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Back to school at last

by Hugh Boag
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It was back to school this week for pupils across Arran after almost five months away from classes.

All schools and early years centres on the island reopened to pupils on Wednesday, with some youngsters starting lessons for the first time.

There was a real feeling of things getting back to normal with children and their parents on the streets of the villages this week and school buses darting to and fro.

However, as the schools return, education chiefs in North Ayrshire say everyone must remember that the virus has not gone away, despite the fact that there continues to be no new cases on Arran. There are increased hygiene measures across all schools and early years centres, including hand sanitiser throughout the premises and more hand-washing encouraged.

Children at Arran's seven primary schools do not need to physically distance, but teachers will try to limit interactions between groups where possible. Older pupils



Above, these boys catch up on the new multi-coloured wall. 01_B33school06; top right, acting head Mrs Foster welcomes pupils back to school. 01_B33school09; and below right, these two primary 1s youngsters go into school for the first time. 01_B33school03

at Arran High School are being encouraged to maintain distancing where possible.

Face masks will only have to be worn by staff who cannot effectively social distance, however, anyone who wishes to wear one will be allowed to do so.

School buses are treated as

part of the school building, so normal distancing or face covering rules do not apply to pupils, but they will have to sanitise their hands prior to boarding.

There was a relaxed atmosphere at Lamlash Primary School on Wednesday, where the Banner was invited to see

pupils returning. All of the children seemed happy to be back at school and so were the parents. Even the new primary 1 starts seemed pleased to see their new surroundings.

The children were welcomed by the Arran Campus acting headteacher Mrs Susan Foster who said: 'It is just



help the children re-adjust to school life, support their wellbeing and have a clear focus on learning.

'We fully understand we must not be complacent - the safety and wellbeing of our young people, teachers and staff is our main priority. Together we must continue to focus on keeping virus transmissions levels low. We ask parents and carers not to send their child to school if they have Covid-19 symptoms.'

For more photographs, turn to page two.

great to see everyone back.' Councillor John Bell, cabinet member for education at North Ayrshire Council, said: 'Life is not going back to normal yet but we are pleased to have our young people back to school. Our aim is to

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Back to school at last



Smiling and ready to get back to classes. 01_B33school04; Lewis Duncan couldn't wait to start school for the first time. 01_B33school02; Mrs Foster chats to some of the new starts. 01_B33school08; Pupils arriving back at Lamlash primary school on Wednesday. 01_B33school01; Enjoying the new playground at Lamlash primary. 01_B33school05; The primary 1s go into school for the first time. 01_B33school10; Fun to be with friends again. 01_B33school07



Arran ferry goes into dry dock

Remedial work gets under way on dual-fuel vessel for island

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The new Arran ferry, the MV Glen Sannox, was moved earlier this week to dry dock in Greenock to undergo a planned schedule of remedial work including the replacement of the bulbous bow which has plagued the project from the start.

The Glen Sannox is the first of two dual-fuel vessels being built at Ferguson Marine in Port Glasgow and the dry dock period is a major step in Ferguson's revised programme to complete the two public sector vessels, since it was taken into public ownership by the Scottish Government.

The vessel requires a remediation package of work to be carried out at Dales Marine Services dry dock, at a cost of £400,000, including replacement of the bulbous



bow, paint repair, removal of marine growth from the vessel hull, and other work.

The repairs and rework were identified during the review of the condition of the two

dual-fuel vessels, conducted after the shipyard went into administration in August 2019, and are included in the programme review board report published in December

2019.

That document, which is now in the public domain, gave a timetable of works which would have seen the MV Glen Sannox finished

The MV Glen Sannox arriving at Dales Marine Services dry dock at Greenock on Monday.

Photograph: Gibson Digital 2020.

and delivered to CMAL by the end of 2020. However, the pandemic has obviously now set that date into 2022 but no revised date has been set.

The vessel is more than three years late and the cost of the original contract for the two ferries has risen to from £98m to around £230m.

A CMAL spokeswoman said: "The shipyard is reviewing what impact the coronavirus lockdown will have had and any updates will be published in due course."

Tim Hair, turnaround director at Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd, said: "This is a key milestone in

the recovery programme for the dual-fuel vessels. Some work has been carried out on MV Glen Sannox at the shipyard, but the dry dock period is important because it will bring the vessel up to a condition that will allow us to move forward in earnest with the vessel completion plan.

"It is also another clear sign of recovery for the shipyard business and comes only weeks after the launch of a steel barge for a customer in the offshore oil and marine sector.

"Obviously, the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown has impacted activity at the shipyard, but our workforce has been returning to outdoor working since the end of June and we are operating effectively with social distancing controls in place."

MV Glen Sannox is scheduled to return to the Ferguson shipyard at the end of August.

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Residents' anger at Brodick construction site disruption

by Hugh Boag

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Local residents in Brodick say non-stop traffic to and from a building site is making their lives a misery.

Construction is now well under way to build 34 council houses at Brathwic Terrace in Brodick, the first in 30 years by North Ayrshire Council.

However since construction work was allowed to resume construction traffic has been coming and going every day, including Saturdays, and well into the early evening, despite a pledge it would be limited to just two days and during school hours.

There is just one way into the site at the top end of Springbank via the narrow and twisting Brathwic Place and Brathwic Terrace which is lined with housing. Earlier calls for a construction road to be built to the site were rejected.

One of the biggest nuisance is the dumper trucks which ply gravel and rock to the site every day from Market Road. As one resident said: 'I really don't know where they are putting it all but on some days it is non-stop.'

Another complaint involves the 'mess' which has been made to an access road at the site leading to three chalets by the laying of underground pipes and also of 'incessant

The construction site at the centre of the row.

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noise' from the site. (See letters page) The way into a popular walk for dog owners has also been blocked.

And despite an earlier pledge from the council that: 'Construction firm Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd will endeavour to ensure minimal disruption for surrounding residents,' few say this is happening.

The council say there will be a gradual increase in labour, plant and materials being delivered to the site as works progress, with the initial works comprising earthworks, new road construction and the 'SUDS' features.

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We

are in regular communication with the developers Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd and are content that all procedures are being followed correctly and care is being taken to minimise disruption.

'It was agreed that larger deliveries would be restricted to Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Any sizeable deliveries outwith those days would be stored at the terminal, and transported to the site in accordance with the agreed restrictions. This does not, however, extend to more general deliveries or movement of materials as this would cause disruption to the ongoing works.

