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£40m plan will give Arran 21st century health care

Memorial hospital will close in shake-up

by Hugh Boag
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A £40 million blueprint which will see the biggest changes in health care on Arran for 100 years has been given the go ahead.

A new super-hub will combine all the health and social care services on the island in one place. But it means the end for the much-loved Arran War Memorial Hospital, which opened in 1922, but is now considered not fit for purpose.

The plans have some way to go yet and it will be at least four years before they reach fruition. But the first real progress was made this week when the Arran integrated island services initial agreement was approved by the NHS Ayrshire and Arran board. The next stage is submission to the Scottish government for consideration for inclusion in its capital projects.

Central to the proposed development is a new 'hub' concept that would provide a central primary delivery point and include all health and social care beds on the island from a new hospital.

Also included would be GP surgeries, community nursing, social work and administration to enable all services of the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership to be served from one place.

It is expected this would be in Brodick or Lamlash, with the new Montrose House site a possibility. Early costs vary but it could cost anything up to £40 million plus but, subject to approvals, construction could start in June 2022 and be completed by June 2024/25.

As well as the closure of the memorial hospital, Brodick Health Centre, Lamlash Medical Centre and the Lochranza Surgery would all shut, but Shiskine and Whiting

Bay surgeries would continue to provide local service delivery on an outreach basis.

The proposal would see Arran lead the way in Scotland, if not the whole of the UK, in terms of health care integration.

North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane said: "This is an exciting proposal which would deliver a truly integrated, 21st century model of health and social care service for Arran and its residents."

"Having had numerous discussions with groups on the island in recent months I know there's been a good level of engagement with the community and that's demonstrated support for the model. I was therefore happy to support the proposal going to the next stage at the NHS board meeting."

"The next step is gaining Scottish government support, particularly financial support, for the proposal and I am confident that it will see the benefits it will bring to the island and provide the investment needed to make it a reality."

The best team in Britain



Co-op bosses and staff celebrate in the shadow of Goatfell after the Big Co in Brodick was named the best team in Britain at the 2020 Succeed Together Awards. For the full story, turn to page three.

Services, states: 'By providing flexible and multi-functional space, all partners would have the ability to work together, including staff and consultants from the mainland who visit

the island regularly. Making maximum use of the estate resource and protecting future service model requirements will allow models of care to

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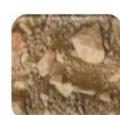
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evolve and develop in a facility that will serve the population and visitors to the island for many years to come.

'It is envisaged that Scottish Ambulance Service will also be part of this hub, with the potential for staff to become integrated into the proposed model of care, to enhance the robustness and the sustainability of 24-hour care on the island.'

Talks have also taken place with the police and fire services.

The review continues: 'By providing flexibility and innovation in health care delivery through integrated and multi-disciplinary teams, significant improvement in the delivery of Health and Social Care could be achieved.'

'The historical separation of hospital and care home places has placed especially severe pressure on the island's ability to provide appropriate numbers of the required staff in both settings – particularly as these areas represent the balance of 24-hour care services on the island.'

'This is particularly challenging in the face of unpredictable, urgent, unscheduled care presentations and daunting in the face of a shrinking island workforce and growing demand.'

'The Arran review confirmed that "the time is right" and change is required now – the services, communities, and the Arran Economic Group, are all committed to change and an extensive consultation supports this view. The key



The end is in sight for Arran War Memorial Hospital, which is said not to be fit for purpose. 01_B42elaine01

estate facilities are ageing and not fit for the delivery of modern health care and the opportunities to build on recent investment are very real,' reports the review, adding: 'The challenge has never been greater, and the way forward must lie through integration of the delivery partners on and off the island to support the new model of care.'

'The Arran War Memorial Hospital has long since exceeded its lifespan and – based on national estates planning tools and guidance – requires complete replacement as soon as possible. The existing facility, whilst reasonably maintained for its age, has very poor clinical functionality – particularly in relation to the in-patient accommodation, outpatient functionality and urgent unscheduled care facilities.'

Stephen Brown, director of North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership said: 'The approval of the amended initial agreement by Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board is a positive step forward for Arran services. The initial agreement sets out our preferred way forward for island health and social care services and was subject to a series of island engagement events in 2018 and 2019.'

'The next step is the development of an outline business case and a full business case which will take more than 12 months to complete, and will be subject to further community engagement.'

'The plans will be submitted to the Scottish government for consideration and approval. Our aim is to make Arran an exemplar for integrated health



Stephen Brown.
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and social care services, ensuring sustainable services for many years to come.

