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Brodick Nursery has been given a stay of execution

by Hugh Boag
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Brodick Nursery is to stay open for another year while they try to find a solution to their chronic accommodation plight.

The staff, who face losing their jobs, have agreed a 12 month stay of execution and from August they hope offer the full 1,140 hours child care in morning and afternoon classes in Brodick Hall, if agreed by the hall committee.

But the serious threat of closure still hangs over the village nursery, as highlighted by the Banner last month.

On Wednesday night a public meeting was held to discuss the future of the nursery and gauge the support of parents who may use the service in the future as well as the wider public in evaluating the use of community space.

The nursery is privately run by a parent committee, and Brodick Hall is struggling to meet the needs of the nursery which, in line with Scottish Government policy, wishes to increase its hours to 1,140 from August for all three and

four-year-olds and eligible two-year-olds.

The news comes as North Ayrshire Council opens registration for parents with children due to start nursery in August, with the council warning that any parent who registers after the deadline may miss out on their preferred provider, see separate story on page 2.

While the nursery currently has 18 children, a potential intake of an additional 20 to 25 ante and pre-school children is expected across the island in August.

Nursery committee chairwoman Jenny Duncan told the Banner that while the nursery would remain open for one year, they could give no commitment beyond that date.

She also said the committee had exhausted all options to find suitable alternative accommodation and what they needed was the continued use of shared community space.

She said: 'We do not yet have continuous access to the hall from Monday to Friday. This is something that seems to

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Funds boost for elderly forum



The elderly forum receives a giant cheque for £250 outside the Inverclyde Co-op from manager Liz McLean and Douglas Hamilton. The members are Mairi Christie, George Christie, chairman David Napier, treasurer Alison Burnett and founder member Jessie Clark. 01_805elderly01

The Arran Elderly Forum has received a big boost to its funds thanks to the Inverclyde Co-op in Brodick.

In the shop's first community donation of the year, it has gifted £250 to the elderly forum to promote its work.

Arran Elderly Forum chairman David Napier said the money would be used to further the campaigns of the organisation which include social care, care in the community, transport, medical issues and communications as

well as helping with access to available help.

The forum meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Ormidale Pavilion from 10.30am for tea, or coffee prior to the 11am start.

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Chronic accommodation problem for island nursery

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have been quoted several times by North Ayrshire officials but it is not the case. We will also be further exploring the possibility of using some of the library space.'

The possibility of renting a room at Brodick Primary School has also been considered, but this, the council say, would require further building works.

Jenny said any new-build accommodation would cost upwards of £250,000 which they could not afford without outside commercial support. She also questioned whether any of the parents would have the time or the inclination to get involved in such a huge project.

The nursery met again earlier this month with North Ayrshire Council but the talks have not been particularly productive. A request for an

official to attend Wednesday night's meeting was turned down.

Caroline Amos, head of service (education) at North Ayrshire Council, told Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson: 'I would firstly like to reassure you that Brodick Nursery can continue to provide 600 hours of early learning and childcare as at present and will be able to deliver 1,140 hours from August 2020, from their current accommodation in Brodick Hall.

'While there is room for development of the current premises and the plans for this are currently being scoped, there is no pressing need for this work to be completed by August 2020.

'NAC is currently in partnership with 17 funded providers of early learning and childcare. Of these, four operate within the third sec-



Parents express their concerns at a packed nursery meeting in Brodick Hall this week.

tor and are run by volunteer boards of directors. They are: Brodick Nursery, Village Nursery, West Kilbride; Douglas Park Nursery, Largs; and Playtime Nursery, Dalry.

NAC's commitment to the capital requirements of funded providers has been to support them to develop their capital plans, by the provision of architectural and quantity surveyor time to scope a fully costed design that meets their brief and requirements. The council will also support the nurseries with business planning and support to secure the required finance for the works.

'Finally, there is more than enough capacity in early years

establishments on Arran. Total capacity in NAC establishments across the island is 96 places. Current uptake is 36 children. In addition, Brodick Nursery has capacity for 24 children with a current uptake of 18.

'Please be assured that we will be working with the manager and the committee to ensure that the high quality is service continued in Brodick Nursery.'

Arran councillor Timothy Billings said: 'Brodick

Nursery has provided its invaluable service to the children of Brodick for many years. However, the increase in provision due to start in August 2020 has brought up a number of issues that could affect the future of the nursery.

'I have had a number of discussions with council officials and been assured that they will continue to work with Brodick Nursery to find a way forward.

'I am aware that there is still work under way which is looking at various options for the long-term location of the nursery. I can appreciate that this uncertainty is causing considerable anxiety for both the nursery managers and parents.

'Other community nurseries in North Ayrshire have had similar issues that have been satisfactorily resolved. Whilst this is a very difficult time for the nursery, I trust that with North Ayrshire Council's assistance, resolution can be found that will give the nursery the stability it needs for a viable future.'

See next week's Banner for a full report on the public meeting.

Time to register for all island nurseries

All parents on Arran, whose child or children are scheduled to start nursery in August, are being urged to register them next week.

In August 2020, the annual entitlement to early learning and childcare will increase to 1,140 hours for all three- and four-year-olds and eligible two-year-olds.

Registration for the August intake at the five council-funded early years classes on the island, as well as Brodick Nursery, takes place from Monday February 3 to Thursday February 6. Parents should apply directly to the centre of their choice.

Any parent who registers after the deadline may miss out on their preferred provider.

Councillor John Bell, cabinet member for education, said: 'North Ayrshire is leading the way in the expansion of early learning and childcare and we already have a number of centres delivering the additional hours. The feedback we have received so far has been very positive.

'This August will see the expansion roll

out to centres across North Ayrshire – run by both the local authority and private providers – increasing the current entitlement to 1,140 hours.

'This is a huge shift and as well as almost doubling the amount of time children are entitled to early learning, it opens up more opportunities for parents.

Registered

'We would encourage parents to take advantage by ensuring their child or children are registered between February 3 and 6.'

A number of different models of childcare are available for parents and these are fully explained in the Connecting Early Learning and Childcare Guide for Parents.

This guide explains the changes happening within early learning and childcare – including a full list of local providers – and is available to download at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/early-years/early-years-centre-enrolment.aspx

Information is also available on the CARIS website at www.families.scot

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New homes being planned for Breadalbane Hotel site

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A new housing development is being planned on the site of a famous hotel from the past.

The proposed 15-house development is on the site of the former Breadalbane Hotel situated to the west end of Kildonan overlooking the bay known as Porta Buidhe or yellow port.

The popular hotel closed in 2007 and at the time planning consent was granted for the demolition of the existing hotel buildings and the erection of 10 houses on the site. Demolition of the hotel buildings commenced in 2008/2009. However, as a consequence of the economic recession at that time, the works were suspended and planning permission has since lapsed.

The site lies heavily overgrown with the only building remaining, the rundown house attached to the former hotel.

The new application which is under consideration by planning officials at North Ayrshire Council is in the names of Hamish Walker and Derek Callaghan, the latter thought to be former owner of the hotel who was behind the earlier housing plan.

According to a planning support statement sent to the planners, the site extends to around 5,700 sq m and is fronted to the south by the main public road which runs through Kildonan with the shore and sea beyond. To the north, the land rises steeply with trees and agricultural



The overgrown site of the former Breadalbane Hotel as it looks today. 01_B05breadalbane

lands. The site itself has a general and gradual incline from the road frontage to the rear. Views from the site are predominantly to the south across the sea towards Pladda with Ailsa Craig in the distance.

Planning consent was obtained in 2008 for the demolition of the hotel and the redevelopment of the site with 10 large detached and semi-detached dwelling houses. Following background inquiries, the applicants have now determined that there is a greater need for more attainable houses of two and three bedrooms in the housing market. The

architectural brief was to provide a design layout which was sympathetic to the local area in architectural style and character with a selection of house styles and layouts and which would appeal to all age groups. The houses would also be built to a high quality standard with low carbon footprint.

This led to the creation of a 'courtyard' layout with the formation of two distinct terraced rows of houses each running east to west and a frontage orientation to the south optimising not only the sun path but also the views towards the sea.

In support of the applica-

tion, it is stated that adjacent to the site are a mix of developments in style and use. To the east is The Keys, a modern housing development of approximately 15 detached houses, and to the west a mix of single detached dwelling houses of modern and more traditional design.

The applicants also accept there is no public sewerage system within the village of Kildonan.

It is proposed that a private bio treatment plant and filter system would provide foul drainage treatment to the development with surface water treatment carried out in accordance with SUDS regulations. Both system outfalls would be taken to the sea in compliance with SEPA regulations and recommendations.

The planning application is currently under consideration by planners.



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Gordon Kinniburgh makes a presentation to Andy Martin. 01_B05burns02



Chairman Auld makes a presentation to Harry Gilmore as his grandad Tommy looks on. 01_B05burns06

Remembering Lamlash

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Around 60 Burns enthusiasts enjoyed an entertaining night at the Lamlash Burns Club annual supper last Saturday in the golf club.

At the outset, retiring chairman Gordon Kinniburgh handed over the reins to new chairman Douglas Auld who welcomed the guests.

