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Passenger boost may yet save our summer

by Hugh Boag
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It could be the save of the season for Arran's beleaguered tourism industry.

CalMac has confirmed it will increase capacity on the Arran ferry routes this summer, meaning more visitors will be able to get to the island when tourism opens from July 15.

And there was more good news for the hospitality sector on Wednesday when First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced beer gardens could reopen from July 6.

It has emerged that while capacity on the MV Caledonian Isles will remain severely limited it will have at least 100 passengers per sailing, with talks continuing on the use of outdoor space.

The early arrival of the second summer ferry, the MV Isle of Arran, will give nine sailings on the Ardrossan to Brodick route from mid-July, with the

Lochranza to Cloanaig summer timetable resuming from the same time.

It will also come as a relief for islanders travelling to the mainland and CalMac will publish the new timetable on their website today (Friday), which will run for two weeks from the end of the month. A further updated timetable will be published on July 2.

All of which will come as a massive relief for hotels, B&Bs and self-catering providers who already have numerous bookings as well as restaurants and bars and shops.

There had been serious fears that the 2020 season could be wiped out on Arran and that the island would be left adrift if people simply could not get to the island and went elsewhere.

However, the Arran Ferry Committee has been working hard behind the scenes with CalMac and Transport

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Ready to Test and Protect



Senior charge nurse Alisa Weir, right, is pictured in the new Arran COVID-19 testing centre with deputy charge nurse Nicola Coyne and associate practitioner Yvonne Currie with the testing kits. Full story, page four. 01_B26test01

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Caution sounded on schools return

Education chiefs and school heads in North Ayrshire had to go back to the drawing board this week after the surprise announcement by education secretary John Swinney that schools in Scotland should go back full-time from August 11.

A North Ayrshire Council spokeswoman said: 'This is a new planning assumption. Local authority contingency plans for the delivery of blended learning continue to be necessary.'

'Therefore, this week, our schools and centres will continue to issue information about the plans they have been developing over the last few weeks, based on 2m physical distancing and the blended learning model announced on Friday.'

'Our hope, like that of Mr Swinney, is that resumption of full-time education can commence for North Ayrshire's children and young people in August. Of course, the safety of our children and staff remains our highest priority and any change to our contingency plans will be dependent on Scottish government guidance updated regularly over the summer.'

Ferry boost for the summer

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Scotland to develop capacity plans which support the island's agreed priorities for essential supplies and services and residents' ability to travel.

A ferry committee spokesman said: 'We have held constructive discussion with CalMac which appear to be allowing the following improvements:

- Introduction of the Caledonian Isles from July 1 with an initial capacity of 100 passengers. We continue to discuss how this could be complemented by including outside seating capacity. Further work is required on this matter which we will continue to progress.

- The Isle of Arran to enter service earlier than proposed and now expected to be available from July 15, which is two weeks ahead of the initial plan. This will operate a full summer timetable but we will now get some additional sailings over the weekend by not diverting resources to support Campbelltown.

All this will provide at least



The MV Caledonian Isles sails into a sunny Brodick on Wednesday.

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the same sailings as previous years between Ardrossan and Brodick.

- The introduction of the Lochranza to Claonaig service from July 15 for the rest of the summer timetable.

All this will now provide a normal summer timetable with social distancing influencing the capacity. These limits are set by government policy and we have provided information to Scottish Government as to the impact this ruling has on

capacity and the economy. CalMac has indicated it can react to any change in government policy with minimum delay.

Booking system

'There are still some areas to be clarified such as the booking systems and how demand will be managed to protect residents. Our discussions will continue ahead of the booking system being opened up on July 1. Details of these arrangements are still being

confirmed,' the spokesman added.

However we may not be out of the woods yet. The Arran Recovery Group has also been busy this week holding talks with government ministers, officials, tourism bodies and council representatives.

Members say it may only be possible to salvage £32 million from the tourist season this summer – down from £69 million last year and still putting many tourist businesses in

trouble. CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond said in a statement: 'I am pleased that due to some very hard work, we have been able to bring forward both our new interim timetables, the second by two weeks. I am sure this will make a big difference to those island businesses who rely on the summer season.'

'From July 1 to July 14 we will be introducing phase one of a new interim timetable which will increase sailings while strictly following the Scottish government and Transport Scotland's travel guidelines and safety measures. This includes physical distancing which dictates the number of passengers we can carry.'

'From July 15 onwards we will implement phase two of our interim timetable which will see a further increase in sailings.'

'To help us manage demand more effectively, foot passengers will be able to book in advance on some routes. Which routes this applies to will be sign posted on the website.'

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Support your local shops as they open their doors

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Arran will see the biggest easing of lockdown restrictions next week when many shops on the island reopen their doors to welcome customers back.

It is some welcome good news amid continuing uncertainty over ferry capacity and the opening up of the island to tourism and local shoppers are being urged to get out and support the retail trade.

There was a sigh of relief for small businesses when it was announced that non-essential shops in Scotland are allowed to open from next week. Many retailers, who have had to remain closed since the end of March, are busy behind the scenes working to make their shops safe and COVID-19 protected.

It is with no doubt that the past three months have been, and continue to present, a challenging time for retail as they navigate through the COVID crisis. Most non-essential retail shops will be opening on Monday, June 29, and if not that day, on other days throughout the week, so it is worth checking your favourite store.

The Shop Arran Facebook page which is normally reserved for the Christmas shopping weekend at the end of the year is being given a facelift and will be used more proactively to help promote Shop Arran member businesses.

Among those opening are Lynn Walker, of Chameleon Boutique in Lamlash, who said: 'I am looking forward to reopening and welcoming my customers back to the shop.



Sign of the times. The crazy golf is ready to reopen on Monday along with Arran Active, Driftwood and the Taste of Arran shops in Brodick. 01_B26shops01

Initially we will open three days a week. Due to social distancing measures I am also offering customers personal

'I am so looking forward to restarting the business and welcoming all my lovely customers again. If some customers would prefer to view on their own they can get in touch to arrange.'

appointments on other days if they wish to avoid "queuing" or would like to come as a group – just get in touch!

Andrew Walsh of Arran

Active in Brodick said: 'Like others we have used lockdown to rethink the layout of our store, in part to allow for greater physical distancing. But for me the most positive aspect of reopening is to be able to offer islanders a slice of normality, albeit a changed normal. That said I think people have been clocking up miles and miles on lockdown walks, so we have lots of walking shoes for tired feet!'

Next door Driftwood and the Taste of Arran shop are also reopening and the mini golf will be back in play.