'While we are unaware of any

significant issues in relation to noise or mess, both ourselves and Ashleigh will continue to monitor this.

'In the meantime, we apologise if any inconvenience is being felt by local residents - any large development such as this will undoubtedly bring some level of disruption and while every effort is being made to ensure this is kept to a minimum, we believe the delivery of much-needed new homes on Arran will be well worth it.'

The 34 new homes will be the first council houses built on Arran in decades and will provide some much-sought-after modern, affordable,



Diggers at work at the Brathwic Terrace site. 01_B33housing02



The 'mess' caused at the entrance to the chalets. 01_B33housing03

energy-efficient homes.

The £6.5m project, supported by £2.38m of Scottish Government grant, will provide amenity bungalows, general needs houses and homes suitable for wheelchair users.

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.

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Stay safe by...

- Staying outdoors or opening windows if inside
- Meeting people from no more than 4 other households a day
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser often
- Keeping hard surfaces clean and avoiding touching the same surfaces as others
- Bringing your own food, plates and cutlery if eating together
- Not eating from the same bowl as others



Can go into shops, indoor markets and pharmacies
Take a face covering unless you are exempt

Stay safe by...

- Avoiding queues by choosing quieter times
- Reducing the number of trips with one big shop
- Putting on your face covering before wiping down the handles of your trolley or basket
- Using self-scan or self-checkout, so it's just you touching the items
- Considering using contactless payment
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser as soon as you can afterwards



Can go to restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs
May need to leave contact details for Test and Protect

Stay safe by...

- Choosing quieter times or sitting in quiet areas
- Staying outside if you can and sitting in an outdoor area
- Avoiding going into 1 metre zones
- Sitting facing away from people outwith your group
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser before eating
- Considering using contactless payment



Can visit museums, libraries, cinemas etc.
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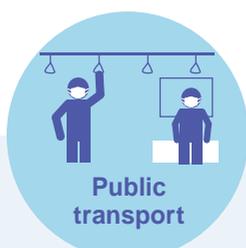
- Avoiding queues by booking in advance if you can
- Choosing times that are more likely to be quiet
- Avoiding going into 1 metre zones
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you do
- Choosing businesses with enhanced hygiene measures



Can use public transport including taxis
Take a face covering unless you are exempt

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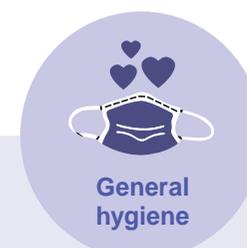
- Booking tickets in advance if you can
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- Putting on your face covering before you get on
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you touch rails or handles
- Sitting near an open window if you can
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser as soon as you get off



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Call 111 and book a test

Stay safe by...

- Trying to avoid touching your face
- Washing or disposing of your face covering after using
- Taking a bag with you to put used tissues into
- Taking a hand sanitiser and using it regularly
- Avoiding anyone with symptoms



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Remarkable work

Life went back to a fair bit like normal for many people when the schools returned this week.

And with shops, bars, restaurants, and hotels all open, and tourists returned to our holiday island in droves, as well as the sun shining, everything just seems that little bit brighter.

But make no mistake Arran has a long and difficult road to recovery yet.

So it is heartening to know that a group of forward-looking individuals, who are collectively the Arran Recovery Group, have just produced their latest blueprint to get the Arran economy not just back on track but booming again.

For some bedtime reading – and Arran Recovery and Beyond draft report is on their website should you wish to do the same – I read all 68 pages and it outlines clearly what they believe Arran needs to do now, next year, and in the months and years ahead.

It is a remarkable work and while the whole group was involved in creating the plan, some folks did a little more than others. And while they may not be seeking special recognition, we think Jude King, Sheila Gilmour, Ruth Betley, and Vicki Yuill deserve a special mention anyway. Not to mention Tom Tracey, who as chairman has the difficult job of juggling the triple priorities of the group – community, environment, and economy.

There is no magic wand, but with the careful cohesive and forward-looking planning, borne out of an ongoing commitment of consultation with the people of Arran, we are certain the island has a bright future to look forward to again.

Thought for the week

'Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given.' **Luke 12:48**



Capturing the moment

Sir,
This seemed like the perfect tonic 'photograph' (pictured above) to share with the Arran Banner for summer 2020. Taken on the pier at Corrie – a genuine photograph, no editing – it captures the moment perfectly. Taken on Sunday August 2 at approximately 8.15pm.

Yours, Johanna Wright, Bishop's Stortford.

Construction site mess

Sir,
We had never expected or been advised of the work and mess involved in the construction of the access road leading up to the Brathwick housing development at the junction to the three chalets at Springbank.

Our impression was a new road would be required to enlarge the access. At no time was any indication given of the mess that would be created by the laying of underground pipes affecting access to the chalets and surrounding houses in Brathwick, let alone the incessant noise created.

We have no gripe with the workers on the site, who have been as accommodating as they could be. Our hope at the end of all this is that we will have some compensation in the way of improvements to the surrounding properties and to the driveway leading to the chalets.

Yours, Sandy McIlwham, Brodick.

ALL lives matter

Sir,
It was refreshing to read the balanced view in Marylin Woods's letter, Arran Banner July 24.

I was on the BBC News website recently and noticed an article written by a Nigerian journalist. In it, she describes how her great grandfather – a well-respected businessman – was a slave trader in Nigeria during the 19th century. In addition to the internal market, slaves were also sold to European traders at the coast for transport to America. In 1884, Nigeria became a British colony, however, despite attempts by the British over many years, it took until the 1950s before the slave trade ceased. As the journalist stated, it was the only life the Nigerians knew and they should not be judged by present standards or values. Today people are still being treated as slaves, in all but name, in many countries. Also TV adverts, shown daily, depict the suffering in refugee camps, famine, even lack of drinking water and now, the virus. Rather than dwelling on the past, surely it would be better to highlight present day human suffering. ALL lives matter.

Yours, Robin Gardner, Lamlash and Milton of Campsie.

Church masks puzzle

Sir,
I am puzzled by the Scottish Government decision to make it mandatory to wear a mask

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in church. I appreciate that in large cities where risks are high this may be arguable, but in these same cities people are drinking in public houses and eating in restaurants without masks and the vast majority of outbreaks are now traced to pubs.

On Arran, where there has been no case for more than three months, it seems ridiculous worshippers should be wearing masks while, down the road, people will be enjoying a pint in the pub with no protection except social distancing.

As a retired GP, I think this is nonsense.

Yours, John Cruickshank, Whiting Bay.

