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More than 200 protesters gathered at the North Sannox car park prior to visiting the proposed site. 01\_B38coast01

# Salmon protesters prove their point

More than 200 turn up to oppose fish farm

Words and photos by Colin Smeeton  
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One of Arran's biggest protests in recent years was held on Sunday as the public made their objections clear to a proposal for a big new fish farm off the coast of the island.

The protest on Sunday was

staged near the proposed site for the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) at Millstone Point on the north east coast, which involved a long trek by more than 200 people, with organisers delighted at the turnout.

The Let's make a (Millstone) Point event, hosted by Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), was aimed at

highlighting the extent of the proposed fish farm, which would cover an area the size of 33 football fields with each of the proposed 20 pens measuring 120m in circumference.

A huge cross-section of residents from all villages on Arran, aged from eight months to more than 80

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Protesters join hands to demonstrate the size of a single 120m-circumference fish pen. Photograph by James Appleton.



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Protesters make their feelings clear with a number of placards and banners.

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A young protester on a unicycle shows off her banner.

01\_B38coast03

# Community shows its determined opposition

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years old showed the extent of their resolve by walking to the site – a return trip of more than seven kilometres along a coastal path – where they joined hands along the shore of Millstone Point in an effort to help illustrate the distance that the development would extend along the shore.

As well as lining the shore to show how the development would visually impact upon one kilometre of shoreline in the undeveloped area, protesters formed a huge circle to help people visualise the size of a single pen – 20 of which have been proposed for the development.

Adding her voice of opposition to the plans, Cal Major, who completed a world record stand-up paddleboard expedition from Land's End to John O'Groats, joined the walkers and a flotilla of boats, ribs and kayaks and paddle-boarders, who added their protest from the water.

Karen Penny, a long-distance walker who is currently undertaking a 19,000-mile coastal hiking challenge around the coast of Britain and Ireland, also added her support by joining the protesters during her short visit to Arran (see page 11).

COAST chairman Russ Cheshire said: 'I was deeply moved that a large part of the Arran community showed their determined opposition to the Scottish Salmon Company's proposed development. The final count of attendees exceeded 200 people, who gave up half their weekend at short notice; people who ranged in age from just months old to more than 80, with varying ability to cover the 3.5 kilometres each way from North Sannox to Millstone Point and back.

'People using sticks to walk, people on bicycles and in various forms of watercraft – nearly all made their way to the site's northern limit,

and all did far more than sign a petition. They showed real community spirit in wishing to protect a largely undisturbed part of Arran from the ravages of the salmon industry, many brushing aside real personal suffering to be able to play a part in helping everyone make their views known.

'If our political representatives, and those who wish to promote Arran in various ways, do not take note of this level of support for the rejection of these plans, I can only presume that there is some ulterior reason why a company which has been put up for sale by its largest shareholder should be given carte blanche to despoil the seas around this beautiful island.

'But the work goes on; formal written or electronic objections must be lodged with North Ayrshire Council planners by the end of Monday September 30; but councillors, MSPs, MPs and cabinet secretaries can all be informed about the community's opinion before and after that date. We at COAST in conjunction with other groups and concerned individuals continue to analyse the planning proposal – so far there is little in the more than 900 pages which commends this development.'

Sunday's protest is part of a larger campaign by COAST which opposes all open water caged salmon farms in Scottish waters, preferring a

move to on-land containment farming which, while more costly for fish farmers, can eliminate environmental damage.

The almost unprecedented amount of opposition evident at the event follows the 914-page planning application by the SSC to obtain permission for the development, which has been described by some as a 'mega-farm', at a time when salmon farming has become a particularly polarising subject. This is not only on Arran, but across the country, following a number of high profile exposés on the industry and damaging comments from high profile figures, including the well-respected Sir David Attenborough.

The main concerns for opponents of open sea farming centre on chemical pollution, environmental damage from faeces and uneaten food, fish and animal welfare, along with disease, the potential affects on wild salmon and the un-sustainability of the industry.

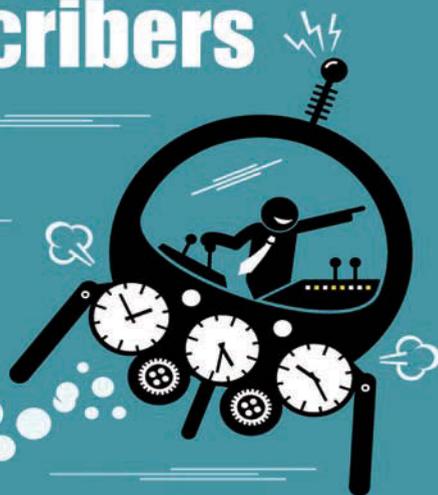
The planning application is to be considered by the council's planning committee towards the end of the year and public comments can be made until Monday September 30, both online via the North Ayrshire Council planning website or by writing to Planning, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE.

See also letters pages eight and nine.



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Cal Major, centre, adds her voice to those of the protesters. 01\_B38coast02



Protesters line the length of the bay illustrating a small portion of the shoreline that will directly overlook the proposed development.

Photo: James Appleton.



A long line of protesters make their way along the coastal path towards Millstone Point. 01\_B38coast04



A number of young children show off the banners that they created. 01\_B38coast07



Enjoying a well-deserved rest, protesters catch their breath and take in the scenic views. 01\_B38coast05



More than 200 people joined a number of kayakers, paddle boarders and sea vessels to voice their opposition to a fish farm development at Millstone Point. 01\_B38coast08

**NO** North Arran Salmon Farm

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Isle of Arran  
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Brodick Early Years class welcomed three youngsters starting nursery. 01\_B37schools01



Brodick Primary School had the third biggest intake with seven new pupils. 01\_B37schools02

# New starts settling into school life

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A healthy intake of 32 pupils started their schooling on Arran this session with each one of the island's six primary schools enrolling at least one new pupil.

The figure is a small way off from last year's bumper intake of 40 but is an increase on the year previous to that when 30 pupils started their schooling in 2017.

The largest intakes were once again at Lamlash Primary which, along with Whiting Bay, each welcomed nine new pupils. Brodick Primary recorded one less pupil than the previous year with seven new pupils joining the school.

Shiskine Primary had four new pupils joining new teacher Jenni Nelson while Corrie, Kilmory and Pirnmill primaries each have one new pupil.

While it is believed that there were some initial tears,

from parents and pupils, on the first day of school, teachers say that all are settling in well and enjoying the activities on offer and making new friends.

Early Years classes on Arran also had some fresh faces, with the largest intakes being eight new nursery pupils in Lamlash and three in Brodick.

Note: Owing to the GDPR policy adopted by Arran schools, no pupils' names have been included in the captions.

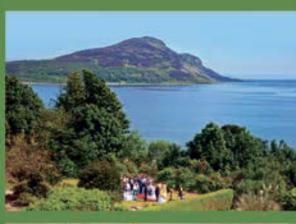


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Arran depute head Quinton Black and teacher Sheila MacAlister with their new intake of P1 pupils. 01\_B37schools05



Jenni Nelson with her four new pupils at Shiskine Primary. 01\_B37schools07



Alison Henderson of Lamlash Primary with her nine new pupils.  
01\_B37schools04



Lindsay Todd of Corrie Primary with her new charge. 01\_B37schools03



Karen Barbour of Kilmory with her single charge. 01\_B37schools06



Marie Gray with her single new pupil at Pirnmill Primary. 01\_B37schools08

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## Prepare for bank holiday

With GP practices closed over the September bank holiday weekend, North Ayrshire residents are being urged to prepare to cope with any common health concerns.

Community pharmacists can answer questions on choosing and using the right medicine and provide easy-to-understand advice on treating everyday ailments such as coughs, colds and flu. NHS 24 also has a number of pharmacists who are able to answer medicine and pharmacy-related questions over the telephone on 111. In addition, NHS inform has valuable advice – visit [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot).

Roisin Kavanagh, interim director of pharmacy, at NHS Ayrshire and Arran said: 'You can do a number of things to make sure you are prepared to deal with common illnesses. Have a sufficient supply of medicines like paracetamol, sore throat and cough remedies, as these will help to relieve the symptoms of common ailments.'

'If you take regular medication, you should check your existing supplies and only order what you need to ensure you have enough to see you through the holiday weekend. It is also a good idea to make sure you know when your GP practice and community pharmacy are closed.'

Arran pharmacies are open as normal today (Friday) but on Monday September 23 the Arran Pharmacy in Lamlash and Brodick will only be open from 9am till 1pm.



The 177m-high turbine which is to be blown up.

# Giant Hunterston wind turbine to be blown up

The remaining wind turbine at Hunterston, clearly visible from much of the east side of Arran, is to be blown up in a controlled explosion next week.

Part of the Hunterston National Offshore Wind Turbine Testing Facility, the 177m-high (580ft) turbine had been used as a test site for offshore wind farms such as the massive Beatrice field in the Outer Moray Firth.

The other turbine which stood beside it on the Hunterston site – the 193.5m-high Mitsubishi 7MW Sea Angel turbine – was dismantled by a crane last year, but operators SSE Renewables said no safe method of dismantling was possible in this case.

Hunterston's unique offshore-like wind resource, coupled with its existing grid connection, made it the ideal

site for testing new offshore turbine technology on land. After successfully concluding its intended role, the site will be handed back to landowner Peel Ports following the decommissioning.

Director of operations Jeremy Williamson said: 'Our Hunterston testing facility was instrumental in enabling the deployment of offshore wind turbine technology for the UK's offshore wind supply chain.'

'The site had a key role in providing key data enabling the deployment of the 84 Siemens Gamesa 7MW turbines at the recently completed Beatrice offshore wind farm in Scotland. Hunterston also allowed for testing under real-world conditions technologies which have since been deployed on offshore wind turbines across the world.'

The original intention was to dismantle the components of the 6MW Siemens turbine by crane. However, a suitable method of safely dismantling the turbine by crane could not be established.

As a result, controlled felling has been identified as the only feasible method for decommissioning the Siemens machine.