Over in Machrie, Lorna Gunaydi of the Old Byre Showroom said: 'We are delighted to be opening our shops again and to welcome you into our new Shoe Bothy. Working hard behind the scenes we have used lockdown to change the

layout of our shops at Machrie and can now offer an inspiring visitor experience. The Byre at Brodick will also partially reopen. We are also happy to offer appointments out with opening hours and have in place all relevant government guidance.'

Janelle Paton, Janelles in Lamlash said: 'I am so looking forward to restarting the business and welcoming all my lovely customers again. If some customers would prefer to view on their own they can get in touch to arrange.'

Stacey Smith of Red Door in Brodick said: 'We can't wait to welcome our lovely customers back to Red Door! To ensure a safe shopping experience, we will be operating with a "one household group at a time" policy. Those who are shielding can just give us a call to arrange a dedicated time to visit the shop while it is closed

to the public so you don't have to queue. We can't wait to see you and show you all our new goodies!'

Tracy Gibson, Island Porcelain in Lamlash said: 'It will be lovely to open my doors to welcome everyone again. Island Porcelain will be open for three days initially but I'm happy to arrange a suitable time outwith those days, should anyone require it.'

Lynn added: 'Suffice to say, they are all looking forward to welcoming you back and for your continued support in helping Arran to get back on its feet.'

Detailed opening times can be found on the Shop Arran Facebook page, of their website www.shoparran.com

Contact details for many of the shops can also be found on the We're Open on page 12 of this week's Banner for a final time.

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Brodick Castle gardens to reopen

The gardens and grounds of Brodick Castle are to partly reopen from Monday July 6, the National Trust for Scotland has announced

The trust is preparing to welcome visitors at dozens of gardens and estates across the country, as lockdown continues to ease. With the move into phase two confirmed, the charity is now preparing to reopen around 30 of its estates and gardens next month.

However, that will be little comfort to Brodick Castle staff and ranger service, 14 of whom are furloughed and facing the threat of

redundancy in drastic cuts proposed by the NTS due to be announced at the end of July.

The conservation charity closed all properties in March when the coronavirus emergency hit Scotland. Brodick Castle will not reopen until next year.

Limited travel

The castle and gardens will initially be open from Thursday to Monday from July 6. However, the trust has emphasised that travel to Arran and the other islands is currently limited to residents only.

Arran opens own COVID-19 testing station in Brodick Health Centre

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From Monday June 29, residents on Arran will be able to be tested for COVID-19 on the island and no longer need to travel to the mainland.

The move is an important step in the future containment of the virus.

The new testing centre, which has been created at Brodick Health Centre, had a soft opening this week and staff are ready to receive appointments for a swab test, the results of which will be known in 24 to 48 hours.

Test and Protect is seen an important tool as the country eases out of lockdown, but on Arran a unique solution has been found using local knowledge and existing health staff. This is a slightly different approach from the mainland and anyone eligible for a test should call 01770 601033.

However, as we went to press, there continues to be no new positive cases of coronavirus on the island.

Ruth Betley, senior manager of Arran services in North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, said: 'The testing centre is now open and we have been busy getting



Senior charge nurse Alisa Weir, right, in the new testing centre with deputy charge nurse Nicola Coyne and associate practitioner Yvonne Currie with the testing kits. 01_B26test01; Ruth Betley, senior manager of Arran services, outside the new testing centre. 01_B28betley01

ready to carry out tests for all those on Arran who are eligible for a test.

'This has been a huge piece of work and I would like to say a huge thank you to the project team involved in setting the testing centre up. They have all worked tirelessly to get this important service in place for those who need it.'

To be eligible for a test, you must be over the age of

five years old and have any of the following symptoms: a new continuous cough; a fever/ temperature of 37.8°C or above; or a new loss of sense of smell or taste.

Tests should be taken in the first five days after symptoms first appear. If you develop symptoms that could be COVID-19, it is vital that you self-isolate and request a test.

Self-isolating is what the

someone in their household is experiencing symptoms or has tested positive.

Those with symptoms must self-isolate for at least seven days. Household contacts of someone with symptoms or someone who has tested positive must self-isolate for 14 days, and longer if they themselves go on to develop symptoms.

Self-isolating means not leaving home at all, and, if you live with others, taking extra precautions within the household to try to avoid spreading the virus between household members.

If you need a test and meet the eligibility criteria, you should telephone the referrals phone number on 01770 601033. Lines will be open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Ruth added: 'The test for COVID-19 is a swab from your mouth and nose. This will either be done by a healthcare professional, or as a self-test. For a self-test, a member of the testing team will explain what to do, and will supervise you doing it.'

'Testing is strictly by appointment only. It is important that you arrive on time for your test once appointed - please don't

turn up too early or late. Also, it is vital that you and your household contacts strictly self-isolate while awaiting for your test and the results.'

Results are usually within 24 to 48 hours of the test. If you have tested positive, you will receive a phone call from the NHS Results Hub informing of the positive result. You will have to self-isolate for at least seven days, or until you are feeling well and have been free of any fever for at least 48 hours.

If you have tested negative, you will receive a phone call from the Results Hub informing of the negative result. After a negative result you can continue as normal, but should continue social distancing and take normal precautions. However, if you develop symptoms in line with COVID-19, you should self-isolate for at least seven days or until feeling well and without a fever for at least 48 hours.

If you are unwell and need to speak to a doctor, telephone Arran Medical Group on 01770 600516 or call NHS24 on 111 out-of-hours.

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We're growing more veg to help keep Arran fed

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Woodside Farm is gearing up to help keep Arran fed in the tough months which lie ahead.

Scottish government funding from the COVID-19 supporting communities fund, through Highlands and Island Enterprise, has allowed them to expanding production by 400 per cent at their Kildonan farm.

And all the produce will be available on a 'pay what you can' donation basis.

Jenny and Andy Macdonald have been developing Woodside Arran CIC as a not-for-profit social enterprise for three years. However, they have been able to ramp up the scale of production thanks to the funding, which has also allowed them to employ six part-time staff.

And it is the whole of Arran who will benefit from the enterprise, which the couple hope will keep the island fed with locally grow quality fruit and vegetables over the coming months.

As Jenny told the Banner: 'There are a lot of people strugg-

ling financially and in other ways due to the pandemic but a lot are too proud to use a foodbank.

'We see this as a halfway house where people can pay what they can affording for good quality local produce.'

The big expansion has seen a new 1,000 sq metre field planted at the farm which has spectacular views over Pladda and Ailsa Craig ploughed for the first time. In six weeks a large area of market garden has been created from a grazing field thanks to the hard work of Andy and his team.

