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Ferry fiasco should never happen again

'The people of Arran find themselves once again feeling cut off and and let down by those in authority. It is simply just not good enough.'

by Hugh Boag editor@arranbanner.co.uk



Islanders have demanded that the ferry fiasco which they faced this week should never be allowed to happen again.

They are incensed that a situation developed over the weekend which saw both linkspans at Ardrossan unavailable and Gourrock also ruled out leaving the Arran ferry with nowhere to go.

Only the 11th hour intervention by the Port of Troon allowed the ferry to get to the mainland at all. Now residents and visitors want to know how the shocking state of affairs arose in the first place.

And they believe a simple sorry from CalMac - but it wasn't their fault - really just glosses over the whole infrastructure issues on which Arran's lifeline ferry

service relies. Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson told the Banner: 'The key issue for me is that we have a £4 million Ferries Resilience Fund that should have ensured that not more than one linkspan is inoperable at any time and when one is out of action, it is repaired as soon as possible, thus ensuring no impact on the service.'

'I will press to ensure this appalling state of affairs is not repeated.'

With the service back up and running after days of disruption, businesses are now counting the cost of loss of trade. Hotels across the island had bookings cancelled and personal arrangements and appointments have been left in tatters. Social media users have had a field day with everyone keen to give their very differing views on the situation.

People want to know if

Troon will now become the main port of refuge but this was ruled out this week by CalMac which insisted it would remain as Gourrock once the repairs were carried out there. However, now a precedence has been set, a CalMac source said it could be 'assumed' Troon would be considered again if the circumstances warranted it.

Writing in the Banner this week, the chairman of the Arran Ferry Action Group Gavin Fulton states: 'The people of Arran find themselves once again feeling cut off and let down by those in authority.'

'Do we ever get an apology from those that represent us, or the organisations such as Transport Scotland which purport to coordinate and deliver our service?'

'We at the Arran Ferry Action Group are whole-

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Alastair Dobson and Gordon Kinniburgh have saved Arran milk. 01_B41milk01

Arran milk is saved

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Arran milk could soon be back on sale to the public after a new joint venture was formed which will see dairy production continue on the island.

There had been fears that all milk production would cease after the only two remaining dairy herds on the island were put up for

sale after the closure of the Torrylinn Creamery in July.

But now, two island businessmen have joined forces and have not only saved milk production but are planning to eventually sell it to the public again.

Arran Dairies boss Alastair Dobson and Gordon Kinniburgh, of the Island Cheese Company and Bellevue Creamery, are behind the new venture

with the milk being produced by John Murchie at Tigheanfraoch near Blackwaterfoot.

They previously bought the milk for their ice cream and Bellevue cheese production from First Milk but after the closure of the Kilmory creamery it has pulled out making its last delivery to the island last week.

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heartedly committed to letting those in authority, up to and including government, know the depth of feeling on the island that our service is at an unacceptable level and that the demonstrable absence of proper strategic planning is damaging our island economy. It is simply just not good enough.'

The sorry saga began when sailings to and from Ardrossan were cancelled on Sunday, and only fully resumed on Wednesday, after the only working linkspan at the Arran berth failed in what is understood to have been a problem with the hydraulics. The Irish berth is out of action at the moment due to 'planned annual maintenance work', owners Peel Ports say.

Much of the credit for the ferry sailing to Troon has gone to Stuart Cresswell the Associated British Ports manager for Ayr and Troon, who mobilised staff after CalMac accepted his offer to use the East Pier linkspan on Sunday. Foot passengers expecting to use

Ardrossan were bussed to or from Troon as a result.

However, CalMac was quick to point out that the issues were outwith its control, as Ardrossan is run by Peel Ports and Gourock by state-owned Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL). But the problem at Gourock is not new as the linkspan has been out of order since mid-September and repair work will not start until later this month.

Speaking at the Scottish parliament on Tuesday during the height of the crisis, Mr Gibson asked Islands MSP how the 'shocking state of affairs' had arisen which was causing 'havoc with the Arran ferry service'.

Mr Wheelhouse replied: 'I recognise the huge frustration that the situation that has arisen will be causing, not just for Mr Gibson but his constituents. I note that Peel Ports has apologised to customers for the failure of the linkspan in Ardrossan, and I welcome its engagement in an effort to rectify the situation.'

'The recent linkspan



The MV Caledonian Isles berthed at Troon's East Pier.
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issues at Gourock are being managed effectively by both Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and CalMac. Engineers will assess the scale of work tomorrow, and we hope that repairs will start in the week commencing October 21.'

Jamie Greene, the Conservative MSP for West of the Scotland and his party's transport spokesman, said: 'Thousands of my constituents in North Ayrshire and Arran, who rely on the

Brodick-Ardrossan route as a lifeline service, are being consistently let down by these infrastructure failings.'

'It's bad enough that the new CalMac ferry will be at least three years late, ferry users now can't even cross to Ardrossan or Gourock due to these port issues. It's just one thing after another when it comes to looking after our rural and island communities.'



The Port of Troon employees who responded to the call.
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'The SNP Government needs to seriously reflect on its pathetic handling of our ferries and the effect its incompetence has on those who rely on a decent, reliable ferry network.'

Robbie Drummond, managing director of CalMac Ferries, said: 'We appreciate that this disruption was an intensely frustrating experience for passengers just as it was for us. Our staff worked around the clock to find

solutions to an issue that was not of our making, and pressed both port owners - Peel Ports at Ardrossan and CMAL at Gourock - to come up with solutions as quickly as possible.'

A spokeswoman for Peel Ports Group told the Banner: 'Once again we apologise for any inconvenience caused while the repairs took place.'

See more ferry news on page six.

Businesses join forces to keep dairy farming going

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Both businessmen feel they have been badly let down by First Milk, with Gordon saying he was given just one working day's notice that his supply was to stop.

But now Alastair and Gordon have gone out on their own. They have bought a mini-tanker from Mossiel farm in Mauchine, which already produces its own milk and are transporting the milk from Tigheanfraoch to nearby Bellevue Creamery and to the Arran Dairies factory in Brodick.

They say it will take them several months to establish their own requirements but say they have plans to supply it to hotels, restaurants and other catering outlets as well as selling it to the public.

It is five years since Arran Dairies stopped producing milk when it found it was no longer commercially viable.

However, Gordon says



Dairy cows in the fields at Tigheanfraoch. 01_B41milk02

times have changed. 'There is now a real market for locally-produced products and that goes for both individual consumers as well as hotels and other outlets,' Gordon said.

Alastair added: 'The withdrawal of First Milk could have had a devastating effect

on our businesses and it is good to see that, once again, co-operative working on the island has found a solution to this serious problem, as I don't think I could have done it on my own.'

'Small dairy farms are already operating on the mainland, such as Mossiel

and, away from the big retailers, maybe this will become the new normal for farming in Scotland.'

Delighted

Alastair thanked the dairy farmers who had supplied them for many years, including Clauchlands, and said he was delighted they were

able to help keep the existing dairy cattle of the Murchie family, by paying a 'fair price' for the milk.

'Arran milk has a taste all of its own due to our micro-climate and I am very excited to have been able to help retain dairy farming on the island,' Alastair said.

The businessmen agreed that by taking over the milk supply themselves they have added a 'degree of complexity' to the process.

'It will take us a few months to work out just how it is all going to work as you cannot just switch off the cows if you don't need the milk.'

'Hotels and other catering outlets are keen to have Arran milk available to them and we will look at all options for public sale, including the possible use of vending machines such as those used which are springing up on the mainland.'

Bryce Cunningham began producing his organic milk at Mossiel in 2015, which now sells across the country - and is even stocked by Bay Stores in Whiting Bay.

As well as in bottles it is also available from a vending machine at the farm which was once farmed by the poet Robert Burns.

Primary pupils in penny fundraiser

Pupils from Brodick Primary School braved the autumn cold to take part in a line of pennies fundraiser which raised more than £800 for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

The initiative involved P5 to P7 children, on the last day of school before the October break, collecting pennies from public donations and laying them side by side, starting at the ferry terminal bridge, and seeing how far the line could extend to.

Donate

Young fundraisers with collection buckets lined the main road in Brodick from the small Co-op to the Big Co, and everywhere in between,

asking members of the public if they would like to donate a penny to the cause.

Many people were happy to donate a few pennies while most contributed far greater sums. Co-op manager Liz McLean helped the initiative immensely with the donation of a large bag of coins which allowed the children to begin the penny line.

Arran Graphics also supported the cause and donated a banner which the children used to promote their fundraising.

The school has raised £809 so far and there are still some donations to come in. Head teacher Shirley MacLachlan said: 'We would like to thank CalMac, Liz

from the Co, Little Rock, parents who helped on the day and the generosity of the public. We are proud of our P5-7 pupils who did extremely well in rather cold conditions.

'Special thanks to the early group who went down to the pier at 7.45am for the first ferry: Archie, Dougie, Eva, Grace, Kayla and Kirsty.'