Presentation

There was also a presentation to retiring secretary and treasurer Andy Martin for his work at the club for the past eight years, including six years organising the annual schools poetry and painting competitions.

The evening began with the traditional Selkirk Grace delivered by Mr Kinniburgh. It was followed by a recitation of *Tae a Moose* by last year's

schools poetry competition winner Harry Gilmore.

The haggis was piped in by Willie Robertson and Jock Kelso delivered the address to the haggis. The main speaker for the evening, who gave the Immortal Memory, was the fine after-dinner speaker Kenneth Robertson. The Toast to the Lassies was delivered by Alastair Crawford.

There was singing by Oisean Gold, Dave Whitton, Peter Wilson and the company and recitations by Jock Kelso, Allan Nicol and Graham Kerr.

Tommy Gilmore delivered the Toast to Lamlash Burns Club, with Allan Nicol giving the reply.

A piping medley by Willie Robertson rounded off the evening before Mr Auld gave the vote of thanks to the caterers, staff and artists and the company sang *Auld Lang Syne*.



Chairman Douglas Auld addresses the guests. 01_B05burns04



The audience enjoys a performance of *Ae Fond Kiss* by Oisean Gold and Dave Whitton. 01_B05burns11

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Top table guests, left to right, Alastair Crawford, chairman Douglas Auld, Allan Nicol, retiring chairman Gordon Kinniburgh, Kenneth Robertson and Jock Kelso. 01_B05burns01



Willie Robertson pipes out the haggis. 01_B05burns10



Jock Kelso cuts open the haggis during his address. 01_B05burns09



Harry Gilmore recites Tae a Moose. 01_B05burns05



The haggis is piped in. 01_B05burns08



Oisean Gold and Dave Whitton perform at the event. 01_B05burns12

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Backing drive to raise drinkers' awareness

NHS Ayrshire and Arran is encouraging people to 'Count 14', as research shows wine, beer and spirits drinkers remain largely unsure of how many drinks make up the recommended weekly alcohol unit guideline of 14.

People who have looked to reduce their alcohol intake are being urged to Count 14 in February, and beyond, to keep the risk from alcohol low – with the campaign providing an easy guide to what 14 units actually looks like for a range of different alcoholic drinks.

Only 15 per cent of beer, lager and cider drinkers in Scotland were able to correctly identify that six pints equals 14 units, with 16 per cent of wine drinkers knowing 14 units equated to six medium glasses of wine.

Almost a quarter (24 per cent) of those who drink spirits regularly knew seven double measures added up to the recommended maximum unit guideline.

Of those who drink wine, beer or spirits, many simply answered 'don't know' when asked how many of each drink made up 14 units (17 per cent, 13 per cent and 28 per cent respectively).

The Scottish Government's Count 14 campaign, backed by NHS Ayrshire and Arran, aims to help people understand how their weekly drinking adds up.

Dr Joy Tomlinson, interim



The 14 unit guideline equates to six pints of beer or six medium glasses of wine.

director of public health, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, said: 'I am delighted to support, for the second year, the Scottish Government's Count 14 campaign within NHS Ayrshire and Arran. The campaign will raise awareness about the safe weekly consumption of alcohol. It will also highlight the health benefits for men and women of sticking within these guidelines to reduce the risk of alcohol harm.'

'People often find it difficult to work out how much

alcohol is in different drinks. The Count 14 campaign helps people see how much they are drinking in a week.'

Figures released last year highlighted that in 2018, Scots bought enough alcohol for every adult to drink 19 units of alcohol per week, meaning that, on average, every adult in Scotland is drinking 36 per cent more than the lower risk guidelines.

Scotland's Alcohol Framework 2018: Preventing Harm was launched in November

2018 which set out the Scottish Government's national prevention aims on alcohol.

Chief medical officer Dr Catherine Calderwood said: 'The alcohol guidelines are based on the clear evidence that as alcohol use increases, so does the risk of a range of health harms.'

'To keep these risks low, it's recommended that men and women don't drink more than 14 units a week on a regular basis.'

'The 14-unit guideline equates to six pints of medium strength beer, lager or cider; six medium glasses of wine; or seven double measures of spirits over the course of a week.'

'By increasing understanding of what this means in terms of actual alcoholic drinks, our hope is that adults in Scotland are able to make more informed choices.'

For further information on the guidelines visit count14.scot

New domestic water charges are set to rise

Household water and waste water service charges are set to increase by 0.9 per cent on last year across all council tax bands – about £3 extra a year for the average household.

The announcement from Scottish Water means the average household charge in 2020-2021 will be £372.

Scottish Water provides 1.4 billion litres of water a day and treats nearly one billion litres of waste water daily, serving 2.5 million households and more than five million customers. It operates over 60,000 miles of water pipes and sewers, as well as more than 2,000 water and waste water treatment works.

Between 2015 and 2021 more than £3.5 billion is being invested in the network to ensure customers receive excellent service, water quality and the environment is protected through the management of waste water.

Scottish Water's chief executive, Douglas Millican, said: 'Water is our most important natural resource and it plays a vital part in our lives, at almost every moment of every day.'

'We remain focused on operating a water and waste water network in which customers in our biggest cities or our smallest villages can have confidence in when they turn on their taps.'

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Exploding dog bin rocks sleepy Corrie

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An explosion in the dead of night rocked the village of Corrie last week.

Residents were rudely awoken by a 'huge bang' which appeared to come from somewhere around the Sandstone Quay at 3.15am last Wednesday.

Residents, including Malcolm and Frances Wheeler, thought something had exploded in the house and a neighbour called the police.

Mr Wheeler said: 'I checked in the house as we have two wood-burning stoves and then went outside with a torch to see if a car had maybe come off the road, but couldn't see anything.'

However, at daybreak the source was found to be a dog-waste bin which had exploded covering the road in dog mess.

Police found a burned out firework or flare in the bin which

they believe may have been smouldering before it exploded.

Mr Wheeler added: 'It was lucky no one was hurt. The explosion blew the front of the dog bin 20 yards away.'

The rest of the bin has now been removed by North Ayrshire Council but will not be replaced because the council are doing away with dog bins, as dog bags can now be put in regular bins.



The remains of the dog bin following the explosion.

Council to act on funeral poverty

North Ayrshire Council is aiming to ease the financial burden placed on families who have suffered a bereavement with a new initiative to provide a dignified funeral at a lower cost.

Funeral poverty is an increasing reality for many people across North Ayrshire who find themselves in a position where the cost of a funeral outweighs their ability to pay.

According to Citizens Advice Scotland, the average cost of a funeral in Scotland is £3,500 and meeting these costs brings added financial pressure to people on lower incomes at a particularly vulnerable time.

To help alleviate this burden, the council's cabinet has approved a proposal to work alongside funeral directors to develop a new, affordable Respectful Funeral Service package.

Cabinet member for place Jim Montgomerie hopes the proposal will help minimise any financial burden on grieving families.

He said: 'All of us at some point will have experienced the death of a loved one. It is a traumatic and difficult time without having the additional burden of organising and paying for the funeral.'

'As well as reducing the cost of a funeral, it simplifies the process while still ensuring a respectful and dignified funeral,' he added.

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Worrying times

It is important that Arran looks to the future and decides just where the island wants to go.

At a meeting last week, as outlined on this page, Arran Economic Group chairman Tom Tracey gave his 'retrospective' view of how Arran would look in 2030.

Interestingly, he predicts a two-ferry, year-round service and a 5G network leading to an increase in population – which would be great.

However, perhaps someone should tell the powers that be.

Arran has endured another week of widespread disruption to the ferry services, the indifference of CalMac, as shown during their visit to the island, and heard yet more evidence of the MV Glen Sannox fiasco at the Holyrood inquiry. The fact that it will be already 2022 or later when, or even if, we get the new ferry means 2030 doesn't seem that far off. The thought of 5G coming soon, too, is also of considerable concern and the the involvement of Huawei does little to instil confidence in its smooth and speedy rollout.

All of which must raise questions about how this will boost the Arran population. Already there have been worrying national headlines about visitors being put off by ferry disruption, so we hope that will not extend to people wanting to live here.

These are worrying times but let's hope Tom's predictions are right.

Thought for the week

'In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' Psalm 4:8

Looking ahead to Arran in year 2030

More than 30 people attended a meeting to consider what Arran may look like in 2030. Hosted by the Arran Economic Group, there was a creative discussion around the challenges faced to retain Arran as a special place to live, work and visit in 2030. Here is a summary of the meeting by chairman Tom Tracey.

Thanks you to all who participated in our public meeting in the Brodick Hall on Wednesday January 22.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss what balance should be struck between potentially competing influences – environment, community and economy.

Our start point was identifying historic performance and known plans and projecting them to 2030. Our method was to inform, discuss, be informed.

Also, 'why' the discussion was needed, an outline of the direction of travel and 'what' needs to be done to get us there. It was intended that the 'how' and the 'who' parts of the discussion would be for subsequent meetings.

The meeting reinforced Arran priorities on accommodation, transport, health and social care, education and skills at all levels.

There was a clear need to reflect everything we do in the context of the climate emergency. Supporting this was the suggestion of increased self-sufficiency, including energy supply.

