicle (IROV) – an independent system that is likely to be deployed first to supply life-saving stores, such as food, water and medical supplies to the stricken submarine.

Next is the Submarine Rescue Vehicle (SRV), which is able to dive to 610 metres and locate and dock with the submarine. Up to 15 rescues can be transferred to the rescue vehicle, including patients on stretchers, and then returned to the surface.

Lastly, rescued crew members would be transferred to the Transfer Under Pressure (TUP) decompression facility allowing the safe decompression of pressurised crew members, whilst the SRV performs further recovery dives.

The NATO Submarine Rescue System is a unique tri-national capability which was introduced in 2006. It is based at the Home of the Submarine Service in HM Naval Base Clyde and can respond to a stricken submarine anywhere in the world.



Representatives from the three nations; the United Kingdom, Norway and France, which own the rescue system, left to right: Commander Chris Baldwin, Royal Navy; Commander Espen Engebretsen, Royal Norwegian Navy; Lorrain Fraysse, French project manager and Olivia Kinghorn, MOD project engineer.



The Submarine Rescue Vehicle (SRV) known as 'Nemo'.



The NSRS is loaded on to the Serco ship SD Northern River in Glasgow.

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Cold shoulder

Turning Arran into the first island in Scotland to put a blanket ban cold callers has been some time in the making.

But if it prevents even one elderly resident being duped or people hassled on their doorsteps it will have been worth all the effort.

Now the final push is needed to get the signs up at the ferry terminals to stop these callous individuals. They will be told in no uncertain terms even before they get on the ferry at Ardrossan that they are not wanted here.

And the first sign they will see when they reach Arran is another telling them exactly the same thing.

There is no doubt that the island is seen as a soft touch, with its ageing population, for unscrupulous workmen and bogus callers. But that stops now.

Arran Community Council is to be commended for the work it has put in to produce the comprehensive new leaflet and stickers. And this week it was quick to recognise the huge help it has received from the island police sergeant Dougie Robertson and his officers, as well as North Ayrshire Trading Standards.

We would like to put on record our thanks for this terrific achievement and hope that the message gets through to rogue traders everywhere that Arran is a no-go zone for them.

Thought for the week

'Whoever does not bear his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.' Luke 14: 27

Fish farm will blight economy

Sir,
COAST have engaged on a number of occasions with the Scottish Salmon Co. (SSC) and have no reason to be left in any doubt about the arguments from us against their proposed North Arran development. We are tired of hearing their false narrative that they care for the Arran environment and community. We are clear from the answers given to us at the Q and A sessions and at other meetings that the only reasons that they want to site a new mega-farm off Arran is because they thought that they would face less planning opposition on our isolated coast and they need to keep growing shareholder value, particularly as the company is now currently a takeover target.

We see no sustainable economic value coming to Arran (no new island jobs promised in their planning application) only long term damage to our environment and reputation and therefore our tourist industry and our businesses.

An Arran brand of farmed salmon, which has been mooted, has missed the bus. The Scottish open cage sector has been exposed ad nauseam in the mainstream media and by the parliament's cross-party Environment and Rural Economy Committee reports; it is a tainted and unsustainable industry which is encouraged to expand and continue to pollute by the Government.

This farm will put untreated waste continually into the waters equivalent to a town the size of Troon; killing the seabed and damaging our wildlife.

If we used Prof Paul Tett's figures from the SAMS report to the ECCLR committee (2018) then the estimate for a farm this size is that it will produce waste equivalent to a town of 66,000 people going into our sea untreated. Is this what we want even though it may meet current Government regulations?

Does Arran want to be associated with this when the rest of the world

is investing hundreds of millions in exponentially growing land-based, low carbon, recirculating aquaculture sites, which also collect and use the waste for land and hydroponic fertiliser?

Let us see the Scottish Salmon Company investing their millions in land-based aquaculture to still make use of the Scottish quality brand and use vacant, derelict brownfield and abandoned farm sites, and light industrial sites to farm salmon sustainably, without infecting our seas and precious wildlife with waste, lice and disease.

If we persist with growing open cage farming we will get left behind by foreign land-based competition and the Arran and Scotland food brand image will be damaged for everyone along with Arran's image as a great tourist destination, which cares about its landscape and seascape.

Peel Ports in part of its Hunterston Master Plan has proposed a land-based salmon farm with an annual GVA of more than £5 million and 60 jobs, the abandoned Big Idea site on the Ardeer Peninsular could also be a possible site for land-based fish farms. These parts of mainland North Ayrshire would welcome investment for sustainable employment and these brownfield site alternatives have not even been considered by the Scottish Salmon Company in its planning application.

It has opted instead for the same old, same old visual impact on our seascape and using its farms as open sewers into our waters. It is not sustainable and not what Arran's community and most businesses want to be associated with.

Public objections to the application are due in by September 30 and guidance can be found here: <https://www.arrancoast.com/responding-to-the-north-arran-salmon-farm-planning-application/>

Yours,
Paul Chandler,
Executive Director,
COAST (Community of Arran Seabed Trust).

Simple sign?

Sir,
Colin Guthrie, in last week's Arran Banner letters, suggests a simple sign to direct down those at the top of Goatfell. I couldn't disagree more. Why just one sign? What if you can't find the top and the sign? How should you balance the views of those that may have come up from Corrie and want to return the same way with those that want to follow the sign? Why just Goatfell?

No party should try to walk up this or any other mountain without a reasonably large scale hard copy map and a compass and some idea about how to use them. The former will show you that if you've gone up from the castle grounds and you're somewhere near the top, continuing on, down and west might be a bit too sporting, as he suggests. The latter will show that going broadly (it doesn't have to be exact) south east will get you down to well-earned refreshments, possibly while others are still fiddling with their smartphone maps and compasses in the rain.

Yours,
Nigel Armstrong,
Largiemnoch.

Food for thought

Sir,
I very much enjoyed Russ McLean's romp through the fruit and veg aisle at Lamlash Co-op. He threw around apples, oranges and bananas in support of his argument. What he forgets is that we would never have seen such fruits without the Herculean efforts of CalMac to get them here. So it is not getting it all wrong is it.

I am also 100 per cent behind its policy of building ships for the Clyde on the Clyde. Why on earth would any of us be pleased that other operators prefer to scour the world for cheaper options? This race to the bottom on price is in fact what killed off our engineering. Of course, it is a long road back. But it is a road we must take though we are bound to hit problems on the way.

Do you want to know who agrees with me? None other than Boris Johnson. The Times of London reports that he wants more British vessels built in this country. That's a great idea. The French and Germans found a way to do it, so why can't we? They never lost their skills while we are having to start again from scratch.

