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# Planners' views sought on slipway at Imachar

by Hugh Boag  
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A bid to build a private slipway for timber shipment on the west coast of the island has taken a significant step forward.

Tarbert-based RDS Forestry Ltd wants to build a transhipment slipway, with associated timber stacking area and access works, at Imachar Point and has asked North Ayrshire Council planners for a screening opinion to assess the environmental impact.

It is exactly a year ago since the plan was first mooted, as reported in the Banner last November.

The new application is by Troon Tug Co Ltd who would be the intended vessel operator of the temporary timber pier to enable timber export by boat to the mainland. The land required for the proposal is in the ownership of the Dougarie Estate.

The prospective operator is seeking to establish in advance what sort of environmental information would be necessary to accompany

a planning application for such a facility. Whether an environmental impact assessment will be required or not is at North Ayrshire Council's discretion. RDS Forestry will digest the planning authority's screening opinion which will then influence its future intentions and timescales.

According to the papers submitted to the council, the intention is to construct a loading facility to enable the transhipment of locally harvested timber from road vehicle to marine landing craft in order to enable export by sea. This will meet the demand arising from the felling of commercial forestry under the management of Forestry and Land Scotland and several private forestry owners in west Arran over the forthcoming 20-year period, during which much of the existing plantation is due to reach maturity.

As has previously been argued, they say: 'The provision of a local facility to enable export by sea via the west coast reduces the need for

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## Talented tots put on an art show



A bumper entry of more than 50 pupils took part in the inaugural Lamlash Youth Art Competition which is aimed at encouraging painting, drawing and crafting in the primary and early years pupils in Lamlash who are seen here with their handiwork. See the full story on page three. 01\_B47front01

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# Police demand improved security after 'irresponsible' McLaren video

An online community forum has been branded 'irresponsible' for posting a video showing intruders inside the former McLaren Hotel in Brodick.

The YouTube video shows two men trying various means of entry to the run-down building and checking security before opting to enter through a back door, which appears to have been left unsafe.

Now the owners of the hotel, the Norfolk-based abodeGroup, have been told by police to improve security at the hotel, which has become increasingly derelict since it closed in 2015, amid concerns of copycat forays into the building.

There have repeated claims that the security at the building has been breached with fixtures and fittings damaged,

pipes and floorboards ripped up, leaving the inside of the building in a dangerous state.

Arran Sergeant Dougie Robertson said: 'The building is derelict and unsafe and we would not condone anyone entering the building in its current state. As well as the danger, they also risk finding themselves on the wrong side of the law. We have contacted the owners to take steps to improve security at the property.'

## Irresponsible

But one nearby resident said: 'It seems completely irresponsible for an Arran online forum to share a video which could encourage others to do exactly the same.'

It seems exploring abandoned buildings is something of a phenomenon on social media and the film 'exploring with Alec' clearly shows him



Security fencing blocks off one of the entrances to the McLaren Hotel but it is easy to get in.

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being openly filmed as he scours the hotel.

Inside the derelict building, the intruders meet a Frenchman who says he has stayed a night in what was the restaurant of the hotel. The men spend 38 minutes filming inside the hotel, which is now also being investigated.

It is nearly a year since the abodeGroup were given permission to demolish the hotel to make way for a £9 million, 88-bedroom aparthotel. The Banner contacted the owners this week who have promised an announcement on the development soon.

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## Imachar slipway views sought

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unnecessary road transport to existing port facilities at Brodick, with benefits for the safety of other road users, avoidance of damage to lightly constructed road infrastructure, and sustainability benefits from reduced haul mileage.

'It would also afford amenity benefits to residents and visitors, both along the alternative haul route and within the important tourist hub of Brodick.'

The proposed development site is located on the west coast of Arran, approximately 4km to the south of the village of Pirnmill. The site requiring planning permission extends to 1.3 hectares of land and comprises part of a coastal terrace and foreshore, plus associated works required

within adjacent marine waters which would be subject to separate licensing. The development site lies on the seaward side of the west Arran coast road, in a location removed from settlement and other built development. It comprises part of a coastal bedrock platform backed by remnant sea cliffs.

While the applicants say the site is remote, they do admit that it contains a short section of the Arran Coastal Way, which diverges away from the coast road closer to the shore for a 3km stretch heading north towards Pirnmill. This can be expected to bring some receptors on foot to the vicinity of the development site.

The applicant adds: 'The site lies within a landscape/seascape already dominated

by forestry activities and an export facility of modest scale will not appear incongruous given this context. The infrastructure required has been intentionally kept to a minimum and has been developed having had benefited from experience of the design, construction and operation of nine other near-replica sites elsewhere on Scotland's west coast.'

A spokesman for RDS Forestry Ltd said it would 'not be appropriate' to comment further on the proposal at this stage. However, he added: 'We would of course be happy to comment further on the environmental benefits of the project, and to respond to concerns expressed by interested parties, if and when a planning application is submitted.'



Imachar shore is the site of the proposed slipway.



# Budding Lamlash artists excel in youth art contest

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Early years and primary pupils from Lamlash excelled themselves in the inaugural Lamlash Youth Art Competition.

Organised by Lamlash Primary School's primary seven teacher and well-known artist and crafter Vikki MacDonald, the draw-

ing and painting competition was open to all early years and primary pupils and had an island location or animals theme.

### Difficult task

With more than 50 entries, the task of picking three winners was a difficult one with the judges deciding on three first place winners, two second place winners and two third place winners.

Vikki said: "The competi-

tion attracted a huge amount of amazing artwork with the children investing a great deal of effort in their entries.

"The fun competition, aimed at encouraging the enjoyment of art and crafts, has shown the children possess a great amount of talent."

All the children who entered the competition were presented with participation certificates and small prizes for taking part.



Jack and Matthew, both P4 pupils, shared second place. 01\_B47art02



P7 pupil Faye and Early Years pupil Abraham were the deserving third place winners. 01\_B47art04



All the entrants received a participation certificate and a small prize for taking part.

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P4 pupils Beth and Niamh and Early Years pupil Lucas took first place. 01\_B47art03

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Who are you looking at? Endearing and timid, Granada is the shyest of the three alpacas.

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# Meet Arran's alpaca gang

by Colin Smeeton  
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Ailsa and Donald Currie of Bellevue Farm in Blackwaterfoot have added an extra attraction to their popular farm tours with the recent addition of three alpacas to their menagerie.

Purchased from Fife just two weeks ago, the three female alpacas, named Bonita, Granada and Eriskay, are already settling in well and have struck up friendships with their donkey, pony, chicken and turkey companions in their shed.

A South American species often confused with llamas, alpacas are smaller than their cousins and are far more docile and friendly, but are every bit as charming, exotic and endearing.

## New surroundings

More accustomed to grazing in herds in the high altitudes of the Andes in southern Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Chile, the three alpacas appear relaxed in their new surroundings and have already become part of the family at Bellevue Farm.

They have been kept in a straw-covered pen while they settle in but they have also been seen walking around the

farm with halters – acclimatising to new surroundings and exploring during the day. By night they sleep in their pen and through murmurs seem to communicate with their neighbours, two donkeys and a companion goat, named Biscuits, who also came from Fife with them.

## Intelligent

Ailsa said: 'Bonita, Granada and Eriskay are very gentle, independent and intelligent. They seem to pick up on people's moods and are very calm if the visitors are relaxed. If visitors are excited, especially so with children, they pick up on this and become playful.'

'They are great with children and will undoubtedly play a large part in our farm tours and on our open farm Sunday which takes place in June. Bellevue Farm offers visitors the chance to get a hands-on, happy experience with all of our animals and will be able to do so with our new girls. Visitors will be able to feed them and touch them and possibly even take them for a short walk on a lead. The alpacas love going for walks and are very sociable with humans and all the other animals.'

The alpacas have already caused quite a stir on Arran with some describing them

as cute, cuddly, friendly and adorable. Others, too, have expressed an interest in the alpacas, particularly from those who enjoy spinning, weaving and working with wool. Their fleeces are valuable in comparison to sheep and Ailsa has already promised some of the fleeces to someone who wishes to try working with the unusual material.

