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The ghastly line-up at the Lamlash primary school Hallowe'en disco held on Tuesday night, just one of the number of parties being held this week. See more photos inside and don't miss next week's Banner for a full round-up of events. 01_B44halloween01

Crackdown on parking at Lamlash danger junction

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Keep clear lines are to be painted at a dangerous junction in Lamlash in a bid to end inconsiderate parking, it has been confirmed.

There have long been concerns about obstructive park-

ing at the corner of the Ship House and The Bay Hotel on the main road and Park Terrace junction, which has been described as an 'accident waiting to happen'.

John Thomson Construction Ltd has also complained they sometimes have difficulty getting larger vehi-

cles in and out of the junction because of parked cars. It is particular problem over the busy summer months.

As a result both Thomson's and Arran Community Council have been pressing for double yellow lines or a box junction to be installed at the junction. However the

implementation of and Traffic Regulation Order to allow this to go ahead could take up to 18 months.

Now North Ayrshire Council has come up with a solution and that is to paint white keep clear lines a both corners of the junction and across the road on the

Lamlash green side at the junction.

Sergeant Dougie Robertson confirmed to the meeting of the community council this week that while they would not be enforceable, police would act to move any cars found on the keep clear lines.

North Ayrshire councillor

Timothy Billings said that while he thought this would be helpful, he had concerns that cars would block the car park entrance and also be 'pushed' towards the narrower section of road at the Whitehouse Woods.

The meeting was told

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Cams and Lorraine Campbell on their last day of serving behind the counter where they have worked for 11 years. 01_B44post01

Out with the the new

End of an era for Brodick Post Office

by Colin Smeeton
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Brodick Post Office has returned 'home' to the Book and Card Centre after a smooth transition this week from Mayish Road where it has served the public for more than 70 years.

Officially opening at 1pm on Tuesday, the new Post Office resumed postal services the day after the previous office closed following the resignation of the owners Cams and Lorraine Campbell who ran the Post Office for 11 years.

The changeover was marked with little fanfare as Tom Fleming, owner of the Book and Card, with his wife Claire, stepped behind the

counter and started serving customers under the watchful eye of a Post Office representative who is providing a few days training.

Tom served his first customer, Stuart Blake of Lochranza, without delay and undoubtedly with a sense of history being made as the Post Office returned 'home' to where it was previously sited for more than 30 years – prior to it relocating to the Mayish Road premises in 1947.

The previous Post Office premises will be put up for lease and on the day the new Post Office opened, Cams and Lorraine were wrapping up their Post Office involvement with the auditors, equally optimistic about a bright future.



Both have careers outwith the Post Office business and are looking forward to being able to invest more time into

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Crackdown on parking at Lamlash danger junction

Continued from page one that there was no point in anyone with complaints about obstructive parking turning to social media, but instead should make the police aware by reporting it on the non emergency 101 number.

Chairman Bill Calderwood said: 'I think we should commend this action as a sensible way forward.'

The move has been welcomed by Iain Thomson who described the junction as 'chaos', especially in the summer months. He said:

'I think this will make a big difference.'

A council spokesman said: 'The timescale for promoting a Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions can be up to 18 months. Given the level of concern raised it is clear that it would be best to implement measures within a shorter time period. There are alternatives to parking restrictions which can be equally effective in deterring inconsiderate parking.'

'A plan has been drafted to install a number of keep clear

markings in the areas which experience the worst of the obstructive parking. These markings will be laid at the earliest opportunity – when our road marking contractor is next on the island carrying out a programme of works.

'The location will continue to be monitored to assess what effect these markings have had on the vicinity.'

The meeting heard that the council has also agreed to provide a disabled space in the vicinity of the Lamlash Co-op.



A Thomson articulated lorry struggles to get round the corner into Park Terrace because of the parked cars.

old, in with



Familiar faces to all on Arran, Cams and Lorraine will miss their customers with whom they have built up relationships with over their decade of service. 01_B44post02

their other interests – Cams being able to dedicate more time to teaching music and photography, and Lorraine continuing with her translating business.

But the move is tinged with sadness for the couple, who

are instantly recognisable to everyone on Arran. Both of them have said that they have been grateful and privileged to have been of service to the Arran community and that they will miss their loyal customers.

The new branch will continue to offer banking services, as well as a wide range of postal services, all within extended hours, from Monday to Saturday between 9am and 5pm.

See also letters page.



At your service, Tom Fleming behind the new Post Office counter with Post Office trainer Anne Sampson. 01_B44post03



Tom serves Stuart Blake of Lochranza, who was the first customer to use the new Post Office to send a letter. 01_B44post04

Revised ferry timetable plan

A major survey is to be carried out this weekend into a revised ferry timetable which will be brought in during the Ardrossan Harbour redevelopment works.

During the works the Arran berth will close for essential upgrades and, although the service to Brodick will continue from Ardrossan during the construction works, it will operate from the secondary Irish berth, which will require a revised timetable, it has emerged.

Ferry operator CalMac, is appealing for passenger input to help them model the continuity plan for the Arran service and are to carry out a survey of passengers over four days beginning today (Friday) on the ferry. The travelling public will also be able to submit their views online.

'We are keen for any revised timetable to meet the needs of customers and are looking for their views. We will continue to engage with community representatives and additionally we will be undertaking the customer engagement survey' said CalMac's director of operations, Robert Morrison.

'Any input we get from customers will be invaluable in helping us deliver a service during this upgrade period that suits all our passengers.'

'We are eager to gather as much information as we can ahead of the upgrade work, to minimise the potential disruption of an amended timetable. Any information passengers can share with us around their travelling habits will help us achieve this,' Robert added.

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Arran youngsters compete



The boys sets off on the lap relay. 01_B44sports01



SportsScotland Young Ambassador Eilidh Hamill gives the young participants some words of encouragement. 01_B44sports10

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Pupils from all seven of Arran's primary schools converged on the Auchrannie sports hall last week to take part in the annual North Ayrshire Sports Hall Athletics Festival.

First held in 1998, the competition is used to select a composite Arran primary schools team to take part in the qualifying heats in November, and if successful, to compete in the finals in December.

The event was organised

by KA Leisure's community sports team with the assistance of Arran Active Schools. Pupils from Arran High School, who are part of the North Ayrshire Sports Academy, provided their assistance to ensure that the event ran smoothly.

Well-known face on Arran Active Schools coordinator Archie McNicol joined with the new Active Schools coordinator Lauren Gilbert to encourage and assist the pupils taking part.

The participants could compete in seven track and five field events included lap relay running, standing long

jump and chest throw. Once tabulated, the results will be passed on to the organisers and a composite team of 10 boys and 10 girls will go forward to represent Arran in the qualifying heats.

All participants received a certificate of participation and achievement and, at the final, the winning team will receive the North Ayrshire Shield which they will hold for one year.

The qualifying heat will take place at the Portal, Irvine on Thursday November 21 and the final will take place on Thursday December 5, also at the Portal.



Participating athletes cheer on their friends. 01_B44sports02



Primary pupils get a bird's eye view of the athletics from the sideline. 01_B44sports03

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North Ayrshire Sports Academy volunteers Sarah Costley-Wood, Finn MacArthur and Beth Calderwood. 01_B44sports08



North Ayrshire Sports Academy volunteers James Reid and Jed Russell run the chest throw event. 01_B44sports11



Participants watch the progress of their class mates as they wait for their turn. 01_B44sports07



A young athlete launches the weighted ball during the chest throw event. 01_B44sports06



A pupil launches himself in the air during the vertical jump. 01_B44sports04



Active Schools coordinators Archie McNicol and Lauren Gilbert with pupils. 01_B44sports09



Relay runners pass the baton. 01_B44sports05

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Historic avenue of trees is saved from the chop

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A historic avenue of trees has been saved from the woodman's axe.

Permanent protection has been given to the tree-lined avenue and all other roadside trees between Brodick and Cladach.

A six-month temporary Tree Protection Order (TPO) was slapped on them earlier this year after fears more than 100 were proposed for the chop. Now North Ayrshire Council has confirmed it has been made permanent.

The trees, which belong to Arran Estates, between Rosa Bridge and Cnocan Bridge, will now be protected in perpetuity as it has been ruled

that they contribute significantly to public amenity.

The mature mixed woodland includes fir, maple, chestnut, cypress, beech, oak, whitebeam, ash, lime, elm, pine and larch. Arran Estates has now been served with a notice meaning that any work to lop, chop or fell the trees or woodland will require the permission from the council. The TPO has also been recorded in the appropriate Land Register.

However, the order does not cover the section of trees between Brodick Primary School to Rosa Bridge, which were not considered to be worth protecting.