Where Russ is spot on is when he calls for a rethink of RET. It aims to keep prices low and boost the number of cars on Arran. And it has worked. It's been so successful that the council wants to charge cars for parking in popular spots when they get here. It has pulled the plug on it for now but is bound to try again. So as quick as the Scottish government is cutting costs to motorists the council wants to pile them back on. You couldn't make it up.

Yours,
Alistair McIntosh,
Lamlash.

Road danger

Sir,
We recently spent a couple of wonderful days in Lamlash on holiday. We were quite impressed with the attention for nature conservation and the friendly people.

Presumably tourism is an important source of income for the people of Arran and specifically Lamlash. Lamlash is a beautiful little village but we were disappointed that authorities allow fast moving traffic on the main road through the village. Walking in the village was a nightmare. Surely some speed bumps and/or stop sign will reduce the danger to people and pets?

Yours,
Piet Liebenberg,
South Africa.

Wonderful memories

Sir,
Having spent this last week on Arran, I feel compelled to put pen to paper and write to thank you all for a wonderful week. I was going to write a list of who to thank, a long list, but then re thought and instead

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



The photograph of the week comes from Banner reader David Lang of Cordon who captured this unusual perspective of Arran taken from the peak of Holy Isle. The panoramic shot, taken on a warm and calm day, shows Ailsa Craig, Whiting Bay, Lamlash Bay and the Goatfell mountain range.

have decided that readers would be turned off. I've written from the heart my feelings and love for this island.

This is my third return to the island, that says it all. On each occasion everyone, and I mean everyone, we met gave a warm and genuine welcome. We come to Arran for its beauty, peacefulness, variety of things to do and much, much more. It's always wonderful to see close up seals, raptors, the beauty of the island and diversity of trees and wild flowers. And for my first time the white stag. A memory I'll treasure forever.

I was bragging to my cousin

that Arran has so much pride that everywhere you go Arran Aromatic products are within the toilet facilities – not this time. Hey hoe can't win them all.

I try to get a snippet of what the island means to the locals and us tourists alike. On this occasion I'm saddened to hear of no more diary farming and to see what happens when farming is removed from land. There will be many reasons why these have gone.

I'm heartened to see investment into the island and can only hope this overall will be a good thing. The roads are better than last year but like everywhere could still be im-

proved. We met a lovely young lady who has come for work experience. She's got a passion for our seas and from where I stand she'll go far.

So thank you the wonderful island of Arran once again you and your people have given my family wonderful memories. We look forward to returning.

Yours,
Angela McNay,
Dumfries.

Guild quiz

Sir,
Thank you to the many participants who very kindly entered the

Lamlash Church Guild summer quiz this year and the wonderful support given by Arran Active in Brodick and the Glenisle Hotel in Lamlash.

Congratulations to this year's winner N Meek of Hamilton.

Yours,
Pat Reid,
Lamlash Church Guild.

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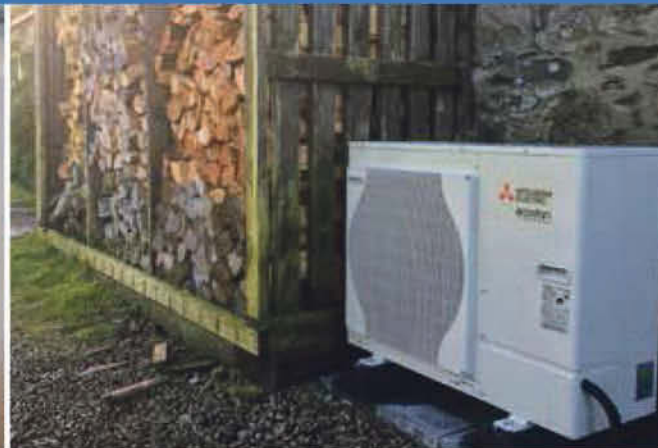
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Cat lovers join Nine Mile Challenge

Dedicated cat lovers and walkers will have the opportunity next weekend to take part in an Arran version of the national Nine Mile Challenge, which will benefit the island branch of Cats Protection.

The event taking place on Saturday September 21 will actually be the culmination of a number of training walks

leading up to the event which has been organised by Pauline Reid Adamson.

Since the start of the year Pauline, who set up a walking group called The Bay Kitty Strollers, and in conjunction with Bay Pet Care, has been organising walks around different parts of Arran with a view to completing the challenge.

Everyone is welcome to join the challenge, even if they haven't taken part in previous walks.

The event will start at 11am at the Brodick Co-op where tickets can be bought for £3 as an entry fee or simply make a donation. Walkers and those who make donations will be included in a prize draw.

To make the walk more interesting Pauline has devised the last part of the event as a treasure hunt called the Brodick Tail Trail, using well known landmarks and ani-

mal related clues. The treasure hunt will be two miles long and will allow both old and young to enjoy an interesting walk at their own pace. The treasure hunt will start at 3pm from Cladach.

Wholesome snacks from sponsors Naked Foods will be provided for walkers in need of sustenance and energy along the route.

If anyone wishes to sponsor the walkers, with all money going directly to Cats Protection Arran, search for The Bay Kitty Strollers on justgiving.com

The Bay Kitty Strollers during one of their training sessions for the Nine Mile Challenge.



Organiser Pauline Reid Adamson.



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Campaign to raise scoliosis awareness

The Co-op in Brodick showed its support for Scoliosis Association UK (SAUK) by hosting an awareness campaign and fundraiser organised by Diana Scott.

Diana set up a stall in store and, with the help of some of her artwork which was displayed in the community room, she raised £261.33 for the charity.

Diana said: 'I would like to say a very big thank you to all the local businesses for their kind donations and to Liz McLean for allowing us to use the community room. Thank



Diana Scott is joined by her granddaughter Megan Green at her stall and exhibition at the Brodick Co-op.



Visitors browse the exhibition of Diana's works, some of which were offered as raffle prizes.

you also to all the people who purchased raffle tickets and made donations and for all the kind words regarding my art exhibition.

'We managed to raise an amazing £261.33 and helped to raise awareness of how scoliosis can affect people of all ages. Arran is a small community but has a very big heart and events like this just shows you how much of a

community spirit Arran has,' she added.

SAUK provides advice, support, and information to people affected by scoliosis – a curvature of the spine – and their families and raise awareness of scoliosis among health professionals and the general public. They also have a helpline on 0208964 1166 for general guidance, support, or even just a listening ear.

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The many students in S4 who demonstrated belonging and ambition for attainment, effort and achievement in class. 01_B37prize10

Awards night held at Arran High School

'It has been another really successful year for the school, as well as having been challenging for us all at various times,' head teacher Barry Smith said in his address at the Arran High School award ceremony last week.

'Despite having welcomed six new staff to the school recently, we still have a number of outstanding vacancies and the recurring theme of finding accommodation on the island never seems to go away. It is a really frustrating situation for us all.

