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Essential timetable extended as CalMac freezes bookings

by Hugh Boag
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Ferry operator CalMac is extending its current essential lifeline service timetable until June 14 and is also putting a freeze on all future bookings until the same date.

The moves are a direct result of the intervention of the Arran Ferry Committee who had growing concerns of a huge influx of tourists heading to Arran from mid-July, amid fears the island may not be ready to cope with large numbers of visitors.

The company had been allowing bookings to be made from July 16 onwards but in light of a fast changing COVID-19 environment, has decided to suspend future bookings until a new timetable is agreed with Transport Scotland.

The relaxation coincided the



start of the Glasgow Fair and several sailings after that date were already indicating they were approaching full capacity bringing boatloads of visitors to the island, although it remains uncertain what, if any, tourist facilities will be open by that time.

As a result, the ferry committee wrote to CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond to

express their worries around the future travel arrangements for the summer and the practice of accepting bookings beyond July 16.

In a statement, issued to the Banner as we went to press, CalMac's commercial director, Diane Burke said: 'Extending our current essential lifeline service timetable until the middle of next month gives us

The current essential lifeline service timetable has been extended.

an opportunity to work with Transport Scotland to put in place a timetable that will continue to ensure the welfare of our island communities.'

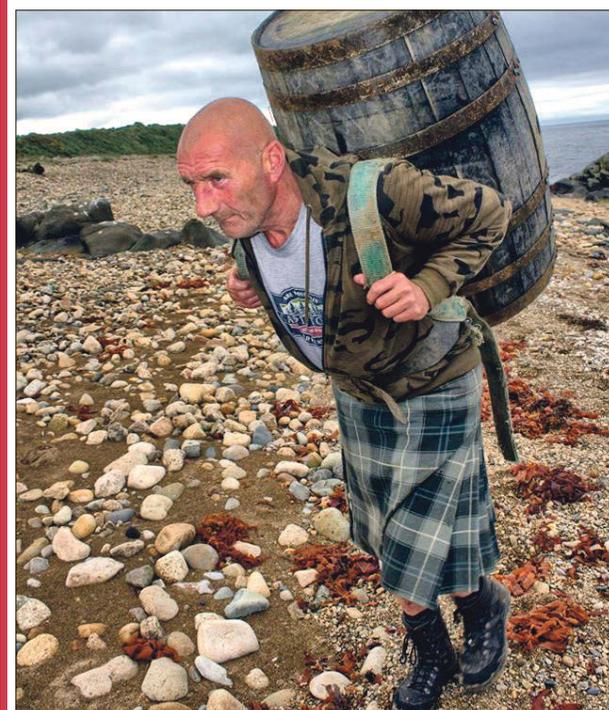
'We will continue to follow guidance and advice from the Scottish Government in planning future timetables.'

CalMac is currently operating to an essential travel timetable that has seen demand for services reduced by 95 per cent since the start of the coronavirus emergency.

'Our focus as we develop this new timetable will continue to be on providing priority lifeline services. There will be no significant change to our operation for the foreseeable

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Big Davy's on his way



Big Davy Ballantyne is on the fifth day of his Round Arran barrel challenge today (Friday).

Big Davy is walking the entire 70-mile Arran Coastal Way with a 50kg (8st) whisky barrel strapped to his back.

He is raising money and awareness for the Samaritans, with more than £2,200 being raised on his JustGiving appeal page and the total

is climbing every day. Davy, accompanied by photographer Fraser Aitchison, started at Kildonan on Monday and after a difficult first day over the rocks and boulders at the Black Cave he picked up the pace the following day getting from Shannochie to Sliderry. He is attempting to complete the challenge by next weekend.

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future. In line with any government changes in travel restrictions we will take a considered approach to opening up our services gradually when the time is right to do so,' added Ms Burke.

In their letter to the CalMac boss the ferry committee had asked that all future bookings were cancelled and no new bookings accepted, until there was confidence that procedures are in place to deal with increased numbers and they would be manageable within the island health care services.

They had also requested that future transport procedures must ensure priority to permanent residents' travel with return travel assured prior to their departure from Brodick.

They said the operator should start to work with the committee, which is seen as critical, to understand the



island's priorities before considering releasing any on-line bookings, to which CalMac has agreed.

An Arran Ferry Committee spokesman said: 'The committee continue to engage with all service providers to represent the majority views of the residents of Arran and it is with regret we will need to reschedule our AGM which should take place at the end of June but we do not wish to proceed until we can ensure appropriate measures are in place for social distancing etc.

'We will publish a revised date when we can until then please continue to raise any questions through your representatives.'

Information for customers who have already booked a future journey can be found on the CalMac website, along with the latest advice on ferry travel. CalMac will continue to waive its refund request fee.

Uplifts reinstated ahead of coup reopening date

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North Ayrshire Council has reinstated its special uplift service ahead of the reopening of the Brodick coup, which has been confirmed, will be on Monday June 1.

The service, which allows for up to five bulky household items to be uplifted, is being offered free of charge for the first collection, with the local authority waiving the standard £25.20 fee until the household waste recycling centres in Market Road reopens. This is to try to make it easier for residents to get rid of unwanted household items that are unable to be stored safely.

However, in an effort to try and manage demand, the council is urging only those households who absolutely need to use the service to get in touch.



North Ayrshire Council has reinstated its special uplift service ahead of the reopening of the Brodick coup.

Significant additional capacity has been made available so that the council can provide more customers with the free service. However, demand is expected to outstrip supply and therefore anyone who is unable to book a collection slot, should try again at a later date.

To book a free uplift, residents should call 01294 310000

and officers will provide them with an allocated collection slot, depending on availability.

Items should then be grouped together and placed outside the property by 7am on the advised collection day.