Hunterston's project manager, Ross Cowie, said: 'We have successfully employed the felling technique in conjunction with Keltbray to bring turbines down at other sites in the past, so we have the knowledge and experience to fell this turbine safely.'

The turbine is scheduled to be brought down by controlled explosion on Thursday September 26 subject to suitable weather conditions.

## Temporary road closures

Road users on Arran can expect disruption when road resurfacing and patching works will require temporary road closures at Sannox and the String Road.

From Monday September 30, up to Friday October 4, a period of restriction will be put in place on the A841 between Glen Cottage and Corrie golf course at Sannox between 8.30am and 4pm daily.

With flexibility built-in to the start date, that will only commence once the Sannox repairs are complete, a period of restriction will be put in place from Wednesday October 2 to Friday October 4 for a stretch of road between the two bridges approximately two kilometres east of Glen Craigag on the String Road. These restrictions will be in effect from 9am to 4pm daily.

The restrictions will apply to all vehicles except those engaged in the works and emergency services.

## Natural health talk for SSPCA

A talk taking place next week from naturopath Atul Shah on How to be your own doctor will help to raise funds for the SSPCA.

The talk will take place in Brodick Church Hall on Friday September 27, at 7.30pm and will cover a variety of topics ranging from improving health and vitality to predicting illness.

The entrance fee of £5 will benefit the SSPCA and tea and coffee will be provided.

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# Shane goes solo with Drift Inn reopening

by Hugh Boag  
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The popular Drift Inn reopened this week under new management.

The lease has been taken over by Shane Henderson who was, until recently, the assistant restaurant manager at Felicity's at Eden Lodge. It reopened with a soft opening on Wednesday and will have an official launch party tonight (Friday) and other events over the weekend.

The popular Lamash pub and restaurant has been closed since the end of August after Euan Henderson and Amy Rickard gave up the lease when they left the island heading back to Amy's home in Canada.

Aberdeenshire born Shane has been on Arran for two and a half years and says his aim has always been to start up on his own.

'I had originally thought to start with something smaller but when the the Drift Inn came up it seemed too good an opportunity to miss,' Shane told the Banner on his first day open.

He started his hospitality career in the Student Union at Glasgow University and spent eight years working in Glasgow before moving to Arran.

## Local produce

He has retained the kitchen staff and said it was very much 'business as usual' with a menu of fresh local produce while considering his plans for the future.

'I am looking forward to the challenge and to welcome old friends of the Drift as well as new customers too,' he added.

One of his first events is a quirky haircut and a pint offer and there will be a roast day on Sunday followed by the first Drift Poker Club. The

popular quiz will continue on Thursdays.

The Drift Inn has seen a number of changes in recent years. Euan and Amy took over the lease of the pub in 2013 but closed unexpectedly on New Year's Eve 2016. It was later sold by then owners Challenger Inns and bought by a consortium of local businessmen led by farmer and landowner Kenneth Bone, who is chairman of VisitArran. It reopened in September 2017.

It had been advertised for lease and there is said to have been a good deal of interest in parties taking over the seafront property with one of the best beer gardens on the island.

**The new team left to right: Wojciech Kozyra, boss Shane Henderson and Robert McDermott outside the Drift Inn. 01\_B38drift01**



## Number 16 wins best local restaurant award

Arran's regular pop-up restaurant, Number 16, has been named as the best local restaurant in Scotland by the Good Food Guide whose readers nominated it as their favourite local place to eat.

The coveted awards, now in their 13th year, honour the very best independent restaurants, pubs and cafés from around the UK across six regions. To qualify for the awards, aimed at championing neighbourhood restaurants, they need to be independently run and offer regional or local produce as well as serving their communities.

Based in Byres Road in Glasgow's West End, Number 16 regularly brings its talents and inspiring menus to venues around Arran, from Brodick, Lamash and Whiting Bay to Blackwaterfoot.

Elizabeth Carter, Waitrose and partners Good Food Guide editor, said: 'Our best local restaurants are shining examples of where our readers have



received a warm welcome, witnessed a commitment to local produce and are going above and beyond to serve their community. Our readers are becoming increasingly discerning when it comes to eating out, whether they're looking for somewhere for a casual lunch or a celebratory meal, so it makes sense to listen to their opinions.'

Arran born Joel Pomfret, co-owner of Number 16, said: 'We are absolutely thrilled to be named as Scotland's best local restaurant by the Good Food Guide. This is especially rewarding given the rapidly

growing competition within Glasgow and Scotland's exciting food scene. Our focus has always been to provide customers with the very best dining experience by offering quality food and friendly service in a relaxed atmosphere, so we are extremely proud to be recognised for this.'

Number 16 is no stranger to awards and accolades; since opening 10 years ago the restaurant has been featured in a wide variety of food guides and has been equally praised by food critics and contemporaries, both locally and as far afield as New York.

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## Show of unity

Love them or loath them, there can be no doubt that fish farms arouse strong feelings among people both for and against.

Not since the first public meeting in Lamlash in January 1989, where 200 people filled the community centre to object to a fish farm proposal in Lamlash Bay, has Arran seen such a vociferous and well-attended protest as that last weekend.

Granted, there have been many issues since that have been held to intense public scrutiny, and received their fair share of public opinion, but the sight of 200 protesters from differing strata of Arran's population certainly highlights a strength of feeling in the community.

And while it is by no means a definitive representation of the feelings of the entire population, by Arran standards it speaks volumes.

But by far the most moving aspect of the entire event was seeing such a large gathering of Arran folk joining together for a cause that they strongly believe in, despite the difficulties that the arduous trek presented. And, like a family who do not always agree but who come together at times of strife, you can't help but admire the show of such unity and cohesion but opponents have a long fight ahead of them yet.

### Thought for the week

'There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.' Luke 15. 10

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## Selfish attitude

Sir,

There is, no doubt, a lot of room for improvement in fish farming practice. However, it is surely most unfair for NIMBYs on Arran to directly attack the fish farm in Lamlash and the people who are employed working on it.

The venomous and militant protests at the Brodick Highland Games, and at public meetings, the latter as reported in the Banner, are over the top. The fish farm has been in Lamlash Bay for more than 30 years, which is a lot longer than many of the protesters will have been resident on the island.

From the point of view of your average tourist, the fish farm does nothing to demean the unique picturesque qualities of Lamlash Bay and the majestic and monolithic splendour of Holy Isle.

Judging by the number of bathers around the Old Pier this summer, the bathing qualities of the seawater are not off-putting either. I can understand people diving in the area of the fish farm may find pollution, but this is a very small percentage of visitors to the island and does not affect your average tourist.

Regarding the proposed new fish farm on the north-east coast of Arran, surely it is to be welcomed that somebody has at last found a use for what has been, since the 18th century salt pans, a fairly derelict and unused piece of shoreline. It is difficult to see how the salmon pens, if they are no higher out the water than the ones in Lamlash, could provide anything other than a reference point for hikers on the coastal path. The proposed fish farm would not detract from the views across to Bute, Inchmarnock and the Cumbraes.

Underneath the fish farm, of course, there is bound to be detritus, but only divers would see this and it is surely up to the Scottish Government to tighten up the regulations on a national scale, rather than for local planning bodies to attempt their own regulation and

so negate and disallow a legitimate source of island employment.

It is worth remembering that for most of last century, up till 1998, the Glasgow sludge boats dropped one and a half million tons of sewage sludge annually off the Garroch Head, and this in a drop zone only a few miles away across the Clyde.

Two of the surprising findings of the regular monitoring of these two drop sites have been firstly, how quickly the sites return to normal, and secondly, the limited geographic area that the effects of the sewage drop spread out to.

The current orchestrated and vociferous campaign against the fish farm has parallels with both of the 1990s campaigns against the Lochranza Distillery and the Auchrannie Spa.

It costs protesters nothing to protest. People retire to the island because it is a nice quiet place and they don't want any further development. This is a selfish attitude and certainly of negative consequence to the future development of the island and the provision of jobs for its resident younger population.

Yours,  
**Tommy Gilmore,**  
Brodick.

## Vipers bite back

Sir,

Last month I wrote in detail (Arran Banner August 17) about the proposed fish farm at Millstone Point. There is one further consideration that deserves attention and that is corporate responsibility.

Is the company proposing this industrial farming off the north coast of Arran fit for purpose in its track record of looking after the fish it rears, its husbandry? Data releases on dead and dying fish in cages, desperate measures to keep them alive and farms rife with diseases suggest otherwise.

All intensive farming introduces heightened risk of transmission of disease and parasitic growth that require active intervention to contain: The more crowded the conditions

the greater the risk. Just look at the recent track record of this company. You don't need to look any further than Lamlash Bay and St Molios fish farm. SEPA tells us the level of morts, dead fish, recovered from the cages increased from month to month from early in the year to reach 44 tonnes by May and 37 tonnes in June.

Numerous visits by service vessels suggested possible issues lingering from a previous year.

A biologically active chemical was even used immediately prior to harvesting and possibly other chemicals were used too. Horrendous smells followed trucks passing through Lamlash to the ferry.

Looking further afield up into Loch Fyne earlier this year and the company was recorded removing what appeared to be the entire fish content, already dead, from one of their farms following a toxic plankton bloom event probably in part driven by nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients from fish farm wastes promoting toxic plankton growth in the surrounding waters. Further details are yet to be released.

Even further afield we see this company trying to contain and even hide from public scrutiny disease and infestation disasters again in recent times. Loch Roag in the Outer Hebrides has become a name synonymous with appalling husbandry in salmon fish farms to levels considered to be an example of extreme animal cruelty. Pictures of grossly infested and deformed fish emerged and eventually the entire fish crop of dead fish was dumped in an excavated pit.

Also in recent times data released by SEPA points to a crisis at another of the company's fish farms called Maaey off Benbecula, a new farm only recently stocked for the first time and afflicted by apparently difficult to control levels of, we are told, pancreatic disease.

The astonishing tonnage of dead fish reported, 287 tonnes in June, suggests something is going badly wrong generally with this industry.

