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# War memorial returns home to Brodick school

by Colin Smeeton  
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A memorial plaque remembering the eight former Brodick Primary School pupils who died in the First World War has been returned to the school.

Pupils and teachers braved the light rain and cold November temperatures at a moving rededication service that was held last week for the plaque – which now takes pride of place at the school entrance – conducted by the Reverend Angus Adamson. The service also honoured the 126 men from Arran, including the former pupils, who gave their lives during the two world wars.

The memorial plaque had originally been dedicated and unveiled at the school in 1922 by the Marchioness of Graham and visiting dignitaries. It had faded into obscurity, though, having been placed out of sight high above the entrance to the current P1/P2 classroom.

The Arran Heritage Museum was later entrusted



The whole school attended the rededication and remembrance ceremony. 01\_B46BP502; and, above, the First World War memorial plaque honouring the Brodick primary pupils who perished during the war now has pride of place at the entrance to the school. 01\_B46BP501

with the plaque which it displayed as part of its Remembering the First World War exhibition. After being in its care for two years, the museum offered it back to the school.

Initially thinking the museum was a fitting place for the plaque, the decision was put to the school's parent council,

which decided the plaque should return and should be given renewed prominence which had previously faded and largely been forgotten about.

Parent council member Laura Helliwell, who was a driving force in convincing the school to reclaim ownership of the plaque, spoke

to the children about the Brodick youths mentioned on the plaque – many of them lived in Douglas Place and Douglas Row, and other locations immediately familiar to Brodick residents and the young pupils.

She also read a few paragraphs from the original dedication service from

1922, which urged the future guardians of the plaque to protect it in posterity and to guard and honour all those whose names are mentioned on it for giving the ultimate sacrifice for their community and their country.

Rev Adamson concluded the rededication ceremony with a short prayer and, while

many of the younger children might not have grasped the importance of the occasion, the message and local relevance certainly had a humbling effect on the older pupils and all those parents and teachers who attended the historic and moving ceremony.

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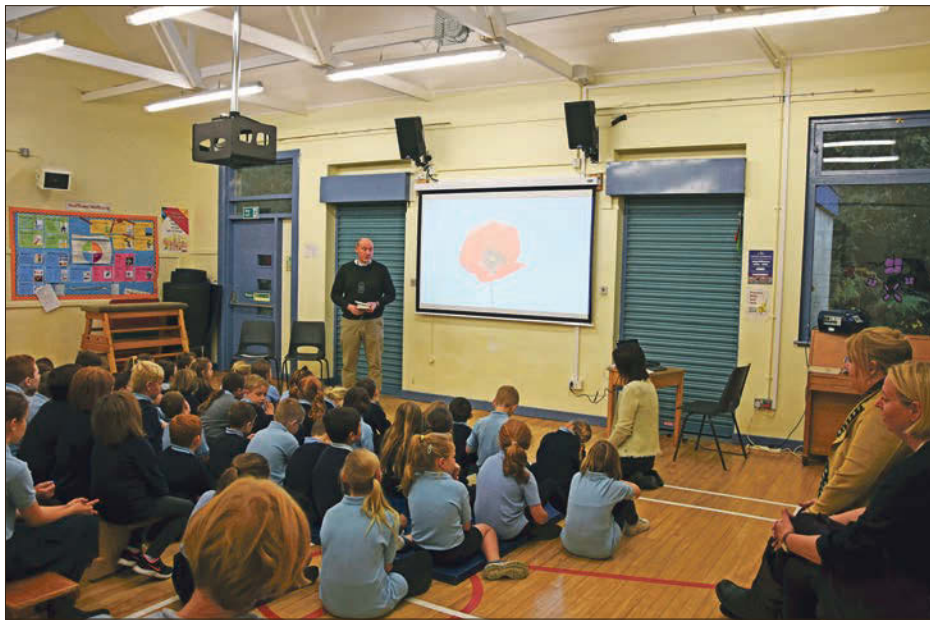
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Rev Angus Adamson speaks to pupils about the importance of remembrance 01\_B46BP503 and, right, rededicates the memorial plaque. 01\_B46BP504;

# War memorial returns home to Brodick school

**Continued from page one.** Prior to the service, pupils held a special remembrance assembly where they learned of the impact that wars have had on the young men and women from Arran and the importance of why remembrance is so important. Extolling particularly rele-

vant local knowledge, Rev Adamson cited an example which drove the point home.

At the coronation of King George VI, local youths planted trees around the Brodick cenotaph. Years later, a groundsman, not knowing the relevance of the trees, decided to clean up

the cenotaph and cut them down.

The genesis of the trees had been forgotten but not so by the family whose son had planted one of them all those years ago and who, sadly, died at the age of 14. His family, however, had taken a great deal of comfort in

seeing those trees ageing over the years.

The story of the tragic and unintentional mistake highlighted how easily memories can fade if efforts are not made to remember them.

■ **Arran remembers – turn to pages four and five.**

## The memorial plaque remembers:

Pte James Barbour, Highland Light Infantry  
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# Site is being sought for new helipad on island

A new bid is being made to find a suitable site for a helicopter landing pad on the island.

The previous helipad in Market Road had to be closed to allow construction of the new Brodick ferry terminal and it was later decided it would not reopen. The air ambulance and the Coastguard search and rescue helicopter are presently using Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay as a temporary landing site, but it is not ideal.

Every landing at the site is being attended by the HM Coastguard service which in the past 12 months has amounted to more than 100 call-outs. However, the service it provides is not strictly in its remit and it is said to be affecting potential recruits.

Arran police sergeant Dougie Robertson told Arran Community Council that he was working with Dave Graham of HM Coastguard on Arran, under the Ayrshire Resilience Partnership, to try to establish a permanent helicopter landing site.

He said that the Coastguard commitment to the helicop-



Sgt Dougie Robertson.

**Sgt Dougie Robertson told Arran Community Council he was working with HM Coastguard on Arran, to try to establish a permanent helicopter landing site.**

ter landings, which can see its presence required for two hours and more, was having

'a huge impact on them'. He said if a 'bespoke' permanent helicopter site could be established, it could be illuminated by the pilot from the helicopter without the need for other services to attend.

He said a site near the Arran Outdoor Centre was a possible solution but planning permission would be required. They were also looking at potential funding as, he said, the Scottish Air Ambulance Service does not provide any landing sites in Scotland.

The community council offered to support the moves in any way it could.

Three years ago the site near the Arran Outdoor Centre was identified as a potential helipad, as reported in 2016 by the Banner, but this was not taken forward at the time. However, it now appears to be back on the agenda for further exploration.

Other sites looked at in the past, including the forestry car park at the top of Lamlash hill and the Lamlash tennis courts, now the headquarters of COAST, have previously been ruled out.



# The love story behind Gemma's charity swim

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A Brodick mum is undertaking a charity swimming challenge for a cause which is very close to her heart.

Gemma Ferguson will swim a total of five miles – which is 403 lengths of the Auchrannie pool – during November to raise money for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

However, there is story behind Gemma's reason for choosing this charity.

Gemma, who is a veterinary assistant at Arran Vets, told the Banner: 'Firstly, I came across the challenge on Facebook. I thought it would be a good idea as it would keep me motivated and that it is a good charity too. Secondly, my step-grandfather, Iain McNeil, passed away with lung cancer in 1993.'

As she explained: 'My grandmother, Valerie McNeil, visited Blackpool on her 17th birthday. At the fairground there was a place where people could dance.'

'A tall, dark, handsome man dressed in Royal Air Force uniform asked my grandmother to dance. She danced with Iain that day expecting never to see him again. She never forgot that day.'

'My grandmother worked in a local bar in Liscard on the Wirral in Merseyside.'

'One day she served a gentleman like every other customer; little did she know that the gentleman was the tall, dark, handsome man that she danced with on her 17th birthday on October 18, 1953. Iain asked Valerie if she remembered him, which she didn't, so he reminded her.'

'Ever since their reunion, they started to see more of each other and married in 1985.'

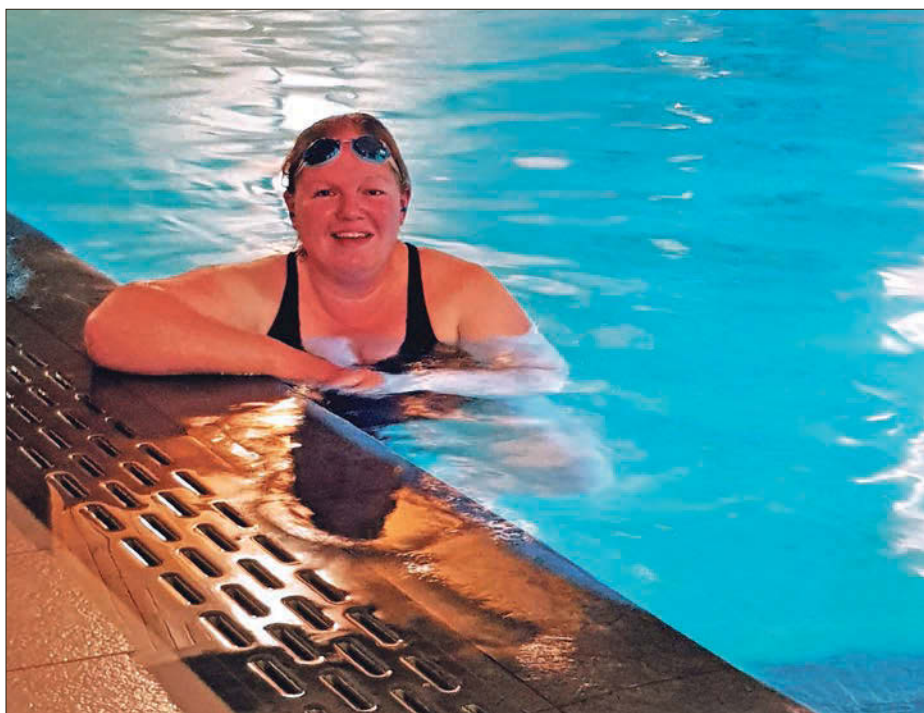
'Iain is the reason I came to live on Arran. Iain was evacuated to Arran as a child during the Second World War and stayed in Lamlash. He always wanted to come back to Arran to visit and holidayed here every year.'