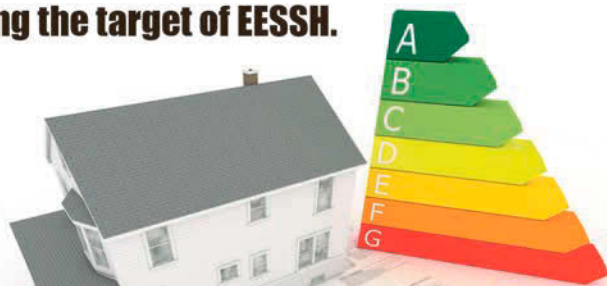
Bellevue Farm offers farm tours starting around the Easter holidays through to the end of summer and even later if the weather allows. They are currently in the process of planning a large, all-weather shed with facilities to extend the season and to allow visitors throughout the year. Individuals, social groups, schools and other organisations are encouraged to visit the farm, which can tailor tours to visitors' requirements.

## Facebook page

Visitors wishing to see the alpacas while they settle in but who can't wait for the farm to open for the season, can keep up to date with all of the developments of the alpacas and farm life in general on their Facebook page by searching for Bellevue Farm – Holiday Cottages and Farm Tours.

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Eriskay enjoys being fed by hand while the bolder Bonita goes straight for the food source. 01\_B47alpaca03





Alpacas are docile creatures who are inquisitive and will take food from your hand.

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Eriskay, Granada and Bonita communicate with their neighbours through low murmurs.

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Ailsa Currie provides the donkeys with a special treat. The donkeys and alpacas show an interest, and communicate, with each other. 01\_B47alpaca04

# Five candidates in fight for Arran seat

Five candidates will be on the ballot paper when voters in the North Ayrshire and Arran constituency head to the polls for the General Election on December 12.

With the deadline for nominations past, it has been confirmed the names on the ballot will be:

- Patricia Gibson**  
Scottish National Party (SNP)
- Cameron Gilmore**  
Scottish Labour Party
- David Nairn**  
Scottish Green Party
- David Rocks**  
Scottish Conservative and Unionist
- Louise Young**  
Scottish Liberal Democrats

Preparations are continuing to ensure the parliamentary election goes as smoothly as possible in North Ayrshire and Arran.

Returning officer Craig Hatton has urged residents to ensure they are registered to vote – and to consider using a postal vote.

He added: ‘Time is running out to register – in order to vote, your name must be on the electoral register by Tuesday November 26.

‘This will be the first winter election in decades and there is no way of knowing for certain at this stage what the weather will be like on December 12.

‘So we would urge residents to consider using a postal vote, as it will mean they won’t have to deal with potential winter conditions on election day.

‘It’s a very straightforward process and you register for a postal vote by visiting [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).’

Those who will use a postal vote are urged

to return them as soon as possible as the busy pre-Christmas period will be getting underway for the Royal Mail.

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.

A full list of polling places is available on the North Ayrshire Council website. Polling stations will open 7am to 10pm on Thursday December 12. It is anticipated that a declaration will be made in the early hours of Friday December 13.

■ Arran CVS is hosting a hustings event on Wednesday November 27 at 7.30pm in Brodick hall to which all candidates have been invited.



Returning officer Craig Hatton is pictured signing the writ issued by the Queen, ordering the holding of an election in the North Ayrshire and Arran constituency.

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# Giants' Graves trail is closed for repairs

The trail leading to the Giants' Graves in Whiting Bay has been closed to carry out urgent works.

The newly renamed Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) will be carrying out extensive works over the winter and the path is not expected to reopen until Easter next year.

The path, which leads to the prehistoric chambered cairns and to remarkable views across Whiting Bay, has become a victim of its own success and has become so eroded that repairs, which are expected to last until spring next year, now need to be carried out.

However, the public can still get access to the graves via the Glenashdale Falls trail or the forest road.

Andy Walker, for the local



The path to the Giants' Graves which has been closed.

FLS team, said: 'A combination of weathering and footfall has done quite a bit of damage to this popular path and there is now a risk that someone using it could trip or slip.

'We're having to put in place

lots of stone water bars, and add anchor bars and pitching at the corners but because of access issues all the stone will need to be helicoptered in from one of our local quarries.

'Unfortunately, the path will be unusable – and impassable – so we're having to close it until works are completed.

'We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause and we would recommend that anyone looking for a great walk in that area should try the path to Glenashdale Falls as an alternative.'

The Giants' Graves are still accessible from from Glenashdale Falls and the forest road. 01\_B47giant02



Brodick Improvements Committee logo.

## Co-op members can now support Brodick Improvements Committee

Co-op members can now choose Brodick Improvements Committee (BIC) to be their chosen charity.

The committee is currently one of three charitable causes on the island which members can pick to support with their online community awards.

BIC says it will use the money to renew beach material, install new groynes, and improve civic amenities for the benefit of all members of the community.

The committee is formed of local volunteers, who work collectively to protect, improve and provide facilities in the village.

The range of projects includes the ongoing protection of the beach, Low Green and Fisherman's Walk, which are a popular attraction for residents and visitors. They also have responsibility for the Brodick slipway which is an entry point for many sailing visitors to Arran, and is responsible for the maintenance of the public toilets. BIC also looks after the various flower tub displays

in the village and, in winter, installs the village Christmas trees and lights.

A spokesman said: 'The area we are protecting is a very popular location for residents and visitors. We hold an annual beach barbecue as a fundraiser, which includes competitions for all age groups, and a showcase for local musicians to demonstrate their skills. The area is popular for walking and relaxing, and it brings all age groups together throughout the year.'

The unique link for BIC Co-op page is: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/39424>

Arran Co-op members can also presently support ArCaS, the Arran High School mountain bike club or all three groups.

■ BIC also runs the Brodick 200 Club which anyone can join to raise funds. It costs £20 a year for entry into a monthly draw with a £50 first prize. The winner for November is Liz Lawrie from Brodick.

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# Winter Wonderisland campaign is launched



Arran's latest campaign to attract more visitors over the winter was launched at a VisitArran partner business meeting at Little Rock, Brodick, last Wednesday night.

Using the slogan Scotland's Winter Wonderisland, the new marketing leaflet outlines what is open on Arran over the winter months, as also highlighted in the Banner this month.

The new Coig initiative, promoting five routes across Ayrshire and Arran, is also aimed at attracting year-round visitors to the wider area.

VisitArran executive director Sheila Gilmore said: 'We all know how stunning Arran is in the winter months and, with businesses opening year-round, we want to encourage more visitors to make the

most of that beautiful environment. Previously staff were often only employed seasonally, and the days of a 12-week season are long gone, with many of our accommodation providers and attractions looking towards year-round opening.

'Winter Wonderisland is a great way to showcase our offering and support our economy during these previously out-of-season months.'

There were also presentations at the business meeting by Daniel Steel, newly-appointed operations director for The Coig, who gave an overview of the new tourism initiative, previously reported in the Banner.

VisitScotland's industry relationship adviser Craig Lawless, who was at the meeting with Gordon Smith, the VisitScotland regional

director, also spoke about the 2020 Year of Coasts and Waters initiative.

Mike Groves, chief executive officer of Topolytics, also came over from the mainland to discuss the Eco Savvy food waste survey in a bid to get businesses thinking about their waste. The evening also offered the chance for businesses to catch up over wine and cheese nibbles.

Sheila added: 'Thank you to everyone who attended our partner business meeting on Wednesday evening. A huge thanks to Daniel, Craig and Mike for their presentations, and, of course, thanks also to our hosts Chris and Ailie.'

'We had a great night finding out about the Year of Coasts and Waters, The Coig, and how we can all do our bit to look at creating a circular economy on Arran.'



Guests at the VisitArran partner business meeting, left to right, Craig Lawless, Mike Groves, Daniel Steel and Gordon Smith. 01\_B47coig01 Inset: The Winter Wonderisland campaign poster. 01\_B47coig05



VisitArran's Sheila Gilmore gets everyone involved in an icebreaker game at the start of the meeting. 01\_B47coig02



Craig Lawless addresses the audience. 01\_B47coig03



Daniel Steel gives his presentation about The Coig. 01\_B47coig04

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## Farming future

Farming has always been a way of life on Arran.

But it has been seen recently on the island that times change and so too must traditional farms with diversification sometimes a way forward.

Step forward then Bellevue Farm, which is not only home to Arran's newest exotic residents – three amazingly endearing alpacas – but also a family committed to educating people about farming and all it entails, from the topical responsible sourcing of food, all the way to land management and conservation.

Owners Ailsa and Donald Currie are clearly passionate about animals, farming and about connecting people with the world of farming. Their latest additions will ensure more schools, children and interested adults visit their farm each year to learn about the important role the farming industry can, and should, play in people's lives.

