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£3.6m funding boost for affordable homes

by Hugh Boag
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A proposal to build more than 40 affordable homes on Arran has taken a significant step forward after a £3.6 million government grant was secured.

The grant to the Arran Development Trust from the Rural and Islands Housing Fund is believed to be the largest ever awarded to a community group from this fund.

The £3.612m grant will be used as part of an £8.5m financial package to provide 43 affordable rental houses, of between one and four bedrooms, across two sites in Lamlash which will help address the severe lack of affordable housing on the island.

The Banner reported in June that the funding process was progressing well and the first phase came to fruition this week.

One of the sites is at Rowarden on Benlister Road and the second has yet to be disclosed. The trust will also

be taking forward plans to provide 14 serviced self-build plots at Dyemill, also in Lamlash, and has received more than 60 expressions of interest.

The trust board hopes the provision of 43 new high quality, affordable rental homes will address some of the economic challenges encountered in recent years by depopulation and skills' shortages in health and social care, education and the hospitality sectors by encouraging young families to return to the island.

Trust chairman Barry Mochan said: 'This is a wonderful achievement for a community group to secure a grant offer of this magnitude and it will have such a positive immediate impact on the community. The community has wanted and needed this boost for so long and all the hard work getting it to this stage has finally paid off. We anticipate being in a position to start the build around spring 2020 and are actively working on this now.'

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Young have fun with the oldies



Youngsters from Lamlash early years paid a visit this week to the lunch club at the McKelvie Road sheltered housing complex. There they swapped Hallowe'en stories with the older folk and played games that crossed the generational divide. Full story page three.

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CalMac doubles its winter maintenance budget

by Colin Smeeton
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Ferry operator CalMac has doubled the amount that it spent last year during this year's winter maintenance programme.

With a record investment of more than £9 million allocated for the fleet, it is hoped that the expanded overhaul programme will help keep every vessel in ship-shape condition and ready for another year of supporting communities across the west coast.

Both ferries which serve Arran are being given a major overhaul, with the MV Caledonian Isles undergoing its annual refit, as usual in January, at Greenock.

As well as normal MOT type servicing for the vessel, there will be work to upgrade alarm and monitoring

system, a new generators, additional anemometer for measuring wind speed and replacement roll on-roll off cylinders. Works will also include CCTV systems, passenger doors, replacement reclining seats and new air compressors.

The MV Isle of Arran has been fitted with a new alarm and monitoring system, draught measuring system, air handling unit, fire detection system, load sharing generator, hydrophore pumps and new bow thruster units along with circuit breaker replacement and new air compressors.

'Trying to ensure that every vessel gets the proper levels of maintenance and upgrades, while keeping lifeline ferry services running, is an extremely complex operation,' said CalMac's director of asset management Julie Philpott.



The MV Caledonian Isles leaves Brodick this week. 01_B18caley01

'Not all vessels are suitable for every route and harbour, meaning the matrix we need to design to ensure service continuity is long in the plan-

ning. We try where we can, within the resources available to us, to provide as seamless a service as possible during this period, matching suitable

vessels to cover routes. But getting every vessel in for maintenance requires us to do a certain amount of manoeuvring. We try and keep

inconvenience to a minimum and hope the travelling public can understand why we have to make the vessel changes that we do at this time of year.

'For those not involved in the refit process the sheer scale of the tasks involved is hard to picture. Last year we fitted more than 11km of electrical cable and this year new CCTV networks and pitch control systems alone will see 18km of new cable installed.'

Work on the vessels is to be carried out at yards in Greenock, Troon, Liverpool, Ardmaliesh, Leith and Aberdeen.

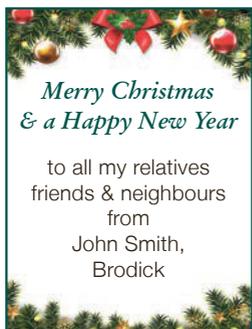
An expected announcement on the timetable for the delivery of the MV Glen Sannox was scuppered at Holyrood this week by Purdah rules surrounding the general election which means there can be no statements on financial matters until after December 12.

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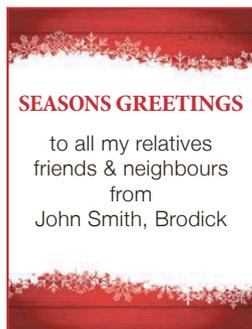
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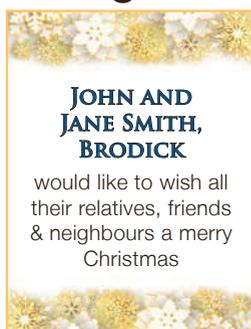
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£3.6m funding boost

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Arran Community Council chairman Bill Calderwood said: 'These projects were identified by the community, led by the community and will finally bear fruit for the community. There have been Arran residents registered on the Common Housing Register for 10 years or more, without hope of securing an affordable rental home, so it is great for them to know that the wait will soon be over.'

Tom Tracey, chairman of the Arran Economic Group, added: 'This is a terrific achievement for the Arran Development Trust and in economic terms, it'll be a step change in the right direction and a major milestone on a four-year journey to bring affordable housing to Arran.'

'Arran will now be able to attract the necessary workforce and provide affordable housing to ensure folk can remain on this beautiful island enjoying one of the highest quality of life ratings in the UK.'

'The lack and provision of affordable housing will no longer be a constraint on the local 'economy''

North Ayrshire Council has been involved in supporting the group and chief executive Craig Hatton is delighted the

trust has secured such significant funding.

He said: 'This is fantastic news for the island. We are well aware of the housing shortages on Arran and the problems islanders have in accessing good quality, affordable housing.'

'Work is due to start on our own 34-housing development at Brathwic Terrace which will be our biggest development on Arran for a generation. It's great that this will be complemented by the development in Lamlash. While it won't alleviate all the housing problems it is another significant step forward.'

The trust has been supported in its efforts to secure grant funding by the Scottish housing minister Kevin Stewart, Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson and councillor Timothy Billings.

Mr Gibson said: 'This is

really great news for Arran. The SNP Government has awarded an £84,000 in grant towards each of the 43 homes to be built.

'ADT has done a power of work. It is its dogged determination to deliver that has brought this to fruition and special thanks are due to Sheena Borthwick, Tom Tracey and Bill Calderwood, who worked so hard to make it happen, backed by the many islanders who contacted me to express their solid support for these essential new homes.'

Meanwhile, work on the Benlister Terrace homes will not now start until January 2020, North Ayrshire Council has confirmed. Work, which was initially scheduled to start this autumn, had already been moved back to December, but this has now been delayed to the new year.



The site planned for affordable homes at Rowarden in Lamlash. 01_B45afford01

Young have fun with the oldies

There was a meeting of young and old minds when pre-school children from Lamlash early years visited the lunch club at the McKelvie Road sheltered housing complex this week.

The event, which was Hallowe'en-themed, echoed the TV show Old Folk's Home for Four Year Olds with the

youngsters telling of their Hallowe'en highlights and hearing from the older people their stories of yesteryear.

Arran High School pupils Sophie Clark, Alice Lockhart and Lewis Thomson, with teacher Jen Christie, were also on hand to organise Hallowe'en games and dancing which the young and old alike were encouraged to take part in.

The lunch club for the over

60s meets every fortnight in Lamlash, with the other week at Glen Estate in Brodick. The venue had been specially decorated for the day with Hallowe'en decorations by high school pupils Jemma Totty, Kaitlyn Haddow, Caitlin Frazer, Catherine Smith and Neha Bino.

The volunteers would like to thank Dean Coulson of ITS private hire who provides free transport for the lunch club.



Another youngster has a shot at catching an apple.

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The high school pupils with teacher Jen Christie.

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Julia le Masurier tells a Hallowe'en tale from yesteryear. 01_B45lunch03



The lunch club enjoys the children's stories.

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Two youngsters attempt to catch the apples. 01_B45lunch05

Pipers for Remembrance Day

Last year, to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War, pipers across the United Kingdom and around the world paid tribute to the 2,000 and more pipers who were killed or injured in battle.

Members of the Isle of Arran Pipe Band joined the hundreds of individual pipers who took part in the event and piped the traditional Scottish lament played at the end of battle.

Due to the feedback received from the community, the band will repeat the exer-

cise on Remembrance Sunday at 11.02am, after the two minutes' silence. There will be a piper at the war memorials in Brodick, Corrie (at noon), Pirmill, Whiting Bay, Kildonan and Kilmory, as well as at the Clearance Monument in Lamlash. After the observance of two minutes' silence, they will play When the Battle's O'er as a mark of respect for, and in remembrance of, the lost pipers as well as all the many others who sacrificed their lives in the Great War.

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Stuart Fraser behind the bar at the new gin HQ.

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The bar and beyond it in what will be the retail area of the beach house.

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Arran Gin comes home to Cladach

Visitor centre takes shape at beach house

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The Arran Gin micro-distillery and visitor centre is to open in 2020 in what will be a big year for the company.

Work is progressing well at its new headquarters at Cladach with a view to having the visitor centre up and running next spring, with full distillery production following closely after.

And in an exciting development the Isle of Arran Gin Company Ltd is about to change its name to Arran Botanical Drinks Ltd as it plans to diversify the business beyond gin.

Already production has started on the soon-to-be -available Arran Cassis - made from blackcurrants picked in Whiting Bay - and this is to be followed next year by a soft drink, made from the same botanicals gathered on Arran as used to make the distinctive island gin.

All the distilling will be based at the site of the former Arran Nature Centre at Cladach, which the gin company bought last May. It will see Arran Gin produced and bottled on the island, which has been the plan since it was first launched early last year.

Having renovated the building, the company was committed to retaining and re-working an artisan work space with real history and heritage. To be called The Cladach Beach House, the rustic-cabin space is both contemporary in styling, yet speaks to a rustic, artisanal experience. The company believes it is a perfect space for its drinks laboratory, which is being created in the visitor centre.

The gin team aims to create several revenue streams with an emphasis on production and visitor experience. The team wants its visitors to be at the centre of its operation, so gin school classes, foraging trips and tours and tastings will be the core of the visitor experience.