#### Holidays

'My family then came to Arran for regular holidays and eventually moved to Arran in 1996.'

'So it's a bit of a love story. From what I remember of Iain, he was a very caring man. We all loved him very much. I am proud to be raising money for lung cancer research in his memory.'

'I am doing this in my very limited spare time – fitting it around working, volunteering for Arran Coastguard Rescue Team, a mother of two girls and a wife too. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me, especially my husband John and his parents, Dougie and



Gemma in the Auchrannie swimming pool undertaking her charity challenge.

Pat, for looking after the girls so I can nip to the pool for an hour or so. I would also like to thank my grandmother Valerie McNeil who lives in Pirnmill for sharing her story with us all.'

Gemma has set up a JustGiving page where people can donate via her Facebook page. If anyone who does not have Facebook would like to donate, they can pop into the vets and leave their donation there.



Gemma sitting on her step-grandfather Iain's lap the day her sister Laura was born.

## Staff raise £1,120 for kids on Arran charity walk

Staff from Jas Campbell & Co solicitors and estate agents have raised £1,120.75 for Cash for Kids by undertaking a charity walk on Arran.

A team from the various offices in Saltcoats, Ardrossan and West Kilbride started the walk from their office in Brodick and hiked to Glen Rosa waterfalls and back in September.

The Arran natural landscape remained as stunning as always during the 12km walk, despite the very varied weather, with rain, floods, rainbows, sun and fun along the way.

The walkers would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fundraising and huge thanks to one of the firm's associate solicitors, Jessica McKee, for organising the event.

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# Pipers help Arran to remember

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Remembrance Sunday was marked around Arran last weekend with services at all the island memorials, held on a clear crisp morning.

Following a tradition started last year, to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, Arran Pipe Band had pipers at each of the war memorials who played the traditional Scottish lament, When the Battle's O'er, following the observance of the two minutes' silence in remembrance of the lost pipers, as well as the many others, who sacrificed their lives in the Great War.



At Kildonan, it was the first Sunday service held at the memorial for many years as traditionally Remembrance Day is marked in the village. Above, Piper Murray Boal played at the memorial in Pirnmill; and right, Villagers paying their respects at Corrie. 01\_B46remember02



Parish assistant Jean Hunter conducts the remembrance service at Corrie with piper Malcolm Wheeler. 01\_B46remember01



Above, villagers paying their respects at Corrie. 01\_B46remember02

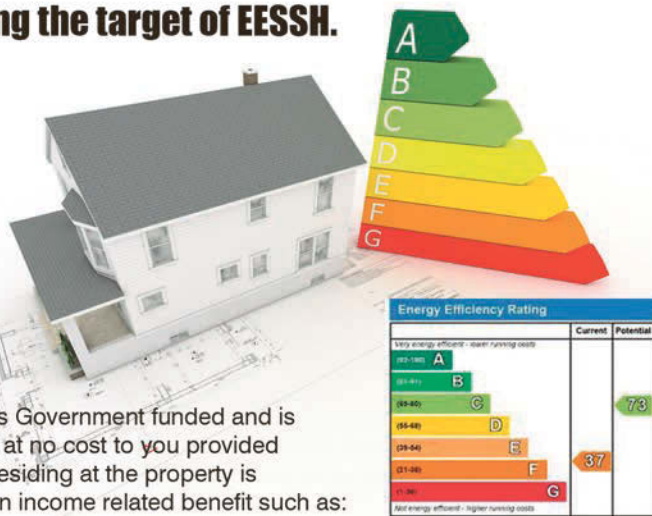


Left, Patrick Scott played at Lamlash Clearance Monument.

Right, The Army Cadets at the Brodick remembrance service. 01\_B46remember03

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Clockwise from above left, Andy Walker plays When the Battle's O'er in Brodick. 01\_B46remember05; Jean Hunter conducts the Brodick service. 01\_B46remember06; Biff Simpson plays The Last Post at the Brodick remembrance service. 01\_B46remember04.



Andrew Earle played in Kilmory.



Jo Earle played in Kildonan and here at the Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlass.

Left, Beverley Scott played in Whiting Bay.



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Left, MV Caledonian Isles spent the day stormbound in the harbour with MV Hebridean Princess just visible beside her 01\_B46storm01; and, right, fishing vessel Fair Morn had to be securely fastened to the 'old dock' owing to high tides, rough seas and high winds. 01\_B46storm02

# Boats seek shelter in bay during storm

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High tides and strong winds brought Brodick ferry terminal to a standstill earlier this week with the MV Caledonian Isles stormbound for the entire day.

With winds gusting from 41mph to 45mph, all sailings on the CalMac vessels on Monday, other than the first 7am sailing from Ardrossan, were cancelled owing to the weather.

Joining MV Caledonian Isles, which was secured to her usual northern berth with her tell-tale

storm ropes, was occasional visitor MV Hebridean Princess, which was tied up on the southern berth but which managed to depart to the sheltered Holy Loch further up the firth before noon.

#### Visitor

An unusual visitor also took refuge in the port when Fair Morn, a 16m fishing vessel en route to Troon, had to make use of the 'old' pier where she sheltered from the high winds, rocking from side to side with her crew struggling to secure the vessel in driving rain and rough seas.

Further out at sea, but still making use of the shelter that Brodick

Bay provides, Clyde Fisher, a 127m chemical and oil products tanker, also waited out the bad weather while en route to Loch Striven.

Owing to MV Caledonian Isles berthing overnight at Brodick, the 7am sailing the following day (Tuesday) was cancelled, but service resumed shortly after that with an improvement in the weather.

Elsewhere on the ferry network, MV Isle of Arran, which was covering timetables for both South Uist and Barra while their ships are away for their annual overhaul, was withdrawn from service on Sunday with a technical issue.

Stornoway ferry MV Loch Seaforth also suffered technical issues immediately after her annual overhaul and has had to be withdrawn from service. MV Isle of Lewis, usually deployed in Barra and which was left without a mainland ferry service over the weekend, will serve on the Stornoway route until MV Loch Seaforth is repaired.

CalMac recently announced a £9 million investment for maintenance and repairs to the aging fleet, with the Arran ferry, MV Caledonian Isles, scheduled to benefit from this during her annual refit in January, at Greenock.

## Preparations for election under way on Arran

Preparations are firmly under way to ensure the UK parliamentary election on December 12 goes as smoothly as possible in North Ayrshire.

Although the election has been called at short notice, North Ayrshire's returning officer Craig Hatton says work carried out behind the scenes means preparations are well in hand to ensure an efficient democratic vote.

Mr Hatton said: 'This will be the first parliamentary election held in December since 1923 and that presents its own set of challenges. Contingency plans are being put in place to take account of potential winter conditions.'

'Given that we will be entering the busy pre-Christmas period, I would urge those who vote by post to ensure they return their ballot as soon as possible. This is the busiest time of year for the Royal Mail so ensuring ballots are returned quickly will make a big difference.'

'I would also like to take this opportunity to remind those who are not currently registered to vote that they still have time to join the electoral register.'

'No one should miss out on their right to be part of the democratic process - simply go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) where registration takes about five minutes.'

The deadline for registering to vote is Tuesday November 26, while the deadline for registering a new postal vote and postal proxy applications is 5pm on the same date. For applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies), the deadline is 5pm on Wednesday December 4.



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# Community councils are still being ignored

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The chairman of Arran Community Council has hit out at the lack of recognition its members get for the extensive work they do for the community.

Bill Calderwood says the council carries out their work representing the views and opinions of the people of Arran for less than £1,000 a year. However, he says the members, and the wider community, are left frustrated by the unwillingness of North Ayrshire Council to recognise the contribution they make.

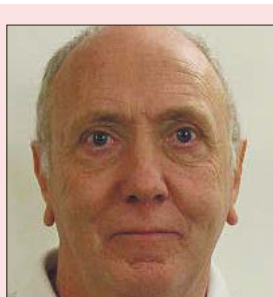
Mr Calderwood's comments came in his chairman's report he gave at the community council agm last week. During the same address in 2018, he criticised the Community Planning Partnership approach to community engagement set up by North Ayrshire Council and he said in the last year nothing had improved.

## Frustration

He said: 'My previous report for 2018 highlighted the frustration from our members and the wider community at the unwillingness for NAC to recognise the contribution that community councils make, and they have failed to respond to our claims. Community councils still have no place at the Community Planning Partnership process other than a name on a distribution list which is regrettable.'

'The "Locality" structure continues to be promoted with limited local inclusion in agendas etc. Our recent message to the "communities director" explaining the CC member's apprehension in continuing to support a structure which has a questionable value is still unanswered.'

'Rather than repeat the points from last year we would simply ask one question which is: Given the alleged resource pressures on NAC staffing and financial restrictions being considered to meet the budget, how do they balance continuing to promote a forum which meets quarterly with very limited "local" input and representation requiring the support by a wide range of NAC officers



Bill Calderwood has been re-elected as chairman of the Arran Community Council for the last year in office before there is an election.

All the other committee members were re-elected to their posts which are: vice-chairman Richard McMaster, secretary Jim Henderson, treasurer Julie Graham. Jim Nichols will continue in his role at minute secretary for the meetings.

who incur travel and some-time accommodation costs supporting a body with no clear deliverables quantified, against a voluntary group who meet 11 times per year, have clear deliverables and a proven interaction with the locality at a cost of less than £1,000 per year?

'Perhaps NAC have considered the cost benefit of continuing to pursue what in some areas has been referred to as a "dysfunctional" process but this is not clear and we would welcome information on such a study.'

'As we head into our last year of this term of service we encourage NAC once again to engage in meaningful discussions to define an appropriate structure which gives a voice to our residents to shape the islands future or confirm what they see as the role of the Community Council as a "statutory body" in an effective representative structure to manage local needs.'

'At this time with the Islands Bill foremost in most folks considerations, we believe that the facts suggest that the current structures gives an obvious opportunity for improvement in all aspects of "local democracy" and value for money. If we are to fulfil the service which our community expects, the current dysfunctional "Locality" approach needs to change.'



Mr Calderwood said in his report that with the Islands Bill foremost in most people's minds, if the community council is to fulfil the services the Arran community expects, the current dysfunctional 'Locality' approach needs to change.