'Our initial timescale for these plans has been impacted by the response to Covid-19 but throughout this time we have continued to progress and refine the proposals.'

'Our local management of the global Covid-19 pandemic has reinforced our commitment to integrate and create a single health and social care team and an island hub to deliver those services from.'

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Brodick Co-op recognised as best team in Britain



The team at the the Big Co in Brodick have been recognised for what many on Arran already ready know ... they are the best in Britain.

The Arran store beat off competition from all over the UK to be crowned best team champions in the Co-op's 2020 Succeed Together Awards.

Last year manager Liz McLean and her team were nominated for the same category and proudly represented the Northern region. This year, making it through to the final 10 and then the final five, Brodick faced some tough competition from across all areas of the Co-op including Funeralcare, Logistics and the Store Support centre.

After some intense judging by the panel, including the Co-op CEO Steve Murrells, Brodick was chosen as the winner and would normally have gone to Manchester to collect the award. This year

the managers came to them. Visiting Arran this week, regional manager Alan Campbell said: 'This competition is open to all areas of the Co-op Group, which even more highlights the fantastic team work within Brodick Big Co.'

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'Actively engaging with the island community, local suppliers and tourists alike, the team has been an inspiration for many in our region with fantastic community

engagement, from sing-alongs to ferry cancellations the team have always strived to deliver an A+ service for our island community and colleagues.'

During the lockdown the team at the Brodick Co-op worked round the clock to make sure they delivered food and essentials across the island to those shielding and others in need and supporting the community in any way they could.

Manager Liz said: 'While we are super proud to win this award we know we couldn't have achieved this without the continual support of Colin McCort and his team at CalMac and also Struan Armitage at Arran Haulage and his drivers.

'My team and I would also like to extend our thanks to you, our amazing customers, who have kept us all going in more ways than one. I feel a celebration coming on!'



Derek Furnival, divisional managing director (North Division), far left, regional managers Gary Williams and Alan Campbell and Ben Tadman from finance join Brodick Co-op manager Liz McLean and some of her team. 01_B34coop01

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MV Glen Sannox has bulbous bow replaced

The removal and replacement of MV Glen Sannox's bulbous bow is another key milestone in progressing the first of two dual-fuel vessels towards completion, bosses at the publicly owned Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd shipyard say.

Following the proposed Arran ferry's move to dry dock in Greenock, as reported in last week's Banner, the

bulbous bow – the protruding bulb at the front of a ship which modifies the way water flows around the hull – has been removed by engineers.

In 2017, before the official launch of the vessel, the bulbous bow was rejected by maritime classification society Lloyds Register. During inspection, the surveyor deemed the manufacturing process failed to meet



A great view from inside the dry dock showing where the bulbous bow was removed.



The MV Glen Sannox's bulbous bow has been removed in dry dock at Greenock.

Photographs: Mark Gibson Digital

International Association of Classification Society (IACS) construction standards.

The replacement of the bulbous bow is a crucial part of MV Glen Sannox's current programme of remediation work at Dales Marine Services, which also includes the installation of deck windows, paint and coating repair, hull cleaning, pipework modification and more, at a cost of £400,000.

Identified during the review of the condition of the two dual-fuel vessels that was con-

ducted after the shipyard went into administration in August 2019, the work is being led by turnaround director Tim Hair.

Mr Hair said: 'The removal of the mis-manufactured bulbous bow marks another major landmark in our recovery programme for the dual-fuel vessels.'

'The journey to getting them to completion has not been without its frustrations, but this latest milestone is another indicator that the project is getting back on track.'

'Like all businesses globally,

we were impacted by further delays this year due to Covid-19.'

'Now, with more than 50 per cent of our workforce back at the yard, operating in line with government guidance and work on both ferries scheduled to ramp up this autumn, I am confident in the progress we are making and optimistic for the future of the shipyard.'

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

Free cycle repairs on Arran

The Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme, which is providing free repairs and maintenance to get thousands of people across Scotland on their bikes, is now available on Arran.

The Scottish government scheme, which enables cyclists to get £50 off their basic cycle repair costs, is now available at Brodick Cycles.

Owner Ian Leader, who has just signed up to the scheme aimed at getting people more active, said: 'Most basic parts are currently in stock, but it may not be possible to repair every bike at the moment due to the difficulty of obtaining replacement parts which are imported from the Far East.'

'Some parts ordered in June have not arrived yet and other items will not be available until late October.'