It was back in May this year that the planning committee agreed to serve a TPO along the A814 from north of

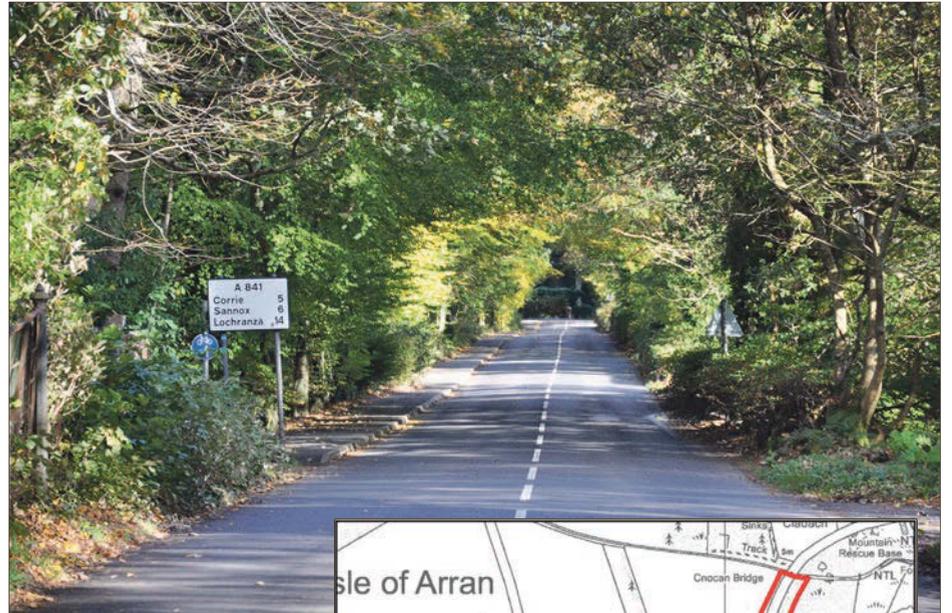
Brodick Primary School to Cnocan Bridge after they were alerted by Arran Civic Trust and others that a total of 107 trees had been marked for removal. It was believed the owners were planning cut down the hardwood trees for timber sale.

A six-month order was granted to allow interested parties to make representations and allow a full analysis of the contribution the trees make to public amenity and/or cultural/historical heritage.

Informed Tree Services were hired in August to undertake an independent survey on the suitability of the TPO. Their report made a number of recommendations including that some trees be felled as they are dead and could become dangerous. Other normal woodland management practices such as pruning is also recommended.

They described the trees between Rosa Bridge and Cnocan Bridge as having 'high desirability for retention'. However, they did not consider the trees between the school and the Rosa Bridge worth protecting as the area was on the edge of a commercial plantation and many of the trees have already been removed.

Charles Fforde of Arran Estates submitted an objection to the TPO the terms of

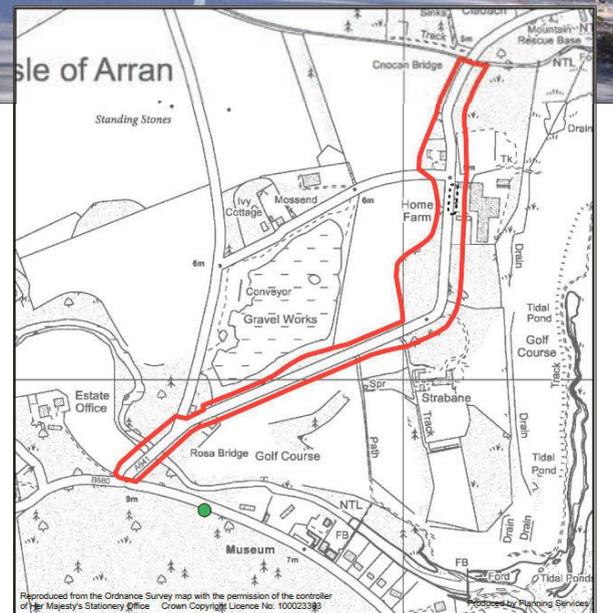


The tree-lined avenue which has been saved.
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which he described as 'unsatisfactory and misleading'.

However, the council responded saying: 'The confirmation of a TPO does not mean that woodland can no longer be managed, just that consent is required from the planning authority to carry out some works.'

The TPO also covers a single beech tree - Tree 13 - clearly marked near the heritage museum and the four mature common lime trees located at Home Farm.



A red line shows the trees included in the TPO.



The four lime trees at Home Farm which are now protected. 01_B44trees03

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Popular Arran pottery studio closes its doors

The Simon Thorborn Pottery Studio, the popular ceramic store and visitor attraction at Home Farm in Brodick, has closed.

Simon, who is internationally known for his artworks, including his Raku pottery and thrown stoneware, has taken the decision to shut the shop to concentrate on his health.

Having worked as a potter on Arran since 1986, first at the Balmichael Visitor Centre and at the old Byre Showroom at Machrie, the well-known potter moved his studio and gallery to the Home Farm in 2017 where it became an instant success.

Selling and producing plates, bowls, jugs and mugs, and a huge array of ceramic items, visitors at the studio were able to purchase Simon's sought-after works, watch him make them or even take a class on how to make pottery themselves.

Simon's work has a steady following among collectors, and admirers of Raku, but it was in 2017 that he was catapulted into stardom after a video of him at work went viral and was watched around the world million of times.

With an appreciative international audience, demand for his work rocketed and Simon struggled to meet the demand for his work as orders flooded in from around the world.

Thankfully, demand returned to manageable levels and Simon could return to his work at a more manageable



Simon pictured with some of his work at the recent Corrie Food Festival. 01_B44simon02

pace, exercising his creativity and stocking the gallery shelves in the shop.

During this time, Simon introduced pottery classes and children's activities in the store and challenged himself by pursuing new and creative works by pushing the boundaries of innovation with quality stoneware that has become highly collectable.

Margaret Gruber, manager at the pottery studio, said ahead of Thursday's closure: 'It is very sad that we are to close the popular store which

has done so well over the years. Simon has done amazingly well and has produced fantastic pieces but now he needs to pause for a while and take care of himself. I, along with all of his customers and friends, send him all of our get well wishes.'

Although the shop has closed, Simon is looking to create a studio at home where he will continue to make pottery, for himself and some for the collectors of his work, but without the commercial demands of the business.

Latest ferry announcement due next week

There could be fireworks at the Scottish Parliament next Tuesday – appropriately on Guy Fawkes Day.

For that is when the long-suffering travelling public on Arran should find out exactly when they can expect their new ferry.

A statement is expected to be made in parliament by economy secretary Derek Mackay outlining the timetable for completion of the MV Glen Sannox and her sister ship Hull 802 at the nationalised Ferguson shipyard in Port Glasgow.

When the government took over control of the shipyard in August, Mr Mackay pledged a 'robust delivery schedule' for the ferries on the completion of a report by a review board which had been set up.

That report is now understood to be in the hands of ministers who will deliberate over the weekend ahead of Mr Mackay's statement to parliament next Tuesday.

That could at last bring some good news as to when the much delayed MV Glen Sannox is likely to begin service.



The popular pottery at Home Farm has now closed. 01_B44simon01

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Keep clear

At last a solution seems to have been found to the parking nightmare in the middle of Lamash. For years, there have been complaints about indiscriminate parking at the Park Terrace junction. Much of it is caused by drivers who are too lazy, or too unaware of the danger they may cause, to walk a few feet more.

Instead, they cause traffic chaos caused by blocking sightlines and sometimes even physically stopping larger lorries, trucks and vans trying to go about their daily business, with the problems exacerbated in the busy summer months.

Now, however, a solution looks to have been found with keep clear signs planned on both corners of the junction and across the road. These will be in place soon and mean that action can be taken now rather than have another 18-month wait for a Traffic Regulation Order.

Of course it means that the new while lines are not enforceable by law but police on Arran have vowed to move car drivers who flout the new rules.

The public are also being told there is no point ranting on social media about obstructive parking but instead report it to the police on the non-emergency 101 number.

We hope the new keep clear lines help alleviate the long-standing problems at the junction and that drivers will heed the new signs without tougher action having to be taken.

Thought for the week

'Love your enemies and do good, and lend expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great.' Luke 6: 35

Wonderful community

Sir,
This Monday was our last day at Brodick Post Office – we feel so grateful and privileged to have been of service to this wonderful community on Arran over the past 12 years. We have been lucky enough to have served some of the best customers anyone could wish for, many of whom we are proud to call our friends.

We wish Tom and Claire all the best in taking on the Post Office – we know they will take excellent care of you. Thank you for your kind messages and best wishes for the future, and an especially big thank you for your support and loyalty over the years. We won't forget you. All the very best.

Yours,
Cams and Lorraine Campbell,
Brodick Post Office.

Second operator

Sir,
Above his bizarre ad hominem, your correspondent last week called for 'full nationalisation' as the solution to our ferry problems. But we already have full nationalisation. CalMac, the major operator of West Coast ferries and their services, is owned by the Scottish Government. CMAL, which owns the ships, ports, harbours and other ferry infrastructure, is owned by the Scottish Government. Ferguson Marine, which builds the ships, will soon be owned by the Scottish government – apparently without any public inquiry into the cost of this move.