On other matters, Mr Calderwood said: 'The past year has continued to provide examples where "local views" have not been supported and in some cases total over-ruled by NAC official process - for example the McLaren Hotel planning permission and parking management.'

'We have continued to represent all situations in the best interest for Arran and this has also brought the usual negative minority voices who wish there personal views to be adopted rather than the wider community however we have continued to base our actions on facts and comply with procedures rather than react to the volume of the alternatives views. It worth noting that all this work is handled by our members who all provide their services voluntarily and attend meetings in their own time on a voluntary basis.'

'I want to conclude with a positive outlook as we enter into more planning challenges, forestry proposals and discussions for further improvements to roads and island infrastructure going into 2020 and recognise the work we have achieved and pass on a big "thank you" to all members and hope that our communities continue to view our work in a positive and informed manner.'

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## Memorable event

As philanthropic encouragement, school children are often introduced to relevant causes, concerns and issues, many of which can be so numerous and of such little local relevance that the intended effect can sometimes be diluted or nullified.

Not so for the remembrance service recently held at Brodick Primary School. There is little doubt that the plaque rededication service last week will forever be ingrained into every young mind, the memory placed there compassionately, gently and with a meaningful sense of history that will help shape their understanding of the tragedy of war, loss and sacrifice.

Melodic songs, local relateable stories and an understanding of the inclusivity of being part of local history all contributed to the poignancy and memorability of the event.

It was a delight to witness an impactful service covering a delicate topic that hit home without leaving any residual negative remnants.

The involvement of the orators, teachers and the pupil participation ensured that humility, dignity, pride, compassion, history, sacrifice, empathy and a sense of community were the overriding lessons imparted on the day.

A truly memorable event that goes some way to explain the calibre and humanity of the school's pupils, past and present, that have left its humble doors over the years.

### Thought for the week

'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.' **Luke 21: 33**

## Timely reflection

Sir,  
I read with interest in the Banner last Friday that there was to be a piper here in Kildonan for the Remembrance Sunday parade. We tried to find out the source of the information but were unable to and on the day we were pleased to welcome Jo Earle – thank you, Jo – here at the war memorial, though we are still in the dark as to who organised it.

It is perhaps timely therefore to reflect on the importance of November 11 Armistice Day parades as the memory of those shattering events drifts to distant memory and then fades into history. We are all very fortunate that there are those in this country who were and are prepared to fight desperately for our interests in the most radical and selfless way imaginable. Were it not for such gritty, determined people, many of us would not be here and few of us would enjoy the lifestyle we have come to enjoy or the freedom we take for granted.

We all have our own opinions of how to behave and interact with others and inevitably there will be differences between what youngsters think and what the older generations know. However, one truth will not go away, and that is, if we look after and help each other, we do seem to get more reward out of life than if we just look after ourselves.

So can we remember what has gone before in a positive way and just take a little time to appreciate what others do for us and what we can do for them?

**Yours,  
Rory Cowan, Kildonan.**

■ Editor's note: The event was organised by the Arran Pipe Band. See pages four and five.

## Historical event

Sir,  
Congratulations to all the pipers who took part in ensuring that there was a presence at all the war memorials around Arran. At the

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Our photograph of the week shows not only the seasonal autumnal colours in the forests but another seasonal addition, the first dusting of snow on Goatfell and the surrounding hills. With autumn well under way, with stunning colours and vistas very much evident throughout Arran, the onset of winter is not far behind with colder nights, early frosts and now snow making its first appearance, as pictured by the Banner's own Colin Smeeton.

Kildonan War Memorial there was an historical event of having a piper play at 11 o'clock to mark those who gave their all for us named on this war memorial.

I am not aware of any official remembrance taking place there in the past 70 years or more years. I do hope it was appreciated by all who attended.

It should be noted that a Kildonan resident at their own cost has been placing a poppy wreath for remembrance day here for a few years.

Well done.  
**Yours,  
Willie McNish,  
Kildonan.**

## Diabetes advice

Sir,  
Diabetes Scotland is urging everyone with diabetes to take up the offer of a free a flu jab through their local pharmacy or GP.

Flu can cause blood sugar levels to rise high – a natural response to fighting infection. But a serious infection can cause blood sugar levels to rise so high that they become dangerous for people with diabetes. This can lead to acute complications, which can often go unrecognised, and can even be fatal.

The vaccine, which every person with diabetes is entitled for free each year, is the most effective protection

against flu. Without it, flu can also develop to pneumonia or bronchitis, which might require hospital admission.

It can take up to two weeks for a flu jab to work. That's why it's essential that everyone at high risk of serious illness from flu gets vaccinated as soon as possible to eliminate the risk of life-threatening complications.

For more information about diabetes and flu, please visit the Diabetes UK website [www.diabetes.org.uk/seasonal-flu](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/seasonal-flu)

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# Council opts to pay new Living Wage early

North Ayrshire Council has committed to paying its staff the new Living Wage five months early, writes Colin Smeeton.

To mark the start of Living Wage Week – the new rate of £9.30 per hour was announced on Monday, a rise of 30p per hour on the current rate of £9.

And although the new rate is not due to be adopted by businesses and organisations until April 2020, the council has committed to applying this rate of pay from this week.

North Ayrshire Council chief executive Craig Hatton said: 'We are very proud to ensure our staff not only get the Real Living Wage but they get it as soon as possible.'

'Normally, the new rate doesn't kick in for quite a few months but if we are serious about reducing inequality and poverty, then we have to lead by example.'

'We are North Ayrshire's largest single employer and we want to be a council which is Fair For All – so making sure our lowest-paid work-

ers receive a wage which can help support a decent standard of living is absolutely the right thing to do.'

The council has paid the Living Wage since 2011 and is one of a number of local authorities from across Scotland to be officially accredited by the Scottish Living Wage Accreditation Initiative.

The living wage is an independently-calculated figure which is updated annually to reflect the basic cost of living in the UK and is voluntarily paid by more than 5,000 businesses who believe their staff deserve a fair day's pay for a hard day's work.

According to the Living Wage Foundation, independent research on employers who have introduced the Living Wage has shown increases in employee productivity, greater staff retention and reduced sickness absence, and improved levels of morale, motivation and commitment.

Living Wage employers on Arran include the Glenisle Hotel, Arran Active, Arran CVS, VisitArran and Auchrannie.



Chief executive Craig Hatton has confirmed North Ayrshire Council will pay the new Real Living Wage with immediate effect.



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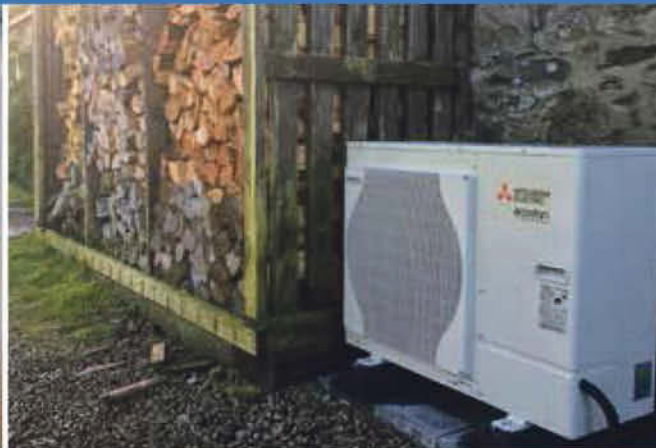
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# It's all fun and games a

Words and photos  
by Colin Smeeton  
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Organisers of a fundraising event for Brodick Nursery have been pleasantly surprised at the success of their toy sale and homebaking day which raised more than £1,200.

Taking place in Brodick Hall earlier in the month, the nursery invited the parents of early years children to donate any unwanted or excess toys which could then be sold on at 'pocket money' prices.

Parents and supporters, favouring the idea and using it as an opportunity to do much needed clear outs, donated so many toys, games, clothing and books that the length and breadth of the hall was filled with mountains of toys piled high on the tables.

Bargain hunters left with bags full of toys and games, and young children were delighted to be able to purchase so many of their favourite collectables, action figures



Noah McLean, with dad  
lain, waste no time in  
playing with their new  
purchases. 01\_B45BNtoy04

Right, Kitty Poynter-  
Daltion and Claire Fleming  
set up their book stall  
in preparation for the  
opening. 01\_B45BNtoy03

Nursery said: 'A big thank you to all who came along to support our toy sale today, for all the lovely baking, wonderful raffle and tombola prizes and all who helped out. We really do appreciate all your continued support, delighted to say we made over £1,200 for the nursery. Wow!'

All of the money raised will be used for educational resources and to fund projects at the nursery. While Brodick Nursery receives support from North Ayrshire Council, it is privately run and has to fundraise to support itself.



Right, Marie-Louise Craig  
does a roaring trade at  
her toy stall. 01\_B45BNtoy01;  
centre right, keenly priced  
items were snapped up  
by shoppers who left with  
large bags full of pur-  
chases. 01\_B45BNtoy02; below  
right, toys galore: shoppers  
sift through the toys  
looking for their children's  
favourites. 01\_B45BNtoy07

and characters all at once. Equally popular, children enjoyed some crafting activities with Kirsty Park and having their faces painted by Gemma Bennett. On offer, too, was a

popular tombola and raffle with prizes donated by a large number of supportive Arran businesses. For the adults, a refreshing cup of tea with a large assort-

ment of donated homebaking was just the remedy for recovering after an afternoon of shopping with excited children. Aileen Brand of Brodick

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Kellen Craig bravely parts with  
some of his unwanted toys and  
hosts his own stall. 01\_B45BNtoy05



Young Betty Fleming and her 'baby' Red  
browse the items on sale. 01\_B45BNtoy09



Eileen Gregg serves up tasty treats and hot  
drinks for visitors. 01\_B45BNtoy08



# at the Brodick toy sale



Above, an influx of shoppers arrive within minutes of the toy sale opening. 01\_B45BNtoy10; left, Gemma Bennett transforms a young girl into a unicorn with her face painting.

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# Brewer begins production of cider at Perthshire site

by Colin Smeeton  
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The Arran Brewery has started its first commercial cider production at its Loch Earn brewery site at St Fillans, Perthshire.