The SCRS scheme is available until March 2021 or when the government funding runs out.

If anyone is interested in this scheme, they can phone Ian on 01770 302460.

Full details of the scheme can be found at: cycling.org/ScotCycleRepair

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Work to start on Ardrossan harbour next year... maybe

by Hugh Boag
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The long-awaited work to improve Ardrossan harbour should start next year with completion by 2023, the ministerial-led taskforce has said, but these dates may change.

The latest estimate for the cost of the works is £35m to £40m.

They will see the realignment of the main Arran berth, a new linkspan, quay improvements and a new passenger access system to a new terminal building, among other works.

The latest details have emerged from a series of questions the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee first asked last January which have now been updated and posted on the Transport Scotland website.

The development works at Ardrossan are being overseen by the taskforce which brings together Transport Scotland, Peel Ports Group Ltd, North Ayrshire Council (NAC), CalMac Ferries Ltd (CFL), Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), the Arran Ferry Committee and Kenneth Gibson MSP.

Infrastructure works

In its statement to the ferry committee the taskforce says: 'The project is currently in the planning and design phase. We are currently working towards the Arran berth infrastructure works commencing in 2021; with completion of the works expected in 2023. However, these dates are subject to change taking account of tender/procurement and contract

award stages. A more detailed programme will be available once a contractor is appointed.'

It states that the Scottish government is committed to the delivery of the MV Glen Sannox to the Ardrossan to Brodick route, the subject of so many delays, which necessitates the proposed works to the Arran berth to ensure the vessel won't overhang the berth as this results in poor mooring arrangement and fender support. The taskforce has ruled out the MV Glen Sannox using the alternative Irish berth as it is too big.

Confidence level

The ferry committee asked the taskforce: 'What confidence level do you have that the Irish berth will cope during the works?' It replied: 'Peels Ports Group has confirmed that under normal weather conditions the Irish Berth can accommodate services to Brodick throughout the construction period.

'The linkspan works are now complete with the exception of the fall arrest system and the application of the anti-slip treatment to the deck; these elements will be completed after the civil engineering works to the Irish Berth.

'The civil engineering works to the cantilevered deck have been tendered and a contractor is to be appointed. Peel Ports Group is currently working towards these works being undertaken in spring 2021 and it will engage with CalMac regarding service continuity during the construction.'

Then the ferry committee



The white triangle, circled, shows the area of Arran berth to be realigned.

asked the million dollar question: 'Are there contingency plans for delays to work or if service needs to go to Troon for a period?' The taskforce replied: 'Yes, contingency plans for disruptions and any delays to the infrastructure works are currently being developed as part of the service continuity planning.

'Engagement with the communities, including the Arran Ferry Committee, took place in January and February 2020 and more is expected throughout the year. The commitment from the taskforce is to retain services to Arran from the Irish berth throughout the

closure period, subject to safe operating conditions and weather conditions at the port.

'Contingency planning is part of the continuity plan and as such Troon has been considered as an alternative mainland berth, in the event the Irish Berth is unavailable during the works. Throughout the period of the construction works, Gourrock may also be considered as an alternative mainland berth.

'No final decision has been taken in regard to the timetable during the works, including diversions to Troon as part of contingency plans. CalMac will work closely with the community to understand service users' needs and ensure these are considered within any temporary timetables. Engagement with the communities will be undertaken on any proposals prior to a final plan being implemented.'

Council offers half price school meals

School pupils on Arran will be able to take advantage of half price lunches as North Ayrshire Council signs up to the Eat Out to Help Out scheme.

Meals and snacks will be on offer with 50 per cent off – and, in some cases, an even bigger discount – from Monday to Wednesday, in all school canteens for the rest of August.

This means children will be able to pick up their favourite lunches and snacks for half the price. For example, a panini will be just 60p, instead of £1.20. But the council has gone a little further and increased the discount on its meal deal

– reducing it to just £1. The discount will be applicable on the council's full school meals menu and the 50 per cent off will automatically be deducted at the till point.

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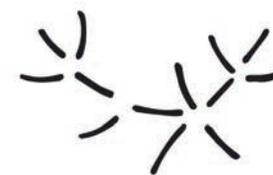
As with all participating restaurants and cafes benefitting from the nationwide scheme, the council will claim the additional 50 per cent back from the UK Government.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for green new deal and

sustainability, said: 'By taking part in this scheme, it offers families a small gesture during what is a financially difficult period for so many.