Arran councillor Timothy Billings said: 'I am delighted that the council is planning to reopen the recycling site in Brodick so promptly following

the Scottish government's announcement of the slight easing of travel restrictions. This will be such a relief to so many people and will help minimise the risk of fly-tipping across the island.'

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said: 'We acknowledge that the suspension of our special uplift service and the closure of Household Waste Recycling Centres has caused considerable inconvenience.

'While a small minority of people took this as an excuse to illegally fly-tip, we appreciate that the majority of our residents have held onto their waste responsibly.

'This free special uplift service is a way of thanking you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. We hope that it will also help to ease pressure at our HWRCs when they reopen.'

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Police probe cat shooting

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Police enquiries are ongoing after a cat was shot and injured by an airgun in Brodick on Sunday.

The following night two shots were reported to have been heard in the Brathwic/Hillview area but there were no further reports regarding any injured animals.

The injured cat, called Rocky, belonged to Gemma Ferguson, who works at Arran Vets. She told the Banner: 'We are very upset about our cat Rocky being shot with an air rifle. Regardless to what the cat may have been doing, shooting a firearm to cause pain and suffering is not right. I am nervous about letting my other cat out during the day on case this happens to her. I want whoever did this to be identified so this doesn't happen to another animal, or worse, a child.'

'He was lucky to get shot in the leg rather than the head



or chest. He is in a lot of pain and needs to stay indoors until his leg has mended

which could take six weeks - not easy for a cat that is very much an outdoor cat! But it's



Rocky relaxing on the bed with his injured paw; and above, the x-ray image with an arrow indicating the fractured metacarpal bone Rocky suffered.

only for a short time and he should make a full recovery.

'I took him to see the vet straight away where he was x-rayed to check that he hadn't been shot anywhere else. The pellet I removed had fractured the metacarpal bone in his left leg. He was stitched up and is now in a bandage.'

Arran sergeant Dougie Robertson said: 'Police were contacted on the evening of

Sunday May 17 by a member of the public in Brodick who reported that their cat had been struck and injured apparently by an air weapon pellet. Enquiries were conducted, however, it could not be established where the animal had been when it was injured.

'Following this incident, on the evening of Monday May 18, a call was received from a concerned member of the

public again in the Brodick area reporting that they had heard what they believed to be two shots possibly being discharged from an air weapon or BB gun. Again enquiries were conducted, however the source of the sounds heard could not be identified and no further reports were received regarding any injured animals.

'Clearly anyone who willfully injures or causes an animal unnecessary suffering commits an offence and the circumstances of such an act will be fully investigated with a view to identifying and prosecuting the offender.'

'Anyone who can provide information regarding the matter should contact the police on 101 or alternatively they can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.'

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Dougarie Boathouse to get a makeover

The famous Dougarie Boathouse on the west coast of Arran is to be given a makeover.

The B-listed boathouse, built in 1885 at Dougarie Estate, is to have conservation, repair and internal alternations carried out.

A planning application for the work has been submitted to North Ayrshire Council planners in the name of Mrs Jules Gibbs.

Modest internal alternations are to be made to create a tea preparation kitchen and toilet provision. The remainder of the proposals are repair works.

When complete, the building will continue to be used for small events.

The large boathouse was designed by architect J J Burnett for launching boats and for entertaining guests. The unusual twin gabled building in local red sandstone has swept away eaves and centre gabled verandah.

A planning application has been submitted to demolish The Wee House, which was built around 1964 at the rear of the mini golf course in Brodick and replace it with a modern three bedroom bungalow.

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A new economic model to save North Ayrshire

Council announces radical strategy to boost area post COVID-19

The council which administers Arran has become the first in Scotland to adopt a radical economic model to plot a way forward now and post COVID-19.

North Ayrshire Council launched its 'Community Wealth Building' (CWB) strategy last week as it set out its road map to build back a better and fairer local economy.

The strategy sets out how the council and other 'anchor' organisations – including NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Ayrshire College and wider partners – will support more local business to bid for public sector contracts.

It will also encourage businesses based in North Ayrshire to spend locally to support local supply chains and the recovery of the island economy.

The council will work to ensure public land and assets can be used more effectively to meet community and business needs, as well as tackling climate change.

The council will also look at ways of establishing a Community Bank to support local citizens and businesses and ensure more money stays local.

It will also aim to broaden business ownership through supporting the development of co-operatives, employee ownership and social enterprises



North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane.

and will ensure communities and workers have fairer jobs, pay and opportunities to train and progress.

An £8.8 million investment fund will support community wealth building projects, including the development of infrastructure to support

business growth, with an emphasis on climate change after the council declared a climate emergency in 2019.

The council has long been an advocate for community empowerment through a Community Investment Fund and their Participatory

'We will feel the impact of this economic shock for some time and it is important we start thinking about our economic recovery at this early stage.'

Budgeting approach - where local groups are allocated resources for particular projects - is a blueprint for others across Scotland.

The CWB approach, which was developed initially by the Democracy Collaborative in the US, aims to ensure the economic system builds wealth and prosperity for everyone.

It has proved successful in Cleveland and Ohio in America, while Preston in Lancashire adopted the model in 2011. In the subsequent years the area has seen local spend by anchor organisation in local businesses more than double. Between 2012/13 and 2016/17 the amount spent locally in Preston increased from £38.3 million to £112.3 million, with Preston's unemployment rate halving and the city moving out of the top 20 per cent most deprived local

authority areas in the UK. Launching the strategy, leader of North Ayrshire Council Joe Cullinane said: 'The North Ayrshire economy, despite some strengths, was fragile even before the current crisis, with levels of unemployment, poverty and inequality well above the Scottish average.'

'We will feel the impact of this economic shock for some time and it is important we start thinking about our economic recovery at this early stage to support our business base to rebuild, support communities into jobs and enhance local well-being.'

