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# Joy as south end gets mobile signal boost

by Hugh Boag  
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Residents at the south end are celebrating getting one of the best mobile signals on Arran in what was one of worst phone coverage blackspots.

The O2 signal from the Shannochie mast has been connected in the past few days, giving a strong 4G mobile signal, and when the Home Office equipment installed is up and running it will also significantly improve the communication of emergency services in the area.

Arran Community Council chairman Bill Calderwood said: 'The community council are pleased to note the introduction of 4G mobile coverage under a community ownership scheme which will provide service and a small income to the Kilmory community.'

'It has taken a lot of work from many groups to bring these services to the community but we thank everyone for their assistance and co-operation over the

time. It's a good example of working together at all levels.'

Mobile users have taken to social media to express their delight at the new service from only the second 4G mast on the island, which is sited 2km east of Kilmory. The other is in Brodick.

One long-time resident posted: 'You would not believe how much this means I've been in Kilmory for 14 years and now get a signal in my house.'

Another added: 'Full signal and 4G. I never thought I would see the day we would have high speed broadband and a 21st century mobile service at the south end. Well done to everybody involved.'

Kilmory Hall posted on its community noticeboard: 'This will hopefully make life easier for our residents and for the vital services which have to reach us in times of need.'

The initiative started back in 2015/16 when a working group was looking to improve the digital coverage and mobile services for the island

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**A tasty charity treat**

Jennifer Wales and Julia le Masurier served up a treat at the McKelvie Road sheltered housing complex in Lamlash when they hosted the event as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning last Friday on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. Full story on pages six and seven.



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# Joint Warrior exercise set to get under way off Arran

More than 3,700 military personnel, 52 aircraft, 15 warships and three submarines from 14 countries will, over the next two weeks, join in a military exercise known as Exercise Joint Warrior.

Starting tomorrow (Sunday) until Thursday October 17, the twice yearly international exercise will allow the UK's armed forces and their allies to practice joint operations, integrating this to train them against different forces and units and against a range of current and future threats.

Residents on Arran and the areas surrounding the Firth of Clyde have already witnessed a number of UK and international vessels at sea as they make their way to HM Naval Base Clyde, Glasgow's King George V dock and Greenock ahead of the exercise.

Although run by the UK,

Joint Warrior is closely aligned to NATO training aims and is included in the NATO exercise programme. The exercise will be controlled and directed from the Maritime Operations Centre at Scotland's largest military establishment, HM Naval Base Clyde, with a range of air, surface, sub-surface, sea control and maritime security roles being rehearsed off the West Coast of Scotland.

Air units will coordinate with maritime and land forces, exercising intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), air defence, air mobility and attack. Aircraft will operate from RAF Lossiemouth, Prestwick and Stornoway airports as well as from RAF Leeming, RAF Coningsby, RAF Cranwell, RAF Mildenhall, RAF Marham and RAF Brize Norton.



Both land, sea, air and sub-surface activities will take place during the two weeks of Exercise Joint Warrior.

Land activity will focus on integrating with close air support at the Cape Wrath

naval bombardment range and the RAF bombing range at Tain, supported by the

RAF Spadeadam Electronic Warfare Training Range in Cumbria.

There are 12 NATO nations participating in Exercise Joint Warrior: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Turkey, the UK and the US. The non-NATO nations taking part are Japan and the United Arab Emirates.

Together these allies and partner nations will deploy 3,700 armed forces personnel, splitting into two opposing task forces, starting in the Scottish exercise areas – water and airspace generally to the west of Scotland, particularly The Minches.

Exercise Joint Warrior has been designed, planned and delivered by the Joint Tactical Exercise Planning Staff (JTEPS) based at Northwood in London who will deploy to HM Naval Base Clyde to coordinate events during the fortnight.

## Mobile signal boost for island's south end

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and was initially led by Dr David Hogg and Samantha Payn with support from other community representatives.

The community council has been involved since then working with government bodies such as Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Futures Trust who facilitated a community grant to establish a service under community ownership.

Kilmory Hall committee agreed to participate and with a willing land owner providing 'pepper-corn' rental to allow the mast and infrastructure to be erected, this was progressed by the small steering group. The arrangements will also provide an income to the community as more operators connect.

Following extensive form filling and legal negotiations, the funding was granted and the mast erected in September 2017 and, with the support from Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson and MP Patricia Gibson, the various service providers have

been lobbied to supply the transmitting equipment and capacity.

Scottish and Southern Energy's local team have also helped in extending the power supply to the site and

SFT's technical team has now worked with the service providers to establish a much welcomed mobile coverage for the locality which will all be under the management of the Kilmory Hall committee.

The Home Office is also planning to use the mast and negotiations/pressure continues to encourage other service providers to expand the coverage and range of services available to the residents.

Mr Calderwood added: 'This has taken a long time to deliver but the learning and experience will be of use for other communities who may look to install similar systems should funding be made available.'

'The community council have been involved throughout the programme and are very pleased to have played a part in delivering a much needed service.'

'Many thanks to everyone for their perseverance and commitment to the completion of this innovative solution to provide services to communities.'



The Shannochie mast now providing 4G cover to the south end. 01\_B40mast01

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# Dogs walk the walk to help Cats Protection



Around 30 dogs and their owners took part in a nine mile challenge in aid of the Arran branch of Cats Protection, writes Colin Smeeton.

Organised by the walking group The Bay Kitty Strollers, in conjunction with Bay Pet Care, the challenge is a national fundraising event which organisations and individuals can complete to raise money for their local branch of Cats Protection.

The strollers group was organised by Pauline Reid-Adamson following a meeting she had with the Isle of Arran Cats Protection branch coordinator Linda Hartley at the beginning of the year.

Pauline said: 'I formed The Bay Kitty Strollers for people that wanted company while walking and I would often meet Julie Yeomans of Bay Pet Care while I was out. I wanted to do it because Linda had been so good with advising me on my two cats. Julia and I see how hard the branch works and we wanted to help in any way that we could.'

Over the past year Pauline has organised regular walks to prepare for the challenge. However, she thought that

such a challenge might exclude many people and came up with idea of including a treasure hunt portion that would be accessible for people of all abilities.



Organiser Pauline Reid-Adamson and her husband Charlie Adamson dressed for the occasion.

A total of 18 Arran businesses supported the initiative and donated raffle prizes for people buying tickets and those taking part in the walks. A JustGiving page was

set up and along with donations the total raised came to a splendid £1,260.

The challenge took place in lovely sunny weather, with walkers setting off from the Co-op in Brodick. They then took in Glen Rosa and finished at Cladach where they were joined, after a brief respite for some well-earned lunch, by more walkers of all abilities. They then left Cladach heading for Fisherman's walk and Brodick bay before finally ending the walk at the pier fish and chip shop, Hooked and Crooked, where they were all given a portion of chips, sponsored by the shop.

Linda Hartley said: 'It was a fantastic fundraising event in which Pauline has gone the extra mile, not just in holding such an event, but I have watched and worked with her during the year and have seen her tireless efforts to raise sponsorship while organising and preparing for the event.'

'The branch is truly grateful for what Pauline has done and for all the donations made both by individuals and sponsors. Their help will go a long way in helping this branch and thus the cats on Arran. Thank you!'



Walkers make their way along Fisherman's Walk.



Walkers prepare to set off on the treasure trail.



The Bay Kitty Strollers at the start of walk outside the Co-op.

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# Action group see first enco of progress

At the invitation of the Arran Ferry Action Group, CalMac's managing director Robbie Drummond and group communications director Stuart Wilson travelled to the island last month to meet committee members. Over two and a half hours they challenged them with numerous concerns raised by the group's 1,145 supporters. Here secretary **Chris Attkins** gives a summary of points that were agreed.

## Reliability and resilience

Top priority being improving reliability and resilience, we asked why Gourrock was no longer used as a port of refuge for our ferries. Robbie pointed to the number of sailings now scheduled, which meant that lengthy diversions caused greater disruption to the timetable. However, he assured us that Gourrock would be considered for lengthy periods of disruption at Ardrossan and promised to send us the Masters' decision-making paper outlining the procedure now in place, together with further details of the issues relating to Gourrock. He also gave an undertaking to publish on the CalMac website the reasons for not sailing to Gourrock.

Robbie Drummond said he had been criticised for being very vocal in calling for long-term strategies for vessels and ports, as were implemented in other countries, particularly Scandinavia. CalMac's vessels have each been designed on a bespoke basis, on short-term decisions to address local



needs. He thought it essential to have a longer-term strategy, with standardised vessels then being ordered to fulfil network needs. Investment was also urgently needed in ports, many having been adapted from fishing ports constructed in the 1960s which no longer adequately serve the needs of the CalMac fleet. He was adamant that a 30, 40, or even a 50-year strategy was now required. A new ferries plan was now being drawn up by the Scottish Government, along with a strategic transport plan looking at all networks.

Stuart Wilson suggested that government tended to respond to potential crises, but expressed the hope that a more forward-thinking strategy could be adopted. He said that CalMac was engaging as much as possible within the terms of its contract, but

encouraged the action group to lend its weight to that approach.

Pointing out that to date we had been refused access to information about the planned redevelopment of Ardrossan harbour, Sam Bourne asked how CalMac intended to operate during this period. Mr Drummond explained that CalMac had consistently asked for plans of the works schedule in order to plan their operations around the disruption. At some point it was anticipated this would become unsafe, when the ferry would make use of Troon on a temporary basis until the substantial works at Ardrossan were completed.