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First Arran Pride event next year

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Pride parades are outdoor events celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, and queer (LGBTQ) social and self-acceptance, achievements, legal rights, and pride.

The inaugural Arran Pride will be a fun, family celebration with a parade followed by games, entertainment, and stalls at the Ormidale Park to be held on May 29, 2021.

A committee has been set up to organise the event which received a cheque for £250 from the Brodick Co-op this week to support the event.

Look out for more news of



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Flu jab access expanded to include most at risk

The Scottish Government's free seasonal flu vaccine programme is set to be extended to protect those most at risk during the coronavirus pandemic.

Those who will become eligible for the vaccine will be social care workers, people aged 55 years and over, and household members of those who are shielding.

The programme may also be extended to those aged between 50-54 if there is enough supplies.

The vaccine will still be available to those aged 65 and over, those with underlying health conditions, pregnant women, children aged two to five years, primary school children, health care workers and unpaid carers.

Health secretary Jeane Freeman said: 'The seasonal flu vaccination programme helps to protect the most vulnerable and alleviate pressure on the NHS. This will be more important than ever this year, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.'

'That's why this flu season, we are extending free eligibil-

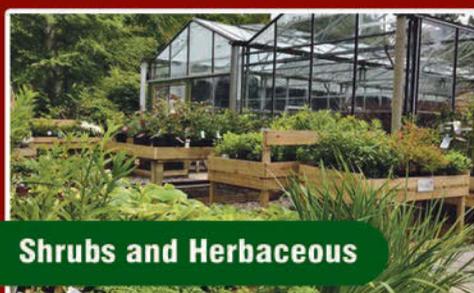


ity to social care workers who provide direct care, household members of individuals who are shielding, all those aged 55 and over, and those aged 50-54 if vaccine supplies allow.

'We want to reassure those who may now feel anxious about leaving home to get vaccinated. Getting the seasonal flu vaccine, especially when you have free eligibility, is one of the ways that you can support the NHS whilst protecting yourself and others this winter.'

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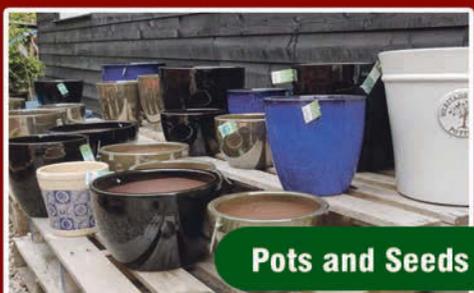
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The Order would repeal sections of historic legislation and confer the power to grant leases on the Company.

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The application does not relate to a project which falls within Annex I or II to Council Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment ("the Directive") not being a construction of a port installation. Accordingly, no environmental statement is required.

Paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act (which relates to information on a project which is likely to have significant effects on the environment in any other European Economic Area Member State) does not apply to the application.

You are encouraged to view the draft Order free of charge by downloading it from the following websites:

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Crofters Arran reopens and introduces sister business

Popular Brodick bar and bistro Crofters Arran has re-opened its doors, while its newly-launched sister business, Crofters Larder, is serving takeaway versions of the restaurant meals customers know and love.

Formerly known as Crofters, the family-run bistro has been rebranded as Crofters Arran and is serving customers its

customary selection of tasty home-cooked food made with fresh local ingredients.

'We're delighted to welcome people through our doors again,' said Ealána Boyle, general manager of Crofters Arran. 'We have had to change the way we operate, but we are making sure customers enjoy the familiar Crofters experience of high-quality food and

drink served with authentic Arran hospitality.'

During the lockdown, Ealána decided to add a retail food production element to the Crofters brand and launched Crofters Larder.

'We took the time to totally rethink our business. We launched a new venture called Crofters Larder, which provides the food element of Crofters Arran and operates a takeaway business so that customers can enjoy restaurant meals at home. Crofters Larder is also developing a range of artisan larder staples made with seasonal and foraged ingredients from Arran and the surrounding region.'

Reservations are essential at Crofters Arran as a result of ongoing restrictions. Crofters Larder is offering the full menu for take away daily from noon. For further information, to book a table or order take away please visit www.croftersarran.com



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Ealána safely serving up plates of food to diners.

Hikers are rescued by lifeboat

Two young hikers who got into difficulties at the north end of the island were rescued by Arran lifeboat crew last weekend.

Shortly after lunchtime on Saturday August 8, Arran RNLI was tasked to assist the police and Coastguard look for the pair who were carrying two bikes and camping gear. The terrain had proved harder than expected and they became exhausted.

The casualties, a man and a woman in their 20s, were found by police at Ossian's Cave near Laggan Cottage with the only means of safe rescue by sea. The RNLI crew took the boat ashore and retrieved the casualties and their equipment. Both were tired but otherwise unharmed.

Helm Dave Nicholson, said: 'These situations show the importance of being properly prepared and the versatility of our lifeboat and crew. The casualties were able to call for help and we were able to access a rocky and treacherous coastline to take them to safety.'

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Fishing boat runs aground in MPA



The lifeboat approaches the stricken vessel.



The boat stranded on the rocks.



The lifeboat closes in on the stranded Auriga.

A commercial trawler ran aground last week, well within the boundaries of the Arran South Marine Protected Area (MPA).

The Ayr-registered fishing vessel Auriga AR147 ran aground just south of Dunnan, 2.5km south of the northern MPA boundary.

The incident happened in the early hours of Thursday August 6. The fishing vessel ran ashore around the high water mark at 2am and, as the

tide ebbed, the boat grounded.

There is no evidence the vessel was fishing prior to running aground.

A HM Coastguard team was alerted and Arran lifeboat was launched but was initially unable to help. However, by noon tide conditions had improved and the crew made their way to the casualty vessel.

Another trawler, the Bon Ami, arrived and the crew helped by transferring tow

lines between the two vessels.

It took three attempts to get her off the rocks and on the second attempt the tow line parted under the strain. The third attempt brought success, however, and the Bon Ami towed the Auriga off the rocks at high tide.

Upon checking the Auriga hadn't sustained damage, the lifeboat was stood down and headed back to Lamlash.

Enquiries by the Marine Coastguard Agency and Marine Scotland Compliance are under way.

A Scottish Government spokesman said: 'Marine Scotland is aware of the vessel grounding on Arran last week.

'Compliance officers closely monitor Marine Protected Areas and no breaches are believed to have taken place.

'Fishing vessels are allowed to transit through South Arran MPA without breaching any of the regulations.'