Whilst the site is more suited

to a spring, summer, autumn experience, the intention is to have year-round drinks production and offerings for visitors, including a small coffee shop.

Owners Stuart Fraser, George Grassie and New York-based Ross Hamilton have invested their own money in the business and all profits which have been made so far have been ploughed back into the business.

But they now recognise the need for outside investment in order to realise their ambitions to make something truly special happen at Cladach.

Beyond gin

Stuart explained why the team has decided to expand beyond gin: 'Realising that the craft gin sector was becoming increasingly overcrowded, the gin team took the view that it need not restrict itself to producing gin. Island botanicals are at the centre of the production, but these botanicals can be used for a range of products.'

'The new Cassis is 100 per cent Whiting Bay blackcurrant mixed with our favourite Côte de Rhone. There is no gin in this drink, and as a Cassis, it's sweeter and a real departure from the big savoury flavours of Arran Gin, which we know is not to everyone's taste. We always intended to start with something and then change things

up after a year or so.' He said the soft drink for which he and George were 'playing about with botanicals' would be an adult drink aimed at the increasing younger market, who have little interest in alcohol.

Having a local focus is central to the plans. The gin team has connected with complementary Arran indie producers to cross-promote their businesses during the successful summer pop-ups.

It is now keen to align with more island businesses and people - making the Cladach space available for certain community events.

On November 8 the beach house hosts island group Forever Aloe Vera, for a skin-care and gin-tasting evening.

On December 16 the Arran Gift Box team arrives and again, gin bar and tastings will accompany the gift box market. December 12 will see a Christmas wreath-making evening by florist Charlotte Karsemeijer of Charlotte's Flowers, again pairing the craft event with a festive G&T.

Stuart said: 'Events are important to help spread the word, but the key to it all is the production and innovation that has begun and is set to grow in 2020. Botanical gathering, processing and production in the form of distilling, compounding fruits and creating new flavours is at the centre of our growth plans.'

'When all is said and done, it's all about the botanicals of Arran, where they come from and their contribution to the taste and production.'

'The fact that our new office is situated in such a beautiful spot is quite a bonus for us, and hopefully a big draw for visitors.'

The popular Arran Nature Centre, previously on the site, closed in 1984 and the building was sold two years later. It has since been used for a variety of activities, including a bistro, and was more recently occupied for 15 years by stained-glass maker, the late Richard Leclerc.



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Stuart outside the sea-front beach house at Cladach. 01_B45gin03



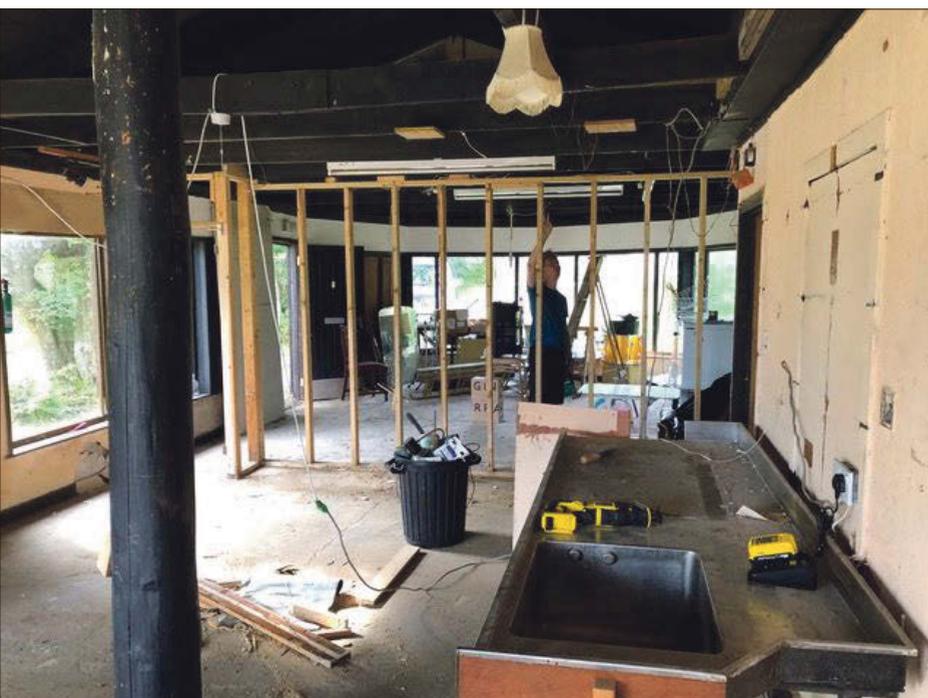
A tasting event being held at the beach house.



The beach house was completely cleared ahead of the renovation.



The shabby chic of the beach house lounge area.



Renovation work being undertaken at the beach house.

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HIT dinner held at Lagg distillery

The third HIT Scotland dinner to be held on Arran took place last Saturday at the new Lagg distillery.

Nearly 90 guests from the hospitality industry attended the event which raised £6,500 on the night for the trust.

The money was raised during the fun evening by games, a raffle and a grand auction.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr Andrea Luoma, who is a world-renowned neuroscience-based communication and executive coach.

HIT (Hospitality Industry Trust) Scotland provides free scholarship courses for the industry which are highly sought after. Comperes for the

evening Sheila Gilmore interviewed Auchrannie employee Alix Basford, who told of her excellent experience of the scholarship.

The food for the evening was provided by Arran hotels.

Fabricio Ubatuba de Faria from The Douglas Hotel provided the starter, Craig Beedie and James Knowles from Auchrannie supplied the main course and young Kinloch chef Calum MacAlister provided dessert.

Two previous HIT Scotland dinners have been held on Arran.

The first at the Lochranza distillery and the second at The Douglas Hotel in Brodick.



The HIT Scotland Arran committee Richard Small, Sheila Gilmore, Robbie Crawford and Craig Lindsay with guest speaker Dr Andrea Luoma and David Cochrane, chief executive HIT Scotland. 01_B45hit01



Sheila interviews Alix Basford, who has been on a HIT Scotland scholarship course. 01_B45hit03



MC Sheila Gilmore conducting the auction. 01_B45hit02

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Mountain festival looks forward to 2020

November draws in and it's time to reflect on another successful year and to launch the plans for the 14th consecutive year of the Arran Mountain Festival in 2020.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday November 12 at 7pm at the Arran Mountain Rescue Team base at Cladach.

The 2019 festival heralded the introduction of mountain running events to the existing popular walks programme.

And in 2019 organisers also welcomed collaboration with the pupils of Arran High School whose eye-catching promotional posters were displayed throughout the island.

Looking ahead to 2020, organisers are already putting a programme together that will offer 170 spaces on 23 walks/runs over the weekend of May 15 to 18.

Anyone who wishes to secure the opportunity to book a place on a walk or run ahead of booking lines being open to the public can check out of Friends of Arran Mountain Festival scheme.

By donating a minimum of £10, as well as providing vital support to the festival, each 'friend' will have the chance of booking two places per person on 2020 festival walks/runs (subject to availability) one week ahead of the booking lines opening in mid-December 2019.

They will also receive a festival supporter car sticker.

Friends forms, which should be submitted by November 30, will be available at the AGM and can also be found at www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk

Chairman Jackie Kemp said: 'At AMF we feel it's important to promote that the festival is a wholly community-based, volunteer-led organisation where we actively encourage local involvement and participation, so why not join us at the AGM.'

'This will enable you to find out more about what the Arran Mountain Festival is all about and provide the opportunity for you to contribute your thoughts and suggestions for the festival going forward.'

'Hope to see you at the AMRT base next Tuesday.'

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Major blaze rips through Blackwaterfoot Garage

by Hugh Boag
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A major fire has destroyed an Arran garage and MOT centre.

Blackwaterfoot Garage was badly damaged in the blaze which swept through the village premises in the early hours of Saturday morning. Fire crews from Blackwaterfoot, Brodick and Lamash spent more than two hours fighting the fire and at its height flames and smoke were pouring through the holes burnt in the roof.

Inside tyres, car parts, tools and MOT equipment were all destroyed. A single car which was in the garage was also damaged by the fire. The crews were also aware of the proximity of petrol pumps in the forecourt, which have

emergency shut-down valves in the event of a fire, as well as oxyacetylene tanks.

The garage has been owned and operated by Colin Cameron and his family for 23 years. He told the Banner this week that the fire could have been worse had it not been detected early. He said he could not say yet how long the garage would be closed, however, it did reopened for partial petrol sales on Tuesday.

Quick thinking

The early detection is thanks to the quick thinking and actions of Jordan Crawford, who raised the alarm. The 22-year-old had just got in from his shift at the Kinloch Hotel just after midnight when he heard what, at first, he thought was fireworks.

Jordan, whose family home is only yards from the garage,

said: 'There were five big bangs which made me go outside and that was when I noticed an orange glow coming from the garage. I contacted Colin while my friend phoned the fire brigade.'

He said the fire had been 'intense' at the height of the blaze and that the fire brigade crews had done a good job in bringing the blaze under control.

Colin too thanked the fire-fighter teams and added: 'We have been offered other premises and we are hoping to get the MOT centre reopened as soon as possible, where we will hopefully be able to offer other garage services,' he said.

He said the cause of the fire was still being investigated by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and insurance assessors were visiting the garage this week.



The Blackwaterfoot Garage where the fire caused extensive damage. 01_B45garage02



The fire burned large holes in the garage roof. 01_B45garage01

Island carol service returns

After the success of last year's Island Carol Service at Brodick Church, the event is to take place again in early December. And this year Arran Soul Choir – both senior and youth – will be taking part, along with other island singing groups Vivace, Ain't Misbehavin' and Arran Singers. Arran Brass and string group Arco will accompany the carols, supported by organist Douglas Hamilton.

Formerly the John Dick Carol Concert, the event has been a fixture on the island's festive calendar since the early 1980s. As before, there will be a strong emphasis on congregational singing so everyone will get a chance to sing their favourite Christmas carols.