Then we read in the company's

planning application it intends to stock the North Arran farm at a very high density of fish exceeding RSPCA welfare standards clearly to maximise profits most likely at the expense of proper animal husbandry and increased risk of repeating disaster events reported elsewhere.

I leave you to draw your own conclusions and, by the way, we are told this company and its senior officers keep on winning business best practice prizes.

Yours,  
**John Campbell,**  
Lamlash.

## Bridge too far

Sir,

With Boris Johnston's idea of a bridge between Scotland and Ireland being in the news, I write to your beautiful island to explain how the forward thinking and dynamic business community of Arran can be part of this massive infrastructure project.

The plan mentioned in the mainstream media is for a bridge from near Bangor to Portpatrick, but a cursory glance at the map shows that the shortest crossing is between Torr and the Mull of Kintyre.

This shorter option has been dismissed as the Kintyre peninsula has poor transport links.

This is where there is a fantastic opportunity for Arran. Build the bridge to Kintyre, a few miles of road to Carradale, then another bridge over to Balliekine, a tunnel under Goatfell, then a third majestic span from Corrie to West Kilbride.

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to make the island bigger, or fill in an unnecessary valley or two.

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Yours,  
**Neil McDonald,**  
Glasgow.

## Signs support

Sir,  
With regard to Colin Guthrie's letter of September 6 in which he made suggestions about having signs on Goatfell for safely directing people from the summit, I would like to lend my support to that idea as too many walkers have been injured through taking the wrong path.

I know the sentiments regarding signs as being unsightly and a distraction from the wildness of the area, but I don't think this should stand in the way of anything that will help save people's lives.

Yours,  
**Henry Murdo,**  
Corriegills.

## Helping Owen

Sir,  
We would just like to say a big thank you for posting us a copy of our grandson's challenge in the newspaper, Arran Banner August 31. It means a lot to have a copy and we can also get a copy to Age Concern here in Colchester, and to his family.

We would also like to take this opportunity

to thank everyone, Isle of Arran folk and others, who helped Owen on his way. We hope to visit your lovely isle soon.

Yours,  
**Carol and John Gosling,**  
Colchester.

## Learn by doing

Sir,  
As chief executive of Scotland's leading enterprise charity there is no doubt in my mind that our greatest national asset is our young people and Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) is celebrating a key milestone this year to assist S5 and S6 pupils to become more employable.

YES believes that young people 'learn by doing' and our Company Programme for 2019/20 is now open for registration. It is a vocational education scheme where schools put forward a team of students to create and run their own company for a year.

This provides the opportunity to learn business skills together with inspiring resilience, confidence, problem-solving and teamwork.

YES has always known the value of its Company Programme and the benefit it provides. However, this year, through a jointly funded collaboration between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Partnership (SCQFP), our flagship programme is now credited as the equivalent of a Higher.

This credit rating is a game changer for YES, the schools which will get recognition for the young people's qualification and most importantly for the young people themselves, as they prepare to thrive in the world of work.

I urge all secondary schools in Scotland and the families and guardians of S5 and S6 pupils to consider the benefits of participation, particularly now the Company Programme has achieved national qualification status.

Yours,  
**Geoff Leask,**  
chief executive,  
**Young Enterprise Scotland**  
(YES),  
Glasgow.

## Holy Isle claims are not true

Sir,  
Some concerned Arran residents have contacted me regarding claims made by the Scottish Salmon Company regarding its community engagement in relation to the Holy Isle Project.

Specifically, the SSC website (<https://www.scottishsalmon.com/aboutus/locations>) has the following statement regarding the Lamlash Bay site:

'Our farm on Arran ... looks across to Holy Island, still populated by monks who rely on our marine team to deliver food and other essentials

to the island during the winter.'

Further, as part of its planning application for the development of a fish farm east of Millstone Point, in Section 1.2.3 of its Pre Application Consultation Report (Community Engagement), SSC claims to have 'supported the nearby Holy Island with the islands (sic) coastal path upgrades'.

Between 2011 and 2013, the Lamlash Bay team helped to deliver food and building materials to the retreat at the south end of Holy Isle.

This stopped in 2013, when the Ocean Breeze RiB took on that service, apart from one occasion in the summer of 2015, when SSC staff delivered gravel for roofing work at the south end.

On all occasions, the Holy Isle Project paid for these services.

SSC's marine teams have never serviced the main guesthouse and retreat centre at the north end of Holy Isle for our food or other regular deliveries; the operators of the Holy Isle Ferry provide this service throughout the year.

The information on SSC's website and in its Pre Application Consultation Report is thus not true and offers a misleading view of SSC's engagement with the Holy Isle Project.

Yours,  
**Adam Rose,**  
manager,  
**Centre for World Peace and Health.**

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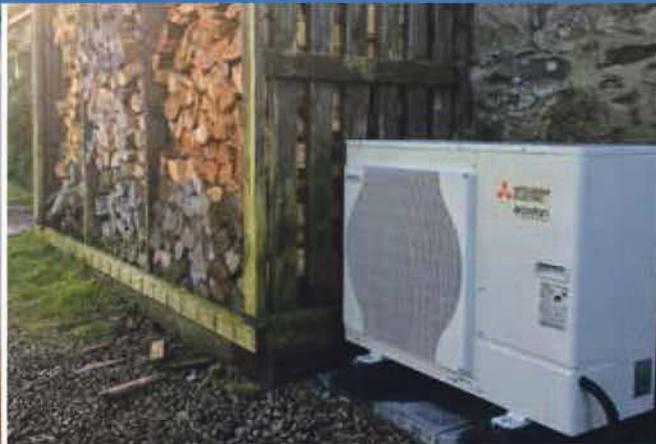
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# All set for Arran's biggest beach clean

More than a dozen beaches on Arran will be cleaned this weekend as part of Marine Conservation Society's (MCS) Great British Beach Clean initiative.

## Confirmed beach cleans scheduled are:

**Corrie** - organised by Corrie Village Association, Sunday September 22, at 11am. Meet at Ferry Rock.

**Kildonan Silversands** - organised by TAP, Friday September 20, at 4.30pm. Meet on beach in front of Kildonan Hotel.

**Kilmory** - organised by Kilmory Hall, Friday September 20, at 2pm. Meet at Kilmory Hall car park.

**Lamlash** - organised by Lamlash Improvements, Sunday September 22, at 11am. Meet on Green opposite the Co-op.

**Lamlash** - organised by COAST in conjunction with TAP, Monday September 23, at 1pm. Meet at the COAST Octopus Centre.

**Holy Isle seas** - organised by Arran Kayak Club, experienced kayakers are requested to visit their Facebook page for further details.

**Lochranza** - organised by Lochranza and Catacol Community Association, Saturday September 21, at 11am. Meet outside Village Hall.

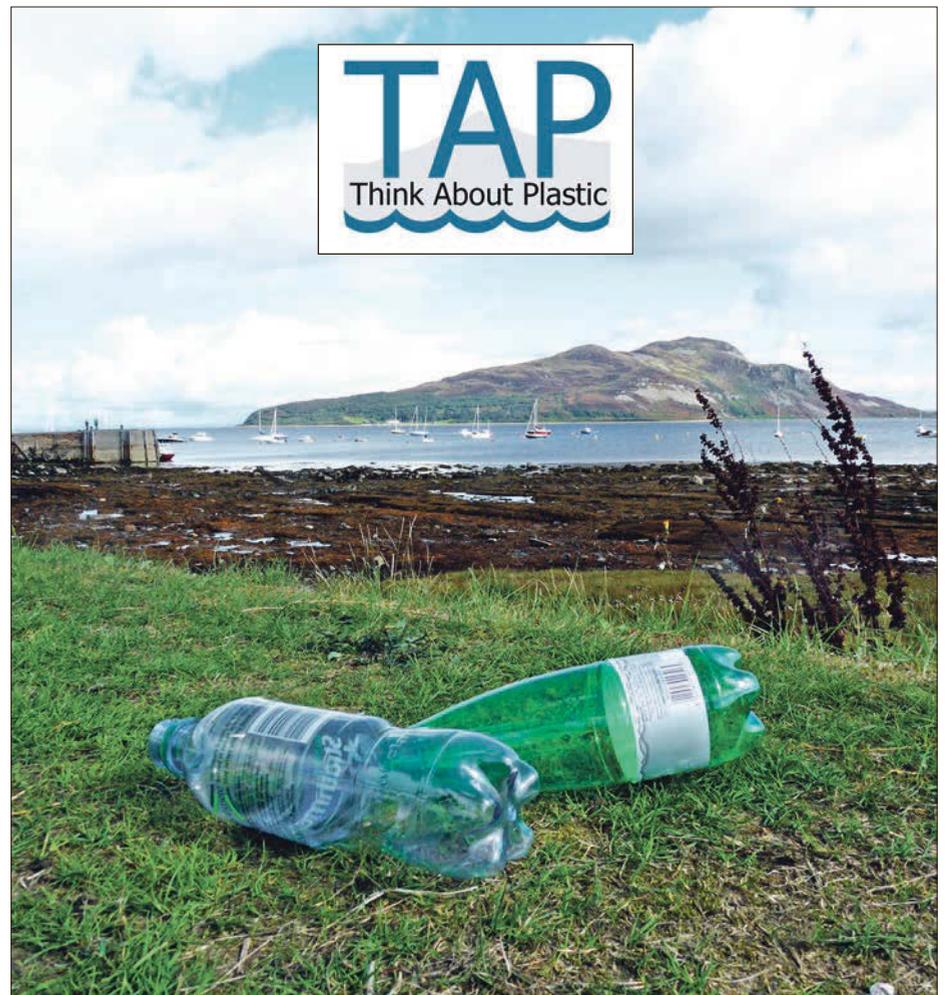
**Whiting Bay** - organised by Whiting Bay and District Improvement Association, Sunday September 22, at noon.

There will also be cleans at **Blackwaterfoot**, **Brodick** and **Pirnmill**. Further details, as they are confirmed, will be added to the TAP website.

The annual event will be taking place at various sites over the September weekend and also involves the accurate recording of all of the items recovered for scientific research.

