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Ancient past uncovered

'We have been able to see how densely settled parts of Arran were'

by Colin Smeeton
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Our understanding of Arran's ancient archaeological past has been dramatically expanded thanks to a ground-breaking project that has revealed around 1,000 previously unknown archaeological sites on Arran.

Redefining our ability to survey the environment and to trace ancient monuments on Arran, the project undertaken by archaeologists at Historic Environment Scotland (HES), used airborne laser scanning, also known as lidar, to document the land surface in 3D.

The survey is the largest of its type so far in Scotland and it has doubled the number of ancient monuments previously known to be on the island.

Previously unknown ancient archaeological sites which have been discovered include prehistoric settlements and medieval farmsteads, as well as a Neolithic cursus monument – an

exceptionally rare find on the west coast of Scotland. Cursus monuments are Neolithic structures which are some of the oldest prehistoric monumental structures of the Islands of Britain and Ireland and relics found within them show that they were built between 3400 and 3000 BC.

Dave Cowley, Rapid Archaeological Mapping Manager at HES, said: 'This survey has shown us that there are double the number of ancient monuments on Arran than we previously knew about.

'This new 3D technology has allowed us to undertake a rapid archaeological survey, over weeks rather than months or years, and allowed us to discover sites that might even have been impossible to find otherwise. We have been able to see how densely settled parts of Arran were, and the medieval and post-medieval shieling sites that were discovered have told us how upland areas were used by shepherds.

Walking for mental wellness



Phoebe Tealby-Watson and a group of friends from Essex have raised £4,328 for the charities Alzheimer's Research UK and Mind by walking 105km around the coast of Arran. Phoebe is pictured here with her family and friends, celebrating the final mile of their journey. For the full story, turn to page three. Photograph: Andy Surridge.

'This is an exciting time to be involved in the development of remote sensing and archaeological mapping. We are exploring the benefits of new technology and new datasets

to record Scotland's historic environment and inform our knowledge of the past. As a result, we are enriching the information through which we tell Scotland's story. And

Arran is just a first step. As this technology become more widely available, we expect to find tens of thousands more ancient sites across the rest of Scotland – working at a pace

that was unimaginable a few years ago.'

The lidar data is available from the Scottish

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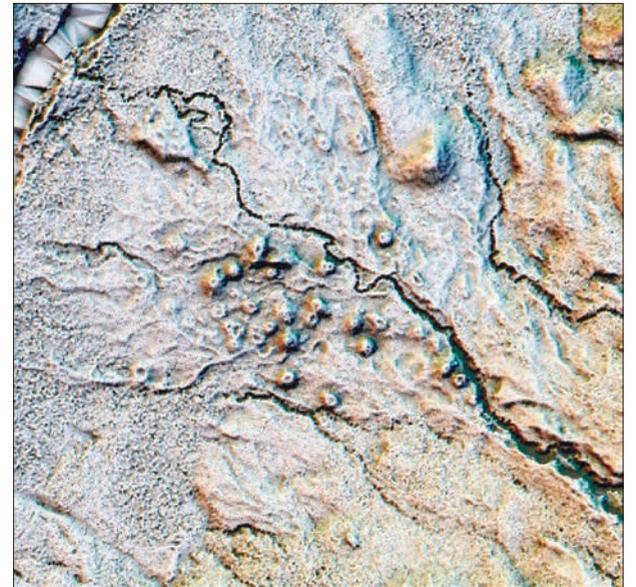
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A more recent site is the Barite mine in Glen Sannox which was first mined in 1840 and which petered out in 1938. This visualisation from the airborne laser scanning data shows the holes in the hillside, the trolley-way and the quarry waste on the north side of the glen.



A round house with an outer enclosure was discovered near Dougarie on the west coast of the island.



A newly discovered group of shieling huts in Glen Iorsa which are probably of medieval and post medieval date and which would have been used by shepherds during the summer.

Ancient past is uncovered

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Government Remote Sensing Portal.

Shona Nicol, Head of the Geographical Information Science and Analysis team said: 'It is great to see HES

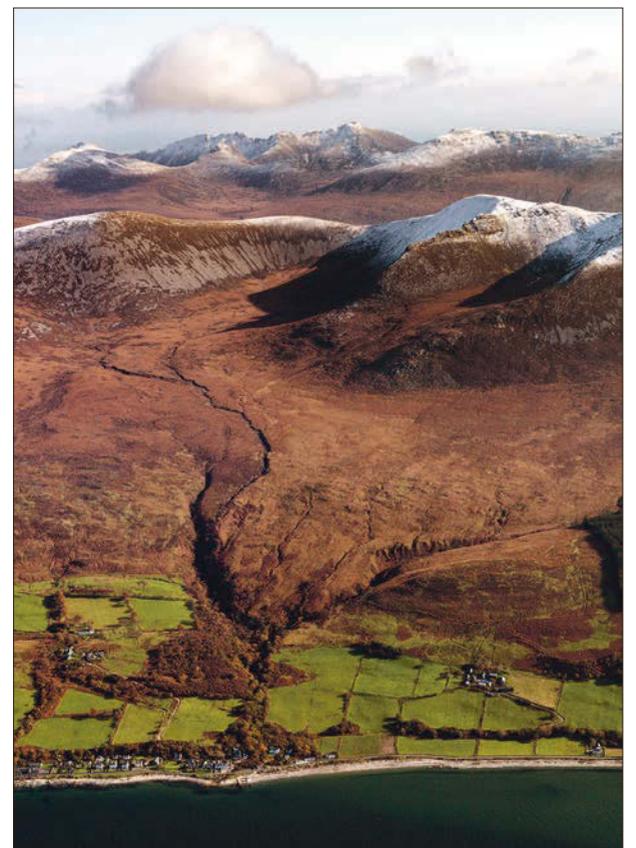
making such exciting use of the increasing amount of remote sensing data becoming available which will help to play a part in keeping Scotland at the forefront in this field.'

The survey on Arran was carried out in 2017 and 2018 and, along with airborne laser scanning, involved fieldwork where six archaeologists discovered 152 sites solely through field investigation

with the assistance of ortho-photographs and ordnance survey maps.

The survey results are available to view on Canmore - Scotland's National Record of the Historic Environment.

An aerial view of Arran's coast and mountains in the north west of Arran.



Below: The ruinous footing of a small shepherds' hut in Blenlister Glen, looking down towards Holy Island.



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Altruistic birthday circumnavigation raises thousands for Alzheimer's UK

Phoebe Tealby-Watson from Essex has raised £4,328 for the charities Alzheimer's Research UK and Mind by walking 105km around the coast of Arran to celebrate her 21st birthday, writes Colin Smeeton.

Phoebe was joined on her charity walk by two college friends from Oxford, along with another seven friends and family through the week, including two dogs for the

final 10km. The walkers experienced variable weather and the walk presented considerable challenges, including some bad blisters after a day encountering boggy shoreline.

On the final night one tent gave way under the weight of the rain, but the girls were housed safely in a sleeping pod courtesy of Seal Shore Campsite in Kildonan.

Arran Active kindly helped provide some camping essen-

tials, and everyone was proud to arrive home wearing their walk t-shirts. These had been provided by neighbour David Daw from Print4Biz, where three of the girls live in Great Chesterford, Essex.

The walkers really appreciated all the support they got from local people on Arran and from friends around the country who followed their progress on social media.

The encouraging comments and steady donations raised spirits when the weather and terrain got difficult.

The walkers agreed the Coastal Way is a stunning walk to follow and raising so much money for two great causes made it a truly memorable event.

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Walkers become runners in a sprint to the finish.



Family and friends gather in Lamlash for the final afternoon. Phoebe is pictured beneath the sign with her father. Photographs: Andy Surridge



Phoebe's dad and 12-year-old sister Rhona joined Phoebe and friends for a walk on the final afternoon.

Co-op joins Mary's Meals to celebrate World Porridge Day

The Co-op in Brodick has shown its support for feeding hungry children by hosting a fundraising event with Mary's Meals which helped to raise £747.90 for the charity.

Taking place shortly after World Porridge Day, which was on Thursday October 10, the retailer joined with other supporters, Bewitching Beauty Arran and Margaret Kay, and donated a microwave and porridge to the volunteers from Mary's Meals who hosted a small stall in the Co-op and sold Christmas cards, along with a raffle with the donated prizes.

Adding to the funds raised, Carol and Mark Harwood, who both work in the Co-op, were playing their final gig as Arrannach Ceilidh Band on Saturday night and they, along with fellow founder member, Alistair Paul, donated their fees to Mary's Meals, saying: 'It feels good to have the opportunity to contribute, so, thank you.'



Carol Harwood joins Mary's Meals Arran ambassador, Alison Page, and volunteers Jean Bowden and Scott Harwood at their stall.

Mary's Meals Arran ambassador, Alison Page, said: 'Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Mary's meals fundraiser over the weekend.'