'This is a big expansion for us and the first time we have ploughed this field since we took over tenancy of the farm, but the soil here is really good as it has been created by the silt coming off the hills,' Andy said.

Here a range of vegetables is already showing signs of growth underneath the ground fleece helping to keep them warm and healthy, some of which will be ready for market shortly.

Produce will be available twice a week from Tuesday June 30, for at least four months

from 2pm on Tuesdays, at the small Co-op car park in Brodick and from 2pm on Wednesdays at the Kinloch Car Park in Blackwaterfoot.

Jenny said: 'Pick up is completely anonymous as are donations, give if you can, don't worry if you cannot. If you are in a position to donate please feel free to give any percentage of the value of your produce you can afford, or if you are comfortable you can even "buy forward" some produce for those who cannot currently afford their own.'

Payment will be via their donations welly or customers can use any of the paperless options which can be found on their website woodsidearran.com. If you cannot arrange pick up at one of these points due to health or financial reasons please get in touch with the farm and they will try to arrange a drop off to your local community hub or to your home.

'We hope people will support what we are doing in trying to help feed the people of Arran with quality local produce at these difficult times,' Jenny added.



Jenny and Andy Macdonald at Woodside Farm. 01_B26farm01

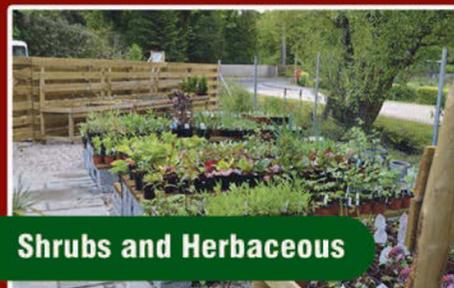


The site of the newly planted market garden overlooking Pladda and Ailsa Craig. 01_B26farm02



Andy tends to the already flowering courgettes. 01_B26farm03

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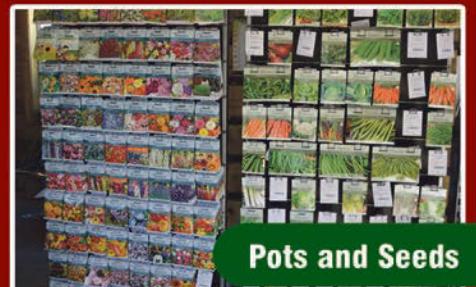
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Brighter times

Things just all seem a bit brighter this week and that is some welcome relief after weeks of gloom and doom.

We may be far from out of this pandemic yet but at least things seem to be moving in the right direction.

And at the very forefront of Arran's continuing fight to contain the virus is our very own testing centre which the medical services and all the staff on the island deserve enormous credit for getting up and running so quickly.

Some clarification, too, of an increased capacity on the ferries, which was a major worry - both on and off the island - with an earlier start for the second summer ferry and the summer timetable on the Lochranza to Claonaig route. Talks are also continuing on the use of the outdoor space on the MV Caledonian Isles which is key to getting more visitors to the island.

And that's not all. Many of the local shops are opening next week too, which will make things on the island that bit more normal. Of course there will be changes here, too, but we hope people will support these small traders who have been through a hard time.

Then there was good news on the schools front. I don't think anyone expected Mr Swinney's his statement/u-turn - you chose - this week announcing the return of full-time schooling in August.

However, while it may have left education chiefs with a headache, it will come as a huge relief to working parents wondering where they would get childcare, and how they would afford it.

Now, when is the mini golf open?

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Thought for the week

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' **Matthew 5:6**

Beckford changes needed

Sir,
I was fascinated and moved by Cicely Gill's letter in the Banner (Arran's slavery link) and hearing of her Beckford family link.

Soon after the reopening of the castle, I had gone to see the interior refurbishment expecting to find a new, and very overdue, reinterpretation of the Beckford silver collection. I was amazed; there was no reference at all to the grim and shameful history of slavery on the Jamaican sugar plantations lying behind the gross ostentation of this silver hoard.

On questioning this I was told that it was work in progress and new interpretive material would be forthcoming. So it is shocking to find that the progress in handling links to slavery seen in recent years at other NTS properties have yet to reach Brodick.

Cicely Gill's letter is a reminder that a true understanding of history can have contemporary relevance. What better means of presenting the reality of slavery than an honest treatment of the Beckford silver?

There is a connection here to another item in the Banner of June 19. I refer to the heart-rending plight of the Young Naturalists.

Their meetings have been suspended due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the ranger service being furloughed. The sad reality is that if the NTS redundancy programme is put into effect there is little chance this valuable, much-loved and long-running club resuming even after the restrictions are relaxed; another casualty of central office mismanagement.

Those concerned about the fate of the ranger service can visit the Facebook page, Save NTS Rangers. Some concerned trust members are writing to the trust to ask for an Emergency General Meeting. The NTS case can be read at <https://tinyurl.com/NTSbusinesscase>.

Best regards,
Robin Barnden
Lamlash.

Natural heritage

Sir,
May I thank Cicely Gill for her very personal reflection (Banner, June 19) on the Beckford Room at Brodick Castle? As a casual visitor last year, I too was disturbed by the euphemistic reference to 'sugar plantations' as the source of the wealth that funded the current castle, and its dust-collecting artefacts.

The NTS faces a financial crisis as a result of

loss of visitor and membership income. With the overdue focus on Scotland's role in the slave trade coming hot on the heels of COVID-19, and Climate Change still looming over us, you would think that a forward-looking strategy might prioritise natural heritage over the sad culture of our 19th century aristocracy.

We should be thinking of access to garden space and wild countryside, outdoor education, socially-distanced hospitality, staycationing, and increased provision of self-catering accommodation. Are people still going to want to crowd indoors to view the oversized furniture, sombre oil-paintings and grotesque silverware of the Beckfords and Hamiltons?

The NTS needs to move with the times. It might be a good point to part company with their controversial president, Prof Neil Oliver, but a very bad time to make garden and estate staff redundant and decimate the ranger service.

Yours,
Malcolm Kerr,
Brodick.

Tribute to Pauline

Sir,
I read the moving obituary to Pauline Muir in your paper of Friday June 12 and would like to add my own tribute to her, if I may.

I first met Pauline in December 1978 when, as a very shy teenager. I started work for her on the Government's Youth Opportunities Programme at the Tourist Information Centre, which back then was still the Portakabin. I had no confidence, but Pauline encouraged me every step of the way. Whether that was sending me to the mainland to sit exams or taking me round the island to meet local businesses to try and get raffle prizes for some event going on.