Recognition

The initiative was undertaken as a 'thank you' to the Glasgow Children's Hospital, the services of which a number of Arran children have recently made use of, and in recognition of the worthwhile work that the hospital provides for children on Arran and further afield.



Manager Liz Mclean and Carol Harwood of the Co-op help to get the initiative started with a generous donation of a large bag of coins. 01_B41penny01



Successful fundraisers learn that their collection buckets can get rather heavy. 01_B41penny04



Teacher Anne Watts helps the children lay down the coins in a long row. 01_B41penny02



The penny line gets underway. 01_B41penny05



Young fundraisers with their collection buckets. 01_B41penny03

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An exciting exploration



Organisers hoped the event would help them look to the future of sustainable transport.



Councillor Ellen McMaster assists in the drawing up of what will be Arran's first Savvy Active Travel Map. 01_B41eco13

A major travel and transport event held last week in Brodick provided an exciting exploration of the future where it is hoped low carbon and active travel is the norm not the exception, for everyone on Arran.

What will travel and transport on Arran in 10 years look like? Will there be 100 per cent electrified vehicles, self-driving cars or perhaps a public transport and active travel system so good cars won't be needed?

These topics were brought to the fore as Arran residents gathered for the Arran in 10 Years: Travel and Transport event hosted by Arran Eco Savvy Sustainable Island Life (SIL) project team and supported by more than 10 island and national travel and transport focussed organisations.

The event was an opportunity for organisations with travel and transport priorities to support Arran residents in the adoption of sustainable travel, to absorb insight valuable to improving service offerings and widely challenge everyone to think about what Arran's travel and transport will be like in 10 years.

People were encouraged to think creatively, positively and ambitiously about the future of sustainable travel on the island, and ultimately cultivate a community where active travel is the norm.

The first part of the event saw more than 100 community members engage with the following organisations: Arran Bike Club, Arran Mountain Bike Club, Home Energy Scotland, Sustrans, Transport Scotland, Cycling UK, National Trust Brodick Castle, North Ayrshire Council, Arran Community Voluntary Service, Arran Medial Group and the Arran Trust.



The new Savvy Active Travel Map took centre stage in the hall. 01_B41eco13

As well as this, event attendees were welcomed to trial the SIL project's expanded fleet of eBikes, including one eTrike which proved popular with residents of all ages and physical capabilities queuing for trials.

The highlight of the event seemed to be the three-metre by two-metre map of Arran, which people were invited to evolve by drawing their current active travel journeys. The routes contributed by community members will be used to inform other residents and tourists looking to travel more sustainably on Arran through Arran's first Savvy Travel map.

The event also saw Eco Savvy project manager Jude King give event attendees insight into the Sustainable Island Life project, funded

by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund and multi-dimensional, delivering activities in sustainable travel, food and energy efficiency as well as climate literacy education. The project is set to save six per cent of Arran's annual domestic CO2 emissions.

The travel strand of the SIL project is delivering an island wide eBike programme launched in June, that has seen eight businesses involved so far and 48 employees within them having the chance to use a range of eBikes for daily journeys for up to a month.

Businesses involved in the eBike Scheme so far have been: Lochranza distillery, Arran Dairies, NHS Arran Medical Group, Woodside Farm and The Kinloch Hotel. As well as this, Eco Savvy

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Finn MacArthur puts an eBike through its paces. 01_B41eco08



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is to deliver Arran's first Savvy Active Travel Map, and Island Lift share scheme, bike maintenance points and tool library, provide an online resource of sustainable travel information specific to Arran, as well as continued travel and transport workshops and events.

Next was a chance for the community to hear about the current National Transport Review from guest speaker Sharron Jefferey's of Transport Scotland.

Transport Scotland launched the consultation on the draft strategy on Wednesday July 31 and Arran residents were encouraged to make their views heard before the deadline of October 23. This can be done online at: www.transport.gov.scot/NTS2

The event was rounded off with the opportunity for people to participate in lively community discussion set to visualise and shape the future of travel and transport on Arran. Residents enthusiastically took part in discussion, led by sustainable travel coordinators Andrew and Emma, identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of Arran's travel and transport systems.

From strengths citing kind bus drivers and good cycling hills, to weaknesses such as no bike racks on buses identified, there were common views discovered and shared by all. Community discussion was largely centred around the opportunities of the future with more than 40 future opportunities and ideas identified and discussed.

Jude King said afterwards: 'With a rapidly changing world impacted by explosive environmental, social, economic, technological and political factors, it's crucial for us to plan and be proactive for the future we want to inhabit. This event hopefully contributed to the strengthening of a collective voice, understanding and action for sustainability in travel and transport on Arran.'

'From the engagement at the event it is evident that there are many mutual concerns over weaknesses and threats of Arran's travel and transport systems, many of which can be converted to strengths and exciting opportunities. Thank you to everyone who came and participated and to all the organisations that contributed; from here we hope that the community and our partner organisations keep up this momentum so we can deliver some of the change that Arran in 10 years needs.'

Gerard Tattersfield of the Arran Bike Club added: 'I hope this could be the start of our island community coming together to help to inform and solve our future travel and transport issues, rather than waiting for others, who may not understand how unique Arran's issues can be, to do it for us.'

Sustainable travel coordinator Emma Tracey added: 'Overall, Arran in 10 years was a refreshing and exciting exploration of the future, with a palpable enthusiasm for change, we aim to support an island where low carbon and active travel is the norm and not the exception, for everyone on Arran. If you would like to implement a change to the way you travel get in touch with Andrew Binnie or myself.'



The team from Cycling UK at the event. 01_B41eco01



Sharron Jefferey of Transport Scotland, who spoke about the National Transport Review. 01_B41eco17



Jude King outlines her vision for transport in the future.

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Helen Ross tries out an eBike under the watchful eye of sustainable travel co-ordinator Andrew Binnie. 01_B41eco07

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Reusable nappy scheme extended

To coincide with Challenge Poverty Week and Scottish Climate Week 2019, North Ayrshire Council has announced it is to offer parents and carers an enhanced real nappy incentive scheme – becoming the first council in the UK to provide free ‘birth to potty’ real nappy packs.

The new enhanced nappy scheme could save families up to £1,300 per child on the cost of disposable nappies, whilst reducing the environmental impact of nappies by 40 per cent.

North Ayrshire Council already offers a real nappy incentive scheme which provides a free trial pack, giving new parents the chance to see what suits their baby best. This trial pack consists of three, free reusable nappies in various styles, two waterproof wraps, biodegradable liners and a handy laundry bag.

Now, parents or carers who use the trial pack will be able to request the full new ‘birth to potty’ pack, containing 20 birth to potty nappies, biodegradable liners and a laundry bag. This comprehensive kit will also be provided free. Parents or carers who are already comfortable with the idea of using reusable nappies can request this option without the need for a trial kit first.

The enhanced ‘birth to potty’ scheme will be funded by the reduced costs of the council sending disposable nappies to landfill.

Workers taken on at yard to complete ferry contract

More workers have been recruited at the Ferguson Marine shipyard, as the Scottish Government shows its commitment to get the work completed on the new Arran ferry.

Economy Secretary Derek Mackay MSP met with some of the 17 new recruits who have already started, and announced that an additional 10 vacancies are currently being advertised. In addition, 14 apprentices will complete their apprenticeships this month and will stay on as part of the workforce.

The recruitment process is under way as legal discussions continue with administrators to conclude the process of taking the Ferguson Marine shipyard into public ownership.

The new Arran ferry, the MV Glen Sannox, and her sister ship Hull 802 lie unfinished at the yard after it was put into administration by its previous owner Jim McColl, following a long running dispute with Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL).

Visiting the Port Glasgow shipyard on Monday, Mr Mackay said: ‘My focus is, and has always been, on ensuring completion of the two public

sector ferries at the best value for money for the taxpayer, while also working towards the delivery of the other vessels under construction at the yard and, in doing so, securing jobs for the workforce through continuity of employment.

‘Recruiting more staff to Ferguson Marine is a significant step forward in working towards completion of the two CalMac ferries, as well as achieving the best possible outcome for the yard and its employees.

‘Visiting the yard has enabled me to meet with some of the new recruits and time-served apprentices, to hear about the work they are doing, and to assure them that we are doing all we can to ensure the future of the shipyard.

‘While we continue to work with the administrators to bring the yard into public ownership, work on the vessels is progressing, and the additional staff being recruited will play a key role in this work.

‘Establishing a revised timetable for the completion of the two ferries remains one of the main tasks for the management at the shipyard,



Economy Secretary Derek Mackay with apprentices and workers at the Ferguson yard this week.

and we will be able to update further on this in the coming weeks.

‘While there is still more to be done, our actions have ensured that there will be a future for Ferguson Marine.’

GMB Scotland secretary Gary Smith said: ‘Public ownership secures the future

of the yard and this will be welcomed by our members and their families.