Bellevue Farm and others like it play an invaluable part in educating people about the food they eat, the care of animals and the preservation of our countryside.

Ambassadors not only for farming but also for Arran, great things are happening at Bellevue Farm, and if their future plans are anything to go by, it is only going to get better.

### Thought for the week

'Pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man.' Luke 21: 36

# Deer culling dilemma divides Arran opinion

The persistent and divisive issue of the necessity of deer culling has once again risen to prominence on Arran with a decision by the trustees of the Arran Community Land Initiative (ACLI) to carry out a deer cull on its 80 acres of land situated above Whiting Bay.

The farmland, which was the first community buy-out on Arran in 2014, has since blossomed into an accessible area comprising allotments, walking and cycling trails, orchards and community gardens as well as an arboretum of rare Arran Whitebeam trees.

The issue of culling deer was first discussed by ACLI trustees in 2018 after fruit trees, allotments and young saplings were damaged by deer and an increase in ticks on the property – and concerns about Lyme's disease –

forced the trustees to consider implementing deer management measures.

At a meeting of the trustees in January this year, and following consultations with Forestry and Land Scotland and other parties, the decision was taken to begin a cull. Two experienced licensed operators were tasked with the operation and culling began shortly afterwards.

Following the ACLI annual general meeting on Tuesday November 12, the culling claiming six trustees of the ACLI decided to go against the consensus at the AGM in 2018 and sanctioned deer culling without any consultation with members or the wider community.

This sparked a furore on an online community forum, with many citing they would have

liked to have had a say on the matter and others questioning why alternatives could not be implemented. However, on the other side of the argument, some defended the decision, stating that culling was necessary to control numbers, herd health and to ensure that the land could sustain the expanding population.

The issue is also complicated by the fact that no one owns Scotland's red deer but if you own the land they live on, graze from, shelter in or pass through, then you are obligated to assume responsibility for their management.

Culling and stalking already take place on Arran by both Arran Estates and Dougarie Estate and are offered to licensed stalkers between September and February each year.

Here the ACLI trustees get the chance to put their side of the case.

'As trustees of the ACLI, we know the issue of deer management engenders strong feelings in some local community members. This was clearly reflected in the discussions at our recent AGM.

'Our 75-plus acres of land border Forestry Scotland land and, in common with adjoining areas, deer are increasingly visible on it. Managing them is complex, but must be done – however, there is no easy solution that will satisfy all those affected by what takes place on the site.

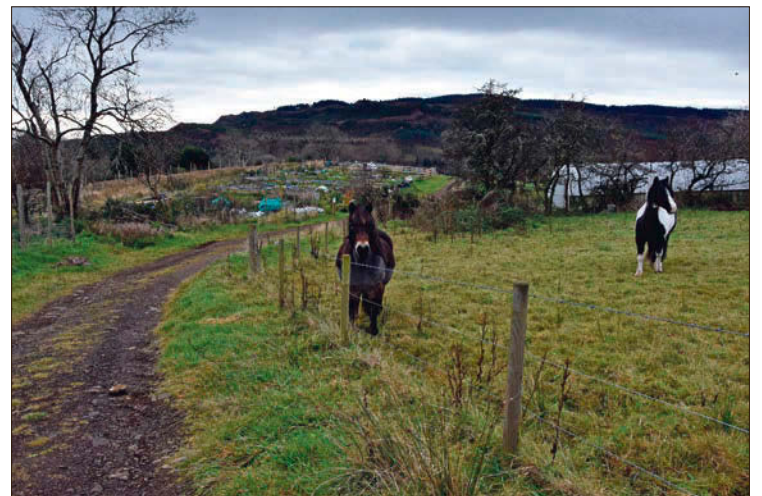
'The trustees held in-depth discussions in order to come to a decision about deer-management and consider that we exercised due diligence in doing this. We considered the feasibility of fencing the entire area but the costs were outwith our budget. We looked again at our primary aims and purpose; these include outdoor-based education and recreation, and the enhancement of biodiversity and carbon capture.

'Our land must be as safe as possible for the adults and children who regularly take part in activities on it. If the land is to be used to grow produce, native woodland and biodiverse plants, these need to be protected from devastation by wild animals.

'We consulted the Scottish Government's Code of Practice on Deer Management (2012) which applies to any land, public or private, where wild deer can be found. This mentions, among other things, the significant risk to public health by direct exposure to deer carrying Lyme's disease-bearing ticks.

'The National Code also encourages co-operation with other landowners and this is taking place; Forestry Scotland is the primary landowner in the south of the island as well as a member of Arran's Deer Management Group.

'We have therefore asked that our acreage be included in their deer



Allotments on the ACLI land. 01\_B47ACLI01

management measures which mean that these will be undertaken in a professional way.

'We understand that some people hold strong views on this subject but

we believe we have taken the only responsible decision to both comply with the Code of Practice and for our continued custodianship of the land.'

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## Here's what people have said online:

'Shocked and appalled to discover that the six trustees of the Arran Community Land Initiative decided to go against the consensus at the annual general meeting in 2018 and sanctioned deer culling on the 80 acres of land without any consultation with members or the wider community.'

'It would be funny if it were not tragic and highly offensive when a trustee said more than once (at the agm) "We don't have a silver bullet". Rude, callous and insensitive just about covers it!'

'Generally they (deer) get culled as there isn't enough food to support artificially high numbers allowed for stalking. They damage rare habitats, SSSIs, crops and forestry. There are no predators anymore. So we are their only predator. Culling and stalking is part of that. But fencing is surely better here? Culling is common in Scotland either by sport or gamekeeper.'

'Another deer shot dead this morning on community land. The shooter had a letter from the ACLI authorising him to cull deer. Why are a select few making decisions that should be made by the wider community?'

'Just found out about the deer culling in the field around my home by the ACLI. Not at all happy about this. I have already learned that deer have been shot and left in agonising distress by people who obviously are not professional. Absolutely disgusted by the trustees actions.'

'Farming and growing is always about working with the land and the wildlife that is appropriate and sensitive.'

'Build fences and leave the deer alone.'

'I thought this was community land and, as such, the community should have been consulted. I am horrified that a deer cull has been sanctioned on my doorstep and am totally opposed to it. It would appear that the easy option is to kill. I was always told that if you don't want animals on your land you should fence them out.'



The communal shed with Arran Whitebeam trees and community land extending beyond. 01\_B47ACLI03



Polytunnels and the fruit orchard on the community land. 01\_B47ACLI02

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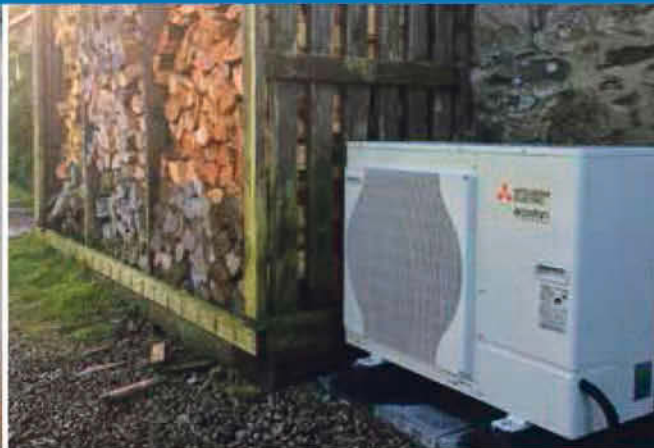
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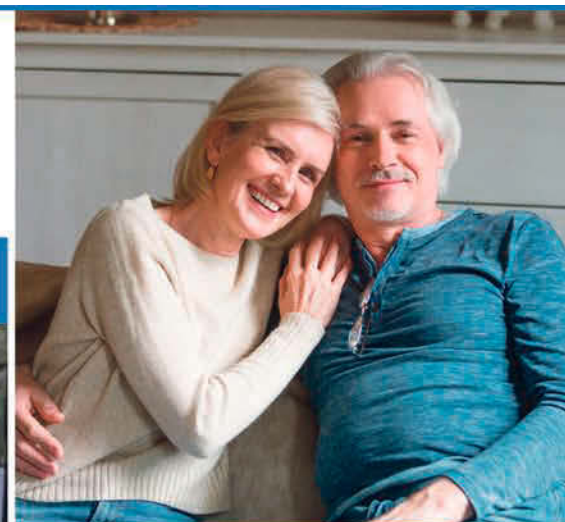
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## Buddies are all set for beach clean

Beach Buddies Arran will be hosting their monthly beach clean tomorrow (Sunday) at Blackwaterfoot beach.