I remember well the weekend move across the car park from the tightly packed Portakabin to the new Tourist Information Centre. There was also the official opening when dignitaries arrived from the mainland to join local invited guests to admire the new building.

Life at the TIC was never dull with Pauline at the helm. The winter may have been quiet with visitors but there was plenty of work to be done - answering letters, making bookings or checking the new accommodation register before it went to print. In the summer it was crazy busy with people, especially when we took bookings for the Waverley sailings, with each ticket being written by hand.

Pauline was very hard working and had great organisational skills. As has already been said,

she loved her horse riding, often popping into the office in her riding gear on her day off, just to check all was well. She always had at least one dog and a couple of cats. Bridge was a large part of her life and so, too, was growing Begonias. She used to attend the Harrogate show and win prizes.

I feel very fortunate to have met Pauline, we kept in touch through all the years and met up a few times.

It is good to know she wished to return to Arran to be with her husband.

Yours,
Sarah Carr,
Warwick.

Count his blessings

Sir,
I would like to respond to Mr Cowan of Glasgow and Catacol (Arran Banner, June 12).

I think that he should count his many blessings. He is clearly in a very privileged position. Contrary to his opinion that we are all doddering old folks, many of the residents of Arran are young families. Unfortunately, a fair number of those families can barely afford to keep one roof over their heads. Mr 'two homes' Cowan probably is unaware that in order to assist these less fortunate people a foodbank has to be maintained here in Brodick.

When next he and his family do get to visit their second home, I would suggest that on his way through Brodick he stops off at St Brides Church and takes a long hard look at the foodbank. Maybe even bring a few bags of shopping to leave as a donation. How about it Mr Cowan?

We the islanders are now into week 13 of the lockdown at the time of writing. Very few of us have been allowed to leave Arran in that time as the restrictions on travel are very strict. About the only reason to get a ferry ticket is by producing a letter of appointment from a hospital. The message from our government is 'Stay At Home' and that is what we have done and are continuing to do without whinging on about our rights.

We, the pottering old folks, do the bulk of the considerable amount of voluntary work that goes on here. As for the businesses, we the one home owners do support the ones that stay open during the winter months when the island is quiet.

While Mr Cowan goes on at length regarding the age of the population. Let us consider that Arran suffers the same problems as many

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Arran Deliveries
Parcelpoint Ardrossan
Ayrshire, KA22 8BZ
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Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

We are open to accept all your deliveries large and small. A lot of companies won't deliver to Islands, why not use us as your mainland address and let us bring it to your home. We have all the national parcel companies and pallet networks calling in daily to our Parcelpoint. If you are ordering from a few different companies we can

hold it until all your goods have arrived and deliver it all together to your home. If you're needing special arrangements for your delivery we can help. Just let us know your requirements when you book in. Forklift on site for pallets and as well as our speedy parcel services, we offer a 2 man and tailift service throughout the Island.



TEST & PROTECT

A NEW WAY TO TACKLE CORONAVIRUS

The Test & Protect service from NHS Scotland will help us keep the rate of infection down and stop the spread of coronavirus.

If you have a cough, fever, or loss or change in taste or smell, you need to request a test right away at [NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect](https://nhsinform.scot/test-and-protect) or call **0800 028 2816** if you can't get online.

Please do not leave your home except to get tested to keep others safe. If symptoms worsen or last for more than seven days, call **111**.

If the test is positive, NHS Scotland will confidentially ask who you've had close contact with recently. This is so we can let those people know they may be at risk, request they do not leave home for 14 days, and offer them a test if appropriate.

Anyone could be asked to stay at home and not go out at all, to keep your community and loved ones safe.

For more information go to [NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect](https://nhsinform.scot/test-and-protect)



Celebrating 50 years of the



The current Rachel Hedderwick inshore lifeboat.



The current lifeboat being put through its paces.



A brief personal reflection by MILLER CRAWFORD

Arran lifeboat was launched exactly 50 years ago, on June 28, 1970.

When the RNLI decided to place a modern lifeboat back on Arran – Kildonan Station had gone many years before – it was to be based on solid foundations...Whisky.

In Lamlash, a committee had been formed to assure the RNLI that Arran was capable of manning this service. At the Yacht Club and various houses the meetings always started with a bottle of Scotch being uncorked and the top thrown away.

A favourite house for these meetings was Jimmy McGill's as he also made a potent homebrew beer. Unfortunately, the mix of whisky and homebrew was so good that nobody could remember what had been discussed and another meeting had to be convened.

Eventually, a suitable crew

was selected and readied. Meanwhile, as the boat was to be transported by road to other launch sites on the island, a crew was required from Brodick, and also Shiskine.

In Brodick, and using the same tried and tested tactics as at Lamlash, Fisher Gilmour used the Ormidale as a suitable base for the Brodick crew. Shiskine's crew was assembled in the Kinloch under the watchful eye of Lawrence Crawford, who swore to look after them!

And so, on the arrival of the RNLI D-class single engine boat on June 28, 1970, the Arran Station was born.

Over the last 50 years, almost everything has changed. From a lean-to shed, to a new station built on the site of Spiers Dick and Smith's Coal Yard (donated by Anne Spiers), where it is still situated. The changes on the boat have been progressive as well. From the first single engine D-class to a twin engine C-class which the old boys will

remember was a brute. Now the B-class Atlantic boats are the norms, with seats, by jove!

With the Atlantic's arrival, the boat could no longer go by road and the Brodick and Shiskine crews petered out (but not forgotten). There are too many characters to mention, but I must mention Geoff Norris, who for 40 years administered the station through all the changes.

I must commend today's crews for their dedication, as training takes up a good bit of time to learn all the procedures – not like the old days when the main decision was where to go for a fag!

Thank you Arran, for supporting us for 50 years, and please continue for another 50.

So, I ask all crews past and present, shore helpers and fundraisers to raise a glass in a toast. To Arran Lifeboat – 50 years down, hopefully to another 50 years.

Slainte!