We can only admire the staff who try to make this set-up work, when it has left them with an outdated and overstretched fleet and the inevitable disruptions that result. The Arran crossing is by far the busiest and could easily support a second operator, bringing in new ideas and options. That is surely worth a try.

Yours,
Eamonn Butler,
Lamlash.

Sense of belonging

Sir,
Returning to the shores of Arran has had a profound effect. To have been welcomed back with such open arms and enthusiasm brings with it a true sense of belonging. I am ever grateful to be a part of a community that leaves behind prejudice and sees someone for who they are and not where they come from.

A special thanks for the generous donations which greatly helped to cover the cost of flights, solicitor fees, to Patricia Gibson MP who continues to support myself and her constituents in a time when so much uncertainty surrounds this great country.

I look forward to being a part of building a Scotland with our own hands, own minds and continue demonstrating a true strength of spirit within the Scottish people.

Yours,
Lizanne Zietsman,
Corrie.

Looking for Mary

Sir,
I was delighted that my photo of my collies was in the Arran Banner last week, and since then I had a lovely message on Facebook messenger from a lady called Mary in New Zealand, who reads the paper online.

Mary wished to know if we had friends in common in the Shedden brothers who came to Arran in the late fifties. Unfortunately, Mary's message disappeared from my phone before I could reply. I would not wish Mary to think I was ignoring her and if she could contact me again, I would be delighted to have a chat. Thank you!

Yours,
Marilyn Shedden,
Muasdale.

Carers award

Sir,
We'd like to invite your readers to nominate a deserving carer who will be in with the chance of going on a free holiday, while the person they



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That's why we're showing our support for carers across the UK, calling for people to nominate a carer they know who truly deserves a break.

The campaign is being fronted by television presenter and tennis

champion Sue Barker OBE, who has said: 'I am thrilled to be launching this award with Revitalise to give carers the opportunity to go on a well-deserved break while those that they care for enjoy a free holiday with Revitalise. I'm really looking forward to rewarding deserving carers in the UK with the time off they need to relax and recharge.'

To nominate a carer please visit: www.revitalise.org.uk/graceawards or call 0303 303 0145. Thank you.

Yours,
Abby Kessock-Philip,
Revitalise.
Brodick.

Most amused

Sir,
I was most amused with the news item in last week's 20 years ago page of the Banner. It would seem there were objections to the enlargement of Auchrannie back then. I wonder what Arran would look like now if they had been successful.

Funny how so little really changes, here in the land of NIMBY.

Yours,
Nigel Walker,
Brodick.

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Ghostly goings on at Lochranza pier

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While showing friends his holiday snaps of a recent visit to Arran, Durham resident Andrew Lamb discovered something that neither he or his friends have been able to explain.

Not one for 'spooky things' as he describes it, Andrew and his wife were visiting family on the island when they took a number of photographs, one which appears to show a headless figure in a suit.

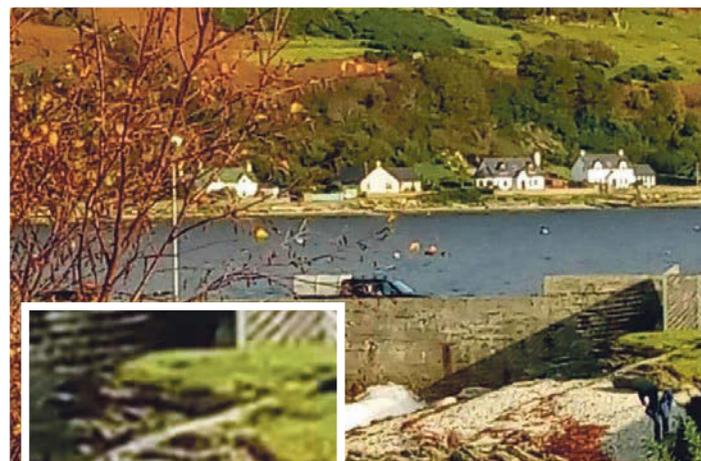
Andrew said: 'My wife and I were visiting family who have lived on Arran for around 30 years last weekend. Taking the obligatory pictures around the island, we took this particular one looking towards Lochranza pier.

'A few people have pointed out what looks like a headless, transparent being in an old style suit in the bottom right of the image.'

Andrew, who has not taken the sighting too seriously, posted the image on an online photo sharing site, where users post images of Arran, and asked if anyone had any idea of whom or what it may be pictured in the photograph.

While some light-heartedly claimed to know the 'headless' and 'legless' person, others made suggestions as to whom the headless figure could be, one suggested that it could be the ghost of a cholera victim buried nearby, while another, more flippantly, thought it could be a CalMac passenger waiting for a cancelled sailing.

Whatever the image shows, whether it is a case of pareidolia or something more sinister, it has stirred up some good-natured fun as Hallowe'en approaches and even a few genuinely scary anecdotes from others who have had paranormal experiences on Arran.



A seemingly ordinary photograph taken by Andrew Lamb shows something mysterious in the bottom right corner, above, and left, an enlarged portion of the photograph appears to show a transparent headless man wearing a suit.



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Arran has its say on new deposit return scheme

by Colin Smeeton
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Environmental groups, business owners and those with an interest in recycling had their say when representatives of Zero Waste Scotland visited Arran as part of a consultation on Scotland's deposit return scheme.

The event was one of seven which are taking place on Arran, Islay, Orkney, Bute, Lewis, Skye and Lerwick and which cover all six local authorities for Scotland's islands.

Zero Waste Scotland representatives Aurelie Tartaud and Stuart Murray explained in detail how the recycling scheme for drinks cans and

bottles would work on Arran and other Scottish islands.

Under the scheme, people will pay a 20 pence 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.

All types of drinks in con-

tainers made of PET, steel, aluminum and glass and holding from 50ml to three litres in size are included.

Scotland will be the first part of the UK to introduce the scheme and as part of the consultation. Zero Waste Scotland representatives were particularly interested in learning about the impact that it would have on island

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Remember, remember... the impact of fireworks

With Bonfire Night approaching, people are being urged to celebrate at an organised display, rather than using fireworks at home.

Alongside the fun and enjoyment, the evening can bring significant safety risks and have a damaging impact on others.

Whilst fireworks are spectacular, they can raise background noise levels by several dozen decibels, affecting the wellbeing of those with noise sensitivity, including autistic people.

The loud bangs, lights and strong smells of fireworks can be challenging for armed forces veterans, and pet owners know only too well the distress it can cause to animals.

More often than not, it's children rather than adults who are injured

by fireworks, with more than 350 pre-school children in the UK treated in hospital over the last five years.

Assistant Chief Officer Ross Haggart, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Director of Prevention and Protection, said: "While we want people to enjoy and celebrate Bonfire Night, we'd encourage everyone to leave the fireworks to the experts and find an organised display nearby.

"If you're not attending a public display, it's imperative that you follow the fireworks code."

"The fifth of November is our busiest night of the year by up to four times. By attending an official display, you can help ensure our resources aren't delayed for someone who really needs our assistance."

Enjoy fireworks safely at an organised public display:
visit firescotland.gov.uk.

To report the misuse of fireworks anonymously
call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Zero Waste Scotland representatives Aurelie Tartaud and Stuart Murray have been touring the Scottish islands to explain how the deposit return scheme will affect islanders. 01_B44zero01

businesses and industry.

This feedback will be particularly helpful when the Scottish government completes an islands impact assessment to ensure that any significant unique issues to island communities are captured and mitigated against.

Legislation for the return scheme was laid in the Scottish parliament in September. Once these regulations are passed by the Scottish parliament, which is expected to happen early

next year, there will then be an implementation period of at least 12 months before the scheme is expected to start in 2021.

It is hoped it will reduce emissions by the equivalent of four million tonnes over 25 years, or an average of 160,000 tonnes of CO2 every year. Zero Waste Scotland has estimated that the scheme could reduce littering of plastic bottles by as much as 31,000 items per day across the country.



Delegates listen intently to learn how the scheme will affect them and the impact it will have on the environment. 01_B44zero03



Delegates at the event hold informal discussions over lunch. 01_B44zero02

Market report from Stirling

United Auctions had forward a catalogue entry of 5,465 store lambs, breeding and feeding sheep at its Stirling auction on Monday October 14.

The leading prices were: TexX lambs - £55 McAllister, Ceither Gaoithe. SuffX lambs - £61 McAllister, Ceither Gaoithe. Mule lambs - £58.50 Stewart, Drumaghinier, £48.50 Soutter, South Feorline. X lambs - £57 McAllister, Sheddock, £39 Soutter, South Feorline. BF lambs - £37 McAllister, Ceither Gaoithe, £36.50 Stewart, Drumaghinier, £36.50 Soutter, South Feorline.

Welcome to Fright Night



The ghastly gathering at Whiting Bay hall on Monday night. 01_B44whiting05

Hallowe'en parties have been in full swing on Arran this week and we have been out and about to capture all the fun as our pictures show.

At schools and village halls there have been ghosts and ghouls, witches, mermaids and a few topical characters as well including none other than the President of the USA, Donald J Trump, who turned up at Monday night's Hallowe'en party in Whiting Bay.