Underpinning all of the above was the need to take decisions close to

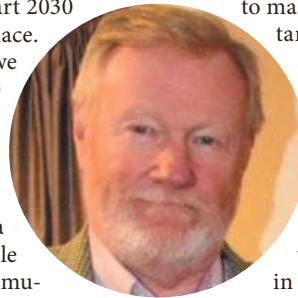
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In summary, we start 2030 in a very good place.

Over the decade we have absorbed a 20 per cent increase in visitors and a 10 per cent increase population while maintaining a balanced, sustainable environment, community and economy.

Arran is now physically and digitally connected with two ferries running all year round and a 5G network. This connectivity removes many of the commercial advantages of urban living and has seen many of the new creative industries relocate to the island.

The climate crisis has been avoided and Arran, like the rest of the planet, has dramatically changed. Arran has been at the cutting edge of reducing carbon, through implementing innovative solutions. Arran is well on its way



to making our zero-carbon target.

Our environment, services and tourist infrastructure attracted 100,000 more people spending £20 million more last year than they did in 2019. Increasing the

affordable housing over the past 10 years has helped retain our local population and attract new workers.

Our population has increased by 450 from the 2011 census, back to the 2001 levels. The 450 new residents put additional demands on our early learning, education and skill infrastructure and we rose to the challenge.

Likewise, we responded to the challenges of health and social care by organisationally and physically integrating the infrastructure and services and expanding

and developing a financially sustainable Third Sector.

We recognised 10 years ago that the scale of challenges required a governance process that supports local decisions taken close to where their impact is felt. Fortunately, this was supported by the 'locality' principle established by the local authority and reinforced in law, through the Islands Bill. We took full advantage of this and could not have succeeded without it.

All this has been achieved while maintaining quality of life, the environment and the community spirit, which is the essence of the island.

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where their impact is felt.

Comments such as 'Arran council', 'taking responsibility', 'effective local governance', expressed the mood of the meeting.

In summary, there was not a lot of disagreement about the outcomes projected or the programmes needed, rather around how they should

be delivered. That is, the Arran community should drive what 2030 looks like rather than the primary driver being our visitors and the needs of our largest industry.

Folks also recognised the dilemma, that the better our environment becomes, the more visitors and workers we will attract and the more

infrastructure we will need to support them. In short, if Arran is managed sustainably by the community, there will be balance between environment, community and economy. Our next meeting in February, date to be confirmed, will revisit what our island should look like, how we get there and who does what.

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We know our readers love to take photographs so we are happy to showcase these. If you have a photograph you would like to see published here, send it to editor@arranbanner.co.uk, post it to The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ. Alternatively, hand it in to our office. This week's photograph of the week was sent in by reader Patricia Templeton of her Irish rescue dog Eilidh. She said: 'This was taken on a walk around the forestry paths at Clauchlands, a lovely circular walk. We only permanently moved to Arran last September and we have had the most fantastic welcome and feel very much at home here.'

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Snowdrop festival blooms on Arran

Winter will soon give way to spring and snowdrops will bloom across Ayrshire and Arran carpeting the region with this popular flowering plant.

From now until March 11, 35 of Scotland's finest gardens, woodlands and estates will open their doors for the 14th year of this beloved festival, including Brodick Castle, garden and country park. Culzean Castle and country park and Blair Estate will also host walks, talks and activities to show off swathes of snowdrops to visitors.

Snowdrops first appeared in Scotland in the 18th century. The plant is not native to Britain, but its hardiness and adaptability allows it to thrive in the Scottish climate. Its botanical name is *Galanthus*, which means milk flower – an apt name for the dainty white flower whose buds look like drops of milk hanging from the stem.

Catherine Erskine, chair of Discover Scottish Gardens and founder of the Snowdrop Festival in Scotland, said: 'Snowdrops foretell the changing of the seasons and, for many of us, they are a welcome indicator that spring is just around the corner.'

'We are very lucky in Scotland to have such a fantastic climate for snowdrops, with many species flourishing here and creating magnificent displays across Ayrshire and Arran.'

'Many of the festival venues are in the grounds of some of Scotland's most historic buildings and estates, creating a spectacular sight. We hope the festival will encourage people to go outdoors and discover this beautiful flower alongside the region's stunning gardens.'

Gordon Smith, VisitScotland regional director, said: 'The Scottish Snowdrop Festival is a great way to start



A picturesque Brodick Castle in the snow. Photograph: Discover Scottish Gardens

the new year with visitors getting the opportunity to view these beautiful flowers within some of Ayrshire and Arran's most iconic gardens and estates.

'I'm delighted to see a num-

ber of Ayrshire and Arran venues taking part as it is an excellent way to attract visitors during the traditionally quieter winter months. At VisitScotland our marketing is focused on sharing the

tourism windfall in lesser known parts of Scotland and outwith peak times, so we are delighted to support this fantastic festival.'

The Scottish Snowdrop Festival is organised by

Discover Scottish Gardens and supported by VisitScotland.

For details of all the gardens and grounds taking part in the event, visit www.visitscotland.com/snowdrop



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We have **8 pairs of tickets** up for grabs, so to be in with a chance of winning, just answer the following question:

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Plan to succeed



E-planning system in Scotland has made planning easier

Applications are now easier than ever, so do not be daunted by the thought of planning permission.

A wealth of information about the subject is available online.

At its most basic, you need permission for a new building, or to make a major physical change to an existing one, like a change of use from industrial, commercial or agricultural into domestic or a large alteration to an existing property. This could be a complete renovation of a run-down home, a large extension, an extra storey or significant outbuildings.

'Permitted development' allows small alterations and extensions. It cannot be stressed enough that you need to make sure what you are doing falls under permitted development rights. Nothing is more costly or heartbreaking than being issued with an enforcement notice and being ordered to demolish.

Even if the work falls under the category of permitted development, it pays to get a Certificate of Lawfulness. This says the work has been carried out lawfully and is a significant help when you come to sell the property. A lack of this certificate can cause headaches when it comes to mortgages and insurance. If you are buying a property which has had permitted development work carried out, always check to make sure this certificate is there.

If you want to build new, extend or convert a listed building, in or out of a conservation area, you will also need extra consent. In some cases this also applies to the interior; anything that affects the fabric of an historic property.

Planning permission in principle - formerly known as outline planning permission - does what it says. It establishes that, in principle, what you are proposing to build is

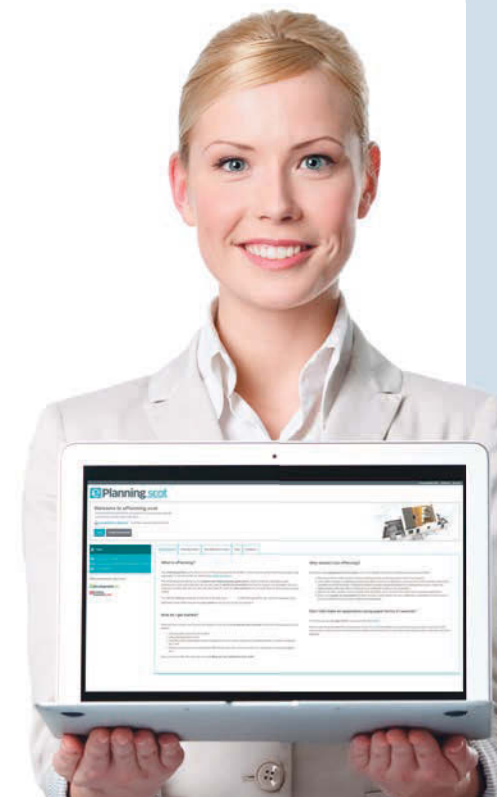
acceptable. Approval of matters specified in a condition then goes on to approve the conditions involved in the planning permission in principle. Work should only begin when this approval is in place. Pre-application advice offered by planning officers is available through your council. The best advice is always talk to your council first.

Need permission? The answer lies online

One of the biggest changes in planning - and a welcome one - is the move online.

Ninety per cent of all planning applications are now handled by eDevelopment.scot, the online service run by the Scottish Government. All the nation's local authorities and planning authorities use this service as does the construction industry, agents, home owners and self-builders.

The system can be used to make payments, submit extra information and amended and updated plans as and when needed. It also handles building warrant applications.



THINKING ABOUT A SELF-BUILD PROJECT?



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Building warrants

If you are fulfilling your dream of moving to Scotland and building your own home, be aware Scottish planning and building legislation differs from England and Wales.

Building Warrants apply here. The nearest England and Wales have is building control approval.

This is where people moving to Scotland can come unstuck because work cannot start on site until warrants are approved, thus showing compliance with regulations on new builds and alterations and any demolition work.



How much of your self-build will you build yourself?

Turnkey v hands-on

For people who have never considered a self-build project for their new home, that phrase can be very misleading.

'What? You are going to build it yourself?' people ask you in horror.

If you are a tradesman or woman, then yes, you might well contribute your labours to the property, whether your skill is ground work, roofing, joinery, plastering or decorating.

It makes common sense to have some free labour on the project.