'One silver lining on that particular cloud is that I've had to take on teaching National 5 Maths and it has been great fun and really reinforces what fantastic young people we have in the school.

'We experienced changes to Higher courses last year with a greater emphasis placed on the final examination. I am pleased to say that once again the young people have been very well prepared for their examinations by their teachers and we have had strong

performance at all levels once again. In particular at Higher level in S5 and results are back to being close to the best performance the school has ever seen.

'We continue to provide the youngsters with tools they need to be successful and they continue to "step up to the mark" and excel.

'The health and wellbeing of our young people extends far beyond supporting them to achieve academic success and the fitness suite has been a busy place over the first few weeks as have our extra-curricular clubs. Pipes and drums, clarsach, fiddle club, woodwind and brass tuition and our partnership working with the Arran Music School are all starting up again and I'm sure our strong musical tradition will endure and progress this session.

'Our wider achievement programme has gone from strength to strength in recent years, with young people developing important life and work skills through it. Our

school Duke of Edinburgh group will give all of our S3 the opportunity to develop leadership skills and contribute to the wider community.

'It is very clear to me how privileged we all are to be a part of this school and this community and I'd like to conclude by mentioning another member of staff who is retiring shortly, Mr Steve Evans. Steve has been delivering PE and supporting extra-curricular sport for more than 30 years and he will be sadly missed from the school. I know that Steve wants no fuss, but I think it would be entirely inappropriate to allow tonight to pass without mentioning his contribution to the school and wishing him a very long and happy retirement.'

Earlier parents, family and friends had been welcomed by Laura Cook, senior manager North Ayrshire Council education and youth employment services, who later presented the prizes.

There were also inspira-

tional talks by new school captains Eilidh Hamill and Elyse Aitken, with Eilidh later named the 2019 school Dux, as reported in last week's Banner.

The following pages show the prize-winners with their

certificates and trophies.

The awards which were not picked up on the night were: J D MacKinnon entering further education or apprenticeship, Archie Maceira; Arran Dairies Hospitality Trophy for attainment in home

economics, Duncan Coyne; Young Musician of the Year trophy, Jamie Thomson; Young Singer of the Year trophy, Stella Riddell; Golf champion - First Minister's Trophy, Kyle McNicol.

All photographs Hugh Boag



Eilidh Hamill receives the Dux award from head teacher Barry Smith and Laura Cook of North Ayrshire Council. 01_B37prize26

Pupils 'step up to the mark'



Captain Elyse Aitken spoke from the heart in her address to the audience. 01_B37prize06



School sports champions - senior (trophy from Arran Federation SWI) James Reid and Mia Walker. Intermediate Allan Tweedly (not pictured) and Julie Hamill. Junior Ruraidh Lindsay-Smith and Beth McCarthy. 01_B37prize01



The S5 students who demonstrated



Lily Currie, right, achieved first place in the ready for learning away. Isabella Reid was runner-up. 01_B37prize04



Head teacher Barry Smith addresses the audience. 01_B37prize13



Rory Morrison with the Heather Gough Award for speech and drama. 01_B37prize16



Naomi Provan won the Buchanan Prize for outstanding achievement in essay writing in S4. 01_B37prize18



Patryk Dybalski with his active schools community award. 01_B37prize02



Eilidh Hamill with her active schools leadership award. 01_B37prize03



Dux Eilidh Hamill gave an inspirational talk assisted by whiteboard illustrations. 01_B37prize07



Charlie Bonner and Jack Crisp joint winners of the Charles Russell Trophy for technical education in S5/6. 01_B37prize17



Charlotte McKillop is the young traditional musician of the year. 01_B37prize14



Jamie Thomson is the young musician of the year. 01_B37prize15



Shurig won the Inter-House Award which house captains James Reid and Charlie Bonner are seen receiving from Laura Cook. 01_B37prize12



William Downing with the A R Humphreys Award for English in S5. 01B37prize19



Brian Miller Trophy for Social Subjects in S5/6 was won by Rory Morrison. 01_B37prize22

and excel at high school



Students in S1 who demonstrated belonging and ambition for attainment, effort and achievement in class. 01_B37prize11



Students in S1 who demonstrated belonging and ambition for attainment, effort and achievement in class. 01_B37prize09



Andrew J Johnston Awards for Mathematics Julie Hamill (S2) and Hannah McCartney (S5) 01_B37prize20



The Arran Society of Glasgow Endeavour Award was presented to: Bandon Owens S1, Anna Wilkinson S2, Cerys Herapath S3 (not pictured), Mia Walker S4, Hannah McCartney S5 and Rory Morrison S6. 01_B37prize24



The S2 students who demonstrated belonging and ambition for attainment, effort and achievement in class. 01_B37prize29



Ian Watt Trophy for Science in the serious phase Daisy Urquhart-Dixon. 01_B37prize21



Naomi Provan with the Margaret Wright Shield for achievement in S4 exams. 01_B37prize25



School captains Eilidh Hamill and Elyse Aitken. 01_B37prize27



Head teacher Barry Smith and Dux Eilidh Hamill with the Arran High School badge and mottos. 01_B37prize28



Callum Watson with his active schools participant award. 01_B37prize30



Robbie Milton was the joint winner of the Lamlash Millennium Cup for Citizenship with Tayor Craig (not pictured). 01_B37prize23



Senior Prefects: William Downing, Robbie Milton, Daisy Urquhart-Dixon and Ellie Wood (not pictured); vice captains Aiken Adam, Laurie Miller and Hannah McCartney. 01_B37prize05



Entertainment was provided with a Scottish fiddle set. 01_B37prize08

Beach Buddies head north to clean up in Lochranza

A total of 12 adults and two children from Arran's Beach Buddies conducted a clean sweep of Lochranza during their beach clean last week.

The assembled group of volunteers worked from the head of the loch to Newton

Point where several bags of rubbish were recovered, including a pair of curtains, a lost Geocache, the remains of a car seat and some unidentified man-made wooden objects.

The group left the area from

the head of the loch towards the youth hostel untouched as their colleagues at TAP Arran, in conjunction with Lochranza residents and the Marine Conservation Society, are conducting a beach clean and litter survey



All of the attendees at the beach clean at Lochranza.



Beach Buddies volunteers enjoy a post cleanup snack at The Sandwich Station.

on the weekend of Friday September 20 to Monday September 23 and they requested an area was left so it would not impinge on their survey.

A spokesman for the Beach Buddies thanked all of the

volunteers who joined them on the day and sponsors Isle of Arran Ice Cream and The Parlour.

Welcome

The next scheduled beach clean by the group will be on Saturday September 14

at Machrie. Volunteers are asked to meet at the golf course tea room at 5.30pm and everybody is welcome to attend.

Participants are requested to bring gloves and to wear sensible footwear.

