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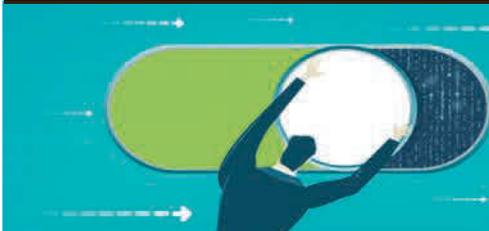
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Arran will remain closed to visitors until end of June

by Hugh Boag
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The future prosperity of Arran remained on a knife-edge this week with the island effectively closed for business until the end of June.

Ferry operator CalMac has further extended its essential travel only timetable until at least June 30 and no future bookings will be taken until after this date.

While that will be seen as good news to many it is a further worry to the tourist trade, with a quarter of businesses telling a survey this week that they needed 75 per cent of 2019 business to survive.

However in a separate question posed by the Arran Ferry Committee 66 per cent, of the 1,300 residents who responded, supported the retention of ferry restrictions beyond the previous June 15 date – before

the CalMac announcement. So clearly there is an island divide in a community, which has always been united, and a compromise must be found as soon as possible.

However, it is not all bad news as Arran eases out of lockdown and the plan for an Arran-for-Arran approach begins to

It appeared the vast majority complied with the rules...

take shape. More businesses, takeaway services and shops are reopening, outdoor sports have resumed and the recycling centre has reopened.

And on the island as a whole the easing of the lockdown restrictions has gone relatively smoothly. Police Scotland did receive a report of a social gath-

ering on Saturday evening in Corrie which was in breach of the new regulations. As a result officers attended and spoke with those present, explained the rules to them and asked them to disperse and return to their homes, which they did.

There were also jet skiers in Brodick Bay and Lamlash Bay which concerned some residents, but while there was no mention of the activity in the easing of restrictions, it is not entirely clear if it is 'banned', although, with all the easing of restrictions common sense should be applied, police say.

Arran sergeant Dougie Robertson said: 'Despite the fine weather over the weekend, the island remained pretty quiet and, apart from these incidents, it appeared the vast majority again played their part in complying with the rules which will hopefully help us all to move forward.'

CalMac says its decision to extend its essential timetables comes as the company continues to work with the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland to implement future travel and transport guidelines.

'We will continue to take our lead from the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland, while working closely with the communities we serve. When we agree the next phase of our timetable, it will still look very different to our service during normal times, and will remain focused on the priority lifeline services and the changing needs and welfare of island communities,' said CalMac's managing director, Robbie Drummond.

The present estimate is that the MV Caledonian Isles could operate with only 170-180 passengers per journey when the timetable regulations are relaxed.

It's a gardener's world



Cladach Sawmill and Garden Centre near Brodick had a glorious weekend for reopening, with gardeners eager for new plants. Staff member Dani Mutch is seen here in the new greenhouse beside the display of gerbera daisies. For full story, turn to page two. 01_B23cladach01

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 Lamlash Garage

Cladach garden centre opening is a real buzz

There has been a bumper re-opening at the Cladach Sawmill and Garden Centre near Brodick with gardeners eager for new plants, writes Hugh Boag.

The easing of lockdown restrictions last Friday meant that the new garden centre could fully open for business for the first time and the public were quick to take up the opportunity to shop.

Businessman Gavin Mutch took over the sawmill with his wife Tracy two years ago and after building up the shed and fencing business was about to open the completely refurbished garden centre and greenhouse when lockdown was imposed.

He has been able to keep business ticking over with pre-ordered sales for collection, but he was delighted to open his doors to the public last weekend with one-way social distancing measures in place.

Gavin told the Banner: 'The opening has been very successful and while we have been busy it has never got too crazy and we have had a manageable flow



of customers and everyone has been sticking to the new rules.

Gavin said sales had been good across the whole range of produce and that while he was struggling to keep up with bedding plant demand, the nursery had propagated a lot of plants themselves for sale as, he said, the wholesale nurseries on the mainland were also struggling with demand. Timber for raised beds has also flown out the door.

Gavin, who has two staff – Eric Milton and daughter Dani, home for the summer from Heriot-Watt University – added: 'The opening has given me confidence for the future given there has been so much trade. I don't really see the business as being for visitors and I am more dependent on residents, I am really appreciative of their support and hopeful for the future.'

Business worries clear by results of island survey

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A community survey carried out last weekend to give islanders a chance to express their views on a range of topics surrounding the coronavirus pandemic attracted nearly 900 responses.

Worryingly a quarter of businesses responding felt they needed visitor numbers to be at least 75 per cent of 2019 in order to survive, with more than 19 per cent saying they at least needed to match 2019. Almost 80 per cent felt that their capacity to provide a service would be impacted by the new government route map plan.



Brodick bus terminal – 74 per cent of respondents felt a more regular bus service would encourage them to use their car less. 01_B23terminal01

The survey was undertaken by various organisations on the island to look at Arran after COVID-19. The survey, We Are Arran: Safe Responsible Sustainable is now closed and was completed 894 times online. Responses from paper copies have still to be added in to this figure, which will be completed in the coming days.

As things stand, at present, nearly 60 per cent of respondents believed that the ferry should meet demands of both residents and visitors, whilst nearly 40 per cent felt it should primarily meet residential needs.

There was little change in how people believe the community works together before and after COVID-19 - but during the pandemic the scoring was very high, showing that Arran definitely pulls together in a crisis.

People feel their physical health has improved, with many taking up gardening, walking, running and other exercise, and although time was cited as being a potential constraint for many after the pandemic, 424 walkers and cyclists will continue to do so for pro-environmental reasons. Optimism on en-

vironment scored especially highly during coronavirus. More than 660 people, 74 per cent, felt a more regular bus service and improved active travel infrastructure would encourage them to use their car less on Arran.

Concerns about the 'new normal' included health and safety in general (574 people), and 324 people were concerned about job security following COVID-19.

There is a great deal of qualitative and quantitative data still to be collated, and a more substantial report is expected to follow in due course.

Majority vote to keep ferry restrictions in Facebook poll

Two thirds of Arran residents, who responded to a single online question, think that restrictions on ferry travel to the island should remain after June 14, ahead of the announcement reported on page one.

In a bid to get a better 'feel' of what the residents of Arran would like to see happen, the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee asked them to express their views via an informal poll conducted on Facebook.

They asked: Given the pres-

ent circumstances, would you be in favour of continuing to restrict non-residents from travelling to/from Arran after the June 14.

Out of 1,300 responses 66 per cent voted to keep the restrictions while 34 per cent said they should be lifted.

Chairman Iain Thomson told the Banner earlier this week that he considered the result 'very understandable'.