Or your skills might lie in administration and logistics and the idea of bringing together a team of specialist trades, sourcing supplies, handling the paperwork arranging the finance and having everyone and everything in place doesn't faze you.

If that is the case, then go for it!

Don't dismiss this part of the self-build.

The fine art of having the right people, materials and plant where you need them at the right time, helps to keep costs down.

The decision to project manage yourself is often based purely on financial circumstances, with self-builders choosing to take on the job themselves in a bid to save money.

But you are still a self-builder if you go for the turnkey option, just as much as if you were using a cement mixer on site.

A turnkey project, with everything from finding the land through to planning permission to garden landscaping, can be worth its weight in gold.

Any builder, contractor or trade will tell you the thing that drives them crazy the most is a client who drags their heels in getting back to them. They cannot carry the cost of this extra time and it will be added to your bill.

Often there will be decisions that have to be made there and then.

So if your work is demanding, you have to be out of contact due to this or have to travel, it makes common sense to go for the turnkey approach.

Or you could decide to appoint a main contractor on a design and build basis.

At the heart of the self-build is a desire to have a unique house that you want, one that meets you and your family's needs and reflects your own personal tastes and desires.

The 'self' is still very much there in a turnkey project as you build the house that best reflects this.



Always remember, whatever route you decide - be it project-manage yourself or a turn-key project - it is vital you have an excellent system to store all paperwork and emails.

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First of all build up your money



There is so much help and advice out there, so when you build your dream home don't think raising cash is a nightmare

Getting the right help is invaluable when financing your self-build.

You need an independent financial advisor and there are plenty who specialise in this market. What an architect is going to do with your ideas, your financial advisor is going to do with your money. Each of them takes your ideas and aspirations and turns them into workable plans – one for the building and one for the money to build it.

Not all lenders deal in self-build mortgages and you will benefit from having someone who knows how to hunt down those who do and those offering the best deals for your circumstances and ambitions.

The good news about building your own home is that you almost certainly get more house for your money. The bad news is you need more money for the house to begin.

Buy an existing property and the mortgage arrives in a lump sum. Build and the money will come in stages as work on the property progresses.

A house buyer's deposit is far smaller when compared with the initial lump sum a self-builder needs to buy the land and get the first stage completed on site before the mortgage kicks in and cash arrives to fund the next stage. That is why so many people sell their homes and live on-site in a static caravan; their old home is helping build their new one.

The self-build home buyer is always 'in arrears' though some 'advance' mortgages can be found where the cash arrives at the start of each stage of construction.

The self-build mortgage traditionally has six stages

- Land purchase
- Preliminary costs and foundations
- Wall plate level (brick and block) timber frame kit erected
- Wind and watertight
- First fix and plastering
- Second fix and completion

FACT CHECK

- **The insulation you install will not only save money on heating bills. It could save you money on your financial package. Remember to investigate building societies and 'ethical finance' where good deals are offered to people building eco-friendly properties.**
- **A self-build mortgage may also be suitable if you are taking on a renovation, conversion or extending your existing property.**
- **Many lenders, be they banks or building societies, will often only loan money on a fixed-price contract, or on an all-trades basis under the direction of a suitably-qualified project manager.**
- **Do not forget 'package deals' where you buy a kit house and building services from an existing company – and perhaps even the land – often offer, or source, financial packages. This can save a lot of leg work and grief.**



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Some building societies might loan up to 80 per cent of the total cost of the land and construction costs or valuation, whichever is the lower, making the build process more flexible.

Get the VAT back

Remember to keep on top of your paper work and claim back VAT where eligible.

The government has funds and grants for self-building and renovating some properties but make sure it is the government giving you the cash and not the other way round.

There are circumstances where you qualify for zero-rated VAT and a reduced VAT rate at source if any VAT registered business should supply labour or labour and materials.

Once the project is completed, you can reclaim any VAT paid on qualifying materials bought at 20 per cent VAT along with any five per cent VAT invoices. The rules and regulations can be daunting and there are specialists you can hire to help you.

Applying for a reduced rate VAT certificate helps.

There are plenty of experts out there who will help you.

Government help can secure your dream

The Self Build Loan Fund (SBLF) is a Scottish Government initiative, which will run until August 2021, to assist self-builders where they have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgages

The Self Build Loan Fund operates across Scotland in rural and urban areas.

Those eligible can borrow up to £175,000, which they can draw down in staged payments similar to a traditional self-build mortgage. Borrowers must provide

a Professional Advisors Certificate at each stage of drawdown.

It funds the construction phase of a new home and, once this is completed, the borrower will repay the loan either via a mainstream mortgage or by using the equity from the sale of their existing home.

The Scottish Government has appointed the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) to administer the SBLF on its behalf - after the trust ran a successful pilot scheme in the Highlands.

The fund cannot be used to buy house plots, as the plot must be in the ownership of the applicant to provide the Scottish Government with security for the loan.

When you apply, you must demonstrate you have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgage finance.

You also need to show that:

- This will be occupied as your sole and only residence
- You own the house plot
- Have full planning permission
- Are ready to apply for a building warrant
- Have a defined build cost and construction programme
- Can demonstrate that you will be able to repay the loan upon completion

Conversions and extensions of properties cannot be financed by this grant.



Need finance to build a home?

What is the Self-Build Loan Fund?

The Self Build Loan Fund (SBLF) is a Scottish Government initiative to assist self builders where they have been unable to obtain mainstream self build mortgage finance. The fund is available Scotland wide to support additional housing provision across rural and urban areas.

Eligible individuals can borrow up to £175,000, which they can draw down in staged payments similar to a traditional self build mortgage. Borrowers must provide a Professional Advisors Certificate at each stage of drawdown. The SBLF is designed to fund the construction phase of a new home and, once this is completed, the borrower will repay the loan either via a mainstream mortgage or by using the equity from the sale of their existing home. The Scottish Government has appointed the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) to administer the SBLF on its behalf and the Self Build Loan Fund Officer responsible for this is Neil Walker who has 33 years experience in the banking and financial sector and is well placed to provide assistance and guidance.

Who can apply?

A key purpose of the fund is to create additional, new homes for permanent residency. To apply you need to meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate that you have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgage finance for a new home - not a conversion or extension
- Intend to occupy the property as your sole and only residence
- Own a house plot
- Have full planning permission in place and be ready to apply for a building warrant
- Have a defined elemental build cost and construction programme
- Be able to demonstrate you will be able to repay the loan upon completion of your build.

Not ready to apply?

If you don't presently meet all of the criteria, or have any concerns, get in touch to discuss your case.

Further information?

For further information, please contact the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust;

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ABOUT THE SELF BUILD LOAN FUND



The Self Build Loan Fund (SBLF) was established by the Scottish Government to support and encourage the self build market at a time where securing mainstream finance can be difficult. The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust administer the fund.

Now available across Scotland, self builders can borrow up to £175,000 to help them during their construction period.

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KEY FACTS

- Borrow up to £175,000
- Must be able to demonstrate that you have been unable to secure mainstream self build finance
- Used to financially support the construction of your home and then repay your loan with a traditional mortgage on completion
- Fees and interest apply
- Must own a house plot, with planning consent in place

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Kit yourself out with a new home

Our favourite way to build in the West Highlands and islands

The kit home is the most popular way to build in the West Highlands and islands and some leading kits come from manufacturers in the region.

The kit emphasises ease of transportation with maximum time in the factory and minimum time on site before it is wind and water tight and ready for all trades to work alongside each other completing the project.

This is an added benefit in an area like the West Highlands and islands where the weather can be unpredictable and often very wet. Entire rooms can arrive, sealed, on site. The hard work has been done undercover in the factory and the time spent on site getting the property weather-tight is minimal.

Today's technology means a kit home is totally customisable.

Want to flip the interior lay out or think the porch would be better over there? No problem!

Today's kits have flexibility built in as standard and some kit home manufacturers can take your architect's drawings and use their production techniques to build your home from start to finish and give you a bespoke service.

The one proviso for a timber frame home design is making sure you know what you want at the design stage. Alterations once the kit has been constructed will be costly.

One advantage of having a kit home supplier build your home for you is they will have their own team of proven tradesmen and women who have worked together before and know the product inside out – literally! You are saving on time, but paying for expertise and experience.

You might decide to put the work in the hands of a building firm you know and trust. In the West Highlands the chances are that good building companies will have worked on all the big name company kits and have a proven knowledge and understanding of the product. Or you are in the building trade yourself and can put together your own team.

Kit homes came into the nation's consciousness in the aftermath of the Second World War but your grandparents and great-grandparents would not recognise the luxury kit homes of today.

This year the UK celebrates the 75th anniversary of VE Day, the end of the Second World War in Europe. The threat of bombing ceased, servicemen and women began to return home and the country slowly returned to a peacetime economy.

One big problem was housing or the desperate lack of it. The first kit home most people encountered was the 'prefab' a tiny, single storey utilitarian construction designed to fill a need. Photographs exist of Dunbeg, near Oban, showing rows of these houses., now all long gone.



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And both of these mean a far less stressful self-build experience.

Using a building consultant or designer to draw up plans might be suggested as a way to save on costs, but hiring a chartered architect means you are tapping into the services of a professional who has studied for seven years, by far the longest training period within the building industry.