'Our school meals are both tasty and nutritious, using ingredients which are fresh and locally sourced. By taking advantage of the half price offer, parents/carers can ensure their child has access to an affordable, warm and nourishing meal during the school day – it's a no brainer.'

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Arran health care

The terrific news this week that Arran is to get health services fit for the 21st century is great news.

Of course it is sad that it will be at the loss of the Arran War Memorial Hospital, but as the services review outlines in enormous detail, the building, which opened in 1922, is simply not fit for purpose.

Some may raise their eyebrows that all services are to be in one place – the central super-hub – but it makes a lot of sense to have all the partners working together – although integration will bring its own headaches for health bosses.

And it seems sensible that this may be at Montrose House where there is already spare capacity of beds, although its location may be a worry for some – but these are considerations for another day.

The Arran integrated island services initial agreement, as the report is called, runs to more than 100 pages, so it is not surprising it has been at least two years – probably longer – in the making.

Every aspect of the health services on Arran has been carefully considered and a way forward agreed. It is now up to the Scottish government to agree funding for the grand plan – which is seen as leading the way for health care integration in Scotland, if not the whole of the UK.

That could come as early as next month, then the real work starts to turn the plan into a reality and that will take at least four years – but it will be well worth the wait.

Thought for the week

‘Those who are now last shall be first, and those who are now first will be last.’
Luke 13:30

A lovely man

Sir,
How sad I was to discover that the funeral procession I saw some days ago was that of Henry McNicol. He will forever be etched in my memory for a number of reasons, not least that he was a kenspeckle figure of good humour and a wry wit who always had the solution to our plumbing problems.

I remember him as a popular captain of Brodick Golf Club – back in my much younger days – at a time when if Bess McMillan and her concert group were appearing in the Brodick clubhouse lounge you were lucky to get a seat

In 1980 I was doing a live interview with Glen Michael on West Sound Radio one Sunday morning; that morning I had received a call to tell me there was a burst pipe in our house; Glen closed the interview by asking if I had anything planned for the day. I replied I was heading for Brodick because of a burst pipe in the house and if Henry McNicol was listening maybe he could go along and try and fix it.

I arrived off the 12.30pm ferry to discover the flood had been stopped. My neighbour Alleyn Dinwoodie said Henry had appeared and taken care of it! I phoned Henry to offer him my heartfelt thanks. He said – ‘don’t mention it’ – he’d been getting phone calls all morning from people who’d heard the broadcast, telling him all about it. Unbelievable!

For some years I put on summer shows in Brodick village hall. On one occasion I was flattered to notice Henry in the audience. The following night I met him in the Brodick Bistro and as I passed his table he gave me the thumbs up and said he’d fairly enjoyed the show. I said I was thinking of doing it in the new school hall in Lamlash next year instead of Brodick, and asked would he be likely to support it. He paused for a moment and with the famous McNicol grin said: ‘No – too far!’

Ah well it just goes to show. What a great character, and a lovely man. Here’s to you, Henry!

Yours,
Peter Morrison,
Brodick

Camping concern

Sir,
After coming over for a holiday last May, when I did my sponsored double lap cycle ride, we’ve finally been able to get back over after holding on in hope that we wouldn’t have to return my ferry ticket for May again.

Desperately waiting for end of lockdown and the easing of restrictions then the rush on the isles. We managed to get a ferry over. Imagine my dismay when we thought we’d head back to one of my favourite camping spots at Cleats Shore, my starting point for last year’s ride.

This week it’s just not happening. Happy and excited after a 300-mile journey and early ferry. Stop and grab an Arran Banner in Lamlash and over the Ross to head down the cart track only to find what could only be described as a post apocalyptic Land Rover test track. It started well and went badly very quickly. After managing to get through and down to the bottom we found the only place to park is being occupied by a rather large trailer.

It’s odd after coming to Arran for the past 35 years camping, at least twice a year, to find this. Very few places exist on the south west coast of Arran to camp close to the beach.

We do hope the local community hasn’t tired of those of us who leave nothing but tyre tracks and take nothing but memories – along with loads of local produce we can’t get at home.

Yours,
Stuart and Angela Robinson,
Dronfield.

Needful change

Sir,
With reference to Robin Gardner’s letter in the August 14 edition of the Banner: the past, i.e. history remains significant where it leaves a legacy of injustice. The slave trade and the life on the plantations are templates for an idea that one set of people is superior to another, an idea which persists today. The manner of George Floyd’s death is an example of this. Everyone is entitled to equality and justice before the law. Black people do not at present have this. Others also, I hear you say, but we cannot fight on all fronts at once. Our knowledge of the past can clarify the reasons for present behaviours and lend us energy for effecting needful change.