Sam explained our intention to invite the Ardrossan Taskforce to present their plans to the people of Arran, when it was suggested that CalMac might invite one of



The Arran Ferry Action committee met the CalMac representatives in the sun lounge of the Auchrannie. Left to right: Robert Cumming, Sam Bourne, John Ford, Stuart Wilson and Robbie Drummond of CalMac and Sally Campbell.

their Masters to reassure the public following their experience on the simulator. Mr Drummond agreed to this.

## Brodick connectivity

Thinking of tourists travelling to Arran as foot passengers, John Ford highlighted the need for signs at Ardrossan to alert them to the time it would take them to disembark and connect with onward transport. Better signs to the lifts was also required at Brodick. Chris Attkins mentioned that it would be very helpful for all involved if passengers who needed assistance from CalMac staff upon arrival at Brodick were able to ask for this in advance at Ardrossan. These points were duly noted.

Robert Cumming, a retired doctor, said that not withstanding the length people had to walk, the less-able were further challenged by the inclines, which might look minimal, but were nevertheless an additional stress, especially if they were hurrying to catch a bus.

Mr Drummond explained that CalMac employed someone to look at timetable integration and volunteered to investigate the possibility of adjusting times to ameliorate these difficulties. With capacity constraints due to vehicles

rather than foot passengers, he was keen to encourage people to rely on public transport and was reassured that Arran residents would greatly appreciate any adjustments to improve connectivity.

## Ardrossan ferry terminal

Sally Campbell expressed widespread public concern that mistakes made with the Brodick ferry terminal would simply be repeated at Ardrossan, due in part to replicating the same basic building design, with its two-storey construction. Chris suggested that whereas the cost of changing the single-file access pod might now be prohibitive at Brodick, at Ardrossan a wider unit could be specified without significant penalty. Both Mr Drummond and Stuart Wilson encouraged the Action Group to make representations to those responsible, demanding that foot passengers be properly catered for.

## Concession ticketing and capacity

Following up previous correspondence with Mr Drummond, which he felt had been misunderstood,



John Ford presented a simple procedure to enable the pre-purchase of concession tickets at the time of booking a vehicle that would enable their validity to be audited to the satisfaction of SPT. Robbie agreed to give this matter further consideration ahead of the eventual introduction of a new ticketing system in 18 months' time, which has finally been authorised.

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Mr Drummond confirmed that this service was tidally restricted. Robert and John

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# Encouraging signs Ferguson shipyard to be nationalised



There is concern that the new Ardrossan ferry terminal is of a two-storey design like Brodick.

explained that they had been trying for several years to get a limited winter service, but had been told this would not be safe because of the weather. However, this was contradicted by the service running when the Brodick ferry was unable to sail. They highlighted this as a viable escape route to the mainland. Mr Drummond agreed to look into the reasons why this had been refused. He explained there was a formal timetable consultation process, enabling communities to request specific changes that were then considered. Sally mentioned that an

increasing number of people were keen to participate in events up the West Coast over the winter, boosting the economic case for additional sailings from Lochranza. Mr Drummond offered to help articulate the case for this provision.

## Brodict terminal handrail

Chris reported to Mr Drummond and Mr Wilson that seven people had told the Arran Ferry Action Group they had either fallen themselves, or witnessed someone else falling down the stairs in

the Brodict terminal. He expressed the group's concern that if nothing was done, it was inevitable that eventually somebody would be seriously injured, and he handed over a collation of more than 50 comments from passengers echoing this.

Mr Drummond was very sympathetic to this proposal, but having previously been told that a central rail would breach health and safety, he would seek written confirmation from CMAL prior to us challenging this decision.

A full summary of the meeting is on our website [www.arranferries.scot](http://www.arranferries.scot)

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The Scottish Government has begun legal discussion with administrators to conclude the process of taking the Ferguson Marine shipyard into public ownership, allowing work to finally be completed on the new Arran ferry.

Finance Secretary Derek Mackay is expected to visit the Port Glasgow yard on Monday to address the 300-strong workforce who have faced increasing uncertainty in recent weeks.

Ministers have been operating the shipyard, where the MV Glen Sannox lies unfinished, under a joint deal with administrators since the end of August while a buyer for the yard was being sought.

Following a sale of business process, administrators have concluded that three indicative offers for the business received from commercial parties are either not capable of being executed or do not represent a better outcome for creditors than a sale of the business to the Scottish Government.

Administrators are now in discussion with Scottish ministers to agree final terms of a sale and expect this to be executed within the next four weeks.

Mr Mackay said on Wednesday: 'We have always been clear that we want to complete the vessels, secure jobs and give the yard a future.



Finance Secretary Derek Mackay.

Administrators have concluded that despite other bids being submitted for the yard, the Scottish Government's offer presents the best outcome for creditors.

'We are working with the administrators to bring the yard into public ownership.

'I will be there on Monday to meet with the excellent workforce and reiterate the Scottish Government's commitment to achieving the best possible outcome for the yard and its employees.

'While there is still more to be done, our actions have ensured that there will be a future for Fergusons.'

Nearly £50 million of taxpayer loans to Ferguson Marine have been written off.

Ferguson went into administration following a dispute with Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd - which buys and leases CalMac ships on behalf of the Scottish Government -

over the construction of two £97 million ferries, one for Arran and the other for the Uig Triangle.

The MV Glen Sannox is said to 75 per cent finished but still needs around nine months of work to be completed - and that is before any sea trials could start.

CMAL bosses have this week hit back at one of Scotland's leading businessmen, Jim McColl, saying that his team was 'hopelessly out of its depth' at the Clyde shipyard.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd was responding to claims from entrepreneur Mr McColl that the organisation had been partly to blame for the collapse of the Ferguson site at Port Glasgow.

There have been opposition MSP calls for an inquiry into the funding of Ferguson shipyard and the fiasco over the CalMac ferries contract.

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# Arran support for World's Biggest Coffee Morning



Visitors pack the seating area at the McKelvie Road Retirement Housing complex to enjoy coffee, tea and home baking. 01\_B40macmillan03

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A number of Arran organisations and individuals have joined thousands across the world taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Taking place last Friday, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning started in 1990 and since then has raised in excess of £200 million for the cancer charity.

Starting in Lamlash, Julia le Masurier and a small team of volunteers served up a feast of home baking and special

treats at the McKelvie Road sheltered housing complex as part of their fundraising. Not only arranging a successful coffee morning, which at one stage left only standing room, the group also organised a raffle with prizes donated by the Douglas Hotel, PHT, Drift Inn, Lamlash Bay Hotel, Arran Active, Inspirations of Arran and The Old Pier Cafe. The event alone raised an impressive £703.16 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

In Whiting Bay, at The Shore, the restaurant teamed up with Crafts and Company to offer visitors a crafting morning along with their tea and cake, with proceeds going to Macmillan. In addition

to this, Crafts and Company held a further fundraiser on Sunday at Orca Krafts in Brodick where visitors could enjoy supporting the charity while taking part in a number of crafting activities. These two events helped to raise in excess of £300 for Macmillan.

Also in Whiting Bay, residents and visitors at Cooriedoon care home hosted a Macmillan coffee morning while also launching a choir initiative for the elderly. Residents and organisers Michael Gettings and Jill McKillop sang familiar songs, many requested by the residents themselves, with Andrew Dickie providing the piano accompaniment.



Alice Maxwell of Alice's Wonderland B&B ran the raffle at the Lamlash Macmillan coffee morning. 01\_B40macmillan02



Jill McKillop leads the singing while residents and visitors enjoy their afternoon tea at Cooriedoon. 01\_B40macmillan07

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Jill McKillop joins with a Cooriedoon resident to sing one of her favourite songs.

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Cooriedoon residents fill the dining hall and join in with the singing. 01\_B40macmillan05



A small selection of some of the tea, coffee and baked goods that Cooriedoon residents enjoyed with their afternoon singing. 01\_B40macmillan06

# MP hits out as ATMs start to charge for cash

Arran MP Patricia Gibson has hit out after one of the country's largest automatic teller machine (ATM) suppliers' decision to start charging for cash.

NoteMachine Ltd said its hand had been forced by the UK Government after it announced 3,000 of its 7,000 cash machines would become pay-to-use in the near future.

Chief executive Peter McNamara blamed UK Government cuts to the Link interchange fee. He said: 'This is not a decision we wanted to make, but after two and a half years of warning government about the consequences of Link interchange fee cuts, the decision to convert 3,000 of our ATMs is now unavoidable.'

'Our strategy has always been "free to use" but changes to the way the ATM network is funded since July 2018 meant operating "free to use" machines is now economically unviable.'

Rival ATM machine operator Cardtronics said it will

convert another 1,000 of its ATMs as it 'had been forced into charging a fee for cash withdrawals on some of our machines where Link's cuts have left us with no choice'.

There were 52,000 free cash machines in the UK at the start of the year and 1,700 of these began charging from January to March alone, from 50p to £1.99 per withdrawal.

Mrs Gibson, who is the SNP consumer affairs spokeswoman, slammed the decision of the UK Government. She said: 'This will come as a shock, not just to retailers, shop owners and customers across the country but to the poorest, rural and island communities which rely the most on free cash access.'

'Customers have a triple-whammy; with fewer and fewer high street banks and ATMs closing at a rate of over a hundred a month, while those that remain are now more likely to charge.'