‘While we are clear that there is no quick fix for Ferguson’s and that the real hard work is still in front of us, this is the right thing to do.

‘The workers at Port

Glasgow are ready to serve the country. Now let’s get on with the business of building the ships that Scotland needs.’

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.

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Seasonal flu vaccination gets underway on Arran

Arran Medical Group is ready for the start of the seasonal flu vaccination programme with clinics in place and a good supply of flu vaccinations already delivered to the practice.

And this year, for the first time, a Saturday morning clinic will be held next month solely to administer flu jags to assist those who work during the week.

Every year, flu kills thousands of people. The flu vaccine is the best protection against this infection which is why it is offered to those most at risk from the effects of flu and to children to reduce the transmission of the virus. The flu vaccination must be administered every year, as every new strain of the virus means an updated vaccination.

All those over 65 years old are eligible for a flu vaccination. People with a condition

such as heart disease, diabetes, asthma and respiratory problems are also eligible. All unpaid carers will also be offered a free flu vaccination.

Fiona Robson, practice manager at Arran Medical Group, said: 'Of the 2,056 people on Arran who were eligible for a flu vaccination last year, only 1,559 people took up the offer. The practice would like to improve the uptake this year.'

Health Protection Scotland states that it is in everyone's interest for those eligible to get vaccinated against influenza and people should remember that it's not just about their own health. If they go out to work, college or school they have a responsibility to the public to protect those around them from the influenza virus. Anyone can catch a flu virus without realising it. It's possible to have the virus for up to four days



Flu vaccination programme gets underway on Arran.
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before the symptoms appear.

The annual flu vaccination programme saves thousands of lives in Scotland every year, and reduces GP time, hospital admissions and pressure on A&E departments.

The flu vaccination is free to all those who are eligible.

Flu clinics are starting in October and patients are urged to get in touch with the practice to make an appoint-

ment as soon as possible. This year patients will also be able to make an appointment for a flu vaccination online if they are registered with Patient Access.

They can ask for a registration form at any of the main surgeries on Arran.

The Saturday morning clinic will be held on November 2 at Brodick Health Centre, with appointments available

from 9.15am. Arran Medical Group said that this clinic was for everyone over 18, but they would particularly welcome all those in the 18-64-year-old age group who are in the at risk groups. Many of these people still work and this is a great opportunity for them to get vaccinated against the flu virus.

Children in P1-P7 will be vaccinated in school. Children are super-spreaders of the flu virus. They can pass it on to households easily. Arran Medical Group said it would also be getting in touch with parents and guardians of children aged two to four years and offer them appointments in a clinic in one of the surgeries.

Many mainland high street pharmacies also provide flu vaccinations for a small charge. If patients are not eligible to receive a free one from their GP, they can go

online to check where they could get a vaccination.

The Banner asked what people should do if they suspect they have flu. Anyone suffering from severe symptoms should call their GP during surgery hours and ask for advice.

Outwith surgery hours patients are advised to dial 111 (NHS24). They will be given advice on managing symptoms and trained NHS 24 staff will be able to decide if patients need to be seen by an on-call GP.

Arran Medical Group says that there is also some excellent advice online at <https://www.nhsinform.scot>, search for 'flu'.

The Banner was told it takes two weeks for the flu vaccination to have an effect, so the message is clear, get vaccinated as soon as possible to play a part in preventing a flu outbreak on Arran.



Retired Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander Colin Milne at the naming of HMS Spey in Glasgow. Inset: The crest of HMS Spey.

Arran sailor attends Glasgow ship-naming ceremony

A Brodick man was one of the VIP guests at the naming ceremony of a new warship at BAe Systems shipyard in Scotstoun on the Clyde on Thursday October 3.

Retired Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander Colin Milne was invited to the naming of HMS Spey, a River Class Offshore Patrol Vessel, which was built in Govan and fitted out at the Scotstoun yard. Colin, who served in the Falklands and Gulf during a 24-year career in the Royal Navy, was the Commanding Officer of the previous HMS Spey from 1993-1994.

HMS Spey is the last of a new class of five Batch 2 Offshore Patrol Vessels to be designed and built in Glasgow at a cost of £127 million.

They are intended to be deployed worldwide in a variety of roles such as anti-piracy and counter-terrorism.

The naming ceremony was conducted by Lady Alison Johnstone, the ship's sponsor, and instead of the usual champagne, a special bottle of limited edition Spey whisky from the Speyside Distillery near Kingussie was broken on the ship's side.

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Never again

We say it on page one and we repeat it here. This week's ferry fiasco should never be allowed to happen again.

Surely in this day and age there should be sufficient joined up thinking between all of the public and private bodies involved to have a contingency plan in place if something goes wrong with our lifeline ferry service. It is not like they have never had any practise.

A 'perfect storm' of events led to a calamity on Saturday night that left the Arran ferry with nowhere to go. But was it a perfect storm? Ardrossan has just one linkspan working just now, without any backup, as the Irish berth is under repair. The Gourock linkspan has been broken since the middle of last month.

It is just as well Troon stepped in when it did or the Arran ferry could have ended up going to Campbeltown.

CalMac says that the 'precedence' has now been set which could see the Arran ferry use Troon again if the circumstances warranted it, but insist Gourock will remain the main port of refuge when it is fixed.

What is now urgently needed is for CalMac, CMAL, Peel Ports, Transport Scotland and perhaps Associated British Ports, which operates Troon, to get their heads together and come up with an emergency contingency plan to keep the Arran ferry sailing at all possible times.

Thought for the week

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all those who practise it. Psalm 111: 10

Thankful for Troon

Sir,
Three linkspans, two at Ardrossan harbour owned by Peel Ports and one at Gourock owned by CMAL are, to be polite, out of order.

What happens before this letter gets published is anybody's guess but now the ferry is sailing to Troon.

Those of us who supported Troon as a mainland destination will, as I hope will other Arran folk, be thankful that Troon harbour exists for if it did not Arran businesses and people would have been stranded for several days.

Yours,
**John Cruickshank,
Whiting Bay.**

Not good enough

Sir,
Yet again, we have a further and entirely predictable failure in the infrastructure and reliability of our lifeline ferry service.

It is difficult to know or indeed comprehend why the broken linkspans at Gourock and the Ardrossan Irish berth remain unrepaired after so very many weeks.

We can only hope the same fate will not befall the Arran berth at Ardrossan leaving our service disrupted with no mainland port of refuge.

That said, thanks are due to CalMac and its staff for mitigating the effects of the failure, albeit with the timely intervention of a very co-operative and helpful Troon Port Authority.

The people of Arran find themselves once again feeling cut off and let down by those in authority. Do we ever get an apology from those that represent us, or the organisations such as Transport Scotland which purport to co-ordinate and deliver our service?

We might also ask why there is never any accountability. When ships are not delivered, with huge overspends, when terminals are over cost and not fit for purpose with diminished weather reliability, why does no-one in the various agencies

ever accept responsibility?

We at the Arran Ferry Action Group are wholeheartedly committed to letting those in authority, up to and including government, know the depth of feeling on the island that our service is at an unacceptable level and that the demonstrable absence of proper strategic planning is damaging our island economy. It is simply just not good enough.

We continue to seek your support and very much welcome your input to our website and the Arran Forum.

With you, the public, on our side, we have a total determination to change things for the better whatever it takes. We hope to have a public meeting later in the autumn to discuss these issues further.

Yours,
**Gavin Fulton,
Chairman Arran Ferry Action Group.
CC Paul Wheelhouse MSP,
Kenneth Gibson MSP,
Jamie Green MSP.**

Penny thanks

Sir,
On behalf of Brodick Primary School I would like to say a sincere thank you to all the visitors and islanders who donated to our 'line of pennies' on Friday October 4. We raised just over £800 which we will donate to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

A few people deserve a special mention: Graham Chappell of Arran Graphics, who donated our banner and Liz and the staff of the Co-op for allowing the children to shake their buckets inside the warmth of the big and little Co-op. A big thanks also to Caledonian MacBrayne for welcoming the children in to use its facilities and eat their lunch in the departure lounge. The gesture was very much appreciated on such a cold day.

All the children were very proud of what they achieved and it wouldn't have been possible without everyone's support.

Yours,
**Mrs Shirley MacLachlan,
Head teacher.**

Macmillan support

Sir,
This year our World's Biggest Coffee morning fundraiser entered its 29th year.

In community centres, schools and workplaces, thousands of coffee mornings were held across Scotland to raise money and help us support people affected by cancer.

I would like to offer a huge and heartfelt thanks to every single one of your readers who held or attended a coffee morning – your energy and generosity never ceases to amaze us.

Whether it's specialist cancer nurses, support workers or benefit advisors, we can only offer the support that people with cancer need thanks to the tireless fundraising efforts of our supporters.

The number of people who need our help is growing, and we want to offer support to everyone who needs it. We are almost entirely funded by the public, so every coffee morning held – every cup of coffee bought – makes a difference.