In Lamlash, primary pupils turned out in their droves for the popular Hallowe'en disco which always promises an energetic night of lively dancing, fun games, inventive costumes and the popular fancy dress competition for all ages.

Here are just some of the events we attended before we went to press. Don't miss next week's Banner for a bumper round-up of parties from all around the island.



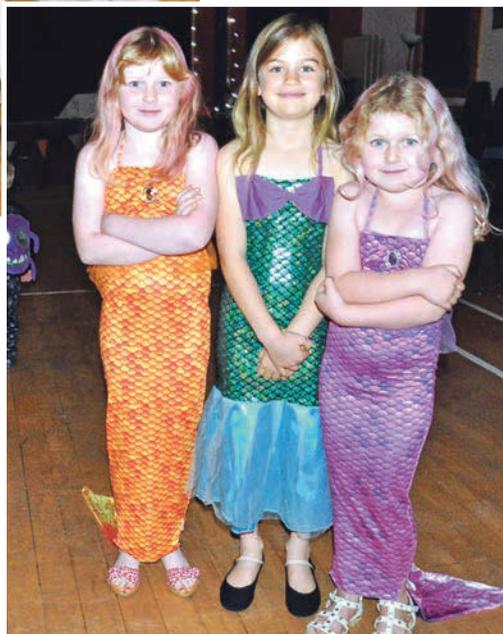
Some of the younger children who were dressed up. 01_B44whiting06



All fright on the night. Twins Laura and Katherine Coyle with Kitty Townsend. 01_B44whiting02



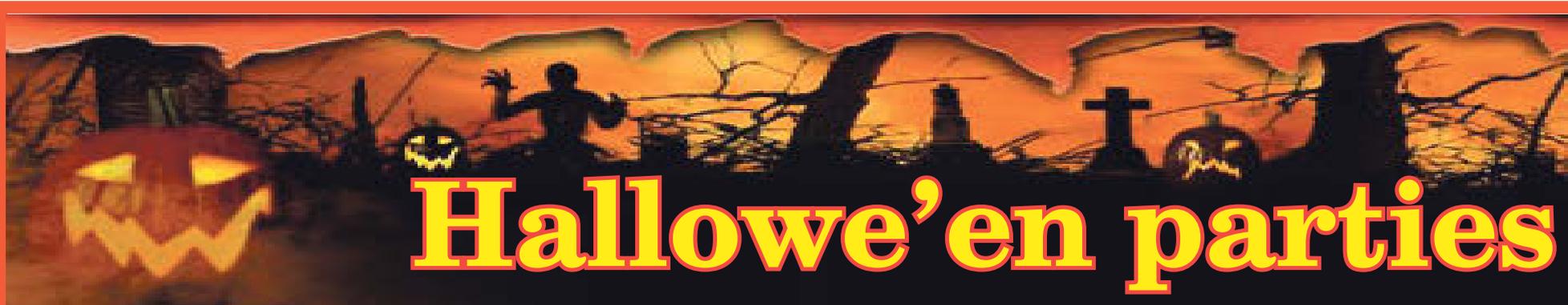
Three little mermaids look like they are feeling the cold. 01_B44whiting03



All rise for the President. Donald J Trump turned up at the Whiting Bay party or was it Jamie Worthington? 01_B44whiting01



Thorin Park is the fireman and sister Freyja the fire in these cute outfits. 01_B44whiting04



Hallowe'en parties



Children under three years old line up for the best dressed competition. 01_B44lamlash02



Lamlash P4 pupils line up for the best dressed competition. 01_B44lamlash07



Children wait for the judges to select the best dressed Lamlash P6 pupil. 01_B44lamlash09



Bright and colourful was the theme for some of these Lamlash P5 pupils. 01_B44lamlash08



From traditional witches to scary clowns and Swamp Thing, Lamlash P7 pupils came dressed as their favourite characters. 01_B44lamlash10



Lamlash P3 pupils included a number of scary and fantasy characters, and a princess. 01_B44lamlash06



Lamlash P2 pupils included a zombie bride and the Grim Reaper. 01_B44lamlash05



are in full swing



Lamlash pre-school pupils dressed as a skeleton, bat-boy and a policeman. 01_B44lamlash03



Children get to work during the wrap the mummy competition. 01_B44lamlash15



Lamlash P1 pupils line up for the best dressed competition. 01_B44lamlash04



Lamlash pupils compete to wrap the best mummy. 01_B44lamlash16



A young Little Red Riding Hood is mesmerised by the disco lights. 01_B44lamlash12



A zombie princess enjoys a snack and a dance. 01_B44lamlash13



Niamh Gosman won the pumpkin carving competition with an excellent self portrait. 01_B44lamlash14



While some outfits were cute and charming, some were genuinely scary. 01_B44lamlash18



A young skeleton boy shows off his glow in the dark outfit. 01_B44lamlash19



Sharlene Little hands out Hallowe'en themed sweets to the competition winners. 01_B44lamlash17

Magical childhood memories

A Lochranza woman has written a new book about her childhood growing up on Arran. The book, titled *Magical Memories of an Idyllic Island*, has been penned by Fiona Kerr Fraser and is due to be published at the end of the month.

Fiona told the Banner: 'The book describes my wonderful childhood at Thunderguy near the little village of Pirnmill. It contains interesting anecdotes about the people living on Arran in the 1940s and 1950s. There are also captivating stories about some of our Scottish heroes, and some lesser known facts about them. I feel my book would be of great interest to the people of Arran.'

To reserve a copy, please telephone Fiona on 01770 830683.

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Arran View Brewery hosts first beer event

Arran Brewery recently hosted the SIBA Scottish Beer Awards at its Arran View Brewery in Dreghorn, North Ayrshire.

The SIBA competition was the first event to be held in the former games hall of the old Dreghorn primary school the Arran Brewery has converted into a brewery. The hall held more than 70 judges and staff and the event was considered a huge success.

The hall, which will be available for functions, made an ideal venue for the well over 260 beers entered into the competition, of which 100 were cask ales.

The brewery had considered hosting a beer festival after the competition, and had received a licence to do so from North Ayrshire Licensing Board, but lack of time to promote the event meant that the idea was shelved for this year.



Arran Brewery took a silver award for its Brewery Dug American-styled IPA.

The history of this brand is quite interesting in that it is described by Arran Brewery's managing director Gerald Michaluk as a 'retaliatory

brand'. It appears that Brew Dog brought out a brand called Arran Paradox, a beer matured in whisky casks from the Arran distillery, very similar to Arran Brewery's Milestone Special Reserve, which is matured for three

months in whisky casks from the Arran Distillery.

So the Arran team, taking the joke from Brew Dog, launched its American-style IPA as Brewery Dug and put it in the same colour scheme as Brew Dog's Punk IPA.

Judging taking place at the SIBA Scottish Beer Awards held in the Dreghorn brewery.

Although the beer is far less hoppy than Punk IPA, the message was sent clearly to Brew Dog to stay off of Arran's patch.

The slogan on the bottle, which is adorned by the white boxer, the brewer's mascot, reads 'Got Something to Say!'.

The Dreghorn site continues to be developed and a small trendy Sour Beer brewery is expected to open soon, adding a range of beers to the Arran portfolio of over 12 different ales.

NOVEMBER 2019 w h a t s o n ?

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Arran Eco Savvy

= Savvy Travel Drop In

= Energy Advice Drop In

Drop Ins both @ Home Farm, Brodick 10am-3pm

= Food Share

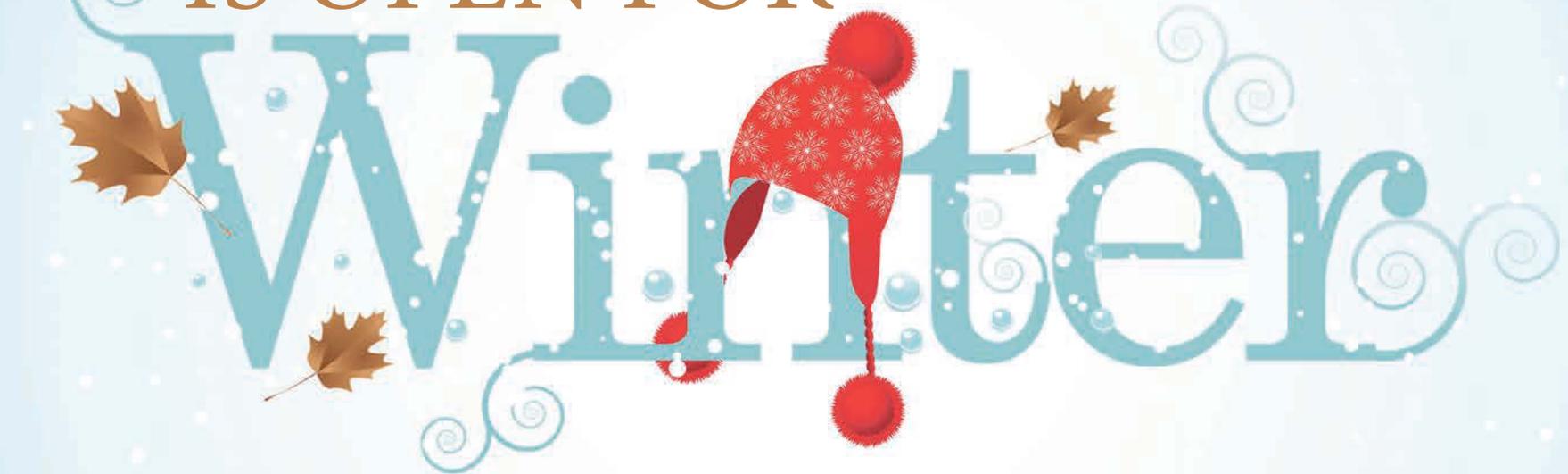
SUNDAYS: Shiskine Hall
TUESDAYS: Eco Savvy Shop, Whiting Bay
THURSDAYS: Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
FRIDAYS: Octopus Centre (COAST), Lamlash