Owing to the weather, which was forecast to be wet and windy, but is now scheduled to be dry and sunny, organisers have decided to go ahead with it.

The clean will be on Sunday between 2pm and 4pm.

Volunteers can meet at the car park adjacent to the golf club car park. All welcome, sensible boots recommended and gloves are compulsory.

Search for Beach Buddies Arran on Facebook for further details, up to date information and future events.

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# David is new manager at Lochranza distillery

Isle of Arran Distillers Ltd has appointed David Livingstone as the new distillery manager at their Lochranza Distillery, with James MacTaggart moving to take on the role of director of production and operations for both Lochranza and Lagg distilleries.

Following a lengthy recruitment process, Mr Livingstone, who is originally from Islay, will be swapping whisky islands and bringing his experience across to Arran this month.

He has previously worked at Laphroaig Distillery, working his way up to assistant manager at the renowned organisation, and has more recently been involved in setting up the production process systems and assisting with the design at Islay's newest distillery, Ardnahoe, which opened earlier this year.

His involvement in the

process gives him the hands-on experience required to oversee day-to-day operations at the Lochranza distillery, which produces approximately 600,000 litres a year, as well as a full grasp of all the necessary regulations that are required in modern whisky production.

### Busy

The appointment comes towards the end of a busy year for the island distillers as they opened Lagg Distillery, their second site on the island producing peated spirit, and launched a new look and packaging re-brand across their core range of Arran single malts.

Mr Livingstone, said: 'It's an especially exciting time to take on this role at such a remarkable whisky company and I'm very proud to be given the opportunity to look after the future of these great spirits.'



Master distiller James MacTaggart welcomes David Livingstone into the company fold.

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'Our range of Arran single malts are loved across the world, and my main priority is to ensure the quality is preserved going forward.'

'Being from the islands myself, I recognise how important distilleries are to island communities and that's something I've always

been passionate about. The Isle of Arran Distillers is proud to continue to operate as an independently owned distillery that has the local people at its core.'

### Delighted

Mr MacTaggart, who has been master distiller at Lochranza since 2007, said:

'As the company continues to grow and develop, it's necessary that we have the best whisky people around us.'

'We're delighted to have David on board for the next part of our journey and know that we can learn plenty from his wealth of knowledge and experience.'

## Webinar on new recycling scheme

Arran residents and island businesses who may have missed the Zero Waste Scotland talk on Arran last month are being given another opportunity to learn about the deposit return scheme through an online webinar.

Discussion on the new scheme which will boost recycling and reduce Scotland's CO2 emissions will allow people to share their views on how they feel it will work on Arran and learn how the legislation may affect them.

Under the scheme, people will pay a 20p deposit when buying drinks purchased in single-use plastic or glass bottles and aluminium or steel cans. People will get their money back when they return their empty container for recycling.

Zero Waste Scotland is especially keen to hear from islands-based drinks producers, retailers, hospitality businesses, and other key stakeholders, such as transport businesses and community organisations.

The questions and views

from the events and gathered through the webinar will feed into the Scottish Government's Islands Impact Assessment. This assessment will make sure that any significant unique impacts on island communities are captured and mitigated against.

Jill Farrell, chief operat-

made a success on Scotland's islands. Scotland's deposit return scheme will deliver fantastic environmental benefits, not least by cutting Scotland's CO2 emissions and reducing the amount of bottles and cans littered in the country. We want to make sure those benefits are felt across the whole country and that the scheme works in every community.

'From logistics and transport, to cash flow and tourism, Scotland's islands will have different needs to the rest of the country. We are looking forward to discussing how we can work together to make sure Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme delivers for everyone.'

The webinar will take place on Monday November 25 from 11am to 12.30pm. Participants are invited to sign up at <https://depositreturnscheme.zerowastescotland.org.uk/live-webinar-scotIslands> and to submit questions in advance to [drsevents@zerowastescotland.org.uk](mailto:drsevents@zerowastescotland.org.uk)



ing officer at Zero Waste Scotland, said: 'This is your chance to help ensure Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme works for the whole of Scotland.'

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# Santa's Sparkle



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In usual Sparkle fashion, Santa will be transported to Arran by the lifeboat and arrive at Lamplash Pier where he will meet this year's Heather Queen Imogen Allison and elves before the parade, starting at 12noon. Santa will then lead the way as they make their way to the high school where Santa will be delighted to receive visits from children in his grotto where good boys and girls will receive a gift. A memento photo of the visit will also be available to order.

The main sports hall will be transformed into a huge marketplace where over 70 contributors will be selling their wares. A number of Arran charities will also be featured at the event, including ArCaS, Eco Savvy, RNLI,

Cats Protection League and Arran House. Activities for people of all ages will be taking place around the school, including many children's crafts, lantern making for the parade, a pocket money toy stall and many fun games such as Hoop the Antlers and Toss the Elf. Traditional tombola's, lucky dips and raffles will be in abundance and two face painters will be on site throughout the afternoon to make everyone look festive. Professional storytelling will also be on offer for those who enjoy a good tale. These will take place in a quiet side room.

Outside there will be a small animal farm thanks to Kirkend Nursery and once the animals have been petted and hands washed,

everyone can make their way to the canteen and café where delicious local produce can be purchased. In the theatre café style tables will be set up for visitors to enjoy a cup of tea or mulled wine and a programme of entertainment, which starts at 12.30pm, will be on offer.

The Arran Soul Choir followed by the junior choir will be sure to enthral spectators. There will also be a performance by Arran's own Ross Cleland who performs as Volcanic Ash

Hula Hoops. Those inspired by the performance can take part in Ross's workshop in the theatre where hoops will be available for those wishing to give them a try.

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itors and participants will join a parade to Lamlash Green, with lanterns in hand, to assemble around the tree where the Arran Brass Band will be playing carols. At 6pm a fireworks display will light up the night sky and conclude a full day of festive fun.

Supporting the community event, organised by Lamlash Events, the following businesses will be among those taking part at Santa's Sparkle, be sure to pop over and say hello.

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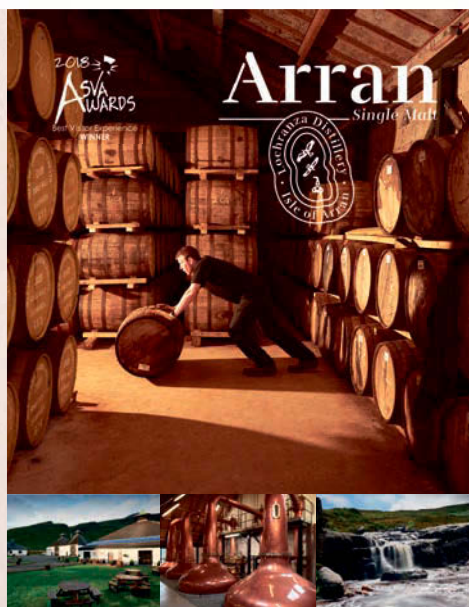
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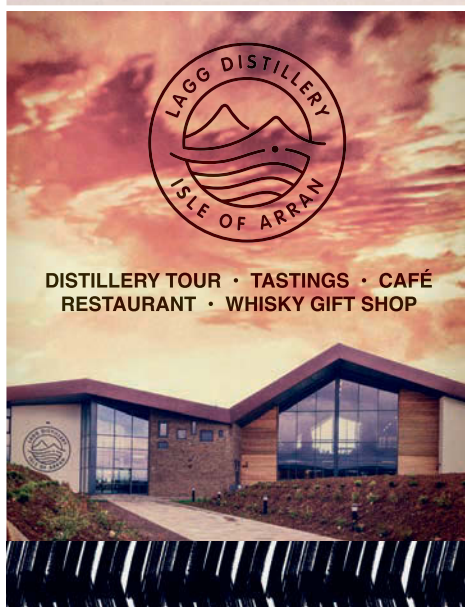
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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

## Christmas at the castle is sure to be fab festive fun

By Colin Smeeton  
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Brodick Castle has gone all out this festive season and will be celebrating with a special holiday event, Christmas at the Castle, in epic and grand style.

Starting from yesterday (Friday), all the way through to Sunday December 22, visitors are invited to experience Brodick Castle as you've never seen it before.