'It is in rural and island Scotland that we have seen the biggest reduction in cash



North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson.

machines. Applying a charge creates a barrier and another disincentive to stop and shop locally.

'I will press UK ministers to ensure people across the country still have access to cash.'

The fees, which fund the free-to-use ATM network, have reduced over the past two years from 25p to 20p per withdrawal.

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## Digital age

Arran has long been beset by problems with mobile phone coverage.

All round the island, and even on Goatfell, chances are finding a mobile signal will be through luck rather than judgement.

Even the commercial centre of Lamlash struggles to get a decent mobile signal.

But things are changing - albeit slowly - and it is great to see the south end leading the way with its new mast now delivering 4G.

As well as being good for the people living there, it will also be a real boost to the emergency services and to the development of business and must be good news for the new Lagg Distillery close to, what was once, one of the worst coverage spots on the island.

It is also good to see that it has been a community initiative which has brought this together thanks to the sterling work of Arran Community Council, the Kilmory Hall committee, politicians and government and private agencies.

Kilmory Hall will also benefit financially as more operators connect to the mast.

However, while this is a step forward, there is still much work to be done on the island if it is to be fully connected to the outside world in this digital age.

### Thought for the week

'Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will dwell in the land and enjoy security.' Psalm 37:4

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## Animal welfare

Sir,  
I'm involved with the Arran Group of the SSPCA and recently I was approached by someone who was seriously concerned about the welfare of a neighbour's dog, which he knew was never walked. He contacted the SSPCA on the mainland who sent an inspector over who reported that, in the legal definition of the term, this dog was not neglected and therefore he could take no action. He agreed though that, the dog was not having the best welfare if it wasn't being walked.

I asked the SSPCA if they could provide me with a definition of dog cruelty and what constitutes good care. Here is their advice:

'The Scottish SPCA enforces the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 and makes sure that the five animal welfare needs are met. These are the need for a suitable environment and diet, the ability to exhibit natural behaviours, to be protected from suffering, injury and disease and being housed with, or apart, from other animals.

'If anyone is not meeting the five basic needs or is breaking animal welfare law, we will intervene.

'We investigate all reports made to our confidential animal helpline. In 2018, we received more than 202,000 calls and responded to more than 90,000 incidents.

'While it can be upsetting to see a dog left alone for long periods of time, legally dogs are allowed to be left alone for up to 12 hours at a time, providing they have access to adequate food, water and shelter.

'Similarly, it is not a legal requirement to walk dogs as long as they have access to an exercise area.

'We would always recommend for dogs to be exercised outside as this is an important part of socialising, with humans and other canines. It also provides mental and physical stimulation which can stop a dog showing boredom through destructive behaviour. A dog's sense of smell can be 100,000 times stronger than humans so allowing them outside

will stimulate senses and keep their mind active.

'If anyone is concerned an animal is suffering due to not receiving any exercise, call our animal helpline on 03000 999999.'

Yours,  
**Christine Drennan**  
Arran SSPCA

## Crafting co-operation

Sir,  
May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us in our fundraising campaign for Macmillan Cancer Support. This year we held two crafty events at two different venues - The Shore in Whiting Bay and Orca Krafts in Brodick.

People came to create while enjoying tea and cake and helped raise money for this important charity. Between us we raised just over £300 and we are hugely grateful for all the effort put in to make these events so enjoyable. It has been a joy to work with two new businesses for this campaign. Thank you to everyone involved.

Yours,  
**Fiona Doubleday,**  
On behalf of Crafts and Company.

## Autism hours

Sir,  
Shops, cafes and other businesses can be a sensory overload for many autistic people.

They can be crowded, unpredictable, loud, bright and can mean an extremely stressful experience - with staff and the public not knowing how to help.

Sadly, this means many of Scotland's 58,000 autistic people find going to cafes and shops too stressful and they simply avoid them.

They close themselves off and their world shrinks - one of the reasons why two thirds of autistic people tell us that they feel socially isolated.

That's why National Autistic Society Scotland is promoting a week of Autism Hours from Saturday

October 5 to Saturday October 12, where retailers and businesses can offer a more autism-friendly service.

Small adjustments, like dimming lights, turning off music, setting aside a quiet space and making sure staff are extra aware of autistic customers, goes a long way to making autistic people and their families feel more comfortable.

Since starting out in 2017, thousands of businesses have participated and encouragingly many, such as Morrisons, The Entertainer and an array of independent retailers, continue to hold regular Autism Hours.

More than 1,250 businesses and retailers across Scotland have signed-up to hold an Autism Hour this year and create an autism-friendly shopping experience for their customers.

Autistic people and families can find out about Autism Hours happening near them by visiting our interactive map at [www.autism.org.uk/autismhour](http://www.autism.org.uk/autismhour)

Yours,  
**Nick Ward,**  
Director of National Autistic Society Scotland.

## Compulsory microchipping

Sir,  
Cats are much-loved pets, yet many readers may be surprised to learn they do not have the same level of protection as dogs when it comes to microchipping. While microchipping is compulsory for dogs, there are no such laws for cats, which means many lost or injured cats are not able to be reunited with their owners. Being independent and curious, cats are more likely than dogs to roam and get lost far from home.

Cats Protection has launched a petition calling on the government to bring in laws to ensure that all owned cats across the UK are microchipped. Microchipping is a safe and permanent method of identification, unlike collars which are prone to coming off.

By ensuring all owned cats are microchipped, owners will have

the peace of mind of knowing their cat has the best chance of being returned home should they become lost. In the sad event a cat has been killed on the roads, the details on their microchip can also ensure their owner can be informed.

We welcome Labour's Animal Welfare Manifesto, stating its intention to expand mandatory microchipping for cats and the Government's Animal Welfare Action plan committing to a consultation on cat microchipping.

Cat lovers can show their support for compulsory microchipping of owned cats, and help more cats be reunited with their owners, by signing Cats Protection's petition at [www.cats.org.uk/microchippingpetition](http://www.cats.org.uk/microchippingpetition)

Yours,  
**Jacqui Cuff,**  
Head of advocacy and government relations,  
Cats Protection.

## Unsung heroes

Sir,  
On my recent visit to Arran I was pleasantly surprised to learn that public toilets on Arran are being maintained by community volunteers. Considering the amount of work involved, not to mention the expense, their dedicated work is a testament to the community spirit on Arran. Well done one and all.

On a side note, the new distillery at Lagg is a great asset to the island and comes highly recommended as a must-see activity while visiting that part of the island.

Thank you for a wonderful few days.

We are already looking forward to our next visit.

Yours,  
**Mrs Bradbury,**  
Basildon.

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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Our photograph of the week is a series of images taken in the hills high above Lochranza. The spectacular photographs, from Banner reader Val Gall, show a golden eagle chasing and attacking red deer. Val, who previously lived on Arran for 20 years and whose two daughters still live here, has only seen eagles hunting deer twice before and they were young deer, not adults. Val works in medical research in Dundee and describes wildlife photography as being her sanity from the rigours of work.

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# Council to police parking enforcement on Arran

by Colin Smeeton  
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



Parking enforcement on Arran is to be transferred from the police to North Ayrshire Council.

But there is concern how this will be implemented with many believing Police Scotland are in the best position on the island to monitor and enforce parking laws.

However, at last week's full meeting of North Ayrshire Council, it was agreed that the local authority will take over control of parking enforcement, although this will have to involve the hiring of parking attendants on the island.

The discussion follows on from an earlier proposal which sought to introduce parking charges in various areas across North Ayrshire. However, these proposals, which included Brodick, have

now finally been thrown out.

Local councillors Timothy Billings, Ellen McMaster and Ardrossan's Tony Gurney made the case against introducing the parking charges and the audit and scrutiny committee agreed and returned the proposal to the council to reconsider.

Parking enforcement has until now been the responsibility of Police Scotland and on Arran this was mostly only undertaken in response to complaints or in instances of obstructive parking. The decriminalisation of parking will return the powers to the local authority who have previously been powerless to enforce parking restrictions.

Councillor Billings said: 'Ellen and I are delighted that we won over the council on the parking charges, but we considered that the police should have kept control of enforcement as they travel



The council is to take over parking enforcement including the parking bays on Brodick shorefront. 01\_B40parking01

across the island on a daily basis and have a very good overview of what happens on Arran. We think that council enforcement will not be as consistent as the police

are able to be and there is a possibility that the level of enforcement will go down. Also, as the council will have control over parking issues, it means that the council could

impose charges at some time in the future.

'One bit of good to come out of this is that across North Ayrshire there will be consideration to where changes

in parking restrictions could be of benefit – many are aware of the parking issues in Lamlash near to the Co-op. This will be an opportunity to get a workable solution to the problematic T junction.'

As with many council decisions, the process to institute a by-law is a bureaucratic procedure that can take months to implement. The statutory process will now see North Ayrshire Council applying to the Scottish Government to take over the parking enforcement powers. This can take around 18 months to complete and there will be a period of public consultation.

Arran Community Council discussed the move at its monthly meeting last week. Afterwards a spokesman said: 'We believe that police on Arran are best placed to carry out parking enforcement and that the status quo should be maintained.'

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## Events aim to challenge poverty

In a decent and compassionate society, it is not right that so many people are falling into the trap of poverty.

Through no fault of their own, families are choosing between paying their rent or heating their homes, with parents going hungry to feed their children.