'As we emerge from COVID-19, we need to build an economy that is strong, resilient and fair. That is why this week we are launching a new Community Wealth Building strategy - the first of its kind in Scotland - to put forward a new economic model to support our recovery.'

'This isn't just about how we do economic development. This is a new transformational approach for how we work as a council to support our local communities and businesses and protect our local environment, making us Scotland's first Community Wealth Building Council.'

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Lamlash Service Reservoir in the hills above the village. 01_B21water01
Inset: The pipe replacement works with the village far below. 01_B21water02



Back to work in Lamlash

Scottish Water's £500,000 water network infrastructure upgrade in Lamlash is to resume.

The improvement work, which began late last October, had to be halted as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

While Scottish Water's capital investment programme has temporarily halted to protect public health and limit potential further spread of the coronavirus, in line with government guidance, works which have a critical impact on core water supply or waste water management are continuing.

The project will restart on Monday May 25 in private land high in the hills above the village, near Lamlash Service Reservoir. It is anticipated it will take around five days to complete.

The project is being carried out by Scottish Water's con-

tractors Clancy Docwra and involves upgrades to just under two miles of pipework to help improve resilience of supply for customers.

Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water's corporate affairs manager in the west, said: 'Scottish Water has a vital role to look after everyone's water supply and this upgrade work to our water infrastructure in Lamlash will ensure our customers can continue to enjoy clear, fresh drinking water. It will also help reduce the chance of pipes bursting.'

'Scottish Water employees will be visible in the area carrying out this essential work. To protect public health and our employees, they will adhere to government guidelines on social distancing.'

'We'd like to thank the community for its patience and understanding while this improvement work is undertaken.'

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Ferry dilemma is a very delicate balancing act

A situation is developing on Arran, as I am sure is happening on the other islands in Scotland, of a conflict between opening the island up for tourism, once restrictions are eased, or keeping it closed to keep the local population safe.

And at least common sense finally prevailed this week with CalMac announcing an extension to the 'essential travel' timetable till the middle of next month and putting a freeze on future bookings.

But that was after they were prepared to allow a free-for-all by opening up their full summer timetable from July 16 which saw a scramble for bookings, with some ferries already almost full to capacity.

Many on the island do not want to see a sudden influx of visitors as early as the summer. But for others, in the tourist trade, it is their livelihood and unless visitors return the future for them looks bleak. So clearly a delicate balancing act is going to be required.

In a bid to put the brakes on an instant reopening, ahead of a comprehensive plan, the Arran Ferry Committee this week asked CalMac to suspend bookings for now and following their decision to do so there is now, at least, a three week window to come up with a solution.

It must be time well spent for the well being of all the island residents and businesses alike.

Thought for the week

'I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.' **Psalm 23:6**

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Radical action needed

Sir,
The threat to the National Trust for Scotland, as reported on the Banner's front page of May 15, should be cause for urgent and radical action in the same way shutdown is being addressed elsewhere in the economy.

On Arran we should be particularly sensitive to this. Brodick Castle and gardens are the principal seasonal tourist attraction supporting the economy of Arran. An important upland management project of peatland restoration and tree-planting is helping towards national carbon reduction commitments.

Meanwhile, the connections within the community are far-reaching and cover so many aspects of Arran life from educational links with schools to fun activities for all ages. The wonderful local NTS staff support many key community organisations and provide encouragement and support to the many volunteers involved in the work of the trust. These personal links depend on the enthusiasm and expertise of those same staff members who now face potential redundancy.

However, I do not see evidence the NTS head office value these strong local links nor the expertise and good practice at local level. My lack of faith is based on previous 'remedial action' which has seen a loss in key specialities within the trust, for example ecology, and an increased recourse to commissioned consultants who pay little or no attention to local knowledge. Perversely this exercise does not seem to have diminished the upper management team.

At this critical time I would hope directors will remember the trust's primary purpose, namely to protect our heritage landscapes and properties and manage them for public access. It is about places and people in equal measure.

At the castle I think we all appreciate the need for essential safety works and the fresh approach to presentation that necessitated closure for two years. However, no amount of highly paid consultants can build and maintain community links and a local volunteer force. It is great to see Kenneth Gibson is highlighting the urgency of the NTS situation in government (Kenneth.gibson.msp@parliament.scot). NTS also has a consultation process: consultation@nts.org.uk.

Yours, Robin Barnden, Lamlash.

Not a gift

I was frustrated by the letter in the Banner of May 8 arguing it is British money rather than

Scottish money being awarded as grants during coronavirus.

This money is not a gift graciously bestowed on us from a foreign country. Scotland is part of Britain and that money is merely our share of the national assets/borrowing.

As for different rules and regulations north and south of the border, this is the reality of a devolved parliament.

There are measures being taken to suit the needs of each country. If everything was exactly the same in each country throughout Britain, there would little benefit in having a devolved parliament.

That does not mean we should be different just for the sake of it and I am sure improvements could be made.

However, it is worth noting there are funds available in Scotland but not England, such as the interest free loans for private landlords.

I for one am very glad we have a body which is considering the interests of Scotland first and foremost during these times.

It is our devolved parliaments that can ensure tailor made plans for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

If Boris Johnston had the power available to him last week, you can be sure we would now be in a one-size-doesn't-fit-all-solution shaped around the needs of London.

Whilst this is not the time to push for independence, it is certainly not a time to decry the benefits our parliament in Edinburgh gives us.

Yours, Andy McNamara, Whiting Bay.

Second homes

Sir,

May I, and I am sure others in Arran villages, vent our frustration and growing anger at CalMac, local police and the authorities over the influx of second home owners/holiday home owners into Corrie and other Arran villages.