Left: The Auriga is pulled off the rocks by the Bon Ami.

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Arran plots out its path

Immediate government support is needed if Arran is to find a way out of the Covid crisis.

That is one of the main findings in the latest Arran Recovery and Beyond blueprint, aimed at getting the island economy moving again and containing a wide-ranging array of proposals and plans, not just for recovery, but for future prosperity.

But the island urgently needs government help. That includes funds for an integrated health and social care hub, to extend the island furlough scheme, other measures to prevent redundancies, and ongoing business support. The island also needs contingency funds in the event of reinstated restrictions and lockdown.

In addition, the Arran Recovery Group would also like to see an Islands Director role created and funded, with responsibility for all areas of council interest and the



Arran Recovery Group chairman Tom Tracey.

implementation of the Islands Bill. The post holder would probably work across Arran and Cumbrae. A regional food coordinator is also desired, as is the creation of a regional climate action hub on Arran.

In his preamble to the latest 68-page draft report, chairman Tom Tracey states: 'Covid-19

has changed many aspects of life on Arran. As an island, our recovery will be different from the mainland. The period of crisis has highlighted a multitude of critical areas that need to be addressed to enable effective solutions.'

To determine the way forward the Arran Recovery Group was formed, comprising of a multi-agency forum: Health and Social Care Partnership, Community Council, VisitArran, Auchrannie, Taste of Arran, Arran Eco Savvy, Arran Development Trust, NAC Support, local councillors, Arran Schools, Arran Community Voluntary Service, Arran Ferry Committee, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, and Arran Economic Group; collectively working with community stakeholders to develop a recovery plan.

The aim of the recovery strategy is not to give priority to specific agendas, but to

better understand how they all correlate and complement each other and in turn, embed them into the new normal which will see Arran emerge from the Covid-19 crisis as a leader in a safe, responsible, and sustainable recovery.

A key part of developing this strategy has been to establish how we, as islanders, felt about Arran and coming out of the crisis.

As such, we carried out the biggest piece of Arran-based research ever undertaken on the island, resulting in 900 responses over a five day period at the end of May. Surveys were available online, and hard copies placed in local food shops and at the Community Hub. The results have informed the plan and recovery actions progressed. The plan aims to balance the three strands of island life: community, environment and economy through each stage of recovery, underpinned

by the Scottish Government Route Map and local HSCP guidance.

Arran Recovery Group (ARG) does not have operational responsibility, and neither does it have any policy-making duties. Rather, what we have been doing is reaching out to get a feel for what is concerning people as we come out of lockdown. We did this by bringing together representatives from existing Arran groups to hear about the work that each group is doing and to ensure that there is a coordinated approach in moving forward. It is up to each individual group, as constituted, to implement their plans. The implementation plans will need to include appropriate consultation of the relevant communities that the group is established to serve. Therefore, the draft blueprint, Arran Recovery and Beyond, is an amalgamation of the work that each group is already

engaged in. The plan brings these workstreams together, highlighting the concerns and opportunities raised in the Arran survey, and other community engagements. The constituent groups that are responsible for the work will take things forward based on their timetable.

Getting collective input from all the various representative bodies has been invaluable in getting to where we are now. In some respects, the initial emergency work of the ARG is coming to an end as we move from the crisis phase into the recovery phase. There will be a role for a formally constituted body to coordinate the longer-term projects to ensure an effective plan for the island. The objective is to achieve a balance across community, environment, and economy, with the individual groups making an adjustment to maintain balance or prioritising issues as a single body when the issue im-

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pacts everyone. We are working on the governance of the group going forward, and there will be separate engagement on this.

In conclusion, Arran Recovery and Beyond is an amalgam of workstreams, current and future, that Arran groups are working on, presented in one place and in one format for a better understanding. This should provide Arran with the basis of recovering from the current crisis and start the work necessary to prepare for Arran 2030.

Arran as a whole has stayed strong through this period of turmoil and credit and thanks to all. Special thanks should be given to our health service, the volunteers, businesses, and every local for their strength, tenacity, and resilience through this time. What do we need to achieve within the medium-term and long-term aims of the plan? ARG has worked with the community and key stakeholder organisations to develop

the recovery plan but in order to deliver it, continued widespread support from all is essential.

With Arran's array of organisations and businesses sharing the goal of Arran recovering and thriving, now is the time to pull together to achieve this plan. Thank you for your support so far in making Arran's recovery safe, responsible, and sustainable.

An Arran Recovery Group community engagement event will be held online via Zoom on Wednesday August 26 at 5.30pm. To register and submit questions in advance please email or call nikki.thom@arran.cvs.org.uk or call 01770 600611.

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Charity cash up for grabs

Island charities and good causes impacted by Covid-19 are being urged to apply for up to £20,000 – but there is less than a week to apply.

Organisations can apply to Postcode Neighbourhood Trust for grants between £500 and £20,000 from now until Wednesday August 19, when applications will close.

The funding is available thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Groups looking to increase their resilience, adapt or expand their services as a result of the pandemic should apply. Funding will support a variety of activities, including covering core costs.

Interested applicants should make use of the short funding guide and eligibility quiz to ensure they are eligible to be considered.

Laura Chow, head of charities at People's Postcode Lottery, said: 'There will be challenging times ahead so I'm delighted players of People's Postcode Lottery can support these organisations. Up to £4 million will be awarded, so I encourage small, local charities to make sure they apply by August 19.'

Glamping pods plan for south Corriegills

by Hugh Boag
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Planning permission is being sought for a new glamping pod site near Brodick.

The proposal is for three handmade timber glamping pods with hot-tubs, paths, landscaping and a parking/turning area at The Sheilin, south Corriegills.

The pods, manufactured and supplied by MiPod, would be finished in faux slate in pewter grey and heritage grey with a timber finish to gable and front elevation.

According to the design statement, submitted to North Ayrshire Council planning department, the proposed glamping site would provide subtle and discreet countryside accommodation for tourists visiting the island's attractions on short breaks and weekend stays.



The site, which has been under the operator's ownership since 1969, has a site area of approximately 966m², about two fifths of the greater ownership site boundary. Prior to the purchase of the overall site, The Sheilin was run as a country hotel and has been operating

commercially on and off for many years as a tearoom, B&B and self-catering business.

The land intended for the pod glamping site was previously granted outline planning permission for a one and a half story permanent dwelling in September 1989.

The consent was reinstated in February 1994 after it had expired. At present the land is a large grassy field, bordered by a road on the south west boundary with existing hedgerow.