Loosening the grip of poverty in our communities and confronting the many untruths that exist is a crucial part of creating a fairer, more equal society – and all of us can play our part in the solutions.

### Problem

Challenge Poverty Week, which runs from Monday October 7 to Sunday October 13, is a national campaign run by the Poverty Alliance designed to highlight the growing problem of poverty in Scotland, challenge stereotypes and showcase the solutions we can all get behind to help solve it.

North Ayrshire Council will once again be getting involved with the campaign, with a number of events running throughout the week.

On Monday October 7, North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane will host a live Ask the Leader session, where he will answer your questions on poverty

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related issues such as who to turn to for financial advice, employability hubs and how communities can make a difference.

The session will be broadcast on North Ayrshire Council's Twitter page, Facebook page and North Ayrshire Council's Customer Services Facebook page from 5.15pm to 6.30pm.

If you'd like to submit a question in advance, please email leader@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Councillor Cullinane said: 'Challenge Poverty Week is something we take very seriously every year, as it gives us a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on some of the fantastic services and community groups making a real difference locally.'

'Everyone should be able to live a dignified life, and by turning compassion into action we can all work towards a solution to the problem of poverty and its effects on North Ayrshire's families.'

### Market report

United Auctions in Stirling had a catalogue entry of 6,178 store lambs and feeding sheep at their auction on Monday September 30.

Leading prices were: TexX lambs – Armstrong, Whin £57, Bell, 13 Glen Road £50. SuffX lambs – McAlister, Sheddock £60. ChevX lambs – Robertson, Cosyden £48. Cross lambs – McAlister, Ceither Gaoithe £54, Bell, 13 Glen Road £40. BF lambs – McAlister, Ceither Gaoithe £40, Sloss, Sannox £33.

# New community champion awards



## Very busy month for Eco Savvy

There's lots going on at Arran Eco Savvy this month.

Following a successful look at the future of travel and transport on Arran this week, e-bike trials by firms across the island continue apace.

The food share scheme, which sees food at its sell-by date distributed to all, has now been extended across the island, with the dates and venues in the calendar below. Similarly, energy advice is available on the dates shown.

Later in the month the big event is the pumpkin cooking party which is being held in Brodick on October 24. All parts of the pumpkin will be used with a range of different recipes and methods of preparation used during the demonstration. Places are limited so anyone interested should book fast.

See next week's Banner for a full report from the travel and transport event.

by Colin Smeeton  
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A new award scheme aimed at celebrating community champions on Arran and across all of North Ayrshire's six localities has been announced by North Ayrshire Provost Ian Clarkson.

The Provost Recognition Awards will take place in May 2020 and will recognise inspiring and influential groups or individuals who have made a difference in their local communities.

These awards are a variation on the Provost's Civic Pride Awards, which have been running for the last nine years and aim to get into the very heart of communities.

Nominations will open on Valentine's Day 2020 and awards ceremonies will take place on Arran as well as in Irvine, Kilwinning, North

Coast and Cumbrae, Garnock Valley and the Three Towns next May.

Provost Clarkson said: 'I am absolutely delighted to be launching the Recognition Awards.

'I have loved being involved in the Civic Pride Awards - they have been hugely successful. But I felt we needed to try and get right into our localities to find even more gems within our communities.

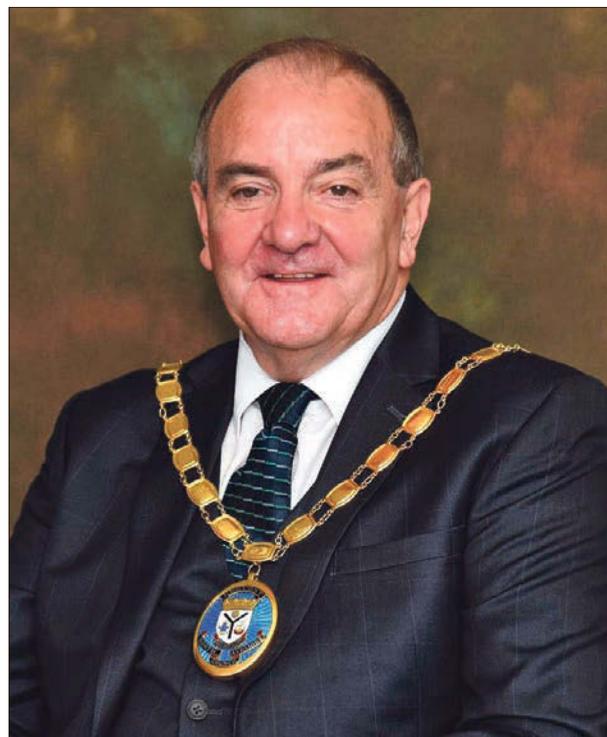
'The new format will see award events aligned with our locality partnerships which will see more local people rewarded for the excellent work they carry out.

'The partnerships will be involved in the shortlisting process and we hope lots of local people get involved and nominate the people or groups who make a difference

to them, their families or just the community in general.'

The award categories will be: community group of the year, citizen of the year, young citizen of the year and a special achievement award.

The Provost Recognition Awards will take place on Saturday May 23, 2020, at Arran High School from 11am to 1pm.



North Ayrshire Council  
Provost Ian Clarkson.



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## what's on?

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <b>Arran in 10 Years: Travel + Transport Event</b> 4-7pm: Brodick Hall 9pm WB	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b>BYOPumpkin event LIMITED SPACES</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Legend:**

- = Food Share
- = Energy Advice
- = eBike Trials with Arran Businesses
- = BYOPumpkin event, limited spaces. For booking email [ecosavvy.info@gmail.com](mailto:ecosavvy.info@gmail.com)

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**Cut this calendar out and stick up as a reminder at home!**

**Callouts:**

- Are you an Arran road user? Speak to over 10 organisations and have your say! and trial our eBike fleet including an eTrike!**
- A pumpkin cooking party. Using all parts of pumpkin with a range of different recipes and methods!**

# Graduation day for Argyll College students



More than 300 graduating students and guests, including those from Arran, assembled in the spectacular setting of the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Oban last Friday for Argyll College UHI's annual graduation ceremony.

Among the graduates were part-time National 5 Gaelic students Janet Bray and Helen

How, who both received the Principal Award for their outstanding exam performance: both achieved upper As in their final exam, and were the overall top scoring students in the college this year, as reported last month in the Banner.

Guest speaker at the event was David Duke MBE, the



Guest speaker David Duke.



The Arran graduates with Rothesay student Elaine Smith (far left).



## CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

Nominations are now open for the Scottish Rural Awards 2020

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founder and chief executive of Street Soccer Scotland, which is a non-profit social enterprise that uses football to help create positive change in the lives of socially disadvantaged adults and young people.

He is also global ambassador for the Homeless World Cup organisation.

More recently, David set up Change Centre Scotland, a social enterprise whose vision is aimed at tackling homelessness by a creating

personal development and self management centres. He was awarded an MBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours List.

### Inspirational

David gave an inspirational address, recounting his own story and the importance of his own college education, an HNC in community work, in part, for helping him turn his life around.

Four of the students attending graduation studied on Arran. Husband and

wife Bibin Vijayan and Roji Davidson were awarded SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare Level 7, while Eileen Gregg collected an HNC in Childhood Practice. Modern Apprentice Jessica Tetlow was awarded an SVQ Business and Administration Level 5.

Argyll College UHI has recently been shortlisted in the national College Development Network Awards for innovation and digital learning.



Helen How and Janet Bray receive the SQA Principal's Award from College principal Martin Jones.



# BUSINESSES

## Keep things moving after Brexit

There will be changes that affect businesses across the UK after Brexit. Make sure you are prepared for them, particularly if your business:

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# Coastal rowers compete Crane race

The Arran Coastal Rowing Club (ACRC) enjoyed another successful day out at the Castle to Crane event – the biggest open water rowing race held in Scotland.

The event involves 13 miles (21km) of fierce racing from Dumbarton Castle to the Finnieston Crane in the heart of Glasgow with Arran taking the top spot in the 50+ category and second overall in the skiff category.

Held on September 21, the event on the River Clyde is the last race on the Scottish coastal rowing clubs' racing calendar and is part of the Clydebuilt festival held each year at the Riverside Museum in Glasgow.

After the race, they were also awarded the South West Challenge Trophy which is open to all Scottish rowing clubs and is based on the cumulative results from eight South West region regattas held over the season.

Arran CRC had both their

skiffs in action and were able to field strong crews in both skiffs. Seabhag was entered in the over 50s mixed category and Iolair in the mixed open. A total of 75 vessels took part in the event, which was open to any fixed seat, oar powered craft. Each boat was allocated a starting number with Seabhag numbered 18 and Iolair numbered 51.

The 11 o'clock start was right on low tide at Dumbarton Castle with boats starting at 30 second intervals. Seabhag got off to a very strong start, taking them exactly one hour to reach the Erskine bridge, by which time they had already caught up and passed several other boats.

Over the next hour and a half, the Seabhag crew reeled in all but one of the 17 boats which had started before them.

The boats that had a later start time began to gain a welcome boost from the in-

coming tide, but a constant headwind throughout the day proved hard going for all the crews, adding around an extra 30 minutes on last year's times.