It is beyond disgraceful CalMac is allowing them to travel over here. Nice to see CalMac putting profit before islanders' health and well-being. How can they possibly explain that to us?

What are the local police doing about this situation? It seems nothing, again disgraceful inaction.

Can they explain themselves?

Thirdly, there is local authority inaction in tackling this, it seems.

Stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives rules seem not to apply to second home/holiday home owners.

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Why, when the majority of us are following these rules, are a small minority getting away with flouting the lockdown rules?

It is time action was taken regarding this matter or it will lead to problems.

Yours, Gary Scott, Corrie.

Bells silenced

Sir,

In response to the church bell request in your letters page last week, as one of Lamlash Church bellringers, I've been desperate to play Lamlash church bells to send out cheer around the village.

However, essential journeys only during this lockdown period plus a problem in the church itself which hasn't allowed anyone to be inside the building pre COVID-19 has prevented that. Our church services were taking place in the hall before coronavirus.

In the meantime, please direct any readers to <http://lamlashkilmorychurch.co.uk/2018/06/lamlash-church-bells>, where they can enjoy hearing the bells playing anytime, not just on a Thursday at 8pm.

Yours, Alison Page, Lamlash.

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Pandemic silences rock and blues festival 2020

This year's Arran Rock 'n' Blues Festival (ARNBF) is the latest victim of the coronavirus pandemic.

Organisers have cancelled the two-day event, due to be held at the end of September, because of the risks that will still be associated with the virus on the island at that time.

It would have been the third festival and it had already attracted a top line-up of bands from across Scotland and beyond.

But founder Jane Howe of the Pierhead Tavern told the Banner: 'I cannot take the chance of bringing the virus to Arran and although we will lose a couple of thousand pounds, the cost could be much higher.

'Tickets will be refunded in due course.'

In a letter to the bands, organisers told them: 'The decision, made in consultation with a number of bodies, was not easy but it was one that had to be taken due to a number of factors, none more important than the health and safety of the island and its community.

'As a small tourist island, the risk to Arran is arguably higher than that of the mainland, especially in control of an infection. There is an understandable fear of COVID-19 spreading on Arran if/when the island is opened up beyond the current restrictions and it is likely a re-opening will be done in baby steps, with

larger events such as ARNBF unacceptable at this, still early, stage.

'Furthermore, the police advised us that, even if the island was 'open for business' in September, it would be unlikely the security/council services who give the necessary permissions for the festival to take place would have time to regroup from COVID-19 duties to be able to assess and authorise it leading to a possible last minute cancellation.

'In addition to the current pandemic, there are also ongoing technical issues with the CalMac ferries to Arran and no sign of the new ferry proposed to be in service this summer as construction was abandoned when the shipyard went bankrupt. There is nothing to suggest the technical issues won't still be prevalent in September.

'We also have to acknowledge ARNBF 2020 would now be unlikely to sell the necessary tickets to make the event financially viable due to many music fans deciding the risk will still be too high to travel/attend.

'Additionally, the organising team must prioritise their own businesses and look at ways to recoup financial losses/loss of earnings due to the COVID-19 impact of lockdown and shutdown. This takes ongoing festival organisation and its associated costs out of the equation,' the letter added.



The cancelled notice on a festival flyer.



A big crowd at the festival held last July on Lamash Green.

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Still hitting the high



Tutor Thomas Barnes plays the snare drum and plays for Glasgow-based pipe band ScottishPower. 01_B20AMS03



Piper Freya McNicol prepares for her online lesson. 01_B20AMS14



Tutor Ross Miller plays the bagpipes, sings, and plays the whistle and the classical trombone. 01_B20AMS02

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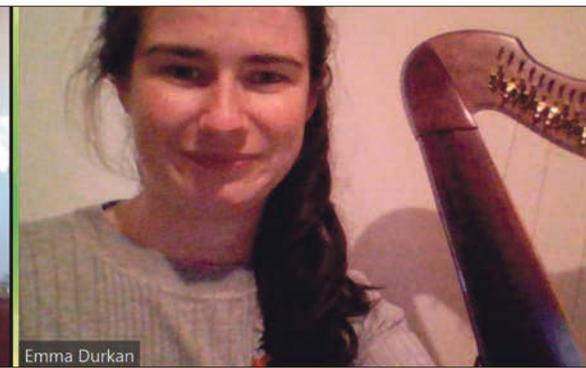

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Lisa Henderson practises the clarsach with tutor Emma Durkan. 01_B20AMS05



Megan Green prepares for her drum lesson. 01_B20AMS09



Above: Scott MacAllister plays the clarsach with tutor Emma Durkan. 01_B20AMS06

Right: AMS pupils competed in the Scottish Schools Pipe and Drums Trust championship. 01_B20AMS04

gh notes during lockdown

Despite challenging and uncertain times, Isle of Arran Music School (AMS) has continued to develop and has successfully adapted its tuition to online learning.

After the schools were closed by the government, the AMS committee and the tutors developed a timetable and invested in Zoom, a video-conferencing tool.

The tutors have also created videos which the students can access through a YouTube channel, giving them a chance to 'play along' with the tutors between lessons.

The tutors trialled this for four weeks, which concluded at the end of March, even giving lessons during the Easter holidays. AMS has had positive feedback from parents and students and the tutors and are pleased to announce this will continue for as long as there are restrictions or to the end of the school year.

Head teacher Shirley MacLachan said: 'Learning online via Zoom has been a completely new skill for the children to adapt to. As ever, they have done so with enthusiasm. Their weekly lessons continue, thanks to the great skills and dedication of their wonderful tutors. Well done to everyone for making this happen.'