And a very special thank you to the Brodick Co-op and Mark, Carol and Alistair, and all of the volunteers.

'On behalf of Mary's Meals and all the children that they are helping to feed

each school day, your support is much appreciated.'

Mary's Meals, which has its headquarters in Dalmally, near Oban, feeds more than 1.5 million children in 18 countries around the world every school day.

The money raised from this fundraiser - £747.90 - will provide 10,684 children with a meal in school or feed 53 children for an entire year in school.



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An artist's impression of how the Christian retreat at Sannox Church will look when it is completed.

Sannox Christian Centre prepares for Easter 2020



The first phase of the church restoration at the Sannox Christian Centre has already been completed and volunteers are now thinking of the grand opening next Easter.

Preparations have already begun at Sannox Christian Centre for the grand opening of the restored church next year and local residents are now being invited to join in with bulb planting to ensure the garden and grounds are looking at their best.

An Open Day and Service of Celebration is planned for Easter weekend 2020, starting on Saturday April 11.

The work at Sannox Christian Centre is moving forward with the restoration of the church in full swing. Phase one is now complete and the church has a new roof and bell tower, new windows and door and a new floor. All asbestos and rot has been removed and the next phase is to complete the interior ready for use next year.

On Friday October 25, between 1.30pm and 2.45 pm, the children of Corrie Primary

School will be planting bulbs in the grounds and the following day, Saturday October 26, between 11am and 3pm, visitors are invited to go along and help plant more bulbs.

A spokesperson from the Sannox Christian Centre said: 'In preparation for Easter 2020, and the opening of the restored church, we wanted to involve Arran communities and the local churches in a bulb planting for Easter event so that the centre grounds are alive with flowers next April.

'Bring a trowel or spade and some bulbs – although we will have some at the centre for you – teas, coffees, juice and biscuits will be provided.

'Do note that our local deer do not eat daffodil, narcissus, crocus and snowdrop but are very partial to tulips! Please come and join us and have a tour of the centre. All welcome!'

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Nominate Arran's young heroes for the Young Scot awards

Young Scot is calling on the people of Arran to nominate the inspirational young people in their lives for the Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards 2020. The event, now in its 14th year, recognises inspiring young people aged 11-26 who are making a real difference in their communities.

The awards highlight the outstanding contributions made by young people across categories including: Sports, Enterprise, Entertainment, Equality and Diversity, Health and Wellbeing and many more. Nominations are open now on the Young Scot website and winners will be

announced at a star-studded awards ceremony at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on 23 April 2020.



Young Scot Awards winners will join a prestigious roll of recipients, including actors such as Karen Gillan and Martin Compston, alongside world-class athletes including Sir Andy Murray and

Olympian Laura Muir. Last year's winners included top vlogger Jamie Genevieve, young Commonwealth and European Championship medallists and LGBT+ education campaigner Jordan Daly.

Louise Macdonald OBE, chief executive of Young Scot, said: 'The Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards is a way for us to celebrate the achievements of our local heroes who are contributing so much to our communities. If you know a young person in Arran who impresses you, or someone who's gone above and beyond to help others, then we want to hear about them. Make your nomination today!'

Arran whisky could be badly hit by tariffs wars



News that the United States plans to slap tariffs of 25 per cent on imports of Scottish malt whisky later this month as part of its dispute with the EU over subsidies for airlines has been met with concern and disappointment on Arran, writes Hugh Boag.

The news, which could have far reaching implications for distilleries across the country, has the potential, if realised, to wreak havoc across the industry and could also have serious repercussions for the Arran Distillery in Lochranza.

Euan Mitchell of the Isle of Arran Distillers said: 'It is a sad indictment of the state of global politics that Single Malt Scotch whisky should be dragged into a dispute originating in the aerospace industry.'

'Trade wars ultimately benefit nobody and we can only hope this is a short-term hit and that common sense will prevail.'

'The US is the world's largest and most lucrative spirits market but also the most competitive and this tariff will hit all Scotch Whisky companies, big and small, involved in the single malt category.'

Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP Donald Cameron said he is 'alarmed' that such trade dispute could hit communities in places such as Islay very hard.

'It's a bitter irony that an argument between the European Union and the United States about subsidies for airlines should embroil the malt whisky industry,' he said.

'EU trade negotiators need to get back into talks with their American counterparts and sort this dispute out before it does any more harm.'

And Lochaber and Skye SNP MSP Kate Forbes added: 'This is, of course, worrying news for the whisky industry, which has several distilleries in my constituency. It could have a long-term impact on investment and jobs.'

'A lot of these jobs indirectly support the rural economy, and the US is the whisky industry's biggest market.'

It was raised with the First Minister last week at First Minister's Questions and it is in everybody's interests to negotiate a settlement.



Lochranza Distillery could be one of many distilleries in Scotland affected by a potential tariff increase if a dispute between the EU and the United States is not resolved.

European and Far Eastern countries.'

But Karen Betts, chief executive of the Scotch Whisky Association, added: 'This is a blow to the Scotch whisky industry. The tariff will undoubtedly damage the Scotch whisky sector. The US is our largest and most valuable single market, and over £1 billion of Scotch whisky was exported there last year.'

'The tariff will put our competitiveness and Scotch whisky's market share at risk. We are also concerned it will disproportionately impact smaller producers. We expect to see a negative impact on investment and job creation in Scotland, and longer term impacts on productivity and growth across the industry and our supply chain.'

'This gives us a sense of what might happen to the wider food and drink industry in the event of a no-deal Brexit.'

Frazer Coupland, CEO of Lochaber Chamber of Commerce, called the news of the tariffs disappointing and added: 'Businesses that export already face many challenges and uncertainty, and this kind of sudden change to exporting rules can only add to the burden on businesses.'

'We will work to support our members affected by this change to trading conditions through the wider Scottish Chambers of Commerce network.'

However, of the three whisky distilleries in Lochaber, one does not export to the US and one of the other two is still a year away from selling whisky.

The third local Lochaber distillery – on Ardnamurchan – and two other distilleries – Talisker on Skye and another on Raasay – did not reply to our request for a comment.

Annabel Thomas, founder and CEO of the fledgling Nc'Neen Distillery on Morvern, interrupted her

business trip to a trade show in Berlin to give her views on the tariff bombshell.

Nc'Neen Distillery was founded at Drimnin near Lochaline in 2012 and is only at the stage of producing botanical spirit with its first batch of whisky not due until next year.

Ms Thomas said the US tariffs announcement meant her distillery's plans to target the American export market next year will have to be put on hold if the trade dispute is not resolved quickly.

'The US has always been a target market for us but if these tariffs do go ahead then that potentially makes that market a bit less attractive,' she told us.

'The plan had been to move into the US market and from there on to Canada but it might be the case we look at Canada first. If the tariffs make our whisky prohibitively expensive, that makes it less attractive.'

'So it is disappointing, but there are plenty of other markets for whisky. For smaller businesses like ours, there is more flexibility than say larger distillery businesses

that are already committed to the American market.'

'At the moment, it is the uncertainty around this because it could all change again very quickly.'

Asked to comment, Colin Ross, retired managing di-

rector of Ben Nevis Distillery in Fort William, said: 'We are very lucky in that currently we do not export our whiskies into the United States.'

'Obviously, we have done in the past but the bulk of our export business is with

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Bridge results

The last of the summer bridge took place on Monday August 30, at Arran High School, with the results as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Ellie Jones and Liz McKellar. E/W 1 Bill Allen and Vivienne Murray, visitors from New Zealand, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Tom Kelly, 3 Andy Martin and Sue Thurogood.

And the start of the winter bridge began with a game at Little Rock on Thursday October 3 with the results as follows: N/S 1 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan, 2 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone, 3 Ellie Jones and Liz McKellar. E/W 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Andy Martin and Gege Kroner, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie.

A spokesperson from the Arran Bridge Club said: 'It has been a great summer season, so thank you to all who came along. We look forward to the winter bridge season and offer a special welcome to our New Zealand visitors.'

Club draw winners

Winner of the Brodick 200 Club draw for October was Janice Small, Brodick.

Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club September draw winners were: first prize Lilian Brown, second prize Jean Wilkinson.

Man evacuated from Cioch na h- Oighe in night time rescue

A lost walker has been rescued by the Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) last week after he became lost and cragfast on Cioch na h- Oighe near Sannox.

The rescue team, made up of local volunteers, were called out on Wednesday October 2, shortly after 8.20pm to provide assistance.

Rescuers were able to obtain a grid reference from the walkers phone and after a steep walk up from the bottom of Glen Sannox, the male walker was located, warmed up then taken down off the hill into the glen below on a confidence rope to safety.

Although cold, the casualty was uninjured and thankfully okay.

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Rescuers make their way up steep terrain to assist the lost walker. Inset: AMRT members, guided by torchlight, return down Cioch na h- Oighe.