As the race was against the clock it was a long afternoon waiting for the final results, Arran's Seabhag, crewed by F Lorenzo, C Paul, C Smith, E Ingham and D Ingham came first in class with Iolair, crewed by S Turner, R McDonald, C McGinley, C Goeckeritz and R Cowan, coming in 19th in their class. At the medal ceremony Arran were also named winners of the South West Challenge Trophy and presented with a silver salver, six engraved crystal whisky glasses and a bottle of whisky.

A fitting end to another hectic and successful season for Arran CRC.

*Words: Dave Ingham  
Photos: Daren Borzynski  
Photography*



The Seabhag crew during the Castle to Crane Race.



The Iolair crew pass spectators on the banks of the Clyde.



The Arran club members who took part in the Castle to Crane race.



The Seabhag crew put their backs into the race.



The proud head of the Iolair boat makes its way through the water.



Rowers with the over 50s mixed trophy.

# in Castle to



phy and the South West Challenge Trophy silver salver.



The late Dr Angus Campbell.

## Emergency services compete for Angus Campbell Quaich

A new sporting competition is to be staged for the first time later this month in memory of the late Dr Angus Campbell, who died a year ago this month.

Blue light and emergency services on the island have been in training for the newly established Emergency Services Regatta which will see seven teams each competing for the Angus Campbell Quaich.

The idea for the regatta was the brainchild of the late Dr Campbell, a well-regarded local GP, enthusiast of boating and all marine activities, and founding member of the Arran Coastal Rowing Club.

Reminiscing on the past when emergency services

on the island used to have a regular meetings in the pub for an evening of competitive gaming, darts, pool or dominoes, Dr Campbell came up with the idea of an inter-services regatta on completion of the Coastal Rowing Club's second skiff. Sadly, he never got the opportunity to arrange it.

### Big event

This year though, on Sunday October 20, the rowing club will make his dream a reality with a memorial quaich named in his honour. Crews from the police, fire brigade, RNLI, mountain rescue, Coastguard, a combined hospital and ambulance team and the medical centre are all taking part and have been

practising for the big event.

The format will allow for each team to race twice over a 500-metre course, once in each of the two skiffs, and their times will be combined. The two quickest crews will then race a final for the trophy.

Starting at noon, the event will also include a BYOB barbecue and an afternoon of good-natured competition, friendly banter and socialising. The Angus Campbell Quaich will be presented at the end of the event around 4pm.

Spectators are encouraged to go along and to support the emergency services teams and to learn more about the Arran Coastal Rowing Club.



Emergency services personnel on Arran will compete for the Angus Campbell Quaich at the inter-services regatta.

# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

## George Grassie delivers a baking masterclass

Lamlash SWI members had three reasons to be pleased with their first meeting of the new session.

The new venue for meetings is the church hall, which is spacious and comfortable. New members and guests joined them and, last but by no means least, George Grassie of the Blackwater Bakehouse was speaker for the evening.

The theme was 'Starting things' and George had

brought along a container of his bakery's raising agent which he developed 10 years ago from one that was already 15-years old. Complex chemistry is involved but basically, like us, it just needs moisture, warmth and food. Baking bread using traditional methods takes time but not only is it better for you, with its probiotic qualities, but it also tastes better. The high quality flour George used to demonstrate how to prepare

a sourdough loaf was British and therefore none of the air miles of the imported flour for commercial bread were involved.

George's enthusiasm for artisan baking was obvious to his audience and armed with a great deal of information and an offer of a sample of starter sponge for anyone wanting to try bread at home, the members had an informative and entertaining start to the new session.

The evening ended with a raffle, a bread making competition won by president Lynne and supper provided by Mary and Janet.

The October meeting, arranged for Thursday October 10, is a hands on evening with a choice of needle felting or beading lead by two of our members.

Any new members, visitors or former members can be assured of a warm welcome.

*Janet Mair*

George Grassie of the Blackwater Bakehouse shares some of his baking tips and tricks with SWI members.



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# Caroline takes on her first half-marathon running challenge

Arran lifeboat crew member Caroline McGinlay is undertaking her first ever half-marathon to raise money for two charities close to her heart.

Caroline is taking on the challenge of the Aviemore half-marathon on Sunday October 13 to raise money for Contact the Elderly (now known as Re-Engage) and the RNLI.

She told the Banner: 'I've run throughout my adult life but this is the first half-marathon I've done. Training has been hard, running in all weathers and across the forestry tracks and hills of Arran, dealing with the pain of injuries and the typical runners' "lead legs" along the way.

'My determination to see it through and raise money for these two important charities is what keeps me going in training, mile after mile, and I know it will help me on the day itself. Any support you can offer will be greatly appreciated by me and everyone involved with Re-Engage and the RNLI.

'All money raised will be shared 50/50 between both charities and will be spent on the island to benefit the local community.'

Caroline went on to explain her choice of charities. 'Re-



Caroline McGinlay in training for her first half-marathon.

Engage has been dedicated to tackling loneliness and social isolation across the UK for more than 50 years. I've been involved with the charity as an employee and a volunteer for 11 years so I know first

hand the difference it makes to thousands of older people all over the UK via regular social gatherings and peer support,' she said.

'Re-Engage has had groups on Arran for more than 20

years and now there are two groups meeting one Sunday afternoon each month. Some of Arran's most isolated and lonely older people are able to enjoy afternoon tea with a warm and friendly welcome.

'The volunteer drivers and hosts help the older people of Arran to stay connected to their communities and relieve the pain of loneliness. The groups receive no formal funding and rely on the support of the volunteers. I am raising money for an emergency fund for both groups to use should they ever find themselves without a driver or host.

'The Arran RNLI lifeboat station has been based in Lamlash since 1970 and is one of 238 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland. I have volunteered as boat crew in the Arran station since August 2018.

'The station provides vital lifesaving support 24/7 in the waters and coastline around Arran and is operated by volunteers.

'I am raising money which will be used for the benefit of the Arran station and therefore the wider island community,' Caroline added.

Donations can be made online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CarolineMcGinlay>

## Holiday dates altered for VE Day

North Ayrshire Council has confirmed it will join the rest of the UK to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day next year.

The UK and Scottish Governments have moved next year's bank holiday from Monday May 4 to Friday May 8 to coincide with exactly 75 years since Allied forces announced the surrender of Germany in Europe.

And at a meeting of the cabinet last week, councillors confirmed they will close council buildings and schools on this day and elected members also agreed to give staff an additional day of an-



nual leave on Monday May 4. Schools will be closed subject to agreement with Scottish Government.

Council leader Joe Cullinane explained that this ensures that International Workers' Day is also cele-

brated. Councillor Cullinane said: "There are celebrations going on across the UK to commemorate the end of WWII and we are sure people across the region will be taking part in these.

'The May holiday is also

an important one as it is International Workers' Day and something that is celebrated every year. We were therefore clear that we must respect the importance of this and keep it in the calendar.

'Providing an additional day's leave will enable us to respect both these important dates and reward our hard-working staff for their dedication to local public services throughout the year.'

Due to the Higher English and Advanced Higher English exams scheduled for Monday May 4, appropriate arrangements will be in place at Arran High School.



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# KA Leisure wins double gold at awards ceremony

KA Leisure has scored double golds at the annual RoSPA occupational health and safety awards.

The organisation, which runs all leisure-based facilities on behalf of North Ayrshire Council, including the Arran campus, won two prestigious awards in recognition of its working practices and achievements in helping its staff get home safely at the end of the working day in the scheme run by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. They were presented with the awards during a ceremony in Glasgow last month.

The RoSPA awards scheme, which receives entries from organisations around the world, recognises achievement in health and safety management systems, including practices such as leadership and workforce involve-

ment. Alex Murray, health and safety co-ordinator at KA Leisure, said: 'We are very proud of our ever improving health and safety culture at KA Leisure, and are delighted to have received this level of recognition which is testament to the hard work of our employees across the business in ensuring that each of our venues represent a safe and healthy environment for our visitors and our colleagues.'

Julia Small, RoSPA's head of qualifications, awards and events, said: 'The RoSPA awards have become the key fixture in the health and safety calendar with new sponsors and new awards this year including the Leisure Safety Awards, the Safe@Work Safe@Home Award and the Inspiration Awards.'

'Highly-respected, with almost 2,000 entrants every year, RoSPA award winners



Alex Murray (right) receives KA Leisure's Gold awards from RoSPA's Errol Taylor.

benefit from the wide-ranging rewards of improved sector reputation.'

The majority of awards are non-competitive and mark achievement at merit, bronze,

silver and gold levels. Gold medals, president's awards, orders of distinction and the

Patron's Award are presented to organisations sustaining the high standards of the gold level over consecutive years.

Competitive awards go to the best entries in 24 industry sectors including construction, healthcare, transport and logistics, engineering, manufacturing and education.

There are specialist awards for health at work, environmental management and fleet safety, and excellence trophies for the best international, new entry, workforce involvement and organisation operating or based in Scotland. RoSPA's top accolade is the Sir George Earle Trophy.

Headline sponsor of the RoSPA awards 2019 is NEBOSH - the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health - for the 14th consecutive year.