More than 15,000 people across Scotland are involved in the national initiative. On Arran, village associations and organisations will lead the way; these will include COAST, Arran Kayak Club, Paws On Plastic (an organisation for dog owners who pick up plastic on walks), Whiting Bay and Lamlash improvement associations, Lochranza and Catacol and Corrie village associations and Kilmory Hall.

The beach clean has been co-ordinated by Think About Plastic-Arran (TAP) to help enable Arran to collect and analyse data to benchmark progress of initiatives to reduce the amount of plastic



More than a dozen beaches will be cleaned this weekend as part of the Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean initiative. Inset: TAP - The Think About Plastic logo.

in use and entering the sea around Arran.

Each participating village will receive a detailed analysis of the litter on their beaches and the information will be freely available on the TAP website for students, residents and researchers.

All TAP co-ordinated beach cleans are safety conscious events and risk assessments have been con-

ducted. Participants receive a safety briefing from trained leaders before each event and all MCS beach cleans are covered by insurance for participants.

Chairwoman Helen How said: 'I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals and unsung heroes and heroines who clean our Arran beaches every day. Ad hoc events like The Big

Beach Clean are important in raising public awareness but it is these individuals who truly make a difference.'

Anyone who would like to join in can find details of the beach cleans on the TAP website at [www.thinkaboutplastic-arran.co.uk](http://www.thinkaboutplastic-arran.co.uk). Further information is also available on the MCS website where anyone can sign up as a volunteer.

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## Beach Buddies out in Machrie

A determined six Beach Buddies turned their attention to a blustery and damp Machrie beach on Saturday evening as part of the Mindful Chef UK-wide beach clean.

Owing to the tides, the clean up had to take place in the early evening but that did not deter the hardy souls who recovered more than 24 kilograms of rubbish from the beach, including a bow and arrow, a wooden door, a tyre, a sleeping bag and a plastic crate. Interesting finds included a skeleton of either a large porpoise or a juvenile dolphin.

The next scheduled Beach Buddies beach clean, spon-

sored by Isle of Arran Ice Cream and The Parlour, will be in October. The date and

venue is still to be decided and suggestions are welcomed on the buddies' Facebook page.



The Beach Buddies Arran turned their attention to Machrie where they recovered 24 kilograms of rubbish.

# Wet and windy walk worth it for charity

Island and mainland staff from Jas Campbell Solicitors and Estate Agents recently undertook a sponsored walk

up Glen Rosa in aid of Cash for Kids.

Leaving from their Brodick office, the 12km walk was completed in wet and windy conditions, although the weather cleared at the top of Glen Rosa with a number of rainbows appearing which perfectly highlighted the glen's wild beauty.

Cash for Kids is a charity aimed at responding to the needs of children in local communities and every year they raise money for children and young people who are suffering from abuse or neglect, who are disabled and have special needs or who simply need extra care or guidance. Jas Campbell said it was proud to have had the opportunity to support such a worthwhile charity.

The staff of Jas Campbell at the halfway point on their Glen Rosa charity walk.



The wet conditions didn't put the determined walkers off.



## Penny rolls through Arran on 19,000-mile challenge

Karen Penny, who is undertaking a 19,000-mile continuous circumnavigation of the British and Irish coastline, has completed her tour of Arran as part of a fundraising effort known as The Penny Rolls for Alzheimer's Research UK.

Not only is Karen intent on walking around the UK in a clockwise direction but she also intends to take in 20 of the largest islands along the way.

Setting off on January 14 this year, Karen has already completed the coast of Ireland, Wales from the Gower, Anglesey, Isle of Man, the North West Coast, Dumfries and Galloway and has recently completed Cumbrae and Bute, and now Arran.

She hopes the three-and-a-half-year initiative will help to raise £100,000 for Alzheimer's Research and, with the help of 1,123 supporters on her JustGiving page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thepennyrollson](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thepennyrollson), she has already raised £41,946 – which is 41 per cent of her target.

Karen is married with one son and lives in the Gower. She is retired after having



Karen Penny joined walkers on Arran during her visit which is part of a circumnavigation of the British and Irish coastlines. 01\_B38penny01

worked in the legal profession for 30 years and has previously run a marathon in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK.

She has also walked the length of Britain from John O'Groats to Lands' End which helped to raise £6,000 for the charity. Karen said: 'Many people have pre-conceptions about dementia and often it is only when someone is personally affected that they begin to find out about it.

'Dementia has had a profound impact upon our family. During the last 10 years we have lost two very dear family members. Alma, who succumbed to the effects of vascular dementia in a matter of months, and Kingsley, who deteriorated to such an extent both mentally and physically that ultimately he couldn't even recognise family members.'

The Arran Banner caught up with Karen, who joined more than 200 protesters at a seven-kilometre walk in opposition to a proposed fish farm, where she was looking forward to walking up Goatfell the following day before continuing on to Kintyre.

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# GET your car for WINTER

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To help here are 10 tips to make sure you are ready for the winter.

**Get your car serviced**

Regular service and maintenance checks will help to prevent the cold causing problems.

**Check your battery**

The cold weather also

means the battery produces less power and due to the cold weather, dark nights, gritted roads, wind and rain we tend to use our lights, heaters, windscreen wipers and heated seats (if you are lucky enough to have them). It is well worth getting them checked, the last thing you want on a cold winter's day is a flat battery.

**Top up your antifreeze**

The correct level of antifreeze will prevent your engine and radiators from freezing and causing damage

**Check the condition of your tyres**

To prevent any problems with breaking or steering it

is essential that your tyres are both the correct pressure, are not worn and have a deep enough tread.

**Clean your lights**

It is really important in the dark winter nights and foggy days that you can see and are seen so make sure your all your lights and indicators work and are clean, free from dirt and snow. While you are at it remember to clean your number plate. If your registration plate is not clearly visible you could be fined.

**Keep a full tank**

Obvious you might think, however it is good to remember as this will help prevent freezing inside your fuel

pump and if by any chance you do break down at least you will be able to keep warm.

**Windscreen and wipers**

It is important that you can clearly see so do keep your windscreen wash topped up with a winter wash. Also check that your window defroster works and that your wipers are in good condition. It is also worth checking that there are no chips or cracks in your windscreen as the cold weather and salt means what was a small problem can become a big one.

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# Looking back at the histo



Molly Spence, Cathie Carswell and Marette Fraser wearing green overalls, worn by sorting office staff of the Post Office, outside with mail van circa 1946.



Brodick Post Office and sorting office staff at the opening of new building in 1947.

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The building which is now the Brodick Chemist shop was the village post office from 1886 until 1914 and housed the island's first telephone exchange. The photograph shows the Corrie mail brake, driven by Kaspar Ribbeck, about to leave the premises in 1902.

The history of the postal service on Arran is a long one, dating back more than 200 years. At one time there were 16 post offices serving the island; a far cry from the service which remains today.

Apart from the very early days, Brodick has always been at the centre of both postal, telegraph and later telephone communications and with the post office about to enter a new era, back where it once was at the Book and Card Centre, Hugh Boag takes a nostalgic look back at the history of the Brodick Post Office.

The very first post office on Arran was established in 1806 or early the following year when a sub office was established in Lamlash, which was then the Arran terminal of the irregular ferry service from Saltcoats.

The inhabitants of Arran would have had to make their own arrangements for the collection and delivery of letters at Lamlash, though it seems that the sub postmaster deputy, later restyled the receiver, operated a postal route northwards to Brodick, presumably for the convenience of Brodick Castle.

By 1827 the post office considered that it was justified to open a receiving office in Brodick with a salary of £3 being paid to a receiver. A sum of £6 was earmarked for a runner to go between Lamlash and Brodick on alternative weekdays and the Brodick Post Office service was born.

#### Later date

The original Brodick Post Office was situated in a cottage in the hamlet of Invercloy, near the mouth of the River Cloy, barely 100 yards from the location of the present office. In the 1840s a weekly service by runner was instituted from Brodick northwards along the coast road to the fishing village of Corrie and, at a somewhat later date, over the String to Shedog and later the Shiskine district, where a receiving house was opened in 1853.

As late as 1861 these two rural post offices continued to be operated by foot messengers,

including Robert Douglas, but in 1868 the Brodick-Corrie messenger was allowed to use a horse and cart and paid a horsekeep allowance and in 1870 the post office had moved to Low Glencloy Cottage.

In 1872 the post was taken over by Ernest Ribbeck and was on the move again this time to the lane next to where the Crofters Music Bar now stands.

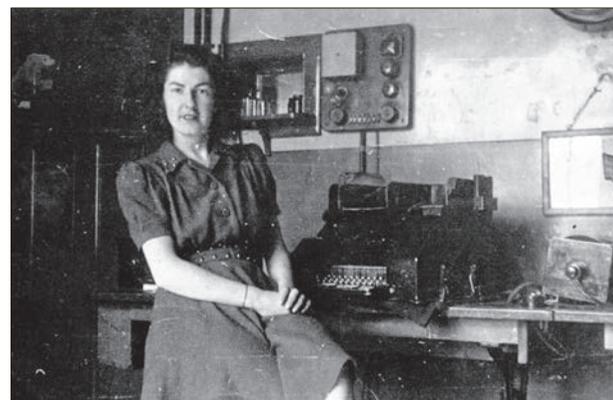
#### Local girls

The Ribbeck brothers, Ernest and Adolph, had come to Arran in the 1860s in the wake of Princess Marie of Baden, who had married the Duke of Hamilton. Originally employed on painting the gates at Brodick Castle, they subsequently married local girls and settled down in Brodick, Adolph owning a shop and becoming one of the pioneer photographers of Arran, and Ernest becoming both sub-postmaster of Brodick and operator of the Brodick-Corrie mail car, which he introduced in the summer of 1879. By this time Ernest was running the Brodick-Corrie mail on a daily basis in season and thrice-weekly in the winter months.

The year of 1872 also saw the telegraph system coming to Arran and Brodick became the nerve centre for telegraphic communications transmitted by Morse code. In the same year the Brodick-Shiskine post was increased in frequency and upgraded to a horse post. Later when the String road was much improved, a



The Duke and Dutchess of Montrose with the assembled gathering at the opening of the new Brodick Post Office building.