Scheduled to be available for sale in February 2020, the first 1,000-litre batch has been produced and, once blended with Perthshire fruit, will be sold as dry, sweet and fruit ciders available in cask, bag in box, bottle and flagon.

Gerald Michaluk, managing director of Arran Brewery, said: 'I am very happy to see the site starting to take shape, a lot later than I would have liked, but with our first cider started I am confident we can get this project on track and launch our first ciders in 2020.'

'I was a little worried this morning as the ground was



covered in a thick layer of snow. However, I am assured the low temperatures will make for a very fine cider.'

The site has a 3,500-litre capacity and full-scale production is expected to begin next spring.

Above, the tanks for blending the fruit cider; top right, the 'cider shack' where the cider is being fermented; right, the bottling system; far right, the first commercial cider produced at Loch Earn brewery site.

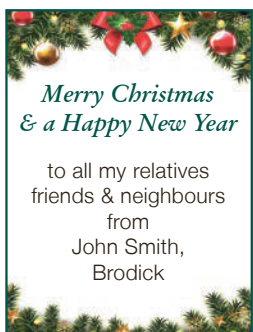


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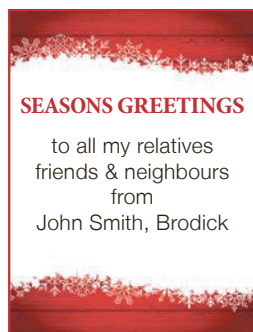
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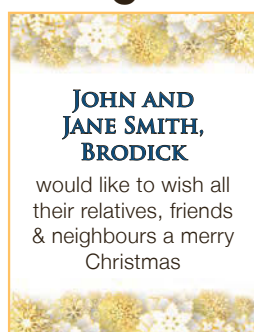
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A tour of the Lochranza Distillery is among the best in Scotland.

## Lochranza Distillery tour is one of the best

Lochranza Distillery has been ranked as providing the second best distillery tour in Scotland, according to Holidu, a search engine for holiday homes.

Collating data from Google reviews, the search engine has produced a list of the eight highest rated whisky distilleries in Scotland.

Laphroaig distillery on Islay took the top spot, while Lagavulin, also on Islay, came third in the rankings after the Arran distillery. Lochranza was given a score of 4.7, just behind the 4.8 for

Laphroaig and the same as Lagavulin, but it had more reviews.

Holidu, the Munich-based organisation described Lochranza Distillery as: 'Lochranza Distillery is located on the remote Isle of Arran. Arran was actually at the heart of Scotland's whisky history in the late 18th and early 19th century, back when the whisky export during this time was an illegal practice. Once the home to over 50 distilleries, now, it is home to just two. 'This distillery first started production in 1995

and claims its water is the purest in Scotland, sourced from Loch Na Davie. This distillery situated in Lochranza in the north of the island enjoys stunning views of the island and out to sea.

'Visit for a full day of tours, whisky tasting and finish your experience at the on-site café.'

They based the results on:  
■ Ticket costs: the standard distillery tour – £10.

■ Opening hours: 10am-4pm (November-March).

■ Price of accommodation nearby: £26pp per day.



# Another busy year for Arran Coastguard

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The Arran Coastguard Rescue Team have seen another busy year season with 160 call-outs so far in 2019.

The majority of the calls were to attend, secure and when necessary light the landing site for the air ambulance to land at Sandbraes in Whiting Bay, but the rest of the calls, more than 50, have been to a variety of other incidents.

These have included attending injured walkers on the coastal path, reports of persons in the water, concerns for the welfare of people, responding to reports of a variety of vessels in distress – from large container ships to small dinghies – unidentified objects in the sea, items of suspected ordnance and marine pyrotechnics on the shore and assisting other emergency services.

The Arran Coastguard worked alongside Arran MRT, RAF and Police MRT, Arran and Campbeltown RNLI, Scottish Ambulance Service, local police and the Royal Navy. Commenting on the co-operation between organisations a spokeswoman on their social media page said: 'We may represent different organisations but we share the same aim – to help



HM Coastguard has played a vital part in a number of coastal rescues this year.

people in difficulty and to keep people safe.'

In addition to the call-outs the team have also been kept busy with training and certification. In September, members underwent their three-yearly Water Rescue Re-evaluation which ensures that all members are capable and up to date with their skills. This involves being evaluated on their competence in a variety of skills from bankside safety

systems designed to allow them to safely approach the edges of piers and riverbanks, to throwline drills and rescue swimming to extraction of casualties from the water.

The Arran Coastguard team will be recruiting in the spring and vacancies will be advertised through a variety of media sources. Further information about volunteering can be found on the website at [www.gov.uk/guidance/volunteering-for-mca](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/volunteering-for-mca)



The Arran Coastguard take responsibility for securing a safe landing area, day or night, for the helicopter ambulance.

## Organ donor register turns 25

People in Ayrshire and Arran are being encouraged to make their organ donation decision known as the NHS Organ Donor Register marks its 25 year milestone.

Since its creation, there have been 1,868 organ donors in Scotland – a third (33 per cent) of which were known to be on the register – leading to over 6,200 lives being saved or improved.

In Ayrshire and Arran, 43.5 per cent of the population are currently on the register. Across Scotland, just over 2.6 million people have already registered their donation decision – just under half of the Scottish population.

The United Kingdom NHS Organ Donor Register allows specialist nurses in organ donation to quickly and easily check if someone has recorded their donation decision – and the register will continue to play an important role when the law around organ and tissue donation changes next autumn.

A sensitive discussion with the family will always take place and any decision registered will be made available to families to help them support



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what their relative would have wanted.

Everyone has a choice, people are being encouraged to make their organ decision known, now and in the lead up to the law change, by recording it on the register and importantly talking to their family about what they would want to happen.

William Murray, specialist nurse in organ donation NHS Ayrshire and Arran said: 'Organ donation is a precious gift which saves and transforms lives. On this landmark

anniversary and ahead of the law changing in autumn 2020, we're encouraging people to think about their donation decision and make it known.'

There are more than 550 people in Scotland currently waiting on a transplant. One donor can save or transform the lives of up to nine people and even more by donating tissue.

People can find out more about the opt out system of organ and tissue donation, and their choices at [organdonationscotland.org](http://organdonationscotland.org)

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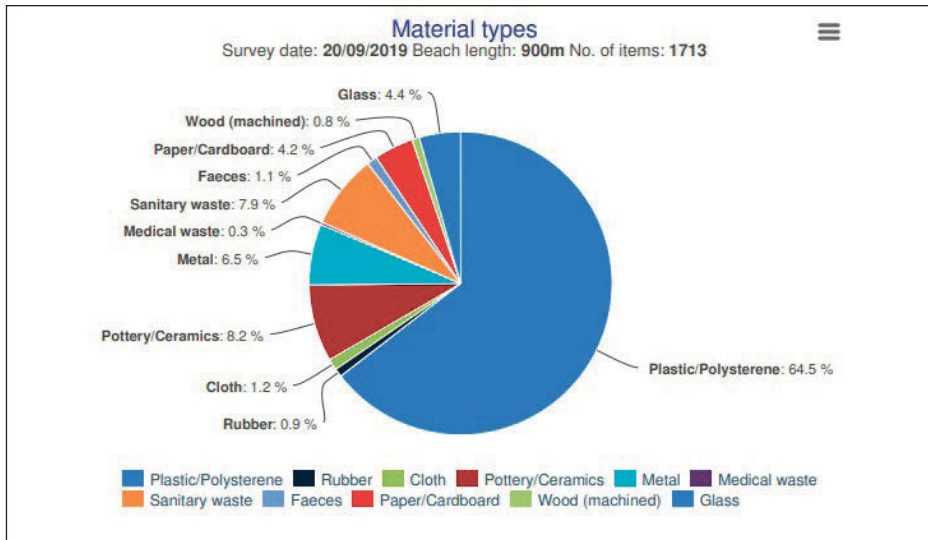
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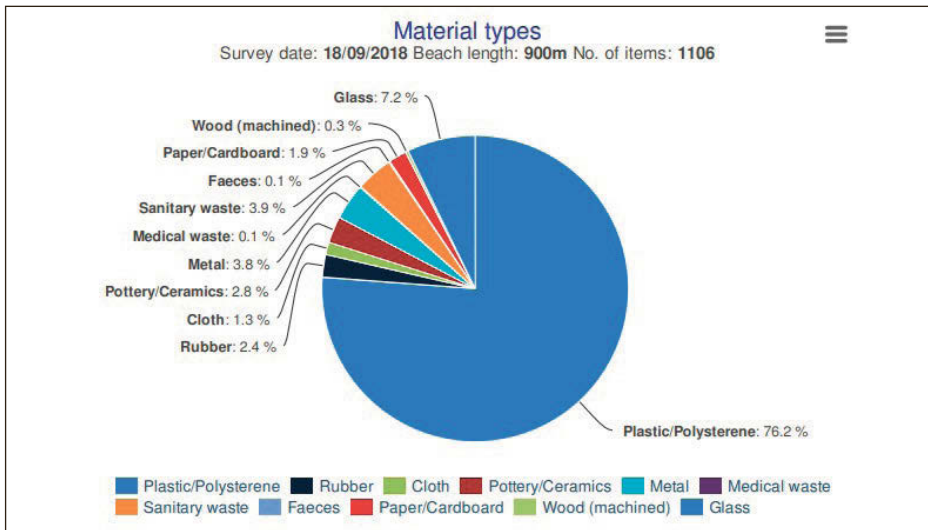