The statement adds: 'The pods will offer contemporary

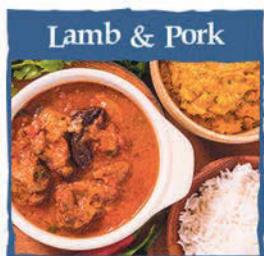
A digital impression of how the site would look.

accommodation to Arran's tourists. The proposed site will be on a tranquil green area. Glamping installations require minimal ground works and harmful construction practices. Through use of ground screws to mount pods, concrete may not be required at all.

'We therefore believe pods provide an ecologically viable accommodation solution, suited to the area. At present there are no sites on Arran offering this kind of accommodation, therefore we feel the site would be contributing a positive alternative for visitors to Arran.'

'Luxury glamping is gaining popularity throughout the UK, with standards and guest expectations on the rise. It is intended this site will be amongst the best available.'

The application is under consideration by North Ayrshire Council planning officials.



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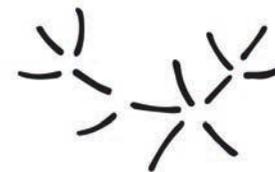
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The toilet block in Lamlash is one of facilities to get grant funding. 01_B19toilet01

Arran public toilets will receive cash to reopen

by Hugh Boag
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Arran's community public toilets have secured a £5,000 grant which has allowed them to safely reopen and provided with equipment and supplies, despite the ongoing pandemic.

Many areas of Scotland have been blighted with problems as tourism numbers increased post lockdown and public toilets remained closed. This is not the case on Arran where all 11 volunteer run toilets around the island have been successful in an application, agreed with the North Ayrshire Council, to the Towns & BIDs Resilience and Recovery fund.

As an added bonus, and much needed top up to the £5,000 grant, NAC have kindly almost doubled the contribution adding another £4,000 to the pot, which has been very gratefully received by all participants.

Joao Goncalves, development worker at Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS) said: 'The success of this bid is not down to any one individual, each and every participant is to be credited for their contribution and professional conduct throughout various discussions where differing

opinions about how the money should be spent could have led to frustration.

'The idea itself came from conversations via a 'Health Check' type of approach undertaken by Arran CVS with various groups during the lockdown period, with many raising this as a matter of concern for recovery and vital to community and tourism. Local toilets are run and managed by volunteer groups and there is a need to ensure no one is put at risk by either cleaning or using the facilities.

'Arran CVS facilitated a discussion with village toilet representatives and community council, then put together a funding application, as part of their role as an interface organisation, with agreement of the local authority. The community council are administrator of the funds and for central procurement. This leaves representatives from the local loos free to record their collective needs for resources and support in order to develop a fully comprehensive order, hopefully at reduced bulk cost, and a cohesive plan to keep as many public toilets as possible open and accessible whilst everyone enjoys more outdoor activity.'

NHS listening and support service launched

NHS Ayrshire & Arran, in partnership with the three health and social care partnerships in North, East and South Ayrshire, has launched a dedicated staff listening and support service.

This new service is designed to offer additional support options to those already available and provides access to the

wider health and social care community.

Paula Shiels, senior mental health nurse explains: 'The primary aim of the service is to promote emotional wellbeing by providing a chance to reduce stress and reset.'

'The team are here to offer a 'listening ear' and if required to

suggest appropriate alternative support mechanisms. We hope that this compassionate model of care will give our staff and volunteers the opportunity to reach out for support when they need it most.'

The service is open seven days a week from 9am until 10pm, and is open to all NHS, health

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Fond memories of a Brodick legend

Obituary: Henry McNicol – October 11 1931 to July 11 2020

Henry Alexander McNicol was first and foremost a Brodick man through and through and proud of it.

He was born on October 11 1931 at Laurel Cottage. He was raised there and at Lyndene along with his nine siblings - Meagan, Colin, Annette, Betty, Helen, Archie, Iain, Sheena and Mairi - with Henry the last to go.

Henry attended Brodick School and many a boyish prank was indulged in, no doubt along with classmates Billy Currie and John McConnachie.

I'm glad Henry got his wish to be buried in the old Brodick kirkyard, where once stood the Parish Church, for it was near this spot for a dare, egged on no doubt by the aforementioned partners in crime, that Henry scaled the top most spire of the bell tower and removed the finial as a souvenir of the escapade.

It lay for many years in McNicol's plumber's workshop but now takes pride of place in a window alcove in the entrance porch at St Bride's, a lovely reminder of a long-disappeared part of Brodick's church heritage.

'Few residents of this island can have been so well-known by so many people of every generation.'

After school, Henry joined the family firm, serving his time as a plumber with his father William. Brothers Archie and Iain later joined him in the business.

Colin may also have done so but, tragically, he died young, a sore blow for the Henry and McNicol families.

But the partnership of Henry, Archie and Iain was an extremely successful one and lasted until 1998, when the old business partnership was dissolved to make way for the new and the wishes of the next generation.

Part of that success, I'm sure, was that each had their own sphere of expertise and responsibility, Henry concentrated on the plumbing, whilst Iain's speciality was heating and Archie, besides being heavily involved in the tea room at Lyndene, took care

of the book-keeping, as his son Bill commented the other day... eventually.

Henry was away from the business serving his obligatory two years' national service in the RAF in Kent.

Somehow a home leave coincided with him missing a posting to Egypt with the rest of his intake, to which Henry commented that it was probably just as well as 'Egypt wasn't quite ready for him yet'.

A big part of Henry's early life was playing centre half and half back for a successful Brodick football team, especially relishing the local derbys with serious rivals Lamlash. The word 'serious' is putting it mildly.

Player

No prisoners were taken nor was quarter asked for or given. A comment that summed that up for me was Henry's remark that in his time, the present-day talented Lamlash forward Johnny Sloss wouldn't have been allowed to be half the player he is today.

Henry was tremendously proud of grandson Archie's illustrious career in a Brodick shirt and delighted recently to watch youngest grandson Kyle

score against Lamlash. It gave him immense satisfaction. Henry cannot take all the credit for those talented sporting genes. Eunice and Henry's daughter-in-laws Alison and Gwen must surely be given credit here too.

Henry and Eunice first met when Eunice holidayed in Brodick and on their first date Henry took her fishing. Eunice caught nothing, whilst Henry landed dozens of fish. I'll leave you to work out a suitable pun on good catches and being hooked.