'Once again, we are very grateful to the

board and session at Brodick Church for their support. Although we thought of moving the event elsewhere on the island, so many people agreed that last year's event in Brodick worked well. So we decided not to move this year but we would be interested in ideas for 2020,' explained Andrew Walsh, who co-organises the event with Susan Dobson and Katy Penn. 'We are delighted that Arran Soul Choir will be joining last year's line-up and we all look forward to welcoming Christmas on Arran with a traditional carol service and a good sing,' he added.

The service will take place at Brodick Church at 7.30pm on Monday December 2 and everyone is welcome. There will be a collection in aid of CLIC Sargent.

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Housing hope

The news that £3.6 million has been secured to help provide affordable housing on Arran is to be warmly welcomed.

The fact that Arran has been able to secure the largest ever pot of funds from the Scottish government's Rural Islands and Housing Fund is testament to the power of work which has been done at ground level by the Arran Development Trust to make it happen.

The grant breaks down to £84,000 for each of the 43 houses planned by the trust, which hopes to start work by the spring of next year.

However, there is some way to go yet. The two earmarked sites need to have planning permission approved – although one of the sites previously had permission for house building – and then purchased, so the time frame is very tight. Also further funding, to reach the £8.5 million required, still needs to be secured.

However, £3.6 million is more than a handsome start and I am sure the community will take a close interest to ensure that every penny is spent wisely by the Arran Development Trust.

The trust too is pressing ahead with its plans for 15 self-build plots at Dyemill, where there have already been 60 expressions of interest, but no funding has been secured for this part of the project yet.

However, the funding boost means the trust can go into 2020 with confidence in the knowledge that by the end of the year the affordable housing picture on Arran could be a lot rosier.

Thought for the week

'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' Luke 20: 25

That's progress

Sir,
Further to my recent comments published in the Banner on the not-fit-for-purpose Brodick terminal, I travelled last week as a foot passenger on the 12.30 from Ardrossan. The ferry arrived in Brodick Bay around 13.15, carried out the 360-degree turn, then commenced with the docking procedure. The foot passengers started to disembark via the single person access around 13.35. As I was going to the bus stance, I was near the head of the queue and I hurried along the elevated corridor, down the stairs and eventually on to the bus, which was, according to the timetable, scheduled to leave at 13.35. Shortly after boarding the bus, it left the stance.

While waiting for the 16.40 ferry in the departure lounge, I watched the ferry arriving and noted it took approximately the same time as indicated above for the passengers to disembark. The marine forecast for that day was a NE 6 to 8 knot wind.

I was lucky I got on the bus. However, due to this time overlap, there must have been passengers who missed the bus and subsequently were stranded despite the bus waiting beyond its scheduled departure.

This not a criticism of CalMac or the bus company. When the old pier was in use, ferry docking, going down the two-person wide gangway and along the short pier to the bus only took a couple of minutes, allowing plenty of time for passengers to reach the bus stance. That's progress!

I also read the recent letter in the Banner on full nationalisation. It would appear the writer overlooked the successful private company Western Ferries. Also the Scottish Government has just renewed the Northern Ferries contract with Serco (another private company), despite a bid from CalMac. Apparently CalMac stated its bid was lower (how did they know?) and questioning why it was not awarded the contract. Many of the problems discovered during the course of a

contract are due to the project not being properly specified at the tender stage and lack of contract management/monitoring. For example, you only need to look at the Scottish Government performance in recent years on major infrastructure and IT projects, including the relatively small £14 million overspend on the Brodick terminal.

PS: I have just read a detailed article in the Herald (June 13, 2019) on the 'flawed harbour' move. In it an Arran resident highlighted the time taken to reach the bus stance. I did not have heavy luggage, a pram, disability or had to use the lift!

Yours,
**Robin Gardner,
Milton of Campsie.**

Shoobox appeal

Sir,
For many years Anne and Hamish Mitchell of Brodick organised an Arran shoobox collection for the Blythswood Christmas Shoobox Appeal. Shooboxes are filled with practical and gift items and distributed to disadvantaged people in Europe, Africa and Asia. This year a team at Brodick Church took up the mantle from Anne to organise the 2019 collection.

A total of 143 filled shooboxes were collected from the Arran people along with donations of £515 which will be used to help with transport costs to the destination countries. This was a great effort, thank you to all who contributed in any way. Our thanks also to Tony Morrow of Arran Deliveries who arranges transport of the shooboxes to the Blythswood Depot in Glasgow each year free of charge.

Yours,
**The Shoobox team,
Brodick Church.**

Sustainable Arran

Sir,
As a beautiful island in a tranquil setting, Arran continues to attract visitors as well as people who come to live and work on the island.

Whilst challenges to sustainability are perhaps less evident than in some other parts of the world, Arran

faces challenges of its own.

Here are a few of the issues:

■ Ensuring that everyone on Arran has somewhere decent to stay within their budget. A lack of affordable homes has inhibited local businesses and reduces opportunities for young people to settle on the island.

■ Helping residents to stay warm in the colder months, whilst minimising the personal and environmental costs – through improved insulation and greater use of renewable energy sources.

■ Enabling people to move around the island conveniently and sustainably – helping to combat loneliness and isolation, as well as driving the local economy.

■ Ensuring that older people have the support and care they need, to keep active and healthy as they become more frail.

We are so used to looking to authorities – local, regional, and national governments to solve major problems that we face individually and collectively. However, authorities have a mixed record on delivering services and amenities/infrastructure in rural areas. Cuts to public spending, alongside rising health/care costs, are curtailing authorities' abilities to intervene.

People on Arran feel these effects as much as other rural areas and Arran's island nature further complicates service delivery.

With an eye to these and other sustainability challenges, Eco Savvy, Arran's Digital Blacksmith and the University of Northumbria are delighted to collaborate on an event bringing island people together for friendly and constructive discussion.

Our Idea Engine evening event poses some imaginary and challenging scenarios that might befall Arran and invites participants to play one of a number of possible roles in finding possible solutions. The solutions can draw on the use of digital technologies (such as mobile apps) to provide additional power – which underlines the importance of good connectivity and digital literacy across the community.

We are staging the event from 5pm

to 7 pm at the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick) which we think will make it more accessible for people from across the community. The novel scenarios chosen should give rise to engaging and imaginative discussions the results of which will be very interesting to see and hear.

We look forward to seeing you there on Monday November 11.

Yours,
**Andrew Stirling,
Co-organiser,
Sustainable Arran.**

Benevolent fund

Sir,
My father and his two brothers all flew with the Royal Air Force during the Second World War; one in Coastal Command, one in Bomber Command and one in Fighter Command. I imagine it was quite unusual that the three brothers flew in the three separate branches of the RAF and even more unusual that, come the end of the war, had all survived.

I am very proud to be backing the RAF Benevolent Fund's centenary campaign to reach out to RAF veterans and let them know the help and support they deserve is out there.

The fund, which celebrated its centenary last month, is here to help the whole RAF family through the toughest times. They estimate that there are up to 100,000 veterans and their partners who urgently need help. Often National Service veterans and their partners, who answered their country's call more than 60 years ago, don't even realise they can turn to the RAF Benevolent Fund for help.

Time is running out; we only have a few years to help these veterans before it is too late. So I urge you to speak to your relatives, neighbours and friends and if they once served for the RAF and are in need of support encourage them to contact the fund.

If you know someone who needs support, call 0300 102 1919.

Yours,
**Sue Holderness,
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Buddies make a clean sweep



Pickers at the ready, volunteers with some of the rubbish collected from Kildonan beach.

The Arran Beach Buddies sets their sights and their litter pickers on Kildonan beach recently for another beach clean-up.

Seven adults and two children volunteered for the event which, although slightly chilly, took place under a bright blue sky on Sunday afternoon.

Several bags of rubbish were collected with a plastic Stormtrooper winning the prize for the most bizarre item found.

A spokesman for the Beach Buddies said: 'Thanks to everybody who turned up and helped to make it a successful afternoon's clean.'

Corrie Film Club presents...

Before Night Falls
(UK 2000, Julian Schnabel,
133 mins, Cert 15)

Corrie Film Club's November offering is an impressionistic biopic about the troubled life of the gay Cuban poet and novelist Reynaldo Arenas.

The film boasts an extraordinary cast with Javier Bardem giving a strong performance in the title role, ably supported by Johnny Depp and Sean Penn. It is a vivid portrait of a remarkably talented man from his poverty stricken childhood to his persecution and exile from Castro's Cuba. The film is based on the autobiography that Arenas wrote in the years after leaving Cuba following his clashes with the authorities there. Arenas died of AIDS in New York in 1990.

See the film tomorrow (Sunday) at Corrie and Sannox Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

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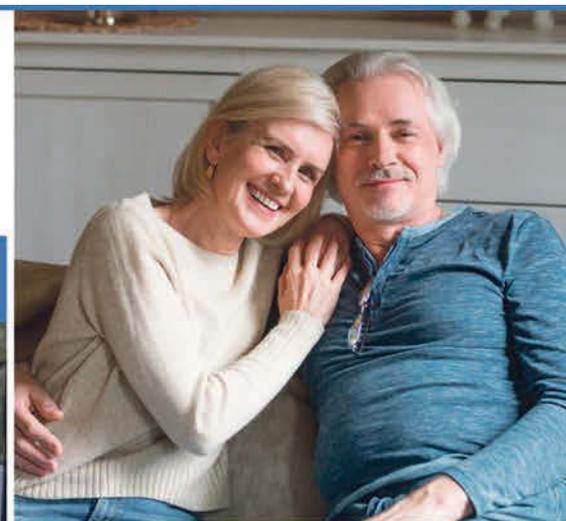
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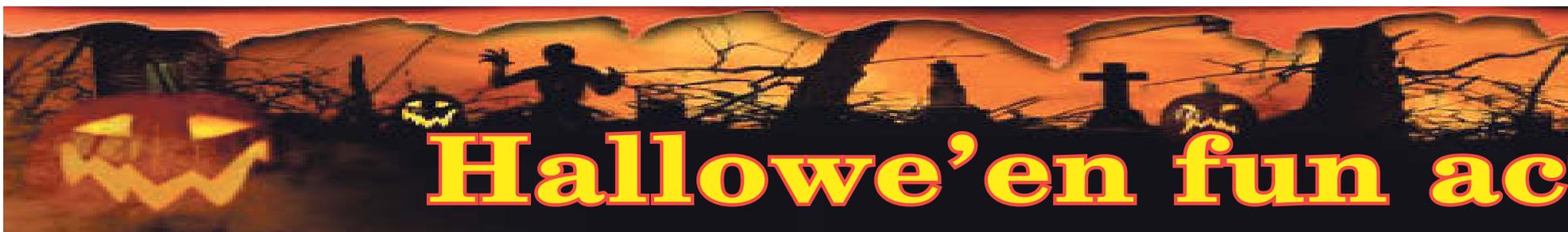
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Hallowe'en parties were held around the island last week in schools, halls and other venues.