AMS committee member Alistair Paul, who also runs Arran Fiddle Club which is also providing online lessons, added: 'Fiddle lessons have continued online. As soon as the lockdown began, tutor Lynsey Tait started posting video lessons for her classes



and has been supplementing these with video calls where extra help is needed. A number of young players have posted videos of their playing online as part of #COVIDceilidh, an initiative set up to connect traditional musicians throughout Scotland during the lockdown.'

Teaching

AMS, a charitable organisation established in 2017, runs in partnership with island schools. Its core purpose is to provide young people with high quality teaching and learning alongside musical experiences. The focus is around traditional Scottish music making.

The organisation primarily works with young people but may look at music provision for adults in coming months if demand exists.

AMS trustees and committee members meet regularly to drive forward developments. This includes seeking funding to keep lessons and experiences as cost free as possible and looking at ways of working in partnership with other organisations including Isle of Arran Pipe Band, Arran Fiddle Club and Feis Arrain.

Fundraising through grants and donations continues to be a large part of ensuring AMS is operationally viable and sustainable.

A vital part of its funding came from an anonymous island donor who injected life into the music school in 2017. The donor pledged around £50,000 which propelled the organisation into life.

Now this funding has come to its planned conclusion and as the group enters its fourth year with new vigour and determination to continue, a range of approaches to ensure it continues to sustain and grow its music programmes will be embarked upon through grants and fundraising.

AMS is delivering pipes and drum lessons to 63 young people across all island schools – 36 pipers and 27 drummers – and 11 clarsach players.

The last word must go to the man who has been the creative force behind the music school, James O'Neil.

He said: 'The committee and young people thank everyone who has contributed their time and/or resources, little or large, into ensuring the concept has become a reality and to continue providing young people across Arran with musical experiences in an equitable and exciting approach.'

More photographs on page 10.

Pupils join their tutor Thomas Barnes for a group session. 01_B20AMS10

Tutor Emma Durkan plays the the clarsach, fiddle and sings. 01_B20AMS01



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Adapting to online learning



Charlie Adams prepares for his piping lesson with tutor Ross Miller. 01_B20AMS13



Piper Reece Ferguson joins tutor Ross Miller for his lesson. 01_B20AMS12



Erin McNiven joins tutor Ross Miller online. 01_B20AMS11



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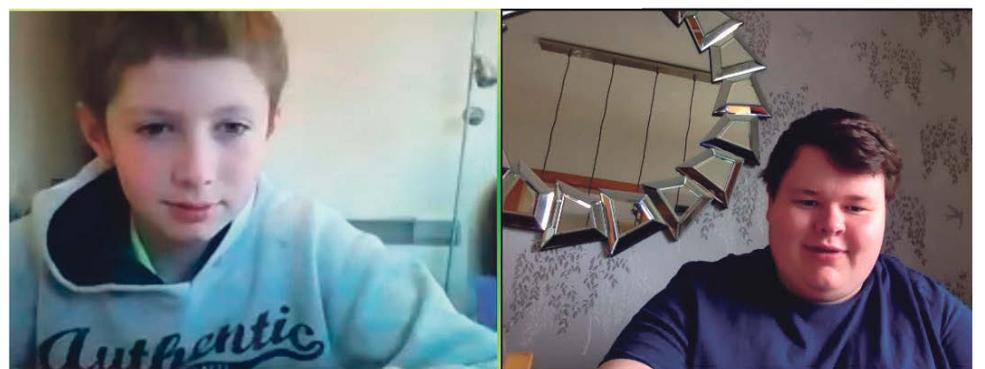
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Andrew Currie plays the drums with tutor Thomas Barnes. 01_B20AMS07



Fergus West plays the drum under the watchful eye of tutor Thomas Barnes. 01_B20AMS08

All together >

Private firms working for the public good in coronavirus outbreak

People working for a wide range of private companies have been standing side-by-side with public sector staff on the front line during the coronavirus outbreak. Staff at private sector firms

have been doing their bit to help out communities across the country during the crisis. This includes employees from many of the large outsourcing firms that the government works with,

who have both shifted their resources to work on other projects and made sure vital services have continued. Here are just some of the many examples from across the country.

'Trying to make a difference'

CASE STUDY 1 VENTILATORS

AT THE beginning of the Covid 19 crisis, Britain's hospitals had 8,000 ventilators.

They now have 11,500 - of which more than 1,000 are from the Prime Minister's Ventilator Challenge.

Babcock International is one of those companies which has stepped up to the challenge

The company based in London has offices, specialist training facilities, dockyards, equipment testing centres and research and development facilities across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Chris Spicer is project manager for the ventilator challenge at the company He said: "On Monday March 16 there was an email asking if there was any way Babcock could provide support. By the Friday we had a working prototype. The weekend was pretty busy preparing for a



CHALLENGING TIMES: Chris Spicer is project manager for Babcock International.

presentation to the government on the Monday to propose what our offering would be, how it would meet the requirement specifications, our plan for building it, the time frame and also the volumes we could achieve.

"People worked round-the-clock to get it sorted and have continued to. We've used innovative, bespoke ways of

moving forward. Some of the machine companies we use for submarine parts now make plastic valves for the ventilators. We all want to help in any small way we can. We all have relatives in vulnerable groups and that's a driver - thinking if that was your father or your granny in that scenario how could you make that little bit of difference."

Stepping up to support Nightingale North West

CASE STUDY 3 HOSPITALS

GLOBAL construction and support services company Interserve is among the many that has stepped up to help out in the current crisis.

The company was already providing services ranging from security through to cleaning, catering, maintenance and portering duties to 11 NHS hospitals, six healthcare facilities, the London Ambulance Service and the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service.

Within 11 days of taking an initial call, they had everything



FAST WORK: Steve Francis.

ready - from cleaning to catering - for Nightingale North West.

Steve Francis works for Interserve as part of the facilities management team at the hospital.