Only when qualified can they be listed with the Architects Registration Board and apply to the profession's chartered bodies to use the initials RIAS or FRIAS, the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, and RIBA, Royal Institute of British Architects.

You and your architect should decide in advance whether expenses will be included within the agreed fee or charged separately.

Calculating the cost architects' fees are part of the overall cost of any project and usually calculated in three ways.

Percentage is based on the total construction costs in the building contract including site works. Agreement is needed on the services provided, nature of the work and an approximate construction budget.

Lump sum fees work best when the project can be clearly defined from the start and there are no surprises for either side.

Time charged is the flip-side of that coin and best where the amount of work cannot 'reasonably' be seen. An agreed upper limit is needed and fees are often staged.

REMEMBER you need to reach an agreement with your architect whether expenses will be included within the agreed fee or charged separately.

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- Members must carry professional indemnity insurance and uphold the reputation of the profession.
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If you go for a turnkey build, your builder will have employees of their own and call on

specialist trades when needed. You will see the vans of well-known local businesses and self-employed contractors on sites all over Argyll and Lochaber.

Don't be surprised if people you hardly know come up to you and say, 'Oh I see you had . . . do your electrics. They did ours.'

When you decide to self-build you join a large, informal club.

Another good thing is the majority of these businesses, large and small, have apprentices who are going through college and working on their qualifications and are making a big contribution to helping grow the local economy and skill base.

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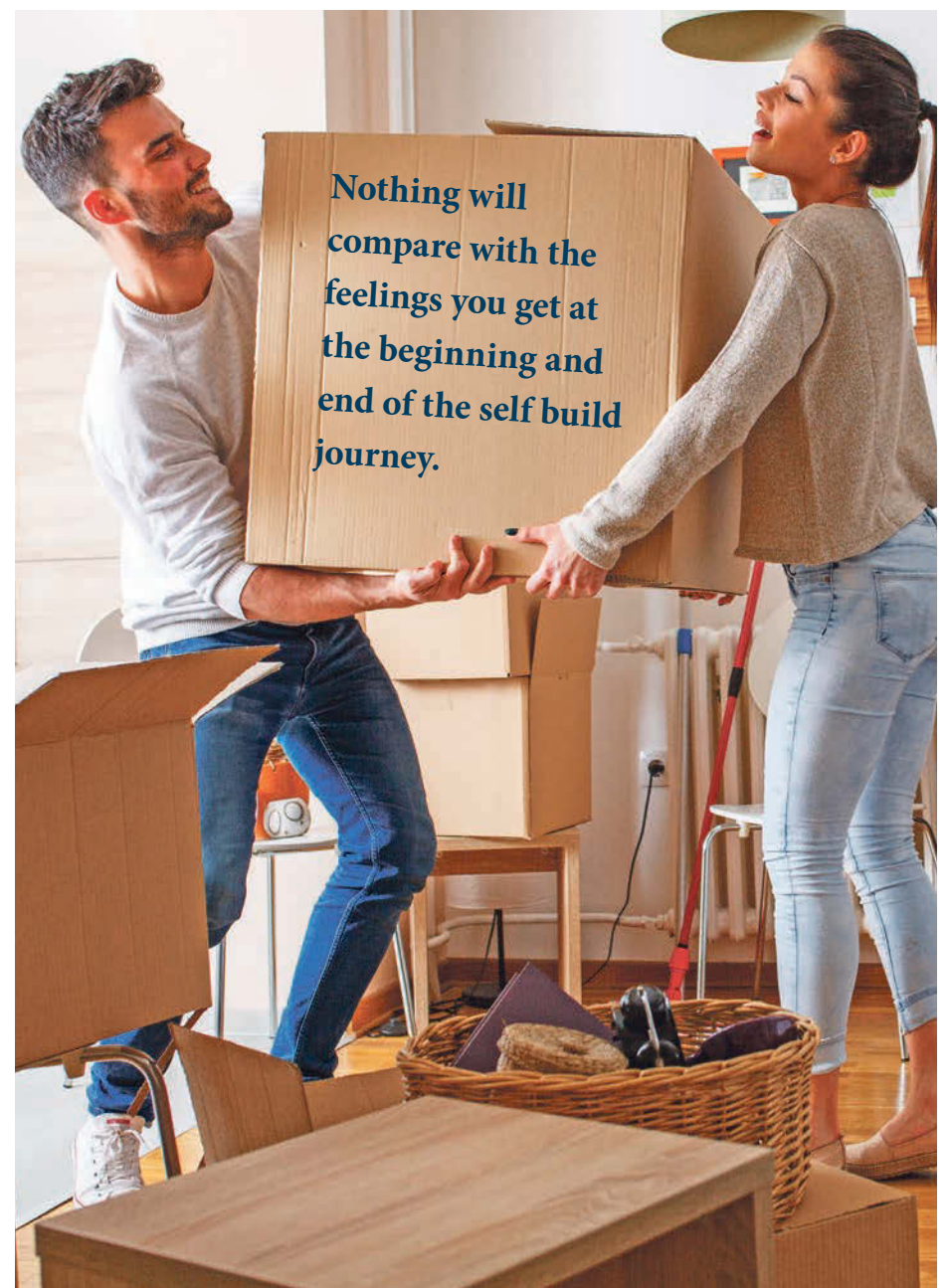
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In the pre-build stage where you are planning and saving it makes sense to not replace major items.

When the time comes to store, ask yourself some tough questions: is it worth paying to store this mattress, divan bed, sofa or armchair or do we get rid and start afresh?

That can apply to all kinds of soft furnishings like rugs and especially lampshades; only glass or metal seem to store well.

What worked in your old home might not fit in with the look you plan for your new one.

Everyone hates waste and we are all being urged to recycle. This is where our classified ads come in handy.

Your old stuff can make you money – or money for a good cause if you donate it to a charity shop. Someone, somewhere will thank you.

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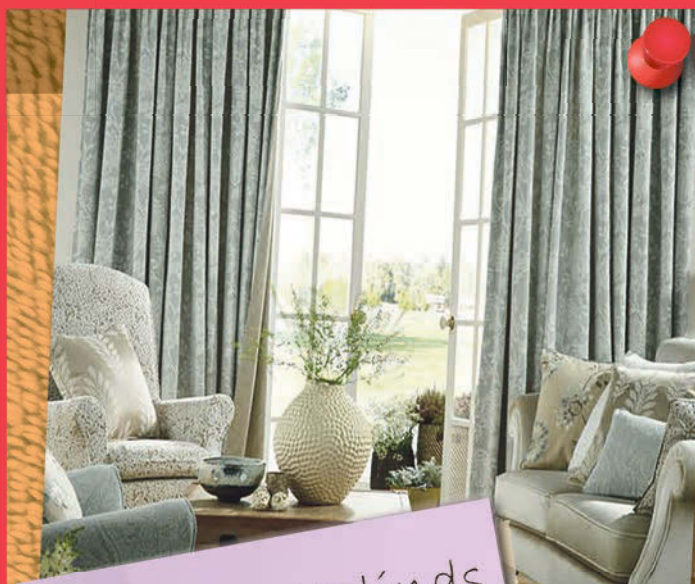
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China talk at SWI in Shiskine

The first 2020 meeting of Shiskine SWI was on Wednesday January 8 when Fiona Scott was the speaker.

Fiona and her husband David have been regular visitors to China since their son went there to work around eight years ago. Members and visitors were treated to an excellent talk and slide show on Fiona's favourite Chinese city, Beijing. Following her talk, there was the opportunity for the company to quiz her on their experiences in this vast and often fascinating country.

The January competition was spring rolls and it was won by Joan Stewart. The exhibition was a favourite fan which was won by Alice Anderson, with runner-up Julie Wilkinson.

At February's meeting, local vet Charlotte Clough will be the speaker. This month's competition is an Apple Charlotte and the exhibition an animal ornament. As ever, members and guests are welcome at Shiskine Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday February 5.

Delve into the 16th century with Finvola

Book review

An Arran author has produced his first written work, a self-published novella.

John Inglis of Corrie has written the book Finvola – a young Hebridean heroine involved in war, strife and romance.

Although a work of fiction, Finvola lives her life through many actual historical events in the latter part of the 16th century, from which she emerges sobered and mature.

At the start of the 115-page tale, Finvola is a woman growing in maturity in 16th century clan society in the midst of strife and foreign war.

The work is set on Skye and there are some great descriptions of the lives and times of the clan society in the north of Scotland and beyond in that time.

She lives in the time of Scots King James VI in the district of Tor with her father Iain Ruadh, a clan elder, and mother Christina Luath, brother Torquil and later little sister Moira Dhu, who are all brought vividly to life through a

series of trials and tribulations.