On Hallowe'en night itself guisers were seen visiting houses of friends and family in all the villages. In Brodick the traditional start to guising

is at Montrose House and this year saw one of the biggest turnouts in recent years of children performing their party pieces to the residents and guests who enjoyed their own treats and an old fashioned sing song.

Over in Shiskine, the same

night, the village Hallowe'en party attracted a large number of youngsters dressed up, as always, in some imaginative costumes.

After the serious business of the judging they enjoyed a night of games and party treats.

Shiskine



The older children who dressed up at Shiskine. 01_B45shiskine04



All the youngsters who dressed up for the Shiskine party. 01_B45shiskine07



The winning mermaid Sophia Black at the Shiskine party. 01_B45shiskine03



The younger children at the Shiskine party. 01_B45shiskine01



Two youngsters explain what they are dressed up as. 01_B45shiskine11



The eyes have it. Dracula and his brood. 01_B45shiskine12



Gregor Gunaydi, the fridge, and Ant and Dec – Ava McNeice and Keira Webster – were runners up at the Shiskine party. 01_B45shiskine05



The youngsters enjoy a game at the Shiskine party. 01_B45shiskine02

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Montrose House



Winning costume at Shiskine was Olivia McNeice as the old cat lady.
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The Duncan clan of spider Luca, Joey the ghost and little Max the dinosaur at Montrose House. 01_B45montrose05



A youngster has success dooking for apples at Montrose House. 01_B45montrose07



Ant and Dec – Ava McNeice and Keira Webster.
01_B45shiskine08



Two ladies at Montrose House enjoy tucking into their chocolate-covered apples. 01_B45montrose06



Dracula performs a magic trick at Montrose House.
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Robbie, Jamie and Iris Mitchell from Northumberland at Montrose House.
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Shiskine party. 01_B45shiskine13



Brodick Primary School



Brodick Primary School P5 to P7 pupils. 01_B44BP501



Brodick Primary School P1 to P4 pupils. 01_B45BP503



Brodick Primary pupils play pass the pumpkin. 01_B45BP505

Fun games, themed treats and fancy costumes were the cornerstone of all Halloween celebrations around the island. Brodick Primary School enjoyed two successive days of parties with a party for P5 to P7 one day, and another for

P1 to P4s the following day. Brodick Nursery children enjoyed games throughout the day and a special Halloween-themed Bookbug in the library where they sang, danced and heard scary tales.

In Lochranza, at the village hall, visitors braved the rainy weather to congregate for a disco, traditional games and plenty of snacks which ensured that the young children, and adults, enjoyed a memorable Halloween.



Brodick Primary pupils prepare for some Halloween games. 01_B45BP504



P5 to P7 pupils at Brodick Primary School play Halloween games. 01_B44BP502



Brodick Nursery



Ghosts, princesses, skeletons, a firemen and witches and a transformer are just some of the characters Brodick Nursery children selected for their Hallowe'en costumes. 01_B45Nursery02



Brodick Nursery pupils listen to a scary story at Brodick Library's Bookbug meeting. 01_B45Nursery01



A little ghost and a Cookie Monster enjoy a dance at Brodick Nursery. 01_B45Nursery04

Lochranza



An assortment of monsters, devils, ghosts and two ninjas attended the Lochranza Hallowe'en party. 01_B45loch04



Nursery pupils parade for the best costume judging at the Lochranza Hallowe'en party. 01_B45loch01



Nursery pupils parade for the best costume judging at the Lochranza Hallowe'en party. 01_B45loch01



P4 to P7 pupils dressed for success at the Lochranza Hallowe'en party. 01_B45loch03



Children enjoy a lively game of musical chairs at Lochranza. 01_B45loch07



A cute kitten shows off her moves on the Lochranza dance floor. 01_B45loch06



A little devil is led on to the dance floor at Lochranza. 01_B45loch05



A young dancing witch impresses on the Lochranza dance floor. 01_B45loch08

Sustainable island life can be a reality with Eco Savvy

Eco Savvy has enjoyed a constructive year spreading the word about sustainability, waste reduction and the advantages of living a more eco-friendly lifestyle through its Sustainable Island Life Project.

With the support of the Arran community, many facets of the project have proved to be hugely successful with the long-term benefits already becoming clear.

Split into various categories that encompass just some of these changes and developments, a number of tangible milestones have been reached.

Travel and transport

Eco Savvy currently has 10 ebikes being used by Arran organisations for its Arran eBike Challenge – a scheme where Arran businesses can borrow ebikes for their staff to use for their commute to and from work. There have been nine businesses that have taken part to date with roughly 2,500 car miles eliminated. Five people have also since gone on to purchase ebikes with many more want-

ing to do so. The ebike trials have proved to be extremely popular at events, with 112 people testing them so far.

Eco Savvy has expanded the project and now also has trailers and an etrike available for trial.

Many Arran residents have also benefited from advice from Eco Savvy travel coordinators Andrew Binnie and Emma Tracey on the best ebike for their needs, where to buy an ebike and information on loan schemes and financial assistance to buy one.

Energy help

The project has delivered audits for 20 per cent of Arran's homes.

Hundreds of households on Arran have implemented measures such as draught proofing and installed energy monitors as a result of visits from energy auditor Charlotte Mann. This too has reduced a huge amount of carbon.

Eco Savvy continues to run energy drop-in surgeries every Tuesday from 10am to 3pm where people can just pop in to the Eco Savvy office



Attendees at the BYOPumpkin event show off their illuminated pumpkin creations.

at Home Farm and speak to the energy auditor about any questions they might have relating to their heating, lighting, energy bills, insulation or anything home energy related.

It is also currently offering free energy audits for Arran homes, offering help on different ways for residents to reduce their energy use and bills. Contact the office on 303026 for information.

With the assistance of Eco Savvy, 10 air source heat pumps have been installed, and four solar PV installations, both of which have helped to save 55.2 tonnes of carbon emissions annually on Arran.

Food share

There is a food share resource on Arran four nights a week, Tuesday in Whiting Bay, Thursday in Brodick, Friday in Lamlash and, just newly started, Sunday in Shiskine. The food share is where food from the Co-op is collected and given out free of charge.

The food is nearing its use by date and needs to be used or it ends up being discarded.

In the past 11 months Eco Savvy has held more than 150 food share nights with more than 5.1 tonnes/£24,000-worth of food going to people rather than landfill.

Eco Savvy has also been holding food information and cooking workshops, with the most recent being the BYOPumpkin event.

An intrepid group met to carve out their spooky Hallowe'en pumpkins and learned that more than eight million pumpkins – equiv-

alent to more than 18,000 tonnes of edible pumpkin flesh – will be heading for the bin because the majority of people don't eat it or use it for anything but ornaments.

Following on from pumpkin carving, the group enjoyed a pumpkin-cooking party, including the tasting and making of pumpkin cake, pumpkin pancakes, pumpkin spiced lattes, pumpkin soup and sweet and savoury roasted pumpkin seeds.

Eco Savvy is continuing its sustainability drive and environmental awareness campaign with a number of upcoming events.

Sustainable Arran

What if the island was isolated from the mainland? How could it cope with an extreme weather event? Or an influx of extra-terrestrial tourists? With £10 million to spend and a role to play, islanders are being asked to join a fun evening of creative and collaborative game play and help to tackle the challenges illustrated by these fictional disaster scenarios.

It will take place at the Ormidale Pavilion from 5pm on Monday November 11, entrance is free and cake will be provided. **See letters page.**

Stay warm, stay well

A stay warm, stay well event will be led by guest speaker Barbara Atterson from Energy Action Scotland.

It campaigns for an end to fuel poverty in Scotland and is the only national charity with this sole remit. The free event will begin with Barbara's presentation fol-



The BYOPumpkin event provided people with inspirational ideas to avoid pumpkin waste over Hallowe'en.

lowed by a lunch break, with soup from Ferghan Mhor B&B in Sannox. There will be a winter wear jumble sale from the Arran Eco Savvy shop and it will conclude with an interactive energy game.

The event will provide advice on how to turn a cold, damp house into a comfortable and warm home, and how to handle high bills and energy suppliers, and be signposted to relevant financial grants/assistance.

Stay warm, stay well – get ready for winter will take place at Corrie Hall on Tuesday November 12, 11.30am-1.45pm.

Secondary glazing

A secondary glazing event will be led by guest speaker Dr Tanya Ewing from Glaze and Save. Glaze and Save is an award-winning bespoke magnetic secondary glazing and draught proofing company. Tanya has, through her inventions and companies, won several awards, including British female inventor of the year and Vibes environmental award.

She will be available after the event for home visits to assist with reducing condensation, heating bills and noise from outside without the

expensive price tag of double glazing. There will also be an opportunity to speak to a representative from Home Energy Scotland about an interest free loan available up to £4,000 for secondary glazing improvements.

The secondary glazing event will take place at Home Farm, Brodick, on Friday November 15, 12.30pm-1.30pm.

Savvy traveller drop-ins

Eco Savvy is launching a new drop-in service for information on all things travel from an ecological perspective.

Visitors are invited to drop in at the Eco Savvy offices at Home Farm, Brodick, on the last Tuesday of the month between 10am and 3pm where they can try out an ebike, speak to the team about what ebike/etrike might be best for them, and gain advice on where to buy.

Eco Savvy does not sell ebikes so advice is completely impartial.

The travel co-ordinators can also give advice on financial assistance, safety tips and accessories for ebikes, safe cycle routes, electric vehicles, driving efficiently, as well as a host of other sustainable travel and transport topics.