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Fish farm objections soar as closing date is reached

Public comments, both for and against the planning application made by the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), for a large salmon farm in the north of the island, near Millstone Point, reached a crescendo in the last two weeks leading up to the closing date.

With the closing date for public comments set for Monday September 30, a total of 206 were received by planning officials, 186 objecting to the proposal and only 20 supporting it.

The development proposal has been met with fierce opposition at each of the two public consultations hosted by SSC and at an organised protest which attracted more than 200 people to the remote and undeveloped Millstone Point where they voiced their objection both on the land and from the sea.

Objections included concerns about animal welfare, damage to the environment,

and concerns about tourism, the main industry on the island. Those in favour highlighted the economic impact the development could bring to Arran, along with the creation of employment, another concerning factor on Arran.

The application, which was made during August this year, comes amid a time of increased pressure for fish farmers, with the Danish government halting the expansion of the industry and a number of high profile figures, and the media, raising concerns about the practice.

It also comes at a time when shareholders in the Jersey-registered firm will be looking to increase profits with the recent acquisition of the majority stake by Bakkafrost, a Danish salmon company based in the Faroe Islands.

The application is currently under consideration by planning chiefs and will be decided later this year.



Protesters voiced their opposition to a fish farm development at Millstone Point at an event held last month. 01_B38coast08

MSP raises concerns over invasive species on Arran

West of Scotland MSP Maurice Golden has raised concerns over invasive species on Arran.

The Scottish Conservative questioned SNP rural affairs minister Mairi Gougeon on what the SNP government is doing to promote and enhance biodiversity on islands such as Arran, which is under threat from non-native species.

Decline

Mr Golden, who is also the shadow cabinet secretary for the environment, used questions surrounding the recent State of Nature report, which showed the continued decline in species across Scotland, to look for further specific support for Arran.

While the minister stopped short of outlining specific measures, Ms Gougeon did say she would be happy to look into matters further surrounding invasive species on Arran.

Mr Golden has now written to the minister to provide further background on his concerns.

He said: 'The recent State of Nature report laid bare



Maurice Golden, Conservative MSP for West Scotland.

Photograph: Andrew Cowan/Scottish Parliament

the huge challenges Scotland faces in order to protect our species. Islands such as Arran are particularly at threat from the invasion of non-native species threatening their biodiversity and natural environment.

'When it comes to biodiversity, the SNP government has a poor record when it comes to hitting targets and

that must improve. While I welcome the minister's commitment to looking into matters on Arran further, this must be backed up with specific action, otherwise the problem will only exacerbate.

'I will be continuing to pursue measures which enhance Arran's biodiversity, which is something we should all treasure.'

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Prehistoric Island

A paradigm shift in how we can map terrain and discover hidden archaeology has rocked the archaeological world and a number of related professions this week.

Lidar has proven itself to be as groundbreaking as the advent of new observation methods that have allowed astronomers to discover new planets at a rate unimaginable just 20 years ago.

The technology, which has just proven its worth to a worldwide audience, has been graphically demonstrated with remarkable precision and astounding results right here on our own shores.

Arran has been highlighted as, not only the test bed for the capabilities of the cutting edge technology, but also as an archaeological treasure trove, densely packed with a rich history dating back over 6,000 years.

It is hardly surprising that Kenneth Brophy, senior lecturer in archaeology at the university of Glasgow, has been calling for Arran to be rebranded as a prehistoric island and to be marketed as such to tourists and visitors.

Orkney and the Western Isles already attract a huge amount of visitors with a fascination for history, heritage, archaeology, prehistory, and Arran being more accessible is sure to see a rise in this demographic following the worldwide exposure that it has just been afforded.

Exciting times indeed.

Thought for the week

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep you safe.
Psalm 121: 7

Ferry competition

Sir,
It's all very well to say that the ferries fiasco must never happen again. But as long as the state-owned CalMac and CMAL have a monopoly over almost all the ferries and most of the key ports, then inevitably it will.

Political interference and dismal project management mean that Scottish taxpayers will pay more than £200million, more than twice the original budget, to get just two new ferries, two years late. (Though since their technology and the supporting infrastructure is untested on any ferry route in the world, it could take even longer.)

Those now in charge run a fleet of 33 boats that are an average 23 years old, when the working life of a Scottish ferry is 25 years. By the time the new CalMac ferries are in service, half the rest of the fleet will be past its use-by date. That means yet more Arran boats being taken off the crossing to plug ferry failures elsewhere.

Telling CalMac, CMAL and their political masters in Edinburgh to 'do better in future' is a waste of breath. On the Arran-mainland route, which is by far the busiest, the only viable future is proper and transparent competition, with new operators bringing in fresh ideas. More generally, future ferry projects should be evaluated through an entirely independent process—not left to an insider quango like CMAL.

Yours,
Eamonn Butler
Lamlash

Government competence

Sir,
Just read the 5 October Banner and was most surprised to read that CMAL accuse Jim McCall and his team of being 'hopelessly out of its depth' regarding the construction of the new ferry. Yet, in the article on the Arran Action Group, it mentions the tests on the simulator

which resulted in the ferry having alterations to the already built hull! In addition, CMAL was responsible for the new, not-fit-for-purpose, Brodick terminal which would not look out of place at Glasgow Airport, only difference being that escalators would be provided, instead of stairs (and not affected by an Easterly wind!). No doubt the concerns/suggestions on the new Ardrossan terminal design will also be completely ignored.

The ferry fiasco could have been avoided if a proper technical feasibility study had been carried out to assess the suitability of using LNG in a relatively small vessel. At present only large ships have hybrid (LNG and diesel) engines due to the complex handling and storage of LNG.

This entire project is just another example of the Scottish Government's abysmal record over the last few years on major issues, including education, NHS (both operational and infrastructure) and transport (railways and lifeline ferries). It appears that the level of competence can be measured in baby boxes, sanitary products, smacking and now workplace parking.

On the subject of the Scottish Salmon Company, the 4 October edition of Private Eye includes an article on the proposed SSC fish farm off Arran. Despite the company being 'Scottish', the major shareholder is now a Danish salmon farmer based in the Faroe Islands. It also describes the significant effect of untreated waste and chemicals on the native sea wildlife. According to the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, sea lice would also adversely affect the wild salmon and sea trout population. Last year Marine Scotland warned SSC about four farms for failing to control the sea lice, described in a previous edition of Eye (No 1498) as an epidemic. Since the beginning of 2019, data has highlighted that 3.1 million farmed salmon died due to disease, including 200,000 on an SSC site.

I suggest NAC planning department read this article when discuss-

ing the application, since the Danish government have now banned all new fish farm proposals due to the effect on the marine habitat.

Yours,
Robin Gardner
Milton of Campsie

Lamlash Events appeal

Sir,
I am writing this letter in the hope that we can inform some more people about what we are doing as a community organisation on Arran and try to enlist some help. Lamlash Events, a non-profit company, was set up three years ago to be the vehicle behind keeping the Santa's Sparkle event going (which was formally run by the previous owners of the Glenisle Hotel). Our aim was to ensure that the community were involved and what had been a really loved occasion continued to happen.

The objectives are simple and written into Lamlash Events constitution:

1. To encourage or undertake any event or project for the benefit of the village and community of Lamlash and the wider Isle of Arran, Scotland.
2. To organise or hold social events in Lamlash or the wider Isle of Arran.
3. To apply all money raised or received by the company to such events and projects.

To this end Lamlash Events has now supported and help organise three successful Santa's Sparkles, the Arran Rock 'n' Blues Festival and the Vegan Festival to be held 14/15th March 2020. We have five directors who work tirelessly to apply for grants and raise money to make these festivals happen, however they cannot continue without the help of more local Arran people.

If you can support with funds, give a donation, sponsorship or any administrative task such as writing letters, applying for grants or general organisation of licences, marshalling, loaning fencing or indeed

any other job involved in these festivals, please get in touch. We have a Lamlash Events' Facebook page for messaging and an email for Santa's Sparkle info@santassparkle.co.uk. Alternatively, call 01770 600418 and ask to be put in touch with one of the directors.

Santa's Sparkle is looking for offers of people to organise and run stalls/games aimed in particular at young children, help to decorate the school and Santa's Grotto, create a float for the parade, plus donations of raffle prizes, tombola and lucky dip prizes. If you can help, please get in touch.

Yours,
The Directors
Lamlash Events

Re-homing request

Sir,
Alison Prince had two cats, Mitzy and Fingal. I homed Mitzy with her when her cat Paddy passed on.

Her daughter has contacted me and asked if I can try to find a suitable home for them. So far I have advertised via social media and as yet no suitable home has been offered nor found.

They are obviously used to a quiet environment with no children and no dogs, with access to a safe garden. Fingal is a black male, 13 years old and is neutered, while Mitzy is a grey tabby, eight years old and also neutered.

I am saddened that there hasn't been a better response to our appeal, but perhaps the right person is not on social media and might be found via normal channels of a newspaper.

Can you help please? Thank you!