# Arran beaches cleaner

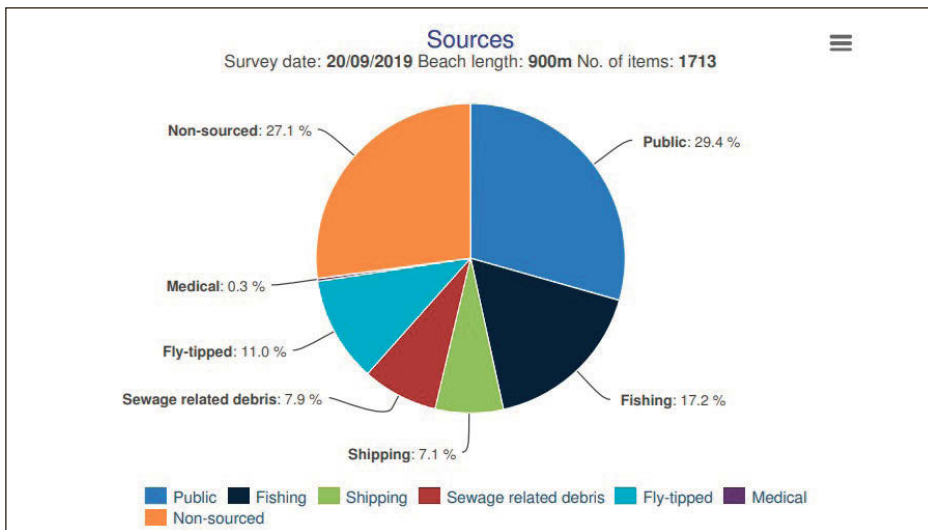
## Great news as survey shows cut in plastic litter



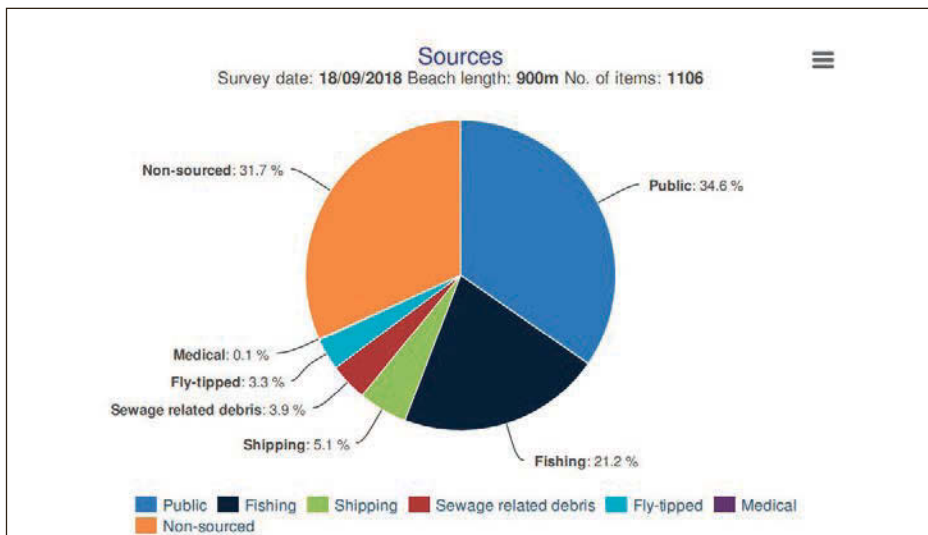
The material types found during the the 2019 survey.



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The possible sources of the material found in the 2019 survey.



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There has been a reduction of more than 10 per cent in plastic litter on Arran's main beaches in just one year.

That is the great news from the results of the September beach surveys conducted on 11 of Arran's beaches which have now been completed. In all, 76 people joined in organised citizen science data-collection sessions around the island.

The beach cleans and surveys were co-ordinated by Think About Plastic (TAP) - Arran with many village organisations including Lamlash Improvements, Whiting Bay and District Improvements, Kilmory Hall, Lochranza Community Association and Corrie and Sannox Village Committee all supporting the event.

The data from these surveys was sent to the Marine Conservation Society and will form part of their Beach Survey Databank which is used worldwide to inform research and policy. COAST collaborated with TAP and support from Arran Kayak Club was welcomed.

TAP - Arran have now produced summaries of the Arran findings and these, together with pie charts illustrating the types of litter and the possible origins of litter, as can be seen here.

Chairwoman Helen How said: 'It is to the credit of the people of Arran that the proportion of plastic in our beach litter has gone down on average by at least 10 per cent (from 76 per cent to 64 per cent) and the overall amount of beach litter has also reduced.'

'The amount of plastic litter which can be attributable to the general public has also decreased (by five per cent). This encouraging reduction in plastic is not attributable to a single factor but to hundreds of small incremental changes which people and businesses have made during the past year.'

Three additional beaches

- Machrie, Lochranza and Corrie - were included in the cleans and surveys this year.

Research methodology, developed by the Marine Conservation Society over many years, ensures that the data collected is robust so that comparisons can be made between beaches and across time.

The three new beaches were excluded from one set of comparisons for Arran to ensure accuracy of data for the island. They have been added to new baseline data for the 2019 survey.

In January this year, Arran became the first place in Scotland to be accredited as a Plastic Free Community, but there is still much work to do, particularly on our more remote and hard-to-reach beaches.

Access to these beaches can be problematic and removing large quantities of litter or individual large pieces can be difficult. Help from farmers and North Ayrshire Council has been useful in tackling this problem.

Helen added: 'We would like to thank everyone who helps keep our beaches clean and those who acted as beach organisers to collect information about the type and quantity of beach litter on Arran. It can seem a thankless task with each successive tide bringing in new plastic. However, the individuals who pick up plastic each time they walk along the shore do much to keep our beaches clean.'

'It is important to prevent plastic entering our seas in the first place and every single person who lives, works or visits Arran can contribute to this aim by making informed purchasing and disposal decisions. This year's results show that change is possible.'

The full results are now available on the TAP website. You can see how Arran's beaches are doing by viewing [www.thinkaboutplastic-arran.com](http://www.thinkaboutplastic-arran.com)



Members of TAP - Arran celebrating





# s are getting



g the Plastic Free Community accreditation back in January.



Some of the items found during the Whiting Bay beach clean.



The beach clean which took place at Whiting Bay.



Aeri Lee from the Jejumaeil Daily takes notes from Helen How of TAP – Arran.

## Jeju island wants to learn from Arran

A journalist has travelled 5,653 miles to learn first-hand how Think About Plastic – Arran are working with the community to reduce the plastic in the sea around the island.

Aeri Lee and her photographer from the Jejumaeil Daily made the trip to Arran from Jeju island in South Korea. Jeju island is the most popular tourist destination in South Korea but the island is experiencing problems with the amount of plastic waste on the island and this has prompted them to research ways of managing this. They came across Arran's Think About Plastic initiative whilst researching on the web and decided to visit to find out how Arran is tackling the plastic issue.

Jeju is an island which is much larger than Arran with a population of over 500,000 but it has many similarities

– beautiful scenery, stunning and unusual marine life, and a population which is elevated by visitors at certain times of the year.

The newspaper will use Arran's story to inspire a similar movement on Jeju. During a two-and-a-half-hour interview with Helen How, chairwoman of TAP – Arran Aeri learned, through an interpreter, of the way in which organisations, businesses and individuals throughout Arran are all contributing to make a significant reduction in the amount of single use plastic on Arran. TAP's aim to 'reduce the amount of plastic entering the sea around Arran' relies on everyone. The team from South Korea will take away the message that it is everyone working together and making small changes to the way they purchase, use and dispose of plastic and particularly single-use plastic

which can, and does, make a real difference.

The newspaper will run a series about the work of TAP. The Think About Plastic steering group consists of two local councillors, representatives from COAST and Eco-Savvy, the Co-op, local businesses and environmental and educational experts. TAP is a registered charity and operates an accreditation scheme for businesses, a litter monitoring/beach cleaning programme in association with the Marine Conservation Society and an educational and awareness programme.

Jeju 'dreams of clean seas and making Jeju free of single use plastic'. Helen said: 'We still have a long journey ahead of us but have made significant progress. It is an honour for Arran and TAP to come to the attention of Jeju and we will do whatever we can to help them on their journey.'



Jeju Island is keen to cut the amount of plastic waste. Photograph: Hugh Song from Pixabay



# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

## £172,000 donated to Arran Trust

by Hugh Boag  
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Auchrannie Resort has been saying a huge thank you to its many guests who have so far donated £172,000 to the Arran Trust – the island's visitor gifting scheme which funds projects which focus on the landscapes and environment of Arran.

For a number of years now Auchrannie has been giving guests the option of donating £1 to the trust for each night they stay, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

Reception and reservations manager Alix Basford said: 'When we take time to explain to our guests the amazing work that the Arran Trust does and the benefits to the island, they are only too happy to support this great cause. They totally understand that their small donations go a huge way to keeping Arran such a special place to visit.'

Resort director Richard Small added: 'It really is remarkable that all the individual one pounds donated have added up to such an incredible total. It goes without saying that Auchrannie

are immensely proud of our guests for raising so much cash and supporting so many worthwhile projects.'

The Arran Trust funds projects which look after the environment of Arran; working alongside businesses and community groups to improve sustainable practices and aiming to safeguard the future of this beautiful island.

**Auchrannie staff with the cheque for the Arran Trust.**



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# College spotlight on Arran's mental health and wellbeing

North Ayrshire Wellbeing and Recovery College (NAWARC) held an open day in Brodick hall recently with Brodick Nursery children and parents enjoying a music-making workshop and learning about the college.

Members of the public and community/health workers were also welcomed to the open day with many smiling faces finding their groove in the African drumming workshop.

Women's Aid and Penumbra Peers 4 Hope, partners of NAWARC, provided information on their services and volunteers shared their moving stories of support received. There was a discussion to explore what NAWARC could offer to support mental health and wellbeing in Arran and what courses might be of interest. Anyone who lives, works or

studies in North Ayrshire can access the wellbeing courses and there was a consensus this was needed in Arran but the challenge might be people having the courage or confidence to go along to something new.

There will be an additional taster day on Monday November 18 when, from 11.30am to 12.15pm, there will be a workshop called Write to Recovery at Arran Library. From 1pm to 1.45pm, a talk on apps for wellbeing will take place at Ormidale Pavilion and in the same location, from 2pm to 3.15pm, there will be a further talk on confidence building.

If there is sufficient demand, the recovery college will offer the eight week course Living Life to the Full next year.

For more information contact [inforecoverycollege@ramh.org](mailto:inforecoverycollege@ramh.org)



Participants enjoy an African drumming workshop hosted by North Ayrshire Wellbeing and Recovery College.

## An early Christmas present from Santa

Music Arran is delighted to present the international award-winning concert pianist Santa Ignace tonight (Saturday) in the community theatre at Arran High School starting at 7.30pm.