He said: 'The community deserve to be heard and to let it be known what their

view is to help inform our ongoing communications. The ferry committee is engaging in regular communication with CalMac, representatives of the Scottish Government and other island committees/groups regarding the current ferry services and future changes which may transpire as part of the Scottish Government's route map out of COVID-19 restrictions.'

The ferry committee will now meet on Monday to discuss the latest developments.

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Delight as Co-op delivers an online shopping first

by Hugh Boag
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The Big Co-op in Brodick has become the first Co-op store in Scotland to offer online shopping.

In a first for island residents, they can now order groceries on their tablets and phones to collect or have them delivered to their door, after the Co-op responded to repeated requests for the service.

Launched in Brodick two weeks ago, the trial has been extended to Lamlash and will be rolled out around the island, hopefully, by the end of June.

It is hoped the service will eventually replace the existing pick, pack and delivery system which is only available by email or phone... but not yet.

This service has proved invaluable to residents who

have been self-isolating and shielding during the pandemic with orders reaching as many as 500 a week. The service will be maintained as long as required.

Manager Liz McLean: 'Online shopping is something I have been asked for throughout the 12 years I have been here and I am delighted it is now a reality and are proud to be the first Co-op store in Scotland to offer it.

'Online shopping will be available 24 hours a day and we hope eventually everyone will switch to the new delivery system.

'Because we are still extremely busy with the pick, pack and delivery system we are having a soft launch but with 12 delivery drivers now hired, we are creating jobs and will soon be able to deliver round the island.'

Liz said a number of older customers had in recent weeks learned to send their shopping order by email and she was in no doubt they could cope with online shopping. However, it is hoped there will be some online instruction available, possibly through Arran CVS.

The new service offers groceries on-demand, picked with care by the store team, from a touch screen, to collect in store or have them delivered free. There is a £15 minimum spend and there is a temporary restrictions of 25 items, which should be lifted soon.

Visit quickshop.coop.co.uk for more details.

Right: Pam Springthorpe, deputy manager Carol Harwood and Lynsay Scott promote the new 24-hour online shopping service in store. 01_B23coop01



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Cancelled elective surgery to resume

Preparations are under way for NHS Ayrshire & Arran to resume some elective procedures.

It follows new figures released this week by the Scottish Government's Information Services Division (ISD) Scotland which show the number of operations in Ayrshire and Arran dropped by 90 per cent in April, compared with the same month in 2019.

There were 168 scheduled elective operations in April 2020, compared with 1,698 in April 2019. Looking at the change between March 2020 and April 2020, the drop was 86 per cent – from 1,229 to 168.

While the health board has been able to continue providing emergency surgery, as well as some cancer surgery and some urgent surgery during the initial phase of the local response to the coronavirus pandemic, other procedures were suspended during this time.

A limited number of clinically urgent procedures will now resume over the coming weeks, with initial priority areas as follows:

■ Cancer surgery, including colorectal and upper GI surgery

■ Endoscopy and colonoscopy procedures

■ Cardiac procedures and investigations, for example, pacemaker battery replace-

ments and urgent cardiac physiology investigations

■ Clinically urgent and time-sensitive procedures across all surgical specialties.

Medical director Dr Crawford McGuffie said: 'In line with other health boards across the UK, NHS Ayrshire & Arran is resuming a small number of clinically urgent elective operations.

'We will be referring to the Royal College of Surgeons guidance on the re-starting of surgery in the current environment and their guidance on the relative prioritisation of different procedures.

'Patient safety is our number one priority.

'We have introduced new infection control measures to keep patients as safe as possible before, during and after their operation.

'Our dedicated teams are working hard to minimise the risk as a result of exposure to COVID-19.

'Although the way we are delivering services has changed, your NHS is still open. I would like to thank the public for its continued support at this time,' he added.

There will be some changes to how pre-assessment checks will take place.

These will be explained clearly to any impacted patients while planning for their elective surgery.



Social distancing is being maintained at the re-opened site.

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Wayne Phillips makes a list of vehicles entering the waste amenity site. 01_B23amenity01

No rush as gates reopen at coup

Brodick coup reopened for business on Monday morning but there was no repeat of the long queues seen on the mainland at recycling centres.

However, a steady stream of cars passed through the Market Road gates of the household waste recycling centre as private residents made use of the facility.

Arran's recycling centre was among the first to open in Scotland on the first day of the easing of restrictions. Strict checks are being made as drivers enter the site to see what they are disposing of.

Only two vehicles are being



Stephen Lillford asks a driver to wait till one vehicle leaves the site.

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allowed in at a time and there are arrangements to ensure

everyone keeps two-metres away from each other at all times. Hand sanitiser is also available which customers will be encouraged to use on arrival.

No vans or trailers will be permitted until demand eases and there is no pedestrian access. There are also some temporary restrictions on the type of items that will be accepted. Only the following can be disposed at the moment: general waste, garden waste, wood and scrap metal.

Meanwhile, grass cutting and the maintenance of open spaces has been restarted on

Arran across North Ayrshire, as reported in last week's Banner

During the lockdown phase, many grounds maintenance staff were redeployed to other essential front line services including household bin collections and food delivery for vulnerable residents. Grass cutting was limited to essential areas only, including cemeteries, in line with the approach taken by other local authorities.

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Financial support helping companies adapt and innovate

The UK Government has announced an unprecedented package of support to protect jobs and support business across the whole UK during the coronavirus outbreak. The financial support is helping firms across the nation to adapt, innovate and protect jobs. Here is how some companies have been helped, and what is available.

CASE STUDY Macs Adventure

IT WAS a week that felt like a year for Neil Lapping, chief adventure officer at Glasgow-based Macs Adventure, as the crippling impact of the Coronavirus on the travel industry became clear.

The thriving guided tour business, accustomed to 30 per cent year-on-year growth, first saw international bookings collapse before a deluge of cancellations from domestic customers.

Neil said: "It was emotionally devastating. We went from a growing and profitable business to zero revenue coming."

"It was a week that felt like a year and I was in tears again and again."



OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Macs Adventure received financial help from the UK Government.

"We were faced with laying off the vast majority of our team and facing up to the fact that a business that we had spent 17 years building up was being threatened."

"The job support scheme was a game-changer for us and I cried when it was announced."

"I am now hugely positive as the business is now viable and we have a path back to where we were before."

Macs Adventure benefited from the UK Government's furlough scheme with 90 per cent of the company's staff

currently enlisted. The company also received £1m from Barclays from the UK Government-backed Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS).

Neil said: "This support and our reserves have enabled us to trade through this period until domestic travel comes back later in the year and eventually international traffic returns."