He said: "Teams had to move quickly on the Nightingale contract. The company had a call from the NHS and 11 days later we were live."

Virtual visiting brings comfort to families

CASE STUDY 4 LIFELINES

A UNIQUE partnership of medical experts, academics, companies and charities has led to the creation of a way for families to see loved ones in intensive care without actually visiting them.

The team have shared expertise and resources to help patients and families stay connected through Life Lines, a project which provides a secure virtual-visiting solution for families whose loved ones are being treated in intensive care units during the coronavirus pandemic. It means that even though they can't visit,

family members can still be at the bedside via a tablet and secure app.

The Life Lines project was set up by critical care consultant Dr Joel Meyer, professor of critical care nursing Professor Louise Rose and Michel Paquet, who developed the aTouchAway app used in the project and is the chief executive officer of Aetonix.

Partners include King's College London, King's Health Partners, Aetonix, Bray Leino, Google and BT. Initial funding of £1m was provided by the True Colours Trust and the Gatsby Charitable Foundation.

Ensuring the children of key workers are well fed

CASE STUDY 2 FOOD

FEEDING THE children of key workers who have still been attending school during the coronavirus crisis has been a significant challenge.

One of the firms that has been helping ensure children are well fed is ISS education, who work with more than 600 education establishments across the country.

They have been providing food hampers packed with all the ingredients families need to cook meals at home for their children

Linda Cregan is the food services director for ISS education. She said around 200 of the schools it serves have stayed open to feed vulnerable and key worker children.



FEEDING TIME: Linda Cregan.

"We wanted to make sure we were doing everything possible and making it as easy as possible for schools to find solutions locally to what they needed," she said. "We have had a mixed bag offering packed lunches, collections, and hot meals."

One of the establishments they have worked with is the Waterton Academy Trust, which is based in Wakefield.

Linda said: "The trust wanted to be able to provide families with the ingredients that they could then cook the meals at home with for their children."

Companies doing their bit

- Interserve have used 40 vehicles and 100 people from their probation team to deliver food to the elderly and vulnerable.
- BAE Systems helped to secure more PPE equipment for NHS staff by using their industrial-scale 3D printers to make tens of thousands of face shields.
- Engie are distributing shielding and welfare boxes to vulnerable

- people on behalf of local councils.
- ISS have delivered recipe books and food hampers to thousands of children who are eligible for free school meals.
- BT have worked with Samsung, Google, MobileIron and TouchAway to provide video services for people in intensive care units, allowing them to communicate with their families.



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We're here to help on Arran

This list of business services has been compiled by the Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS) to assist everyone who is self-isolating or unwell. There are a range of food delivery services and other resources to keep you busy while staying at home. Please bear in mind that although most of the deliveries are free, the businesses are doing this by goodwill and if you are placing an order be considerate of volume vs cost. Thanks to all concerned for providing information and adapting what they do in these challenging times. Shop local, support your community!

Scotland's Citizen's Advice Helpline will provide advice to the whole of Scotland. Tel: 0800 028 1456.

Message from pharmacy

Please do not hand in repeat prescriptions at this time. Instead telephone the surgery order line on 01770 600516. Order all items on your repeat and collect from here in no less than four working days

FOOD:

Lochranza Centre

Hot meal orders delivered between the hours of 5.00pm and 7.00pm on Tue, Wed and Sun (please do not go to the centre, phone on 01770 830 637). These are in a 'disposable' takeaway form. Kitchen is fully compliant with food safety regulations and we have sufficient stocks of sanitiser etc. Payment should be made through their Justgiving page. Phone for details. Lochranza Centre can be contacted on 01770 830637. They can pick up shopping for people from Pirnmill Stores or the Co-op if you phone the stores direct and place the order. For any other assistance anyone in Pirnmill/Lochranza/Catcol can phone the centre and they will try and help.

Pirnmill Shop

Grocery provision orders to be picked up or delivered via the following means: Order via telephone: 850235 or email: pirnmillpo@gmail.com - Facebook message: www.facebook.com/pirnmillvillagestore/ Payments by card over the phone or by bank transfer, the bank details for this are as follows Name: Pirnmill Village Store - sort code: 83-23-13, account no: 00601644.

Wooleys of Arran Bakery Shop, Brodick

Shops are now closed to public. Fresh bread, rolls, potato scone and frozen pies and quiche can be ordered and delivered to Brodick and Lamlash. Order via telephone - 302280 by 11am for next day delivery or contact via Facebook messenger.

Co-op, Brodick

Groceries for home delivery, call the store to order. For vulnerable and self-isolating residents. Order via telephone - 302515 or email elizabeth.mclean@coop.co.uk (preferred) including your name, address, telephone number and membership details - it may take up to one day to be called back. Delivery schedule: Monday: Corrie, Sannox, Glen Estate, Brodick. Tuesday: Lamlash, Cordon, Whiting Bay. Wednesday: from Whiting Bay to Blackwaterfoot. Thursday: Lochranza, Pirnmill, Machrie. Friday: Brodick and surrounding areas.

Foodshare at the Co-op, Brodick and Lamlash

Short-life orange label food (use by and best before) will be available for the public to collect for free every evening at 6.15pm from the foodshare table within the big Co-op in Brodick and Co-op, Lamlash. This scheme is open to all, help yourself to stop food from going to landfill. Please adhere to the 'touch it and take it' policy.

Bay Kitchen and Stores, Whiting Bay

Drive thru groceries - call ahead - we will bring your shopping out to you. Delivery service, suggested spend no less than £10 for Whiting Bay and £20 if further away please, free contactless payment. Order via telephone 700229 Mon-Sat 9-4pm, Sunday closed. The seating area is now closed, free hot drinks to any NHS and Coastguard/helicoptering staff/any front line staff... and their spouses who all deserve medals too. Deliveries are not only for self-isolators but for any front line staff who need a break.