Yours,
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Some Scots don't know their Arran from their Anglesey

More than half of the UK do not know where Arran is, according to a new survey.

Island Holiday Cottages recently asked the Great British public to place the UK's islands on a map in a quiz to find out how well they know the beautiful islands that are found in our own backyard.

More than 1,400 people from all over the UK took part in the quiz, which produced some interesting results.

After breaking down the results by region, it was found that Scotland had the best knowledge of the UK's islands overall, able to successfully place eight out of the 10 islands featured on the map. In comparison, the south west ranked last, only able to place six successfully on average.

Scottish islands were the least familiar to quiz participants – only 44 per cent knew where the Outer Hebrides were, and only 49 per cent were able to place Arran successfully. Another interesting result is that a quarter of Brits don't know where the Isle of Man is.



Beautiful Brodick: less than half of the people quizzed could not successfully place Arran on the map.

Quite startling, the survey found 30 per cent of Scots could not correctly place the Outer Hebrides and 22 per cent didn't know where Arran

was. Only two-thirds of the British public were able to successfully place any of the Scottish islands on the map. More Scots knew where the Isles of Scilly were than their own islands.

On the whole the Great British public scored, on average, just under seven out of 10.

The Isle of Wight was the best-known UK island, with more than 90 per cent of people placing it successfully on the map, followed by Cornwall's Isles of Scilly and the Isle of Man.

Scots can celebrate with the fact that they beat the rest of the UK and came out on top for their UK island, scoring just under eight out of 10 on average.

What they might be surprised about, however, is their knowledge of their own islands: three out of 10 Scots were unable to successfully locate the Outer Hebrides on the map, and more Scots were able to place the Isles of Scilly than any of the Scottish islands.



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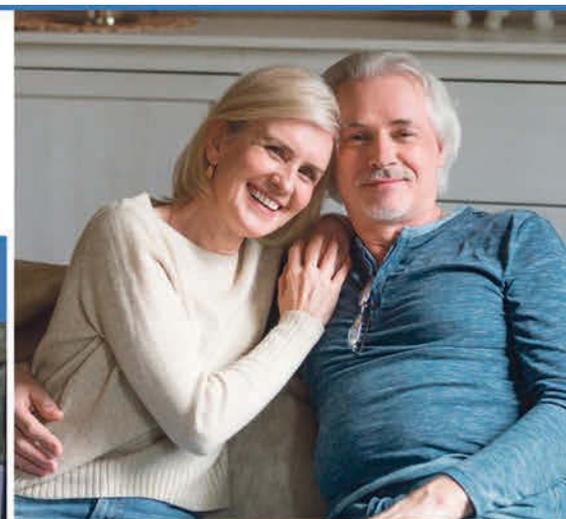
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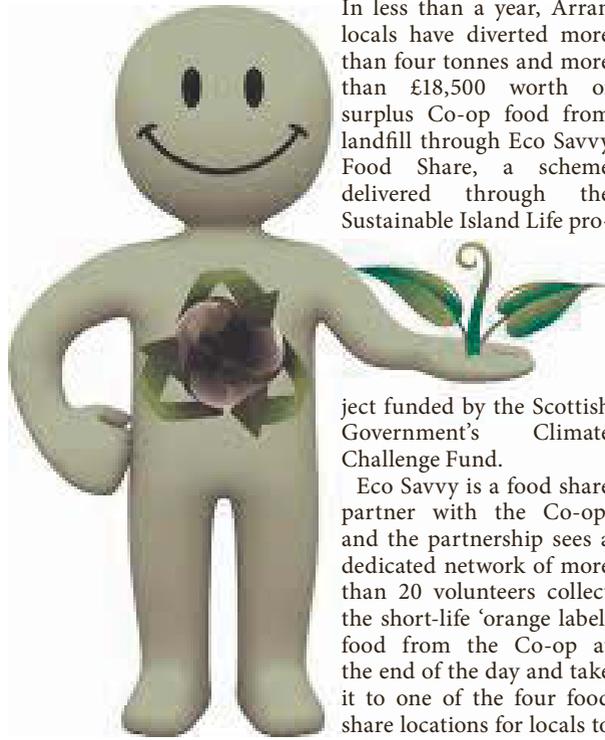
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Eco Savvy's food share reaches four tonne milestone



In less than a year, Arran locals have diverted more than four tonnes and more than £18,500 worth of surplus Co-op food from landfill through Eco Savvy Food Share, a scheme delivered through the Sustainable Island Life pro-

ject funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund.

Eco Savvy is a food share partner with the Co-op, and the partnership sees a dedicated network of more than 20 volunteers collect the short-life 'orange label' food from the Co-op at the end of the day and take it to one of the four food share locations for locals to collect.

Food coordinator Jess Wallace, who coordinates the scheme said: 'We have a brilliant network of volunteers who keep the food share running, without their efforts this wouldn't be possible and we are very thankful to them.'

The food share is open to everyone and is about reducing food waste on the island. We encourage everyone to come along and help stop good food from being binned.'

When food goes to landfill it emits methane, a greenhouse gas more potent than carbon dioxide and in Scotland, food waste has a significantly higher climate change impact than plastics.

The Scottish Government has ambitious plans to cut food waste by 33 per cent by 2025 and this scheme highlights the shift needed for those targets to be met.

Residents that want to take

significant environmental action in their daily lives are invited to engage with the savvy food programme, also delivered under the sustainable food strand of the project. Participants get first booking rights on cooking and preserving workshops, learn about reducing food waste and making more planet-conscious food choices to reduce our individual environmental 'footprints' and to save money.

The Sustainable Island Life project also delivers energy efficiency, and travel and transport-related activities.

Jude King, Eco Savvy project manager said: 'Improving the way your household eats, travels, produces and consumes energy are the three areas where you as an individual have significant impact on the climate crisis.'

'We seem to be at the point where the majority of Arran



Arran locals have diverted more than four tonnes and more than £18,500 worth of surplus Co-op food from landfill through the Eco Savvy Food Share scheme.

is aware of what they need to do to reduce their climate impact and carbon footprints and that's exciting. However, implementing the change is another challenge, and we are here to help you with

the question of how, in the context of Arran and your individual households.

'Please get in touch if you want to support and be involved in any of these projects.'



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- Aged 18 years to under 65 years in an at risk group, this is for people with a serious medical condition such as lung and heart problems, diabetes, kidney disease, being very overweight or who have a lowered immune system. – Clinic appointments
- All pregnant women – Please contact your midwife
- All people aged over 65 – Clinic appointments

If you are unsure if you are in an eligible group please do not hesitate to contact the surgery. All our Flu clinics will be by appointment only.

To make a flu vaccination appointment at any surgery please phone on 01770 600516.

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Boat building alive



One of the boats under early construction. 01_B42boat03



The special laser which cuts the HDPE into perfect shape. 01_B42boat04



Two recently completed boats awaiting collection. 01_B42boat02

From repairing HDPE workboats at the local fish farm to becoming the only manufacturer of HDPE workboats in Scotland, Iain and Sandra Monteith's family-run business in Whiting Bay has built an enviable reputation within the UK market.

Arran Workboats Ltd (AWB) build HDPE workboats ranging from six metres to nine metres in length; each boat customised to meet the customer needs. The boat business has been built successfully over the past 10 years with more than 40 workboats now in daily use.

All of the boats are designed and built from scratch on Arran. These rugged workboats, built from high-density polyethylene resin (HDPE), are built for extreme conditions and with a lifespan in excess of 25 years, they provide great value for the customer.

The MCA have heavily regulated this sector of the market to protect users at their place of work and AWB work closely with Qualified Marine Surveyors throughout the build process.

AWB's calculations and designs have been passed by CE Proof and build certificates issued by HPI verification services. This is only after the boats have been rigorously tested, including drop tests, stability tests, swamp tests and weld tests.

It is no mean feat to achieve the accreditation from CE Proof and it has been a lot of hard work and considerable investment.

All Boats are CE certified to design Category C (ISO12217) and a declaration of conformity to ISO 12217 is supplied with every boat. Each boat carries the CE mark and Hull Identification number. A quality control inspection is carried out prior to delivery of each boat. The finished boats are coded by the MCA and the coding is renewed each year.

Building

Arran Haulage transport the raw materials to the AWB's workshop where the building process begins. Each component is drawn on the CAD machine, where they are converted to the CNC programme. The boats are fabricated on jigs and rotating spits that have been designed and manufactured in house. The heat press for bending the HDPE has also been designed and manufactured in house. All employees who build the boats are all certified by the Welding Institute.

The boats are suitable for a wide range of customers, including fish farms, dive companies, marinas, harbour companies, marine companies, adventure companies and marine research organisations.

The list is not exhaustive and enquiries are also received from customers wishing to use the boats for leisure use. The robustness of the boats makes them suitable for working in shallow rocky coastlines and as each boat can be customised to meet specific needs, their range of use is continuously expanding.