"We have been able to retain our 60 staff in the UK through the furlough scheme. We would have been unable to pay them

with zero revenue coming in. The CBILS has allowed us to cover our overheads including rent, rates and IT systems."

Neil said he was impressed by the speed at which money from both schemes was delivered.

He said: "The process with Barclays was outstanding and the money was in our account in less than a week."

"The application process was painless and it was encouraging to see that the lending criteria was based on trading performance of the business before the Coronavirus."

"Once we made a furlough claim the funds were released quickly and it is great news that it has been extended until October."

Neil said that Macs Adventure was well-positioned for the recovery in the travel market and that the Coronavirus had accelerated industry trends. He said: "It will take us between three to five years to rebuild the business however we are very well-placed to recover."

"The market for impactful and active travel is growing."



NEIL LAPPING: 'Macs Adventure well positioned for recovery in travel market'.

Protecting jobs and keeping firms afloat

Here are some examples of the support available for businesses and workers:

- The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has enabled businesses to put employees on a period of temporary leave (furlough) and apply for a UK Government grant to cover 80 per cent of those workers' usual monthly wage costs, up to a £2,500 a month.
- The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme will allow eligible self-employed individuals to claim a taxable grant of 80 per cent of their average monthly profits, up to £7,500.
- UK VAT-registered firms have been given the option to defer VAT payments until the end of June. There will be no interest or penalties on any amount deferred.
- Commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of coronavirus will be protected

from eviction.

- The UK Government's Bounce Back Loans Scheme provides loans of up to £50,000 to small businesses, with a 100 per cent UK Government-backed guarantee for lenders.
- The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme is available for loans or finance of up to £5m. The UK Government will provide the lender with an 80 per cent guarantee to support the lending.
- The Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme will repay employers the current rate of Statutory Sick Pay they pay current or former employees for sickness starting on or after March 13 2020
- The Future Fund will issue loans between £125,000 to £5 million to innovative companies which are facing financing difficulties due to the coronavirus outbreak.

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or The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ**The forgotten C**

A leading charity has warned of a potential cancer 'timebomb' in Scotland and the UK as a whole following the disruption to diagnosis, treatment, and care for tens of thousands of people due to coronavirus.

Macmillan Cancer Support has issued a stark warning to ensure cancer does not become 'the forgotten C' during the pandemic.

Macmillan is calling on the Scottish government to set out clear plans for restoring cancer care that clarify how cancer patients will have access to timely diagnosis and treatment, with surge capacity to catch up on the backlog of care coronavirus has caused.

Janice Malone from Macmillan, said: 'While the NHS had to react to the unprecedented Coronavirus emergency, 10 weeks on from the beginning of lockdown, people with cancer need answers on when their treatment will restart and how it will do so safely.'

'We also need to know when screening will get back up and running and how the government plans to counteract the significant drop in urgent GP referrals.'

In Scotland, for example, official figures show the number of people dying from cancer is already five per cent higher than average since the UK lockdown began.

Macmillan's analysis and the Scottish Government's own figures suggest almost 600 cancers will have gone undiagnosed if screening, paused on March 30, doesn't resume by the end of June.

To donate to Macmillan's emergency fundraising appeal visit macmillan.org.uk.

**Editorial comment by
Macmillan Cancer Support**

Thought for the week

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Second home rebate

Sir,
May I express my concern about Mr Scott's letter, Arran Banner May 22, and its accuracy.

As a second home owner in Corrie, I was due on Arran the first week in March but hesitated with the COVID-19 developments.

I am aware some second homeowners were already on Arran prior to March and quite rightly stayed put.

I, at 75, have not left my home for nine weeks, as directed by the Scottish Government and in particular adhered to the rule not to visit my second home on Arran. This has been policed by CalMac ensuring that only a driving licence with an Arran address would suffice passage, so this influx of second homeowners in Corrie seems incredible, but I am not there so unable to verify Mr Scott's claim.

I am aware, however, of a very small minority on Arran who, for whatever reason, have a grudge against those who own more than one property. I am not suggesting Mr Scott falls into this category. However, it might be helpful to carry out an unbiased study to highlight the economic benefits second home owners bring to Arran employing local builders and tradesmen as well as swelling the tills of local bars and restaurants.

I do not expect to be allowed to visit Arran any time soon and when this horrible virus is finally defeated I will be unsure whether I would want to travel on the ferry as touching handrails coming up from the car deck is a no no.

However I, and I am sure other second homeowners, will look forward to a rebate on our council tax to reflect not being allowed on Arran by the Scottish Government.

Yours,

Clive Mark, Corrie and Glasgow.

Staying away

Sir,
I am a second home owner and would like to respond to the letter in the Banner from Gary Scott.

The lockdown has been in place for some time, as have the instructions to CalMac as to whom it can allow to travel to the island during lockdown and this does not include second home owners.

As a condition of my insurance on my property on Arran I am required to check out the property at least every 60 days. I have been to the CalMac offices at Ardrossan several times along with my policy and explained my visit

would be during an afternoon returning the following day on the morning ferry.

CalMac explained that under current Scottish Government restrictions I did not fall into the category of acceptable passengers which I have accepted. In conclusion, the words 'influx' and 'small minority' seem at odds.

Yours,

Jimmy Love, Glasgow.

Wallet thanks

Sir,
Through your columns may I make known my warmest and grateful thanks to the lady who found my wallet on the green sward in Lamash and thoughtfully handed it in to the adjacent chemist shop from where it was ultimately returned to me.

The lady did not leave her name, but if she is reading this somewhere, let me say to her: 'Thank you and thank you again.' What a relief.

Yours,

Peter Morrison, Brodick.

Grasping the nettle

Sir,
It is clear the vast majority of people have adhered to the lockdown guidelines and our island has so far been mercifully spared the worst of this awful pandemic. I am thankful we have been so fortunate.

But we must start looking towards the future. A national poll commissioned by the BBC and published this week found that 42 per cent of Scots would likely take their holidays in Scotland from now on. We must work hard to ensure Arran receives its fair share of that 42 per cent.

The CalMac drawbridge will have to be lifted at some point. The challenge for us all is to make sure we are ready. It will only work successfully if there is proper consultation and a reasonable consensus can be reached.

So what is our specific plan for Arran? Our island community must start to have the sensible conversation about how we can once again welcome visitors while keeping everyone safe. That conversation must be open to and inclusive of everyone - residents, second home owners, businesses large or small, visitors, medics and transport companies and their staff.

In putting together a plan that allows us to open for business safely, the experiences of those who have remained open throughout this difficult period should be shared so we can all learn how best we can maintain the safety and health

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of everyone, while keeping the businesses we all need afloat. This process may give us all greater confidence to maintain our island economy and keep the best of what makes Arran so special.