Yours,
Cicely Gill,
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Online pricing map helps to find lower delivery charges

by Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The Scottish government has launched an online parcel delivery pricing map to help residents of rural and island communities identify unfair charges and find the best deals.

After entering a postcode, the website compares charges for a range of parcel sizes from six major companies. Users from around Scotland can also find which online UK retailers deliver locally.

The free service can be viewed at: www.fairdeliveries.scot as part of ongoing action by Scottish ministers to make delivery charges more transparent. Postal services are at present reserved to the UK government.

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'This website shines a spotlight on delivery charges, making it easier for everyone living in island and remote communities to find the best deal and encourage companies to



Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson

review their pricing. People living in the Highlands and islands face 21 per cent higher postal charges on average compared to South West Scotland.

'The coronavirus pandemic has seen a dramatic increase in online

shopping, with the delivery sector providing a lifeline. Now, more than ever, it is vital that their charges are fair and transparent.

'It is shocking that the UK government continues to ignore unfair charges imposed on the people of Arran and hundreds of thousands of others across remote and island Scotland, increasing the costs for residents and businesses alike.

'I am therefore delighted, in the circumstances, that people can at least access the information they need to make informed choices.'

Chief executive of Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS) Derek Mitchell added: 'Research carried out by the Citizens Advice network over the last decade has shown that many people who live in remote and island areas face unfair delivery practices.

'Higher prices and a lack of transparency on pricing policies are all too common. CAS welcomes the website and publications launched by Scottish ministers. Island communities deserve a fair deal and CAS

will continue to work with Scottish Ministers to fight for their interests and seek practical solutions.'

The website allows individuals and businesses to benchmark delivery prices paid against Scotland-wide averages, track pricing discrepancies across postcodes and find additional research and resources to explore unfair delivery pricing.

The website draws on 24,364 pricing quotes from six major delivery companies and 6,771 pricing quotes from seven national online retailers across all 1,029 postcode sectors in Scotland.

Shipping quotes were requested for small, medium and large parcel sizes as well as a range of bulky consumer products. Figures will be updated monthly.

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All jobs saved at Brodick Castle

All 16 jobs which were under threat at Brodick Castle and Country Park have been saved, it was announced as the Banner went to press.

The castle, which was not due to reopen at all in 2020, will also partially reopen again from next month. The country park and Goatfell were reopened in early July.

Following the announcement the Scottish Government has given the National Trust for Scotland £3.8 million in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis, the charity has confirmed what this will mean for its properties on the Arran and across the nation.

The government contribution adds to nearly £2.5 million donated to an emergency appeal and follows on from a formal consultation on emergency measures intended to save the charity from collapse.

As a result of lockdown and subsequent restrictions, the trust has lost almost £30 million – half its expected income. The charity's proposed emergency measures included placing 429 positions at risk as well as delaying reopening of some of the heritage properties in its care until 2021 or 2022.

With the financial support and donations, and with changes made to proposals by the trust's managers following consultation, the trust is now able to reduce redundancies to the minimum possible and open or partially open more properties than originally hoped.

Do you qualify for new energy efficient heating?



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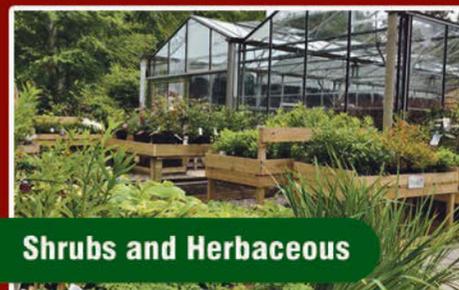
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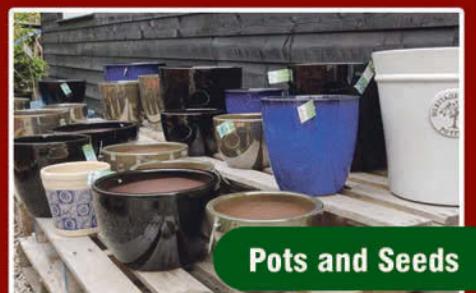
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Fears Fisherman's Walk could



by Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

There are fears a section of the popular Fisherman's Walk could be completely lost to the sea unless urgent action is taken.

Part of the path between Brodick and Cladadh is already underwater at high tide, making getting through tricky, but with a swathe of path already washed away it is only a matter of time before the sea reclaims the whole area.