AWB now have boats operating all along the west coast of Scotland including the Outer Hebrides, Colonsay and Rum. Boats also operate in the North and South of Ireland, England, and as far afield to Madeira. The current batch of boats under construction will be heading to Lewis, Harris, Skye, Mull and County Galway, with future orders confirmed from Shetland and Orkney. Tenders being worked on could see



Owner Iain Monteith with a newly completed workboat outside the firm's Whiting Bay factory. 01_B42boat01

the geographic reach of the business extend to Germany, the Faroe Islands and as far a field as Greenland.

Business growth comes mainly from customer recommendations, which is great testament to the quality of the product.

The options available to customers range from 'bare hull' boats to full 'turnkey packages' and due to the efficiency of the process, coupled with skill and dedication of the employees, build time can be as little as eight weeks for a 'bare hull' and 10 weeks for a 'turnkey package'.

AWB are extremely mindful of the environment and ensure that 100 per cent of materials are recycled. Recycling machines have been designed and built in house to ensure that 100 per cent of materials are recycled. Arran Haulage transports our plastic waste to a state-of-the-art recycling centre in Inchinan.

Innovation is a core component of the business and



An Arran Workboat hard at work at sea. 01_B42boat07

and well on Arran



The Man Overboard Recovery System includes a re-boarding ladder. 01_B42boat06

A boat nearing completion. 01_B42boat05

both marine surveyors and customers have been very impressed with the 'Man Overboard Recovery System', which includes a re-boarding ladder that has been designed and built in house and is now fitted as standard on all new Arran Workboats. This helps

improve safety at sea which is at the heart of customers' requirements.

Breaking into new markets is never an easy task, but AWB has built new workboats for the three largest fish farming businesses in Scotland and this has been achieved by

providing an excellent product at a competitive price, and through listening to the customer's individual needs.

With each of these customers a brand new design of boat was developed in house to satisfy their needs. Input is received from the individual site manager and the boat is tailored even further to suit their needs. In addition, many fish farm sites are now located further offshore and the boats have been developed to cater for this development.

On every occasion, when a new build has been delivered and been in use, feedback is then sought from people who use the boat on a daily basis. The feedback is then used in AWB's continuous improvement programme. This feedback ensures that the AWB continues to be best in class and leads the market. The excellent feedback on the design, safety and handling of the boats in the water has led to repeat orders and recommendations to other

seafarers.

New boat designs and innovations are constantly being tried and tested in the workshop and prototypes are developed. Customers are then invited to the workshop to view the prototypes and their feedback is listened to very carefully. This feedback is invaluable to the business going forward.

Arran Workboats provides employment for 10 local people and Iain and Sandra have doubled the workforce

in the last couple of years as demand for the product has increased. Four of the staff are under the age of 30 and they have learned their trade through on site training and also training programmes.

The result is a highly skilled workforce and one that produces a quality product.

It is also great that these young people have been able to remain on Arran rather than move to the mainland for employment opportunities.

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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

Britain's first modern mandolin quartet to visit Brodick

Music Arran will play host to Britain's first modern mandolin quartet, The Mandolinquents, at Brodick Hall this weekend.

Described as 'infectious fun with offbeat humour', the concert will feature mandolins of all sizes and will include a wide repertoire of lively reels, traditional airs, hot swing and ragtime, plus the occasional Chinese or Brazilian tune.

The Mandolinquents quartet emerged from a 1997 line-up, The Mandolin All-Stars with Simon Mayor, multi-instrumentalists Martin Allcock and Chris Leslie of Fairport Convention, and Simon's long-time musical partner, Hilary James.

Originally intended as an occasional all-star get-together, fast growing demand meant that a permanent

line-up had to be found. The Mandolinquents now includes the renowned classical guitar virtuoso Gerald Garcia, UK banjo champion, Richard Collins and 'one of Britain's finest voices' Hilary James doubling on mandobass.

Simon's offbeat humour surfaced in his own series for the BBC, *Marooned with a Mandolin* - 'the best programme on Radio 2 this week' as described by *The Independent* on Sunday. He now leads Britain's first modern mandolin quartet, the Mandolinquents.

Taking place on Saturday October 19, at 7.30pm, the performance could be a great way to round off the October school holiday with the family. Simon and Hilary, who also tour as a duo, share a keen interest in children's



The Mandolinquents quartet, made up of Simon Mayor, Gerald Garcia, Richard Collins and Hilary James, will be performing at Brodick Hall this weekend.

music and have worked extensively with young people in theatres and schools. They have written more than 50

children's songs, many for their own Musical Mystery Tour children's CDs and the Musical Mystery Tour

songbook published by Faber Music. Simon Mayor and Hilary James have also written satirical and topical songs

for BBC news programmes including *Newsnight*. A huge fan of fellow Yorkshireman, the late, great Jake Thackray, the Mandolinquents feature everything from hot swing and ragtime instrumentals from the mandolin orchestras of the 1930s: Irving Berlin, Mozart, Ravel and Tchaikovsky to lively reels and beautiful traditional Irish airs to Chinese and Brazilian folk tunes.

All this played with infectious fun, offbeat humour and stunning virtuosity on mandolin, mandola, mandocello, mandobass and classical guitar, with the occasional burst of song or fiddle.

Tickets for the performance at Brodick hall on Saturday October 19, at 7.30pm are £10 per person and children and young people at school are free, as well as an accompanying adult.

Tickets are available online from arranevents.com, at Inspirations in Brodick, or at the door.

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Saltire Society set for Stones and Stories

The Isle of Arran Saltire Society will welcome writer James Robertson as their guest speaker next week when he delivers a talk called Stones and Stories.

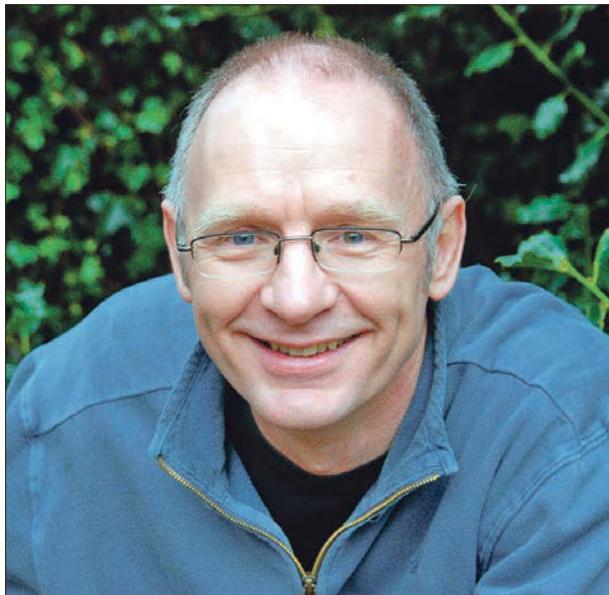
One of Scotland's best-loved writers, James Robertson's five novels mark him out as one of the country's major contemporary authors – The Professor of Truth, And the Land Lay Still, The Testament of Gideon Mack, Joseph Knight and The Fanatic.

The Testament of Gideon Mack was longlisted for the 2006 Man Booker Prize and selected for Richard and Judy's Book Club the following year. Joseph Knight won the Saltire Scottish Book of the Year in 2003 and And the Land Lay Still received the same prize in 2010.

James Robertson's latest project is an unusual one: in 2013, he wrote a story every day, each exactly 365 words long. A year later, on a daily basis, the stories were

published online before being collected into a single book. The description of the book says: 'Some draw on elements of ancient myth and legend, others are outtakes from Scottish history and folklore; there are squibs and satires, songs and ballads in disguise, fairy tales, stories inspired by dreams or in the form of interviews, and personal memories and observations. Underpinning all of them are vital questions: Who are we? What are we doing here? What happens next?'

Suitably, the title of the Arran talk will be Stones and Stories and readers of And the Land Lay Still will remember that, interwoven between the various stories is the parable of a homeless man walking the land, passing stones on to people. Not only is this an ingenious method of connecting characters and generations, but also a metaphor for storytelling itself, an act that links the land with



James Robertson will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Saltire Society when he delivers a talk titled *Stones and Stories*. Photograph: Marianne Mitchelson.

the culture and myth with history.

The stones refer to the ancient standing stones in the landscape as well as pebbles that cause ripples in a stream. On Arran, of course, we are familiar with these in our landscape, especially the majestic stones on Machrie Moor.

To quote Robertson himself: 'These stones inform the landscape but we don't know where they came from or what they mean. I find that fascinating.'

The talk will be held in Arran High School Theatre on Wednesday October 23 at 7.30pm. Entry is by donation and all are welcome.

Hunterian exhibition explores Gaelic identities

A new exhibition opening at the Hunterian, University of Glasgow, in October will consider what Gaelic identity means in 21st-century Scotland.

Scheduled to coincide with the 2019 Royal National Mòd and the UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages, GUGA: Exploring Gaelic Identities presents objects, books and manuscripts associated with Gaelic language and culture from the collections of the Hunterian and University of Glasgow archives and special collections.