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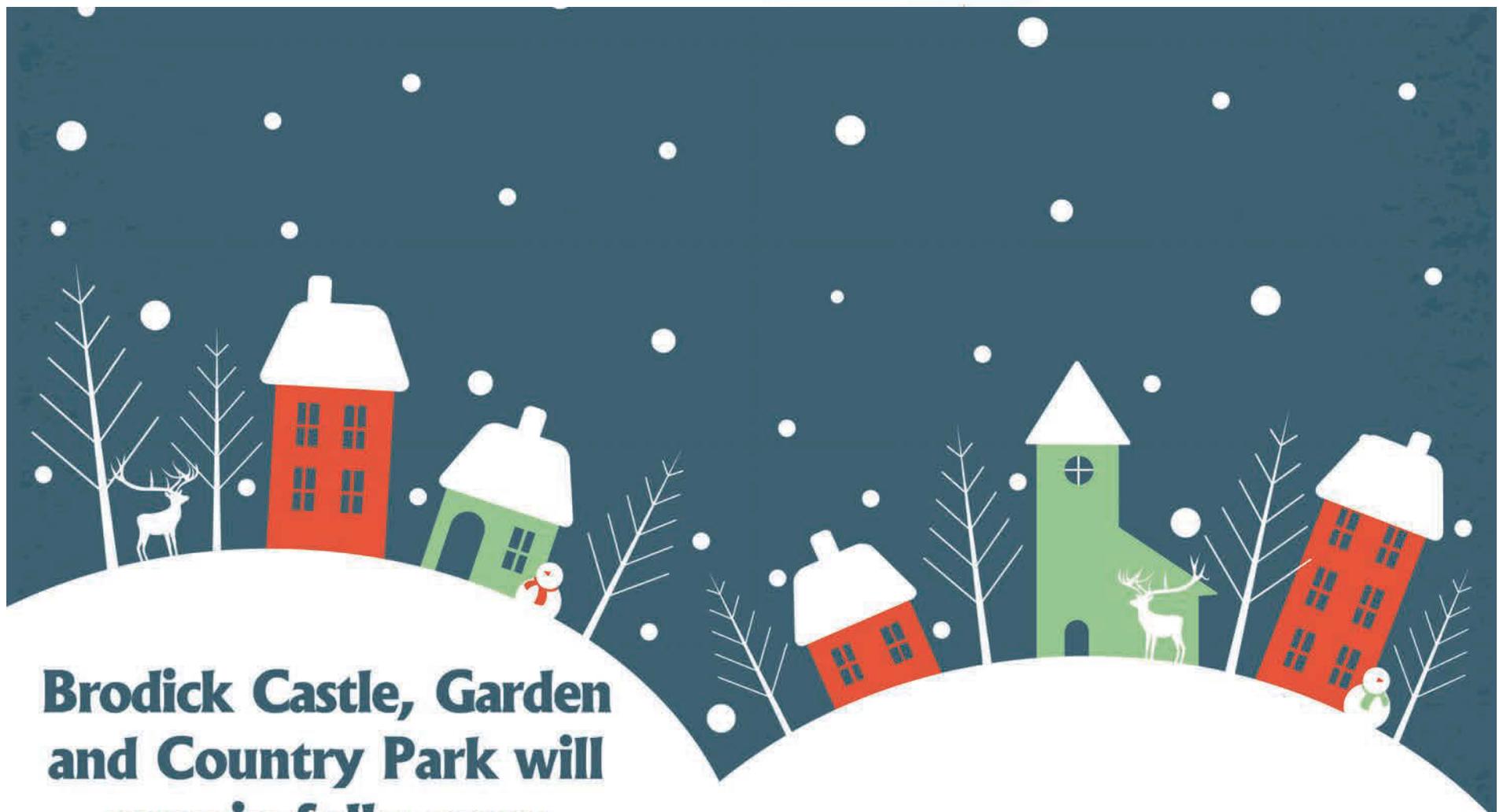
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cut this out and stick it up at home to remind you!

Arran IS OPEN FOR



It's time to get the message out there – Arran is open all winter. With tourism increasing all year round more and more businesses are deserting the traditional summer season and looking to cater for visitors whatever the time of year. So lets give a warm welcome to all our winter visitors who can enjoy some of the delights detailed overleaf.



**Brodict Castle, Garden
and Country Park will
remain fully open
until 22nd December**



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Bay Wool & Crafts in Whiting Bay have the largest selection of Arran-themed handmade goods, produced by local craftspeople on the island. CE-compliant soft toys, children's knitwear, bespoke dog coats, stained glass and mosaics, photographic canvases, calendars and postcards. Wide selection of wool, plus knitting and crochet accessories, buttons, threads, ribbon and haberdashery. Felt pictures and mementoes; scented candles and melts; scroll saw woodcraft and gift boxes; metal, local glass and semi-precious stone jewellery; hair bows; greetings cards and gifts; Christmas baubles and Arran-made tablet. Arran Ice Cream available during summer season. Join us on November 9 to see our most recent additions, and enjoy a festive nibble! We will be open 10am to 4pm that day. During the winter season we open Tuesday - Saturday 11am - 3pm. Late evening shopping on Thursdays in November and December till 8pm. Search Bay Wool & Crafts on Facebook for more info.

BRÈAGHA HOLISTIC BEAUTY
With temperatures starting to drop we tend to feel more niggles and stiffness during exercise & activity. Old injuries can start to feel a little grumpy & tightness can crop up, in those problematic postural hot spots. At Brèagha we advocate using a good massage therapist more frequently in Winter, than you may do in the summer. To maintain maximum ROM and prevent any issues, before they become debilitating. Heat is a fantastic tool to use in areas you begin to feel or know are problematic, at

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BRODICK CASTLE, GARDEN AND COUNTRY PARK
Brodick Castle, Garden and Country Park are excited to confirm we will remain fully open until December 22. This includes all aspects of our normal operations including the Woodland Café, castle and playpark and effective from November 1 to December 22, our opening hours will be 10am to 4pm daily.

As part of our extended opening, we have two exciting Christmas-themed events taking place. The first is Christmas at the Castle, a month-long festive event that will run from November 22 to December 22 and will see the castle completely transformed with holiday decorations, music and activities throughout. A special feature of this event will be the various Christmas trees scattered throughout the castle, which will be decorated by various Arran businesses and community organisations.

The second event is Holiday Celebration and will take place on Saturday December 7 and Sunday December 8. Along with all the activities on offer for the Christmas at the Castle event, we will also have chestnut roasting over the fire and yule log making with our rangers, craft stalls, Christmas

tree decoration workshops and more. The castle team are excited to extend the property's season this year and hope that you'll come visit them during the festive period.

THE WINEPORT
The Wineport is a family and dog friendly bar bistro situated at the bottom of Goatfell beside Brodick Castle and Arran Brewery. They are open six days a week from November 15, serving delicious lunches from 12noon. Menu options include the popular Arran battered fish and chips, the ever-requested steak ciabatta with homemade peppercorn sauce, or lighter options like the Skipness hot smoked salmon and crispy caper salad. They also have a range of seafood options, using a variety of local produce where they can.

It is the perfect place to relax by the big roaring fire while sampling the local beer or on a sunny day in the lovely big beer garden after a lovely walk or climbing Goatfell. In addition to alcoholic beverages they also serve tea, coffee and a range of fresh homemade baking for those looking for a morning or afternoon tea option. If you would like to book a table you can phone them on 01770 302101 or email info@wineport.co.uk.

LAMLASH BAY HOTEL
Relax and enjoy the wonderful views of Lamlash Bay and the Holy Isle from the comfort of the Lamlash Bay Hotel. This family run, dog friendly hotel is only a seven minute drive from Brodick terminal and is open all winter. All rooms are en-suite and free wifi is available throughout the hotel. Relax in the lounge bar which stocks a wide range of beers, ales and malts and an impressive collection of

gins and vodkas or enjoy a delicious meal in their bistro style restaurant where they use the finest fresh produce sourced as locally as possible.