A WORLD IN DISTRESS - SIGNS OF THE PROMISED RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO BRING AN END TO HUMAN RULE

Jesus was asked by his disciples, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matt. 24 v 3

He said, "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places. All these things are the beginning of sorrows." Matt. 24 v 7 - 8

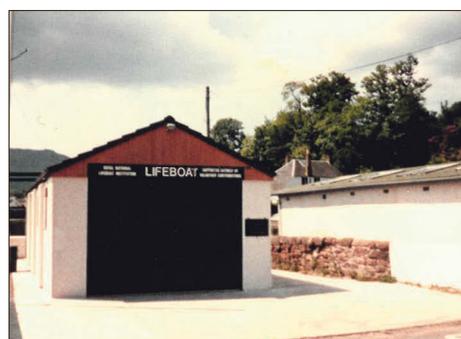
He also said that there would be "distress of nations with perplexity" i.e. distress with no way out. Luke 21 v 25-26

Jesus is to "judge the world in righteousness." Acts 17v31

He is the Great King who will reign at Jerusalem over all nations. Matt. 5 v 35, Psalm 2 v 6 - 8 and Isaiah 2 v 1 - 4

After the coming time of great trouble (Daniel 12 v 1), the Kingdom of Jesus will bring peace and blessing upon the earth, the peace on earth promised when he was born. Psalm 72 and Luke 2 v 14.

Please send for free copies of:-
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The Second Coming of Jesus Christ
The Kingdom of God
What is the Christian Hope?
The Local Secretary, The Household of Faith,
11, Maplebeck Road, Arnold, Nottingham. NG5 7JT



The original lifeboat station in Lamlash.



Boys Brigade B-class naming ceremony.



C-class transport and launch.



Lifeboat on patrol.



The opening of the current station in 1998.

Arran lifeboat



Anne Spiers opening the lifeboat station in 1985.

Three callouts in busy few days for crew

Following a quiet period during lockdown, the volunteer crew responded to their pagers three times in four days. The shouts marked the first few times the boat had gone to sea in more than three months since weekly training was suspended in March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Thursday June 18 the lifeboat launched at 11pm to reports of a possible sighting of people on Pladda island. Following a shoreline search, the lifeboat returned to Lamlash and was made ready for service at 12.25am.

The day after, following a credible report of a weak mayday signal, the volunteer crew assembled and launched the lifeboat at 7pm. With no coordinates to work with, the crew were tasked with carrying out a comprehensive search of the local coastline, taking



The Rachel Hedderwick.

in Lamlash Bay, Brodick Bay, around Holy Isle, and towards Whiting Bay. With nothing found, the crew was stood down, pending further information. The boat returned to the station and was made ready for service at 8.25pm. Both of these shouts were classed as false alarms with good intent.

On Sunday June 21 the crew assembled and were ready to launch to a report of a person in the water at Clachlands Point when the Coastguard cancelled the call following confirmation that the person was out of

the water and safe. These shouts marked the first few times the lifeboat has been launched since the last regular training night back in March. Despite lockdown, the crew have still been working hard to keep their skills and knowledge up to date.

Trainee helm, Sam Bourne, who attended the shout on Friday evening said: 'Given the nature of what we do, the less call outs we receive the better as it means everyone is staying safe. However, it felt good to be back out on the boat, and it really underlined the value of the online training we've been doing while we've not been able to go to sea. Everyone just fell back into all of our usual protocols and procedures, and worked together as well as we always have. As the saying goes, just like riding a bike!'



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Innovation helping turn

Thousands of companies have been taking advantage of an unprecedented package of UK Government support to protect jobs and support businesses during the coronavirus outbreak. As more and more companies continue to get back to work, we look at how the financial support is helping firms across the nation to adapt, innovate and protect jobs. Here is an example of how one company has been helped, and what support is available.

WHEN THE Covid-19 pandemic arrived the chief executive officer of East Lothian firm Sunamp, knew the company could respond.

Andrew Bissell (right) said: "A week into lockdown I woke up in the middle of the night and just thought 'we have to do something that makes the business relevant in this crisis.'"

Mr Bissell turned to Sunamp's innovative technology, developed in partnership with the University of Edinburgh.

The company has led the way in the manufacture of heat batteries that store heat energy rather than electricity like conventional batteries.

The applications of the technology span several industries, but the company's focus has so far been on offering a product that replaces the hot water tank in heating systems with something smaller and more efficient.

Recognising the potential of the technology in the context of Covid-19, Sunamp was one of more than 8,600 companies to apply for grant funding from Innovate UK, the UK Government's innovation agency.

In April, Innovate UK launched the Fast Start initiative, with £40m of



time, but as we head into winter, if you have to wash your hands outside a railway station or supermarket or vaccination centre, it will be much more pleasant to have warm water."

The idea has gained traction with Sunamp's clients, with inquiries coming in rapidly even though the finished product is still in development.

Mr Bissell said: "Covid-19 is a global problem so there's widespread interest.

"Sunamp has partnerships and licensing arrangements with businesses all around the world through which it sells its heat batteries, so the ambition for the mobile units is international."

For Mr Bissell, the appeal of the project is that in addition to its obvious commercial potential, there's a real societal benefit.

"There is no minimising the negatives of Covid-19," he said.

"But there are many people stepping and doing amazing things."

Working with everything from gas boilers to solar and heat pumps, Sunamp says its Heat Batteries deliver hot water with efficiency and proven savings of up to 75 per cent on utility bills in residential, commercial or industrial settings.

funding available to companies responding to the pandemic with some form of innovation.

In the end, Sunamp was one of 800 companies to secure a grant.

The £50,000 award is being used to develop mobile handwash units that can be installed in locations where people lack access to hygiene facilities that can help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Mr Bissell said: "You don't need hot water to wash your hands, but it is much more comfortable.

"Right now, we're dealing with the virus in the summer



FINDING A SOLUTION: Staff working at the Sunamp site in East Lothian (and right).

tide on uncertain times

SOURCE: HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY

628,200

jobs in Scotland have been furloughed through the Coronavirus Jobs Retention Scheme up to May 31.

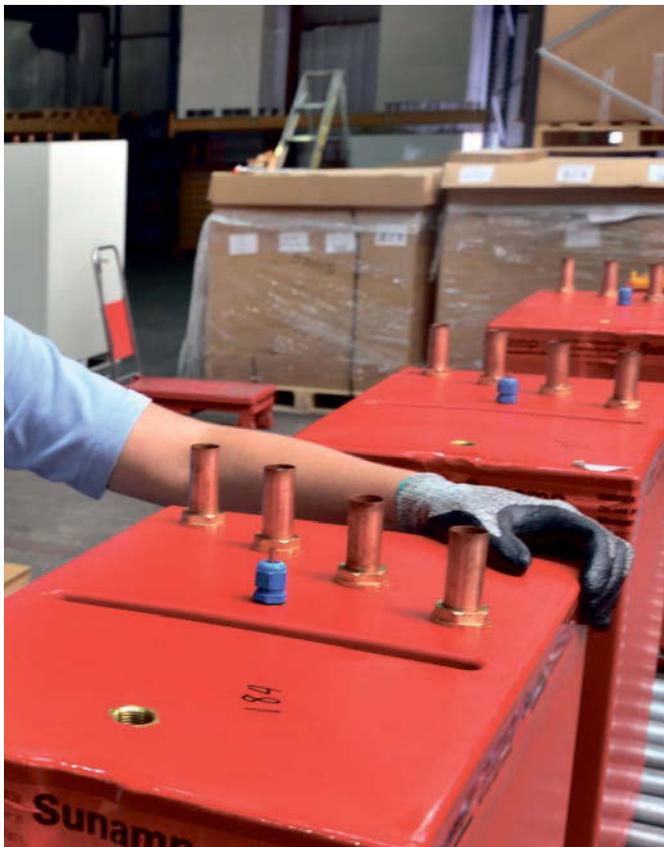
146,000

claims amounting to £425 million through the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme up to May 31.