Santa began her studies at the age of six with her father, a jazz pianist and conductor. With precision and skill, Santa combined these early jazz influences with 30 years' intense study and performance in the field of classical music.

As a recitalist and soloist with an orchestra, Santa has performed in France, Latvia, Netherlands, England and Ireland. She has also started conducting with successful debut performances in St Petersburg, Berlin and Dublin.

Music Arran is excited to have Santa, who lives in County Kerry, Ireland, play on Arran.

Her programme will include Passacaglia by Leopold Godowsky, Fantasie-Impromptu in C sharp minor,

scherzo No 1 and Balade no 4 by Frederic Chopin, the Moonlight Sonata by Ludwig van Beethoven, La Campanella by Ferenc Liszt and Sonata No 2 by Sergei Rachmaninov.

Described as 'wicked and wonderful' by BBC Radio 3, this a night not to be missed.

Tickets, £10, can be obtained from Inspirations in Brodick or at the door on the night. Children and young people still at school are free along with an accompanying adult.



Santa Ignace is performing in Lamlash this weekend.

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# Christmas fayre marks 100 years of Save the Children

Delight as event raises remarkable £1,580 for charity



Grateful for the community support, the committee of the Arran branch of Save the Children. 01\_B46STC04



Right: Supporters place their marker on the Arran map in a bid to win the treasure hunt prize. 01\_B46STC05

## XMAS SHOP ARRAN WEEKEND

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"Elf on a shelf Pebble Treasure Hunt" for children

Organisers of the annual Save the Children Christmas fayre at Brodick hall celebrated the centenary of the parent organisation this year and another well-supported event which raised a remarkable £1,580 for the charity.

The Arran branch also ran a hugely successful summer fayre earlier this year as well as a music concert to celebrate the centenary.

On offer for visitors at the Christmas fayre was the popular raffle, tombola and stalls selling items ranging from Christmas cards to jewellery. The most popular, however, was the home baking, which sells out rapidly every year.

Equally as popular, but in

plentiful supply, were a selection of delicious treats to go along with cups of tea and coffee which were enjoyed by the many supporters who visit each year to enjoy the social gathering and support a worthwhile cause.

Yvonne Brothers once again provided relaxing background music on the piano while visitors enjoyed their tea and cakes.

The committee of the Arran branch of Save the Children said in a statement: "Thank you to everyone who came along to support us again this year.

"The support and the help from volunteers and everyone who attends our events is much appreciated."

## Society del



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Supporters enjoy the social aspect of the event along with the tempting treats on offer. 01\_B465TC02



The popular raffle featured a number of Christmas orientated prizes. 01\_B465TC03



Margaret Wright does a roaring trade selling Save the Children Christmas cards. 01\_B465TC01

## lves into past with archaeology expert

The speaker at Arran Historical Society's October meeting was Derek Alexander, head of archaeological services at the National Trust for Scotland (NTS).

Derek split his presentation into three parts. Part one consisted of an overview of the trust's archaeological work. The trust owns 76,000 hectares of ground and looks after 12,000 sites, simple and complicated, covering a wide range of periods from Mesolithic to Second World War plane crash sites.

Derek explained archaeology is 'the understanding of the past by what has been left behind'. They carry out land surveys, physical and geophysical, and of buildings. Work is carried out to reduce

the threat to sites by factors including animals, vegetation and the passage of time. The trust is active, promoting all of its sites, archaeology, battlefields, castles and gardens, sieges, islands, sea stacks, upland/wild land, estate, centres and vernacular buildings.

Guided walks, working with children and Thistle Camps, where volunteers work on a site for a week, are promoted through traditional and social media.

Part two concentrated on work carried out on Arran. In 2007, a survey was carried out on Brodick Castle and recently there was a laser scan.

A survey was done of the Second World War plane crash sites. In the 1980s, two hut circles were excavated for a week by Thistle Camp volunteers at Tormore. Trenches were dug uncovering late Bronze Age pottery, flint and Arran pitchstone.

In one, evidence of a fire resulting in a cow being burned was discovered. There is a

great deal more to do in this area in the future.

In February 2017, a site at Coire a Bhradain was investigated. It looked as though there had been a circular building on the site. A Thistle camp was set up in May 2017. Two large doorway stones were discovered in two trenches. The hut circle had been built between two streams with an outside bank of stones.

The site can be seen on Google Earth. A test pit was dug next to one of the doorway stones. Aerial shots were taken and radiocarbon dating suggests with 95 per cent certainty that the site is Bronze Age, dating between 1429 and 1296 BC. It is now thought it was likely a seasonal hunting base.

On Arran recently, 1,000 new ancient sites have been discovered by airborne Lidar scan.

Part three concentrated on the work in Glencoe relating to Jacobite times.

Derek gave an overview of

the massacre, then went on to say seven settlements from the time (1692) have been discovered throughout the glen.

At Actriachtan, eight buildings have been identified and excavation work was started in May 2018. Trenches were opened and artefacts, including coins and manganese mottled ware pottery from the mid 17th to 18th century, an iron lock from a box or dresser and glass and window glass, were found.

At present, the trust is not sure if these buildings were in existence at the time of the massacre as they seem to date from 80 years later.

Derek finished his talk by saying the NTS hopes to build a replica of one of these houses.

The meeting ended in the usual way with tea and a vote of thanks.

The last meeting this year will take place on Monday November 18 when Howard Wood will give a presentation on 'The Arran Fishing Festival and protection of the seabed.'

**Left: Derek Alexander, head of archaeological services at the National Trust for Scotland, spoke to the historical society.**



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Octopus Centre - tennis	Old Pavilion, Lamlash, open 7 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)
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Arran Heritage Museum - Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
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## Saturday 16th November

Flow Yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
RNLI Shop Open	RNLI Building, Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Arran Gift Box - Launch Event	Cladach Beach House, Cladach, 1pm - 4pm
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
Music Arran presents Santa Ignace	Lamlash Community Theatre, 7.30pm
Live Music - Dughoose Ska	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music - Scott Nicol	The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm
Over-21's Disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

## Sunday 17th November

Live Music - Rob Muir	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Eco Savvy AGM	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 2pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym induction	Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live Music - Possibility Screams	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 18th November

Morning Fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
The Arran Historical Society, speaker Howard Wood	Brodick Hall, 2pm
Arran Theatre & Arts Trust AGM	Forestry Commission Offices, Brodick, 4pm
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
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
Live Music - Ealána Boyle	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm

## Tuesday 19th 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 - Jog Scotland beginners' group	Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm
Steak Night - 2 Ribeye Steaks & 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 (preschool)	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	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Traditional Music Sessions	Brodick Bar, 9pm

## Wednesday 20th 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
Elderly Forum	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am for 11am
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 2pm - 4pm
Arran Pace Makers Running Group	Brodick, 5.30pm
Flow Yoga	Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Tae Kwondo juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Live Music - Tim Pomeroy	The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Pub Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo	

## Thursday 21st 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
Friends of Brodick Castle AGM	Arran Rangers' Centre, 2pm
Arran Heritage Museum	Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Arran Churches Together Prayer Group	St Margaret's Episcopal Church, W/Bay, 2.30pm -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
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 22nd November

Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Christmas at The Castle	Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am-4pm
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
Whisky Galore Pop up Food event	Lagg Distillery, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Tae Kwondo Advanced (Advanced Class)	Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live Music - Shindig	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 23rd November

Flow Yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Christmas at The Castle	Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am-4pm
RNLI Shop Open	Lamlash High School, 11.30am - 4pm
Santa's Sparkle	Arran High School, Lamlash, 12 noon
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Gym Induction	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live Music - Mike Edwards	Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
Live Music - Earthbound	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Live Music - Anna Sweeney	The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm
Over-21's Disco	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm





# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday November 13, 1999

## No safe harbour

The ferry, currently with nowhere to go should the wind blow up, should soon have an emergency port again. Two weeks ago, she could not sail from Brodick because Gourrock pier was out of action. Today work is to commence that will ensure that Gourrock can take MV Caledonian Isles should she be unable to enter Ardrossan harbour due to strong westerly winds.

CalMac have said that they had hoped that work on Gourrock pier would have been completed in September. Since no disruption was likely before then, they did not inform the travelling public. Unexpectedly, however, movement of the sea wall stopped work and time passed and winter and the first disruption hit them unprepared.

A contractor will be onsite today and will work flat out, tide and weather permitting, to finish the job. The work should be completed by the middle of December and, unfortunately, until that time MV Caledonian Isles won't be able to divert to Gourrock in bad weather.

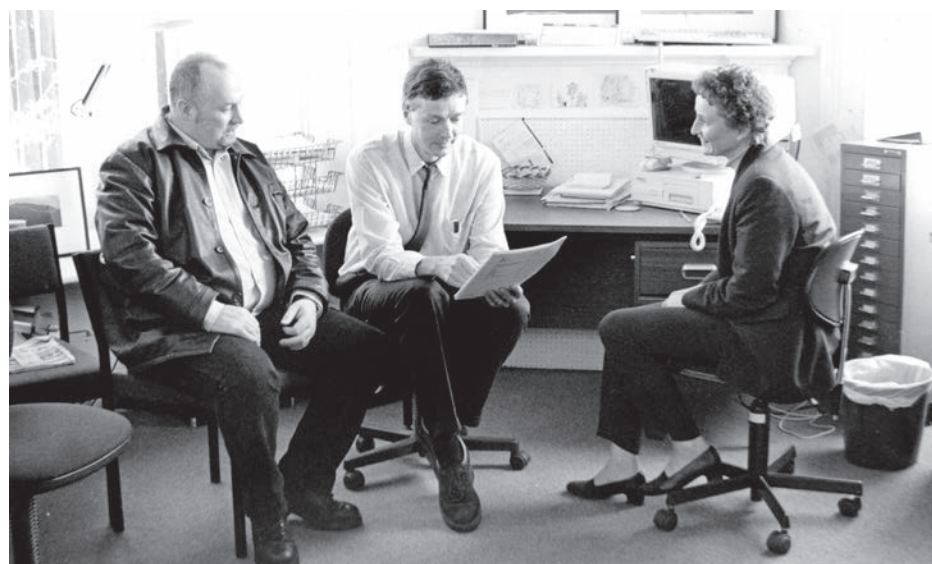
## Standing down

Peter Marshall has retired as station officer for HM Coastguard. Peter has become well known for his calm demeanor, whether it is a beach search for phosphorous flares, an overdue boat, a missing person or ensuring a safe site for landing the rescue helicopter. Peter has 33 years' experience and what he does not know about the service is not worth knowing. The new station officer is David McKinnon.