The Lamlash Bay menu has something for everyone and includes popular dishes from around the world, as well as traditional Scottish favourites they have daily specials and a classic kids menu and are renowned for their hand rolled, thin crust pizzas. These, along with Fish and Chips are available for take away.

Throughout December you can enjoy a traditional Roast Turkey Christmas Dinner or a Christmas work's night out. Advanced booking is required. Telephone 01770 600 844. Winter opening times are 5pm-8.30pm

ARRAN ACTIVE
As temperatures drop, Arran Active is the perfect destination for cosy clothing and footwear. From thermal base-layers, fleeces and down jackets to hats and gloves; from microfleece-lined trousers to warm socks and insulated boots, they have everything to protect you from the elements when out and about.

But there is so much more to Arran Active. Since moving to their large premises in Brodick, they have complemented their unrivalled range of outdoor gear with fashion and leisure wear from brands such as Weird Fish, Nomads and Lily & Me, all at very competitive prices.

For this autumn, they have added some new ethical brands to the mix: Sherpa clothing is made predominantly in Nepal and each purchase contributes to a fund supporting education there; Howies clothing includes organic cotton tees

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and ethically sourced merino; Black Yak make fairly-traded knitted hats, wristwarmers and jumpers. The result is a fantastic range of knitwear and some beautiful gift ideas.

Arran Active also has a wide range of Rieker fashion winter footwear now in stock alongside their trusted selection of walking boots and shoes. And did you know they stock a wide selection of slippers? Additionally they also stock children's clothing and wooden toys, pet accessories, Arran gifts and an impressive collection of whiskies and Scottish gins, perfect for any occasion.

Looking ahead to Christmas, you will find plenty of gift ideas here and the prices are very competitive, with special offers throughout the shop. They will also try and price match if you can find cheaper...

And for those Banner readers off-island, they also offer a mail order service? Arran Active is so much more than just an outdoor shop!

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CROFTERS'

Crofters' is passionate about providing quality home cooking, live music, and authentic hospitality and is open every day from 11am till late. Bringing quality, local

provenance from their team of excellent chefs, spearheaded by Gregg Russell, along with experienced hospitality from the Front of House team, they utilise their tiny bistro to its' full advantage. Whether it's good food, a tea or coffee, Scottish speciality spirits and beer, or cocktails: be assured Crofters' will do what they can to look after you.

Stepping away from glitter and tinsel, they are utilising all things natural, and local, to celebrate the festive period and the happiness that sharing with friends and family is about. So this winter step into Crofters' to receive a warm welcome and be made to feel at home.

Their music programme, along with the new winter menu can be found online and on Facebook. Be sure to follow them on their social media platforms to keep update to date with all their developments.

Tel: 01770 302579,
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THE OLD BYRE VISITOR CENTRE

The Old Byre Visitor Centre in Machrie is situated just north of Machrie golf course, just look out for the signs.

Here you will find a friendly family business comprising the Old Byre Showroom, Café Thyme and a large children's

play area. The Old Byre sells quality knitwear from brands such as Fisherman out of Ireland, Scott Officer, Eribe and Harley of Scotland, it has sustainable clothing from Seasalt, Mistral, Thought, White Stuff, Frugi and Didriksons, sheepskin rugs, leather bags, accessories and lots more - a haven of lovely things to try on!

Café Thyme has its own wood burning oven where delicious flatbread and Pides are made to order (Turkish style pizza), homemade soups, cakes, home grown salads and over 30 loose leaf teas to tempt you. Catering for all tastes there are vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options, open all winter from 10am-5pm with lunches served 12noon-3pm, it is fully licensed with spectacular views. From the café you can safely watch the children's

play area with trampoline, large Lego style bricks, sand pit, digger den, slide, swings and a grassed area for football, basketball and swing ball, all for only £1.50 per child to cover maintenance and upkeep. The Old Byre Visitor Centre is certainly worth a visit and is open 7 days a week.

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Festive Menu 2019

Starters

- Christmas spiced parsnip soup (V. ask for gf)
- Smoked mackerel pate served with horseradish, beetroot puree and flatbread
- Oriental pulled pork salad with sweet chilli and soy dressing

Mains

- Traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings
- Pan roasted duck breast in a red wine and cranberry sauce (gf)
- Roast fillet of salmon with prosecco & caper cream (gf)
- Moroccan vegetable terrine served with couscous (v. vegan)
- Turkey, red onion, brie and rocket pizza

Desserts

- Sloe gin, mincemeat and clotted cream tart
- Chocolate and clementine tart (gf)
- Caramelised pear and ginger upside down cake

OLD BYRE VISITOR CENTRE

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Open 10am – 5pm, lunches 12-3pm.
Situated north of Machrie golf course you will find the Old Byre Showroom, Café Thyme, a fabulous children's play area and stunning views.

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

Christmas comes early with fayre

Every year it marks the start of the festive season and this year is no different as it is time for the Save the Children Christmas Fayre.

On Saturday November 9, Brodick Hall will be transformed into a winter wonderland with all sorts of stalls and activities including baking, jewellery and tombola stalls. There will also be Arran books, a treasure hunt, raffle and Christmas cards, paper and cards for all occasions.

And why not take time to enjoy some refreshments including coffee, tea, scones, mince pies and soup in the cafe. The fair starts at 10.30am and runs until 1pm. Better get there early if you want the best of the home baking.

New season gets off to a musical start

The first meeting of the new season for the Shiskine Women's Institute was held on Wednesday October 2. The speaker for the evening was Charles Currie, who chatted and played music which had been significant to him throughout the years. It was a thoughtful talk, at times hilarious and at times poignant. Members described the talk as a lovely start to the winter programme.

The competition winners were: cocktails: 1 Alice Anderson, 2 Sheila Gilmore, 3 Joan Stewart. Favourite vinyl record: 1



Shiskine SWI trophy winners of the summer competitions, including the golf national finals, show off a superb haul of silverware.

Kate Macintosh, 2 Alice Anderson, 3 Jenny Harper. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday

November 6, when Willie and Colin from the Blackwaterfoot volunteer fire service will attend.

The competition will be homemade pizza and the exhibition, a masquerade mask.

Exhibition goes beyond the lens

This month's exhibition at Arran Library in Brodick features the work of photographer Ben Jay.

Ben lives and works on Arran and he has had many jobs since coming to the island, but is now concentrating on his career and love for photography.

The exhibition Beyond the Lens, which runs until the end of the month, is a retrospective of his work. He said: 'It's hard not to be a photographer when living on an island as beautiful as Arran.'

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David takes the helm at Arran elderly forum

David Napier has been appointed as the chairman of the Arran Elderly Forum and has chaired the first meeting of the group this season.

His appointment follows the vacating of the seat by Fiona Brown, who decided to take a step back after two years in the position.

David, from Shiskine, started his career in social care on Arran and was a member of staff at Montrose House for eight years. He then took on the difficult task of working with homeless people in Ayr and the linked issues of drugs and alcohol misuse.

Few addicts do not experience issues with their mental health and being homeless exacerbates their problems.

All age groups are affected, including the elderly who often experience isolation whether homeless or not.



New elderly forum chairman David Napier.

This is an important area of concern for the elderly forum and a special one for David.

Although there are not many homeless people on Arran, there is a grave shortage of suitable housing for

young and old alike. Many elderly people on Arran are living in accommodation lacking in facilities that could make life easier.

David was a trade union shop steward for 15 years

when he worked in a factory, so he should have no difficulty in keeping the forum in order.

Immediate priorities for the group are social care, care in the community, transport, medical issues and communications and access to available help. Many elderly people who need free television licences will not apply for them, for example.

At the next meeting of the forum on Wednesday November 20, Heather Still, a researcher from Arran Community and Voluntary Services (ACVS), will be talking to the forum about a project on drugs and alcohol being carried out on the island.

This should be a very interesting talk and all are welcome, whether members of the forum or not.

Mairi Christie

U3A prepare for January launch

With positive feedback and a great deal of interest being expressed, a steering group looking to establish a University of the Third Age (U3A) on Arran, are preparing for a public launch in January next year.

The U3A is an international movement whose aims are the education and stimulation of mainly retired members of the community – those in their third 'age' of life.

At a public meeting on Sunday September 1, in Brodick, representatives

introduced the idea of setting up a U3A for the island and a large number of people, who had seen the notice in the Arran Banner, attended. Many said they wanted to make new friends and learn new skills not currently available to them.

The purpose of the organisation was described by Ann Keating from the U3A Trust. As she described here experience and answered questions, the atmosphere in the hall became very enthusiastic and there was a



buzz of excitement as forms were filled up to show where people's many interests lay. A steering group was formed to take plans forward.

Now, over a month later, the steering group are preparing for a public launch of The Isle

of Arran U3A in January. This event will be open to all who have retired from full-time employment and are interested in meeting with others for mutual discovery perhaps through learning something new.