Amid so much uncertainty, we need to be ready for what might come next and, with the government having now issued its route map to emerge from lockdown, that discussion must start now so we can create a new way of doing things here that works for everyone.

It is not enough for CalMac to be expected to drastically reduce ferry services or prevent people booking. If anything, we will need more sailings not fewer, to allow for continued physical distancing on board. We need to plan for the future now so our island is not placed at an unfair disadvantage. It is obvious such a public consultation during the continued lockdown is also challenging when a public meeting or similar is impossible right now.

Who among us will have the courage to grasp this particular nettle for the future of our island community in these extraordinary times?

Yours,

Helena Paul, Whiting Bay.

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www.coronavirusadvice.scot
0808 800 9060

Employment rights advice

www.acas.org.uk
Helpline: 0300 123 1100
Relay UK: 18001 0300 123 1100

Support for accessing your rights at work

www.stuc.org.uk
Email: info@stuc.org.uk
Call: 0141 337 8100

For business support

www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice
Helpline: 0300 303 0660

Helping in your community

www.readyscotland.org

Advice for parents

www.parentclub.scot/coronavirus
Parentline Scotland:
08000 28 22 33

The Money Talk Team:
0800 085 7145

Information for Young People

www.young.scot/coronavirus

Information, friendship and advice for older people, their carers and families

www.agescotland.org.uk
0800 12 44 222

For people with dementia, families, friends and professionals

Alzheimer Scotland
www.alzscot.org
Helpline: 0808 808 3000

Scottish Autism Advice Line

www.scottishautism.org
01259 222022

Domestic Abuse Helpline

www.safer.scot
Helpline: 0800 027 1234

Rape Crisis Scotland Helpline

www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk
Helpline: 08088 01 03 02

CORONAVIRUS

**STAY HOME
PROTECT
THE NHS
SAVE LIVES**

A dog day afternoon o

With the easing of lockdown, owners and their dogs can roam more freely while still complying with social distancing and being responsible on farmland.

Arran has a large community of animal lovers who are frequently seen with their canine companions enjoying the scenic walks the island has to offer.

Visitors too, in more normal times, like nothing better than to roam Arran's countryside. So it is hardly surprising that when the Banner asked readers to send us their favourite photographs for our Holiday Arran magazine, the 2020 edition of which has been held back, many of the images included stunning scenery being shared with much-loved family pets.

Here is a compilation of some of those images in recognition of all of the pets and animals that are bringing joy to families in these difficult times.



Seeing double: two cuties at Drumadoon.



Lynsey McBurnie's dog Callie takes in the views from atop Goatfell.

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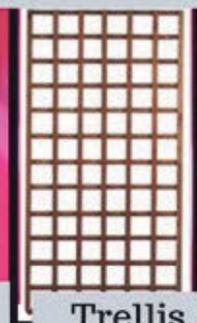
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Order by email or phone for collection.

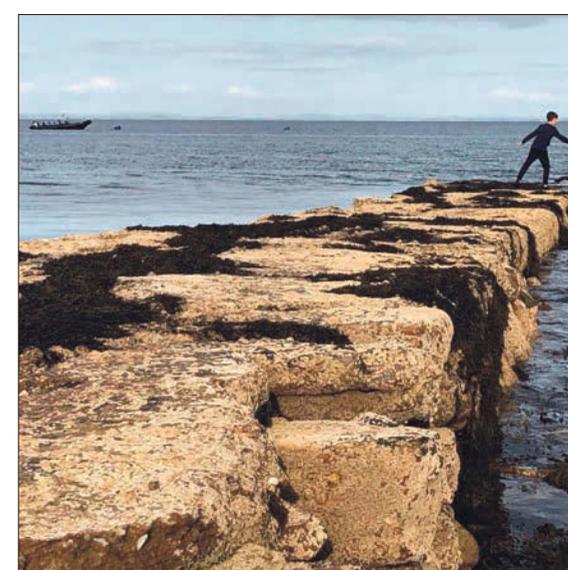
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www.mbsarran.co.uk

New Opening Hours for store will be available on website & facebook

Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran KA27 8PR



Gordon Allsop of Sannox took this terrific photograph of his pooch in the hills.



Photograph by Daniel Gregory taken at Whiting Bay.



Cobi takes a close interest in Stuart Whiston's camera on Blackwaterfoot beach.



Glen Rosa photographed by Daniel Gregory.

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Willie Doolan took this photograph of his friend's dog Scooter on top of Chir Mhor with the Castles in the background.



Stuart Whiston sent this photograph of border collie Cobi taking in the view of Goatfell and the northern hills from Corriegills.



arren Lee took this photograph of Tinker watching the sunset over Holy Isle in the background.



Fiona Proctor sent us this image of her dog watching the sunset.



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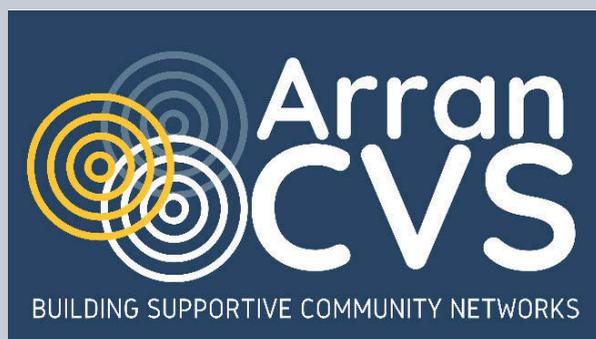
WIN

A £50 Kinloch restaurant voucher
for when they re-open.

Everyone who orders for collection or delivery on Arran will be entered into a draw for a £50 Kinloch voucher. Competition ends 30th June.

www.arrancheese.com





Show your appreciation in Volunteers Week

Volunteers' Week takes place 1 - 7 June every year. It's a chance to celebrate and say thank you for the contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK. During the pandemic, many are focusing on coronavirus-related volunteering roles to help communities cope with the many consequences of the virus.

The usual examples of volunteering throughout the year would have included the following: coaching a football/hockey team, beach cleans, cooking, gardening, crafting, befriending, retail, office work and don't forget micro-volunteering which can be anything from giving someone a lift to carrying someone's shopping bags.

Community Volunteering Initiatives

Arran CVS would like to shine a light on the various community hubs and initiatives around Arran who have a small team of volunteers operating from each one. The Arran Banner has reported previously on the fantastic work going on from the North Ayrshire Council Community Hub in Lamlash but we wanted to raise awareness for a couple of others we've been told about. There is of course much more volunteering going on within our community that we don't always get to hear about and we thank everyone who freely and selflessly gives their time to help others.