Holiday decorations with music and activities can be found throughout the castle, creating a fantastic Christmas experience for the whole family. Also, as part of their Christmas decorations, several island businesses and organisations are taking part in the event and will be decorating their own tree in various rooms around the castle. Beyond their elaborate Christmas decorations, there will also be a host of several fun activities for visitors to enjoy.

In the drawing room, cherished memories can be created with a Christmas photo backdrop that is ideal for cre-



ating that perfect Christmas family photograph.

There will also be an Elf scavenger hunt where children, and adults, can try to find all the cheeky elves

hiding around the castle.

Continuing with the theme of festive surprise and wonder, a number of special Christmas mystery boxes will stimulate the senses and

Visitors to Brodick Castle can expect a number of fun activities with themed decorations and music.

provide some good-natured family fun. Children can also take advantage of the North Pole postbox where they can write and post their letters directly to Santa.

In addition to these, and other, surprises, the well-loved historical tours will also take on the festive theme with Christmas themed historical tours of the castle that feature stories from the families that have called Brodick Castle their home.

And, what's even better, is that all these activities are included for free with normal admission charges of £9.50/child, £13.50/adult, £35/family – a great way to kick off the holiday season. You can also do some Christmas shopping in the fully stocked gift shop or enjoy some special festive treats in the Woodland Café. There's no need to book in advance, you can just turn up on the day.

## Lotto ticket gives free entry to Brodick

Brodick Castle is offering free entry to National Lottery players from today (Saturday) to Sunday December 1, to say #ThanksToYou for 25 years of support.

For one week, visitors can explore the island's castle for free by showing any National Lottery ticket, past or present.



Dr Jared Bowers, operations manager at Brodick Castle, said: 'We're looking forward to welcoming National Lottery players for free at Brodick Castle to

celebrate 25 years of lottery good causes. Thanks to the players and National Lottery funding, some of Scotland's most significant historical sites have been preserved and developed for generations to come.

'As a charity, the funding is crucial in helping the National Trust for Scotland continue educating, inform-

ing and entertaining visitors from across the globe with tales of Scotland's rich culture and heritage.'

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# ARRAN ART TRAIL

## Call for more Arran artists

Following another successful 12 months of the year-round Arran Art Trail, the organisers are appealing for any artists, photographers or crafts people who are interested in joining the trail next year to contact them as soon as possible.

The aim of the trail is to promote Arran's arts and crafts all year-round and to enhance the annual Open Studios weekend which takes place in August each year. The feedback from visitors to the island has been extremely positive and the organisers, and featured artists, look forward to welcoming more visitors to their studios next year as the initiative gains even more momentum.

The very successful Arran Open Studios event, offering many more studios to visit, will run from Friday August 14 to Monday August 17, next year.

To be included in the promotion material and to finalise plans, interested parties are encouraged to email [arranarttrail@gmail.com](mailto:arranarttrail@gmail.com) or telephone Ann Hume on 07975 589432 or Angela Elliott Walker on 01770 303906 for more details. Please get in touch before Friday November 29.



Marty Ross.

# Marty returns to spin a tale for Eco Savvy fundraiser

After his well-received Hallowe'en show *The Haunted Ships*, Arran-based storyteller Marty Ross returns to Whiting Bay village hall to present another of his vividly theatrical storytelling performances, this time as a fundraiser for Whiting Bay's Eco Savvy shop.

The *Storm Bride* has an appropriately ecological theme, a fairytale for our endangered planet, using classic folkloric motifs in a very contemporary context. An oil magnate thinks he's discovered a new cheap energy source in a Scottish valley – and to heck with the carbon footprint. But ecological disaster ensues and,

like many a fairytale father, he finds the forces he has wronged demanding restitution by way of the hand of his daughter in marriage.

The performance features a musical accompaniment from Arran's four-piece percussion ensemble, *Druma Daiko*, and is billed as being a thrilling evening of theatre, and all for a good cause.

The *Storm Bride* Eco Savvy fundraiser will take place on Wednesday December 4, at 7pm at Whiting Bay village hall. Tickets cost £8/£6 and all proceeds will go to the Eco Savvy shop fund which is to be used for storage solutions.

## Art in Mind display at the distillery

Art in Mind members are delighted to be showcasing some of their work in the Lochranza distillery until early in the new year.

Organiser Jan McGregor said: 'We are very grateful to the distillery for hosting this exhibition, and invite all our many supporters to visit the distillery to see the work on display.'

### Happier

'Of course the more sales we make, the happier we will be, not just because selling a painting you have created is an amazing feeling, but because a percentage of the money will go to keeping Art in Mind going.'

'Art in Mind is a weekly arts project that has been going for 15 years now, offering a safe creative and welcoming space for people experiencing mental health problems and social isolation or just looking for companionship through art. It is supported by volunteers and local people, to whom we say a big thank you.'



Some of the Art in Mind group who have their work on display at the distillery. 01\_B47art01

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# Green cleaning company wins sustainability award

ENJO, which specialises in natural cleaning products, has been named as the winner of the sustainability award at the 2019 UK Direct Selling Awards.

The company has a very strong Scottish customer base, especially on Arran, who have been early adopters of ENJO's environmentally friendly and sustainable household and skincare products.

The national awards are hosted by the Direct Selling Association (DSA), the industry body for direct-to-consumer retail. The awards recognise the best individuals, teams and companies in the industry.

The sustainability award is given to the company best demonstrating people, projects, products and organisations that together are redefining what it means to be a sustainable business.

ENJO UK submitted an award entry which demonstrated its commitment to sustainability, recycling and re-using, alongside showcasing its chemical-free cleaning products that aim to reduce plastic waste and chemical residues in waterways. It focuses on sustainability in the following ways:

ENJO products only need water to clean healthily and efficiently, meaning no harmful chemicals are washed down the drain, which can potentially mean for every household, 50l less chemicals are used in three years.

Once ENJO products are past their best, they can be returned to the company, who will have them professionally recycled. They are made into insulation material, filling material for car seats and upholstery or sheets uses in agriculture.

ENJO's skin care range

means there is no need for disposable wipes and cotton pads in your daily routine. Additionally, less skincare products are needed, which reduces disposable packaging overall.

Susannah Schofield OBE, director general of the Direct Selling Association, who led the judging, said: 'ENJO's commitment to its environmental principles are impressive, from the ethos that underpins its product range, right through to the green electricity that is used to manufacture these products. ENJO is a worthy winner of the sustainability award, and I am delighted to offer my congratulations.'

Simon and Linette Isaacs are the founding directors of ENJO UK. Linette said: 'Simon and I were incredibly proud and humbled to win the DSA's sustainability Award. The competition



Linette Isaacs, founding director of ENJO UK, with the DSA sustainability award.

was stiff on the day so we were blown away to win. Being a sustainable business is absolutely at the core of everything we do, so for this to be recognised nationally within our industry was amazing.

'We strive constantly to ensure we are taking steps to improve and minimise our impact on the environment through both our manufacturing processes but also by introducing as many people as possible in the UK to our healthier cleaning solution using our innovative fibre technology which works using just water.'

## Award for CalMac service updates team

CalMac's service updates team has been crowned team of the year by the Contact Centre Association for the quality of their customer care.

The ferry and harbour operator beat off competition from major international brands such as Vodaphone and Sky to pick up the prestigious UK Excellence Award in the Telco, Utilities, Retail and Leisure category.

The team is responsible for delivering consistent and clear messaging to customers and stakeholders in times of disruption.

'They are the voice of the company when disruption occurs. Their job of keeping our customers up to date with what's happening is essential if they are to get to where they're going with the minimal of fuss,' said CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond.

'The pressure on the team during times of disruption, for reasons more often than not outwith our control, is intense. Customers

rightly need to know what's going on and having staff who can keep calm under stress can do a lot to determine whether a customer's experience is a good one or not.

'The five-strong team operates 24/7, 365 days a year, monitoring more than 160,000 sailings for potential disruption, as well as other transport operators for events that may impact ferry services.

'Over the course of last year they published 13,513 social media posts and responded to more than 45,000 messages and emails.'

Judges were particularly impressed by the commitment to communicate disruption to customers within eight minutes of being alerted, and their innovative use of social media growing a following of just 1,500 to more than 18,000 in just three years.

It was also highlighted that the team received more than 500 notes of appreciation from grateful customers over the past year.



The successful CalMac team pick up their award.

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# Arran duo pick up climate hero awards

Gerard Tattersfield and Gregor McKelvie both won Climate Hero awards for their outstanding voluntary support of Eco Savvy's Sustainable Island Life Project.