And please remember, if you need information, support or a chat with Macmillan you can call us free on 0808 808 0000.

If you'd like to support Macmillan and do something amazing today, you can also visit macmillan.org.uk/getinvolved.

Thank you all so very much.

Yours,
**Janice Preston,
Head of Services for Macmillan
Cancer Support in Scotland.**

Sandra gets a chocolate surprise

Sir,
For my birthday, which unfortunately fell on the hottest day of the year, I was sent some chocolates courtesy of my mother-in-law, from James of Arran – they are the best.

However, as we live in France and it suffered stupidly hot temperatures, 47°C on the day itself, by the time my beautifully-crafted chocolates appeared, they were... how to put it ... knackered! I had no idea what was

what. I sent a wee photo to James of Arran, regarding my 'chocolate recognition' dilemma as all the identifying swirls etc were lost. In no way did I hold him responsible for this, adding that he cannot be blamed for a heatwave in the middle of France.

Today I was stunned by an unexpected gift in the post, with a beautiful wee card from James no less.

In an age when people are utterly vile towards each other and there seems to be very little human decency about, this wonderful gift really lifted my spirits and made me smile. What an absolute gent.

I don't know if this contravenes any advertising rules etc but I thought I'd let you know that in France, Arran has truly been put on the map!

Yours,
**Sandra Agnew,
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Lizanne is coming home

by Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The Arran community is celebrating this week after a popular cafe owner won her fight to return to the island she loves.

Lizanne Zietsman is flying back to Scotland today (Saturday) and will be back on Arran tomorrow (Sunday) after she was granted a new spouse visa.

She was forced to return to South Africa in July ahead of threatened deportation following a visa row. As previously reported by the Banner the 38-year-old has lived on Arran since 2016 running the Sandwich Station in Lochranza with her husband John Malpas.

But Lizanne, who is originally from Zimbabwe, faced an indefinite separation from her husband after she lost her appeal to the Home Office to remain in the UK.

A petition calling for the business-woman to regain her immigration status attracted just under 20,000 signatures, with MPs and devastated islanders also campaigning for the decision to be reversed.

However, Lizanne has won her fight to return home to Corrie. John told the Banner this week: 'I am

delighted to inform the Arran community that my wife Lizanne's battle with the Home Office has come to an end and she has been granted a new spousal visa.

'Since receiving notice of her visa refusal in June we have been overwhelmed by the support of the community and Scotland in general. Our MP Patricia Gibson has worked tirelessly to bring our case to the attention of Westminster. Regardless of your political affiliations I can state with certainty that Patricia will fight for the rights of any and all of her constituents, she definitely has my vote.

'It has been a very hard season for me running the Sandwich Station without Lizanne by my side, a special thanks to Beth, Vicki, Jess, Hazel, Gregor and Francis, I couldn't have done it without you all.

'Thanks also to the huge number of people who have donated money, written letters and signed petitions, you have all made a difference, Lizanne and I are deeply touched.

'I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to join us at Corrie Village Hall on Saturday October 19 for the third Corrie Food Festival for a celebration of food, drink and, of course, the return



Lizanne and John outside the Sandwich Station before she was forced to leave.

of Lizanne to the beautiful island which we all share as our home. There is talk of a party in the pub afterwards.'

Lizanne posted on the petitions page: 'The heartache experienced by separation from not only one's home

but the love of your life, soulmate, friends and community is one that can never be conveyed in words.

'I hope that we will all continue to stand together and fight for the countless others that have been placed in a similar position.'



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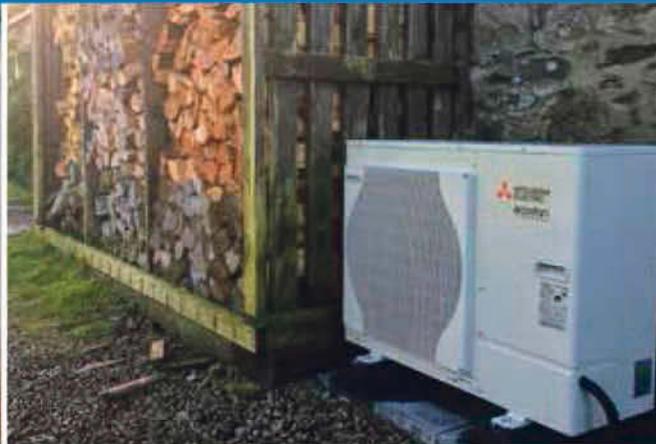
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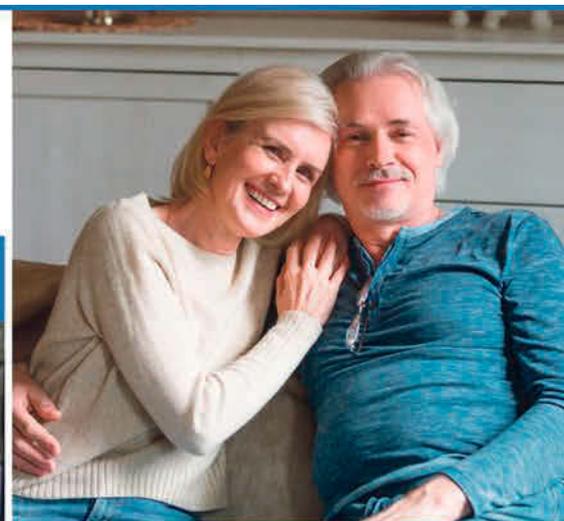
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Help wanted to wind up Arran charity scarf knit

With just weeks to go to the official end of the Arran charity scarf knit, organisers are appealing to knitters to help add to their tally of 25 scarves which they will be donating to the homeless charity Seascope Ayr.

Organised by a group of knitters who meet every Wednesday for Knit and Blether sessions at the Bay Wool and Crafts store in Whiting Bay, the fundraising initiative involves knitters and crocheters contributing to knitting scarves and making a small charitable contribution of £1 while enjoying tea, coffee and company.

The initiative has already raised hundreds of pounds for the RNLI and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

Katharine Sparshott of Bay

Wool and Crafts said: 'We'd love to be able to get to over £500 and to finish the two knitted scarves and two crochet scarves that are currently being worked on, so there's still opportunities to take part. Do please pop into the shop any time we're open and make a valuable contribution. It will also be possible to make a direct donation to Seascope, as we have a donation tin in the shop.'

The group plans to link up the scarves through Whiting Bay on Saturday November 30 – during the Shop Arran weekend – to see how far they reach, and they are hoping that a representative from Seascope Ayr will be able to join them, to take delivery of the scarves.

Seascope Ayr covers South



Arran MP Patricia Gibson joined knitters in April this year at the launch of the Arran Charity Scarf initiative. 01_B18scarf01

and East Ayrshire and it provides support for people who find themselves homeless owing to a number of reasons which can include mental health and addiction issues, financial problems, relationship breakdowns and people who are escaping from violent relationships.

Meanwhile, Bay Wool and Crafts will be celebrating its first anniversary on Saturday November 9, with a small revamp to the haberdashery section so that it can fit lots of new lines in, and it is also hoping to unveil an exciting new addition to the wool section.

Experiments on that are still on-going, so folk will have to visit on November 9 to find out what it is. Soft drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Estate agents take on Goatfell challenge

A team from Slater Hogg and Howison in Largs will, along with family and friends, be swapping their suits and heels for water-proofs and hiking boots, to take on Goatfell in aid of Stroke Association today (Saturday).

Lisa Bilisland from the group explained why they were doing it. 'Our colleague Lynda suffered a stroke three days after retiring so this charity is close to our hearts and we are looking to raise as much as we can. Thankfully she is making a good recovery.'

'The Stroke Association does a marvellous job supporting all who are affected and we would so appreciate if you would be kind enough to support us by donating to our JustGiving page.'

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Plans approved for new Kilmory homes

Seven new houses have been given the go-ahead in Kilmory aimed at being more affordable to families living on the island.

A planning application to build the seven detached houses on the former site of Kilmory primary school has been approved by North Ayrshire Council planning officials.

Planning permission was granted in 2008 for the development of five detached houses but the applicant, architect John Lamb, believes there is now a need for cheaper, more affordable homes.

In a statement to support the application by Beechacre Homes Ltd, Mr Lamb says: 'Since then [2008] market



JOHN LAMB
Architect

An artist's impression of the development.

conditions have changed, demand for larger family houses in the Kilmory area



The site of the new homes in Kilmory 01_B41kilmory01

are diminishing with an increased awareness of a need for more affordable homes on Arran. In light of this, the applicant has re-evaluated the design brief.

'By increasing the density and reducing the size of each house, the architect is aiming to develop a more cohesive grouping of houses which relate to each other more closely, forming more of a courtyard style of development and therefore, the selling price of each individual house is lower and more affordable for local families,' he adds.