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

## Saturday 5th October

Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am  
Corrie kids Christmas party fundraiser Corrie Hotel, noon - 3pm  
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm  
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, Brodict, 8pm  
Cosmic String Theory, BYOB Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 8pm  
Live music - Dr Feelgood - Dr Feelgood Tribute Band The PHT, Lamash, 9pm  
Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

## Sunday 6th October

Live music - Mike Edwards Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm  
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm  
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm  
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
Live music - Scott Nicol The PHT, Lamash, 4pm - 6pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Eco Savvy Food Share Shiskine Hall, Shiskine, 9pm  
Folk music session Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

## Monday 7th October

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am  
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm  
JogScotland mixed ability running group Whiting Bay, 5.30pm  
Circuit training Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm  
Savvy Food Film Social Home Farm, Brodict, 6pm  
Live music - Mike Bailey Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

## Tuesday 8th October

Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Healthy Outdoors team Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Eco Savvy energy surgeries Home House House, Brodict, 10am - 3pm  
Chess morning Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am  
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm  
Arran Pace Makers - Jog Scotland beginners' group Ormidale pavilion, Brodict, 5.30pm  
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Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Arran Hockey Club - juniors (5-14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm

Scottish country dancing  
Flow yoga  
Eco Savvy Food Share  
Trev's pop music quiz  
Traditional music sessions

Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Corrie Hall, 6pm  
Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm  
Brodict Bar, 9pm

## Wednesday 9th October

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Brodict Gardens volunteers Brodict Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm  
Kilmory toddlers Kilmory Hall, 10am - noon  
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 Brodict, 5.30pm  
Flow yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm  
Tae Kwon Do juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Live music - Arran Dawn Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
Pub quiz The PHT, Lamash, 8.30pm  
Rock'n'pop bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

## Thursday 10th October

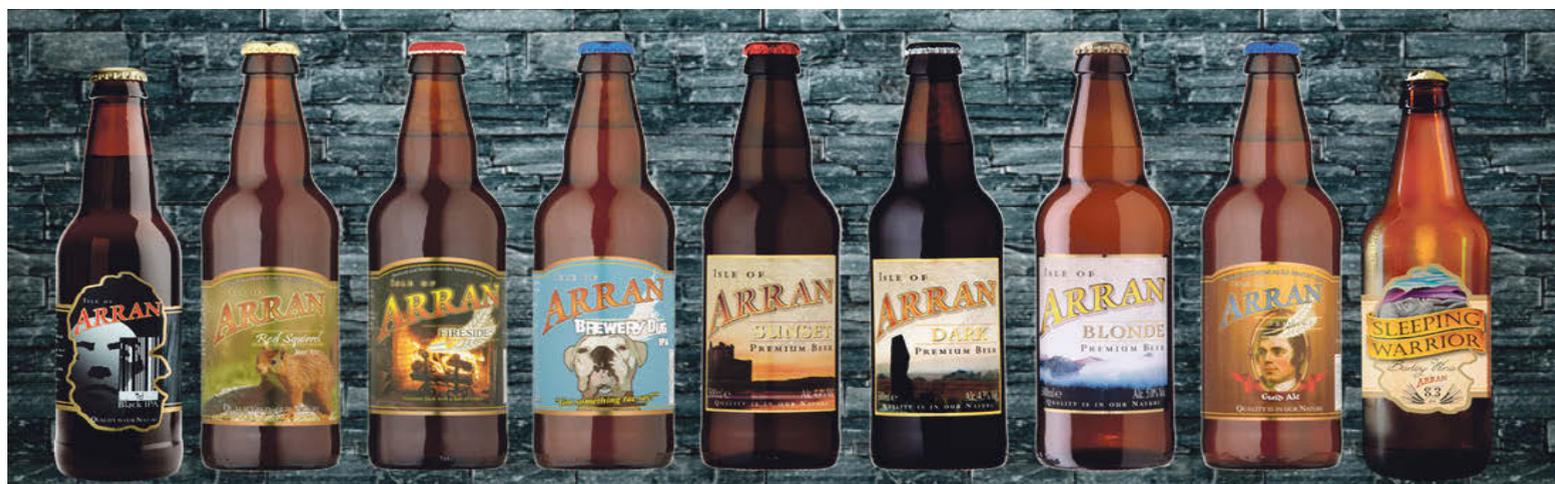
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Chair yoga exercise class Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 10.30am  
Chess morning Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am  
Merry Church Lamash Church Hall, 3.30pm - 5.30pm  
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm  
Winter bridge, visitors welcome Little Rock Cafe, 7pm  
Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Lamash SWI Lamash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Arran Hockey Club - seniors (12 yrs +) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Brodict Embroidery Group Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Eco Savvy Food Share Brodict Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm  
Eco Savvy Food Share Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm  
Tommy's general knowledge quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

## Friday 11th October

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  
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Tae Kwon Do Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Live music - The Sensational Biff Simpson Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm  
Friday night quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm  
Eco Savvy Food Share Octopus Centre, COAST, Lamash, 9pm

## Saturday 12th October

Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am  
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 - Gams Campbell Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm  
Live music - Backwater, Scotland's ultimate Staus Quo tribute band The PHT, Lamash, 9pm  
Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm



# Residents are urged to get behind Waverley campaign



The paddle steamer Waverley sails past Brodick Castle.



Residents from across North Ayrshire are being urged to get behind the campaign to help restore the Waverley.

The historic vessel – the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world – is currently out of service and in need of a refit estimated to cost about £2.3 million.

A fundraising campaign is under way to raise the money and it is hoped the refurbishment will be completed to see the Waverley back on the Firth of Clyde in time for Year of Coasts and Waters in 2020.

For decades, the Waverley has been a popular sight on its frequent visits to the North Ayrshire coast, visiting destinations including Arran, Largs and Cumbrae.

At a meeting of North Ayrshire Council, following a question from Arran councillor Ellen McMaster, the council acknowledged the importance of the campaign to restore the paddle steamer to its former glory.

Councillor Alex Gallagher, cabinet member for economy, said: 'We warmly welcome the fundraising efforts to bring the Waverley back into service.'

'It is such an iconic feature in the west of Scotland and we wish the campaign every success.'

'We look forward to seeing the Waverley back doon the watter – hopefully as part of the celebrations for the Year of Coasts and Waters in 2020.'

As reported in last week's Banner, the Scottish Government has committed £1 million to the campaign. Added to the £900,000 already raised, the fundraising total is just £400,000 short of its £2.3m target.

If the target is reached, the funds will cover the cost of two boilers and burner control systems, new electric generators, electric switch board, removal and installation of all equipment, professional fees, towage, insulation, insurance, berthing dues, technical management, and ongoing maintenance and upkeep.

If every passenger who sails on the ship annually were to donate, it is likely the appeal target would be achieved.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Waverley campaign is asked to visit <https://www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk/>

## Place name conference in Arrochar

Arran place names will be among those under the spotlight at a conference being held in Arrochar next month.

Place names are so much part of our everyday surroundings we usually forget that the names themselves can tell us about local history. They could give a clue to former occupations or work practices, to a person closely associated with the location, or simply be a perfect, short-form description of that place in physical or topographical terms.

Looking into the wide diversity of names to be found on the maps of the west of Scotland, place-name enthusiasts are meeting shortly in Arrochar for the autumn conference of the Scottish Place-Name Society, being held in the Three Villages Hall there on Saturday November 2.

Arrochar was an obvious choice as venue for this all-day get-together (also open to non-members) as two

of the main subjects under discussion have links with the locality.

Hundreds of place names from Arran as well as Argyllshire, West Dunbartonshire, West Perthshire, and from Lochaber, were recorded by Arrochar man John Dewar (1802-1872) who was paid by the Duke of Argyll to travel around west Scotland recording oral history.

When written up in Gaelic, this resulted in the 7,000-page Dewar manuscripts which contain numerous place names (settlements, rocks, caves, fords and other natural features), including many not known from other sources.

The place names of Arrochar parish itself take up another section of the conference.

A group of local people were so inspired during a place-name workshop held as part of a Hidden Heritage project that they got engaged in a spin-off study of names within the parish, which stretches

from the top of Loch Long across to the northern half of Loch Lomond and beyond Ardlui.

The end result is a publication entitled Gaelic Place Names of Arrochar Parish, a guide to the meaning behind the names.

But the conference will be casting further afield for other studies, such as a look at South Kintyre place names which get mention in a poem called Flory Loynachan, penned by Campbeltown native Dougie Macilreavie some 190 years ago. Or the intriguingly named talk on Sneaky Swans which looks at the place names found around Scotland using different forms of the word Ealaidh.

High point of the conference talks involves The Cobbler and his neighbours in the Arrochar Alps with a look at the names recorded by 16th century cartographer Timothy Pont of the mountain heights in this part of

Scotland.

Contrast that with discussion of the name Tarbet or Tarbat, which can be found in various parts of Scotland, and is associated with the relatively flat ground of an isthmus where boats could be portaged from one stretch of water to another.

Bringing earlier place-name studies into the digital age is another theme. Late 20th century scholar Professor W F H Nicolaisen collected the historical forms of several thousand Scottish place names with a view to creating a reliable single-volume scholarly dictionary. Although his plans for a dictionary never came to fruition, he left behind an impressive collection of place-name forms, handwritten on paper slips. Now work has got under way to digitise this resource to make it available, along with useful material, on the website of the Scottish Place-Name Society (<https://spns.org.uk/>)

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# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

## Saturday October 2, 1999

### Horse Island

A new book has been written about Horse Island, the low clump of rocks near Ardrossan harbour.

In the book called *Whispers of Horse Island*, John and Noreen Steele take the reader through how it got its name, details of its rich birdlife, stories of the many vessels which have been shipwrecked on it and concludes with a group of memories from a variety of people who have been connected with it in one way or another.