70% (UK wide)

of those eligible for SEISS made a claim. The average value of a claim is around £2,900.

Details of the support available to businesses across the UK can be found at gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support



Support on offer to aid your business

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 £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.

■ The UK Government's Bounce Back Loans Scheme provides loans

of up to £50,000 to small businesses, with a 100 per cent government-backed guarantee for lenders.

■ Commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of coronavirus will be protected from eviction.

■ 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.



Keep our distance,
wash our hands, think of others
and play our part.

We're here to help on Arran

This list of business services has been compiled by the Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS). Please bear in mind that although most of the deliveries are free, the businesses are doing this by goodwill, so if you are placing an order be considerate of volume vs cost. Shop local, support our community!

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

Message from Lamlash Dental Clinic

Lamlash Dental Clinic is treating emergencies that cannot be remedied with pain relief. We can be contacted at the surgery on 01770 601067. If staff are busy, leave a message (leave your name and contact number) or alternatively call the dental helpline on 01563 507950. 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 Bruce Jenkins Dental Practice

The practice has been available for advice, antibiotics and temporary dressing packs since the beginning of lockdown. With the easing of restrictions we are now available to see patients in our surgery for URGENT CARE. We are providing this service seven days a week until further notice. Tel: 303800.

Message from pharmacy

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

Some of the shops and outlets listed here expect to be open on Monday.

FOOD:

Lochranza Centre

Hot meal orders delivered 5-7pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday (Do not go to the centre, phone 01770 830637/615). Payment via the Justgiving page. Phone for details. 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 /Catacol can phone the centre.

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. Bank details are: Name: Pirnmill Village Store – sort code: 83-23-13, account no: 00601644.

Wooleys of Arran Bakery Shop, Brodick

Open to the public from 7am –2pm. Lamlash 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 – for vulnerable and self-isolating residents. Order via telephone on 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. The Co-op now has a new online delivery service available to everyone on the island - visit quickshop.coop.co.uk for more details. Also Click and Collect is available to everyone seven days. Pick, Pack and Deliver will also continue for now.

Foodshare at the Co-op, Brodick and Lamlash

Short-life orange label food (use by and best before) will be available free to the public every evening at 6.15pm from the foodshare table within the big Co-op in Brodick and Co-op, Lamlash. The scheme is open to all, help yourself to stop food 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. Call 700229 to order Mon-Sat 9-4pm. Sunday CLOSED. The seating area is closed, FREE hot drinks to NHS and Coastguard/helicoptering staff/front line staff ... and their spouses.

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 available at usual locations elsewhere on the island.

Arran Meals 2 Go, Shiskine

Deliveries this week – Lamlash 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. Contact Elizabeth via email bellsofarran@gmail.com Call 01770 860597 (Bridgend Campsite) – Whatsapp 07881 400064 (no phone signal at home) / via Facebook bellsofarran.

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

We are open for the garden centre, fencing and ironmongery. Open Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm with social distancing guidelines in place. Tel: 302622, cladachsawmill@btinternet.com

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, Lamlash

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.

Mackenzie Logs

Delivering as normal, adhering to guidelines. Call 700348 to order.

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: sliderry-supplies@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. Call 07956 324546.

Bay Petrol, Brodick

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

John Thomson Construction

The main office is open 8am-5pm. Social distancing measures apply – please only attend in person if necessary – orders and payments, call 600242. Lamlash yard is open 8am-4.30pm for materials and fuel.

Lamlash Petrol Station

The fuel station at Thomson's yard in Lamlash is open for petrol & diesel sales Monday to Friday, 8am to 4.30pm. Social distancing restrictions apply and fuel will be served by our yard attendant.

Lamlash Garage

The garage is open 8am-4.30pm Monday to Friday for vehicle servicing, repairs and MOTs. Social distancing measures apply. Card payments preferred and can be made over the phone. Call 600 328 to book in.

Blackwaterfoot Garage

Open for fuel as usual 08:30-17:30 Monday- Friday. 09:00-17:00 Saturday. Closed Sunday. Please email or phone for more information. blackwaterfoot@btconnect.com 01770 860277

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.

Ad Astra Jewellery & Gifts, Brodick

Free delivery or pickup option available for Arran residents. Telephone 601341 or 302400 www.adastrajewellery.co.uk

The Whins Craft Workshop, Lachranza

Open everyday from 10am-6pm

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.

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.

Bogarrie 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. Bogarriekennels@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, Lamlash 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 can be dropped off at the church or big co-op or can be collected.

Arran CVS Office – hearing aid batteries

Hearing aid batteries can be ordered via telephone on 600611 or via email info@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

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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday July 1, 2000

All the fun of the Brodick Fair



Looking the part, Grace Small, who suggested the fair, with Norma Davidson and a very dapper husband Harry.
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The sun shone on the Brodick Fair this week and people came from all over the island to attend and events continued until after midnight.

Tuesday June 27 was the day Brodick had chosen to re-enact the Brodick Fair 'one more time' to mark the Millenium and what a remarkable success it turned out to be.

Traditionally a horse fair the public had been encouraged to don the attire of yesteryear and by 11am crowds were lining the road from the pier to the shops. The bunting draped from the lamp posts gave it all a festive look and there was a palpable air of anticipation as the parade began.

At the front 96 year-old Mrs Jenny McAlpine, Arran's oldest born resident, was driven in a convertible car, followed by an open top bus carried Brodick's older residents, then Brodick and Corrie primary pupils and an army tank and two mounted police.

Events continued throughout the day culminating in a performance in Ormidale Park by Gary Mullen, whose wife Jackie is from Arran, nationally known for his Freddy Mercury impressions saw him win the TV show Stars in Your Eyes.