## Holy visit

In May 1993, His Holiness the Dalai Lama almost came to Holy Isle to visit Samye Ling's new place for retreat. Unseasonable snow forced him to cancel the visit but this summer he may, finally, get to Holy Isle.

An inauguration service will be held in the multi-faith Centre for World Peace which is based around the farmhouse and he has been invited to attend to perform the opening ceremony. Those who were disappointed not to meet him last time may have another opportunity.



Arran's social workers workers have now moved from Arranton into the refurbished council offices. Enjoying their new premises are social worker Colin Turbett with two mainland colleagues, Doreen Prince and Russell Collins. 01\_B46twenty04



Arran Dancers strike a pose at their day-long workshop with the Janice Marshall School of Dance. 01\_B46twenty01



Past captain of Lamlash Ladies' Golf Club, Joy Elliot presents Ellie Jones with the Championship Trophy at the club's prize-giving dinner. 01\_B46twenty05



Peter and Pat Geddes, who have been in a year-long dispute with BT to secure a reliable telephone service, are pictured outside their newly renovated home which they have built up from a burned-out shell at Auchareoch. 01\_B46twenty02



The cast of Peter Pan, Wendy and the Never Never Land prior to their performance at Lamlash Community Theatre. 01\_B46twenty03



# The little egret is highlight of the October migration

## Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

OCTOBER

October was cooler and wetter than September. In comparison with October 2018, it was wetter with almost 60 per cent more rain. The temperature range in 2019 was less and there were no major storm events.

October is arguably the busiest birding month, as summer breeders depart, migrants pass through, winter visitors arrive and there is always a strong chance of something unusual. This October there were plenty of interesting birds to enjoy with 110 species recorded.

A particular highlight was little egret with records from a range of coastal areas throughout the month including Carlo, Cladach, Clachlands, Corrie, Corriegills, Fisherman's Walk, Merkland Point, Rubha Salach and Strathwillan. This is the third year in a row that this colonising species has been reported on Arran and it is the first time that records have included more than one bird, with two at Rubha Salach on October 12 and two by the Fisherman's Walk on October 28.

The build up of the number of winter thrushes, fieldfare and redwing was a feature of the month. The first redwing were reported on 4th and the first fieldfare on 16th. Soon there were widespread reports of the birds feasting on the autumn berries, with flocks in the hundreds being reported from the north to the south of the island including mixed flocks



**For the first time there have been reports of more than one little egret on the island.** Photograph: Nick Giles

with both species of over 1,000 birds at Lenimore and at Lochranza on 22nd. Other thrushes featured as well, including 20 mistle thrush at Glenree on 7th and a ring ouzel in Newton North on 14th. Brambling, an irruptive species from northern

Europe not recorded every winter, were reported from Pirnmill on 9th and High Kildonan on 29th.

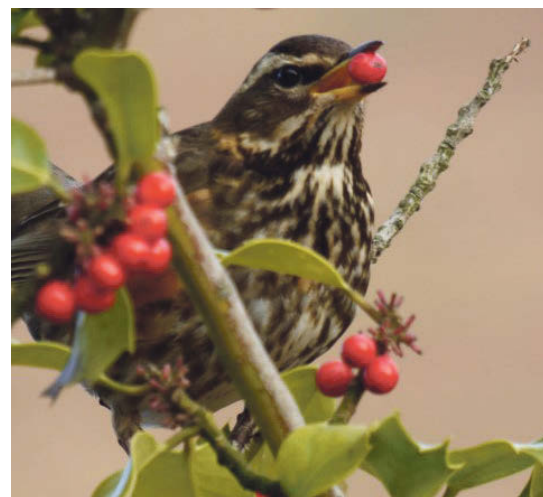
Other winter visitors included: 363 pink-footed geese over Sliderry on 1st, 60 teal at Cosyden on 2nd, a yellowhammer at Sliderry on



**Above, grey plover, one of many migrant species on Arran in October.**

Photograph: Nick Giles;  
**redwing have been plentiful on the island in October.**

Photograph: Mike Rose



20th, a brent goose on Cleats Shore on 21st, 11 wigeon at Cosyden on 23rd, five snow bunting on Mullach Buidhe on 26th, 220 greylag geese in Sliderry on 27th and 50 rook also on Sliderry on 28th. In addition, flocks of migratory whooper swan filled the autumn skies with their honking and trumpeting calls, including 10 over Clachaig on 14th and 16 over Cleats Shore on 25th.

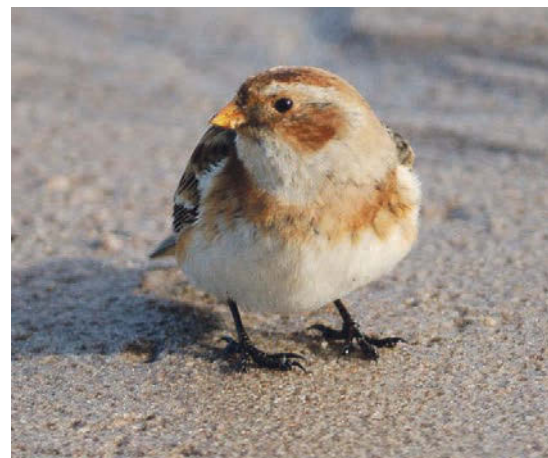
Migration was in full flow in October as birds were moving out of colder northern Europe to milder climes. These included: 60 linnet on Cleats Shore on 2nd, 186 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on 20th, 200 common gull at Cleats Shore on 21st, 35 twite at Machriewaterfoot on 22nd, 100 starling in Lamlash on 26th, one grey plover on Cleats Shore on 27th, 11 snipe and 20 lapwing at Corriecravie on 28th, 60 skylark at Sliderry also on 28th, 34 turnstone at Silver Sands on 30th and 100 curlew on Sliderry Shore on 31st.

There were some 'last sightings' of summer visitors also moving south including: a lesser black-backed gull and two wheatear on Cleats Shore on 2nd, two house martin in Alma Park on 6th, one swallow in Sliderry on 15th, 1000 manx shearwater off King's Cave on 18th, a chiffchaff in

Lochranza on 22nd and three gannet off Silver Sands on 25th.

Other interesting records from a month with a plethora of birds included: the long staying magpie in Kildonan now entering its six month, a velvet scoter off Cosyden on 14th ( first Arran record since 1998), five black-throated diver in Auchenhew Bay on 16th, a common scoter at Machriewaterfoot on 17th, three red-throated diver off Pirnmill on 18th, after the annual moult the first returning shelduck at Cleats Shore on 21st, three little grebe at Mossend Pond on 22nd, two red kite over Invercloy on 25th and two water rail at Corriecravie on 28th. In addition, October like September was an outstanding month for kingfisher. There were 14 records from five locations. The next article in the Banner will feature the Kingfisher. Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2018 and visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)



**Left, fieldfare: there have been thousands of these winter thrushes on the island in October.** Photograph: Nick Giles; **and, above, there are three October records for snow bunting in the northern hills in October.**

Photograph: Dennis Morrison



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### RIGGHILL WIND FARM PROPOSAL PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS NOVEMBER 2019

ERG and Burcote Wind are currently consulting on proposals for a wind farm of 10 turbines located 1km south-east of Skelmorlie.

We are hosting a series of public exhibitions to provide the local community with updated information about the project and to receive feedback. At the exhibitions, members of the public will be able to access detailed information about the proposals and speak directly with members of the Rigghill project team.

Public Exhibitions for the project will be held on the following dates:-

**Tuesday 26th November 2019,**  
Skelmorlie Community Centre, Skelmorlie, 1pm - 7pm

**Wednesday 27th November 2019,**  
Largs Library, Largs, 12.15pm - 6pm

**Thursday 28th November 2019,**  
Garrison House, Millport, 10am - 2pm

If you are unable to attend these events, have further questions or wish to give feedback about the proposal, please contact Kirsty OBrien by emailing: [info@invictapa.co.uk](mailto:info@invictapa.co.uk) or calling 0141 212 7123 before Monday 16 December 2019.

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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 17th November**  
Lochranza and Pirnmill Churches together, 10.15am. Morning Worship at Lochranza Church. Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship. Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship  
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship  
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland  
Charity Number: SC014005  
**Sunday 17th November**  
Worship will be conducted by Mrs Aileen Brookens, Reader of the Church of Scotland, at 10.30am. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. All welcome.

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 17th November**  
Trinity 22  
Holy Communion at 11 am. Richard Trewby  
Coffee after service  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 17th November**  
Morning Service at 11am Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service at 6.30pm 5 Glen Road, Brodick  
All welcome

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 17th November**  
Mrs Sharon MacLeod Kilmory at 10 am  
Lamlash at 11.30 am  
All welcome, including families; children's area  
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### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

**Sunday 17th November**  
Sunday Worship at 11am 'Heather Lodge', Brodick Left of the Douglas Hotel, opposite the ferry terminal. Telephone 700346, 820223  
Everyone Warmly Invited.

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### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 17th 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  
Everyone warmly invited.

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 17th November**  
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick at 6pm  
Services will be taken by Professor Tommy Mackay

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday 17th November**  
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

### ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Prayer Group  
**Thursday 21st November**  
St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church, Whiting Bay at 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

## DEATHS

### BLESOVSKY - Ary.



Mr Ary (Bles) Blesovsky passed away peacefully in Stow on the Wold after a short illness at the age of 92. His wife Margaret and sons would like to thank the people of Arran and, particularly, Brodick Golf Club, for making his 31 years of retirement on the island such a wonderful time. The community made them both feel welcome and he soon became a very regular member of the Monday and Friday golf group. It is sad that his wish to die on the island couldn't be possible because of the difficulty in providing care for him and his wife. He will be missed.

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### JONES - Melvyn.