The site is bounded to the east by the original part of the primary school which has been converted to form holi-

day accommodation while, to the north, it is bounded by a stone wall beyond which are trees and an open field.

To the west is a wooded slope leading down to the Kilmory Water in the valley below and, to the south, the site is bounded by the C841 public road from Whiting Bay to Lagg.

The concept is to group the houses so that, although they remain detached, they appear to link together to form three distinct groups, providing more cohesion, in a more appropriate massing for their semi-rural setting and avoiding a regimented pattern typical of a more suburban development.

Make a Will Fortnight 14th - 25th October 2019

WILL AID

Make A Will, Make a Difference

The Ayrshire Hospice 2019 Make a Will Fortnight campaign takes place this month and it's another fantastic opportunity to support your local hospice.

Between Monday 14th and Friday 25th October, people in Ayrshire will have the opportunity to make or update their Will in exchange for a donation to the hospice.

It's so straightforward all you have to do is arrange appointment with one of the participating solicitors.

Tracey Corrigan, Head of Fundraising, Ayrshire Hospice said: "First of all, we'd like to thank the generous solicitors, who will be giving their service free of charge, and supporters in the Ayrshire community and beyond, for once again

supporting this important campaign."

Last year, £34,222 was raised during Make a Will fortnight with over 400 Wills being prepared or updated by a team of 38 supporting solicitors across Ayrshire & Arran.

And this well-supported popular campaign has raised over £180,000 for the hospice since it was

introduced eight years ago.

Tracey added: "It really was an exceptional amount to raise during the two-week campaign whilst at the same time providing our supporters with some important advice on making their Will. "Would you consider leaving the Ayrshire Hospice a gift in your Will? Every gift, large or small, makes a difference

to the patients they care for today, their families and loved ones, and those they will care for in the future."

The care provided by the Ayrshire Hospice is at no cost to the patient, however, it does require extensive, on-going fundraising support. It costs almost £7.6million per year to run all hospice services, including clinical, fundraising

and support services – equating to approximately £21,000 per day!

If you would like to take part in this year's Make a Will fortnight you can find full details and a list of participating solicitors through 'How you can help' section of www.ayrshirehospice.org or by phoning 01292 288 488 and speaking to the fundraising team.

Make a Will Fortnight 14th - 25th October 2019

In support of the Ayrshire Hospice Make a Will Fortnight, a number of solicitors across Ayrshire and Arran have very kindly agreed to waive their fee and write or update your Will in return for a donation to the Ayrshire Hospice.*

All you need to do is contact a participating solicitor from the list opposite and make an appointment with them between Monday 14th and Friday 25th October 2019.

Did you know?

Over two thirds of the hospice's funding comes from voluntary donations including Gifts in Wills and every penny counts.

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference to the patients we care for today, their families and loved ones, and those we will care for in the future.

Please consider the Ayrshire Hospice in your Will. We will always spend your gift wisely and your donation will be very much appreciated.

For further information please contact:
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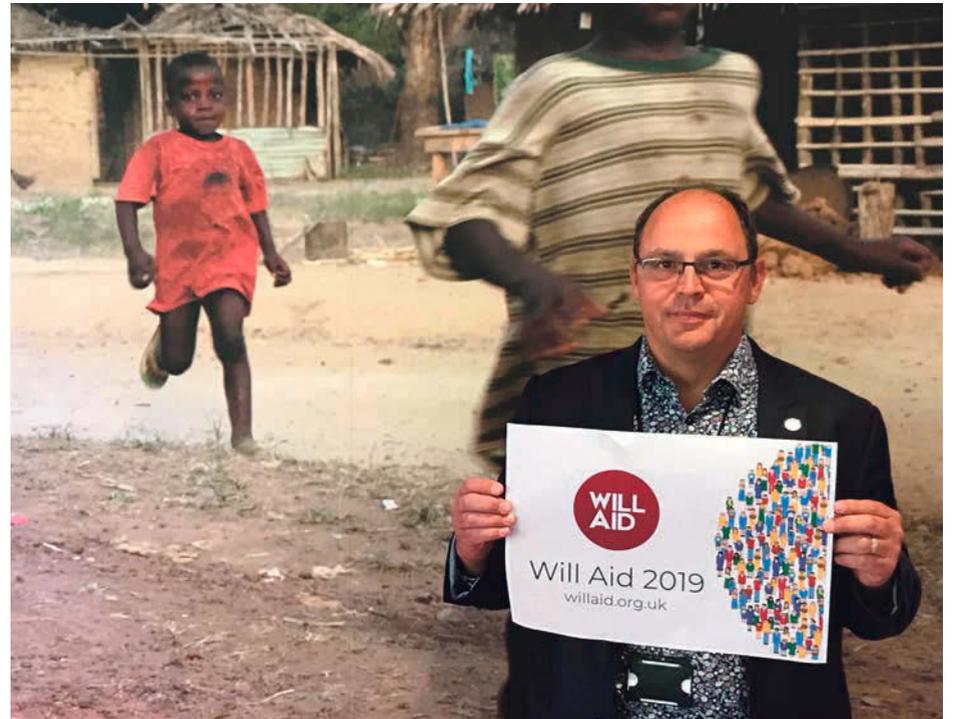
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Jon Jacques, Will Aid Chair. Photo Isobel Stewart, Save the Children

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Solicitors in Ayrshire and Arran are urging people to take advantage of a will-writing scheme with a charity twist.

Legal firms in the region have signed up to take part in Will Aid, which officially launched this month.

The initiative, recently endorsed by journalist and presenter Robert Peston, helps people prepare this important piece of paperwork with a professional during the month of November in exchange for a voluntary donation to Will Aid.

Today Mr Peston said this was the perfect opportunity to get your affairs in order – and urged anyone who would like to write a will through Will Aid to make their appointments as soon as possible.

“When my late wife Siân Busby and I wrote our wills in our early 40s, we

assumed this was boring insurance for an event that would never happen. Only 10 years later, Siân died after a horrible illness, and it fell to me to sort out her affairs.

“Devastated by grief, not really thinking straight, I was so grateful that she had written down what she wanted to do with her money and possessions and had given clear instructions about what should be done with her ashes.

“Although the act of writing a will can be upsetting – it probably will be – the pain and disruption for your family if you have not written one is likely to be far worse.”

A recent study by Will Aid, which takes place across the country between 01 – 30 November, found that 50% of adults have not prepared this vital piece of paperwork.

To address this, legal firms across the region have offered to give up some of their time in return for a voluntary donation which is then split between nine of the UK’s best-loved charities.

Peter de Vena Franks, Campaign Director for Will Aid said: “People should log onto the Will Aid website to find participating solicitors in their area and make their appointment now, as available slots are being snapped up.

“Having a will is one of the most important, yet easiest things to tick off the to-do list and our charities benefit as a result. We need more solicitors to sign up to be part of the scheme and help local people write a will, as well as helping us make the 30th anniversary the best yet in terms of money raised.”

Jas Campbell & Co WS,

based in Ardrossan and Arran, were the highest donating firm in this area. They have signed up for their eighth campaign.

Jon Jacques, Chair of Will Aid said: “Will Aid relies on the philanthropy of our participating solicitors who so generously donate their time and waive their fees to write thousands of wills for people each year.

“As well as helping thousands of local people by providing them with the security of a professionally drawn-up will, these generous solicitors are helping the vital work of nine of the UK’s most highly regarded charities – ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, SCIAF and Trocaire.”

The suggested voluntary donation for your basic Will Aid will is £100 for a single will and £180 for a pair of mirror wills.

Those who wish to book a will can make their November appointments now via our website or by calling us on 0300 0309 558.

Last year Will Aid raised more than £1 million for its charity partners.

To book your appointment and for more information visit www.willaid.org.uk



Robert Peston. Photo Jason Dimmock

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Do you have a valid Will?



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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

Autumn Fest at Brodick Castle

Brodick Castle, which has been transformed with its magnificent autumn colours, is celebrating the season with a number of fun events catering for adults and children alike during the October school holidays.

The annual autumnal celebration, now in its second year, is known as Autumn Fest and will take place every day from tomorrow (Sunday) until Monday October 21 in the gardens and country park.

Fun activities planned during the festival include an autumn-themed scavenger hunt in the adventure play park, a specially created scarecrow forest trail, historical ghost tours in the castle, autumn crafts with the rangers, and pumpkin carving.

Those wishing to enjoy the fresh autumn air and the beautiful colours of the trees and shrubs can take in the Scarecrow Forest Trail with all-new special creations that will fill the forest around the adventure play park.

Outdoors too, those that love a good scavenger hunt will be able to find a set of clues hidden around the adventure play park and the nearby buildings to win a prize.



Children play in the autumn-coloured leaves at last year's Autumn Fest.

Photo Kate Sampson.

If indoor comfort is what is needed, there is always the chance to learn about some of the dark events in Brodick's history as well as some spooky occurrences experienced by staff and visitors today during one of their popular historic ghost tours.