The coastal walk is widely used by everyone and there have been significant improvements in recent years in particular the boardwalk, recently extended, which was introduced after erosion at the mouth of the Glencloy Water.

The section of the path where the sea has completely breached through.

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The path is also part of the Arran Coastal Way and its loss would be a severe blow to round-Arran walkers.

The seriousness of the situation was highlighted by chairman Bill Calderwood at the last meeting of Arran Community Council, held using video conference technology, who reported that there was a 'major issue with erosion' with deterioration of the situation by the day.

'We are almost at a point where we will lose a section of the coastal way,' he said.

He added: 'Delays caused during lockdown are beginning to catch up with us.'

North Ayrshire Council which maintains the path, but is not the land owner, is aware of the situation and a marine licence is already in effect which would allow groynes and other rock armour which would help to slow in ingress of the water.

However, it says a new licence may be required and that work may not be able to start

until next year. But with winter approaching, when the shore takes its biggest battering, that may be too late.

North Ayrshire Council officials visited the site on Monday. A spokesman said: 'We have been investigating the extent of the erosion this week to assess the level of repairs required.'

'It is likely that a new project specific licence will be required to allow the works to proceed, which together with ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, is likely to delay any further work until early 2021.'

There is also concern about other sections of the walk, particularly the foundations of the bridge over Glencloy Water which have already been shored up and are showing signs of further deterioration.

Earlier this month the Banner reported how 2,000 tonnes of rock armour was being shipped from the mainland to shore up the seawall at Pirnmill on the west side of the island.



The path

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across this section of shore has all but disappeared. 01_B33erode02 Inset: A sign asking people to stay off the repair work. 01_B33erode03



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The human face of Russia at war

Book review

A richly-illustrated history of life in the Soviet Union during the Second World War has been published by Arran author Colin Turbett.

The book *Red Star at War: Victory at all Costs* features a more human face of war – the individuals and their families who made up the Soviet war machine and previously unpublished photographs offer a poignant, fascinating and unique insight into that period of history.

Focusing on the Second World War and accompanied by first-hand accounts, *Red Star at War* presents a visual insight to life in the Soviet Union.

Russia's losses during the Second World War were beyond imagination and touched the lives of an entire population caught between a brutal and murderous invader and a ruthless leadership at home.

Soviet victory over the Nazis, which effectively won the war, was the end result of effort and sacrifice by the ordinary millions who were totally

committed to saving their 'motherland'.

The humanity of the ordinary Soviet citizen in uniform is often forgotten because of later Cold War narratives propagated East and West for differing ideological reasons.

This book seeks to redress these imbalances. In its pages the tragedy of war and loss are captured in the faces of those who lived through some of the most momentous years in human history.

Many of the pictures show the women who fought alongside men in the front line – a unique feature among the belligerent nations.

Red Star at War is centred on photographs taken before, during and after the Second World War, which illustrate the human face of the immense Soviet war effort.

These show soldiers, sailors, airmen (men and women) not in battle, but in photographs taken for their families and friends, and the messages that often went with these images.

A number were taken in the knowledge that they might be

the last image of a loved one as death was a certainty for many.

The photographs and captions are backed up by text that provides both context and baseline – drawn from writings of the period as well as more recent historical accounts and research.

A keen motorcyclist and social historian, Colin, who lives in Shiskine, is the author of *Motorcycles and Motorcycling in the USSR 1939-1990 (Veloce)* and *Playing with the Boys – Olga Kevelos Motorcycle Sportswoman*.

During his career as a social worker and frontline manager, he had a number of academic papers published alongside two books: *Rural Social Work Practice in Scotland* (Venture Press 2010) and *Doing Radical Social Work* (Palgrave Macmillan 2014).

He has long held an interest in the history of the Soviet Union and its people. This is his first book for Pen and Sword.