They picked up their awards at the Scottish Government Climate Challenge Fund annual gathering held recently at Edinburgh's Dynamic Earth where environment secretary Roseanna Cunningham was the keynote speaker.

Arran Eco Savvy project manager Jude King and energy auditor Charlotte Mann were invited to speak at the gathering and gave a presentation on energy efficiency and the Arran Eco Savvy Energy Challenge Project and the mini-movement of domestic renewables in the Arran community.

Gregor received his award for his loyal support of the Co-op food share initiative. He has been the key volunteer for Brodick food share and has been integral in diverting a total of one tonne of surplus Co-op food from landfill.

He said: 'The overwhelming outcome is that everyone – whether they come to the Food Share or just in conversation – is very keen to reduce waste. Food waste and packaging are the two biggest frustrations for people. The Eco Savvy and food bank food share has certainly increased awareness of the issues for me personally and the people attending the food share and the island as a whole.'

Gerard received the award for his support for the sustainable travel and transport strand of the project where he

helped set up the Arran eBike scheme which has proved to be popular with 80 residents taking part in the trials to minimise and eliminate car dependency and use.

In addition to receiving the award, Gerard was also invited to take part in an informal chat show-style discussion where he spoke about his appreciation of eBikes.

Gerard told the audience: 'My whole life has been about cycling so I'm enthusiastic about it but I'm really enthusiastic about eBikes too. People look at me a bit strangely when a cyclist gets enthusiastic about electric bikes but the more I get involved with them, the more I realise it's the future.'

'Being able to enthuse about something that everyone else can actually use is something I enjoy and I don't see it as work or volunteering. I see it as inspiring people about riding bikes, and being able to do this with a nice new fleet of electric bikes that Arran Eco Savvy managed to get through the funding is fantastic. Enthusiasm really is the most important aspect, as well as a bit of knowledge and experience on how to set it up but as soon as people go up the first hill on an eBike, they smile!'

Jude said after the event: 'All in all, it was an exciting but



Gerard Tattersfield, left, is pictured with other recipients of the Climate Hero awards and with environment secretary Roseanna Cunningham, centre.



Jude King addresses the audience and explains some detail about the Arran Eco Savvy Energy Challenge Project.

somewhat daunting event for us to be a part of.

'There is so much being done by individuals, community groups and organisations across Scotland, but so much more that needs to be done if we acknowledge the stark reality of the climate crisis; what it could mean for us if we don't act, and the devastating meaning it already has in areas experiencing extreme climate impacts across the world.'

'We are doing what we can here on Arran at a community level, but many agree government action, legislation and policy needs to be reflective of the climate crisis declared not so long ago.'



Eco Savvy's Jude King and Charlotte Mann engage in a discussion during the Scottish Government Climate Challenge Fund gathering.



Talking about his love of cycling, Gerard Tattersfield took part in a discussion with a panel of like minded people.

## Arran Bridge Club results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club competitions for the months of October and November so far are: Monday October 21, aggregate six tables. N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 Gege and Sue Thurogood. E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan, 3 Fiona Henderson and Maureen Cummings.

Thursday October 24, aggregate six tables. N/S 1 Margaret and Dougie Bruce, 2 Fiona and David Henderson, 3 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton. E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan, 3 Ellie Jones and Sue Thurogood.

Monday October 28, aggregate 6 1/2 tables. N/S 1 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Jan and John Beattie. E/W 1 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Maureen Cummings and Fiona Henderson.

Thursday October 31, Boyd Trophy Round 1, 5 tables. 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone, 4 Margaret Macgill and Jim Peacock.

Monday November 4, aggregate six tables. N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2



Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough. E/W 1 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Margaret Macgill and Elizabeth McKellar.

Thursday November 7, aggregate 4 1/2 tables. N/S 1 David and Fiona Henderson, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Maureen Cummings, 3 Alison Bilsland and Jennifer Wales. E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Dougie Bruce and Jim Peacock, 3 Tricia Martin and Jane Davidson.

Monday November 11, match points 6 1/2 tables. 1 Jennifer McArthur and Alison Bilsland, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 4 Maureen Cummings and Fiona Henderson.

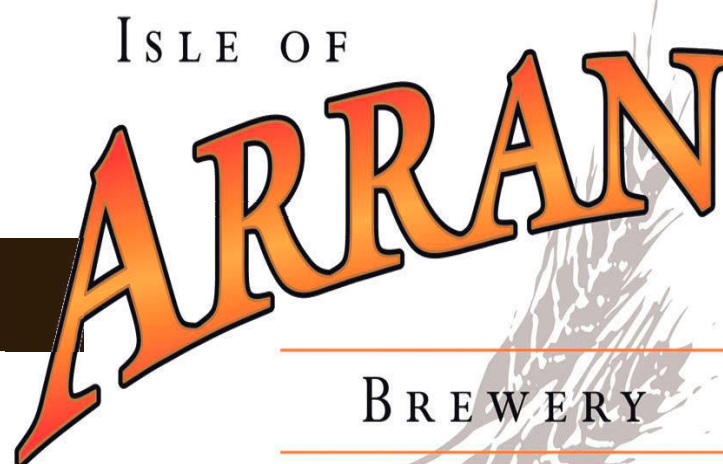


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Loch Garbad, bank fishing  
Lochranza, 9am - 5pm  
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Flow Yoga  
Christmas at The Castle  
RNLI shop open  
Santa's Sparkle  
Family games  
Gym induction  
Fun in the pool  
Live music – Mike Edwards  
Live music – Earthbound  
Live music – Anna Sweeney  
Over-21s disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am  
Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am - 4pm  
Lamlash High School, 11.30am - 4pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, noon  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

## Sunday 24th November

Christmas at The Castle  
Live music – Mike Edwards  
Family games  
Gym induction  
Fun in the pool  
Live music – Audioclass, acoustic  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Eco Savvy Food Share  
Folk music session

Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am - 4pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm - 6pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Shiskine Hall, Shiskine, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Monday 25th November

Morning fitness  
Christmas at The Castle  
JogScotland mixed ability running group  
Savvy Travel film social  
Circuit training  
Junior rugby (P3-P7)  
Junior rugby (S1-S6)  
Rink games  
Rink bowls  
Winter bridge, visitors welcome, [www.arranbridgeweb](http://www.arranbridgeweb)  
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s  
Live music – Mike Bailey

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am  
Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am - 4pm  
Whiting Bay, 5.30pm  
Home Farm, Brodick, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm  
Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm  
Ormidale Park, Brodick, 7pm - 8pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.15pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm

## Tuesday 26th November

Body Blitz (booking essential)  
Christmas at The Castle  
Healthy Outdoors Team  
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries  
Chess morning  
Rink bowls  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)  
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group  
Steak night – two ribeye steaks and bottle of wine  
Gym induction  
The 1st Shiskine Rainbows and Brownies  
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs)  
Mini Kickers 3-5yrs (preschool)

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am - 4pm  
Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Home House House, Brodick, 10am - 3pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am  
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Shiskine Hall, 5.30pm - 6.45pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm  
KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 6.45pm

Junior football, P4 -P6s  
Scottish country dancing  
Flow Yoga  
Eco Savvy Food Share  
Trev's pop music quiz  
Traditional music sessions

KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6.45pm - 7.45pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Corrie Hall, 6pm  
Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm  
Brodick Bar, 9pm

## Wednesday 27th November

Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Brodick Gardens Volunteers  
Christmas at The Castle  
Kilmory Toddlers  
Coffee morning in aid of World Vision  
Arran Heritage Museum  
Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
Chair yoga exercise class  
Knit and Blether  
Arran Pace Makers Running Group  
Flow Yoga  
Tae Kwon Do juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 9pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Live music – Fatman & the Angel  
Pub quiz  
Rock'n'pop bingo

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm  
Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am - 4pm  
Kilmory Hall, 10am - 12 noon  
Brodick Church, 10.30am - 12noon  
Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm  
St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am  
Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 2pm - 4pm  
Brodick, 5.30pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Thursday 28th November

Morning fitness  
Christmas at The Castle  
Chair yoga exercise class  
Chess morning  
Arran Heritage Museum  
Music Matters  
Arran Youth Soul Choir  
Arran Soul Choir  
Winter bridge, visitors welcome, [www.arranbridgeweb](http://www.arranbridgeweb)  
Body Blitz (booking essential)  
Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +)  
Brodick Embroidery Group  
Eco Savvy Food Share  
Eco Savvy Food Share  
Tommy's general knowledge quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am  
Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am - 4pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am  
Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm  
Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm  
Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm  
Little Rock Cafe, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm  
Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Friday 29th November

Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Christmas at The Castle  
ACLI – Friday Garden Club  
Arran Heritage Museum  
Gym induction  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Tae Kwon Do advanced kids 6.30-7.30pm advanced juniors and adults AHS, 7.30pm - 9pm  
Live music – Tim Pomeroy  
Friday night quiz  
Eco Savvy Food Share

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am - 4pm  
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm  
Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm  
Octopus Centre, COAST, Lamlash, 9pm

## Saturday 30th November

Flow Yoga  
Christmas at The Castle  
RNLI shop open  
Santa's Sparkle  
Family games  
Gym induction  
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Brodick Castle and Country Gardens, 10am - 4pm  
Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 12 noon  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm  
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
The Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm - 11pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm



# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday November 27, 1999

## Brodick reclamation

Brodick green, which was a coup until the 50s, has been sinking. Now an arrangement has been made with Farrans, the contractor putting down the new water pipeline.