It is with great sadness that the family of Melvyn (Mel) announce his passing on 5th November 2019 aged 80 years. Cherished husband and sole-mate of Ellie. Beloved father of Eleanor and Elspeth, father-in law to Kenneth and Alex. Proud papa of Cameron, Euan, Hannah, Blair and Rory. A private funeral has taken place. Sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind support, cards, flowers and messages at this sad time. We would also like to thank everyone at the AWMH for their continued support over the years. Also to Jean Hunter, David & Clare Hendry for the service and funeral arrangements.

### KEIZER - Ann.



Ann Keizer was a fantastic mum, sister, granny, aunt and friend. After a short period of illness she died peacefully with a smile on her face. Running Allandale House was her dream come true. We would like to thank everyone who supported Ann with love and care. Very special thanks to the War Memorial Hospital, its fabulous staff and the community nurses. A big hug for Donna and Eric who feel like family and were always there for our mum. Jan and Chris and Ann's dearest friends Betty, Chrissy, Rhonda were (and are) amazing. Friends and family are welcome at the ceremony on Saturday 16th of November at 11am at Clyde Crematorium.

### WHITESIDE - Ina.

Gillian, Andy and family would like to express their sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their kindness and cards following the death of Ina. Grateful thanks for help and support from Mrs Jean Hunter and all the wonderful staff at The Arran war memorial hospital and The Arran medical group. We would also like to thank David and Claire Hendry and the Kinloch Hotel. The generous sum of £403.30 collected has been forwarded to the Hospital supporters league.

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# Lamlash hosts first joint prize-giving



All of the winners at the first mixed prize-giving at Lamlash Golf Club.



### Lamlash Golf Club

Saturday November 9, at the suggestion of the club captain, Paul Jameson, the ladies and gentlemen held a joint prize-giving and dinner at the clubhouse. This was a first and it proved to be a success with a very good turnout and happy atmosphere. Caterer Martin provided an attractive and varied buffet with something for everyone from soup to savoury to sweet.

Paul and ladies' captain Sheena Murchie presented the large number of trophies alternately with surprising efficiency. The trophies awarded included: Ladies' champion, Susan Butchard, Men's champion, Todd Jameson, Fleet Cup, a much-prized trophy, Neil Young and Kate McAdam respectively, Scratch Cup, Dougie McFarlane, Centenary Tray: Sheena Murchie.

Other winners included

Ruth Hardy, Ian Bremner, Lee Dunton, Derek Harrison, Paul Jameson, Scott Campbell, Serge El Adm, Robert Calder and Alastair Crawford.

Thursday November 7, Yellow Medal, winner Jim Young 78-17=61.

Sunday November 10, Glenburn Cup. 1 Dougie Macfarlane 62-2=60, 2 Serge El Adm 77-15=62. Magic twos, D Macfarlane at 13th and 16th. Best Scratch, D Macfarlane 62.

Fixtures: Sunday November 17, winter friendly v Whiting Bay at Whiting Bay, 10am for 10.30am start. Thursday November 21, Yellow Medal, ballot at 11am.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday November 10, Winter Cup round two. Eight played on a fine morning and made such a good job of it that the CSS came down to 62. Jamie Macpherson, having netted a creditable 63 in the first round, improved his standing for the cup with a fine 61 to win by one stroke from John Pennycott. 1 Jamie Macpherson 5, 61; 2 John Pennycott 14, 62 acb; 3 Graeme Crichton 13, 62. Magic twos Neil 'Sonic' Lucas @3rd.

Fixture: Sunday November 17, Friendly v Lamlash at Whiting Bay. Meet at 10am to be paired up and tee'd off by 10.30am.

### Brodick Golf Club

Sunday November 10, Brandon qualifier, 17 played, CSS 64. 1 Donald McKinnie 75-12=63 acb, 2 Iain MacDonald 70-7=63, 3 Kenny McMillan 80-15=65. Scratch Iain MacDonald 70.

Fixture: Sunday November 17, Winter Cup Stableford, 9am and noon.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday November 7, Ladies' 18-hole medal. 1 and scratch Kema Genda 82-13=69, 2 Alice Anderson 85-17=78 BIH.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday November 12, Winter Cup. 1 John Pennycott 66, 2 Brian Sherwood 71, 3 Hamish Bannatyne 72.

Fixture: Tuesday November 19, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off at noon.

### Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday November 16, 18 Hole Sweep, ballots at 9am and 1pm. Monday November 18, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

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# Arran press league leaders after win over Glencairn

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League Division 1	

Arran AFC are now in second place in the Ayrshire Sunday League after a comfortable win over Glencairn last weekend at Kilwinning Sports Club.

The Arran side currently have 15 points after five games, while league leaders Kilbirnie United, who have played six games, have 16 points. Irvine CSC, who have also played six games, are tied with Arran on 15 points.

Despite Arran losing a player early in the game after he was sent off, the island side made good progress to secure a victory, in no small part owing to Archie McNicol's hat-trick. Ryan Armstrong, Grant Adamson and Johnny Sloss also each scored to

bring the scoreline to 6-1 at the final whistle.

With some individual star performances on the day, the man of the match nomination was instead given to each player who combined, 'dug deep with only 10 men for the majority of the match'.

The next fixture for the team will be a return to the West of Scotland Cup for the fourth round against Bellshill United tomorrow (Sunday) at the Ormidale Park in Brodick with an early kick off at noon. All supporters welcome as there may not be many more home games this season.

**Right, Grant Adamson heads the ball into the Glencairn goal.**

All photographs: Tam Borland



Archie McNicol fires the ball through a narrow gap between a Glencairn defender and the keeper to score.



Johnny Sloss is congratulated by his team-mates after threading the ball into the goal past the Glencairn keeper.



Archie McNicol takes advantage of an undefended goal to blast the ball into the net.



Ryan Armstrong powers the ball into the goal while team-mate Joel Small begins the goal celebrations early.



# Last-gasp goal earns East Kilbride Ladies draw



Lorraine Hewie has a shot at goal. 01\_B46EKilbride01



Centre Jenny Stark passes the ball to forward Lorraine Hewie who blasts it into the goal. 01\_B46EKilbride02



Above, Anne Watts keeps the East Kilbride keeper busy with a number of attempts at goal. 01\_B46EKilbride04



Right, Mia Walker has a go at goal. 01\_B46EKilbride06



Jenny Stark runs at full speed to secure the ball and pass it to her forward players. 01\_B46EKilbride05



Centre back Ellie Wood secures the ball from a challenging opposition player. 01\_B46EKilbride03



Ali 'Ninja' McKie defuses a tense moment in goal with sweeper Faith McKelvie at the ready to eject the ball from the 'D'. 01\_B46EKilbride08



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# Last gasp goal gives East Kilbride Ladies a draw

Arran Ladies 3  
East Kilbride Ladies 2s 3  
West District Division 3

Arran Ladies played the East Kilbride Ladies 2s in a tough home game in which they led right up until the final stages of the match when the visitors scored a fantastic goal to secure a draw in the last minute.

Winning the toss and choosing push back, captain Elyse Aitken had agreed to start the game a little early to accommodate the visitors who were slightly concerned about getting back in time for their return ferry.

Joining Elyse, as left back, were Faith McKelvie as sweeper, Helen Thomson in right back, Ellie Wood as centre back and goalkeeper Alison 'Ninja' Mckie. Midfield saw Jenny Stark in centre, Hannah McCartney and Megan McNicol covering the mid wing positions, and Lorraine Hewie and Anne Watts on the attacking forward line, with the versatile Mia Walker when she was not in defence. Bella Reid had game time as right wing and Annie McKelvie covered midfield substitutions.

The teams seemed evenly matched from the beginning, with a wide range of ages and experience in both as they took to the pitch. Taking first pass back, Anne passed the ball up the field towards



the visitors' goal area. It was repelled by the defence but did not get past Arran's midfield who returned it to the forwards.

Keeping up the pressure on the East Kilbride defence, Jenny had taken the ball to the top of the 'D' and fired it past the goalkeeper to put Arran on the scoreboard. With play restarted, Anne quickly trapped the ball from the visitors' pushback and shot it to Lorraine who kept full control of the ball at the end of her stick as she turned through the opposition players, dodged the defenders and ran into the goal area. She swung her stick on

the moving ball, sending it zooming past the keeper to give Arran their second goal.

Not giving up, the opposition pressed hard into Arran territory, but with Elyse, Faith, Bella and Ellie all remaining calm and composed, they quickly blocked all attacks and passed the ball back into play, often via Helen in right defence, whose rocket-shots continued to prove to be both powerful and accurate.

With Megan, Annie and Hannah chasing and jabbing for every ball in midfield, passing onto Jenny who was keeping a close watch on who had the ball and needed

a player to pass to, the girls were able to push the ball back to the forwards who pressed into the East Kilbride goal area for another attempt half way through the first half. With what looked like lots of players trying to protect their goal, play became a scrappy tussle for the ball. However, Lorraine saw her chance, when she picked up the rebound from Mia's shot on goal, pulled the ball into space and found an open spot in the defence to shoot the ball into the goal once again.

The score stayed at 3-0 until the half-time whistle when the players were able

to take a well-earned break, have a team talk and plan for the next half.

East Kilbride had certainly gathered themselves during the break and came out with some great passing and positioning, which five minutes after the whistle got them their first goal. In an almost identical repeat from Arran's quick goals in the first half, the visitors scored again a few minutes later. Calling encouragement to their team-mates to settle down and play their own game, the Arran ladies responded well to further pressure from their opposition and many shots on goal were blocked

**Concentration etched on their faces, Arran players prepare for an attack on goal.**

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by the defence or kicked back into play by Ali the goalkeeper.

However, with one minute to go, the visitors had control of the ball and sent it to their agile young right wing who whizzed into the 'D' and fired the ball at goal in one smooth manoeuvre. An excellent shot which contributed to her later being selected by the Arran ladies as the visitors' player of the game for her superb skills and efforts. With the ball still in midfield from the pushback, the final whistle blew with a 3-3 draw.

Captain Elyse won the nomination for dame of the game from the visiting team for her calm, controlled and positive performance on the pitch. Players expressed their thanks for all of the home supporters who went along to cheer the ladies on and to Pauline Reid for umpiring the game.

The Arran ladies will be playing the University of Strathclyde at Stepps hockey ground today (Saturday) with a 12.30pm push back. Mainland supporters would be very welcome and appreciated.

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