Vic's trip of a lifetime on Royal Clipper

An Arran octogenarian has just returned from the trip of a lifetime on the Royal Clipper, the largest full-rigged sailing ship in the world.

And during the voyage Victor Iutz, at 83, became the oldest passenger to climb one of the five 54-metre masts for a bird's eye view and, of course, he took his Arran Banner.

Vic's trip took him from

Rome round the heel of Italy to Montenegro, Croatia and Slovenia to Venice, where he sailed up the Grand Canal.

Originally built by Polish communist authorities as 'Gwarek' she was intended as a floating vacation home for miners. She was sold because of financial problems to Star Clippers Ltd of Sweden and now offers luxury cruises around the world.

The renovations included frescography murals by Rainer Maria Latzke completing the ship's Mediterranean interior. Her design was based on Preussen, a famous German five-mast Flying P-Liner windjammer built in 1902.

Star Clippers claims that she is the largest 'true sailing ship' built since Preussen. She is listed in Guinness World



The impressive Royal Clipper full-rigged sailing ship.



Vic on the mast of the Royal Clipper with his Arran Banner.

Records as the largest square-rigged ship in service, with 5,202 square metres (55,990 sq ft) of sail. Her sails can be handled with a crew as small as 20 using powered controls.

Royal Clipper cruises the Mediterranean during the summer.

During the winter she offers Caribbean trips through the southern parts of the Lesser

Antilles area. Because of her size, she can visit smaller ports that larger (motor) cruise ships can't reach. Transatlantic crossings are available between seasons.

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

Messiah is fitting end to summer school

The McLellan Arts Festival summer school ended splendidly on Sunday night with a resounding interpretation of Handel's Messiah.

Sadly, what is the 10th anniversary of the summer school, founded by Peter Alexander Wilson in 2009, is expected to be the last due to the huge costs involved.

A choir of 50 strong which included 16 opera students from the Royal Northern College as well as 34 island singers were inspired by being accompanied by an orchestra of instrumental students, also from the Royal

Northern College, Manchester under the baton of charismatic conductor Alec Crowe.

It was a performance of the highest calibre with someone in the audience describing the experience as submitting to 'a wall of sound' – visceral, moving and transporting. Had there been any rafters in the community theatre they would have rung.

The entire performance was a triumph enabled by Peter Alexander's students, the expertise of a fine conductor in Alec Crowe and the dedication of the community choir.



An orchestra of instrumental students from the Royal Northern College took part in the performance. 01_B37messiah01



The 50-strong McLellan choir in full voice. 01_B37messiah02



Some of the Arran singers who made up a large part of the choir. 01_B37messiah04

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Corrie Film Club presents ...

Insyriated (2107), Belgium, 15

Corrie Film Club's September offering is *Insyriated*, a powerful, chilling and fast moving study of a Syrian household under siege.

Directed by Philippe Van Leeuw this film is gripping from start to finish. Trapped inside her house in a city under siege, a mother of three turns her flat into a safe fortress for her family and neighbours to protect them from the war outside. Gradually, as bombs threaten to destroy the building and snipers turn the courtyards into death traps, maintaining the thin visage of routine inside the walls becomes a matter of life and death.

See this tautly constructed film in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm. All welcome.

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The Merry Widow in big demand

Tonight (Saturday) the McLellan Arts Festival, in collaboration with Music Arran, presents *The Merry Widow* – a production performed by Opera Bohemia.

Opera Bohemia, one of Scotland's best professional touring companies, is celebrating its 10th year with a stunning new production of one of the world's best-loved operettas.

Set in the romantic city of Paris, various suitors squabble to win the hand of the recently widowed, but very wealthy, Hannah Glawari. The production showcases some of Scotland's finest young professional talent, who will delight you with its iconic Viennese melodies such as, *Viljah* and *The Merry Widow Waltz* and this promises to be a night

of romance and laughter in an enjoyable and uplifting production.

The *Merry Widow* is

being performed tonight (Saturday) in the community theatre in Lamlash starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are avail-

able from the Book and Card Centre in Brodick, online at arranevents.com or at the door.



A scene from the Opera Bohemia production of *The Merry Widow*.

Arran Bridge Club results

There were four tables at the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition played on Monday September 9. The results were: N/S 1 Margaret MacGill and Jessmay Peacock, 2 Ellie Jones and Elizabeth McKellar, 3 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone. E/W 1 Margaret and Dougie Bruce, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Elby Lang and Grace Blakely.

The results of the aggregate competition played on Monday September 2 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Andy Martin, 3 Douglas and Margaret Bruce. E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Tom Kelly and Giorsal Kroner, 3 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough.

Club draw winners

The winner of the Brodick 200 Club draw for September is Robbie Duncan of Brodick who wins £50.

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club draw for August are, first prize, Rosemarie Varley, second prize, Amelia Rowe.

ARRAN GEOFEST 2019
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Friday 13th September

18.30 – 20.00 **Talk:** 'Introduction to Arran Geology'

Saturday 14th September

10.00 – 12.00 **Walk:** Hutton's Unconformity

10.00 – 12.30 **Walk:** The Geology of the Corrie Shoreline

11.00 – 15.00 **Walk:** King's Cave and Drumadoon

19.00 – 20.30 **Guest Speaker:** Angus Miller – 'Land, Rocks, and People: How Geology Shapes Scotland'

Afternoon **Activities** at Lochranza Geopark Centre

Sunday 15th September

10.00 – 15.00 **Walk:** The Geology of North Arran

10.00 – 12.00 **Walk:** The Glacial Landscapes of Glen Rosa

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The two gentlemen of Arran

Arran artist Tim Pomeroy is exhibiting his sculpture work in London as one part of a two-man exhibition quirkily entitled 'The two gentlemen of Arran' after the Shakespeare play 'The two gentlemen of Verona'.

The exhibition combines the paintings of the late Craigie Aitchison with Tim's sculptures and is by invitation only. The exhibition will take place in the house and garden of a private residence in Holland Park and is being organised and staged by Thomas Lighton of Merville Galleries in Sussex. Tom was for decades a top London dealer with Waddingtons before finally moving to Agnews Gallery where Tim was showing between 2007 and 2013.

Scot Craigie Aitchison had a life-long love of Arran having

come here on holiday as a boy, and the iconic images of Goatfell and the Holy Isle serve as a backdrop to many of his spiritually-informed paintings, particularly in the mid-1980s after his mother's death. Memories of the Arran landscape played a major role in his crucifixions and meditative minimalism. So hefted onto Arran were he and his brother Raymund, that Raymund lived later for several years in Lamlash until his tragic death in 1995. Craigie died in 2009.

The similarities begin with Tim's life-long love of Arran having also come here on holidays as a boy. But more seriously the exhibition tries to reveal how both artists have tapped into the well of the historical and spiritual/other-worldliness that Arran most definitely exudes.