It also tells the story about the island's most distinctive feature, the 52ft high tower that was built as a warning beacon in 1811 and which was designed to serve another purpose, to act as a refuge for shipwrecked mariners. It has an interior and even a fireplace.

As for the name, nobody is really sure but one of the suggestions is that it comes from Philip de Horssey who inherited it, and other land, in the 13th century.

### Fuel fury

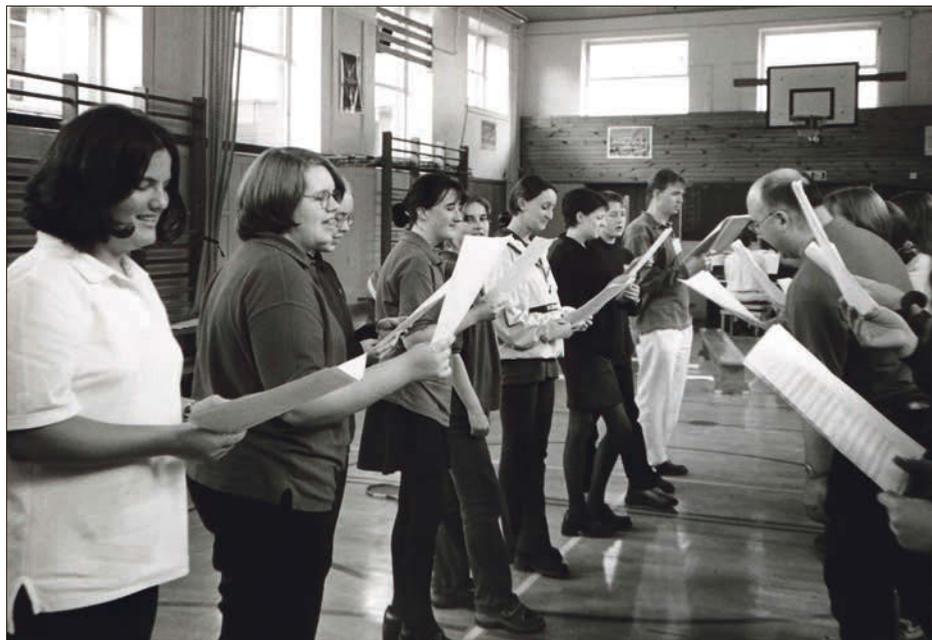
There is growing anger at the price being charged for petrol on Arran. Nothing indicates public feeling more clearly than the number who turn out to a public meeting and around 200 people squeezed into Brodick Hall on Monday evening to make their views known.

The meeting had been called by the community council and ACVS on the basis that, for them to lobby for more realistic prices, they wanted to know that they had the backing of Arran people. The meeting was mostly positive but questions remaining unanswered as to why the prices on Arran were 13.4 per cent higher than on the mainland. Was it the fault of retailers, suppliers or government taxes?

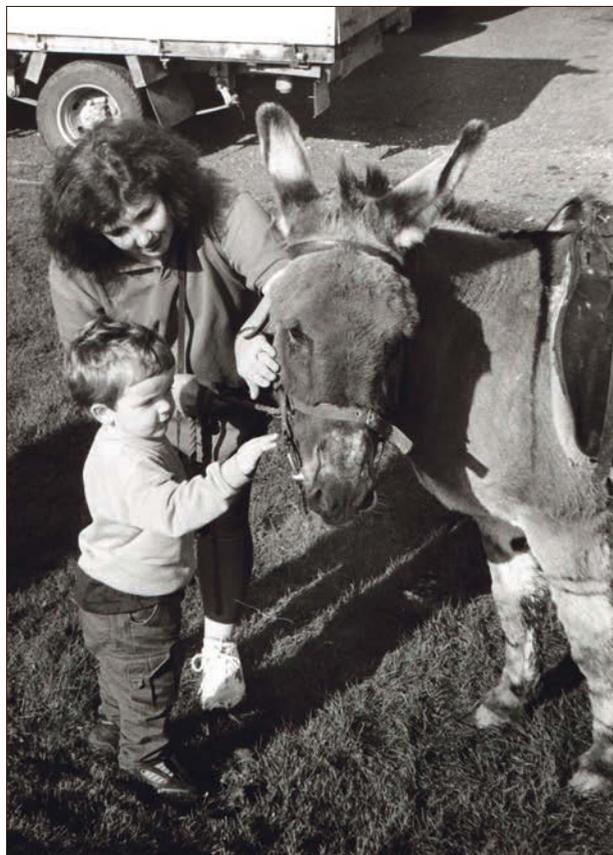
Whatever the cause, the issue of petrol is now high on the political agenda and Arran drivers have voted with their feet to take the first step in trying to match the prices paid on the mainland.



Maureen McKenna of Argyll and Islands Enterprise and Marion Noble of the Arran Distillery pick out six winners in a competition for the new Arran Taste Trail book which recommends Arran eateries. 01\_B40twe01



Arran High School pupils try an aria under the direction of Julian Evans of the Scottish Opera Go Round company, which visited the school for a singing workshop. 01\_B40twe04



Donkey rides were a popular feature for young children at the Kilmory fete. Here young Robbie Rhead dismounts his trusty steed, while mum Anne hold the reins. 01\_B40twe05



The Co-op has presented two cheques for £500, one to Feis Arainn and the other to Shiskine playgroup. Receiving the cheque for Feis Arainn are Eileen McLaughlin with Amie Hume, Kirsty McQueen and Ross Marshall. With them are J Gillies, Mary Howitt and Neil McDonald of the Co-op. 01\_B40twe02



Invercloy owners Liz and Terry McManus are presented with an Investors in People Award from Rosie Milne of IIP. Pictured with them are John Sillars and staff on the stairs. 01\_B40twe03

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

Minister:  
Rev Angus Adamson  
Parish Assistant:  
Mrs Jean Hunter:  
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

**Sunday 6th October**  
Pirnmill and Lochranza Churches together 10.15am. Joint Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Pirnmill Shiskine Church, 12noon Harvest Thanksgiving Service.  
Brodick Church, 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service  
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 6th October**  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, 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. There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited.

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 6th October**  
Trinity 16  
Holy Communion at 11am.  
Richard Trewby  
Coffee after service  
All welcome

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 6th October**  
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  
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**Sunday 6th October**  
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Lamlash at 11.30 am  
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### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

**Sunday 6th October**  
Sunday Worship at 11am  
'Heather Lodge', Brodick  
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Everyone Warmly Invited

### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 6th October**  
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 6th October**  
No service at Shiskine at 11am this Sunday  
Brodick at 6pm  
Service will be taken by Mr Nigel Kenny

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Saturday 5th October**  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm  
**Sunday 6th October**  
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

## DEATHS

### HADDOW - Margaret Annie Aitken (nee Binnie)

At Point House, King's Cross, Arran on 26th September 2019 loving wife of Robert (Bob) Haddow and mother to Katharine and Robert and grandmother to Jenny and Rob Jr. She will be much missed by the families now living in Spain and Ottawa, Canada as well as by her husband living on Arran.

A funeral service will be held in Whiting Bay Church at 11.30am on Monday 7th October, followed by a reception in Brodick Golf Club at which all family and friends are invited to meet. Special buses will be at Brodick Pier for the ferry arrival at 10.30am and return for the 4.40pm ferry departure. No flowers please but donations to The Arran Cancer Trust will be especially welcome.

### SAINT-YVES - Ian

Dr Saint-Yves M.D., Ian F.M. D.O.B. - 05.04.36 passed peacefully at Montrose House 1st October 2019. Funeral private.

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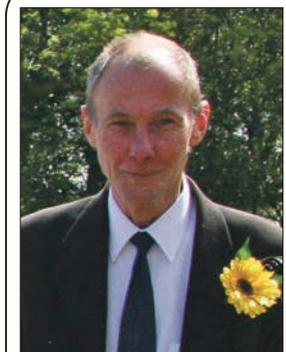
All of the competitors at the Connor Smith Memorial Trophy for juniors with winners Tommy Dutton and his dad Lee who won with 27 points.



### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday September 29, The Cooper Angus Par 3 Trophy. After a few years off, the par 3 competition was resurrected for the September weekend. The par 3 was always popular and a good number turned up for the occasion to find the course set up with some ingenious variations on the usual layout. Handicaps were adjusted to 5/6ths to reflect the notional reduction in the standard scratch score and the winner was John Pennycott with a fine net score of two under par.

Result: 1 John Pennycott 52, 2 Stuart Paterson 53 ACB, 3 David Blair 53. Magic twos, Kevin McAleney x2. Scott Adair won six nearest the hole prizes. Prizes were generously donated by Ronnie Mann and Jamie Macpherson. Thanks to them for



### MacHALE - Mike

Funeral service on Friday, 11th of October at 10:30am at Holmsford Bridge crematorium, Dreghorn to which all are welcome. Coach available from 8:20am ferry and returning for 12:30pm ferry followed by a wake at Kildonan Hall at 2:00pm. Bring a bottle and your best stories about Mike. If you're definitely going on the coach please let Katy or John know. (Katy; kathy\_machale@hotmail.com, John; stereo\_mic\_mmii@hotmail.com).



Shiskine club captain Fiona Henderson with the day trippers who visited Ardeer Golf Club.

that and also for setting out the course.

Fixture: Sunday October 6, Winter Cup, draw at 10am.