Shiskine Valley Hub

There are over 30 volunteers operating from the Shiskine Hub servicing the Shiskine Valley and surrounding areas. This was established from the early days of the lockdown where it was identified that a local community hub was necessary. Diana Turbett, one of the co-ordinators within the Hub has said that all volunteers have shown a real willingness to get involved and help to support the community in any way they can. Volunteering tasks are co-ordinated via a WhatsApp group and when requests come through, a volunteer usually responds within seconds! Alongside the Shiskine Hub, A.C. Cameron Store, The Arran Butcher and The Harbour Shop have all played a key role in the community helping with delivery of shopping, prescriptions, newspapers etc. There is also great appreciation and acknowledgement that there are high levels of informal volunteering in the area, with many of the residents supporting friends and neighbours with practical and emotional support. A similar community spirit was very evident during the Big Snow in 2013.

Lochranza Hub

Chris Traill from the Lochranza Centre CIC said it was a case of "see a need, feed a need". Most of the cheery volunteers are staff from the centre and they are coordinated mainly by email. They are providing a hot meals service and delivering shopping in the surrounding area. Chris said that they are aware of people's mental health and well-being at this difficult time. The volunteers have also been delivering DIY & gardening items. He considers that this is a good way of encouraging people to get out into the fresh air. Many



Olga Narkiewicz and her son Jacob out litter picking



Olga's husband Michael Banasik helping too!

But volunteering has changed significantly from March this year with the lockdown coming into force. Lots of the groups on the Island of Arran & beyond have been suspended but other aspects of volunteering have come to the fore as well as different ways of how organisations and volunteers operate.

People tend to overcome adversity and there are always new ideas or ways to help out; the volunteers often putting them forward. To get involved in volunteering contact Arran CVS on 01770 600611, email info@Arrancvs.org.uk or once the restrictions are lifted why not come and visit us at our office in Park Terrace, Lamlash.

of the people that the volunteers interact with are socially isolated and they have found that often the volunteer may be the only contact the person has had that day or week. They urge people to keep using their services especially when no one knows how long the situation will last. Contact 830637 or 830615 for assistance.

Kilmory Hub

Kilmory Community Hub has 11 volunteers including 4 lead co-ordinators. Paula McGuire, Hub co-ordinator, said that they came up with the Hub idea at the monthly board meeting prior to lockdown. The decision was made to close the hall but keep the community shop open. They compiled a list of "at risk" people in the community, making sure no person was left out or in need. The preparation and work involved at the beginning was full on, but the work they had carried out helped greatly when the call came for assistance from the NAC Arran hub. They followed the "Italian" model where only volunteers would be allowed out and efforts were co-ordinated via telephone. At first the volunteers delivered shopping, prescriptions, and other bits & pieces along with posting letters & the odd package. Things have quietened down now with a lot of people using the Co-op delivery service. They also offer book and jigsaws that have been donated for others to borrow.

Contact via email on kilmory.hall@btinternet.com

Brodick

Arran Churches Foodbank has had to meet a huge demand following Covid 19 lockdown. The team of volunteers have been very busy shopping and keeping shelves full. Susan Dobson, co-ordinator, has an additional team of volunteers from around the island to help make any deliveries necessary, as they have offered this new delivery service since lockdown started. If you need the assistance of the Arran Foodbank please contact 302365 and a volunteer will deliver goods to your home anywhere on the island.



Barbara Crawford about to set out on her paper round after collecting the papers from Gillian Ingham at the Harbour Shop.

An Ode to Volunteering

Volunteering, what does that mean?

Not everyone gets an MBE from the Queen.

Young or old, you can partake,

Just being neighbourly a person's day you can make.

You may get involved in something formal,

With a sense of satisfaction usually normal.

For the young there is the Saltire award,

With a Young Scot voucher part of the reward.

You could be driving folk to a medical centre,

If you are a Godly person, also praying they soon get better.

Delivering papers, food or prescription,

Volunteering has many descriptions.

Social isolation can be addressed through befriending,

Especially where a person has no access to the web & what's trending.

What you choose to do could be via the phone,

The Arran Ear & Keep Arran Talking help from feeling alone.

Castles, museum's & heritage centres,

It's the volunteers that often make these experiences better.

RNLI, Coastguard & Mountain Rescue to name a few,

Helping folk out who've got in a stew.

Coaching kids for their football or hockey as well,

Or Duke of Edinburgh canoeing showing how to navigate the swell.

The Cadets, teaching discipline, ways of life and all round fun.

There's a volunteer option for almost everyone.

Helping at a music or theatre group, you don't need to sing,

There will be plenty to help with out on the wing.

Cooking at a lunch club or serving up teas,

Assisting at church & village halls just aiming to please.

You could be at ArCaS, COAST, Eco Savvy or gardening the land,

All of them delighted for you to lend a hand.

Beach cleaning, litter picking all for a cause,

Even helping at local events dressed as Santa Claus.

Individuals helping out under the radar,

Give yourself a pat on the back you know who you are.

So let's celebrate all of our helpers & volunteers,

For their support & services throughout the years.

J Conlan 25/05/20



Barbara and Gillian

Hub is making a difference

Arran High School is delighted to be finalists in this year's Scottish Education Awards in the making a difference (secondary) category.

These are the biggest awards in Scotland, usually culminating with a big award ceremony in Glasgow, but there is no overall winners this year due to the coronavirus pandemic so Arran will share the award with the two other finalists – Clydebank High School and St Luke's High School, Barrhead.

The Arran nomination was for collaborative work in developing health and well-being for young people and the community reflecting a whole island approach for sustainability. A three-year strategy was created, encompassing all areas of health and well-being from physical to mental, environmental and healthy living. Those involved worked closely with partners on and off the island.

The strategy included offering training in mental health first aid for senior students, staff and community members and the creation by Mrs Suzie



Left: One of the projects saw high school pupils help at the Hallowe'en party at the Lamplash sheltered housing and attended by the Lamplash early years class.

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Urquhart-Dixon supported by many staff.

The award also recognises the importance all the schools on the island place on the diverse range of ways to be successful being seen as of equal merit, whether through Arran Music School, School of Sport, Skills for Success group, Enterprise committee or ENACTUS.

The strength of the community is that it supports everyone to achieve and provide additional knowledge and expertise so that all young people can be successful. This is also reflective in the 100 per cent positive destination success for all leavers from the high school.

Suzie Dick

Dick of a high school well-being hub and the employment of two members of staff – Mrs Jen Christie and Mrs Eileen Gregg – to run the programmes.