Visitors used the remains of their pumpkins to make a number of tasty pumpkin dishes.



Spreading the ethos, Wallace Currie with his carved pumpkin.



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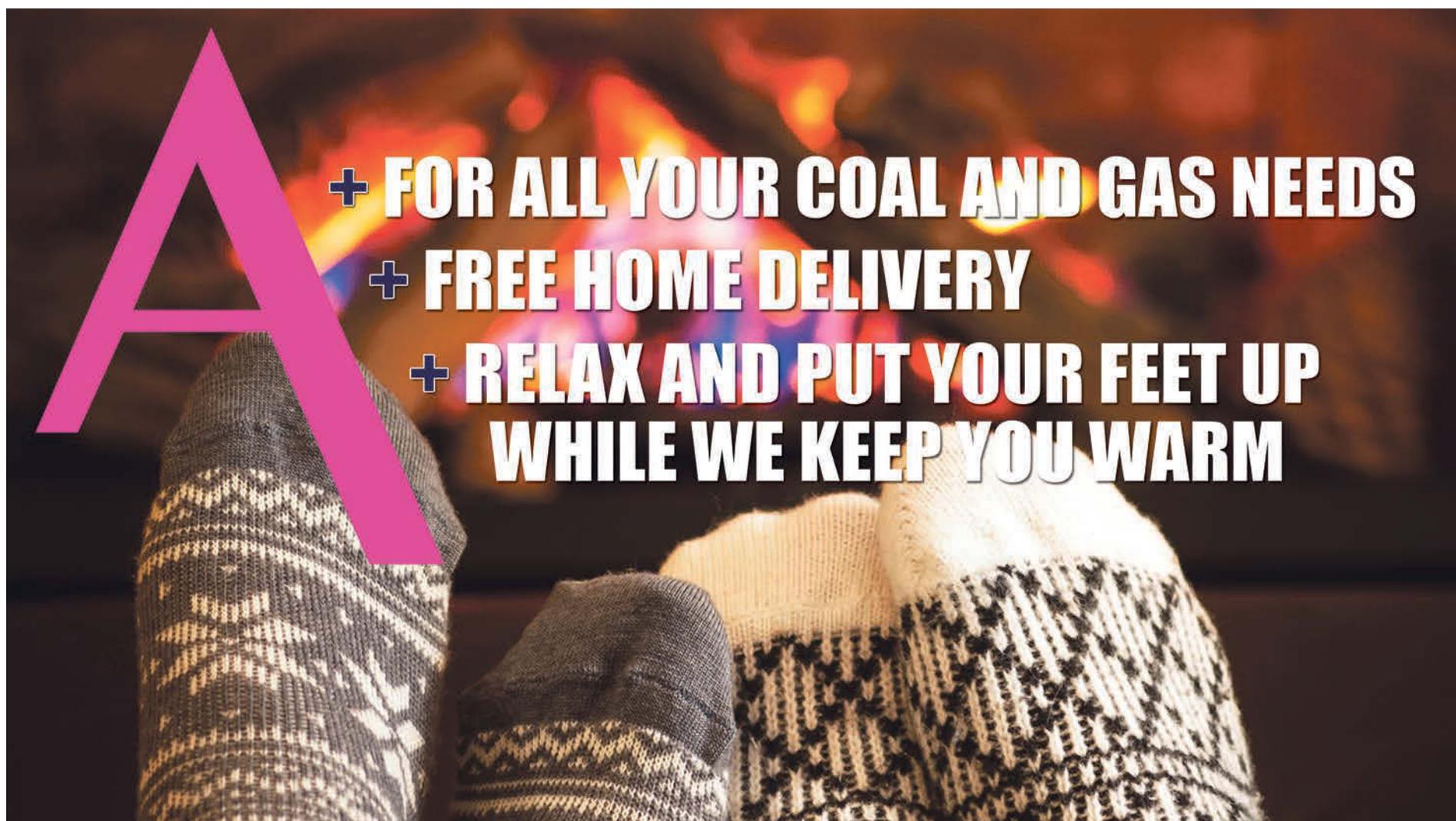
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As we move towards the winter months, keeping warm in your home becomes more of an issue as

the dark, cold nights set in. However, heating your home doesn't have to cost you an arm and a leg, and with these top tips, you can keep cosy without breaking the bank.

Check all your insulation, from windows to walls, ceiling to under floors. It is one of the most cost effective ways to stop the cold

creeping through the house. Make sure your pipes and boilers are properly lagged too. Something as simple as pipe foam wraps can be picked up for just a few pounds – but always put them on when the pipes are cool to make sure you don't burn yourself.

Maintenance of heating equipment is important, so make sure all water-fed radiators are bled and working correctly. A working radiator should be warm

evenly across the panel; if it isn't, there could be air trapped inside. Once these are all done, you can look at your home's overall heating requirements:

- Is your boiler fired the most efficient way possible?
- Can you turn the thermostat down a degree or two?
- Are you buying your electricity, oil or bottled gas from the cheapest source?

These things are relatively simple to check online with tools to help you estimate

your costs and potential savings with alternative heating sources. The right heating source can vary depending on how you use your home. If you spend all day in the house, consider the cheapest for prolonged use – other systems that provide instant heat may be more suitable to those out working all day.

Think too about future cost – wood-fuelled heating systems burn wood, pellets, chips or logs and can also power central heating and

hot water. Heat pumps and solar panels can not only save you cash, but government funded feed-in tariffs can make some options earn money for you. Alternatively, speak to your energy suppliers and make sure you are on the best rate or tariff. If not, find out what is the cheaper option or consider switching supplier. These few simple steps will ensure you have a cosy and comfortable house to see out the winter months.

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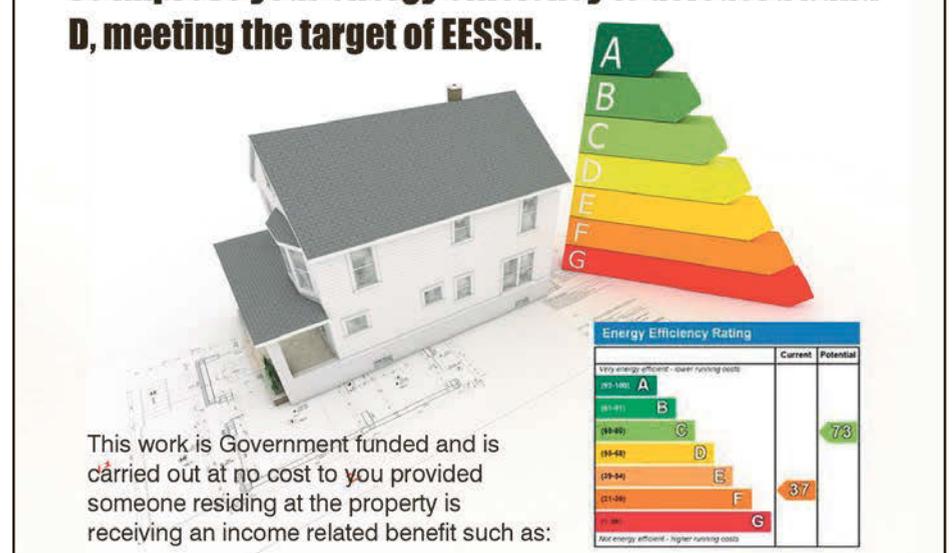
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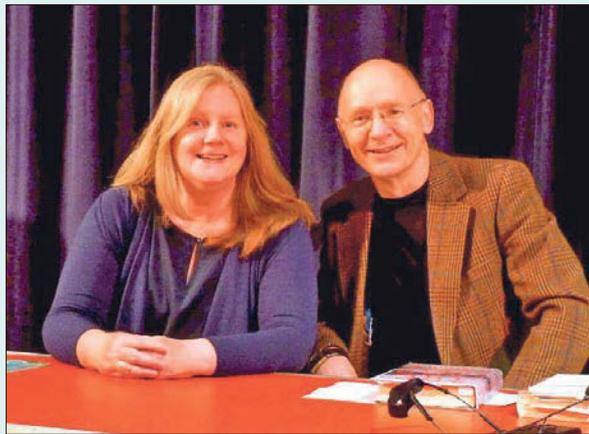
Scots writer enthralled audiences

There are few more prolific writers in Scots currently than James Robertson. His collection of written, translated and reflective works are a library of times past, present and reaching into the future.

After a busy day, with earlier engagements at the Lamplash Campus to share the life of a writer, action games and to read from *The Gruffalo* (which James translated into Scots) he proved a generous and more than capable storyteller, engaging three to 14-year-olds with ease.

James then enthralled, informed, delighted and amused his audiences with readings, anecdotes and historical research at the October meeting of The Saltire Society held in the theatre at Arran High School.

Scots, he noted, is spoken everywhere, every day but not written. Much of this is to do with a sense of Scots as a poorer form of English with children encouraged to speak 'properly'. James informed the audience on the use of Scots language, the spoken language of the original Scottish



Hazel Gardiner with James Robertson at The Saltire Society event.

Parliament, on its origins and, as with all languages, influences from trade, migration and war. There followed a discourse on the language-led, social, political and personal inspirations that prompted his novels, reading from '365 stories' including a particular favourite among the audience, *The News*. One surprise for both James and Tim Pomeroy was to reconnect after 25 years, their paths having crossed at an earlier and critical time for both.

Research is the common thread in all James' writings, and his dedicated command

of detail is what affords his readership assurances of authenticity. In summing up, John Bruce gave an eloquent and appreciative vote of thanks focusing on the import of reading as a key novel of the times: 'And the land lay still.' James' schedule did not allow for a visit to other schools but the society has secured a promise that he will return.

The society is also delighted to confirm that filmed footage of the evening event is being processed and further details of its release will be found on the website.

Hazel Gardiner

Saltire Society hosts lost Thomson talk

The Arran branch of The Saltire Society is delighted to welcome top Glasgow architect Fiona Sinclair to talk about Glasgow's 'other' great architect, Alexander 'Greek' Thomson. She will give an exciting, illustrated talk about not only the existing cherished buildings but also the ones that have been demolished and lost to Scottish architectural life.