Fireworks fun around the island

Remember, remember the fifth of November – but on Arran there are other dates, too, if you want to catch all the bonfire and firework action.

Kicking off in fine style and staging one of the biggest Guy Fawkes events on the island, Lamlash start the celebrations tonight (Saturday). Starting at 11am, residents will be bringing wood to help build the bonfire and volunteers are always appreciated. The fire will be lit at 7pm and the fireworks follow shortly after at 7.30pm.

On bonfire night itself, Tuesday November 5, Shiskine Valley, and Kinloch Hotel car park in particular, will come alive with activity as their bonfire is lit at 6.30pm and a fireworks display starts at 6.45pm.

Enjoyable

In Whiting Bay, at the putting green, a barbecue will be lit at 5pm with a bonfire starting at 5.30pm and fireworks rounding off what is usually an enjoyably and social bonfire night at 6pm.

Also starting at 6pm at Pirnmill will be

their fireworks display which will take place on the beach. And in Brodick the bonfire and fireworks start on the beach at 7pm.

And it does not end there with Lochranza going all out this year with their second Festival of Fire. Taking place on the evening of Friday November 8, starting from 7pm at the village hall there will be delicious hot soup, burgers and a licensed bar, and for the first time a professional show of compound fireworks.



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Arran Heritage Museum - Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
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Saturday 2nd November

Flow yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Toy sale in aid of Brodick Nursery	Brodick Hall, 11am - 2pm
Lamlash bonfire night and fireworks - meet to build the fire	Lamlash Green, 11am
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Arran CND Group	Cafe, Arran High School, Lamlash, 2pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Lamlash bonfire night and fireworks - light the fire	Lamlash Green, 7pm
Lamlash bonfire night and fireworks	Lamlash Green, 7.30pm
Live music - Anton	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Live music - The Sell Out- specialising in music of The Who	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live music - Scott MacDonald	The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm
Over-21s disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Sunday 3rd November

Live music - Anton	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live music - Aw Naw - Ayrshire Trio	The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm - 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Shiskine Hall, Shiskine, 9pm
Folk music session	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 4th November

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
JogScotland mixed ability running group	Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Circuit training	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Junior rugby (P3-P7)	Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Junior rugby (S1-S6)	Ormidale Park, Brodick, 7pm - 8pm
Rink games	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.15pm
Rink bowls	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall AGM	Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7pm
Winter bridge, visitors welcome, www.arranbridgeweb	Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s	Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 5th November

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
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)	Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Whiting Bay bonfire night	Putting Green, from 5pm
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
The 1st Shiskine Rainbows and Brownies	Shiskine Hall, 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Arran Hockey Club - juniors (5-14yrs)	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Pirnmill bonfire night	Beach oppposite the school, from 6pm
Mini Kickers 3-5yrs (preschool)	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 6.45pm
Shiskine bonfire night	Kinloch Hotel Car Park, from 6.30pm
Junior football, P4 -P6s	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6.45pm - 7.45pm
Brodick bonfire night	Brodick Beach, from 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
Traditional music sessions

Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Brodick Bar, 9pm

Wednesday 6th November

Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodick Gardens volunteers	Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
Kilmory Toddlers	Kilmory Hall, 10am - 12 noon
Coffee morning	Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12 noon
Arran Heritage Museum	Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
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
Parkinson's Support Group	Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm
Arran Pace Makers running group	Brodick, 5.30pm
Flow yoga	Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Tae Kwon Do	juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Live music - Arran Dawn	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Pub quiz	The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock'n'pop bingo	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 7th November

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 - 10.30am
Chair yoga exercise class	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
Chess morning	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am
Arran Heritage Museum	Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
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, www.arranbridgeweb	Little Rock Cafe, 7pm for 7.15pm
Body Blitz (booking essential)	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Arran Hockey Club - seniors (12 yrs +)	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Hospital Supporters' League AGM	Auchencrannog, Whiting Bay, 7pm
Brodick Embroidery Group	Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Tommy's general knowledge quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 8th November

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
Arran Heritage Museum	Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Lochranza Festival of Fire	Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, from 7pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Greek night food pop-up	Lagg Distillery, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Tae Kwon Do	Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live music - Mic Clark	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Friday night quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Octopus Centre, COAST, Lamash, 9pm

Saturday 9th November

Flow yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Save the Children Christmas fair	Brodick Hall, 10.30am - 1pm
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 - Brau	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Live music - Little Miss Debby - band with Janis Joplin style vocals	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
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Over-21s disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm



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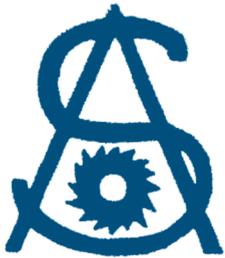
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Sunday 3rd November
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North Arran Linkage, Churches together, Morning Service including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11. am. in St. Brides Church Brodick.
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Thanksgiving Service at 6.30pm
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ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Thursday November 7th
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Theme: Expectation
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Sunday 3rd November
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

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 3rd November
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick at 6pm
Services will be taken by Mr Calum Ferguson.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 3rd November
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

BIRTH

NORRIS
Clara Jane



Andrew and Elaine are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Clara Jane in Glasgow on October 21st. A granddaughter for Geoff and the late Jacky Norris and Jan and Brian Black.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Arran Ladies' Golf Union

Saturday October 26, ALGU Drumadon. The day looked set for fine weather but fooled us all, including XC weather, with at least half a dozen heavy showers of rain. A total of 14 ladies played

DEATH

ROBERTSON - John

John passed away peacefully on Thursday, 24th October with Wilma and Peter by his side at Arran War Memorial Hospital after a brave battle with MND. A cherished husband of Wilma, father of Peter and the late Gavin, papa to Keir and Malley, father-in-law to Lois, and good friend to many. Funeral service at St Molios Church, Shiskine on Friday, 1st November at 11:30am and thereafter to Clachan cemetery to which all are welcome. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to MND Scotland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BUCHAN - Robertson 'Bob'

The family wish to thank all for their expressions of sympathy and condolences during their sad bereavement. All thanks to the staff of the Isle of Arran War Memorial Hospital for their perfect care of Bob, which was very meaningful to the family. Sincere thanks to the Rev Vince Jenning for his hospital visits to Bob, conducting the funeral and for supporting Evelyn. Many thanks to the Rev Lily McKinnon, Ian Watt and the church elders for the use of the Lamlash Parish Church and all the help associated with the funeral. Thanks to Clair & David of Hendry Funeral Services for their sensitive handling of the funeral arrangements. A donation in memory of Bob has been made by the family to the Hospital Supporters League.

Sinclair MacLeod

15 August 1933 - 08 October 2019

The kind words and condolences received from friends and neighbours comforted our family greatly. The gentle care and attention given to Sinclair from all areas of our health service on the island was overwhelming. We say thank you and God Bless you All.

Janette MacLeod
Catacol.

Susan lifts Drumadon trophy

as there were seven usual participants away. First was Susan Butchard with a great 63 and scratch 74, and second Gay MacKay net 71, 95. Congratulations to Susan.

Very many thanks to Lamlash Golf Club for courtesy of the course and to Martin who provided us with very tasty soup and substantial filled rolls.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday October 26, the Eddie Rankin Memorial Trophy. 1 A Napier 35pts, tied 2nd J Pennycott and D Logan 34pts. Magic twos D Bremner and A McDonald. Many thanks to Corrie tearoom for soup and sandwiches and to John Melisi for sponsorship.

Monday October 28, Monday Cup. 1 A Smith 72-13=59, 2 R Burke 75-12=63. sratch A Napier 69. Magic two J McGovern.

Lochranza Castle Golf Club

Sunday October 27, the Alistair McVicar Memorial Trophy. 1 B Sherwood 37pts, 2 D Logan 36pts, 3 D K Henderson 35. Many thanks to all that turned up to remember a great supporter of Lochranza golf.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday October 27, Winter



ALGU's Viv Parks (right) presents Sheena Murchie with the Cir Mhor Trophy.



Winner of the ALGU Drumadon was Susan Butchard (right) with runner-up Gay McKay.

Cup Stableford, 13 played, CSS 37pts. 1 Alistair Hume 12, 41pts, 2 John May 21, 40pts, 3 George Hamilton 15, 38pts.

Fixtures: Saturday November 2, Saturday Cup, arrange own games and play anytime. Sunday November 3, AGA Duncan Trophy at Brodick, shotgun start so no sweep.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 27, yellow tees Stableford. Despite a forecaster promising uninterrupted sunshine, the nine who played did have a few showers to contend with. These passed over as the day wore on to leave beautiful conditions for golf, so good that no player scored less than 30 points. 1 John Pennycott 14, 40pts, 2 David Brookens 12, 39.

Fixtures: Sunday November 3, AGA Winter League at Brodick GC tie v Shiskine GC, 10am, shotgun start.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 29, Winter Cup. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 63, 2 Brian Sherwood 67 BIH, 3 Alex Morrison-Cowan 67 BIH.