They have loads of subsoil to dispose of and have agreed to remove the topsoil, unload their subsoil and then cover it over again. North Ayrshire Council have agreed to reseed it in the spring. The extent of the reclamation will depend on the amount of subsoil to be disposed of.

A beneficial project first mooted by the Brodick Improvements Committee, but not everyone is pleased. Jay Ferguson, who looks after the public loos, is astonished that it is being done at this time and points out it is rapidly becoming a quagmire. 'My toilets are already covered in mud,' he says.

## Travelling bank

The Royal Bank have upgraded their travelling bank this week which has been in operation since 1963.

In fact, travelling banking began even earlier than that. In 1904, the Royal Bank's Ardrossan branch made regular visits to Arran. In these days, and through the First World War, bank-

ing was done in a number of unusual places including a boot merchant's back shop and even on occasion at the roadside.

Then, in 1924, they opened their first branch in Brodick in the premises that they still occupy. Built for £4,000, the bank had only agreed to move to Arran if 50 people could be found to be its first customers. Soon after, the Brodick bank opened the Royal Bank bought Stronbuy in Whiting Bay and opened it as another branch. Later in 1938, a further bank was opened in Lochranza.

Now, only the Brodick branch remains, the Whiting Bay branch having closed in 1991 after a fire. The mobile bank has driven around the island for 36 years now and, with its new vehicle, will continue to take banking to the people.

## No waiting

After talks for more than 10 years, North Ayrshire Council finally has a new proposal for parking restrictions which looks certain to go through.

The waiting restrictions are in two places, at the pier and around the Post Office. Consultations are currently under way and will be used to 'finalise proposals prior to promoting a Traffic Regulation Order'.



Sergeant Jim Weir and Constable Colin Bamber are appealing for Arran residents to claim their lost property. A total of 13 bicycles have been handed in over the summer months and are still unclaimed by their owners. 01\_B47twe01



Whiting Bay Bowling Club prize-winners with a magnificent display of silverware. 01\_B47twe04



A familiar face in his travelling shop for more than 21 years, Robin Cook, who drove around Southend and Shiskine in what was known locally as Finlay Cook's Van, will be moving off-island with his wife Helen after 31 years in the wholesale and grocery business on Arran. 01\_B47twe02



The new bank van on the shorefront at Brodick. Those who staff her are, left to right, Alice Anderson, Moira MacAlister, Susan Murchie, Moira Chambers and Alison McNicol with driver Alan Winship. 01\_B47twe05



Lamlash Bowling and Tennis Club 1999 prize-winners. 01\_B47twe03



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North Ayrshire  
and Arran Constituency  
Wednesday 27th November 2019  
7.30pm  
Brodict Hall

Arran Community and Voluntary Service  
are hosting a Hustings, which will be  
a chance for the public to meet the  
candidates and question them on issues  
that concern them!

### Horticultural AGM

on Saturday 23rd November  
at 2pm in the Library.

Planning for 2020  
will be the main theme.

*All welcome.*

### Arran Riding Club AGM

Lamlash Fire Station  
Wednesday 4th December 2019  
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### 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 24th November**  
Pirnmill and Lochranza Churches together, 10.15 am. Morning Worship at Pirnmill 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 24th November**  
Worship will be conducted by Mrs Sharon MacLeod, Reader of the Church of Scotland, at 10.30am.  
All welcome.  
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.  
The Church Christmas Card, to be sent to all members, will be available to be signed, and all proceeds will go to the Glasgow City Mission.

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 24th November**  
Christ the King  
Sung Eucharist at 11 am.  
Rev Canon Simon Mackenzie  
Coffee after service  
Everyone is welcome

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 24th November**  
Morning Service at 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service at 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
All welcome

**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 24th November**  
Mrs Aileen Brookens  
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 24th November**  
Sunday Worship at 11am  
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Left of the Douglas Hotel, opposite the ferry terminal.  
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Everyone Warmly Invited.

### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 24th November**  
Service at 11am  
Ormidale Pavilion  
Tea and coffee after the service  
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.  
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### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 24th November**  
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick at 6pm  
Services will be taken by Dr Graham Keith

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday 24th November**  
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

## DEATH

**BORLAND - Mary**  
Mary passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday 15th November 2019 aged 91 years, formally of 'Greystones', Brodick. Beloved Wife of the late Bill, much loved Mum of Patricia, Jim and Kenneth and mother-in-law of Fiona and Susan, proud granny and great granny, will be sadly missed. The funeral service will take place at Masonhill Crematorium on Friday 29th November at 12noon. Family flowers only please.



### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday November 17, friendly v Lamlash. Another glorious morning for the first of this season's Lamlash friendlies saw the visitors take the honours both in the inter club match, by 2-1, and the individual Stableford where Derek Harrison pipped Jamie Macpherson with a better inward half and a score of 33 points. 1 Derek Harrison 23, 33pts BIH, 2 Jamie Macpherson 5, 33, 3 Douglas Auld 20, 32, 4 John Pennycott 14, 31. As usual a great fun day and nice to get together with our Lamlash pals. Congratulations to them.

Monday November 18, WOBOT Sweep at Shiskine Golf Club. For the second annual WOBOT Sweep, nine players travelled to Shiskine only to find a hard overnight frost had delayed the opening

## DEATH

**McCRONE - Audrey**  
Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Saturday, 16th November 2019. Audrey, beloved wife of Bob, much loved mum to Fiona and Norman, granny to Alex and Rory and great granny to Beth. Sadly missed and loved by all the family.  
Funeral Private.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**ROBERTSON - John**  
Wilma and family would like to convey their deepest thanks for all the support and messages of condolences received during their sad bereavement. A special thank you to all the medical staff on the island who cared for John and to the wonderful Carers who made life that little bit easier. The Ayrshire Hospice Respite Team for all their care and support. Thank you to the Rev Angus Adamson for carrying out the funeral service and to Robert for his personal Eulogy. Thank you to Clair and David Hendry for the funeral arrangements. A donation of £2000.00 was collected on the day for MND Scotland, much appreciated.

**SILLARS - Irene**  
Shona, Lindsey and family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends who attended their mum's funeral. Your kindness and support following their recent sad loss is greatly appreciated. Grateful thanks to Liz Clarke for her comfortable service.

of the course. This posed no problem, though, and allowed us the luxury of a leisurely cup of coffee and some impulse buying in Dougie's pro shop (some end of season deals on there incidentally - well worth dropping in).

Thereafter we enjoyed a beautiful morning's golf (paradoxically in shirt sleeve weather) followed by a lunch in the Clubhouse Grill - superb! Pipping husband David with a better last six-hole score the winner was Lynda Blair with a score of 26 Stableford points. Result: 1 Lynda Blair 160, 26pts BIH, 2 David Blair 10, 26, 3 Wolfi Kroner 10, 24. Finally, a big thank you from all who travelled to Stan Rainey who, to celebrate his recent birthday, insisted on treating us all to our lunch, a very generous and much appreciated gesture. And it's great to know that Stan's birthday will coincide with the next WOBOT trip in November 2020. It's win, win!

Fixtures: Sunday November 24, medal, one draw at 10am.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday November 14, ladies' 12-hole medal. Silver:



The Whiting Bay Golf Club WOBOT group after their round at Shiskine Golf Club.

1 and scratch, Ann May 51-4=47, 2 Sheila Gray 59-10=49 BIH, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 62-13=49. Bronze: 1 Fiona Scott 70-16=54, 2 Esther Henderson 74-18=56, 3 Sally Brookes 73-14=59.