The hub provides daily pet therapy, inter-generational projects, family support sessions, as well as providing a safe space for those who need

it and a neutral space to support those who have anxiety coming to school.

Partnerships with other island schools, mainland schools including Shawlands Academy on LGBTQI, the Community Alcohol Partnership, Police Scotland, Arran Medical Group, Heather Lodge and

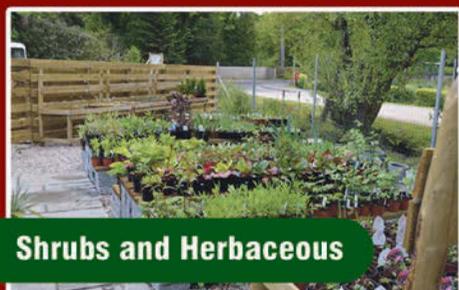
HSCP have been key to the ongoing work.

The aim has been to engage all learners on the island in positive health and well-being, wherever their interests lie, whether through sport, being creative or a passion for the environment with the aim that when happy, secure and

involved in their school and community, they are more able and willing to learn and achieve in an ongoing, sustainable way.

Each year the school has run a health and well-being calendar, culminating in a health and well-being week for all age groups, led by Mrs Lucy

Cladach Sawmill and Garden Centre



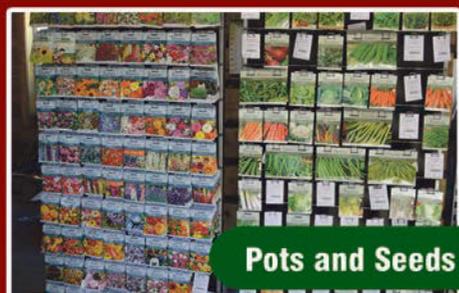
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Given most of us are self-isolating why not use this time to start your research into air source heating and find out if it's suitable for your home.

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To access the survey simply visit our TK Murray Facebook Page and click on the link "Air Source Heat Pump Survey" or email me on Norman.paterson@tkmurray.co.uk and I will send you the link.

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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. 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 Lamash Dental Clinic

Lamash Dental Clinic is treating emergencies (severe toothache, swelling, trauma, that cannot be remedied with pain relief). If anyone thinks they have a dental problem we can be contacted at the surgery on 01770 601067. If staff are busy, leave a message (make sure to leave name and contact number) on answer machine or alternatively call the dental helpline on 01563 507950. They will alert staff in the clinic by email or phone to arrange an appointment for patients. The front door is locked as appointments are strictly for patients who have been triaged.

Mon-Fri we ask if patients do need to be seen that they call as early as possible after 9am. There is cover on Saturday and Sunday until the ferry is back on all day, but call 111 out of hours - we are on call from 10am to noon on Sat & Sun.

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 5pm and 7pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday (Do not go to the centre, phone 01770 830637/615). Payment to be made through their just giving page. Phone for details. They can pick up shopping for people from Pirmill Stores or the Co-op if you phone the stores direct and place the order. For any other assistance anyone in Pirmill /Lochranza /Catacol can phone the centre.

Pirmill Shop

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

Wooleys of Arran Bakery Shop, Brodick

Open to the public from 7am - 2pm. Lamash CLOSED.

The Parlour, Brodick

New opening hours. Wed-Sun 4pm-8pm. Free delivery available in Brodick. Orders can be placed via Facebook messenger out of hours or call 303823.

Co-op, Brodick

Groceries for home delivery, call the store to order. For vulnerable and self-isolating residents. Call 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: Lamash, Cordon, Whiting Bay. Wednesday: from Whiting Bay to Blackwaterfoot. Thursday: Lochranza, Pirmill, Machrie. Friday: Brodick and surrounding areas.

Foodshare at the Co-op, Brodick and Lamash

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, Lamash. 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 bag and bring your shopping (even if just your paper) 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 9am-4pm, Sunday noon- 3pm, deliveries and kerb side pickups.

The seating area is now closed, however takeaway coffees/teas and pastries still available. Free hot drinks to any NHS and Coastguard/helicoptering staff/any front line staff and their spouses who all deserve medals too. Deliveries not only for self-isolators but for front line staff who need break. The Shore, Whiting Bay

Homemade frozen meals for collection, complete with easy instructions for heating at home. Open seven days a week, 3-6pm. Menu and Daily Specials displayed on Facebook and on our door at The Shore. Gift Vouchers also available. 01770 700161 www.theshorearran.co.uk

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 www.facebook.com/bakehouseblackwater for developments. Bread also be available at usual locations elsewhere on the island.

Arran Meals 2 Go, Shiskine

Deliveries this week - Lamash Thursday and Saturday night at pick up points. Deliveries to Brodick, Shiskine and Machrie on Friday and Saturday nights. Please find our pizza and kebab menu on our Facebook page. Send us a message or phone 860572. Pre orders essential online payments available and free delivery.

Kilmory Hall and Community Centre

Groceries available as usual for those who need to use it. A review will be made at the end of April. Contact us by email kilmory.hall@btinternet.com

Arran Cheese Shop

Open 9am until 4pm for collection of orders safely at the door. Orders can be phoned in on 302788. Also delivering to Shiskine Valley most days and island wide on a Friday. Loads of deals on cheese, deli and ice cream - see our Facebook page, or website www.arrancheese.com, or call and ask. Also deliveries to the mainland via Parcelforce - send your loved ones an Arran treat.

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. Order via telephone on 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 either call 01294 551734 or visit 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.

CLOTHING:

Bells Boutique, Brodick

Most of the clothing stock can be viewed with prices on Facebook and Instagram, some photos of stock is also available on Google page Bell's of Arran. Contact Elizabeth via email bellosofarran@gmail.com Call 01770 860597 (Bridgend Campsite) - Whatsapp 07881 400064 (no phone signal at home) / via Facebook bellosofarran.

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.

Chameleon Arran

Basics (t-shirts, underwear etc) and spring clothing. Full e-commerce store online - www.chameleonarran.com/shop. Free delivery island-wide. Email lynn@chameleonarran.com. Messages may be left on 07740 866522.

Old Byre Showroom

Although the doors are closed we are happy to deliver. Online sales receive a 10% discount, use MAYUBESAFE at checkout. www.oldbyre.co.uk/ you can also contact on Facebook or telephone 01770 840227.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Cladach Sawmill and Garden Centre, Brodick

Open Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm. Tel: 302622

Home & Gardens, Brodick

Household items or essentials can be delivered free by arrangement or left outside for collection. Call 302648 to order - card payment via phone.

The Shiphouse, Lamash

Newsagent, pet supplies and hardware store. Open 8am to 1pm Monday to Saturday. Deliveries available - please call 600231.