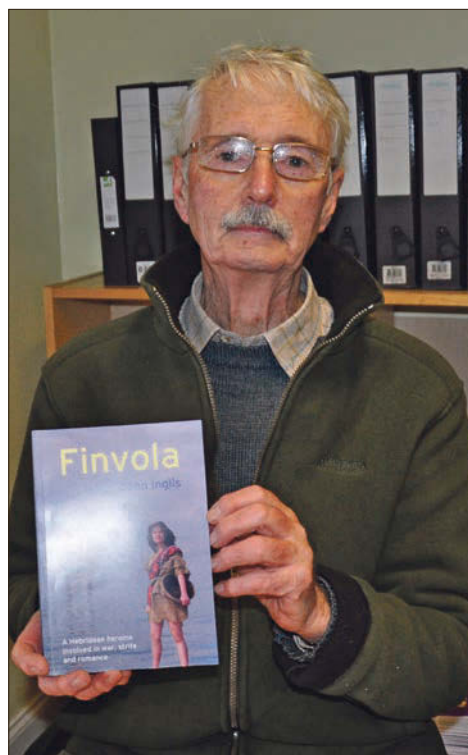
Finvola's abilities and resourcefulness slowly reveal themselves, earning her the respect of her people. She is an inspiration to her women friends with whom she endures hardship and danger in the face of murder, massacre and war, but love and happiness don't desert her.

She is skilled and knowledgeable about the sea and a seasoned traveller, which leads her into harrowing experiences in the company of other women.

As well as being full of historical fact, it gives a real insight into what life must have been like in those dark distant days where peril and danger were never far from the door, but it is also an uplifting tale of a young girl making her way in life.

John's next venture is a novel set in lowland Scotland.

Finvola, priced £5, is available at the Book and Card Centre, The Harbour Shop in Blackwaterfoot and Marvin Elliott's workshop in Corrie and, hopefully soon, in other outlets around the island.



John Inglis with his novella Finvola.
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Stories from the Holocaust

As part of the Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations, the Arran Jewish Cultural Association are holding an event, Stories from the Holocaust, in Arran Library in Brodick on Tuesday February 11.

The evening will be in three sessions. 1. Record – a diary of a talented 14-year-old writer is recovered 66 years after her murder. 2. Rescue – the courage of those who risked everything to save strangers. 3. Remember – stories still evolving, new chapters added, ones told at last.

Admission is free and there will be refreshments but space is limited. For further information and to make a reservation, contact: arran@scojec.org

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Serving up a treat at Auchrannie

Arran Youth Foundations raised an amazing £1,005 by hosting their sixth annual cooking night at Auchrannie's 1869 restaurant.

The event, held on Tuesday January 21, was a huge success, with 40 guests sampling a three-course menu.

For starters, the young people cooked and served tomato and basil soup or haggis Scotch egg. Main course options were: corn-fed chicken breast, fondant potato, sticky shallot, crispy kale and pan jus; pan-seared salmon, crushed new potatoes and salsa verde; and five-bean stew served with rice. Last, but not least, desserts were Oreo cheesecake, and ice cream sundae.

All of this was prepared by just seven young people, with some as young as 11.

AYF's youth work project manager Graeme Johnston, said: 'We are so pleased with how the night went. The feedback we have had from guests has been excellent, with many



The kitchen gang get their instructions from head chef Colin Miller, left, and chef James Knowles, right. 01_B05dinner03

saying the standard of food was what they would expect from a high class restaurant, far less from a group of young,

novice school pupils. We are very proud of the young folk, not only for their work in the kitchen, but for how well they ran front of house too.

'I would like to say a huge thanks to many of our supporters, without whom the night wouldn't have been possible.

'Firstly, to the guests who came on the night, brought raffle prizes, and gave so generously with their donations; to Grant Coyne, and to his brother Duncan, who came down at very short notice after his work to help the young people in the kitchen (he is a veteran of the previous five restaurant nights after all!); and to Arran Dairies

for their kind donation of ice cream.

'The biggest thanks must go to the team at the Auchrannie - Richard Small for giving us the opportunity, Sheila Bannatyne, James Knowles, Garrie Ross, Craig Beedie, Alisha, and head chef Colin Miller. We really appreciate their efforts.'

Meanwhile, Arran Youth Foundations are seeking enthusiastic sessional youth workers to join the team in 2020. Following a successful round of recruitment at the end of 2018, they are now looking to further add to their youth work team.

AYF delivers up to 16 weekly sessions, including cooking, guitar tuition, art psychotherapy, running and one-to-one mentoring.

They also provide activities and trips through school holidays, including Alton Towers, outdoor education and a range of other opportunities.

To apply, please email a CV and a paragraph or two on why you are applying for this post to graeme@arrayouthfoundations.org



Table service for diners. 01_B05dinner04



Diners choose their meal from the menu. 01_B05dinner05



Two AYF members cooking up a storm in the kitchen. 01_B05dinner01



Preparing the spuds for the dinner. 01_B05dinner02



Waitress Isabella Reid shares a joke with Sheena Miller. 01_B05dinner06

Will we see an influx of winter waxwings?

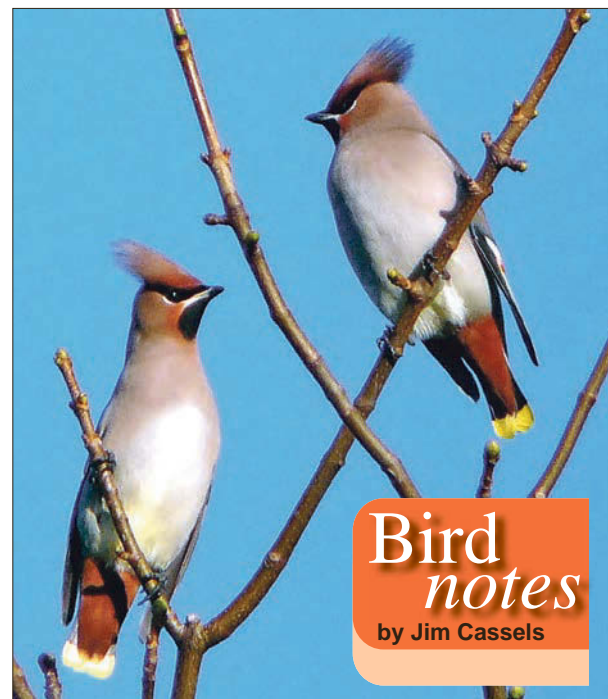
This is the photograph taken by Malcolm Whitmore that was used on the cover of the Arran Bird Report in 2012. It is a stunning image of waxwings. These Nordic nomads are an 'irruptive' species, only arriving in numbers in certain winters, dictated to a large extent by conditions in their native Scandinavia. Could this be one of these winters?

Waxwings can be very confiding, allowing a great view of their large crest, pinkish brown body and eponymous waxy wings. The waxy tips are actually the extended shafts of the feathers, and the number seen will identify the age and sex of the bird, ranging from none on young females to eight on adult males. Listen out for their distinctive trilling call too, sounding oddly reminiscent of 'sid-little'. In flight, they look similar in shape to the familiar starling.

It has been a number of years since there has been a winter influx of waxwings.

In October 2010, there was the biggest arrival in years of waxwing in the UK. Birds flooded in on Sunday 24 and Monday 25 October. On those two days alone, over 2,700 birds were reported in Scotland, with many smaller flocks along the English east coast. The biggest flocks were reported on Tuesday 26 October, with 480 in Pitlochry and 320 in Aberfeldy according to www.birdguides.com.

Arran did not miss out in this 'invasion'. At lunch time on Thursday 21 October, five waxwings were reported at Invercloy in Brodick. This was the first report. Later that day there were 15 by Brodick Bowling Green. On Saturday 23 October in the afternoon there was up to 30 waxwings in the trees of the Royal Hotel, Whiting Bay and the adjacent Whiting Bay Primary School. The birds



Waxwings can be easily identified by their large crest, pinkish brown body and eponymous waxy wings.

Photograph: Malcolm Whitmore

were still around this area on Sunday afternoon. Also on Sunday afternoon there was a flock of around 10 birds in the trees close to Brodick Library, six around the Catacol Bay Hotel and 50 in Kingscross. In some cases, observers were getting within five metres of these very confiding birds.

On Monday 25 October, reports included 40 in Brodick, 20 over High Kildonan flying west, 13 by the layby with the phone box in Sannox, one in a bus shelter in Sandbraes, 30 by the golf course in Lochranza, and 20 sitting on a TV aerial in Pirnmill. Widespread reports continued throughout the week with up to 100 by the Auchrannie on Saturday 30 October.

Similarly November and December 2012 were exceptional months for sightings, particularly on the east of the island. Groups included 60 Invercloy on 12 November, 40 Lamlash on 15 November, 120 Brodick on 16 November, 530 Cnoc na Dail on 17

November, 50 Kiscadale on 17 November, 100 Merkland on 26 November, 58 Corrie on 3 December and 35 Lochranza on 12 December.

Since then one record in 2013, two in 2014, none in 2015, eight in 2016, one in 2017 and none in 2018 – but perhaps this winter? Be prepared for them turning up anywhere, where there are trees and bushes with bright red and orange berries even those on ornamental trees. Waxwings brighten any winter's day.

Enjoy your birding.