Marette Fraser, sorting clerk and telegraphist, with her teleprinter for sending telegrams to Glasgow by direct link in the Shore Road Post Office circa 1946.



Inauguration of the van mail service.

# History of Brodick Post Office

horse and cart was operated on this route by Colin Currie, every weekday in the summer season and four times a week in the winter months.

In 1886 Ernest moved the post office into new premises at Auchinvole, now the Brodick Chemist shop. Though the building has had an extension added at the side it is still substantially the same red sandstone building as Ernest Ribbeck used in the late 19th century, with its clock under the eaves on the front. The post office was a mile from the new iron pier and in the same year they began to receive an official allowance for meeting the steamer and conveying the mails to and from the pier.

The Brodick-Corrie post became fully 'established' in 1897 and it was then that Ernest's son Kaspar Ribbeck received his first official appointment as a postman. In the 1890s the outdoor force of the Brodick Post Office was increased and a town postman added to the staff. At first a daily delivery was offered only in the Brodick area during the season but in 1908 this was extended and later became an all-year-round service.

In 1910 the Brodick-Corrie post was officially raised in status to a mail car operated by Kaspar and his sister, Annie Ribbeck, succeeded her father as sub-postmistress, a position she held until the mid 1920s.

## New premises

The post office moved to new premises in 1915 to the building to which it is to finally return – the Book and Card Centre, which also housed a new telephone and telegraph centre. Kaspar's house adjoined the new post office.

By then the First World War had started which had major repercussions for the postal services on Arran, not least because the Ribbeck family were of German descent and, while they were not detained, they could not carry on with their post office work uninhibited.

Perhaps this setback was a blessing in disguise.

It was certainly a turning point in Kaspar's career. He later concentrated on the carriage side of the business graduating from horse-drawn waggons to motor vehicles and eventually developed a network of buses which bore the name of Ribbeck to the late 1970s.

In June 1936 the postal services on Arran were revolutionised. The early morning mail from Ardrossan was introduced and four Morris mail-vans replaced the now antiquated assortment of horse, foot and motorised posts and can be seen in one of the photographs here. To the right of the picture stands a white-haired gentleman, none other than Kaspar Ribbeck.

## Enemy alien

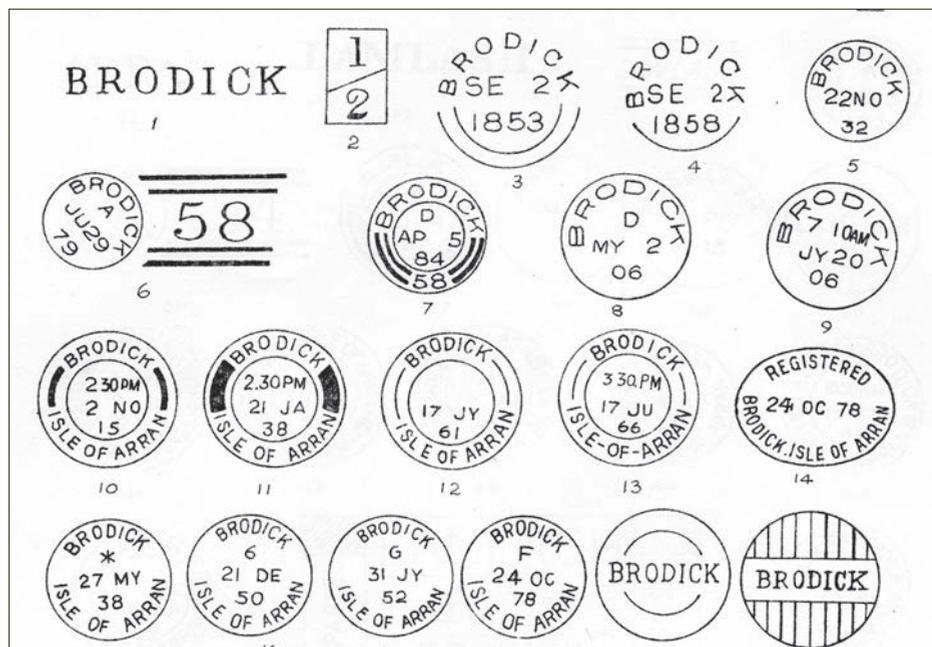
The Second World War had little effect on the operation of Brodick Post Office though curiously enough history repeated itself when Aldo Pelligrini, who owned the premises rented by the post office, which he would later open as a cafe, was temporarily barred as an enemy alien, but he continued to live on Arran.

By the end of the war the Shore Road premises were no longer suitable to the increased amount of business being transacted and plans were made for an entirely new office, to be located on the site of an old smithy, opposite the chemist's shop.

The new post office in Mayish Road was seen as an incredible structure of white concrete and steel-framed windows, quite out of keeping with the architecture of Brodick. It was inaugurated on 13 October 1947 by the Duke and Dutchess of Montrose.

Despite many changes to the Post Office in the years that followed it remains in its Mayish home to this day. But that will all change next month.

**Thanks to Stuart Gough and the Arran Heritage Museum for their help in compiling this article and to the work of the late James A Mackay: Island Postal History Series No 5 Arran and Cumbrae, published in 1978.**



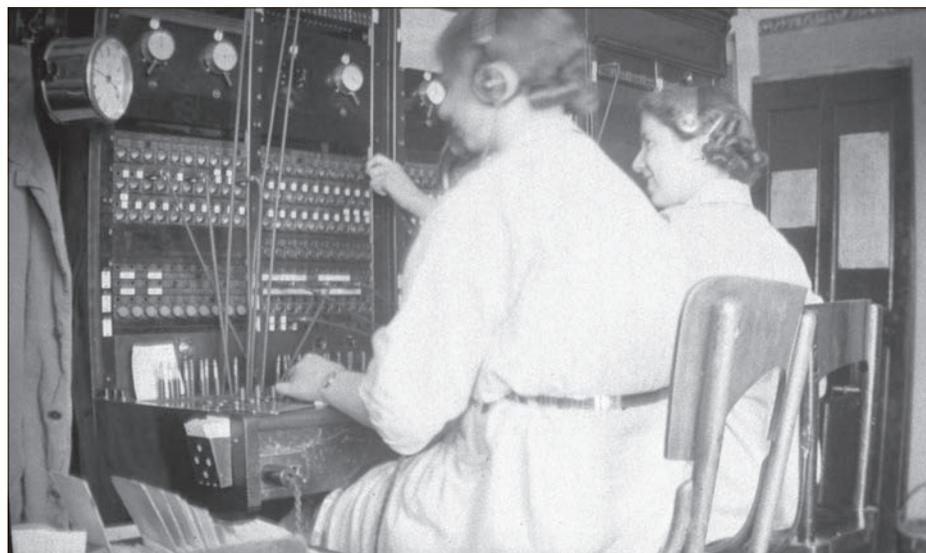
Some of the early name and date stamps used by Brodick Post Office.



Brodick Post Office in 1947.



The invitation to the opening of the new Brodick Post Office in 1947.



The telephone switchboard which at the time was upstairs from the post office at the Book and Card building. At this time it was the GPO and was postal and telephones in the one government-owned business.



Motor vehicles on Arran July 1 1936 outside what is now the Book and Card Centre.



A newspaper cutting of a Brodick post girl from maybe a century ago.

# Moonwalkers catch the sunrise on Goatfell trek



A group of walkers recently enjoyed a guided moonwalk on Goatfell with the author Alan Rowan and members of the Arran Ranger Service.

Not only did Alan lead the walk, he somehow had the energy to give an entertaining talk the same evening, about his latest challenge – climbing a Munro on the night of every full moon last year, of which there were 13 – on which he's based his most recent book, *Mountains of the Moon*. The walk and the talk were both fundraisers for the Arran Mountain Festival.

Here Sue Goddard gives a first hand account of the night walk up Goatfell.



Under dark skies walkers celebrate reaching the summit of Goatfell.

'It was with a certain amount of trepidation that I met up with seven others at 2am at the mountain rescue base. Once we had all arrived, Jeremy Fielden talked us through the route and Corinna Goeckeritz introduced us all to each other and to Munro moonwalker Alan Rowan. We were then driven round to High Corrie to start the walk.

'The first thing I noticed, this being my first night walk, was how sounds seemed amplified: the crunching of boots on the path rang out as we set off following the crash-



Walkers watched as the sun rose just over the horizon before returning back down the mountain.

ing of the water in the burn.

'The first section seemed to be the hardest, an almost never-ending series of steps, but we steadily made our way up, switching off our head torches every now and then, to fully appreciate the star-lit sky and the lights across on the mainland. The wind pushed the rain showers through, so we didn't get that wet, but the strong gusts made it tricky for us at the top of the col.

'As we climbed closer to the summit of Goatfell, it started to gradually get lighter, and we were able to make out the shape of the landscape around us and watch wisps of mist swirl below us. We were ahead of sunrise time, 6.22am, when we reached the summit but because of

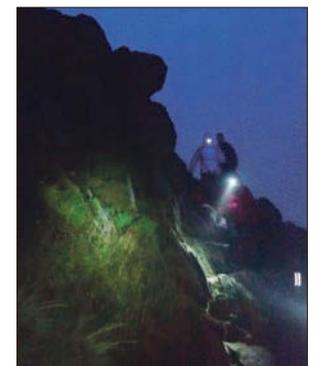
the strength of the wind, we took a few photos then headed a little way down to a more sheltered spot to wait for the sun to rise. The dark clouds seemed to lift just in time, allowing us to see the sun appear. We watched, mesmerised by the amazing colours stretching out across the sky in front of us.

'Reluctantly, we started to make our way down the path as dark clouds gathered behind us. Light rain started to fall and we were treated to a spectacular double rainbow close by.

'Everyone arrived back at the mountain rescue base very happy to have spent an amazing few hours in the hills. Thank you to Alan for his entertaining tales,

to Jeremy for guiding us safely down and especially to Corinna for guiding us safely up and organising the whole event.'