Arran Haulage Service/Armitage, Brodick

Armitage is providing regular services and Arran Haulage are still delivering goods, animal feed, coal and gas as normal, island wide adhering strictly to national guidelines. Call 302777. Can be paid online.

Albion Gas

Free delivery on bottled gas, 01770 600113/07884258837.

Arran Heat Pumps

Quality heat pumps supplied and installed. Service and repair, 24 hours call out island wide. Please call for a free estimate 07385 215 140 01770 601214 or email arranheatpumps@btinternet.com.

MBS Building and Timber Supplies

We are operating Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Fuel will be available between 8am-9am on these days and in store orders, 8am-noon, which can be phoned in 01770 700202 or by email at mbsbuild@yahoo.co.uk. Items can be collected from the shop forecourt by arrangement and home delivery service for orders over £25 is available to customers with transportation problems.

Sliderry Supplies

Reopen with COVID-19 safety measures in place. For those unable to come to the store, deliveries will continue once a week. Tel 870225 or email: sliderrysupplies@yahoo.com

Brendarran Electricals

Carrying out repairs on appliances but only essential appliances like cookers, washing machines, fridges and freezers. Non-essential repairs will only be carried out when the lockdown has been lifted. Taking all necessary precautionary measures as outlined in government guidelines. Telephone - 07956 324546.

Bay Petrol, Brodick

Monday, Tuesday 9am-1pm, Wednesday closed, Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday 1pm-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm. Sunday closed.

Lamash Garage - John Thomson Engineering

Open 8am-4.30pm for vehicle repairs and MOT's. Please call first on 600328 as restrictions apply.

Thomson Construction Ltd

The yard at Lamash will be open for fuel and building materials as follows: Materials 8am-8.30am Mon-Fri. Fuel 4pm-4.30pm Mon-Fri. Strict social distancing measures apply. Card payments only. Our main office is open 8am-5pm, but only attend in person if necessary.

Whiting Bay Garage

Open 12-2pm Monday-Saturday for petrol, diesel, Calorgas, logs, kindling, also some repair work.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE/ESTATE AGENTS:

Jas. Campbell & Co, Brodick

Solicitors, financial advisers, estate agents. Normal services but appointments will be by phone rather than face to face. Telephone: 302027

Arran Estate Agents, Brodick

Normal services but by phone or email rather than face to face. Telephone - 302310 or email: sales@arranestateagents.co.uk

CRAFT SUPPLIES AND OTHER ITEMS:

Book and Card Centre/ Brodick Post Office

Newspapers, books, puzzles, batteries, stationary etc can all be delivered - in Brodick only at moment. Payment over the phone. Call Tom on 302288.

The Harbour Shop, Blackwaterfoot

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday, 10am-2pm. Sunday CLOSED. We are also delivering newspapers and any other items required. Phone 860215.

Bay Wool & Crafts

Wool, haberdashery and craft supplies. To purchase from any of our makers and crafters, contact them direct first. Items can be delivered from the shop. Orders via Telephone: call Kat and Steve Sparshott on 600110 or Linda MacCallum on 302875 with requirements.

Arran Vets

We are currently open 9am-2pm Monday-Friday, 9.30-11.30am Saturday. Everyone must phone first before travelling to the surgery and inform us if they are self-isolating or have symptoms. Call 01770 302511 for all enquiries and emergencies.

Bay Pet Care

Dog walking, veterinary transportation, waits with dog and returns. Cover from Brodick to Kildonnan. Uses own leads. An element of paperwork will be required, possibly online. Julie is police checked and insured and hasn't been off the island since Christmas. To arrange dog walking call 700541.

Bogarie Kennels

Lots of customers purchase dog food from us and we can still possibly deliver. We are asking for email communication and bank transfers to ensure safety. Bogarienkennels@mail.com - we are on the Ross Road.

Muddy Paws Arran

We are able to walk dogs of vulnerable or isolated people in accordance with the government policy. We only cover Corrie, Brodick, Lamash and Whiting Bay. If you are vulnerable or isolated there is no charge for this service. Tel 01770 302054 or 07789 730548 or email info@muddypawsarran.co.uk

Arran Foodbank

If in crisis, Brodick Church remains open and the foodbank is still operating just inside the front doors for anyone who needs this service. If deliveries are required contact Susan Dobson 01770 302365. Food and other donations for the foodbank would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the church or big co-op or can be collected by contacting Susan.

Arran CVS Office - hearing aid batteries

Hearing aid batteries can ordered via telephone on 600611 or via email: fo@arrancvs.org.uk and will be posted out.

Hear to Help

To order hearing aid batteries or get support for your hearing aid telephone 07391 017781 or email: heartohelp.ayrshire@hearingloss.org.uk

Talking Arran Banner

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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday June 10, 2000

Sword of Honour filming on Arran

Arran has resembled a war zone this week as filming took place for a TV production of Evelyn Waugh's trilogy *Sword of Honour*.

Filming by Talkback Productions has taken place above Auchencar on Cnoc a'Choire Mhoir, within Dougarie Lodge, at the bridge on the Boguillie and at

Lochranza Castle. The three books, *Men at Arms*, *Officers and Gentlemen* and *Unconditional Surrender*, trace the wartime experiences of Guy Crouchback, played by Daniel Craig, an older than average junior officer who is attached to a commando unit after an escapade and sent for training on Mugg (Arran).



A camouflaged big gun at Dougarie, a worrying sight if you didn't know it was fake. 01_B23tweY02



Extras relax after filming *Sword of Honour* on Arran. 01_B23tweY01



Children of Whiting Bay Primary School enjoy making fish and four-legged ostriches at the Crome Yellow Puppet Workshop held as part of the Folk Festival 2000. 01_B23tweY05



Killie took first place in the junior and senior sections at a recent dog scurry competition at Drumlanrigg Castle. Fay Anderson, right, beat her dad Willie's time by one second. Sister Dawn is also pictured with Killie. 01_B23tweY03



The ladies of Arran Textiles this week passed on their skills in traditional crafts to some of the younger teachers and their pupils in Arran primary schools at an event in Ormidale Pavilion. 01_B23tweY04



Visitors inspect the cars at the heritage museum at the first Arran gathering of the newly combined East Ayrshire Vintage and Classic Car Association. 01_B23tweY06

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Jamie Greene MSP

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Jamie Greene MSP – Coronavirus Update
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If you want to get in touch or have any questions, please email: jamie.greene.msp@parliament.scot.