Gaelic was once spoken throughout almost the whole of Scotland but today is only sustained as a community language in parts of the Highlands and Western Isles.

However, a large portion of current Gaelic speakers live outside the Gàidhealtachd (the Gaelic-speaking Highlands and Islands) with nearly 10,000 in Glasgow.

Many are migrants or the descendants of migrants from



A Neolithic female human skeleton found at Balevullin, Tiree. Photograph: Maverick Photo Agency Ltd.

traditionally Gaelic-speaking areas, but a rapidly growing number are new speakers.

Culture

Spanning four rooms in the Hunterian Art Gallery, GUGA examines longstanding representations of the 'indigenous' culture of the Gàidhealtachd, and questions what Gaelic identity means today – to the native speaker, the new speaker or the non-speaker.

The exhibition features both

Gaelic and English texts and uses historical objects to investigate how living languages and the societies in which they are spoken, written and read, reflect both the past and the present.

Must see items include one of the oldest known Highland 'Targes', a Neolithic skeleton from Tiree and some of the earliest Gaelic printed books.

It also features a slideshow of images by award winning photographer Laetitia Vancon

from her project At the end of the day, a photographic documentary of young people living in the Outer Hebrides.

Hunterian deputy director and exhibition curator Mungo Campbell said: 'The Hunterian and the University of Glasgow are mindful of our presence in a city that is home to one of the largest concentrations of Gaelic speakers in the world, including an increasing number of new Gaelic speakers.'

'The Hunterian's collections reflect the strong historic connections between the university, the people of the Gàidhealtachd and its culture.'

GUGA aims to encourage questions from visitors about how Gaelic culture is viewed in 21st-century Scotland and they will have the opportunity to offer their own reflections within the exhibition itself.

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Talk on Greek influence of Glasgow architect

Iain McGillivray gave an interesting talk on the Scottish and Glasgow architect Alexander 'Greek' Thomson to more than 40 members of the Arran Historical Society at their September meeting.

His talk was accompanied by slides, drawings, details and photographs of his vast portfolio of buildings designed by him and his companions.

Alexander lived in the 19th century, from 1817 to 1875. He came from humble origins – his father was a bookkeeper and he was the 17th of 23 children. He was apprenticed and trained under the prevalent fashions as a draughtsman and architect over a number of years before setting up his own practice. His training included the classical Roman, Greek architecture and he introduced them into his own work.

One of his first commissions was an 'Italianate villa' in Cove. This building 'Craig-Ailey' has features: parallel high narrow bay windows up to the underside of the low-pitched bay roof with a wide eaves. The Italianate style roof and the small Roman arches were features of the window-head. The arch seems to have become less favourable to him, but the vertical lines and horizontal lines and symmetry continued and developed in future commissions.

The masonry and the timber used by Thomson was of high quality. The workmanship of the masons and joiners producing the ornamental details was exceptional. The timber was imported from America and seasoned in water on the mudflats of the Clyde. The lines of timber piles bays used remain as lines of stumps

today. His favourite stone was white sandstone, processed, carved and squared in a deep quarry outside Glasgow. This is now gone. He adapted and detailed the new materials: wrought iron and cast iron castings detailing was illustrated. He had his own style of doors, windows and varied them to suit the location. He complimented external and internal details with some furniture and gas lighting details. Plaster friezes and cornices and wall illustrations had classical origins and included painting of the Trojan Wars.

The classical details included fluted columns in the classical Greek and lotus flower and obelisks in the Egyptian tradition. These were used in eaves, chimney stacks, church towers, bay windows and door canopies.

He was influenced by other

contemporary detailers and architects, both in Germany and in Great Britain, and his style is present in buildings overseas in Milwaukee and New York, and also by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The vast number of buildings attributed to him, such as villas, churches, terraced housing, warehouses, and commercial buildings, was fully illustrated by the speaker along with their history.

The Thomson Society is restoring a villa with one of his finest interiors, Holmwood House in Cathcart.

The next meeting of the historical society is on Monday October 21 in Brodick Hall at 2pm. The speaker is Derek Alexander, chief archeologist of the National Trust for Scotland, who will talk about the latest archeological findings on Arran and elsewhere in Scotland. **Hugh Brown**



Speaker Iain McGillivray with society secretary Hugh Brown.

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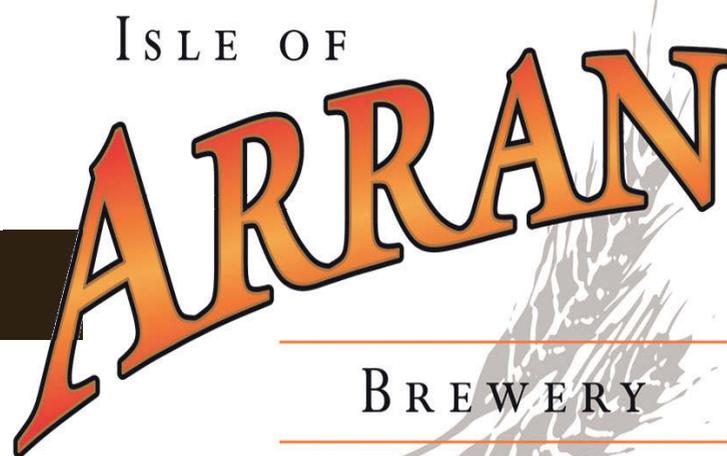
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Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 19th October

Autumn Fest Brodict Castle and Country Park
Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 9am
Corrie Food Festival Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 12 noon - 5pm
Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Outdoor Autumn Art Adventure Playground Brodict Castle 1pm - 2pm
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
MusicArran presents "Mandolinquents", Cafe style, BYOB Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Live Music - Michael J. Dwyer Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm
Live Music - Hingin' by a Threed, Celtic folk band. The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music - Matt Scott & Anna Sweeney The Douglas Hotel, Brodict 9pm - 11pm
Over-21's Disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

Sunday 20th October

Autumn Fest Brodict Castle and Country Park
Emergency Services Regatta Lamlash Pier, from 12noon
Live Music - Michael Dwyer Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Outdoor Autumn Art Adventure Playground, Brodict Castle 1pm - 2pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the Pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live Music - Hingin' by a Threed, Celtic folk band. The PHT, Lamlash, 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 21st October

Autumn Fest Brodict Castle and Country Park
Morning Fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Outdoor Autumn Art Adventure Playground, Brodict Castle 2pm - 3pm
Arran Historical Society - speaker Derek Alexander Brodict Hall, 2pm
Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
JogScotland mixed ability running group Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Circuit training Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Rink Games Brodict Bowling Club, 6.15pm
Rink Bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Live Music - Tim Pomeroy Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over-10s Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 22nd October

Geology and Wildlife Land Rover Safari Arran Ranger Centre, Brodict Castle 9.30am - 3pm
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
Meet the Maker Exhibition Lagg Distillery, 10am - 4pm
Chess Morning Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am
Rink Bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Colour Crafts in the Library, aged 5-11 years Brodict Library, 2pm - 3pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Arran Pace Makers - Jog Scotland beginners' group Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 5.30pm
Steak Night - 2 Ribeye Steaks & bottle of wine Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 5.30pm

Gym induction
The 1st Shiskine Rainbows and Brownies
Arran Hockey Club - juniors (5-14yrs)
Mini Kickers 3-5yrs (preschool)
Junior Football, P4 -P6s
Scottish Country Dancing
Flow Yoga
Eco Savvy Food Share
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Traditional Music Sessions

Wednesday 23rd 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 - 12 noon
Meet the Maker Exhibition Lagg Distillery, 10am - 4pm
Arran Elderly Forum Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 10.30am for 11am
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 Kwondo juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Live Music - Ealana Boyle Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Pub Quiz The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Thursday 24th October

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 - 10.30am
Chair Yoga Exercise Class Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 10.30am
Chess Morning Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am
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 Pavillion, Brodict, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodict Embroidery Group Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share Brodict Ormidale Pavillion, 8.15pm
Eco Savvy Food Share Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Friday 25th 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
Qi Gong (Tai Chi), all welcome Glen Estate Lounge, Brodict, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Gym Induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Pop -Up Evening, BYOB (bookings only) The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Provincial French Cookery Food pop-up Lagg Distillery, 7pm for 7.30pm
Tae Kwondo Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live Music - Shindig 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 26th October

Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavillion, 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
Pop -Up Evening, BYOB (bookings only) The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Ghost Walks & Haunted Manor Brodict Castle and Country Park, 7pm - 10pm
Live Music - Jack Taylor Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm
Live Music - Blackleaf 40, blues rock band The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music - Scott MacDonald The Douglas Hotel, Brodict 9pm - 11pm
Over-21's Disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

Wellbeing and Recovery College to run free courses

Residents on Arran and across North Ayrshire are invited to enrol at the North Ayrshire Wellbeing and Recovery College (NAWARC) to take advantage of a number of free courses aimed at improving mental, physical and emotional wellbeing.