Photographs by  
Corinna Goeckeritz



Participants climb Goatfell by torchlight with Munro Moonwalker Alan Rowan.

  
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Making up for the rain, walkers enjoy a double rainbow as they make their way back down the mountain.

# Changes are on the way to Arran

A major symposium and conference is on the way to Arran.

Arran Changes 2019, which is being held from Sunday November 3 to Wednesday November 6 in Blackwaterfoot, is aimed to entrain and entertain all those who attend.

Organisers are taking over the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot, which will see guests enjoy a three-night stay while attending the conference and enjoying Scottish evening entertainment.

The conference which will be exploring the theme of changes in the world. As well as speakers, there will be music, an art gallery, theatre performance, whisky tasting and a few surprises. The main speaker will be mentor Rolf Edgren who will give a talk entitled The New Era.

The event is being organised by celebrated Swedish artist Sheila Noren, who says the event is about fun and wellness.

Sheila's family is from Arran, and she still spends considerable time in the Shiskine Valley. She is an artist, photographer, teacher and qualified hypnotherapist, who spends the rest of her time in Sweden where she has an art gallery in Uppsala known as 'the cosiest gallery in town'. She will speak on the importance of self talk. A third speaker is still to be announced.

There will also be an art exhibition titled Bowie is Back! featuring Sheila's artworks of the late iconic singer as well as some Arran motives, prints and her art cards. The exhibition will also feature The Road, a painting by island artist Andy Leese.

Andy also makes the most fabulous Mackintosh Furniture and guests will have the chance to visit his showroom and workshop in Machrie, go sightseeing around the island, or play a round of golf at the famous 12-hole Shiskine Golf Course.

Music will be provided in the evenings by Antimo Magnotta.

He was resident pianist aboard the cruise ship, the Costa Concordia, when it tragically sank in 2012, claiming 32 lives.

Miraculously surviving, he lost his possessions, career and suffered from post traumatic stress disorder.

He is now the pianist-in-residence at the Victoria & Albert Museum's Café, where he documents musically the extraordinary events of the past few years.

Sheila is also hoping her good friend Fiona West, formerly of the RSNO, who will be in China with her musician husband Steven West at beginning of November, will be able to attend.

Tickets for the three-day event are on sale now. There will also be a limited number of places at a reduced rate of £90 for residents who might wish to attend on a daily basis over the three-day period, which includes lunch.

Sheila Noren, pictured in Brodick, who is bringing the Changes conference to Arran. 01\_B38changes01



Some of Sheila's Bowie works in her Uppsala gallery. 01\_B38changes04



The poster for the Bowie is Back! exhibition. Image by Sheila Noren Photographer 01\_B38changes02



Andy Leese with his furniture and his painting The Road. 01\_B38changes03

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## Eaten on the menu at Whiting Bay Hall

A show aimed at children aged six and older, about food, eating and being eaten is set to thrill a Whiting Bay audience next weekend when it arrives on Arran.

Part of an autumn tour by award-winning performance artist, Mamoru Iriguchi, the show will take place at Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday September 28 at 2pm.

The storyline centres on Lionel McLion, he's just eaten a human called Mamoru. But Lionel hasn't chewed his food well. So Mamoru's alive and well in his stomach, and now wants to say hello. A strange friendship between the eater and the eaten starts to grow which delivers children straight into the fascinating world of food chains and digestion.

With a surrealist and humorous storyline, Iriguchi, together with director Ivor

MacAskill and co-performer Suzi Cunningham, invites children and grown-ups to the fascinating world around food: eating, being eaten, digesting, defecating and everything in-between and beyond, in nature and on our dining tables. Eaten encourages young audiences and adult audiences to carefully examine what they eat and re-think their relationship with food and nature.

Tickets can be booked for Eaten at [www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com) and cost £5.

Eaten is supported by Creative Scotland, Imagine, Dance Base, The Place, Lyra, Southbank Centre and Independent Arts Projects.

**The production of Eaten is aimed at giving children an insight into their eating habits in a fun, entertaining and educational manner.**



### Arran's Soul Choir of youth

An offshoot of the popular adult Arran Soul Choir has seen the formation of a youth choir aimed at children from Primary 5 age all the way up to 15-year-olds.

With no membership required, no auditions, and open to all abilities the new youth choir will meet at the Arran High School Theatre on Thursday evenings at 6pm.

The youth choir will be led by James O'Neil, Shirley MacLachlan and Michael Gettins and will follow the ethos of the established choir by being welcoming, friendly and supportive, and contemporary – singing songs from classics to Lady Gaga.

The first session for the youth choir was held this week and it will be on next week at the same time. Further information on the choir, upcoming concerts and rehearsals can be found on the website at <http://www.arransoulchoir.com>

### Gaelic Place Names in Scotland - Wee Ginger Dug

Ormidale Pavilion,  
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Friday 27th September 2019 7.30pm



North Ayrshire Council are pleased to present an informative talk by Paul Kavanagh aka 'Wee Ginger Dug' on the subject of Gaelic language, Gaelic maps, and Gaelic place names. Paul will reveal more about what they tell us about Scotland's past and what they mean for Scotland in the present. Joining Paul will be his Wee Ginger Dug.

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# McLellan festival was one of the best

The McLellan Arts Festival has again been a whirlwind 10 days ending last Saturday with a lively and most enjoyable production of Lehar's *The Merry Widow* much appreciated by the audience.

Other highlights have included a splendid performance of Handel's *Messiah* under the experienced baton of Alec Crowe with singers from the Arran Summer School accompanied by an orchestra of young musicians also from The Royal Northern College of Music; who also gave an entertaining opera gala, a wonderful service of sacred music in Corrie Church led by the talented young singers of the Summer School and with the mellifluous voice of John Sillars reading *Arran Burn* by Robert McLellan in Corrie Church; a warming poetry evening with winners and judge of the Poetry

Competition, Sean O'Brien; an interesting evening with Kirsty Wark; a lively ceilidh in Whiting Bay; a fascinating and entertaining film night in Corrie and Sannox Hall; a terrific evening of Scots song, fiddling and verse, again in Whiting Bay Hall and a fascinating evening of theatre from drama students from The Royal Scottish Conservatoire.

This festival was amongst the best the island has had and, as always thanks are due to the many who contributed to its success. Special thanks to Sue and Ian McKinley for generous support of the Summer School, to Alec Crowe and Peter Wilson for tutoring at the Summer School, and to Diana and Douglas Hamilton and John Wilson for lending houses and pianos for lessons. In addition, we would thank all those who performed - in-

cluding our island performers, Angus Adamson, Arran Dawn, Drambusters, Sheila Gilmore, Stuart Gough, Biff and Tom, Tim Pomeroy, John Cruikshank, James Mutch and John Sillars.

Also Tortoise in a Nutshell Theatre Company, Kirsty Wark, Chris and Jan Atkins for *Uncowed*, Ed O'Donnolly for *Arran on Film*, Cicely Gill and David Underdown for organising the Poetry Competition, John Cruikshank for organising and sponsoring A Scots Hairst, the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland for organising Drama Live, The Douglas Hotel and Stags Restaurant for their generous donations, The Book and Card Shop for so kindly handling tickets, The Arran Banner for coverage, Arran Events for online ticketing and sound expertise, Arran Lodge for providing



The students who attended what is likely to be the last summer school on Arran.  
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superb accommodation, Corrie Church, KA Leisure and Community Theatre, Whiting Bay Village Hall, Corrie and Sannox Village Hall for excellent venues and service, Colin Guthrie for generous provision of accommodation, Andrew Walsh of Arran Active for storage of pianos, Josephine Broekhuizen, Carol Atkins and Jessica Wallace for deli-

cious catering, Angie Fisher and Christine Drennan for ceilidh meringues, Sarah Cook, Jan McGregor and Kilmory Community Bus for transporting students,

Finally to Margaret Wright for events management, Lynda Blair for financial wizardry, front of house volunteers from the McLellan Festival Steering Group, Anne and John Bruce, Anne

and Geoff Hawkins, Jan and John Inglis and David Pfluger for hosting students, and, of course, grateful thanks to all those warm and appreciative people who attended the performances. If anyone out there would like to join our steering group or become involved please email Heather at [gough.carlo@btinternet.com](mailto:gough.carlo@btinternet.com) or phone 01770 302670.

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# Unearthing the hidden secrets of Ardrossan Castle

At its August meeting members of the Arran Historical Society were given a presentation by Dr Amanda Simpson, secretary and trustee of the Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society.

Amanda's presentation focused on research taking place at present at the castle site to discover the original outward boundaries of the castle.

Some of the questions the research is seeking answers to are: Why was the castle built so close to the edge of a cliff when there is a large area of flat parkland behind it? Why was there an enormous doorway now blocked with red sandstone in the tower. Was the castle larger with important owners?

Some parts of the castle were at least two storeys high and have been reduced to one storey with a protective layer of mortar made from local beach sand incorporating seashells. What was the subterranean cellar called locally 'Wallace's Larder' used for? There appears to be two types of stone used in the building. The earliest part is built of white sandstone and the later higher part of red sandstone. Are there still parts of a basement still to be discovered?

The excavations along with the archaeologists have been aimed at filling in the details of doorways and walls to complete the plan of the



Dr Amanda Simpson at Ardrossan Castle.

castle. In addition, the large grassy parkland has had a ground penetrating radar survey to test for other buildings or features. The castle would appear to have ditches close to it situated at the edge of the higher smaller plateau.

Round the medieval ruined church on the lower plateau pottery has been discovered along with a number of graves. The total number of these is now 37. Previously a large medieval stone sarcophagus was found buried in the church. This would appear to be of an important person as the carving on the lid is an

excellent specimen of its type.

The carvings show a cross and a sheathed sword and well and floral decoration. It may well relate back to the Norman French family who are recorded at Ardrossan in the 11th century. The last owners were the family of Lord Eglinton when the castle went out of use. Its written history was moved to his estate and was lost when his house was burnt down.