The Shore, Whiting Bay

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A & C Camerons, Blackwaterfoot

Home delivery from the shop as normal for those distancing, or lambing! Home deliveries cover the whole Shiskine Valley, Machrie and as far as Lochranza and Kildonnan on specific days. Order via telephone - 01770 860 220 or email blackwaterfoot-po@live.co.uk.

Blackwaterfoot Bakehouse

Opening times Tuesday-Saturday weekly, please see Facebook page for developments. www.facebook.com/bakehouseblackwater/ Their bread will also be available at their usual locations elsewhere on the island. Arran Meals 2 Go, Shiskine (and Brodick during lockdown)

Deliveries available Friday & Saturday nights. Pre-order anytime before 5pm or call between 5-7.30pm. Free delivery and online payments available. Social distancing rules adhered to, we will leave them on your doorstep knock on the door and run away. Call 860572.

Kilmory Hall and Community Centre

Groceries available as previously at the little community shop for those



who need to use it. A review will be made at the end of April. Contact us please email kilmory.hall@btinternet.com.

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Arran Butchers, Blackwaterfoot

Still trading, shop closed to public. Orders can be placed by phoning the shop to arrange a non-contact delivery anywhere on the island - pay for by card. A full range of stock remains at all three Co-ops and at Bay stores. A 20 per cent discount on all home delivery island wide. Order via telephone - 860354.

Blackwaterfoot Lodge (Hotel)

Take our meals for drive thru collection or home deliveries available Friday and Saturday nights from 5pm-8pm. Delivery in Shiskine Valley area. Weekly menu available on Facebook page or phone 860202.

Wiltshire Farm Foods

Frozen meal deliveries to Arran are every two weeks to order you can either call 01294 551734 or via website http://www.wiltshirefarmfoods.com/If you require to be put on the referral list please contact Social Service on 600 742 for a brochure. For any further enquiries you can also contact Chris on 830252.

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Arran Active

Any kind of stock requirements can be delivered for free or can be picked up from outside the store. Payment taken over the phone. Order via telephone - call Andrew on 700508 to arrange.

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Arran Haulage Service/Armitage, Brodick

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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday May 27, 2000



Ross Duncan who won the junior match play golf last week, which makes him Arran's junior golfing champion. In the final Ross, 14, faced Alastair Kelly, the same pairing as last year, but the result was different with Ross coming out on top. 01_B21tweY02

Market doubt

The future looks bleak for Brodick auction market. With fewer and fewer beasts being forwarded over the years, it is near the point where it might not continue.

Auctioneers A & J Wilson announced in this week's Banner that its next two stock sales are to be cancelled and the following one, the day after the Arran Show, will only take place if enough beasts are entered. Thus, unless things take a turn for the better, it looks as if the market's days are numbered.

The sales with the most animals, at present, are the sheep sales in September and although sheep prices are poor, at least these should continue for a while.

Song and dance

Arran Music and Drama Club will be staging its production of Irene in Brodick hall on five nights next week.

For the first time, the production will feature The Arran Dancers who will be performing tango, ragtime and Charleston routines.

This Cinderella story set in the nostalgic era of the 1920s tells the tale of an Irish girl who finds adventure and romance in the glamorous New York world of high fashion and



And they're off. Young swimmers compete in a race at the annual primary schools swimming gala at the Kinloch Hotel pool on Wednesday. 01_B21tweY03

features classic songs including 'You made me love you', 'What d'ya wanna make those eyes at me for' and, of course, the title track 'Irene'.



Visitors inspect the line-up of Morris 8s, Morris Minors and Morris Metropolitans at Brodick Castle last Sunday when the Morris Owners' Club paid a visit. 01_B21tweY05



The Arran Dancers are put through their paces at a rehearsal of Irene. 01_B21tweY01



Tommy Gilmore leads from the front as 94 runners head out of Brodick at the start of the first Goatfell hill race of the millennium. 01_B21tweY04

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Many people will have concerns during these difficult times, please go to

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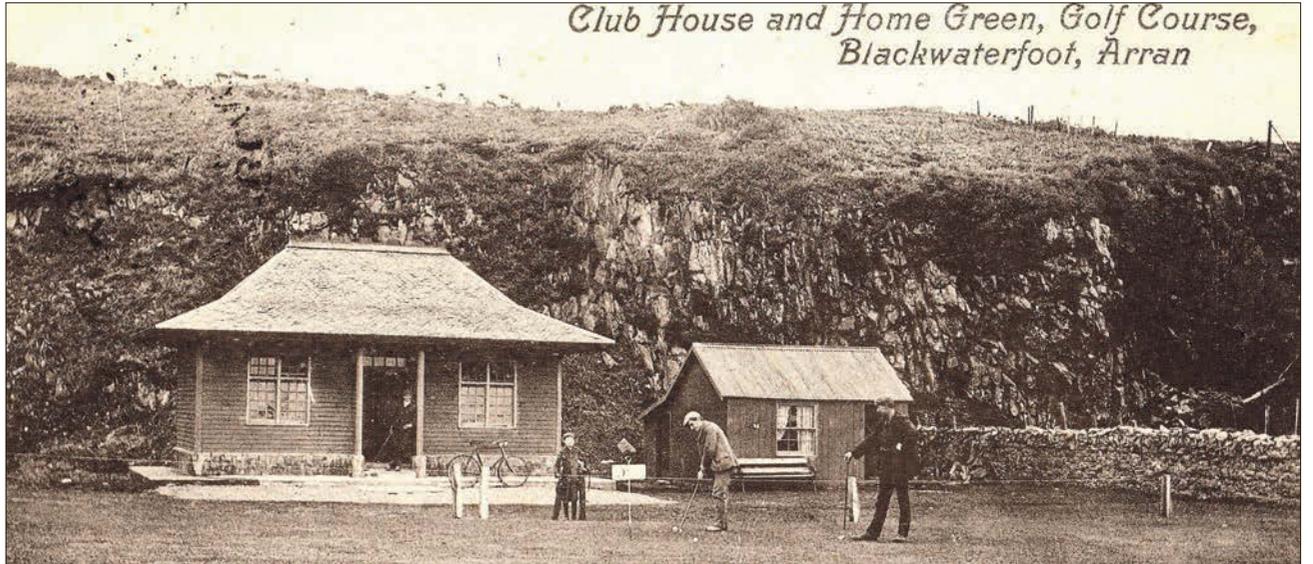
DEATHS