Tim Pomeroy will be exhibiting this piece called Mace II which is derived from a neolithic mace head found as grave-goods.

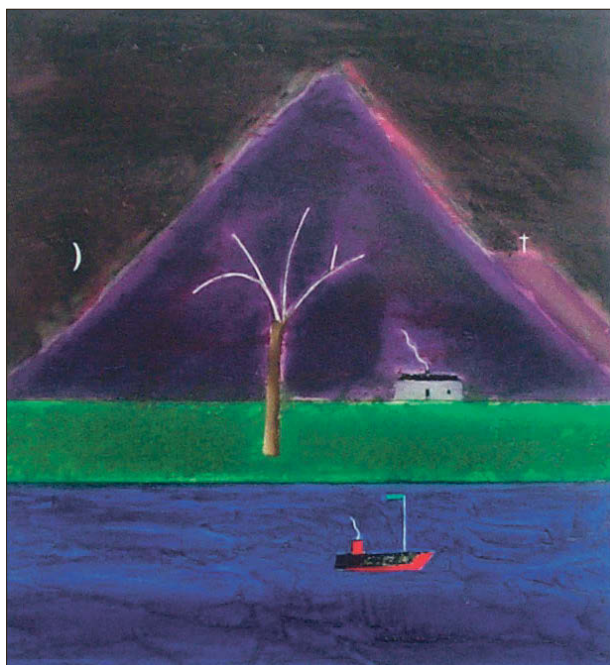
Further similarities are obvious in the minimalism of both artists; their works are distilled down to the essential only. Whether it is Aitchison's single bird attending a dying Christ in front of Goatfell or Pomeroy's spare forms energised by essential textures, the two artists certainly draw on the same spiritual energy dug deep into the Arran land and psyche. Both men draw on indelible childhood influences of the Church of Scotland's austere simplicity and of art being associated with the numinous. In Aitchison's case the influence of the Italian art with all its religious symbolism. In Pomeroy's case a sense that art has always, but not solely, served a mystical/ritual/religious purpose. Aitchison's work contains directly Christian imagery. Pomeroy's evokes ritual, ceremony and power in a wider spiritual field.

Both artists' works exude their message rather than

beat them out by drum. Both artists need time taken with the understanding and appreciation of their work.

Tim's work is informed by natural forms, archaeology in which Arran is hugely rich, man-made objects. As he says quoting Australian poet Les Murray: 'I am only interested in everything'... 'consequently, inspiration can come from a poppy and car-part at one and the same time and be very happy bedfellows or a fragment of Neolithic artefact or a corner of the ferry. Nothing is out of bounds, inspiration is its own master and comes without invitation. Therefore anything can be inspiring.'

Tim will be taking three big major garden pieces and 12 interior pieces for the exhibition which runs from Monday September 16 to Sunday September 22. Tim continues to exhibit work in The Fine Art Society in Dundas Street, Edinburgh for those who would like to see his work in a gallery setting.



A work of the late Craigie Aitchison titled Goatfell, Isle of Arran.

Geofest ready to rock geologists

Geologists are in for a treat this weekend as a full programme of walks, talks and activities centering on Arran's unique geology and landscapes will be on offer during the Arran Geofest.

An annual event hosted by Arran Geopark, the geofest is a celebration of the geology of Arran with informative talks and numerous excursions to witness the geological formations and landscapes being discussed.

The event starts on Friday September 13 with an introductory talk by Stuart Blake on Arran's geology at 6.30pm

at the Arran Heritage Museum in Brodick. Today (Saturday) there will be a choice of three walks, at Lochranza, Corrie or Blackwaterfoot where visitors can see and learn about Hutton's Unconformity, the geologically rich Corrie shoreline or the spectacular geological features at Drumadoon respectively.

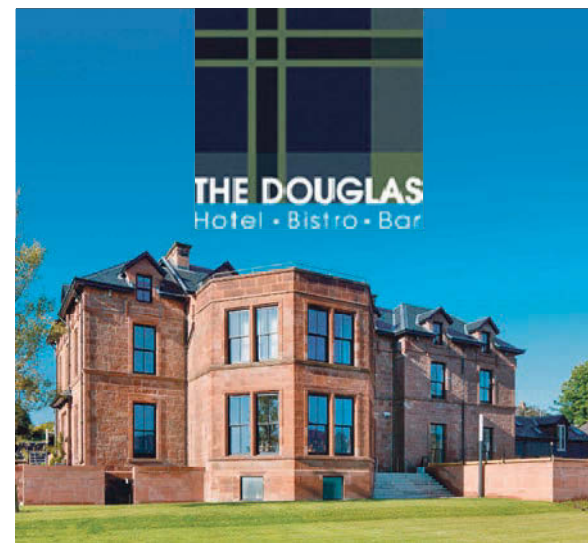
During the afternoon there will also be a number of activities at the Lochranza Geopark Centre for visitors to enjoy.

The morning walks and afternoon's activities will be followed up with an

evening talk by Geologist Angus Miller with the title Land, rocks, and people: how geology shapes Scotland which will take place at Corrie Village Hall at 7pm.

Sunday will see two further walks taking place, one in Lochranza taking in the remote north coast and the other at Glen Rosa, Arran's glacially carved valley.

All events are free but must be booked at www.arrangeopark.co.uk which also lists the starting locations, meeting times and further details about all of the activities.



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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 seven 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
Arran Heritage Museum	Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am and 2pm or by arrangement
	Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 14th September

Arran Geofest – various walks	Lochranza, Corrie and Blackwaterfoot from 10am
Arran Highland Dancers	Arran High School Games Hall, Lamlash, 11am
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
Beach Buddies Machrie Beach Clean	Meet Golf Club Tearoom, 6pm - 7.30pm
Young Naturalists' Club – Young Nats for Bats	Arran Rangers Centre, Brodick Castle, 7pm
Arran Geofest – Guest speaker Angus Miller	Lochranza Geopark Centre, 7pm - 8.30pm
McLellan Fest. – The Merry Widow (Lehár), Opera Bohemia, Lamlash Community Theatre, 7.30pm	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
Live Music – Cams Campbell	Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm -11pm
Live Music – Alan Frew	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music – Videostar 80's sensation	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm
Over-21s Disco	

Sunday 15th September

Arran Geofest – various walks	North Arran and Glen Rosa from 10am
Live Music – Julie Jones	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Arran COAST – Let's Make a (Millstone) Point	Meet North Sannox Car park, 1.30pm for 2pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live Music – Folky MacFolk Face – traditional music four piece	The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm - 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Shiskine Hall, Shiskine, 9pm
Folk Music Session	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 16th September