Sunday November 17, Missionaries v Natives played

for the Jim Allison Trophy. An excellent day, played in great spirit with lots of laughs and a good fun time was had by the 25 participants. Good to see a couple of young lads there joining in, Rory Currie and Ross Traill. The winners were the Missionaries. Nearest pin at 4th, Alan Stewart, at 10th Willie Kelso, but not wasted on either as they bought a round for the rest!

### Brodick Golf Club

Sunday November 17, Winter Cup Stableford, 20 played, CSS 36 points. 1 Matt Keir 6, 37pts, 2 Terry Raeside 12, 36pts, 3 Bob McCrae 8, 35pts, ACB.

Fixture: Sunday November 24, Winter Cup Stableford, 9am and noon.

### Corrie Golf Club

Monday November 18, Monday Cup. 1 A Smith 68-12=56, 2 R I McMillan 74-17=57. Magic twos, A Smith, R I McMillan, L Hartley and R Burke.

Fixtures: Saturday November 23, Sweep, ballots at 9am and 1pm. Monday November 25, Monday Cup, ballot at noon.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday November 19, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 John Pennycott 36pts, 2 Phil Betley 32pts, 3 Ron Woods 31pts, BIH, Magic twos, Campbell Laing.

Fixtures: Tuesday November 26, Winter Cup, tee off noon.

### Arran Golfers' Association

Fixture: Sunday December 1, Winter League (Duncan Trophy) at Corrie Golf Club. Tee times at 8.30am, 9.20am and 11.50am. Corrie v Shiskine, 8.30am tee off, Machrie Bay v Lamlash, 9.20am tee off, Whiting Bay v Brodick, 11.50am tee off.



Colin Allison presenting the captain of the Missionaries, Gordon Stewart, the Jim Allison Trophy. The captain of the Natives, Willie Kelso, looks on.

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# Mistakes cost Arran West



Ryan Armstrong avoids a lunging tackle. 01\_B47bells06

Isle of Arran	2
Bellshill United	3
West of Scotland Cup	

Arran are out of the West of Scotland Cup after a home defeat to a good Bellshill team last Sunday.

Bellshill got off to a flying start, scoring two early goals before the home side really got going.

Arran got back into the game with a fine goal from Johnny Sloss and, in an even match, the scoreline stayed at 2-1 till half-time.

The second half was also an even contest and the spectators on the sidelines

were entertained with some good football from both sides. Ryan Armstrong got a second for Arran but Bellshill also scored and ran out the narrow winners.

A club spokesman said: 'Not the result we wanted. Unfortunately, a couple mistakes cost us today but credit to Bellshill – they came and played well. Good luck in next round. Thanks to the Arran fans who came out and supported us.'

Arran are back on league duties this weekend with an away game against Dalry Tartan. Kick off is at noon tomorrow (Sunday) at Putyan Park, Dalry.



Arran come so close with a header from a corner. 01\_B47bells10



Ryan Armstrong jumps out of the way of his own player, Donald Park, winning the ball. 01\_B47bells07



Johnny Sloss gets some close attention from a defender. 01\_B47bells12



Donald Park in control in midfield. 01\_B47bells05



Sean Higgins brings the ball out of defence. 01\_B47bells04



Arran defend a free kick which was well saved by the keeper. 01\_B47bells08



Arran are thwarted by a superb diving save from the Bellshill keeper. 01\_B47bells11



A Bellshill player makes a flying headed clearance. 01\_B47bells01



# of Scotland Cup defeat



John Drummond chases down a Bellshill attacker. 01\_B47bells03. All photographs: Hugh Boag



A touchline tussle for the ball. 01\_B47bells09



Archie McNicol bearing down on the Bellshill goal. 01\_B47bells02

## Arran Ladies in the wars in bruising encounter at Uni

Strathclyde Uni 2s	1
Arran Ladies	4
West Division 3	

Arran Ladies travelled with a full complement of 11 players and a substitute on the first boat on Saturday morning to meet up with the young ladies from Strathclyde University, in Glasgow, for what proved to be a physical and bruising game for many of the players.

Team captain Elyse Aitken had goalkeeper Ali McKie, Ellie Wood, Faith McKelvie and the multi-position player, Mia Walker with her in defence. Hannah McCartney, Bella Reid, Annie McKelvie and Megan McNicol – still playing for her home team although at university herself now – all covered midfield

and Cerys Herapath and Judith Ross joined Lorraine Hewie on the team's forward attacking line.

Returning home, the remaining founding member of the team, Lorraine Hewie, summed up the performance by saying: 'Such a feel-good game. Never really felt that we were going to win comfortably but we did,

'Well done, Ellie, fantastic defence and then covering top of the D short corners, both of which resulted in goals – first one was mine and the second short corner and final goal of the game to Ellie herself.

'Captain Elyse came back to play after a ball to the head and played a blinder. Faith, steadfast and strong throughout as sweeper. Mia, you did the job in defence

today, fabulous play. Judith, so good to see you back on the pitch, strong runs, passes and post play to boot resulting in the equalising goal in the first half. Megan you covered centre mid brilliantly. Cerys, wonderful work on the left wing, decisive passing and attacking forward. Hannah, what can I say? Great calm, controlled play and a goal to boot to take us into the lead in the second half. Annie and Isabella, both made space, chased balls and battled through.

'Cannot not mention ninja Ali, broken rib and all, well deserved dame of the game and, finally, Pauline Reid, well balanced and clean, clear headed umpiring today. You are super and the whole team appreciate that you sacrifice

playing games to umpire for us.

'Walked away today feeling like this is what playing hockey is all about.'

A club spokeswoman said: 'The only person not mentioned for her play was Lorraine herself, so a few words to say how much she encouraged all her teammates from her high position on the pitch, giving helpful directional play and congratulations for great play.

'Constantly moving and giving the midfielders someone to pass to, looking for opportunities to use the forwards in a better position to score than herself, making strong and accurate passes so they could continue to pressure the Strathclyde defence.

'She also recovered to play

again when she also took a blow to the head that saw her legs collapse and her team watched her fall to the ground. This came from a back swinging stick, which the defender who did not see Lorraine coming towards her, struck her with.

'Completely unintentional, but that didn't stop it making Lorraine see stars. Such was the spirit of the game, that the defender never left her side, until she was completely convinced Lorraine was OK to play on.

'Well done and many thanks to you all. You all helped contribute to what was one of the best hockey days we have had.'

Having started the game early to help the Arran Ladies catch the 3.15pm ferry home

rather than the 6pm, the Strathclyde Uni ladies had packed teas ready to go at the end of the game. So jumping on the Coast to Coast bus, Bobby the driver put his foot down and delivered the team to the ferry with less than 10 minutes to spare.

The next game will take place on Saturday December 7 at home to the GHK Ladies 4s. However, training will continue on Thursday nights at the Ormidale astro turf pitch from 7pm. Anyone wishing to come along will be made very welcome.

The club have plenty of spare sticks and shinguards so visitors have no need for anything other than trainers and warm clothing. The team look forward to seeing new, and some old faces, there.



Mistakes cost Arran West of Scotland Cup defeat

Arran Ladies in the wars in bruising encounter at Uni

# Taekwondo champions home with medal haul

A Taekwondo team from Arran brought back an amazing haul of 11 medals in their first appearance at the ITF Union Open World Championships held recently in Sardinia.

And Dariusz Gwizdowski is now both world champion and European champion after winning gold in the individual special techniques discipline, improving on the European championship he won last year. He also won gold in the men's team power event.

Joining him in the three-strong Arran team were his son Patryk and Cathy Welch, who helped secure the medal haul from both individual and Elite team events as part of the 35-strong Scotland squad.

Arran coach John Divine, who missed the championships due to a family illness, said: 'To have three competitors from the tiny island of Arran at the world championships, which are truly international, is quite remarkable.'

'I can say how delighted I am with their success and they have really put the island on the map.'

Cathy Welch, who helped Scotland win gold in the ladies' team power event, said on social media: 'I can't believe what I am coming home with - amazing experiences, friends and memories. It was a dream come true.'

Arran Taekwondo holds various classes three times a week in Brodick and Lamlash. See What's On for times and details.



Cathy Welch, centre, with the gold-winning Scotland ladies' power team.



Arran medal winners, left to right, Dariusz Gwizdowski, Patryk Gwizdowski and Cathy Welch.



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