The talk will be held on Wednesday November 13 in the Ormidale Pavilion at 7.30pm.

Fiona will discuss 'the reinvention of the city following the infamous 1945 Bruce plan which, rather unbelievably, proposed the demolition of the City Chambers, Central Station, The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum and The Glasgow School of Art.'

She will also talk about and show examples of Thomson buildings great and small.

Fiona, who has been a practising architect for 36 years, has a list of credits too long to list.

But her impressive CV includes years of teaching at Strathclyde Department of



Architect Fiona Sinclair who will give a talk to the Arran branch of the Saltire Society.

Architecture, along with being an examiner for APEAS.

She has been a member for the Historic Building Council

of Scotland, and continues to lecture and publish on topics as diverse as the works of Robert Lorimer, 'Greek' Thomson, the history of the Glasgow tenement, and the development of residential architecture along the River Clyde from Lanarkshire to Loch Long.

Her largest project to date is the £10m restoration of a redundant distillery near Annan which languished on the Buildings at Risk register until rescued by a three-and-a-half-year long building project.

She is currently working with the Dalbeattie Men's Shed on a project to build from scratch a replica of her grandfather's 1920 design for a small cycle car.

Fiona's visit continues to bring, via The Saltire Society, exciting and personal views of creativity which have affected the way everyone lives within Scottish culture.

Refreshments will be provided, everyone is welcome and entry is by donation.



Arran Society of Glasgow

Annual Dinner

Sat 23rd Nov, Kinloch Hotel

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Greetings from Arran at postcard club

A truly wonderful evening was enjoyed by the Strathclyde Postcard Club on Monday evening (October 21) when Stuart Gough presented his display, An Arran Extravaganza, in the Graham Hills Building at Strathclyde University.

Stuart, from Corrie, began with postcards depicting old maps – giving rambles on different areas of the island – then many historic postcards showing multiple views of Brodick, Kildonan, Whiting Bay, Shiskine, Kings Cross and Lochranza; piers, hotels, war memorials, standing stones, castles, villages, museums, monuments and ships, which brought the tourists ‘doon the watter’ to Arran. Also viewed were paintings by Avril Paton, who was born on Arran, and the grave of Edwin R Rose, the tourist who was the victim of the Goatfell murder.

There was a stereoscope with many images to view; boxes of magic lantern views; old Victorian advertising cards; postcards of various bus companies which served the island – and with them – many samples of timetables and bus tickets. There were also views of railways on



President Alex Magowan introduces Stuart Gough with Elsie Miller, secretary.

Arran; Valentine postcards, in a frame displayed at a shop door, and many ephemera, including programmes for many shows etc. This was an amazing view of the past – and also the present – life on Arran.

Stuart also gave a wonderfully interesting ‘patter’ about the items displayed.

President Alex Magowan then gave the vote of thanks to Stuart for presenting a truly magnificent display.

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Stuart tells the story of Arran’s postcard history.



Stuart centre stage with his Arran postcards display.



Arran postcards are explained to the audience.



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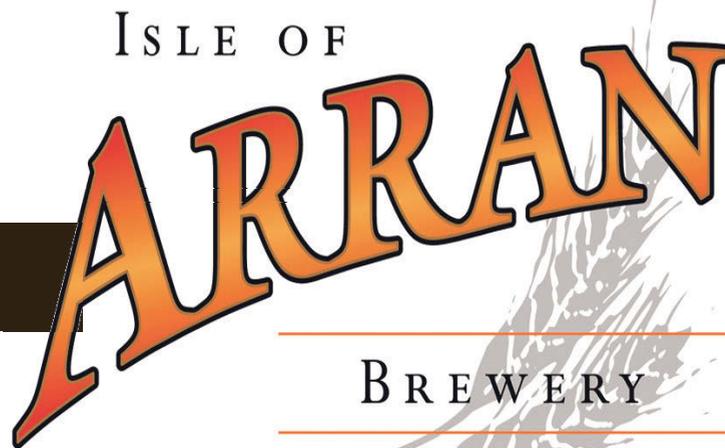
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Octopus Centre - tennis	Old Pavilion, Lamlash, open seven days, any time
Brodick Mini Golf	Open seven days, 9am - 5pm-ish, ALL weather
Public swimming	Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodick, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm) and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm)
Swimming lessons	Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm
Arran Heritage Museum - Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Arran Brewery	Open Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11.30am till 4pm Sunday, 2pm - 4pm. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday To arrange a tour please call 01770 302353

Saturday 9th November

Flow Yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Celebrating first Birthday	Bay Wool and Crafts, Whiting Bay, 10am -4pm
RNLI Shop open	RNLI Building, Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Save the Children Christmas Fayre	Brodick Hall, 10.30am - 1pm
Young Naturalists' Club - Tree Planting in Glen Rosa	Arran Rangers' Centre, Brodick, 10.30am
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 - Braw	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Live Music - Little Miss Debby - band with Janis Joplin-style vocals	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music - Mic Clark	The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm
Over-21s' Disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Sunday 10th November

Live Music - Mic Clark	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live Music - Braw	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 11th November

Morning Fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Kenneth Gibson MSP advice surgeries	Whiting Bay Village Hall, 11.15am - 12.15pm
	Kilmory Village Hall, 1pm - 2pm
	Brodick Health Centre, 3pm - 4pm
	Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Jogscotland mixed ability running group	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Circuit training	Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Junior Rugby (P3-P7)	Ormidale Park, Brodick, 7pm - 8pm
Junior Rugby (S1-S6)	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.15pm
Rink Games	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink Bowls	Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Winter Bridge, visitors welcome, www.arranbridgeweb	Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s	Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Arran Community Land Initiative AGM	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 7.30pm
Live Music - Fatman and the Angel	

Tuesday 12th 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
Arran Pace Makers - Jogscotland 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
Mini Kickers 3-5yrs (pre-school)	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 6.45pm
Junior Football, P4 -P6s	KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6.45pm - 7.45pm
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 13th 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
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 and Crafts, Whiting Bay 2pm - 4pm
Arran Pace Makers' Running Group	Brodick, 5.30pm
Flow Yoga	Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Tae Kwondo	juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Live Music - Arran Dawn	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Pub Quiz	The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 14th November

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am
Chair Yoga Exercise Class	Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am
Chess Morning	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am
Arran Heritage Museum	Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Messy Church	Lamlash Church Hall, 3.30pm - 5.30pm
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
Lamlash SWI	Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Embroidery Group	Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Brodick Ormidale Pavillion, 8.15pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 15th 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
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwondo	(Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live Music - The Sensational Biff Simpson	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 7.30pm
Friday Night Quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Eco Savvy Food Share	Octopus Centre, COAST, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 16th November

Flow Yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
RNLI Shop open	RNLI Building, Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym Induction	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live Music - Rob Muir	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Live Music - Dughoose Ska	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music - Scott Nicol	The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm
Over-21s' Disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm



THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

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Leagues apart

The new Auchrannie leisure complex has hit a setback over the purchase of the land following discussions last Friday afternoon between landowner Charles Fforde and developer Iain Johnston.

Well publicised over the last 18 months, the proposal met few objections, but when final plans were submitted Arran's Community Council decided against them which brought a huge surge of support for the project. But the purchase of the land had not been agreed in legal terms and a meeting last Friday was meant to sort that out, but it failed.

While Mr Johnston understood the price had been notionally agreed, Mr Fforde said that the price had changed, adding: 'Well the plans have changed too - to an all-singing, all-dancing, 36-bedroom hotel plus car park

and coach park and the rest of it so inevitably the price has changed.'

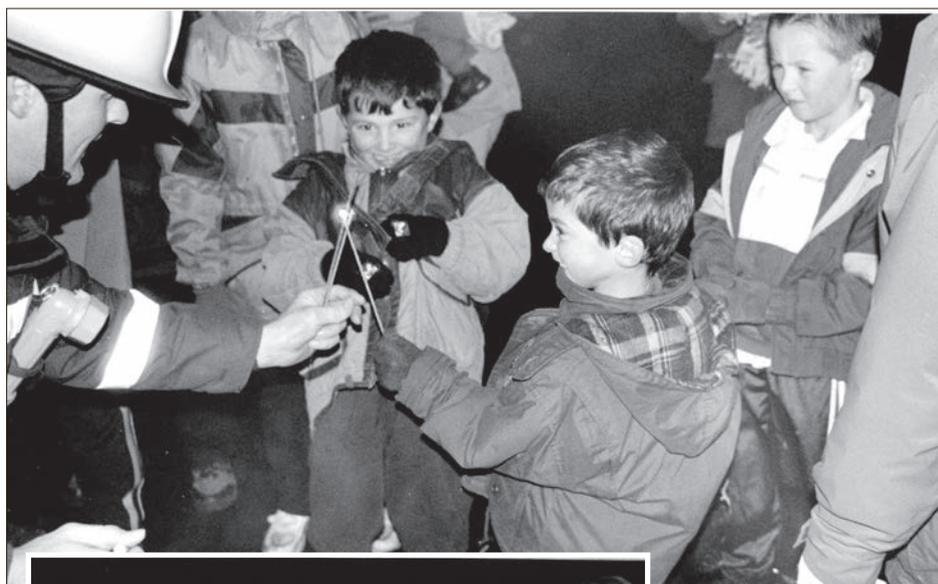
When Mr Johnston was told that his lawyers were suggesting that they were not against negotiating a price but he said: 'We were leagues apart.'

The fastest

Our recent picture on the front page of the Banner was of champion cross country runner Jennifer Emsley. She trains with her dad Paul, who told us that he was still the faster. Then we quoted gym teacher Steve Evans as saying: 'At the moment, but the way she's running, I don't think he'll be fastest for long.' These words were even more true than he realised at the time. Within a couple of days, out training with his daughter, Paul slipped and broke his leg. Now Jennifer is definitely the fastest.