The buildings and history of the castle is now being gathered back together. The area's people, children and visitors from overseas have enjoyed

taking part in the excavations this year. The project hopes to establish a heritage hub with the area being accessible to the public and modern technology used to recreate the castle digitally.

A curio was discovered – a horseshoe built into the wall above a window. Is this a reference to a Lord Eglinton who made a pact with the devil to become a superb horseman?

The large audience in Brodick Hall asked several questions and Amanda was given a vote of thanks for her excellent presentation.

Hugh Brown

## Winter bridge season starts

Four tables played the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition held on Monday September 16 and the results were: N/S 1 Doug Chase and Jennifer Wales, 2 Margaret Macgill and Jan Beattie, 3 Ellie Jones and Liz McKellar.

E/W 1 Margaret and Dougie Bruce, 2 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone, 3 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan.

The winter season will begin on Thursday October 3 at Little Rock Cafe at 7pm for 7.15pm and on Sunday October 7 at Brodick Golf Club at 7pm for 7.15pm.

## Crafty fundraisers for cancer support

Crafts and Company are being joined by some extra helpers to fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support at two events later this month.

The first is on Friday September 27 from 10am to 1pm at The Shore, Whiting Bay. Go along and make a wee textile postcard while enjoying tea/coffee and a slice of cake. Cost of the crafty activity will be £3.50 (£2.50 to the charity) and 50 per cent of the price of hot drinks will also go to the charity. It will be a lovely way to spend a morning while helping to support such a vital charity.

Or join the crafters on

Sunday September 29 from 11am to 3pm at Orca Krafts in Brodick for a day of crafting.

There will be three choices of workshops to make a postcard – painting, mixed media

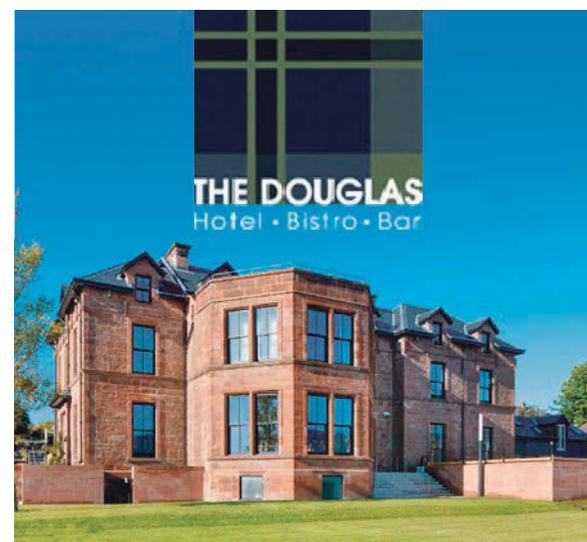
or textile. People are invited to make something creative to take away, while enjoying tea/coffee and cake, donated by a band of wonderful helpers.

The cost is £5 (£4 to the charity) per workshop to include all materials and refreshments.

Both events are a great example of island businesses and a community group combining in creative ways whilst doing something worthwhile.

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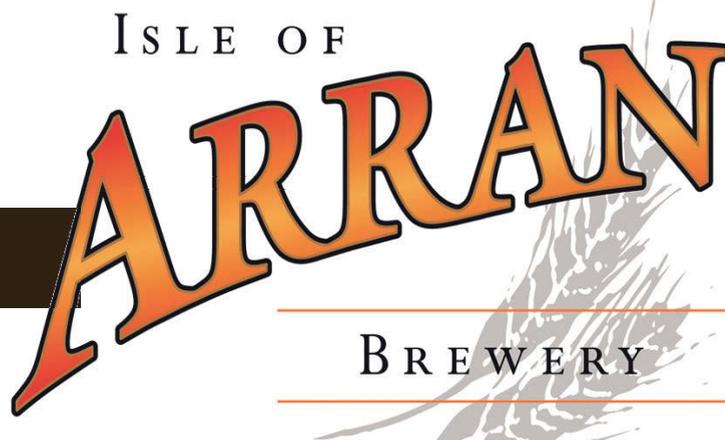
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Public swimming	Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodick, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm) and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm)
Swimming lessons	Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm
Arran Brewery	Open Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm
Arran Heritage Museum	Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am and 2pm or by arrangement
	Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

## Saturday 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

## Sunday 22nd September

Live Music - Mike Edwards	Crofters' Music Bar and 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 - Blues Mama, acoustic set	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 23rd 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
Savvy Food Film Social	Home Farm, Brodick, 6pm
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 - Shindig	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s	Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

## Tuesday 24th 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
Meet the Maker: Paper Art	Lagg Distillery, 10am - 4pm
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 - 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 3-5yrs (preschool)	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm -6.45pm
Junior Football, P4-P6s	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6.45pm - 7.45pm
Flow Yoga	Corrie Hall, 6pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm
Trev's Pop Music Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Traditional Music Sessions	Brodick Bar, 9pm

## Wednesday 25th 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
Meet the Maker: Paper Art	Lagg Distillery, 10am - 4pm
Kilmory Toddlers	Kilmory Hall, 10am - 12 noon
Coffee Morning in aid of World Vision	Brodick Church, 10.30am - 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
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
Talk and Film Show by Iain Quinn (Waverley Trust)	St Bride's Church, Lochranza, 7.30pm
Live Music - Tim Pomeroy	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Pub Quiz	The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Thursday 26th September

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am
Chair Yoga Exercise Class	Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am
Chess Morning	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am
Music Matters	Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
Adult Tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Body Blitz (booking essential)	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Arran Hockey Club - Seniors (12 yrs plus)	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodick Embroidery Group	Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Brodick Ormidale Pavillion, 8.15pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Friday 27th September

Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Lounge, Sheltered Housing, Lamlash, 10am - 12.30pm
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
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Cooriedoon, Whiting Bay, 2pm - 4pm
Gym Induction	Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Pop-Up BYOB (bookings only)	The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
'More than a Taco from Mexico' Food pop-up	Lagg Distillery, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwondo	Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Atul Shah Talk	Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Live Music - Michael Clark	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Friday Night Quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Octopus Centre, COAST, Lamlash, 9pm

## Saturday 28th September

Craft Market	Brodick Hall, 11am - 3pm
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
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
RNLI Shop - Open	Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Arran CND Group meeting - all welcome	Ormidale Pavillion, 2.15pm
Gym Induction	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Pop-up BYOB (bookings only)	The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Live Music - The Sensational Biff Simpson Trio	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
Live Music - Mic Clark	Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm -11pm
Live Music - Jam Pact, blistering tribute to The Jam	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s' Disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday September 18, 1999

## Ringling in the new

The Kildonan Church bell has lain silent for almost 10 years. For the past six years the villagers have been raising funds to reinstate the old bell and this week it was installed in the wall adjacent to the village hall and its rich peel can once again be heard around the Southend.

Kildonan Church was built in 1903 and seven years later the grand bronze bell was gifted by George Clark of the Kilmarnock shoe-making firm.

In 1990 the old bell tower was declared unsound and in July of that year the bell was lowered and laid to rest in the church grounds. In a little over three years the church itself closed and the following year the bell was given to the village hall and it has lain in the hall grounds since.

Now, with the aid of a local donation, this project has come to completion and the bell is in place for the celebration of the new millennium. The yolk and wheel were cleaned by Gordon Mulholland and the bell itself was cleaned by Skipness Engineering, stonemason John van Bogerijen prepared the wall. The bell will be formally sounded for the first time at midnight on December 31.

## Self service

A 20-year-old petrol pump being taken to the

coup by owner Bob Haddow has an interesting story to tell, particularly as the price of petrol is such a topical subject at the moment.

The pump shows a price of 53 pence per gallon on it and that dates back to 1979. That equates to roughly 15 pence per litre against the present price of 84 pence per litre.

One oddity of the pump is that it takes 50 pence coins for it is a self service pump. Just at a time when mainland petrol pumps are starting to take credit cards, Arran had an automatic pay machine 20 years ago.

They were only allowed to be installed at garages which were constantly manned but Bob got special permission to install it because there were long parts of the day, especially in winter, when petrol was not on sale.

## New entrance

The renovations at the council offices at Lamlash are almost complete.

Although not being officially reopened until the end of October, a big change took place this week with the new public entrance coming into use.

Those paying council tax and seeking black bin bags now enter through the new glass porch on the right to find themselves in a large reception area with an open plan area behind.

Also renovated is the marriage room.

The building was the Lamlash school until the present high school came into use in 1946.



Alastair Yates and John van Bogerijen with the newly restored bell at the Kildonan Village Hall. 01\_B38twe01



New owners of the Lagg Hotel, Chris Hull and Michael and Nan Meteyard, with Mrs Meteyard's mother Mary, will be restoring and running the hotel which first opened in 1791. 01\_B38twe04



Petrol pump attendant Alastair McKenzie places a coin into the 20-year-old self service petrol pump being dumped. 01\_B38twe02



The last official event for the year in the Arran Riding Club's calendar saw Rebecca Bell win the Glenscorrodale Shield and Craig Lindsay win the Nicola McConnell Shield. 01\_B38twe05



Brodick primary pupils, led by head teacher Muriel Argo, joined the rest of Arran's primary schools taking part in a marasong last Thursday. 01\_B38twe03

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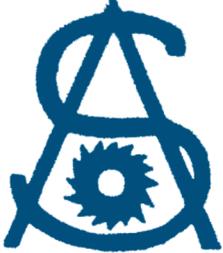
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### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together

Minister: Rev Angus Adamson  
Parish Assistant: Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

**Sunday 22nd September**  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am. Morning Worship  
Pirnmill Church 10.45am. Morning Worship  
Shiskine Church, 12noon  
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship,  
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship  
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland  
Charity Number: SC014005

**Sunday 22nd 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)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 22nd September**  
Holy Communion at 11am. Rev Barry Roberts  
Coffee after service  
All welcome

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 22nd September**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
All welcome

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 22nd September**  
Rev. Angus Adamson  
Kilmory at 10 am  
Lamlash at 11.30 am  
In Kilmory: Sacrament of Baptism  
All welcome, including families; children's area  
Scottish Charity SC015072

### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

**Sunday 22nd September**  
Sunday Worship at 11am 'Heather Lodge', Brodick Left of the Douglas Hotel, opposite the ferry terminal. Telephone 700346, 820223  
Everyone Warmly Invited

### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 22nd 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 22nd September**  
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick at 6pm  
Services will be taken by Dr Graham Keith

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Saturday 21st September**  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm  
**Sunday 22nd September**  
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

## DEATHS

**McLARDY - Dorothy**  
Suddenly, but peacefully at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on Wednesday, 11th September 2019, Dorothy McLardy (nee Smith), beloved wife of Donald, much loved mum of Alison and Colin, a loving gran of David, Craig, Ross and Kyle, great-gran of Cameron and Ailsa and a dear mother-in-law of David and Tracey. Sadly missed.