Iain and Sandra McMillan, Suzanna Talbot and Alastair Paul show their sartorial elegance. 01_B26tweY04



A tank of the Royal Highland Fusiliers was part of the parade. On board are Rosie Cook and Laura Gilmore dressed as landgirls. 01_B26tweY02



The Brodick Fair parade makes its way along the shorefront. 01_B26twe01



Watching the open top bus and the parade from a high vantage point. 01_B26tweY05



Left: Star attraction Gary Mullen performs as Freddy Mercury. 01_B26tweY06

Above: Youngsters dancing in the street during the parade. 01_B26tweY07

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973
NORTH AYRSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS - YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under Regulation 9 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and Schedule 6 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 that:

- (a) Copies of the unaudited accounts of North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 will be available for public inspection from Wednesday 1 July 2020 to Tuesday 21 July 2020 on the Partnership's website - www.nahscp.org/ [nahscp.org]
- (b) Any person interested may inspect a copy of the abstracts of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto. However, due to the current restrictions in relation to Covid-19, interested parties are requested to submit email requests for access to these documents to annualaccountsNAHSCP@north-ayrshire.co.uk no later than 22 July 2020. Where the current restrictions allow, we will endeavour to provide electronic copies of the requested documents before the approval of the audited accounts for signature, at a date to be determined;
- (c) No charge will be made for the inspection of documents or for the provision of electronic copies;
- (d) Any person interested may object to the accounts, or to any part of those accounts, no later than **22 July 2020** by:-
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 2. Sending a copy of that objection and statement to the Chief Officer, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership s.brown@north-ayrshire.gov.uk, or to any other officer of the Authority who may be concerned.
- (e) The auditor shall, if requested by the person objecting, the authority or by any officer of the authority who may be concerned, afford to that person or authority or officer, as the case may be, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the auditor with respect to that objection; and any such person or officer may so appear and be heard either personally or by a representative.

The appointed Auditor of the Accounts is Deloitte LLP, 110 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BX.

Caroline Cameron, Chief Finance and Transformation Officer,
North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership,
Cunninghame House, IRVINE
30 June 2020



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Air a Tuath

RECRUITMENT

Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club CLUB MANAGER



This is a unique and exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and highly motivated individual to manage the day-to-day running of Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club on the Isle of Arran, one of Scotland's Hidden Golfing Gems with a worldwide reputation.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate the following attributes:

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- Good inter-personal and communication abilities
- Knowledge and experience of golf club administration and committee procedures would be an advantage

The salary offered will be competitive and commensurate with experience

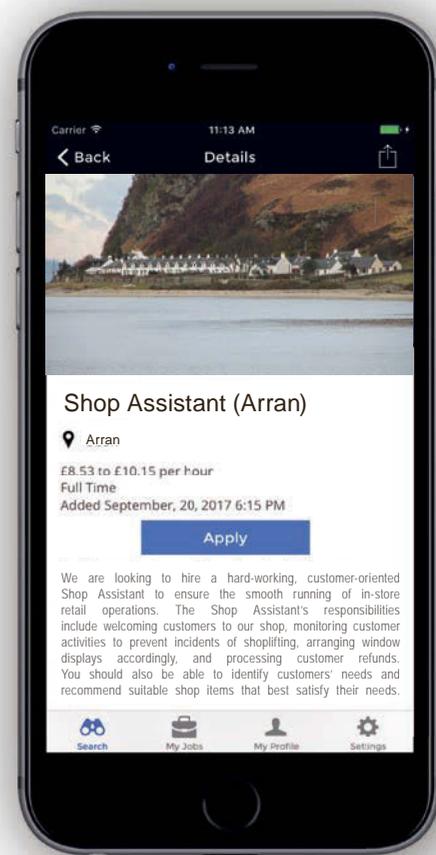
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie,
Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine**

Although the Church is still closed an internet service at 11 a.m. Sunday morning and over 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 his Oratory at Bishop's House, Oban.

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
St Roch, patron of the sick, Pray for us
Our Lady of the Isles, Pray for us
St Columba, Pray for us*



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During the shutdown
Revd Canon Simon
Mackenzie will conduct
Sunday Eucharist at 11 a.m.
online @
ChristchurchLochgilthead
All are welcome to join

DEATHS

CURRIE - William John (Bill) passed away peacefully, 13th June, aged almost 90. Born on the Isle of Arran, lately of East Horsley, Surrey. Beloved husband of Audrey for 65 years. Father of Alasdair, Stewart, Douglas and Russell. Grandfather to Kirsten, Morag, Harriet and Mathilda. A true gentleman, much loved by all who knew him, he will be dearly missed. Funeral in July will be family only. No flowers, but donations to Alzheimer's Society very welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCCONNACHIE - John Mitchell passed away on Sunday, 14th June 2020 at home in Corrie after an illness bravely borne. Pam and Jim would like to thank doctors, nurses and carers who looked after John during his illness, also, family, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers and much kindness at this difficult time. Thanks also to Rev. Angus Adamson and Jean Hunter for a compassionate service and to Hendry Funeral Services for funeral arrangements.

WHITE - June's family would like to give thanks for all the sympathy and kindness shown following her death. Thank you to Dr Hamadi and all staff at AWMH for their kindness and care in her last days, and to the district nurses, medical team and particularly the care at home team, for their help and understanding - enabling June's wish to remain at home. Special gratitude to Monika, Marion and Marvin for their friendship and kindness over the years, and to all friends in Sannox and Corrie who paid their respects on June's final journey. Thank you to the Hendrys for their help, and to Amanda Reid for a special service.

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Prayer requests in lockdown

In difficult and strange times, people everywhere look for answers and many turn to God, even when they don't believe in God. All over the world people of all faiths and none are praying through this pandemic.

Church buildings are closed but in Scotland some will reopen soon for private prayer. Lamlash Church, like all churches on Arran, continues to pray for individuals, the community, the island and the nation. During lockdown we are receiving many telephone and email requests for prayer.

As it may be some time before the building is open, and to enable anonymity, Lamlash Church has placed a prayer request box on the church railings. It is there



The prayer box outside Lamlash church.

for anyone to use. Simply write down the situation you would like the prayer team to pray for and pop the note in the locked box. You don't need to add names. God knows you already and God loves you. Please be assured

everything is confidential. We hope this helps support our community but you don't need to live locally to make use of the box.

May the Lord bless you and give you His peace.

The Rev Lily McKinnon

LETTERS EXTRA

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popular tourist areas in that it is his privileged attitude that is largely the cause of the problem. They are happy with their high income level to willingly pay over the odds for houses thereby pricing out the younger Arran people. Then a lot of them stand empty for most of the year.