NAWARC is funded by North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership and is co-ordinated by Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH), a third sector mental health charity.

Anyone who lives, works or studies in North Ayrshire and is over 16 years old is welcome to enrol as a student and attend the free courses that are of interest. Whether you are recovering from grief, heartbreak, illness, mental ill health, stress, low mood, or just a knock to the confidence, the courses are all aimed at supporting mental, physical

and emotional wellbeing in a shared learning environment in the community.

Through a number of courses and workshops the organisation aims to support people to help them identify and build on their own strengths, make sense of their experiences and to take responsibility, where possible, to self-manage their mental health and wellbeing.

To find out more about NAWARC, the college will host an open day on Arran on Tuesday October 29 in Brodick Hall between 1pm and 4pm. There will be pop up taster workshops on Monday November 11 at Brodick Hall and on Monday November 18 at Ormidale Pavilion.

Further details on upcoming courses can be found on the website at www.nawarc.com or the college can be contacted on 01294 447355.



Molly Duncan, Trish Wallace and Jeanette Allan of NAWARC will help students to build confidence and coping skills to manage mental health and wellbeing.

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Deposit Return Scheme seminar comes to Arran

Zero Waste Scotland will be visiting Brodick next week to talk to businesses and community members about a new recycling scheme that is coming to Arran.

The event, on Friday October 25, will give people a chance to learn more about Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme. Under the scheme, people will pay a 20p deposit when buying drinks purchased in single-use plastic or glass bottles and aluminium or steel cans. People will get their money back when they return their empty container for recycling.

The scheme is expected to increase recycling of single-use bottles and cans and cut CO2 emissions, playing an important role in tackling the climate emergency. It will also give people an extra incentive not to litter.

Zero Waste Scotland, which helped the Scottish Government design the scheme, is especially interested to hear from islands-based drinks producers, retailers, hospitality businesses, and other key stakeholders, such as tourism businesses.

The draft regulations

laid before the Scottish Parliament in September include a target of capturing 90 per cent of all scheme containers. Achieving that requires making the scheme



Jill Farrell, chief operating officer, Zero Waste Scotland, says the Deposit Return Scheme will deliver fantastic environmental benefits but it will require the involvement of the whole country.

accessible and practical for everyone in Scotland.

In addition to this and six other island engagement events, the Scottish

Government will complete an Islands Impact Assessment to ensure any significant unique impacts on island communities are captured and mitigated against. A webinar will be held after the final event to give people who could not attend a chance to learn more about the scheme.

Jill Farrell, chief operating officer, Zero Waste Scotland, said: 'We want to make sure that Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme works for the whole of Scotland. That's why we are visiting Arran to speak with residents, businesses and stakeholders. We want to benefit from their insight into how this will work for the islands.'

'From reducing litter to cutting Scotland's CO2 emissions, this scheme will deliver fantastic environmental benefits. Making that happen requires the involvement of the whole country and the scheme needs to be accessible and practical for every community.'

The Arran engagement event will take place at Auchrannie Resort, Brodick, on Friday October 25 from noon to 3pm.

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday October 23, 1999

Oldest known dwelling house in Scotland

The remains of five large post-holes found in Lamlash could be the site of the oldest known dwelling house in Scotland.

The discovery was made at Glenkiln by experts from Glasgow University. Tom Finnie of the Heritage Museum has now visited the site with fellow local archaeologist Fiona Gorman and both are convinced about the significance of the find.

The five posts would have supported a shelter probably dating back some 10,000 years to Mesolithic times. The experts say that the shelter probably housed six or seven people and was one of a group of several for an extended family group of around 20. The timber posts could have been covered with a hide roof, a little like a teepee, and directly opposite the house was a row of stake-holes at frequent intervals facing south which Tom

believes may have been a drying frame for fish (for food) and skins (for clothes).

Double bogey

Arran may soon have eight golf courses if a proposal by Machrie Bay Golf Club comes to fruition. They have been told by the owners of Dougarie Estate, who own their present course, that they will not renew the lease when it expires in 2002.

The club have offered to buy the land, but this has been turned down. However, it is understood that the Gibbs family intend to run the course themselves.

Now Machrie Bay members have been given the three options open to them in a letter from club captain Peter Emsley. They could develop a new course on land they can acquire at Ashlar Farm, or the second option is to become a club without a course and the third is to disband. Mr Emsley in his letter is urging members to vote to develop a new course.

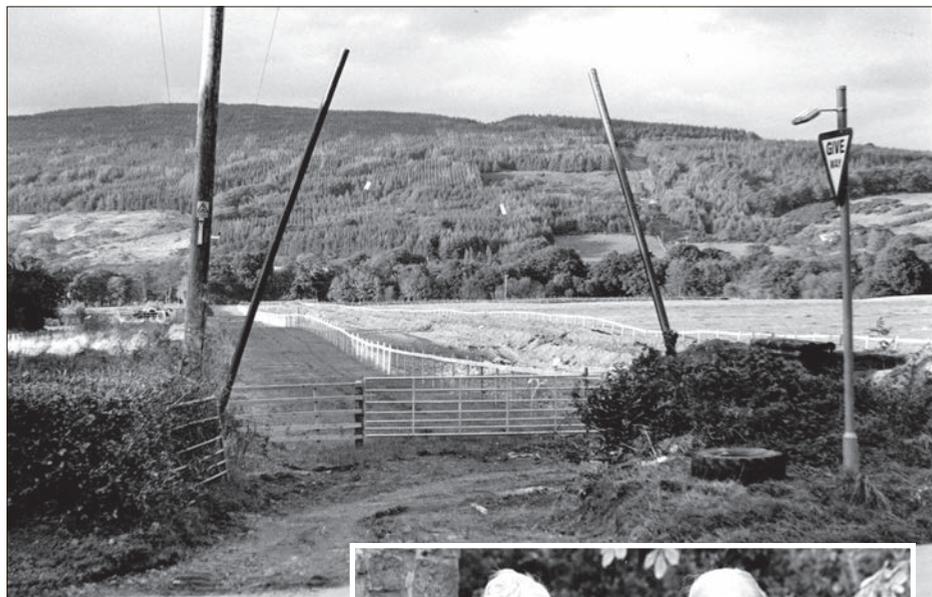


A year ago we reported on the Cordon footbridge over the Monamore Burn being swept away in the October floods. This week it has been replaced with a new sturdy structure which the builders say will be there for many years to come. Our picture shows Gareth Hopps and Anthony Brown applying the finishing touches. 01_B42twe04



Winners at the 1999 Lamlash Tennis Championships are back row: Jimmy Stewart, Alastair Glen and Campbell Seaton; front row: Eleanor Muirhead and Audrey McCrone.

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The Glenkiln site of Mesolithic house taken from the main road south of Lamlash.

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Tom Finnie and Fiona Gordon have visited the site of what could be Scotland's oldest dwelling house. 01_B42twe01



Forty years of the Brodick Friday Club were celebrated last week at a lunch attended by past and present members and committee along with their guests. The immediate past president, Mrs Grace Small, was presented with flowers as a token of thanks for her long years in office. 01_B42twe03



Notes from a Small Island was the title of a musical project which took place on Arran over the October holidays bringing together young musicians from North Ayrshire, Aberdeen city and South Lanarkshire which culminated in a concert in Lamlash Hall.

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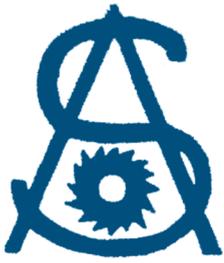
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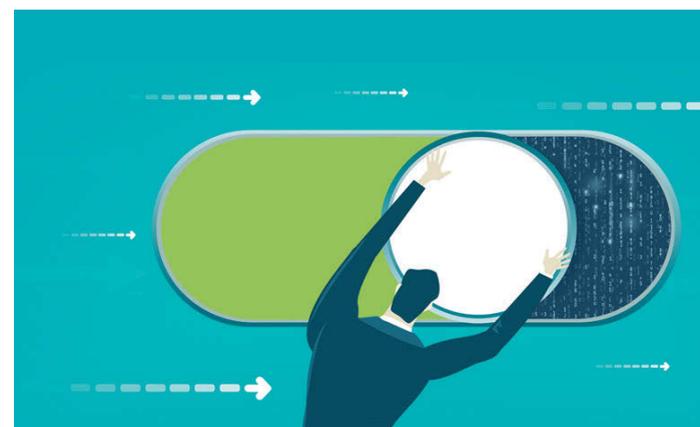


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Monday 4th November
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 THE NORTH AYSHIRE COUNCIL (A841 ROSA BRIDGE TO CNOCAN BRIDGE, BRODICK, ISLE OF ARRAN) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 2nd October 2019 The North Ayrshire Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 160 and 161 of The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 confirmed the above mentioned Order prohibiting the cutting down, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of the trees specified in the Schedule hereto. The Order was confirmed with modifications. The area between Brodick Primary School and the junction of the A841 and B880 was removed from the Order as its inclusion was not merited with the exception of a Beech tree which was identified for individual protection. In addition four Common Lime trees located adjacent to Arran Aromatics merited a group protection within the Order.