And what would autumn be without pumpkins? For just £1 visitors can purchase a pumpkin and Brodick Castle

will provide everything needed to carve it at one of their pumpkin carving sessions.

People are invited to take along their favourite designs and imagination, and they will help with all of the rest.

Of course, after a long day of fun and exploration there will be a selection of autumn-themed treats available in the cafe in addition to

its usual lunches and snacks and warm drinks. Both the Scarecrow Forest Trail and the scavenger hunt will run from noon to 4pm.

The pumpkin carving is 1pm to 2pm and the ghost themed guided tours at 11.30am and 2.30pm.

All activities are included free with normal admission and there is no need to book in advance.

Ayrshire landscapes on show at library

Works from landscape artist Sarah Plant will be on display at the exhibition area of the Arran Library in Brodick throughout October.

Sarah is based in South Ayrshire and is inspired by the surrounding wildlife, her love of the arts and her travels around the world. After re-discovering her artistic talent in 2016, Sarah attends the Robinwood Art School.

On exhibit will be a collection of her landscapes around the beautiful coastline of Ayrshire and also inland views of the neighbouring countryside villages.

Although Sarah tends to paint in water-based oils, she also enjoys acrylic inks and the movement of watercolours. A variety of her work can be seen on-line at www.facebook.com/sarahlouisartwork/

Sarah will have original art work and greetings cards for sale in the library throughout the month, with business cards available to take away should anyone wish to get in touch with her directly for a commission.



Self-portrait of Sarah Plant.

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The fundraiser in full swing at the Corrie Hotel. 01_B41corrie01

Party fundraiser in Corrie

There was a good turnout at the Corrie Christmas Party Fundraiser held in the Corrie Hotel last Saturday.

As well as soup, cake, coffee and crafts, from both Arran and the mainland, there was a tombola with treatments offered by Breagha Holistic Beauty.

Shona Catriona Dunsmuir, who organised the event with T J Lambie, posted on social media: 'A huge thanks to everyone who popped by the fundraiser.

'All of our takings will go towards the children's Christmas party.'



T J Lambie with her tablet and gifts on sale. 01_B41corrie03



Ashley McCutcheon from Ardrossan at her glass and candle stall. 01_B41corrie02

Linda and Auchrannie on finals shortlist

Auchrannie Resort has been short-listed as one of the three contenders for the best hotel experience award at this year's Scottish Thistle Awards regional finals.

Managing director and co-founder of Auchrannie, Linda Johnston, has also been shortlisted for an award in a personal capacity – the regional ambassador award.

Other contenders in the experience award categories are the Trump Turnberry Resort and Ernespie House Hotel. Justin Galea of Trump Turnberry and Catriona Stevenson of Slainte Scotland join Linda in the shortlist for the regional ambassador award.

The Scottish Thistle Awards, now in their 27th year, honours individuals, businesses, partnerships and events for their innovation, excellence and success in the Scottish hospitality and tourism sector.

The awards are based on five regional programmes – Aberdeen City and Shire, Central, Fife and Tayside, Highlands and Islands, Lothians and Borders, West – with the winners of each progressing to the national final.

Prestigious

Rebecca Brooks, chairwoman of the awards industry panel, said: 'Once again, the Scottish Thistle Awards have attracted entries from right across the country, with the regional winners earning their place at the prestigious national final in March, where they will join the country's tourism elite to be honoured with the highest accolade in the Scottish hospitality and tourism sector.'

Meanwhile The Shore in Whiting Bay was a finalist in the start-up business category of the Ayrshire Business Awards due to be held on Friday night (October 11).



Linda Johnston.



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Remembering Alexander's shop in sweetie addicts' book

It has been said that Scots are the world's most voracious consumers of sweeties and chocolate.

Glasgow-based writer Deedee Cuddihy, whose previous books include the best-selling *I Love Irn-Bru* and *The Wee Guide to Scottish Women*, decided to test the veracity of this claim.

The result is *Scottish Sweetie Addicts and Chocoholics* in which people across the nation reveal their love for such delicacies as Hawick Balls, Highland Toffee, champagne truffles, tablet, Haribo, Soor Plums and good old Dairy Milk.

One of the contributors to the book is Judy Alexander, who grew up on Arran where her parents ran the well-known Alexander's shop in Brodick.

She told the author: 'I've got two brothers and a sister and we ate masses of sweets when I was

growing up on Arran, especially chocolate bars because we had a shop and my dad would bring home the chocolate that was coming up to its "use by" date, particularly Bounty bars which he liked but I didn't.

'My favourite was Dairy Milk. I can remember reading in bed at night and eating chocolate - after I'd brushed my teeth. None of us ever got fat because we were always running around outside. But I've got diabetes now - and no wonder!'

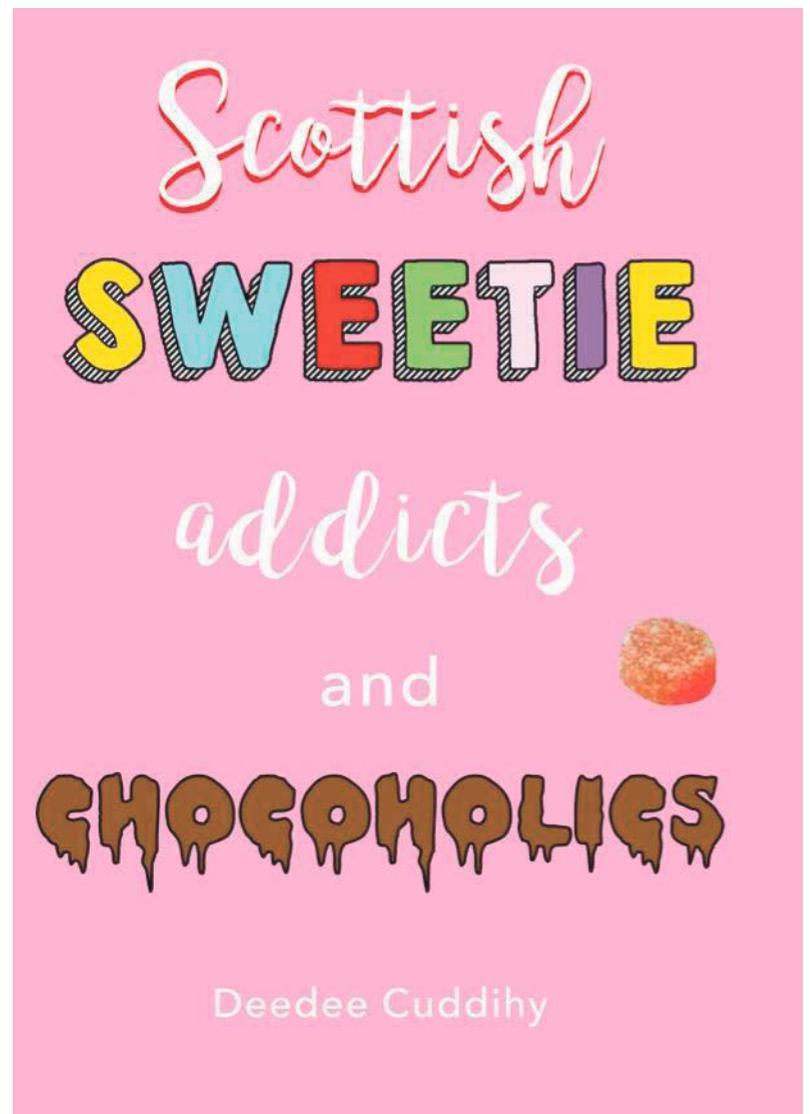
Author Deedee also has her own memories of Alexander's as she told the Banner: 'Not only did we know the Alexander family, when Tom Alexander decided to sell the business and move to Edinburgh, my husband's cousin, Hamish, bought the shop and moved to Arran with his family.'

Among more than 100 anecdotes in the book, there are also stories about a mum who eats Pic 'n' Mix in the bath; the woman who accidentally gave someone a moth ball instead of a pan drop; how they get chocolate on to the island of St Kilda; and the time inmates at a Scottish prison rioted when their shop ran out of Mars Bars.

The book comes with a warning that it: 'May cause increased sweetie and chocolate eating!'