Fixtures: Saturday November 2, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off at noon. Tuesday November 5, Winter Cup, tee off at noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday October 24, ladies' 18-hole medal. 1 Elizabeth Kelso 85-21=64, 2 and scratch Ann May 78-6=72, 3 Jenni Turnbull 93-17=76.



Pablo Moran (left) of Lochranza Golf Club presents Brian Sherwood with the Alistair McVicar Memorial Trophy.



THANK YOU

A very big
THANK YOU
to all of you for your great messages, cards and gifts on my retirement from CalMac.
A few tears were shed when I read them and "Goodbyes" were said.
I will remember and miss you all!
Moira



Johnny Sloss places the ball in the back of the net, just out of reach of the Glencairn keeper.

Arran hit four in Go Vending Cup win



Isle of Arran	4
Glencairn	0
Go Vending Cup – 1st round	

Continuing their successful run of victories, Arran AFC started the first round of the Go Vending Cup on a high note with another win, this time against Glencairn at the Kilwinning Sports Club last weekend.

The first half of the game got off to a slow start but Arran managed to get a lead, and open the floodgates, with a superb goal from Nick Emsley to make it 1-0 at half-time.

A much improved second half saw another three suc-

cessive goals, Archie McNicol from a free kick 25 yards out, Johnny Sloss from a well calculated run and Joel Small with a calm left-footed finish, all of which left the Arran side with four goals, without reply, at the final whistle.

Nick Emsley was awarded man of the match for a relentless shift controlling the midfield.

The next fixture for Arran AFC will be a rare home game at Ormidale Park in the third round of the Scottish Cup against BSC Glasgow tomorrow (Sunday) with a kick off time of 2.10pm. All supporters welcome.

Photographs: Tam Borland



A fine save by the Glencairn keeper prevents an Arran goal.



Goal scorer Johnny Sloss during a breakaway surge.



Arran's Nick Emsley scores the first goal of the match.



Joel Small is congratulated by a team mate after scoring.



Susie Murchie makes a concerted effort to score. 01_B44hillhead08

Arran keep their winning ways in Hillhead match

Arran Ladies	3
Hillhead Ladies 4s	1
West District Division 3	

The Arran Ladies hockey team, in their second home game of the weekend, met up with some familiar faces in the Hillhead Ladies 4s from Glasgow. With Bella Reid, Isla McKelvie and Megan McCartney replacing Anne, Freya and Cerys in the team, the visitors once again won the toss and chose to keep the side they were warming up on.

The Hillhead team were very well practised and demonstrated many excellent set piece passes, as well as some strong challenging presses into the Arran goal area. Although able to repel many of these attacks, Hillhead were awarded a penalty short corner half way into the first half, from which they scored with a super strike from the top of the D.

The half time break was an opportunity for a bit of team instruction and clarification on positioning and passing.

This paid off with the ball

moving much more smoothly between the Arran players, especially down the sidelines.

The new, younger players had returned to the pitch with greater determination to fight for every ball that came their way, never giving up tackling and trying to get the ball back and racing towards every free ball.

Arran's first goal came from a fabulous pass from Ellie to Lorraine, who had dodged her opponent and ran unchallenged into the goal circle. With her first shot blocked by the diving goalkeeper, Lorraine dug the ball out and lifted it over the prostrate keeper to bring the score to 1-1.

This was followed up by an almost identical play 10 minutes later, when Ellie once again powered the ball to Lorraine at the half way line. With half a pitch to run, and defenders coming into her, Lorraine drew them to the sideline where she was able to outmanoeuvre her opponents and head into the D and smack the ball into the back

of the goal. Hillhead pressed hard back into the Arran D desperately trying to equalise.

Ali 'Ninja' McKie was springing from side to side, blocking shots from all angles, much to the utter frustrated groans of the opposition.

Faith McKelvie was an absolute rock as sweeper as she kept stopping shot after shot that came into the Arran D and calling to the higher defenders to redirect the ball back up the pitch. Ellie and Elyse were happy to oblige.

With Mia picking up balls in centre mid, pushing forward and passing balls to Susie, Isla and Megan, Arran worked their way back into the Hillhead goal area with four minutes to go. Susie, Mia and Isla all took shots at the goal and Lorraine tried for a reverse flick to the top left hand corner but the Hillhead keeper batted them all away.

It was young Bella Reid in the perfect position on the right post who was able to pluck the ball away from a defender on the line and push

it through the six-inch gap between the keeper's foot pad and the post, bring the final score to a 3-1 win for Arran.

With the Hillhead Ladies heading back to the ferry with packed teas, the Arran team were able to relax in the pavilion with more hot soup and after match teas to discuss and analyse the game.

Young Bella said how happy she was with her first goal and how she was enjoying the great atmosphere within the team.

Elyse was able to tell everyone that the Hillhead team

had nominated Ellie Wood as dame of the game for a second time that weekend for her excellent skilful play.

A spokeswoman for the club said: 'A great big thank you to all of the supporters who came to the sidelines to cheer on the Arran team on both days and to Pauline Reid for umpiring the games.'

'The team would like to invite supporters to their next game at Clydesdale Western in Glasgow on Saturday November 2. Push back is 1.30pm and supporters are always warmly welcomed.'



Ali 'Ninja' McKie repels a powerful and unexpected attempt at goal. 01_B44hillhead07



Susie Murchie blasts the ball towards an awaiting Lorraine Hewie. 01_B44hillhead01



Mia Walker in centre mid position blasts the ball down the field towards the forwards. 01_B44hillhead05



Leaving no room to advance Lorraine Hewie prevents her Hillhead opponent from making any progress. 01_B44hillhead02



Marking their players, Isla McKelvie and Mia Walker flank the opposition. 01_B44hillhead03

Narrow win over Greenock

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and with a well-practised set piece, Lorraine injected the ball to Anne at the top of D, received the pass back and swung the ball past the keeper to score her second goal. All over in seconds, but a great reward for hours of practise.

Greenock never gave up and tried time and again to get access to the Arran goal. One of their centre mid players had a powerful and accurate rocket shot, collected a ball and ran up the pitch.

Swinging her stick back for another power hit she connected with the ball which promptly exploded, split in two and sent pieces flying in opposite directions. A rare thing to see this happen as hockey balls are designed to

be hit extremely hard but it did bring a bit of light-hearted banter to the pitch as the umpires stopped time until a new ball was sourced and a bully-off restarted the game. Greenock did capitalise on this little time out and were able to score with five minutes to go and the game ended 2-1 to Arran.

The teams retired to the pavilion building for a much-needed cup of hot soup and after match teas, where Ellie Wood was awarded dame of the game from the Greenock Ladies for her superb play throughout the game.

Lorraine Hewie bears down on the Morton goal.

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Morton break in their distinctive blue and white hoops. 01_B44morton06



Elyse Aitken gives chase as Morton break. 01_B44morton05



Double dame of the game Ellie Wood clears her defensive lines. 01_B44morton04



Arran's Cerys Herapath on a determined run up the wing. 01_B44morton01



Susie Murchie brings the ball out of defence. 01_B44morton07

Arran keep their winning ways in Hillhead match

Footballers hit four in cup win



Lorraine Hewie fires in Arran's opening goal. 01_B44morton02

Arran come out on top after tough double header

Arran Ladies	2
Greenock Morton	1
West District Division 3	

Arran Ladies sit proudly at the top of Division 3 of the West District Women's Hockey League after two hard-fought victories in a tough double header at home last weekend.

They have 11 points from five games and have not lost a game this season, despite both opponents being above them before the game against Greenock Morton Ladies on Saturday and old adversaries Hillhead 4s the following day.

Arran met newly-promoted Greenock Ladies on Saturday afternoon at the Ormidale astroturf with a squad of 12 players. Goalkeeper Ali McKie had Ellie Wood, Faith McKelvie, captain Elyse

Aitken and Freya McNicol with her in defence. Susie Murchie, Cerys Herapath and Hannah McCartney were supported by substitute Annie McKelvie in mid-field and Lorraine Hewie, Anne Watts and Mia Walker were the team's forward attacking line.

With Greenock winning the toss and choosing to take the first ball Arran settled into position to meet the first attack. The ball soon switched sides and Arran pressed up the pitch. Mia collected a strong pass from Anne and rocketed up the pitch. However the Greenock defence were very skilled and able to control and turnover the early goal attempts. Both keepers were calling to their players, who worked hard to keep the ball away from the goal line. Playing right-back,

Ellie was calm and in control every time she had the ball – even when she came off her feet and was landed on by her opponent. Looking for her team mates and potential high pitch opportunities, she was quick to spot a straight pass to Anne at the half way line. Anne hooked the ball and ran to where she could see Lorraine coming into the shooting D. Sending the ball straight to her, Lorraine snapped up the ball, drew out the goalkeeper and executed a superb reverse flick shot at goal to put Arran in the lead.

With the weather changing from sunny to wild and windy, rain and icy hailstones battered down on the pitch and players. The second half saw Arran awarded a penalty short corner a few minutes after the starter's whistle

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Anne Watts clears from a crowded penalty area. 01_B44morton08



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