Tommy McHale, Craig McNeil and Tomy Mulholland watch as their bonfire night sparkler fizzles out. 01_B45tweY05



Volunteer firemen Peter Robertson and John Murchie mass produced sparklers which they handed out to excited children on bonfire night. 01_B45tweY06



Robert Armstrong, Calum McKinnon and Megan Ashley take great delight in playing with sparklers on bonfire night. 01_B45tweY04



A pilot scheme, being tested for the first time on Arran, has seen 30 ewes artificially inseminated at Braehead Farm, Sliderry. 01_B45tweY01



Owing to an electrical fault a 13-year-old Audi burst into flames in Lamlash. A mum, dad and child, all visitors, escaped unharmed before the fire brigade extinguished the fire.

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Six ladies of the Lamlash Guild created this banner for a touring exhibition for the Millennium. They are Mary Mackenzie, Jane Williams, Ravey Bulloch and Morag Campbell. Not pictured are Margaret Fowler and Hilary Crawford. 01_B45tweY03

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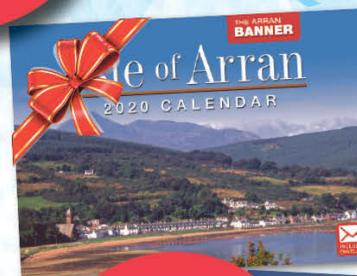
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CHURCH NOTICES

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:

Sunday 10th November

Remembrance Sunday Pirnmill and Lochranza Churches together, 10.00am. Morning Worship at Pirnmill, followed by the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial at 10.55am.

Shiskine Church, 12noon Remembrance Service, followed at 12.15pm by Morning Worship. Brodick Church, 10am.

Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, followed at 10.30 am by Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship and Remembrance Service.

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

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Worship for Remembrance Sunday will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, beginning outside at 10.55am (N.B. change of time) for the laying of the wreath and two minutes silence observed at the War Memorial, followed by a shortened service of remembrance. There will be a retiring offering in aid of the Earl Haig Fund. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept before and after the service. There will be a service of Remembrance in the Arran War Memorial Hospital at 1.30pm to which

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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 10th November

We will join Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland at 10.55 am for a joint Remembrance Day service. Coffee before and after service.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 10th November

Morning Service at 11am Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick

Evening Service at 6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash

"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 10th November

Remembrance Sunday

Mrs Sharon MacLeod

Kilmory at 10 am

Lamlash at 11.30 am

All welcome, including families; children's area

Scottish Charity SC015072

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 10th November

Sunday Worship at 11am

'Heather Lodge', Brodick

Left of the Douglas Hotel, opposite the ferry terminal.

Telephone 700346, 820223

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 10th 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 10th November

Shiskine at 10.45am

(church on road between

Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick at 6pm

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 10th November

Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

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Proud Scotland captain missing winning day

The captain of the Scotland disability golf team has missed out on a famous international win.

However, John Pennycott from Whiting Bay still played a key role in the build up to the event and the team recognises it owes a great deal of thanks and gratitude to John and the support for the team from Arran.

It was last year that John was selected to be the captain of the golf team for the SDGC (Scottish Disability Golf and Curling) for its match against the Phoenix Cup at Cardrona in the Borders held in August.

John takes up the story: "The top eight players from the Scottish order of merit qualified automatically for the team plus I had four 'wild card' picks - no easy task. The Scottish team I selected contained golfers who were amputees, partially sighted, MS sufferers and other disabilities.

'One of my responsibilities was to arrange some sponsorship for team tops etc and the Arran community was extremely generous. In particular I got a lot of help from Arran Active, the Auchrannie

Hotel, County Carpets, the Douglas Hotel and the Isle of Arran Distillery.

"Unfortunately two weeks before the competition I had to go into hospital for hernia surgery which couldn't be put off and I had to miss out - I was really gutted and disappointed but I knew I had two good vice captains, Jim Thomson from Millport and Derek Milne from Fife, who would take over from me.

"Throughout the three days of Ryder Cup-style games I was in constant touch with them from home as we discussed team pairings, the order of play and other small problems that emerged. The Scottish team played very well and won by 14 points to 10 over the three days, although in many ways the real winners were all 24 players who have overcome various challenges and disabilities to play in the competition. The quality of golf, the competitive edge and the sportsmanship from golfers who were all linked through disability made it a wonderful event, with a lot of humour as well and a lot of friendships made.

'I was really disappointed to miss out from playing



John Pennycott gets his hands on the trophy despite missing out on the tournament.

DEATHS

BROWN - Donald

Aged 87 died peacefully at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital on the 29th of October 2019 after a short illness. Much loved husband of Ann, loved father of Margot and Iain. He will be missed terribly by all of his family. A private family cremation will be followed by a church service at Busby Parish Church on Monday 11th November at 2.00pm. All welcome.

DUGGAN - Rosemary

Peacefully on Sunday 3rd November 2019 at Hospice, Isle of Man, surrounded by her family. Rosemary Therasa aged 74 years of Levenorroch, beloved wife of the late Tom loving mum to Siobhan and mother in law to Peter. She will be sadly missed by all her family, many friends and dogs, Bonnie and Matilda. Enquiries please to David Lancaster (Funeral Directors) Ltd, Derby Drive, Peel. Telephone 01624842945.

McDOWALL - Robert (Rodger)

After a short illness, Rodger died at Crosshouse Hospital on Saturday 2nd November. He will be sadly missed by his wife Lesley, sons Graham and partner Emma and Paul, grandsons Kerr and Harvey.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ROSS - Frances (Rosie)

The family of the late Frances (Rosie) Ross would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy received after their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to: Rev. Jean Hunter for her comforting service, Hendry Funeral Services, Arran Medical Centre and staff at The Wineport Lodge for their hospitality

after having put so much effort into organising all the sponsorship and team details but I had been waiting for my surgery since last December and by August I was so uncomfortable that golf was proving an even bigger challenge than usual!

"The Arran sponsors provided team tops and financial help getting the tops embroidered with the Phoenix Cup logo, as well as Arran Malt miniatures for all the players from both sides.

"With so much Arran support it was such a shame that there wasn't an Arran captain or player present to promote the island on the day. All the players really appreciated the support and help received from Arran."

In November 2000 John had his left leg above the knee amputated due to cancer and

since then he has played in various disabled golf competitions which have been inspirational in showing what can still be achieved despite a disability.

Last year he was selected to be the captain of the golf team for the SDGC for the Phoenix Cup competition.

The Phoenix Cup is played for most years to help showcase disabled golf, and John was vice captain two years ago when the Scottish team beat a team from British Inclusive Golf (BIG) at Murrayshall in Scone.

Next year the SDGC will be joining other European golfers to play in the 25th Anniversary Phoenix Cup 2020 against the USA to be played Gleneagles PGA, Panmure, Blairgowrie and Carnoustie championship courses.

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Smith 14, 37pts, 2 Alastair Dobson 12, 36pts acb, Finlay Sillars 12, 36pts acb.
Fixture: Sunday November 10, Brandon Qualifier, 9am/noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday November 3, Whiting Bay Golf Club v Shiskine Golf Club at Brodick. Wolfi Kroner and John Pennycott enjoyed a comfortable five and four win while Kevin Macaleny and David Blair also won. The remaining pairings of Stan Rainey and Neil Lucas and Jamie Macpherson and Dougie Auld each battled out halved matches. Congratulations to the Whiting Bay Golf Club team on a 3-1 victory.

Fixture: Sunday November 10, Winter Cup, one draw at 10am.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday November 2, Sweep. 1 A Napier 68-10=58, scratch, 2 D K Henderson 69-8=61. Magic twos, A Napier at second. Monday November 4, 1 Q Oliver 79-23=56, 2 R Burke 69-12=57, scratch. Magic twos, W McNally.

Fixtures: Saturday November 9, Sweep. Ballots at 9am and 1pm. Monday November 11, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Saturday November 2, Lochranza Hotel Cup, 1 John Pennycott 40pts, 2 Alistair MacDonald 37 pts, 3 Brian Sherwood 32 pts.

Tuesday November 5, Winter Cup, 1 John Pennycott 60pts, 2 Ron Woods 64pts BIH, 3 Phil Betley 64 and a magic two.

Fixtures: Tuesday November 12, Winter Cup, tee off 12noon.

Arran Golfers Association

Sunday November 3, Duncan Trophy, round one at Brodick Golf Course. Whiting Bay 3, Shiskine 1, Brodick 2, Lamlash 2, Machrie Bay 4, Corrie 0

Fixtures: Sunday December 1 Duncan Trophy round two at Corrie Golf Course.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday October 31, Kilbrannan Cake Stand Competition. A total of 18 ladies gathered at Machrie Bay for this annual event. The weather was kind and the course was great. At the prize-giving at Piet's house, players enjoyed afternoon tea with Prosecco to celebrate a member's 60th birthday.

Elizabeth Ross, who masterminded the event, presented the trophy to this year's worthy winners, Shiskine, winning by two points.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday October 24, Back Nine Medal. 1 Dougie Macfarlane 34-1=33 BIH, 2 Andy Smith 41-8=33, 3 Iain Murchie 37-3=34 BIH over Norrie MacIntyre. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane

34. Magic twos Iain Murchie @13th and 16th. Winner of Back Nine Competition, Derek Harrison, total net 67.

Sunday October 27, Winter Stableford. 1 Derek Harrison 33pts, 2 Alan Smith 31pts.

Thursday October 31, Yellow Medal, 1 Derek Harrison 85-23=62, 2 Graeme Andrew 74-10=64 BIH over J O'Sullivan and Billy O'Connor. Magic twos G Andrew and R Calder @13th, S El Adm @16th.

Sunday November 3, Winter League, Brodick 2 - Lamlash 2.

Fixtures: Thursday November 7, Yellow Medal, ballot at 11am. Sunday November 10, Glenburn Cup. 9.30am and noon starts..

Brodick Golf Club

Saturday November 2, Saturday Cup Stableford, 15 played, CSS 38 points. 1 Brian



Triumphant Shiskine ladies with the Kilbrannan Cup Cake Trophy complete with knitted cup cakes.



The Arran Ladies Hockey Club are currently sitting in top position in the West District Division 3 league table.

Six of the best sees Arran stay on top

Clydesdale Western 6s	3
Arran Ladies	6
West Division 3	

With only 11 Arran Ladies Hockey Club players competing against a full complement of 16 (11+5 subs) from MC Clydesdale Western 6s (MCCW) at their home pitch in Glasgow, the Arran side knew that the challenge ahead would be arduous.