Suffice it to say their romance blossomed and they subsequently married in Edinburgh in February 1958, being blessed with Bill's birth the following July, then by Gareth's birth in 1973.

For most of that time, home was at Mossiel on Alma Road. The name of the house and that of Bill's home Ellisland, subsequently built at the foot of the garden, gives a good clue to Henry's love and great knowledge of Robert Burns.

Besides being honoured by the Burns Federation, Henry was a long-standing and honorary member of Lamlash Burns Club, one of the few things in Lamlash he was proud to be a part of, the other being Lodge St Molios.

He had a wonderful talent for public speaking which was no doubt honed over countless years in successful Brodick Drama Club productions, produced in conjunction with John Selkirk. Henry was also an honorary life member of the drama club.

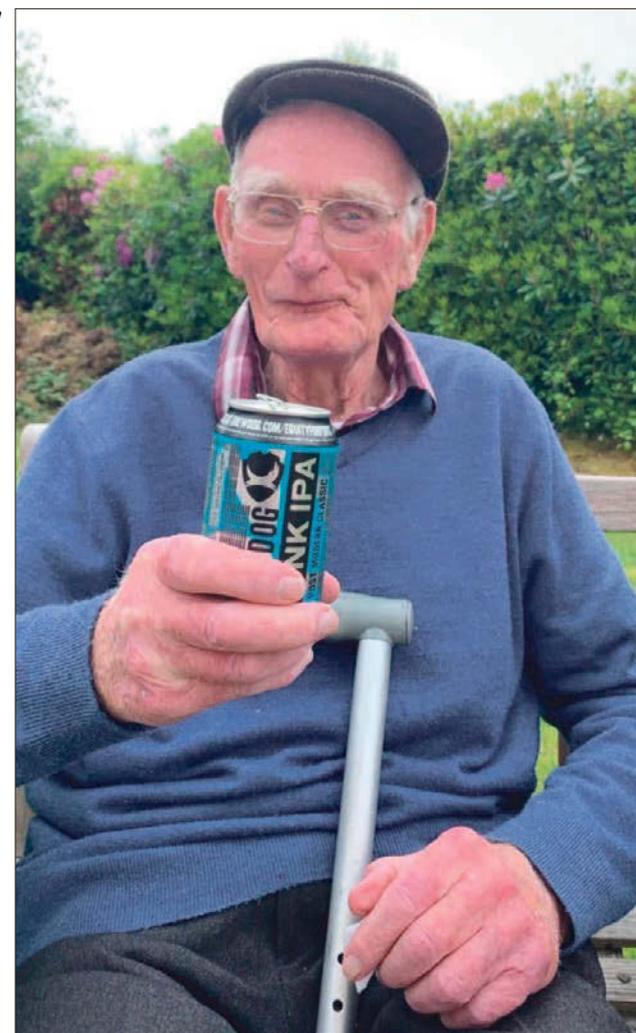
Part of Henry's great charm was his pawky humour and an ability to use his great gift of delivering a perfectly timed remark.

Fire brigade

Aside from the business of William McNicol and Sons, drama, football and golf clubs, perhaps the institution Henry will be most associated with on the island was the fire brigade.

He joined as soon as he was eligible. Following in his father's footsteps, this was a McNicol family tradition proudly carried on by Bill and Gareth. A recipient of the long service medal, Henry served for more than 30 years, much of that time as officer-in-charge.

After retiring from the fire brigade and the business,



Henry as his family like to remember him.

Henry was still available for consultancy work and I hope his encyclopaedic knowledge of local drains hasn't died with him.

Over his life, there were a few trips abroad to Amsterdam, Lanzarote and the United States, as well as family holidays to Jersey and Blackpool.

But Henry was most content to be at home in Brodick. The highlight of his social calendar was Highland Games day, enjoying especially the spectacle of the pipe bands.

Conversation

His daily 'half hour' walk down to the village, taking in the Book and Card Shop for his paper, could take anything up to an-hour-and-a-half, depending on who he met en-route whether visitor, local, young or old, were all easily engaged in interesting conversation.

Few residents of this island can have been so well-known by so many people of every generation.

Henry developed more than a few health complications including TB, a knee replacement and a few spells in hospital with scrapes and bumps. That said, most recently Henry seemed in good form.

He was proud of his grandchildren and their achievements in life, following with interest the careers in education of Ailie and Archie, Megan's studies and what Kyle and Freya were involved in, especially delighting in the latter three being around to

pop in daily during lockdown when university and school were suspended.

Not being able to attend the funeral of John McConnachie a few weeks ago took the feet from under him and it was maybe no coincidence he should suffer a heart-attack the following day, compounded by a stroke which saw him helicoptered off the island to Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock.

He was making progress and had been transferred to the specialist stroke recovery unit at Irvine when his condition suddenly deteriorated. His death there came as a shock and despite what might have been said about that at least saving him from not having to end his days in Lamlash, he would have preferred to be back on Arran.

The misery of not being able to visit him on the mainland meant double agony for Eunice and the family.

Henry is now laid to rest in his native Brodick, thankful for a wonderful, full and fulfilling life of 88 years.

Rev Angus Adamson

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Henry, left, with brothers Archie and Iain appeared in the Arran Banner when they bowed out from Wm McNicol & Sons in 1998.

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Winners of the August Texas Scramble at Shiskine were the King Edwards – Sandy Kerr, Fergus and Alexander Judge and Leah Turnbull.

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Bed racers get a soaking from firefighters during the annual Corrie Capers event.

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All the trophy winners at Arran Horticultural Society's summer show held in Lamlash on Wednesday.

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The Rev Ian McLeod and Father Noel Colford dedicate the memorial cairn which has been re-built to mark St Columba's seat, said to be the resting place for St Columba on his journey from Shiskine to Lamlash.

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Margaret Murchie was the first winner of the new Millennium Cup at the summer show. It was presented by Grace Sillars.

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Geoff Brooks of South Bank Park Farm shows a group of Japanese visitors an old threshing machine. They were on Arran for the wedding of Megumi Hashimoto to Neil Millar, the son of then Banner owner John.

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Cooler, wetter July leads to a mixed breeding season

July had a lower mean temperature and over 60 per cent more rain compared to June.

In comparison to July last year, this July's mean temperature was down 1.5 degrees and there were 26 days in which it rained, compared to 20 last July.

The cooler, wetter July had an impact on the breeding success of some visiting summer birds, particularly those that rely on airborne insects to feed young.