Scottish Sweetie Addicts and Chocoholics is available, priced £6, in shops and from the website: www.funnyscottishbooks.co.uk

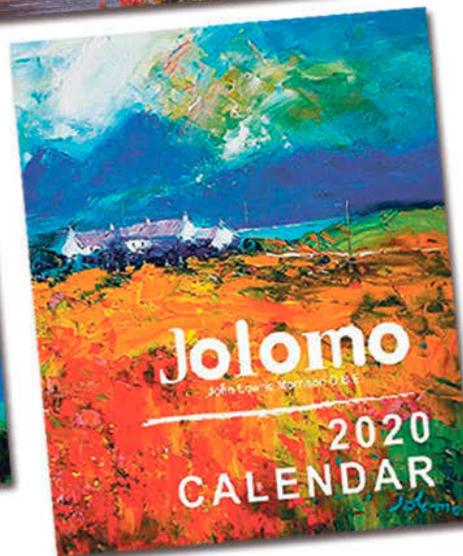
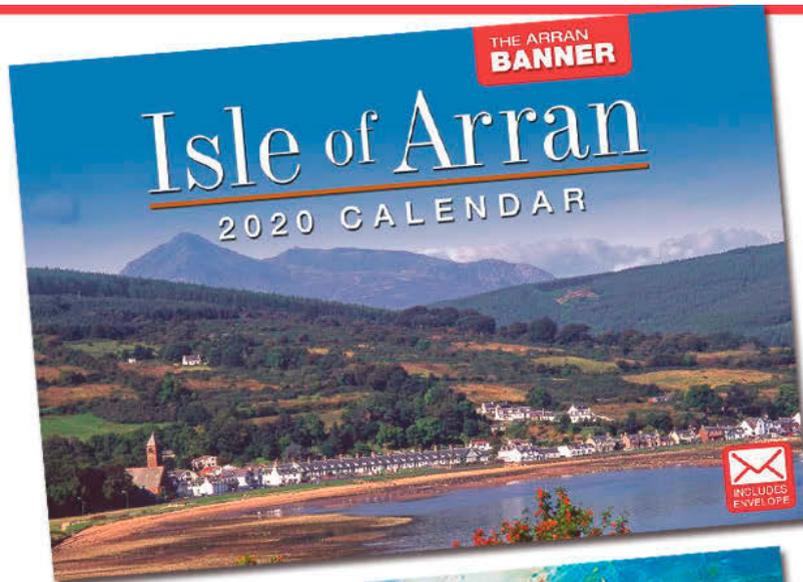
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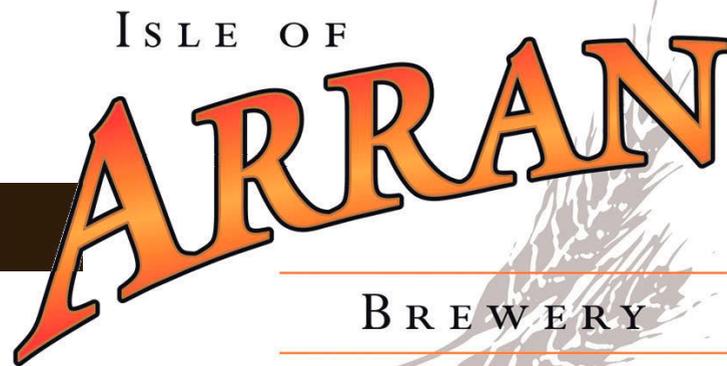


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Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park

Saturday 12th October

Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park
Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Mary's Meals Fundraiser Drop-in Big Co-op, Brodick, 11am - 2pm
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 – Cams Campbell Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
Live Music – Backwater, Scotland's ultimate Staus Quo tribute band The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music – Rob Muir The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm
Over-21s' Disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Sunday 13th October

Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park
Live Music – Hingin' by aThreed 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 – Charlie Gorman 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
Outdoor Autumn Art Call 01770 302462 for details, 2pm-3pm

Monday 14th October

Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park
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, Brodick, 6pm
Rink Games Brodick Bowling Club, 6.15pm
Rink Bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Live Music – Fatman and the Angel Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm
Outdoor Autumn Art Call 01770 302462 for details, 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 15th October

Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park
Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Healthy Outdoors Team Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries Home House House, Brodick, 10am - 3pm
Chess Morning Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am
Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Colour Crafts in the Library, aged 5-11 years Brodick Library, 2pm - 3pm
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 and bottle of wine Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Scottish Country Dancing Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
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
Outdoor Autumn Art Call 01770 302462 for details, 2pm-3pm

Wednesday 16th October

Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park
Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodick Gardens Volunteers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
Kilmory Toddlers Kilmory Hall, 10am - noon
Arran Elderly Forum Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am for 11am
Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Chair Yoga Exercise Class St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Knit and Blether Bay Wool and Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
Arran Pace Makers Running Group Brodick, 5.30pm
Flow Yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
SFA Junior Football camp P1 - P3s (5 - 7yrs) KA Leisure, Lamlash, 10am - 3pm
Story Telling Shiskine Church Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwondo juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Live Music - Joni Keen Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
Pub Quiz The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Outdoor Autumn Art Call 01770 302462 for details, 2pm-3pm

Thursday 17th October

Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park
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
Children's Book Reading – meet Alison Page Brodick Library, 2.30pm
Arran Youth Soul Choir Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm
Arran Soul Choir Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm
Winter Bridge, visitors welcome Little Rock Cafe, 7pm
Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Eco Savvy Food Share Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
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Friday 18th October

Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park
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
Kildonan Seals and Shore Kildonan Shore, Arran Rangers, 10am
Qi Gong (Tai Chi), all welcome Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Arran Churches Together Prayer Group St. Margaret's, Whiting Bay, 2.30-3.30pm
Gym Induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Pop -Up Evening, BYOB (bookings only) The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwondo Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live Music – The Sensational Biff Simpson Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
Friday Night Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Eco Savvy Food Share Octopus Centre, COAST, Lamlash, 9pm
Outdoor Autumn Art Call 01770 302462 for details, 2pm-3pm

Saturday 19th October

Autumn Fest Brodick Castle and Country Park
Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym Induction Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Pop-up Evening, BYOB (bookings only) The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Live Music – Michael J. Dwyer Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
Live Music – Hingin' by a Threed, Celtic folk band. The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music - Matt Scott and Anna Sweeney The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm
Over-21s' Disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm



Birds flock together in preparation for migration

Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
SEPTEMBER

This September was drier and cooler than August but wetter and warmer than last September. September is the start of the peak migration season, when many birds are on the move. The weather was conducive to this, particularly the last week or so as the wind came more from a northerly direction.

For example on September 24 more than 300 skylark were counted passing over Sliddery. There were similar numbers over the next few days dropping to around 150 on 29th. The following day there were numerous reports of skeins of pink-footed geese passing over the south of the island. Two observers counted eight flocks with a total of more than 500 birds.

Other birds on migration included: a whimbrel at Lenamhor on 1st, a bar-tailed godwit at Cosyden also 1st, three sanderling at Blackwaterfoot on 3rd, eight knot at Drumadoon Point on 5th, five white wagtail at Porta Buidhe on 6th, three wheatear at Cnocan Biorach also on 6th, a sandwich tern at Porta Buidhe on 18th, two dunlin at Drumadoon Point on 20th and six twite at Dougarie on 23rd. Numbers of twite on Arran seem to be decreasing.

At this time of year birds begin to flock together, often in preparation for migration. Reports included: 104 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on 9th, 15 redshank at Sandbraes on 14th, 35 curlew at Kilpatrick Point on 21st, 150 linnets, 112 ringed plover and 51 turnstone at Machriewaterfoot on 26th, 100 kittiwake at Fisherman's Walk on 28th, 60 teal at

Cosyden on 29th, 26 pied wagtail at Silver Sands on 30th, 103 starling at Clachaig Farm also on 30th and 192 greylag geese on Cleats Shore also on 30th. This gives an indication of the numbers of birds that are on the move at this time of year.

In September there were reports of returning winter visitors including a wigeon at Kilpatrick Point on 21st and 50 rook in Sliddery on 30th. A number of summer visitors were still around in September including: a common sandpiper at Machriewaterfoot on 2nd, two whitethroat at Clachlands Point on 13th, a sand martin in Sannox on 18th, 20 house martin in Shiskine on 20th, two swallow at Torbeg on 26th, a willow warbler at Clachlands on 28th and a chiffchaff at Clachaig Farm on 30th. October should see the last of the house martins, swallows and other summer visitors departing south.

There was a wide range of species recorded in September, almost 100. Other interesting sightings this month included: two great spotted woodpecker in a garden in Brodick on 5th, 150 gannet off the Cock of Arran on 7th, four red-throated diver off Largymore on 13th, 150 woodpigeon at Mossend Pond on 14th, three golden eagle over Torr Meadhonach on 16th, two magpie together (an Arran first) on Lamlash Golf Course on 26th, three moorhen at Mossend Pond on 28th, 33 shag on Balliekine Shore on 29th and six black-throated diver at Cosyden also on 29th.

In addition, September was an outstanding month for



Kittiwake, an oceanic gull, resting in Whiting Bay before heading off to winter in the open sea. Photograph: Nick Giles

Kingfisher. There were 11 records from six wide-spread locations including areas where it has not been recorded regularly like Dhunan, Roddin and Sannox. Only one of the records was for more than one bird and that was a report of two on the Rosa Burn on 13th.