Captain Elyse Aitken was back in defence with Faith McKelvie, Ellie Wood, Helen Thomson and goalkeeper Alison 'Ninja' Mckie. Susie Murchie, Annie McKelvie and Jenny Stark were in mid-field with Mia Walker and Hannah McCartney on the forward wings and Lorraine Hewie playing centre forward.

It didn't take Arran long to make their mark on the game when Lorraine fired a shot at goal and Mia picked up the rebound off the MCCW keeper and shot it into the net just five minutes after the first whistle. The constant call of 'rebound, rebound, rebound' at training on a Thursday night certainly paid off.

Being constantly alert to where her team mates were, Jenny, in centre-mid, saw Lorraine up-field and shot the ball through the opposition to her on the half-way line. Lorraine then sprinted down the left wing, leaving defenders in her wake to dodge past the MCCW sweeper and take on the goalie. With a cross flick, the ball sailed past the keeper's outstretched arm and into the goal. Although the home team did try to break through the Arran defence,

Elyse and her defenders were just too strong and repelled all attacks on the Arran goal. Susie Murchie got the third goal for Arran when she had a magnificent run from a long corner take on the 25m line. With the MCCW defence unable to stop her, Susie blasted straight into the shooting 'D' and found a successful line for her shot into the top right-hand corner of the net.

With the score at 3-0 to Arran, the home team kept up the pressure on Arran's goal area and just before half time Ali McKie's acrobatic skills stopped a double attack. Springing up to bat away a top corner shot, she then sprang back to the other end of her goal to kick out the rebound attempt, before sweeper Faith cleared the ball away to mid-field with a strong swiping hit.

Both teams returned from the half-time break and MCCW might have had an encouraging team talk as, within two minutes of the push back, their young left wing, perhaps following Lorraine's example, sprinted down the side line into the 'D' and shot her ball into the corner of the goal, showing how difficult it can be to stop a forward in this manoeuvre.

A second goal then came for MCCW from a short corner, superbly executed from a strong hitter at the top of the 'D', bringing the home team back into the game. Only for a brief moment, however, as Hannah McCartney collected a convenient pass from mid-field and ran wide on the wing - as instructed in the half time Arran team talk - looking up for Lorraine

running into the 'D' she stopped running, spun round her player, and sent the ball into the perfect position for Lorraine to fire it past the goalkeeper.

Jenny was next to set up Lorraine's hat-trick of goals when she fought off her opponents with sheer determination in the home team half of the pitch, to find Lorraine watching for the pass. Running on to the ball and then into the goal area, Lorraine fired her first shot, which the keeper saved, but went back in for the ball and moved herself into a clear shot at the goal and flicked it in.

Never giving up, the home team came back with another successful attempt on goal within five minutes but this was unable to aid them as, with less than 10 minutes to go, Mia saw Lorraine pick up a ball in midfield and sprinted into the top right-hand side of the 'D'. Collecting the pass from Lorraine, Mia swung her stick high for a power shot which whizzed past defenders and the goalkeeper to give her a well-deserved double score - along with the dame of the game nomination from the home team for all her efforts on the pitch throughout the game. The final score ended with a 6-3 win to Arran, keeping them at the top of their division.

The next game is at home on the Ormidale astro turf pitch in Brodick today (Saturday November 9) against East Kilbride 2s. Push back is 2.30pm and all supporters and side line cheerers would be very welcome and appreciated.

Kayakers take on Holy Isle in second race challenge

What started off as an enjoyable group paddle around Holy Isle and which later evolved into a race has proven to be so popular that the event has now become a regular fixture on the Arran Kayak Club calendar.

Known as the Kayak Club Holy Isle Challenge, the event was this year opened up to all but owing to the weather and a safety boat problem it had to be restricted to those with proven experience of being competent enough to paddle it alone.

Qualifying for the event, Andy MacNamara, Andrew Rigby and Luke Furze set off early and Fiona Clarke started later in the day.

The forecast was for north west winds, set to drop later and possible showers and the reality was an amazingly bright day with some challenging squalls and wintry showers.

The kayakers described it as 'the best of Scottish maritime weather'.

The start and finish line was designated as the Lamlash pier and the four paddlers entered the race in a variety of craft: Luke in a surf ski, Andy and Andrew in performance sea kayaks and Fiona in a touring sea kayak.

From the start the surf ski pulled ahead and the real battle was between the two fiercely competitive rivals Andy and Andrew in the performance class. The first leg from the pier to the

northern tip of Holy Isle had a stern quartering wind with some small waves allowing for no tactics, just strenuous paddling.

Going down around the back of the island saw Luke heading offshore a hundred meters to try and find better waves. The others took a tighter line, but there appeared to be no advantage for either route. The hard work and tactical decisions started as the group rounded the southern tip of Holy Isle and passed Wee Donald – the lighthouse – where they were all confronted with a 6km battle into a headwind of force four winds, gusting to five.

Luke took a line up the centre to the pier, Andy went right and followed the inside of the island until crossing to the finish and Andrew headed left over to Kings Cross, battling the tide, to follow the shore back before crossing in front of Cordon to get home. Fiona, paddling around slightly later, chose a route straight from the lighthouse to the pier. It was a hard call to make, which was a faster route.

Luke came in first overall in a time of 1:15:23 and set the new course record. Next in was Andrew who came first in the performance class with a time of 1:23:18, closely followed by Andy, also in the performance class, with a time of 1:24:50. Fiona holds the title of first in the touring



The three kayakers prepare to set off on the Kayak Club Holy Isle Challenge.

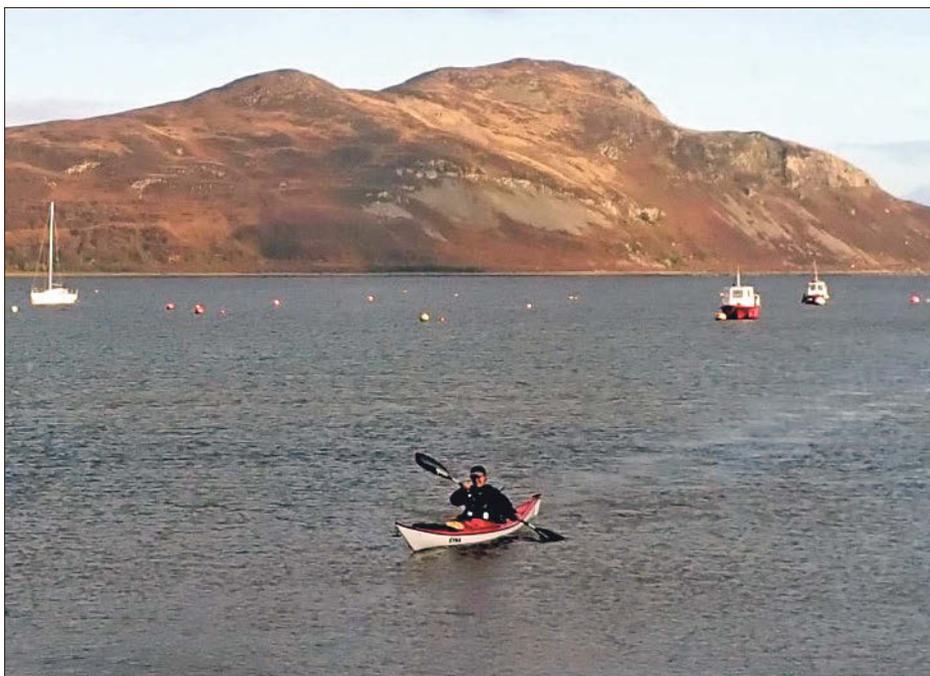
class and fastest female with a time of 1:40:00.

A club spokesman said: 'We hope to run a few more winter series challenges for members soon, along with a river trip and some social events.'

'The Arran Kayak Club is also running pool sessions through the winter for all levels of ability and we have some spaces left. If you would like to join us on the water or find out more about kayaking on Arran then further information can be found on their Facebook page or by contacting arrankayakclub@gmail.com.'



Luke Furze raises his oar triumphantly after making it to the finish line in first position.



Fiona Clarke returns to shore after kayaking around Holy Isle.



Luke Furze makes his way around Holy Isle in relatively calm waters.



A tense moment in the goalmouth. 01_B45footy04

Scottish Cup dream is over

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The next fixture for the Arran side will be a return to the Ayrshire Amateur Sunday League with a match against Glencairn tomorrow (Sunday) at the Kilwinning Sports Club with a 1pm kick off.

The fixture will feel like deja-vu for both teams as they recently faced each other in the first round of the Go Vending Cup just two weeks ago, with Arran securing a victory of 4-0. All supporters welcome.



Ryan Armstrong drives the ball at goal but it is thwarted by the BSC keeper. 01_B45footy02



An Arran player clears the ball from his goal area while keeper Dave Heenan stands at the ready. 01_B45footyBSC11



Johnny Sloss is chased by a pack of BSC players. 01_B45footy05



Johnny Sloss makes another mazy run. 01_B45footy01

Kayakers take on Holy Isle
in second race challenge

Arran Ladies
stay on top

Battling Arran crash out of Scottish Cup

Isle of Arran	1
BSC Glasgow	3
Scottish Cup round 3	

Arran AFC found themselves dumped out of the Scottish Cup on Sunday after a closely fought match against BSC Glasgow.

Arran were enjoying one of their rare home games of the season when they faced the BSC side, formed in Broomhill but who now play their home games in Alloa, in the third round of the Scottish Cup at Ormidale Park.

Numerous

With both teams relatively evenly matched, the game provided the large number of supporters who lined the field with some high quality football. Neither team was able to break the deadlock, despite concerted efforts and numerous attempts at goal by both teams.

And at the half time whistle the honours were still even after an opportunistic goal by BSC and a hard-won goal from Arran's Archie McNicol made it 1-1.

The second half was as fiercely contested as the first but favour eventually leaned towards the visitors, who secured two further goals in the remainder of the game, bringing the score to a 3 - 1 conclusion.



Continued on page 27 Arran players congratulate Archie McNicol on his goal. 01_B45footy03



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