Looking at the proportion of adult to young birds from information gathered by licensed bird ringers, willow warbler had a poor breeding season, while the similar chiffchaff, which had bred earlier, had a good breeding season.

Whitethroat had a poor season, whereas sedge warbler and blackcap, relying less on flying insects, had a good season.

Similarly, the early breeding, single brooding sand martin had a good season, but the jury is still out on the double brooding house martin and swallow.

The weather in August may determine their overall success.

As reported in the June notes, garden birds seemed to thrive and seed eating birds including lesser redpoll, siskin and goldfinch all had successful breeding seasons.

Other signs of a successful breeding season included: 110 shag and 14 Arctic tern at

Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

JULY



Wood sandpiper. This is only the second time this bird has been recorded on Arran. Photograph: Dennis Morrison.

ple walking on the hills near lochans was adversely affecting breeding red-throated divers and reports of diminishing numbers of breeding curlew and fulmar is a continuing cause for concern.

Plumage

July marks the end of the breeding season for some birds. It can be an interesting time looking for northerly breeding species heading south from their breeding grounds, many still in their breeding plumage. Reports included: four turnstone on Pladda on July 2; two sandwich tern at Porta Buidhe on July 13; 39 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on July 21; four dunlin on Blackwaterfoot shore on July 22; two whimbrel on Sliderry Shore on July 24 and a greenshank on

Cleats Shore on July 29. After breeding, many species flock together. Reports included: 150 woodpigeon at Mossend Pond on July 7; 42 red-breasted merganser in Machrie Bay on July 8; 47 raven in Clachaig on July 16; 70 house sparrow at Sannox on July 23; 400 linnets in Sliderry on July 24 and 41 curlew and 60 pied wagtail at Port na Feannaiche on July 26.

More than 100 species were reported in July. The appearance of a rose-coloured starling in a Shiskine garden on July 20 was a particular highlight.

This is the fourth year in a row this rare vagrant has turned up in Arran in July.

A few days later, on July 24, a wood sandpiper was seen and heard flying over Bennecarrigan and Sliderry. This is only the second record for Arran of this rare passage migrant.

Other highlights included: a dipper in Rodden on July 7; a swift over Sliderry on July 15; seven red grouse on Mullach Buidhe on July 17; two twite on Sliderry Shore on July 24; two water rail in Corriecravie on July 25 and off Whitefarland on July 29 an estimated 60 Manx shearwater joined 100 gannet in a feeding frenzy.

In June's Bird Notes I wrote: 'Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran. Throughout May and June there have been many widespread reports. People need no prompting to report the first Cuckoo. How about reporting when you hear or see the last Cuckoo this year?'

My thanks go to everyone who has responded. By now



Sedge warbler. This summer visitor has had a successful breeding season. Photograph: Brian Couper.



A Rose-coloured starling. This rare vagrant has turned up on Arran for the fourth year in a row. Christine Robinson did well to get this photograph in her garden in Shiskine.

the adults will have left the UK, leaving the young to be brought up by their foster parents. The young have a distinctive white spot on the nape of the neck.

The latest date I have had so far for young Cuckoo is July 17 when one was seen with a pipit on the shore close to Lochranza pier.

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 email jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on birding on Arran, the Arran Bird Report, The First 40 Years, which includes the annual report for 2019, is available to buy and visit www.arranbirding.co.uk



Colourful Goldfinch have also had a great breeding season. Photograph: Brian Couper.

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ARRAN: AROUND THE GOLF COURSES



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday August 5, The McNicol Cup. After the monsoon rains of Tuesday, 11 played in the McNicol Cup. Surprisingly the morning players made it round almost dry. Of those who played in the evening, only two have been heard of again! But one of them bagged second place so it can't have been too bad.

Result: 1 Ronnie Mann (13) 61; 2 Jamie Macpherson (5) 63 acb, lowest gross; 3 John Pennycott (12) 63; 4 Markus Kroner (7) 65. CSS stayed at 63 and Ronnie Mann bagged the only magic two of the day @17th.

Sunday August 9, The Roy

Ure Tankard. A beautiful summer day drew a good field of 25 for the Roy Ure Tankard, a popular Stableford usually played earlier in the year. Despite the fine condition of the course, a north easterly breeze rendered shot making more difficult than usual and CSS went out to 64/35 Stableford points.

Result: 1 Kevin Jackson (8) 38 points; 2 Dave Hackett (15) 37; 3 David Blair (13) 36; 4 Markus Kroner (7) 35. Five magic twos were recorded: Ryan Armstrong and Adam Kelso @4th, Kevin Jackson @11th and David Blair and Jamie Macpherson @17th.

Fixtures: Wednesday August 12, Summer Trophy. Sunday August 16, Captain's Prize (Yellow Tees Stableford). Until further notice there will be no draws for partners and members should arrange their own groupings. For the Captain's Prize, and to accommodate an early afternoon prizegiving, the tee has been reserved from 10am to 11am.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 6, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Paul Jameson 73-11=62 BIH; 2 Stuart Campbell 68-6=62; 3 Scott Campbell 79-16=63; 4 Peter Gossman 67-3=64 BIH over D Macfarlane. Best Scratch D Macfarlane 66. Magic twos D Macfarlane @ 4th, I Murchie @5th, P Jameson and Stuart Campbell @16th and P Cowan @13th. Rollover continues.

Sunday August 9, Sunday Sweep, CSS 65. 1 Derek Harrison 89-24=65; 2 Martin Wallbank 78-12=66. Magic two - Derek Harrison @13th. Hole 13 drawn out. Winner: Derek Harrison. Best scratch: Ian Bremner 77.

Fixtures: Sunday August 16, Sunday Sweep 9.30am and noon starts. Thursday August 20, Summer Cup. Make up own groups and see starter for times. Sunday August 23, Club Championship qualifying round, 9.30am and noon starts, drawn on handicap.
Brodick Golf Club
Wednesday August 5, Round

1, McCarfrae Trophy (Club Championship Qualifying) and Summer Cup, 37 played, CSS 64. 1 Matt Dobson 69-9=60 acb; 2 Matt Keir 66-6=60; 3 Gordon Hendry 68-5=63. Leading R1 qualifying scores: Ewan McKinnon 65; Matt Keir 66 and Gordon Hendry 68.

Sunday August 9, Navy Shield Stableford, 29 played, CSS 35 points. 1 Fred Galbraith (15) 39 points; 2 Nicol Hume (14) 37 points acb; 3 Matt Dobson (8) 37 points.