Surely Mr Cowan and his ilk are aware that the medical facilities here on Arran, while being a superb service, are nevertheless very limited and couldn't cope if a major outbreak of COVID-19 were to develop with an influx of large numbers people. Hence the ban on holiday traffic. We the islanders will have no say when the island will reopen for business. That is solely a decision for the Scottish Government.

And finally I have no idea how old Mr Cowan is but I would like to share this thought with him. You too will be old one day.

Yours,
**Peter Harper,
Shiskine.**

Economic disaster

Sir,
Jack Cowan's correspondence in the Arran Banner edition of June 12 was spot on in his support of the rights of second home owners to visit the island.

Although not fortunate enough to fall into this category myself, I have regularly stayed at self-catering properties on Arran - and like Jack

was appalled to learn that 60 per cent of island residents voted in an online survey for the travel restrictions to continue.

The internet is an invaluable tool - but it must equally be recognised that it has bred a nation of 'keyboard warriors' who all too often follow the 'herd instinct' of respondents to online surveys.

Your lead story and editorial in last week's highlighted the crucial importance of the tourist industry to Arran - yet this survey suggests that a majority of those islanders who voted want to continue with the lockdown, despite the likelihood of economic disaster.

Perhaps someone could explain exactly how Arran's tourist industry could survive without self-catering outlets?

Yours,
**Bobby Whitacre,
Glasgow.**

Incensed

Sir,
I had to read Jack Cowan's letter a couple of times to understand that he was serious. Frankly, I thought you had opened the April 1st file on your computer.

I must say that were I a holiday home owner I would be incensed at being associated with such a letter. It looks to me like he is deliberately using protecting Arran from coronavirus as a platform to air his prejudice.

He makes an arrogant assumption that Arran relies on income from second home owners to survive. He obviously does not look about Arran

when he is there to see what really goes on and that his contribution more likely results in a net lose to Arran,

The fact he has been able to outbid local young persons for an available house has resulted in Arran plc having to build an affordable house, this negating his small contribution to the local economy. His mention of contributing by paying rates on the property is false as rates are payable whether by a local family contributing year round to the island economy or a second home owner.

I find it sad that somebody who has obviously done well in life to afford a second home cannot see what is going on on his adopted island. I would suggest therefore that before he writes such a disparaging letter he sits back and looks at what he is writing about.

I will point out to him, I left Arran in 1956 due to national service and interest in aviation which I could not follow on the island. This has given me a good career in aircraft maintenance, which I still do part time, but never did I think on a second home on my ancestral island, however many wonderful holidays on Arran have been enjoyed by my family and not at the expense of an Arran family who could not afford a house due to second home owners.

I go back to my opening paragraph and hope his letter was written tongue in cheek, but it is in extremely bad taste.

Yours,
**Roderick C McKay,
Forres.**

Lamlash Open is cancelled

Due to the and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic there will be no Lamlash Open golf competition held this year at Lamlash Golf Club.

The club look forward to welcoming all our golfing friends to the Lamlash Open in 2021.

Result: Thursday June 11, Thursday Competition. 1 Jim Young 75-17=58, 2 Ian Bremner 72-9=63.

New manager

Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club are looking for a new manager.

In an advert in the Banner this week the club say this is a unique and exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and highly motivated individual to manage the day-to-day running of the club which they describe as one of Scotland's hidden golfing gems with a worldwide reputation.

Vet kindness thanks

Sir,
A sincere thank you to Charlotte Clough at Arran Vets. Thanks for your patience and kindness shown to us on Saturday, your assistance and support was much appreciated.

Yours,
**Nicol, Jill and Lyle Bunyan,
Brodick.**

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Work resumes at Brathwic Terrace council house site

by Hugh Boag
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Preparatory work is under way to ensure construction can restart safely on new council homes on Arran.

North Ayrshire Council is delivering 34 new homes at Brathwic Terrace in Brodick, as part of its ambitious master-plan to build 1,575 new houses by 2025.

There has been considerable movement of plant and machinery since it was announced last month that preparations could begin for construction work to resume.

The project, which is supported by a Scottish Government grant, will provide amenity bungalows, general needs houses and homes suitable for wheelchair users. Work had just started when the lockdown was imposed.

Construction firm Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd is now back on site to complete the new COVID-19 site set-up in line with Scottish Government guidance. This will ensure all safety measures are in place before construction gets under way.

Cabinet Member for green new deal and sustainability, Jim Montgomerie, said: 'We are aware that the current pandemic has created difficulties and challenges for us all, including the construction industry.'

'However, as lockdown begins to ease and restrictions



Construction firm Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd is now back on site to complete the new COVID-19 site set-up before construction gets under way.

are gradually lifted, we can start to look towards returning to some sort of normality and that means we can prepare to resume our house-building programme.

'We would reassure local residents that they are likely to see more activity on site - this initial work will involve putting measures in place to keep everyone safe and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.'

'It is important for all workers to feel safe when they return to work and these 'rep-

arations include new measures to maintain social distancing.'

Residents continue to express concern at the volume of traffic using Brathwic Place, the only road in and out of the construction site.

However, they have been assured Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd will endeavour to ensure minimal disruption for surrounding residents. Neighbours should be assured that deliveries and the flow of traffic and personnel will continue to be scheduled and

managed in line with social distancing measures.

Parking restrictions will be put in place every Tuesday and Thursday to allow site deliveries. Cones will be placed on affected streets to signify when parking is restricted and removed when residents are free to park again. North Ayrshire Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause, however this will enable deliveries to access the site safely and in a controlled manner.

Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd will also endeavour to ensure minimal disruption for the surrounding residents and will issue newsletters in advance to inform all residents of any specific changes or possible disruption.

There will be a gradual increase in labour, plant and materials being delivered to site as works start to progress, with the initial works comprising earthworks, new road construction and the 'SUDS' feature.



Nicola Currie.

Nicola rides at Ascot

Arran jockey Nicola Currie was in action at Royal Ascot last week.

The event is one of the major horse racing occasions of the year but was this year held under strict conditions behind closed doors following the controversy over the Cheltenham Festival going ahead in the days before lockdown.

Nicola's main race was the Royal Hunt Cup in which she rode Raising Sand to a respectable eighth place in a 23-strong field. But she did not fare so well on Brains, finishing well down the field in the Silver Royal Hunt Cup Handicap.

Meanwhile, the aptly named Prince of Arran, which has no connection to the island but is followed by some enthusiasts, was well beaten by Stradivarius in the main event, the Gold Cup, finishing sixth.



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