**THOMPSON - Mairi**  
On 16th September 2019, peacefully at home in Spycraig Road, Dalbeattie. Mairi McPherson Thompson formerly of Carrick Lodge, Brodick, Isle of Arran. Dearly loved wife of Eric, beloved mum of Karen and Iain and a loving grannie and great grannie. Funeral service will be held at Roucan Loch Crematorium, Dumfries on Tuesday 24th September at 11.00am. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. If so desired, donations to Marie Curie may be given at the service



### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday September 11, Summer Trophy, 13 played, CSS 65. 1 Stan Rainey 11, 63, 2 Sandy Pringle 12, 64, 3 John Pennycott 14, 67, 4 Jamie Macpherson 5, 68 and lowest gross. Magic twos Stan Rainey @2nd. Overall winner of the Summer Trophy 2019 is Corey Allan.

Friday September 13, Mixed Foursomes. It's a while since we've managed to hold a mixed event but the decision to play on a Friday morning proved inspired as six pairs played in a shortened 15-hole format. All thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and it's something we hope to continue on an occasional basis throughout the winter months. 1 Jean Davidson and David Brookens 18, 47.5, 2 Leslie Wood and John Pennycott 18, 48.5, 3 Fran Hadden and David Hadden 26.5, 49.5. There was no applicable CSS and there were no magic twos recorded.

Fixtures: Sunday September 22, The Aitken Rosebowl Foursomes, one draw for partners at 10am - rearranged from Sunday September 15.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday September 12, Summer Cup, CSS 65. 1 Norrie MacIntyre 74-8=66, 2 Serge El Adm 81-15=66, 3 Andy Smith 83-16=67. Best scratch, Dougie Macfarlane 69. Magic twos Andy Smith and Stuart Campbell @16th, Dougie Macfarlane @15th, Neil Young @2nd, hole

four drawn so the rollover continues.

Sunday September 15, Scratch Cup, CSS 64. 1 Lee Dutton 86-20=66, 2 Andy Smith 83-16=67. Best scratch, Alan Smith 82. Scratch Cup winner Dougie Macfarlane 134, runner up Todd Jameson 145.

Ladies' section: Wednesday September 11, Medal 9 and Fleet 6, CSS 64, par 65. 10 played. 1 June Richardson 89-26=63, 2 Kate McAdam 83-16=67. Scratch, Kate McAdam 83.

Fixtures: Sunday September 22, Summer Stableford final day. Thursday September 26, Summer Cup final day.

### Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday September 11, Flag Trophy. Winner, John May. Sunday September 15, John Gemmill Shield, three club Stableford, 19 played. 1 Babbies MacNeil 19, 36pts acb, 2 Chris Pattenden 15, 36pts, 3 Iain Sillars 16, 35pts.

Fixtures: Sunday September 22, Round One, Winter Cup, 8.30am and 1pm. Saturday September 28, Tennent's Texas Scramble, enquiries 302349.

### Corrie Golf Club

Saturday September 7, Summer Cup. 1 D K Henderson 68-9=59, scratch, 2 G Andrew 72-10=62. Magic twos, J Adam and D K Henderson. Wednesday September 11, Wednesday Medal and magic twos grand final. Sweep winner, Pablo Moran. Magic twos from D Logan and R Logan but the winner with the magic one was Greg McKelvie.

Fixtures: Saturday September 21, Captain's Prize, ballot at 1.30pm. Saturday October 5, Eddie Rankin



AGA treasurer Ron Woods presents Tony Ellis with the AGA Veterans Trophy.

Memorial Trophy. Corrie and Machrie Golf Club members please note that it will be held at Corrie Golf Club with a 1.30pm shotgun start.

### Arran Golfers Association

Saturday September 14, AGA Seniors' Handicap at Machrie Bay Golf Club. A total of 19 played in conditions that were quite good, no rain, a bit windy but no midges.

AGA treasurer Ron Woods thanked helpers Colin Rutterford, John Milesi and David Jeffrey for preparing the course in great order. Thanks too to Katie Webster for staying behind later so everyone could get refreshments at the end. 1 Tony Ellis 85-24=61, 2 John Pennycott 79-14=65 BIH, 3 and scratch, Willie Kelso 76-11=65. Magic twos David Brookens. The winner was Tony Ellis, who played consistently good golf. This is the first trophy that

Tony has won since starting golf not so long ago.

### Arran Ladies Golf Union

Saturday September 14, The Cir Mhor competition was played at Shiskine Golf Club in blustery conditions and despite this some good scores were recorded.

A total of 19 ladies played, the CSS was 70.

Sheena Murchie was first with a net 70, 14 BIH from Ann May (6). Very many thanks to Shiskine Golf Club for courtesy of the course, it was in wonderful condition, and to the Tee Room for the excellent sandwiches. Also presented was the Island Championship Trophy, won by Ann May.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday September 15, Gents 18 Hole Medal. 1 and scratch, C Dair 76-11=65, 2 P Betley 78-11=67, 3 A Stewart 77-9=68.



Sheena Murchie receives a 'replica' Cir Mhor Trophy from Viv Parks at the ALGU competition, while a search goes on for the trophy.



Ann May receives the ALGU Island Championship Trophy from Viv Parks.

# Hat-trick Johnny helps Arran to comfortable win



Arran AFC	5
Killie United	1
Ayrshire Sunday League	

Arran made it two league wins out of two when they took on Killie United at Kilwinning Sports Club on Sunday, putting five past their opponents in a comfortable win.

But they got off to a bad start as Killie took an early lead through a great strike from long range hitting the underside of the bar on its way into the net.

After a lot of frustration Arran eventually scored through a long ball from Danny Head which was latched onto by Johnny Sloss to get the equaliser. Nick Emsley then made it 2-1 after finishing nicely from

a pass through from Ryan Armstrong. In the second half Arran were awarded a penalty when Sloss was brought down in the box. He then stepped up to take the spot kick himself to score his second goal of the game. It wasn't long before he finalised his hat-trick after another cool finish.

Gregor Crichton came on for Joel Small on the left wing and was playing with great confidence beating defenders but for the second week in a row the youngster couldn't buy a goal.

It is considered only a matter of time before he opens his account. Ross Dobson also came on at full back to mark his debut for Arran and was heavily involved with some great tackles and strong aerial battles.

Emsley rounded off the scoring late on after chesting the ball into the net from close range. He was also given the man-of-the-match award for a great performance in the midfield showing his class.

In a rare treat Arran are playing at home in Brodick tomorrow (Sunday). Secretary Marc Head said: 'Due to conditions set by the league the Arran football team does not always get the opportunity to play in Brodick. However, cup games are different, so this Sunday we kick off at 1pm at Ormidale Park against Blantyre Albion in the West of Scotland Cup.

'So whether you are a Rangers or Celtic fan or alternatively enjoy watching quality football please come along, bring friends and family.' *All photos by Tam Borland*



Man of the match Nick Emsley gets to the ball first in a crunching tackle.



The keeper is at full stretch by can't stop the Johnny Sloss shot, who is on the ground.



Danny Head makes sure he clears his defensive lines.



Donnie Park is first to the ball in the air.



Nick Emsley chests the ball into the net for his second goal.



An Arran wall has to defend a Killie free kick.

# Ready to make a splash in Lamlash

Support for the swimmers is always appreciated

A total of 40 swimmers will take to the sea today (Saturday) for the annual Lamlash Splash.

Training sessions have been disrupted this year due to the number of jellyfish in both Brodick and Lamlash bays in recent weeks. Most of them now seem to have gone so hopefully the sea will be jellyfish free for the event.

The 1.3-mile swim will start from the Holy Isle at about 11.30am with the 'elite' swim-

mers back at Lamlash Pier approximately 30 minutes later. Hopefully sea conditions will be much better than last year when everyone struggled to put in a good time.

The Splash is limited to 40 places for safety reasons and all the places for this really popular event were taken up within five days. As there was no Loch Lomond swim this year, many of the swimmers who would normally have entered that event have



Six of the island's swimmers Mike, Ann, Georgina, Jacqui, Jo and Heather completed a 2k training swim from Lamlash Pier to the outdoor centre in great conditions last weekend and are hoping for the same this weekend.

## Brodick golfers enjoy prize night



All of the prize winners at Brodick Golf Club's annual dinner and prize-giving held in the clubhouse on Wednesday September 11.

chosen to swim in the Splash. There are also a number of swimmers who have returned after a break including Dean Dunbar, a partially sighted swimmer who will have his wife Rhona as his swim 'buddy' this year.

There are 11 island swimmers taking part this year

– Wayne Dale, Ann Hart, Lorraine Hewie, Paul Hewie, Georgina Maclean, Jacqui McFarlane, Mike Mellor, Eric Milton, Heather Raeside, Glen Sloss and Jo Totty.

Andy McNamara is lead safety officer in charge of the kayakers from Arran Kayak Club and the RIBs are

manned by volunteers from Arran Yacht Club. The RNLI and coastguard will also be in attendance as long as they are not called out for an emergency.

After all the swimmers have returned to Lamlash Pier, the Ali Bodie Plate will be presented by Heather Queen

Imogen Allison to the swimmer who has shown the most courage and determination in completing the Splash.

Organiser Ann Hart said: 'It would be great if there was to be a large crowd at the pier to see the swimmers coming in – their support is always appreciated.'



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