Copies of the Order confirmed and of the plan referred to therein may be inspected by any persons free of charge at Democratic Services (Legal), Cunninghame House, Irvine during working hours and Arran Library, Main Street, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8DL between the hours of 10am to 5pm on Tuesday; 10am to 7.30pm on Thursdays and Fridays and 10am to 1pm on Saturday.

The Order became operational on the 22nd May 2019.
Dated this 7th October 2019.

SCHEDULE

(1) Beech Tree lying to the south of the A841 approximately 265 metres east of the junction of the A841 and the B880 at Brodick (2) Group of 4 Common Limes adjacent to Arran Aromatics, Brodick and (3) 4.68 hectares of mainly deciduous mature trees lying on both sides of the carriageway of the A841 from its junction with the B880 to the west of Rosa Bridge generally in a northeasterly direction to Cnocan Bridge lying to the north of Brodick, on the Island of Arran in the Parish of Kilbride and County of Bute.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (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 08.11.19. 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

19/00773/LBC; 3 Alma Terrace, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8BA; Alterations to terraced dwellinghouse including: replacement window to front elevation; installation of cast iron rainwater goods; internal alterations; lowering of level of rear patio; and provision of air source heat pump within rear garden area.

Craig Hatton
Chief Executive
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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 20th 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 20th 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, and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and other items.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 20th October
Trinity 18
Holy Communion at 11am
Drs Chris and Ros Brett
Coffee after service
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(continuing)
Sunday 20th 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 20th October
Mrs Sharon MacLeod
Kilmory at 10 am
Lamlash at 11.30 am
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072
All welcome

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
Sunday 20th 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 20th 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 20th 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
Sunday 20th October
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

DEATHS

BUCHAN: Robertson 'Bob'
Dearly loved and loving husband of Evelyn Elizabeth and much loved uncle of Stuart and Alice Buchan, died peacefully in the Arran War Memorial Hospital on 11th October 2019. Funeral will be held in the Lamlash Parish Church on Friday, 25th October 2019 at 11:30am. All welcome. No mourning. Enquiries: Hendry Funeral Services.

SCOTT: Rose (Mary)
Rose Scott (Mary) beloved wife of Ted (died 07.03.19) passed away peacefully on 05.10.19 at Birchmere Care Home, Birmingham.

A very much loved Mum, Mary will be sadly missed by her children Susan, Mary and Robert, her grandchildren Ben, Rebecca and Sam and her many great grandchildren.

ROSS: Frances (Rosie)
Frances Ross (Rosie) died peacefully on October 8th. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Ross and much loved mother of Catherine, Charles, Kenneth and Jeanette. Much adored Granny and Great-Granny. She will be greatly missed by all. Funeral will take place on Tuesday 22nd October at 11.30am at Brodick Church.

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A spectacular sunset over Hades, the 8th hole at Shiskine Golf Club. Photograph: Shiskine Golf Club.

DEATH

SILLARS - Irene Cameron (nee Kerr)
Suddenly but peacefully at Gartnavel Hospital on the 12th October 2019, Irene beloved wife of the late Sandy and much loved mum and gran passed away after a short illness. In accordance with her wishes there will be a short graveside service held at Lamlash Cemetery on Saturday 26th October at 11.30am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dr Ian F.M. Saint Yves M.D
Margot, Euan and Michelle would like to thank Montrose House and Stronach's wonderful staff for all your caring to Ian and myself. Thank you to Lamlash Health Centre and Social Services for their support and advice and to Clair and David for the and sensitive service for Ian and myself. Thank you also to friends and family, especially Jackie and Kenny, for the support shown and to the wonderful community of Whiting Bay. A special mention must go to Bob Haddow who also lost Margaret, my best friend for 70 years.

We will miss my cheeky, loving husband and soul mate.

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Brodick Golf Club
Sunday October 13, Winter Cup Stableford, 13 played, CSS 37 points. Douglas Robertson 16, 40pts, Bob McCrae 8, 38pts, ACB, George Hamilton 15, 38pts.
Fixture: Sunday October 20, Winter Cup Stableford, 8.30am and 1pm.

Shiskine Golf Club
Sunday October 13, Gents 18 Hole Medal. 1 T Ellis 80-23=57, 2 and scratch, P Betley 75-10=65, 3 C Rutterford 87-20=67. Magic twos, Q Oliver.

Corrie Golf Club
Saturday October 12, Sweep. 1 D Bremner 70-10=62, BIH and scratch, 2 A Napier 72-10=62. Monday October 14,

Monday Cup. 1 A Napier 65-10=55, scratch, 2 J McGovern 69-10=59.

Fixtures: Saturday October 19, 18 Hole Sweep, ballots at 9am and 1.30pm. Monday October 21, Monday Cup, ballot at noon. Saturday October 25, Eddie Rankin Memorial Trophy will now take place at Corrie Golf Club. Shotgun start at 1.30pm. Corrie committee members and tearoom please note.

Lamlash Golf Club
Thursday October 10, Front Nine Medal. 1 Alan Smith 39-6.5=32.5, 2 Allan Colquhoun 40-3.5=36.5. Sunday October 13, Glenburn Cup. 1 Ian Bremner 74-8=66, 2 Derek Harrison 91-23=68. Best

scratch, Ian Bremner. Magic twos, Ian Bremner at 16th.

Fixtures: Sunday October 20, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and noon starts. Thursday October 24, Back Nine Medal, make up own groups.

Machrie Bay Golf Club
Saturday October 12, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Alistair McDonald 37pts, BIH, 2 John Pennycott 37pts, 3 Phil Betley 35pts, Tuesday October 15, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 John Pennycott 40pts, 2 Ron Woods 37pts, 3 Alistair McDonald 35pts.

Fixtures: Tuesday October 22, Winter Cup, tee off at noon. Saturday October 26, Eddie Rankin. Machrie Bay V Corrie at Corrie, 1.15pm for a 1.30pm shotgun start.

More junior rugby photographs



The youngsters learn how to pass the ball backwards. 01_B41rugby01



Stuart McMaster explains a training move. 01_B41rugby05



Youngsters practice a throw and tackle exercise. 01_B41rugby08



Children enjoy the physicality of the game. 01_B41rugby02

Unstoppable Arran lay siege to Bobby's Bar



Isle of Arran	9
Bobby's Bar	0
League Division One	

Arran AFC, still on a high from a recent 8-0 victory over Irvine, faced their opponents, Bobby's Bar at the Kilwinning Sports Club last weekend hoping to continue their unbeaten record this season.

The players were certainly not disappointed and their determination showed with an emphatic victory over their opponents despite some spirited football by Bobby's Bar players.

Helping to dominate the game and ensuring a 9-0 victory, prolific goal-scorer Archie McNicol scored a

brace while Johnny Sloss scored five times for his side.

Danny Head, who is about to depart back to Australia for the summer, left on a high after scoring two goals to add to his tally.

The result leaves Arran third in the Ayrshire Sunday Division 1 League with only one point separating them from second place Irvine CSC who have 10 points. Killie Athletic are in first place with 12 points.

The next fixture for Arran will be a return to the third round of the West of Scotland Cup which will take place this Sunday against Eastend Star at the Stepford Football Centre, Glasgow. All supporters are greatly appreciated.



Johnny Sloss delivers a powerful kick to drive the ball into the net. Photographs: Tam Borland.



Danny Head scores his second goal of the game.



Danny Head is congratulated by his teammates.



The Bobby's Bar keeper is unable to prevent another Arran goal.



Archie McNicol looks on as his goal from the corner sails into the net.



Johnny Sloss intercepts an incoming ball.

Youngsters are put through their paces at junior rugby

With the Rugby World Cup in full swing in Japan interest in the sport is on a high.

And with more women getting involved in the game its popularity across Scotland is rising.

Junior rugby is also proving popular on Arran. The training nights at Ormidale Park on a Monday attract healthy numbers but organisers are keen for more youngsters to take part and are particu-

larly keen to get more girls involved.

With Arran presently without a rugby team it is hoped that if interest can be instilled at an early age it will bode well for the future.

The junior rugby sessions are 6-7pm for primary P3 to P7, and 7-8pm for S1 to S6. They resume after the school holidays, on Monday October 21, and new members are always welcome.



All the youngsters are kept involved in the training session. 01_B41rugby04



No way through for the youngster with the ball. 01_B41rugby09



The youngsters who attended the final training session before the school holiday with the high school pupils who help out, some of whom play their rugby on the mainland. For more photographs, turn to page 22. 01_B41rugby10



Frazer Barr goes over a tackling technique. 01_B41rugby07



A determined challenge on a player with the ball. 01_B41rugby06



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