Morning Fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Arran Historical Society – speaker Ian McGillivray	Brodick Hall, 2pm
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, 6.15pm
Rink Bowls	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Live Music – Julie Jones	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s	Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 17th 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
Chess Morning	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am
Rink Bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)	Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group	Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm
Steak Night – 2 Ribeye Steaks and 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 3-5yrs (preschool)	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm -6.45pm
Junior Football, P4 -P6s	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6.45pm - 7.45pm

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

Wednesday 18th 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
Kilmory Toddlers	Kilmory Hall, 10am - 12 noon
Elderly Forum	Ormidale Pavilion, 10.30am for 11am
Archives and Genealogy Service	Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Chair Yoga Exercise Class	St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Knit and Blether	Bay Wool and Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
Arran Pace Makers Running Group	Brodick, 5.30pm
Flow Yoga	Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Junior Football, P1 - P3s (5 - 7yrs)	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 7pm
Rink Games	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.15pm
Rink Bowls	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Tae Kwondo	juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Live Music - Mike Bailey	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
Pub Quiz	The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 19th September

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am
Chair Yoga Exercise Class	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
Chess Morning	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am
Arran Churches Together Prayer Group	Scottish Episcopal Church, Whiting Bay, 2.30pm -3.30pm
Adult Tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Body Blitz (booking essential)	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +)	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodick Embroidery Group	Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 20th September

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
Kilmory Beach Clean	Meet Kilmory Hall, 2pm
Gym Induction	Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Pop-up Vegan Evening, BYOB (bookings only)	The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwondo	Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live Music – The Sensational Biff Simpson Trio	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
Friday Night Quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Octopus Centre, COAST, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 21st 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
Live Music – Mike Edwards	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
Live Music – Deborah Campbell	Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm -11pm
Live Music – Blues Mama – Glasgow blues band	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s' Disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm



First signs of migration after August downpour

In comparison to August last year, this August had a higher rainfall with 50 per cent more rain. Most of this fell on a small number of days. Even in Kilpatrick, 25 per cent of the month's rain fell on Friday August 9.

On the higher ground the rain was almost unprecedented, causing road closures and flooding. It was the wettest month of the year. Some sand martin colonies were washed away. Towards the end of the month there was more than a hint of the approach of autumn.

Having said that, this August was warmer than last August and summer visitors were still to the fore including: four willow warbler in Glen Rosa on 4th, six sandwich tern in Porta Buidhe on 6th, three common sandpiper and six sedge warbler at Port na Feannaiche on 8th, a swift at Slidery on 14th, a tree pipit also in Slidery on 20th, six whinchat at Shannochie on 24th, a chiffchaff singing at Silver Sands on 25th, and the largest groups of swallow and house martin reported were 50 swallow at Clachaig on 20th and 103 house martin at Bourtreehill on 25th. Please try to give me your last record for swallow and house martin this year. Last year there were October records for both species.

Some signs of successful breeding this month included: a pair of mute swan

with six young at Cordon on 2nd, two young moorhen at Mossend pond on 3rd, young great spotted woodpecker in a Brodick garden on 9th, a family group of six young kestrel in Glenree on 10th, five young barn owl in Glenscorrodale also on 10th, and eight grey heron with four young in Loch Ranza on 22nd. In addition there were widespread reports of young birds at garden feeders.

Flycatchers seemed to be thriving with August reports of spotted flycatcher from 12 locations including four at Shannochie on 25th. In addition there was a report of a male pied flycatcher in North Sannox on 21st. This is the second record this year of this irregular summer visitor. The first was on May 3 at Corriecravie. The previous record was more than 20 years ago in 1998. This bird may have been on its way south after breeding. It did not linger.

In August, breeding is coming to an end, and after breeding a number of species begin to flock together, some in preparation for migration. These included: 53 red-breasted merganser at Cosyden on 7th, 90 curlew at Port na Feannaiche on 8th, 33 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on 12th, 500 starling at Slidery on 20th, 30 linnnet on Cleats Shore also on 20th, and 23 goldfinch at Kingscross Point on 31st.

All around the island but particularly on the coast were signs of birds on migration, including: a wigeon at Kilpatrick Point on 1st, a merlin by Goatfell track also on 1st, 11 sanderling and four wheatear on Slidery Shore on 10th, two white wagtail at Porta Buidhe on 12th, two whimbrel and eight dunlin at Machrie on 16th, two knot at Porta Buidhe on 27th, 15 turnstone on Silver Sands on 29th and two greenshank at Kingscross on 31st.

Among the 100 plus species reported in August there were a number of other noteworthy ones. A sub-adult white-tailed eagle was photographed over the distillery in Lochranza on 18th. That is the first record this year. There were four records last year. For the third year in a row little egret has been reported, first of all round Loch Ranza on 21st and then at Torrylinn on 25th. Kingfisher was reported from two areas in August, one in Brodick around the Rosa Burn and the other in Lamdash around the Benlister Burn. Areas with upwelling of food off the coast prompted a number of feeding frenzies including over 100 shag with around 10 cormorant off Porta Buidhe on 19th and around 60 gannet off Merkland Point on 28th. Finally that long staying magpie first report in Kildonan on 11 May was last reported on 24 August.



Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
AUGUST

Kingfisher are a challenging bird to photograph. There have been reports from two areas during August. Photograph Arthur Duncan

September sees the start of the peak migration season when many birds are on the move. It is the time to expect the unexpected. I look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy your birding

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from

you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2018 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



Little egret may colonise Arran. This is the third year in a row that we have had records in August. Photograph Nick Giles



Spotted flycatcher – one of many species that seem to have had a successful breeding season. Photograph Brian Couper



White-tailed eagle in golden eagle country. This is the first record this year and there were four records last year. Photograph Nick Giles

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday September 11, 1999

New fire station

The new Lamlash fire station is now operational. There will be no official opening until November when the firemaster and officials will visit. But on Tuesday a small amount of formality marked Arran's oldest fire brigade moving from the home it has been in since 1948 to a brand new, custom-built premises.

It has been a long time in coming. The need came from the old garage being too small for the fire engine. It could not park in it with the extending ladder on top, thus, when a call came in, firemen had to first fit the ladder to the vehicle before setting out for the fire. A site had to be found and this was not easy as it had to be central.

Once selected, objections were received but after a mildly acrimonious public meeting the plan went ahead. The fire service receives an average of two calls-outs a week. While chimney fires are on the decrease, being called to road accidents is increasing over the last year, however, flooding has been the biggest task, cutting away trees and assisting householders in protecting their houses.

Muddy waters

Water quality was an issue for a long time on the island but now all the problems are being solved with the new pipeline. Or are they?

Some people with private water sources are

less than pleased. The route of the pipeline which cuts across Glenclay has had the unfortunate effect of also cutting across the private water supplies for the row of cottages situated just below the route.