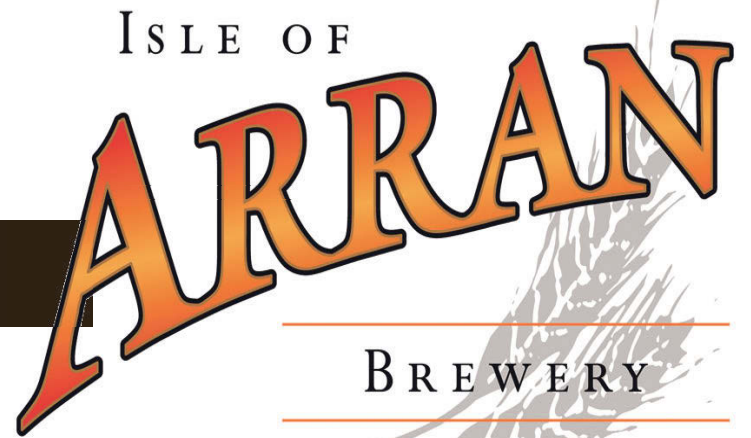
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Saturday 1st February

Q30
Rink bowls
Live music – Barry Nisbet & Dónal Boyle
Live music – Riddemption (reggae band)
Over-21s disco

Auchrannie Spa Resort, 10.30am – 11.15am
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, Blackwaterfoot, 1.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

Sunday 2nd February

Q30
Live music – Barry Nisbet & Dónal Boyle
Family games
Live music – Riddemption
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Eco Savvy & Co-op Food Share
Folk music session

Auchrannie Spa Resort, 10.30am – 11.15am
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, Brodict, 1pm – 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm – 3pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm – 6.30pm
Shiskine Hall, Shiskine, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Monday 3rd February

Morning fitness
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Arran Punch Out
Circuit training
Junior rugby (P3-P7)
Rink games
Junior rugby (S1-S6)
Winter bridge, visitors welcome, www.arranbridgeweb
Live music – Arran Dawn
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s

Auchrannie Spa Resort, 9.30am-10.30am
Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Resort, 6pm - 7pm
Ormidale Park, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.15pm
Ormidale Park, Brodict, 7pm - 8pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 7.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 4th February

Body Blitz (booking essential)
Healthy Outdoors Team
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries
Chess Club
Rink bowls
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Steak Night – 2 Ribeye Steaks & bottle of wine
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group
Hatton Boxing
The 1st Shiskine Rainbows and Brownies
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs)
Mini Kickers 3-5yrs (preschool)

Auchrannie Spa Resort, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Home Farm House, Brodict, 10am – 3pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am - 1pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, from 5pm
Ormidale pavilion, Brodict, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Resort, 6pm - 7pm
Shiskine Hall, 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm – 7pm
KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 6.45pm

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

Wednesday 5th February

Yoga
Hydrofit
Brodict Gardens Volunteers
Kilmory Toddlers
Lamlash Church coffee morning
Arran Heritage Museum
Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Knit and Blether
Parkinson's Support Group
Arran Pace Makers Running Group
Kettlercise
Tae Kwon Do kids 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 9pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Arran Coastal Rowing Club AGM
Live music – Tim Pomeroy
Pub quiz
Rock 'n' pop bingo

KA Leisure, Lamlash, 6.45pm – 7.45pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
Brodict Bar, 9pm

Auchrannie Spa Resort, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie House Hotel, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodict Castle and Country Park, 9.30am – 1pm
Kilmory Hall, 10am - 12 noon
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
Rosaburn, Brodict Open, 11am – 3.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 2pm – 4pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Resort, 6pm - 7pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Arran Yacht Club, Lamlash, 7.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Thursday 6th February

Kettlercise
Arran Heritage Museum
Chess Club
Arran Youth Soul Choir
Body Blitz (booking essential)
Arran Soul Choir
Winter bridge, visitors welcome, www.arranbridgeweb
Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +)
Arran Punch Out
Brodict Embroidery Group
Open session
Eco Savvy & Co-op Food Share
Tommy's general knowledge quiz

Auchrannie Spa Resort, 11am – 11.45am
Rosaburn, Brodict Open, 11am – 3.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 11am - 1pm
Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Resort, 6.15pm – 7.15pm
Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm
Little Rock Cafe, 7pm for 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 7pm – 8.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7.30pm
Brodict Library, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
Brodict Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Friday 7th February

Yoga
Hydrofit
ACLI – Friday Garden Club
Arran Heritage Museum
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwon Do advanced kids 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 9pm
Live music – The Café Orchestra
Friday night quiz
Eco Savvy & Co-op Food Share

Auchrannie Spa Resort, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie House Hotel, 9.30am – 10.30am
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am – 12.30pm
Rosaburn, Brodict Open, 11am – 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Octopus Centre, COAST, Lamash, 9pm

Saturday 8th February

Eco Savvy & Co-op Food Share
Q30
Rink bowls
Live music – Alan Frew
Live music – The Café Orchestra (gypsy jazz quartet)
Over-21s disco

Kilmory Hall, Kilmory, 9.30am
Auchrannie Spa Resort, 10.30am – 11.15am
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, Blackwaterfoot, 1.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 7.30pm
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Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm



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Masterplan

A masterplan for Market Road in Brodick has been prepared by North Ayrshire Council. The need is due to the very poor condition of the road, the incremental development which has been taking place there, and the slummy appearance of the area, which is also the first thing people arrive on the ferry actually see.

The intention is to set up an environmental improvement trust to implement the plan.

The trust would gather funds from agencies and from private landowners and, over a period of time, use them to make improvements.

These are envisaged to be a good quality road, a site for sewage treatment works, quality areas for business users, better boundaries and landscaping of the whole area.

New terminal

Work on a new ferry terminal at Ardrossan will begin in about two months time and should be completed by the end of the summer.

This will give passengers a more comfortable waiting area, covered access to the ferry, plus

all the facilities normally now expected, like baby changing areas and a coffee bar.

Arran beer

Arran's first brewery is about to produce its first beer. It was in August last year the Banner reported on this new venture being undertaken by Richard and Elizabeth Roberts at Cladach. Originally from High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, Richard had been a sculptor and Elizabeth a social worker, but they had decided six years ago, during a holiday here, that what Arran really needed was a brewery.

At 11am on Wednesday morning the first bags of malted barley were tipped into the mash tun and mixed with hot water. This was it – the beginning of the first Arran pint. There was no fanfare, just a clear sense of relief from Richard his project was finally under way.

There will be three beers, Arran Ale, Arran Dark and Arran Blonde which are still brewing, but the Banner has been involved back for the first tasting in a couple of weeks. That could be an assignment that requires more than one member of staff!



Major engineering works are ongoing at the Iron Bride on the Ross Road, which is closed to traffic at the moment. The burn itself has been re-routed and these enormous pipes are being placed in the original course of the burn. It seems likely that the route will have a slightly different route from previously, when it reopens. 01_B05twe05



Youth rugby is alive and well on Arran despite the senior team being moribund for the time being and this week David McClelland of Balmichael Visitor Centre, far left, presented the Arran mini and midi rugby section with a cheque to go towards buying new equipment. 01_B05twe04



Arran plays host to more and more Burns Suppers throughout January and February. Here we see Elizabeth Faulkner replying on behalf of the lassies at Shiskine Hall and Bill McLaughlin addressing the haggis at Lochranza distillery. 01_B05twe01 and 01_B05twe02



Richard Roberts outside his new brewery holding bottles which will soon contain his Arran Ale and Arran Blonde. 01_B05twe03



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AGM

Wednesday 12th February 2020

7:00PM

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A.G.M.

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Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Sunday 2nd February
Pirnmill and Lochranza Churches together 10.15am. Morning worship at Pirnmill Church.
Shiskine Church 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church 10.30 am. Morning Worship. including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Corrie Church 11.30 Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship. Including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
There will also be a service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30 pm.
All welcome

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Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland
Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 2nd February
The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
The table belongs to the Lord Jesus and all who love Him are most welcome. There will be activities for our young people in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.
There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 2nd February
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory at 10am
Lamlash at 11.30am
All welcome, including families: children's area
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 2nd February
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 2nd February
Morning Service at 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service at 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All welcome.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 2nd February
Morning Service at Shiskine at 11am
Evening Service, Brodick at 6pm
Service will be taken by Rev Robert Macleod.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 2nd February
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion at 11am
Richard Trewby
Coffee after service
Everyone is welcome

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Sunday 2nd February
Sunday Worship at 11am
'Heather Lodge', Brodick
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 2nd February
Service at 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday 29th January at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Everyone warmly invited.

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Thursday 6th February
TAIZE PRAISE AND MEDITATION
Theme: Search and You Will Find
Holy Cross Church, Brodick at 5.30pm

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get on your marks for Ormidale 10K

Entries are now open for the 2020 Isle of Arran Ormidale 10K.

Already 34 runners have signed up for the event, which this year will be held on Sunday April 26.

Record

Last year there was a record entry of 105 runners at the start, with a healthy contingent of local runners and organisers, Arran Runners, are hoping to repeat the success this year.

The course is flat and is on public roads. It starts and finishes at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick and follows the main road north along the coast for



The record entry crossing the starting line last year. 01_B18Ormidale01

five kilometres, returning the same way. There are markers at each kilometre.