Finally, my thanks to all the 'volunteers' who took part in the eider survey in September. Total number of birds recorded round Arran was 47. There was total coverage of the Arran coastline. Last year the total was 33. Five previous September counts had been consistently over 100. In 2000 it was considerably more at over 600. The data on the eider survey contributes to the ongoing research of Chris Waltho who has been monitoring eider in the Clyde Estuary for more than 20 years. The population trend is down. For the latest report from Chris, visit this website. <http://www.arranbirding.co.uk/files/Clyde-Eider-News-No-17-Aug-2019.pdf>.



A formation of pink-footed geese, one of many skeins of geese flying over Arran in September. Photograph: Jim Cassels

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Large numbers of skylark moved through Arran in September. Photograph: Robert Lambie



Twite, a passage migrant whose numbers have been decreased in recent years. Photograph: Simon Davies



Sanderling, an Arctic breeding bird, feeding on Arran's shores before heading further south. Photograph: Nick Giles

THE ARRAN BANNER 40 YEARS AGO

1979

Owing to traditional holiday arrangements when the Banner office closed for two weeks there is no regular 20 years ago feature this week. However, not wanting to disappoint our loyal readers who enjoy this feature, we have delved even deeper into our archives, and present a special 40 years ago compendium of images taken during the year of 1979.



July 1979 – Lamlash Primary School, winners of the Netball League Trophy. 01_B41twe04



January 1979 – Whiting Bay P7 pupils at their Thursday afternoon spinning class. Left to right, Jan Nelson, Vanessa Miller, Wilma Currie, Eleanor Hollas, Sarah Gill, Catriona Liddy and Karen Cooper. 01_B41twe05



July 1979 - Kilmory School pupils show off artworks as part of Aspects of Arran Country Life. 01_B41twe02



December 1979 – Whiting Bay P1 and P2 pupils who performed a Nativity play for the Thursday Club at Whiting Bay Primary. 01_B41twe01



1979 – Arran High School recorder group, month not known. 01_B41twe06



September 1979 – Summer display at Brodick Castle: members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team at the castle with leader Stewart Lambie on the far right. 01_B41twe03

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(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 09.00-16.45 weekdays (16.30 Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Comments should be made online at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk. Written representations may also be made to the Head Of Service (Economic Development & Regeneration) at the above address by 01.11.19. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS
IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987

Applications for Listed Building Consent.

19/00743/LBC; 5 The Row, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Replacement of 4 existing windows with double glazed timber sliding sash windows.

19/00746/LBC; Greyholme, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8DP; Installation of internal secondary glazing to detached dwelling house.

Craig Hatton
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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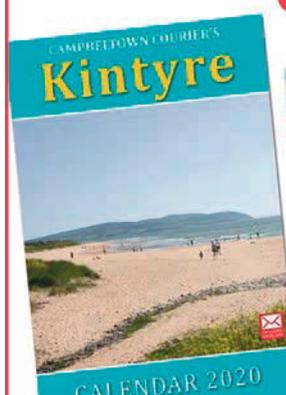


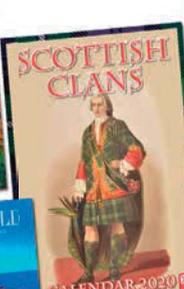
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Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister: Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant: Mrs Jean Hunter
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which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

Sunday 13th October

Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship
Pirnmill Church, 10.15am Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland
Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 13th 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.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 13th October
There will be no service this Sunday as we are joining a pilgrimage to Iona.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 13th 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
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 13th October
Mrs Liz Clarke
Kilmory at 10 am
Lamlash at 11.30 am
In Lamlash:
Guild Dedication Service
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 13th October
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 13th 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 13th October
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick at 6pm
Services will be taken by Rev Ricky MacDonald

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 12th October
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm
Sunday 13th October
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

ARRAN CHURCHS TOGETHER

Thursday 17th October
Prayer Group, St. Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church, Whiting Bay, 2.30-3.30pm.
All welcome

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Shiskine ladies are in the pink



All of the participants at the breast cancer fundraiser held by Shiskine Golf Club.



Shiskine Golf Club ladies' section held its annual Pink Day Fun Tri-am recently to help raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Research. The afternoon was enjoyed in high spirits

with stunning weather with several ladies dying their hair pink and some even donning tutus. The event raised £320 for the charity.

The winners with 63 points were Sally Brooks, Yvonne Brothers, and Sheila Gray.

Captain Fiona Scott said: 'Congratulations to the winners and enormous thanks to all the participants for being there, to James Chocolates for our prizes, and to Shiskine Tea Room staff and the greenkeepers for their hard work.'



The winners of the annual Shiskine Pink Day with 63 points were Sally Brooks, Yvonne Brothers, and Sheila Gray.

Lamlash Golf Club

Saturday September 28, September Weekend Texas Scramble. 1 Iain Murchie, Andy Smith, Val Crawford, Alistair Crawford 55-5.5=49.5. 2 Kate McAdam, Robert Calder, Serge El Adm 59-4.9=54.1.

Sunday September 29, Hastings Cup, CSS 63. 1 Ian Bremner, 71-9=62, 2 Mark Carnegie, 73-10=63. Scratch Ian Bremner, 71. Magic twos Ian Bremner @16th.

Sunday October 6, Glenburn Cup. 1 Andy Smith 79-16=63. Scratch Ian Bremner, 73. Magic twos Alan Smith @5th. Hastings Cup, winner over 36 holes, Ian Bremner

66+62=128. Runner up Derek Harrison 65+69=134.

Summer Stableford overall winner Andy Smith - 37+38=75. Runner up Alan Colquhoun - 44+30=74.

Summer Eclectic winner Neil Young 49. Runners up Norrie MacIntyre and Robert Calder 50. Congratulations to everyone.

Fixtures: Sunday October 13, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and noon. Thursday October 17, Back Nine Medal. Make up own games. See starter for times.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday September 29, gents' 12-hole medal. First Class, 1

and scratch P Betley 44-7=37 BIH, 2 A Napier 59-7=43. Second Class, 1 Tony Ellis 53-16=37, 2 J Wilmot 40. Phil wins the medal

Thursday October 3, ladies' 12-hole medal. Silver, 1 Kema Genda 56-9=47, 2 and scratch Ann May 52-4=48, 3 Alice Anderson 60-11=49. Bronze, 1 Carole Stewart 66-13=53, 2 Pat Adamson 69-15=54, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 71-14=57.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday October 6, Brandon qualifier, 11 played, CSS 63. 1 Terry Raeside 75-12=63, 2 Graham Dobson 85-21=64, 3 Nicol Hume 80-14=66 acb. Scratch Terry Raeside 75.

Fixture: Sunday October 13, Winter Cup Stableford, 8.30am and 1pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday October 12, 18-hole sweep, ballots at 9am and 1.30pm
A revised date for the Eddie Rankin Memorial Trophy will be published shortly.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Fixture: Sunday October 13, Winter Cup (postponed from last week), one draw at 10am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 8, Winter Cup, 1 Brian Sherwood 63, 2 Alastair MacDonald 70 BIH, 3 Phil Betley 70.
Fixtures: Saturday October 12, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off noon. Tuesday October 15, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off noon.

Happy 1st Wedding Anniversary
Mhairi and Steven O'Connor
Lots of love from Mum and Dad.



Barbara Waring wins the Lady Mary for 2019 at Machrie Bay Golf Club. Kath Lord was the runner-up. Club captain Campbell Laing and match secretary Brian Sherwood were on hand to present the trophy.

Motocross fun weekend held at Southbank farm



The vets with their awards.



Fraser Thomson flying high in the A class event.



The C class riders with Thomas Gilmore, far left, who finished first.



Charlie Gilmore in action in the kids/rookie event.



Sam Rayner with the winning A class riders.



Alfie Gilmore in action in the kids/rookie event.

Arran riders flying high at motocross weekend



Top Arran rider Sam Rayner in action.

Arran Motocross Club held its fourth annual fun weekend on the last weekend of September at Southbank farm track.

Practise day was Saturday and brought plenty of competition for island riders from the mainland ahead of race day on Sunday. There were adult As, Bs, Cs and vets classes and there was a kids/rookie class bringing in very talented young riders.

This year's event had the biggest attendance yet with more and more people taking

an interest in coming to the track.

The races saw some good Arran rides with Sam Rayner taking first in the As followed by Fraser Thomson coming fourth. In Cs Thomas Gilmore came first, followed by Eddie McMeechan in sixth. The vets event saw Mark Dempsey finish first followed by Tom Gilmore third and Murray Boal fourth. In the most exciting race of all, the kids/rookies, saw Alfie Gilmore finish second and brother Charlie Gilmore sixth.

A spokesman for the club said: 'All this wouldn't be possible without the help from Geoff Brookes. We really can't thank him enough for helping us and letting local talent grow with the support of this track.'

'Also thanks to The Lighthouse Restaurant for donations towards food and drink and Alien and Jake for trophy donations, Graham Chapell for our clothing designs and, of course, Murray Boal for use of his machines.'

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Riders in the kids/rookies' class hold their trophies aloft.



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