Householders affected by this have had brown water coming out of their taps and they do not know when it will clear again. The water board has been trying to assist in any way that it can. First they put sandbags across the water source to filter the water and when that did not work they delivered quantities of bottled water to each house. The water board has now promised to build a detour pipe for their supplies which should rectify the problem.

Fuel furore

The Arran Council for Voluntary Service is going to make a fuss about petrol prices on Arran. Looking into these for a year now, they produced a survey which showed that indeed, petrol on Arran was about the most expensive available anywhere.

They will begin with a public meeting which will be attended by trading standards officers. The main purpose of the meeting will be to gauge public feelings about the price we pay for our petrol and whether people wish to take the issue further. It will be a difficult task. The high price paid on Arran has sustained for many years and it is not easy to find out exactly why it should be so expensive.



The Banner's Howard Driver, who sadly died last year, was a huge Manchester United fan and met his hero Sir Alex Ferguson at the launch of his autobiography at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow. 01_B37twe03



Thomas Duffett and Gavin and Fraser Gilbert test out a 1954 Ferguson TE20 tractor at the sixth annual National Trust Country Fair. 01_B37twe04



Outside the new Lamlash fire station are, from left: deputy commander Keith Small, sub officer Dan Bremner, Roderick Hamilton, Bill Young, Graeme Hutcheson, Alex Sallows, Clifford Latona, Paul Jameson, Willie Currie, Neil Young and Robert Simpson. 01_B37twe01



The old Lamlash fire station which had been in use since 1948. 01_B37twe02



Geoff Brookes of Southbank Farm judges at the Kildonan Sheepdog Association's dog trials which were held at the National Trust Country Fair. 01_B37twe05

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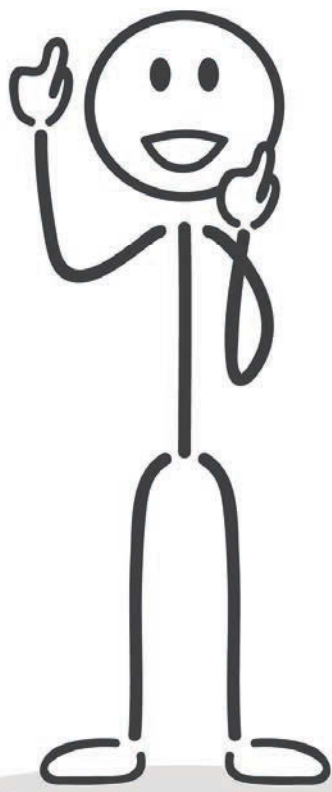
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Sunday 15th September
Lochranza Church, 9.30am. Morning Worship
Pirnmill Church 10.45am. Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon The Guild Rededication Service
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship,
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Baptism
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 15th September
Worship will be conducted by Mrs Sharon MacLeod, Reader, at 10.30am. Everyone most welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service; please stay and enjoy more fellowship.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
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Sunday 15th September
Holy Communion at 11am. Rev Barry Roberts
Coffee after service
All Welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 15th September
Morning Service 11am
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Sunday 15th September
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Lamlash at 11.30 am
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Sunday 15th September
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Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 15th September
Service at 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Telephone 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 15th September
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick at 6pm
Services will be taken by Rev Ruairidh MacLean

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 14th September
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm
Sunday 15th September
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Thursday, 19th September
Arran Churches Together Prayer Group
St. Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church
Whiting Bay at 2.30pm - 3.30pm



Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday September 10, Captain's Day. A total of 15 golfers attended, hosted with style by captain of the club Campbell Laing. A big thanks to David Jeffrey for the superb condition of the course. Wonderful catering was enjoyed after the nine holes and many thanks to Katie and her team for the amazing hospitality.

Elizabeth Kelso won the ladies' competition with a nett 36.5 and Willie Kelso won the gents' section with a nett 31.5. Nearest the pin at the fifth was Fiona Scott and the longest drive at the sixth was Elizabeth Kelso. Nearest the pin at the second was Alastair MacDonald. and longest drive at the seventh was Willie Kelso. The sum of £106 was raised for the appeal to get a new boiler for PS Waverley.

Fixture: Tuesday September 17, Sweep, 12.30pm tee off.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday September 4, Bannatyne Cup. A total of seven played and CSS went out to 66. Evening play only for this year's Bannatyne and that after morning rain that looked like it was on forever.

DEATHS

MOLES: Ian Macmillan

Passed away peacefully on 4th September 2019, aged 90. A true gentleman, devoted husband, much-loved father, stepfather and grandfather. Funeral service to be held at Holy Cross Church in Brodick, Isle of Arran at 12:30pm on Monday 16th September, followed by committal at Sannox Cemetery.

SMITH: Rod

formerly of Stronach Cottage, Brodick. Died peacefully at Lorn and Islands hospital on the 16th August, aged 81. There will be a memorial service in Brodick Church at 11.30 on Friday 27th September. All welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CURRIE: Martha Graham

Martha's family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers and attendance at the funeral service. Thanks also to Drs Faye and Greg Hamill, District Nurses Lynne, Karen, Christine and Shona, Mrs Jean Hunter, Rev Angus Adamson, Clair and David Hendry and Kinloch Hotel. £1,115 was collected for St Molio's Church.

Kelso double at Captain's Day



Elizabeth Kelso and Willie Kelso are congratulated by Machrie Bay club captain Campbell Laing, centre, on taking the ladies' and gents' titles at the Captain's Day.

1 Jamie Macpherson 5, 75 and lowest gross, 2 Corey Allan 7, 70, 3 David Blair 15, 70.

Sunday September 8, Hamilton Salver. A total of 13 played on a calm dry morning; welcome after some of the recent weather. Three players tied on 36 points but Corey Allan edged it with a blistering back nine that included four threes. 1 Corey Allan 7, 36pts, ACB, 2 David Hadden 21, 36, ACB, 3 David Brookens 12, 36, 4 Ronnie Mann 12, 35. Magic twos, David Hadden at the 17th.

Fixtures: Saturday September 14, AGA Seniors Open, Machrie Bay Golf Club. Sunday September 15, The Aitken Rosebowl, foursomes, one draw for partners at 10am. Wednesday September 18, Stableford, yellow tees.

Brodick Golf Club

Thursday September 5, Summer Cup, 23 played, CSS 64. Iain Keen 75-12=63, ACB, Gordon Hendry 69-6=63, Jim Green 85-21=64, ACB. Scratch, Gordon Hendry 69.

Summer Cup, final results (best aggregate, five rounds), handicap, Babbies MacNeil 311, Gordon Hendry 312, Fred Galbraith 313. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 319, Ross Duncan 333, Gordon Hendry 340. Eclectic, Iain MacDonald 49, Tam McNab and Gordon Hendry 50. Jinty (twos), Ross Duncan 8, David Hendry, Gordon Hendry, Iain MacDonald and Ewan McKinnon 7.