WHITE - June Mary (née Dempster). Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Friday, May 15, 2020, aged 95 years. Dearly loved wife of the late William Frame White, Orthopaedic Surgeon. Much loved Mum to Sheila, Fiona, Alison, Douglas and Lorna. Dear Nannan to her grandchildren Iain, Scott, Morag, Stuart, Euan, Michael, Amy and Clare, and to eight adored great-grandchildren. Due to current circumstances it will be a private family funeral at Daldowie Crematorium, on Friday, May 29 at 11.45am. Wee June will begin her final journey on Wednesday, May 27, setting off from North Sannox at 12.30pm. We invite her many friends to wave a last farewell as she travels through Sannox and Corrie on her way to the ferry. In lieu of flowers, donations if desired to ARCAS, Arran Mountain Rescue, Arran Pipe Band, Erskine or RNLI.

DEATHS

MUIR - Peacefully, on Monday, May 18, 2020, at Alma McFadyen House, Dalbeattie. Pauline Honor Muir formerly of Dumfries, Lockerbie and Arran. Beloved wife of the late Ivie Muir. Due to current restrictions a private service will be held.

FOTHERINGHAM - Kathleen Margaret (née Tymms). Peacefully at home on Saturday 16th May. Wife of the late Alistair, beloved mother of Alistair, Stewart and Hazel and granny of Adam, Christopher, Scott, Lewis and Stewart. Will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.



The original clubhouse.

Tenth anniversary of Shiskine clubhouse

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an architect to draw up plans and explore fundraising methods. This included establishing links with SportScotland about the possibility of obtaining a grant and conducting presentations with question and answer sessions in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Shiskine to reflect the areas where members lived.

The sub committee presented its findings and recommendations to an extraordinary general meeting held at Shiskine in 2008 and approval was given to support a new build subject to not exceeding a budget of £650,000.

For the next two years grant applications were made, requests sent to all members asking for donations, non-interest bearing loan notes, debentures and an annual levy of £50 for three years on all adult members. An overdraft was put in place with the bank on a draw-down basis should the need arise but this was never used.

Gradually the required funding was secured including a generous grant from SportScotland in support of a drive to improve facilities and coaching for juniors through participation in the Scottish 'firstclubgolf' initiative which continues to this day.

By spring 2009 plans were complete and a tender document was issued to interested contractors with the local firm Davie Murchie Construction selected as contractor.

Work on the project started in the early summer of 2009 and was completed by April 2010, three weeks ahead of schedule and marginally



Gordon Stewart, Colin Bannatyne and Donald Turner at the opening ceremony.



Trish with the cake at the opening ceremony.

under budget. On Saturday 29 May 2010, the club organised an official opening of the new clubhouse attended by 100 or so members. The ceremony was conducted by the late Colin Bannatyne, a past captain, honorary member and club historian.

Honorary member Gordon Stewart said: 'I am sure all members and visitors look

forward very much to the day when it is considered safe enough to re-open the course and clubhouse for us all to enjoy again. Perhaps it would be fitting, given the present climate dominated by COVID-19, to have something special to look forward to in the form of Alan Stewart, our new caterer, being encouraged to provide us with a party

evening to celebrate the tenth anniversary?'

Club captain Fiona Henderson added: 'The project was driven by Gordon Stewart and Hamish Biggar with the support and assistance of Donald Turner.

'It is thanks to their successful campaigning that we have the lovely clubhouse we have today.'

Tenth anniversary of Shiskine clubhouse

The clubhouse at Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club is 10 years old this week. Unfortunately in the circumstances there can be no celebrations but here we look back at the history of the club and the milestone opening day on Saturday May 29, 2010.

Golf at Shiskine started in 1896 on a nine-hole course designed by Willie Fernie of Troon with a small hut as a clubhouse and a separate, smaller ladies locker room.

Over the years the course was modified into its current 12-hole layout as designed by Willie Park of Musselburgh. The clubhouse was extended in 1922, 1932 and again in 1987.

By 2003, however, the building was showing signs of its age and, while adequate, was not of a standard to meet the requirements of members and visiting parties. So the committee debated whether it should extend the existing building or explore the option of a new-build. Both ideas had merit and under the captaincy of the late Alan Johnston plans to extend the clubhouse were put to members to gauge the level of support.

Some were in favour, but others wanted a new-build so a period of consultation started and a feasibility study looking at the cost of a new-build and how it could be funded was set up. A sub committee was established and it appointed

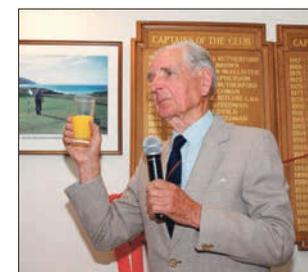
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Both old and new clubhouses at Shiskine.



All the guests at the opening day at the new Shiskine clubhouse.



Colin Bannatyne raises a glass to toast the new clubhouse. 01_B21club05



Elizabeth and Joe Faulkner at the official opening.



Mary Tod and Viv Parks who are still involved with the club today.



The demolition of the old clubhouse.



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