Fixtures: Sunday August 16, Club Trophy. Wednesday 19 August, Round 3, McCarfrae Trophy and Summer Cup.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 11, Stableford played from yellow tees. 1 Alex Morrison-Cowan 38 points; 2 Brian Sherwood 33 points; 3 John Pennycott 30 points.

Fixtures: Tuesday August 18, Stableford from yellow tees. Tee off 12.30pm. Saturday August 22, Gents Eddie Rankin, Corrie v Machrie Bay, to be played at Corrie. Tee off 1pm.

Now you can help NTS too

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Making the cut in the Stride Out for Scotland with a challenge section is Arran's stunning Goatfell. The guide says the peak dominates the island skyline and offers views to Jura and Ben Lomond, however, it warns that to reach the summit can take up to five hours so make sure you go prepared.

Stride Out for Scotland aims to address an urgent shortfall in income for the charity.

From the beginning of lockdown on March 24 paying visits to National Trust for Scotland locations were reduced to zero with visitors limited to only free to enter natural heritage properties. The charity's main opening Easter season was completely missed.

All of this, along with a five per cent drop off in memberships has left the trust in crisis with a £28 million loss in essential income. The Save Our Scotland fundraising appeal hopes to raise a minimum of £2.5 million as part of its recovery plan to ensure the continued protection of the properties and cultural heritage in its care.

To date the appeal has raised £2million and the trust is grateful to those who so far have come to its aid at this time of crisis.

Ali MacLeod, head of fundraising at the National Trust for Scotland, said: 'We wanted



Goatfell is listed as a challenging walk in the Stride Out for Scotland guide.

to inspire our supporters to explore and reconnect with the places they love and we protect and, if they are able to, fundraise to help ensure their on-going care and conservation.

'With our countryside places, gardens and estates now open to the public, we're asking everyone who enjoys walking in our locations to join in.

'After such a difficult few

months, many of us are craving the restorative effects of fresh air and greenery and the trust has plenty of that to go round.

'Stride Out for Scotland will not only inspire people to enjoy the stunning places on their doorstep but will also help raise funds for our emergency appeal. Whether you're a novice hill walker, an experienced hiker or just looking for fun family adventures, there's a

walk to suit everyone.' A Stride Out for Scotland fundraising pack is available to download online.

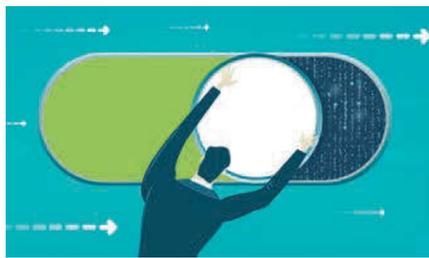
Those taking part can also share their pics on social media, using the hashtag #StrideOutForScotland

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Edoardo visits Arran on epic heritage trail

Fundraising hiker shines a light on Brodick Castle

by Hugh Boag
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Two weeks into his mammoth 500 mile walk across Scotland, Edoardo Bedin this week visited Arran shining a light on Brodick Castle, one of many closed historic properties across Scotland.

One of the most significant parts of his five-week journey so far has been the people he has met.

He has been bowled over by the generosity and support of the Scottish people he has encountered along the way, saying 'what amazing people the Scots are'.

As he has passed by, with his bunting and lantern hanging from his rucksack, and with his National Trust For Scotland (NTS) umbrella in hand, businesses have fed him pizza for lunch, cake for afternoon tea, cookies for snacks and lasagne for supper.

His arrivals at these closed historic properties have been cause for celebration as staff and volunteers delight in welcoming him since they are unable to welcome the public as a result of the Covid crisis.

Edoardo, who lives in Aberdeenshire, has been marching out across Scotland to raise awareness of the jeopardy of the country's her-

itage resulting from closures during the Covid crisis and is raising money along the way to try to open doors sooner. Archaeologist and historian Edoardo is currently a furloughed NTS employee and he and hundreds of his colleagues will find out if they are being made redundant in the next few weeks.

With the properties closed, there is no income to pay them to work at these precious places.

He is visiting 23 closed heritage properties on his road-pounding trip to draw attention to their closure and to raise money to help re-open them. He has already raised nearly £2,000 of his £5,000 target.

He has walked to 11 properties so far and said: 'History explains where we've been and it guides where we are going.'

Supporters have hosted him overnight in anything from a summer house to a tent in their garden and hotels have offered him complimentary hospitality.

The Hitting The Road For The Love Of Scotland epic challenge started two weeks ago and Edoardo has so far clocked up 360km of his 800km target. Not a seasoned hiker, Edoardo has found his fitness has improved. About a week into his long distance walk,

he was pleased he no longer had pains in his legs when he stopped for a quick break and that the four or five hour recovery time for his legs each evening was lessening as he got fitter.

Now two weeks in, he is tired at the end of each day but is bouncing along the road and said: 'When I take off my heavy backpack I feel as though I could fly!'

Having walked through so many miles of Scotland's beautiful countryside from Aberdeenshire to Edinburgh, Glasgow and over to Arran, he said: 'The beauty of Scotland's scenery is immense.'

'I'm loving all of this - the geography, the views, the people. This is a country worth this walk.'

After he left Arran on Tuesday, he was due to walk to Glasgow and the central belt to highlight three more closed properties. He will then make his way back north to Aberdeenshire, visiting the remaining eight precious sites before his homecoming at Haddo House on Sunday August 30.

You can follow Edoardo's journey on Facebook at Hitting The Road for the Love of Scotland and on Instagram at @HittingTheRoad4LoveOfScotland or support him on his JustGiving page.



Edoardo during his visit to Arran this week.

Now you can help NTS too

Goatfell features in a new campaign by the National Trust for Scotland.

Stride Out for Scotland encourages people to get out and enjoy the country's most beautiful locations and raise vital funds for Scotland's conservation charity.

The campaign, which features walks and trails across the country, has been inspired by trust members and donors who contacted the charity in their hundreds following the Covid-19 outbreak offering to raise funds through sponsored walks.

Stride Out for Scotland gives them a list of routes and walks taking in gardens, woodlands, stunning coastlines, Munros and waterfalls at properties cared for by the National Trust for Scotland.

There are also walks for families and wildlife trails where you can see Scotland's big five - the golden eagle, red deer, red squirrel, harbour seal and otter. Culzean Castle ticks almost every box for the campaign with deep woods, a deer park, caves and beaches. The surrounding picture-perfect country park has 17 miles of paths so it may take a few visits to cover the ground.

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