Sunday September 8, Brandon Qualifier, 18 played, CSS 64. Babbies MacNeil 82-20=62, Nicol Hume 77-14=63, Bob McCrae 74-8=66, ACB. Scratch, Bob McCrae 74.

McLelland Medal Final, Fred Galbraith beat Matt Keir. Fixture: Sunday September 15, John Gemmell Shield (3 club), 8.30am and 1pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday September 4, Sweep and magic twos. 1 A Napier 71-11=60, scratch, 2 D Logan 76-12=64.

Fixtures: Saturday September 14, Captains

Prize, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Monday September 16, Monday Cup, ballot at noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday, September 5, Ladies' 12-Hole Medal and Medal Winners 2018/2019: 1 and medal winner Jenni Turnbull 57-11=46, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 61-14=47, 3 Alice Anderson 58-11=48. Scratch Ann May 53.



Machrie Bay club captain Campbell Laing addresses the players at the Machrie Bay Captain's Day.

Corrie Golf Club Winter Membership

Once again we are offering a **Winter Membership for £30.**
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August bowling club results

In a month of mixed weather, all rink games managed to be played as well as ties in the club competitions at Brodick Bowling Club.

The annual George Watson Trophy was played for on Saturday August 17, and the winning pair in the progressive tournament turned out to be Charles Hendry and Charlie Weir by a margin of five points.

Highest winning teams on rink games throughout August were: August 3, Kate Nichols, Jim Nichols and Andy McCrindle (+5); August 5, Andy McCrindle and John Lauder (+2); August 7, Charles Hendry, Andy McCrindle and Jim Gourlay (+3); August 10, Charlie Weir, Charles Hendry and Jim Gourlay (+9); August 12, Jim Gourlay and Robert Crawford (+10); August 15, Kate Nichols, Jim Gourley and Charlie Weir (+3); August 19, Ernie Stanger, Paul O'Connor and Andy McCrindle (+10); August 24, Charlie Weir, Jim Gourlay and Jim Nichols (+5); August 26, Charlie Weir, Jim Nichols and Andy McCrindle (+6); August 28, Ernie Stanger and Andy McCrindle (+1); August 31, Charlie Weir and Jim Nichols (+13).

Iain comes out on top at Dougarie trials

Handler Iain McConnell enjoyed huge success with a near-perfect result in the annual Dougarie dog trial held recently at Birchburn Farm, Shiskine.

Judging the event was Neil Henderson of Kilpatrick, who awarded points, out of a potential 100 points, in the various categories in which the eight entrants ran.

Topping the tables in first place was Iain McConnell, who with Sam, earned a very respectable 97 points. Not only that but Iain also took second place with 96 points with another dog, Drift. Liz Robertson filled the third place position with 66 points.

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The 100-strong group who took part in the charity events.

Fourth Arran mental health fundraiser

The fourth annual Cushman and Wakefield Rob Worboys Challenge has raised £10,000 for the Scottish mental health charity SAMH.

More than 100 property professionals competed for a number of the trophies at the event held on Arran in honour of Rob, who sadly died at the age of just 27 in 2016.

The event took place in the summer, but details of the money raised have just been finalised.

Participants took part in a gruelling 58-mile bike ride from Brodick to Brodick, followed by a 874m climb to the top of Goatfell and back down again. There was also the option to take part in The Half Worboys which starts with a 27-mile cycle and the ascent of Goatfell.

Winning the team prizes were Buccleuch Properties, Pinsent Masons and Brodies, with the King of the Mountain title going to Pinsent Masons'



An ariel view before the start of the bike ride.



Participants take on the challenge of Goatfell.

David Ritchie and the Queen of the Mountain to Katie Priester of Brodies.

The Goatfell Conquerors awards went to Aberdeen Standard Investments' James Britton and Kerry Hunter. The top fundraiser prize went to Guy Morgan of Corran Property.

Stuart Dorward, head of Scotland for Cushman and Wakefield, said: 'Everyone had a great day and the weather was fantastic. We are so grateful to everyone who took part and all of the kind people who gave sponsorship money - we initially set out to raise £5,000 but we have already doubled that and more money has still to come in through various other

fundraising ventures we have planned throughout the year.

'Mental health matters are hugely important across the real estate industry, as they are in wider society, and SAMH is doing terrific work in mental health across Scotland.

'Rob always put others first and he would have been delighted this money raised in his honour is going to such an important cause.

'A special thanks to the Worboys family and Lorraine Scott, who was the lead organiser of this year's event and ensured everything went smoothly; she even managed to arrange for the sun to appear. It was nice to be applying sun cream rather than

midge repellent this time around.'

Fiona Lewis, corporate partnerships manager at SAMH, said: 'We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone at Cushman and Wakefield for their amazing efforts and the generosity they have shown.

'At SAMH we know how a mental health problem can affect everything. It can have the most profound impact on our relationships, our work, our wellbeing and our quality of life.

'Thanks to our brilliant fundraisers, SAMH works to raise awareness, promote good mental health and support people in Scotland affected by mental health problems.'

Arran march on in the Scottish Amateur Cup



Donald Park powers the ball into the opposition's goal.



With a backwards flick of his head, Joel Small attempts to send the ball over the head of the Sandymount keeper.



John Drummond keeps the ball despite a concerted attempt at possession from two Sandymount players.



Goal scorer Danny Head and the Sandymount keeper watch as the ball sails overhead and into the goal.



Another well-aimed shot earns Donald Park a brace.



An attempt at goal by Arran's Gregor Crichton is thwarted at the last minute.

Arran get Scottish Cup campaign off to a flier

Sandymount	0
Isle of Arran	5
Scottish Cup round one	

Arran AFC made a spectacular start to their Scottish Cup campaign last week in a game against Sandymount AFC, putting five goals past their opponents.

Travelling to Stepford Football Centre in Glasgow, the team were hopeful of an-

other convincing victory, as they had the week before last with a 9-1 victory over Argyle Wanderers in the West of Scotland Cup.

Thanks to goal scorers John Drummond, Danny Head and Grant Adamson, and a brace from Donald Park, the Arran side consolidated their victory and will now move on to the second round of the Scottish Cup. The man of the match award was jointly

shared by Archie McNicol and David Heenan for their outstanding performances on the day.

The next fixture for Arran AFC will see the boys return to a league game in a match against Killie United tomorrow (Sunday) at Kilwinning Sports Club.

Photos by Tam Borland

More photos of the game on page 27



Grant Adamson outwits the Sandymount keeper to add to the goal tally.



Joint man-of-the-match winner David Heenan prevents a Sandymount attempt at goal.



Goal scorer Archie McNicol claims possession of the ball.



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