The race starts at noon and runners can enter on www.

sientries.co.uk The entry fee is £12.50 Entries are also open for the Isle of Arran (Shiskine) Half Marathon which this year takes place

on Sunday June 28. A total of 30 runners have so far signed up and you can do so on the website above. The entry fee is £23.



Shiskine Golf Club

Torbeg are the overall winners of the Ryder Cup after 32 played in the final games on Sunday January 26. The results on the day were: Kilpatrick 5 Torbeg 4, Shiskine 4 1/2 Blackwaterfoot 4 1/2.

The final points table was: 1st Torbeg 22 pts, 2nd Shiskine 19 pts, 3rd Blackwaterfoot 17 pts, 4th Kilpatrick 16 pts and wooden spoon!

Nearest the pins: 4th R Waive 7th R Betley 10th R Waive and 12th I Murchie.

Captains next year are: Torbeg, Gavin Faulkner; Shiskine, Stewart Black; Blackwaterfoot, Alan Bannatyne and Kilpatrick, Robert Waive.

Ladies section: Thursday January 23, 12 hole medal. 1 and scratch Liz Kerr 57-

Torbeg savour Ryder Cup success

10=47, 2 Alice Anderson 59-11=48, 3 Jenni Turnbull 60-11=49.

Fixtures: Sunday February 2, gents AGA Winter League @ Corrie, Shiskine v Corrie, 8.30am tee off, Thursday February 6, ladies 18-hole Medal, 10am tee off.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday January 26, Yellow Tees Stableford. Despite fairly heavy rain around breakfast time six golfers showed remarkable faith in the BBC forecast and were rewarded with a dry round. Despite the recent weather Stewart and Corey have managed to get a fair bit of work done on the greens and that was reflected in decent scoring with 33 points the lowest score returned.

Result: 1 Jamie Macpherson (5)39pts, 2 Stan Rainey (10)38 acb, 3 Wolfi Kroner (14)38. David Blair scored the only magic two of the day @17th.

Fixture: Sunday February 2, AGA Winter League v Brodick at Corrie GC, match tees off at 11.50am.



A smiling winning captain Willie Robertson of Torbeg with the Ryder Cup trophy and Kilpatrick captain David Henderson with the wooden spoon.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday January 20, Winter Cup. 1 A Pattison 69-10=59, 2 R I McMillan 76-14=62. Magic two J McGovern. Monday January 27, Winter Cup. 1 R Burke 69-10=59, 2 A Pattison 70-9=61. Scratch R Burke. Magic twos J McGovern, R Burke and A Napier.

Saturday January 18, 18 hole sweep. 1 A McDonald 71-14=57, 2 I Bremner 72-9= 63. Saturday January 25, 18 hole sweep. 1 I Bremner 69-9=60, 2 J Macmillan 75-11=64.

Fixtures: Saturday February 1, 18-hole sweep, ballots at 9am and 1pm

Monday February 3, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday January 26, Winter Cup Stableford, 13 played, NC. 1 Iain MacDonald (7)36pts acb, 2 Bill Donaldson (14)36pts acb, 3 Bruce Jenkins (7)36pts.
Fixture: Sunday February 2, sweep 9am and noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday January 28, Winter Cup. 1 Phil Betley 65, 2 Alex Morrison-Cowan. 66, 3 Campbell Laing 69.
Fixture: Saturday February 1, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee

off 12noon. Tuesday February 4, Winter Cup, tee off noon.

Arran Ladies' Golf Union

The Drumadoon was at Shiskine Golf Club on Saturday January 25, 24 ladies played with some good scores despite very windy conditions.
1 Kema Genda 81-13=68, 2 Liz Kerr 85-15=70. Scratch Ann May 79-6=73 Well done to all.
Thanks to Shiskine Tea Room for lovely sandwiches and to Stuart Fotheringham and staff for the excellent condition of the course.



Arran in their defensive masks thwart an Uddingston attack. 01_B05hockey04

Narrow win for the ladies

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the advantage in their attacking half and the half-time whistle blew with the scoreline at 0-0.

Arran entered the second half with an official warning to watch their five-metre distances when the ball was being taken – the next team offence would result in a card. Play resumed much like the first half, with determination and skilful passing from both teams, with play passing from one end of the field to the other and players running their socks off.

Green card

In the 19th minute, Isabella was unfortunately caught out by the warning of five-metre offences and received a green card. Uddingston capitalised on this two-minute advantage of having one extra player and, with some clean and accurate passing, drew out Arran's defence to set their high forward up with a one-on-one with goalkeeper Ali, and managed to score the first goal of the match.

With all 11 players back on

the pitch, and resolute to get the scoreboard even again, Arran went on the attack. Their efforts were rewarded in the 29th minute, as Jenny's direct and strong free hit from the half way line was stopped by Hannah at the top of the 'D' and passed to Anne in the centre, who fired it into the back of the goal.

With five minutes to go, and all to play for, both teams were looking for a winning goal. Spurred on by equalising, Arran Ladies pushed up once again. Mia passed the ball from the right, where Judith skilfully collected it, turned and drew the defence out. Judith nudged the ball to Jenny at the top of the 'D', who fired it in towards the post where Anne dived to get a stick to the ball and put it into the goal under the keeper's feet.

With a 2-1 lead and only minutes left, Arran couldn't rest on their laurels. Uddingston came back with a vengeance and broke through Arran's defence to take a solid strike on goal. Ninja keeper Ali, however, made the save

of the match as she dived and deflected the ball away. As the visiting team took their long corner, Mia fell culprit to the five-metre offence and was sent of the pitch with a yellow card in the closing minute. As the final whistle blew, Arran Ladies cheered their thanks to Uddingston and then congratulated each other on a hard-fought and well-deserved win.

Shout out

One Arran player said: 'The whole team deserve a massive shout out, for keeping their cool and for their pure tenacity on pitch. Everyone played their socks off and gave the much-needed 110 per cent to win the game, but a special mention to our youngsters coming up against such a difficult opposition. Annie, you were in for every ball; Bella, you never gave up challenging your opponent; and Megan, your jab tackles prevented the opposition attack getting further into our defence.'

Elated by the result, Arran Ladies enjoyed match teas in the Ormidale Pavilion where it was announced that Judith



Elyse Aitken gives chase as Uddingston go on the attack. 01_B05hockey01

Ross had been nominated as dame of the game, a just reward for her speedy drives up the right wing, including one which sent her flying resulting in very skint knees and elbows!

Arran Ladies were due to face GHK Ladies 4s on Sunday, however the opposition conceded the match meaning Arran gained a 5-0 win to add to their weekend score sheet. These wins put Arran top of the West District 3rd Division, with a game in hand.

Arran Ladies would like to thank Pauline for giving up her match time to umpire once again, and they are exceedingly grateful to David Johnston for managing the sideline substitutions and keeping them on track. The team would like to give a special shout out to all the supporters who turned up to cheer them on – your en-

couragement was incredibly important in this match and it really spurred all the players on.

Arran Ladies travel away to Dumfries today (Saturday), with a 1pm passback at the King George V astroturf.



The Arran defence stands firm as Uddingston attack. 01_B05hockey06



Susie Murchie steps in to block a pass. 01_B05hockey02

Arran top after tough win over Uddingston Clinetix

Arran Ladies 2
Uddingston Clinetix 3s 1
West District Division 3

Arran Ladies sit top of the league after a hard-fought win over Uddingston Clinetix Ladies 3s in Brodick last Saturday. They have 27 points from 11 games and have a game in hand over second-placed Greenock Morton Ladies.

They took to their home pitch with determination as they faced long-term rivals Uddingston. With a full squad of 16 players, captain Elyse Aitken devised a complex strategic plan of rolling substitutions to give players welcome rest time throughout the match. Arran's defensive line was comprised of goalkeeper Alison McKie, sweeper Faith McKelvie and the strong line of Helen Thomson, Ellie Wood and Elyse with Freya McNicol and youngster Megan McCartney filling in when needed. Mia Walker, Jenny Stark and Susie Murchie took to their midfield positions, assisted by the young and super speedy Annie McKelvie, whilst Judith Ross, Anne Watts and Hannah McCartney, along with Cerys Herapath and Isabella Reid, assumed attacking positions upfront.

From the first whistle, it was obvious that Uddingston were set out for a win, with their attacks on ball strong and ferocious. Arran Ladies remained head-strong and



Mia Walker has support in this Arran attack. 01_B05hockey05

focused and executed some lovely set plays and excellent tackling. Early on, the home team were awarded a penalty corner, which Uddingston cleared before swiftly conceding another. The second penalty corner saw a solid shot on goal by Susie which the keeper sadly managed to get her pads to.

Play continued evenly between both teams, largely down the left hand side of the pitch. Uddingston were then awarded their first corner of the match, which goalkeeper Ali wasn't for let-

ting in, as she booted the ball back down towards Arran's attacking half. As half-time approached, umpire Pauline Reid blew her whistle to signify the end of play. Players from both teams looked to her with surprise as many time play on their watches and thought they still had five minutes. Pauline graciously accepted her mistake after collaboration with the other umpire, and play resumed with a 'bully-off'. Despite winning the bully, Arran were unable to capitalise on

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Ellie Wood fires a long ball forward. 01_B05hockey03



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