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

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

or

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- A funnel is incorporated into the race-way
- All hot-dipped galvanised finish
- 3000mm (3m) long
- 20-foot race
- 60-foot holding pen. Includes all joining pins/stakes
- Total 200-feet of penning

PARTS LIST:

- 10 x 3m (6 railed) cattle hurdles
- 12 x joining pins/stakes
- 1 x sliding gate

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Although the Church is still closed an internet
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the rest of the week can be received at

**www.brodickchurch.org or
www.stmoliosshiskine.org.uk**

*Please note that Brodick Church
is still accessible for the Food bank.*

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bishop Brian McGee, of the Catholic Diocese of Argyll
and the Isles, will celebrate Mass daily at 10am from
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You can access these Masses and other services, live or
recorded, via the diocesan website www.rcdai.org.uk

If you are not receiving a weekly Parish Bulletin but would
like to do so please email peterdwilko@gmail.com.

*Bless O Lord this Isle of Arran
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Our Lady of the Isles, Pray for us
St Columba, Pray for us*

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During the shutdown
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online @
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All are welcome to join

DEATHS

SILLARS - On May 30, 2020,
at Dumfries and Galloway
Royal Infirmary, aged 78,
Brenda (née Jones), beloved
wife of Alastair (Skipper),
much loved mum of Craig
and Karen, gran of Holly
and Amy, sister of Tracy
and mum-in-law of Sarah.
A private service will be
held at 1.00pm on Thursday,
June 11 at Roucan Loch
Crematorium. We hope that
Brenda's family and many
friends will be able to join us
at a later date to celebrate her
full and active life.

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More lockdown birthdays

We have been asking readers to send us their photographs of their children who had to celebrate their birthdays in lockdown and here are the latest.

Freddie Lucas from Whiting Bay celebrated his 10th birthday in lockdown last month. Freddie loves his football and he was thrilled with his new Huddersfield Town kit. He spent the day with his family walking their dog and practising his football skills in the garden.

The Totty family celebrated three birthdays in lockdown - daughter Jemma, dad Colin and the dog. Here we see newly hatched lockdown teenager in early April. Jemma said it was the 'best birthday ever' with WhatsApp chats with her friends and family, a treasure hunt for presents, and a crop of fairy houses appearing in the garden in Lamlash.



While restrictions have eased, we would still be pleased to receive photographs of your wee one en-



joying their special day which we will publish to wish them Happy Birthday. Remember to include their full name, age, where you're from and a little bit about what you did to make the day at home special.

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Only second Arran record of summer visiting duck

On Sunday May 3 there was a report of a pair of garganey with teal on Sliderry shore. This is only the second ever Arran record of this summer visitor, writes Jim Cassels

Garganey is a small dabbling duck, feeding mainly by skimming rather than upending. It breeds in much of Europe and across the Palearctic, but is strictly migratory, with the entire population moving to southern Africa, India, Bangladesh and Australasia in winter, where large flocks can occur.

This scarce and secretive summer visitor to the UK is mostly found in central and southern England. Garganey are rare breeding birds in the UK, with most breeding in quiet marshes in Norfolk and Suffolk. They favour shallow wetlands, with flooded meadows and ditches, with plenty of aquatic vegetation - this can make them difficult to see. On migration they can turn up anywhere and whilst the males are easy to identify, the females and young birds are like the familiar teal.

Garganey is smaller than a mallard and slightly bigger than a teal. The male is most easily recognised, with a broad white stripe over the



A pair of garganey were seen with teal at Sliderry shore.

eye. In flight it shows a pale blue forewing. The male has a distinctive crackling mating call; the female is rather silent for a female duck but can manage a feeble quack. Like other small ducks such as Teal this species rises easily from the water with a fast twisting wader-like flight.

From the Arran Natural History Society records, there has been one previous report of garganey on Arran. On the May 9, 2012 two visitors got the first ever record of garganey on Arran when a pair were on the lochan at Torr Righ. I was off the island that day but on my return the next day the visitors shared

this and together the area was revisited. The outcome of our efforts? No sign of garganey and a good soaking!

Enjoy your birding and keep safe.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Report, The First 40 Years, which includes the annual report for 2019, and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

No 2020 splash in Lamlash

The Lamlash Splash 2020 has been cancelled for this year.

There was some hope for the event when outdoor swimming was included in the list of non-contact outdoor sports included in last Friday's list of sports allowed under the easing of restrictions.

However, there are too many other unknown factors to allow the event, due to be held in September, to go ahead.

Organiser Ann Hart told the Banner: 'We have sadly taken the decision to cancel the Splash this year. With not knowing where we are going to be with the lockdown in September and the difficulties of social distancing before, during the transfer to the Holy Isle and at the end of the event and also with the Emergency Services volunteers, there are just too many barriers to holding the event.'

'There are going to be a lot of disappointed swimmers, but safety has to be the key factor in our decision not to go ahead. Hopefully by September 2021 we will be through this.'



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Brodick captain Ann May putts out at the 10th on her first round since lockdown began. 01_Bgolf04



Back in play. Barry Boughton, Don Rudge, Charles O'Neill and Sid Allen prepare to tee-off in pairs at Brodick on Friday. 01_B23golf01

Back in the swing of golf



The golfers could not wait to get started. 01_B23golf02

Golf and other non-contact outdoor pursuits resumed last Friday on Arran, after some lockdown restrictions were eased.

However, as the island golf clubs opened for play there was no flocking to the tees as all courses are at present for members only with a pre-booked tee-time also a requirement.

A strict set of rules has been drawn up by Golf Scotland to keep everyone safe. As well as staying two metres apart, players should be extra vigilant with hand hygiene, not share equipment, only pick up their own ball and not remove green flags during play. On a splendid sunny morning, golfers took to the courses for the first time in 10 weeks and greenkeepers across the island were praised for the conditions

of the fairways and greens. One of the first out to play was club captain Ann May who was first to tee off at Brodick at 8am on Friday. Catching her on the 10th green with her playing companions, Ann said: 'It is just great to be out playing again and on such a beautiful day. Tam McNab and the team have done a marvellous job getting the course and greens into such a fine condition.'

There was a slow start to play at Corrie on Friday, but it picked up during the day, while players were out at Lamlash, Shiskine, Whiting Bay and Machrie Bay over the weekend.

Other outdoor sports also got under way with walkers and climbers with their backpacks seen heading into the hills.

However, Mountaineering Scotland say the easing of lock-

down is not a return to normal and urge everyone heading out to enjoy the outdoors to be mindful of how their individual actions reflect on the whole outdoor community.

Tennis, bowls, fishing, horse riding, outdoor swimming and watersports - including canoeing and kayaking - are also now allowed.

In Brodick Bay and Lamlash Bay over the weekend there were a few boats and a couple of jet skis around, and it certainly felt there was a lot more movement around the island.



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