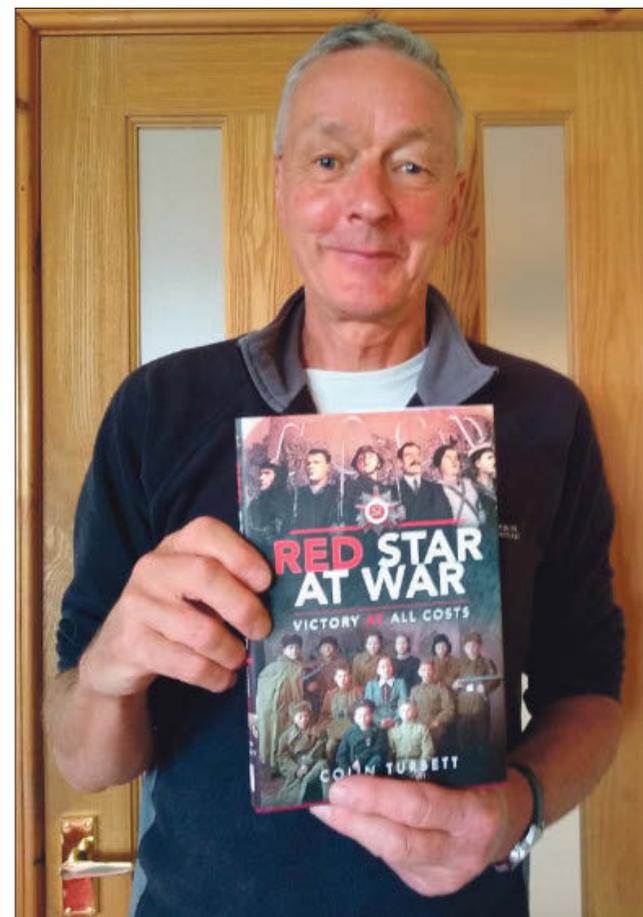
Colin has lived on Arran for more than 30 years, including more than 20 working in social

services, where he became manager of the island's small social work team.

He has always been active in community life and has stood on a socialist ticket for parliament on several occasions.

He remains involved in volunteering locally and in mainland Ayrshire – from footpath maintenance to supporting vulnerable children through the Children's Panel system.

Red Star at War: Victory at all Costs is published by Pen & Sword History in hardback with an RRP of £19.99.



Colin Turbett with a copy of his new book.

HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED)

THE PROPOSED ARDROSSAN HARBOUR REVISION ORDER 2020

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A HARBOUR REVISION ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ardrossan Harbour Company Limited ("the Company"), as the statutory harbour authority for Ardrossan Harbour ("the Harbour"), has applied to the Scottish Ministers for a harbour revision order ("the Order") under section 14 of the Harbours Act 1964 ("the 1964 Act").

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

No works are proposed.

No land is proposed for compulsory acquisition and there are no proposals to extinguish or divert any public right of way over a footpath or bridleway.

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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We are required by law to provide at least one physical deposit location for viewing the draft Order, and details of this are set out below. However given the current COVID-19 pandemic ('coronavirus'), and the Government's guidance and in the interests of health and safety, we strongly encourage you to use the alternative methods of viewing documents that we have provided, as described above. A copy of the draft Order may be collected, free of charge through a call, click and collect service, until the expiry of the forty-two day period referred to below at the following locations and times—

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A copy of the draft Order may be collected by appointment only, free of charge, until the expiry of the forty-two day period referred to below at the following location and times—

Location	Opening Times
Ardrossan Harbour Company Limited 16 Robertson Street, Glasgow, G2 8DS	Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 5.00pm (Contact telephone: 0141 241 8547)

Any person requiring further information concerning the proposed Order should apply in writing for that information either to the Company or to BDB Pitmans LLP, quoting reference "Ardrossan Harbour Revision Order".

Any person wishing to make an objection or representation to the Scottish Ministers concerning the application should write to Karl Zaczek, Ports Policy Co-ordinator, Ports and Harbours Branch, Transport Scotland, Area 2D North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ or email harbourorders@transport.gov.scot within forty-two days from the date at the foot of this notice quoting "The Proposed Ardrossan Harbour Revision Order 2020", stating the grounds of their objection or representation and giving an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent.

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If an objection is duly made to the application and not withdrawn then the Scottish Ministers may, before making their decision, (i) cause an inquiry to be held, or (ii) give to the objector an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by them.

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Starting school at Lamlash are Iain Bayne, Robbie Bayne, Cameron Bone, Scott Currie, Isla Gerahty, Zoe McCabe, Neil Hunter, Stuart Lammie, Ross MacDonald and Ryan Robb with Mrs Catherine McIntyre. 01_B34tweY01



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ARRAN: AROUND THE GOLF COURSES



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday August 12, Summer Trophy, 26 played, CSS 63. 1 Ryan Armstrong (8)55 and lowest gross, 2 Jamie Macpherson (5)59 acb, 3 Nicol Auld (5)59, 4 John Pennycott (12)60 acb. Magic twos Douglas Graham and John Pennycott, both @17th.