### Brodick Golf Club

Saturday September 28, Tennent's Texas Scramble, 24 played. 1 Isobel and Iain MacDonald, Donald McKinnie and Iain Sillars 6.4, 53.6; 2 Nina Morgan, Tam McNab, Graham Dobson and Neil McKechnie 8.6, 56.4; 3 Gay McKay, George Hamilton, Peter McCalla and Mike Adams 6.4, 56.6.

Sunday September 29, Winter Cup Stableford, 14 played, CSS 37pts. 1 Gordon Hendry 6, 39pts, 2 Bill Donaldson 15, 38pts, 3 Bob McCrae 8, 36pts ACB.

Fixture: Sunday October 6, Brandon Qualifier, 8.30am and 1pm.

### Corrie Golf Club

Saturday September 28, The Corrie Open. 1 F Sillars net 58, 2 D Bremner net 60, 3 E McKinnon net 61 BIH. Scratch E McKinnon 61. Many thanks to all the competitors from Arran and beyond for turning up and making it a great day. A big thanks to the many sponsors who contributed generously to the prize list. Lastly, our appreciation of the monumental effort of captain Peter McKinnon in keeping the competition running smoothly from dawn to dusk.

Monday September 30, Winter Cup. 1 A McDonald 72-14=58, BIH, 2 L Hartley 71-13=58. Scratch, J McGovern 69.

Fixtures: Saturday October 5, The Eddie Rankin Memorial Trophy will be cancelled until further notice owing to road closures. Monday October 7, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 1, Winter Cup, played from the yellow tees. 1



John Pennycott receives the Cooper Angus Par 3 trophy from Whiting Bay Golf Club captain Andy Martin and Par 3 sponsor Ronnie Mann.



The winning team at the Tennent's Texas Scramble, played at Brodick Golf Club, were Donald McKinnie, Iain Sillars, Isobel and Iain MacDonald.

Phil Betley 63, 2 Campbell Laing 65, 3 Barbara Waring 67 BIH.

Fixtures: Saturday October 5, Eddie Rankin at Corrie is cancelled due the road works on the String. Tuesday October 8, Winter Cup, tee off at noon. Saturday October 12, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off at noon.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Saturday September 21, Connor

Smith Memorial Trophy. Tommy Dutton and his dad Lee won with 27 points.

Sunday September 22, club outing to Ardeer. 1 Alice Anderson and John Salton 62, 2 Fiona Henderson, Elizabeth Kelso, Andy Gray 45, 3 Piet Johnston, Sheila Gray, Colin Dair 43. Only two teams returned with the pink ball. Alice and John, Jenni, Julia and Willie.

# Goal rout for Arran as they go third in league



Arran AFC	8
Irvine SB	0
Ayrshire Sunday Div 1	

Arran continued their unbeaten record this season when they won comfortably in the league game against Irvine SB at Kilwinning Sports Club on Sunday. They now sit third in Division 1 with a maximum of nine points from three games.

Irvine were dealt a blow in the first couple of minutes of the game as their midfielder was given a straight red card for a lunge on Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil.

Arran took the lead when Archie McNicol fired in a rebound from a tight angle and Johnny Sloss got the only other goal of the first half when he was first on the scene to meet the rebound from Ryan Armstrong's strike.

In the second half, the extra man showed as Irvine started to tire. Capitalising on this, Archie got an impressive second half hat-trick to make it four in the match.

The pick of his goals was a free kick on the right hand side of the area. The goalkeeper tried to second guess him thinking he would be crossing it in but Archie had other ideas and stuck the ball into the right hand side of the goal.

A weary Joel Small came off the bench but showed no signs of his previous day's exertions as he burst down the left wing and held off the defender to put the ball into the corner of the net. At the other end Babbies made a great goalline

clearance to ensure Arran got a clean sheet.

Danny Head also got in on the goalscoring when he latched onto Archie's pinpoint crossed free kick – the keeper made a good save but Danny knocked on the rebound. Johnny added another goal to his tally after some good build up from Arran's midfield.

Archie was unsurprisingly



**Prolific goalscorer Archie McNicol works his way towards the goals.**

given the man of the match award. He fired in four goals and chipped in with a couple of assists too.

Archie is looking in formidable form so far this season with an impressive 13 goals in five matches.

A club spokesman said: 'The players have a well earned break next week and so do all of their helpers. This is due to Media AFC withdrawing from the Only Sport Sunday Trophy which will afford Arran a bye in the next round.'

'Due to this small break the club and players would like

to express their gratitude to a number of people. With the majority of our games looking like they are going to be played on the mainland the team relies on a lot of volunteers helping us out with lifts to try and keep costs down as much as possible for the club.

'We would like to thank Tam Borland for the time he gives to the team, giving lifts and the endless time it takes having to sieve through photos to post for our supporters.

'We are also pleased to have our social media expert Kirsty Stewart back to keep people informed of latest scores and upcoming fixtures. She also provides transport and makes sure that our left midfielder gets to the game and has money to pay his game fees.

'Thanks too, to everyone else who has been helping us out behind the scenes and also with lifts and coming to support us, especially Lorna, Ellis, William Jnr, Doreen and Marc.

'We also wouldn't have the chance to play if it wasn't for the continued support of all our sponsors, from our main sponsors Arran Energy and Little Rock, to people putting money in the box at home games. Thank you all very much.

'And, last but not least, we can't forget our manager Willie Sillars who maybe didn't realise how much work goes into running a team, especially one in our situation. He has embraced it though and all the players are very grateful to him.'

*Photographs:  
Tam Borland*



**Ryan Armstrong has an attempt at goal right in front of the Irvine keeper.**



**Fleet-footed Archie McNicol outwits the Irvine keeper to score his fourth goal of the game.**



**Archie McNicol powers the ball into the top left corner of the net.**



**The Irvine SB keeper looks on helplessly as another ball makes it past him.**



**Joel Small dinks the ball past the keeper to score for Arran.**

# Arran share the points after draw with Troon



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who also played one half in right defence. Susie Murchie, Jenny Stark and Hannah McCartney were behind them in midfield and Elyse was joined by Ellie Wood and Faith McKelvie in defence. Ali 'Ninja' McKie returned to her position between the posts as Arran's goalkeeper. New team players Bella Reid played in defence and Annie McKelvie played left wing during the game, to see where they felt most effective.

The first half of the game remained scoreless as both teams pressed up the pitch towards the opposition's goal areas, only to be repelled by the strong solid defensive players and excellent goal-keeping skills. So many balls were turned over by determined midfield players that the umpires were running up and down the pitch almost as much as the players.

The second half got off to a more positive start for Arran, as a few minutes into the game Susie retrieved the ball in midfield and passed it to Anne who was clear on her right side. Anne saw Mia sprinting up the right wing and shot the ball to her, where she trapped it at the end of her stick, looked for Lorraine who had run in from the left wing and sent her a perfect square pass. Lorraine enticed the goalkeeper off her line as

she pulled back the ball and when she was far enough out, Lorraine spun round her, dropped low and shot the ball off her stick into the goal.

The young, fast and skilful girls of the opposition fought back hard and were rewarded with an equaliser less than 10 minutes later. This was to be the last successful shot of the game as both teams stayed strong in defence, despite many attempts at goal from the persistent forwards.

Both teams were happy with the one-all result and got together to chat over drinks at the Douglas Hotel while Troon waited for their return ferry.

Young Annie McKelvie had impressed the Troon ladies so much with her dedication and constant effort on the pitch that she was awarded dame of the game from them.

With another positive result and points on the division table, the Arran Ladies have a couple of weeks off over the October holidays to recover from a busy summer.

The next game for the Arran Ladies will be another home game on the Astroturf pitch at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick on Saturday October 19 against Hillhead 4s. Push back time is booked for 2.30pm and all supporters are invited back and would be very welcome and appreciated.



In glorious sunshine Arran players discuss strategy during the half-time break. 01\_B40hockeyQ06



Dame of the game Annie McKelvie gets the ball from her defensive D despite tough opposition from Troon. 01\_B40hockeyQ04



Jenny Stark surges ahead and claims possession of the ball. 01\_B40hockeyQ05



Mia Walker's attempt at goal is deflected by the Troon keeper. 01\_B40hockeyQ02

Goal rout for Arran as they go third in league

Golf: around the Arran courses



Returning player Anne Watts makes a concerted attempt at goal. 01\_B40hockeyQ03

# Honours even as Troon take a point in Brodick

Arran Ladies	1
Troon Ladies 2s	1
West District Division 3	

Arran Ladies played their first home game of the season against familiar faces from Troon Hockey Club on a fresh and sunny day which attracted a good crowd of supporters.

Although the sun welcomed the Troon Ladies 2nds to Arran, the heavy downpours the previous days had water-logged the pitch and, were it not for the dedicated hard work of Kenny Morrison, who was there from early morning, sweeping the pitch of all the excess surface water, sand and silt that had gathered at the top left pitch

end, which gets no sunshine, the game might not have gone ahead.

Umpire Pauline Reid said: 'Many thanks, Kenny, from us. Your hard work allowed the two umpires to agree that the pitch was fit to play on. Thanks also go to the supporters who turned up on the sidelines to cheer on the girls for their first home match. It was very much appreciated.'

Captain Elyse Aitken won the toss, chose the shooting direction and gave Troon the ball to start the game. Arran saw the return of Lorraine Hewie and Anne Watts up front on the forward line, with support on the right wing from Cerys Herapath and the versatile Mia Walker,

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The Arran Ladies pictured at the start of their first home match. 01\_B40hockeyQ01



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