Sunday August 16, Captain's Prize. A field of 32 played in the second and final Captain's Prize day to be sponsored by club captain Andy Martin.

This year again it was played from the front tees with the girls joining the boys in an 18-hole Stableford. A grey morning, which included a short rain shower, soon turned into the fine sunny afternoon the event deserved and scoring matched the fine condition of the course with the top 10 players all matching or bettering par. Colin Nisbet bettered it considerably with a fine 42 Stableford points to win by two from Gus MacLeod.

Results: 1 Colin Nisbet (14)42pts, 2 Gus MacLeod (14)40, 3 John Pennycott (12)39, 4 David Blair (12)38. Gillian Lockhart took the prize for the best placed lady player with 35pts.

Once again thanks went to captain Andy Martin for his generous hospitality and prizes. Thanks also went to John and Nancy for the steady supply of good food and drink and finally to Stewart for the condition of the course which, all agreed on the day, was quite incredible for a greenkeeper working solo.

Fixtures: Sunday August 23, McKelvie Cup round one.



Colin Nisbet receiving his prize from Whiting Bay captain Andy Martin.

Wednesday August 26, The Morton Quaich and club championship qualifier. Until further notice there will be no draws for partners and members should arrange their own groupings.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday August 6, Captain's Prize ladies: 1 and Veteran's Trophy Clare Buchanan 45 BIH over Julia Salton. Scratch barometer Ann May 51.

Friday August 7, Ladies Greensome: 1 Isobel MacDonald and Esther Henderson, 2 Shona Weir and Zara Weir, 3 Alice Anderson and Jerry Arthur.

Hole prizes: 1 F Miller and L Howie, 2 S and Z Weir, 3 J Hutton and H Raeside, 4 M Jeffries and M Waudby, 5 I MacDonald and E Henderson, 6 P Adamson and R Culpan, 7 F Henderson and S Bigger, 8 K Genda and E Kelso, 9 J Salton and S Myles, 10 L Kerr and P Johnston, 11 A Anderson and J Arthur, 12 Y Brothers and R Hardy.

Sunday August 16, Victory Shield and Kay Maxwell, 25 played white tees. First Class: 1 and scratch Alan Stewart 45-6=39, 2 Sandy Kerr 47-7=40, 3 Wm Kelso 48-7=41. Second Class: 1 and winner Kema Genda 48-10=38, 2 B Sherwood 52-11=41 BIH, 3 Tony Ellis 53-12=41. Magic twos A Stewart, R Crawford, B Sherwood, W Kelso, D Allison, Q Oliver and John Salton.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 13, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Scott Macfarlane 69-9=60, 2 Serg El Adm 77-13=64 BIH, 3 Euan Bone 78-14=64 BIH, 4 Colin Richardson 80-16=64. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 67. Magic twos Scott Macfarlane @5th, Norrie McIntyre @13th, Serge El Adm @16th, Neil Young @4th, Paul Jameson @5th, Andy Smith @14th, hole four drawn - winner Neil Young.



A delighted Clare Buchanan receiving her prize from Shiskine club captain Fiona Henderson.

Sunday August 16, Sunday Sweep, CSS 66: 1 Martin Wallbank 80-12=68, 2 Hugh McLelland 88-20=68. Best Scratch Martin Wallbank 80. Magic twos Alan Smith @13th, hole 16 drawn roll over continues.

Fixtures: Sunday August 23, Club Championship qualifying, 9.30am and noon starts.

Thursday August 27, Summer Cup. Make up on groups see starter for times.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday August 12, round two McCrae Trophy and Summer Cup. Forty played, CSS 64: 1 Greg McCrae 64-5=59, 2 Finlay Sillars 72-12=60, 3 Frazer Barr 70-9=61. Scratch, Greg McCrae 64. Leading second round scores, Club Championship qualifying, Greg McCrae 64, Matt Keir 70, Frazer Barr 70.

Sunday August 16, Club Trophy, 29 played, CSS 66: 1 Matt Dobson 73-8=65, 2 Iain MacDonald 73-7=66 acb, 3 Bill Donaldson 80-14=66. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 69.

Fixtures: Sunday August 23, Centenary Quaich. Monday August 24, round one, Club Championship. Wednesday August 26, Summer Cup.



Julia Salton hits her first hole-in-one at the 10th at Shiskine in a bounce game last week.

Friday August 28, quarter finals, Club Championship.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 18, Stableford from the yellow tees: 1 Alex Morrison-Cowan 40, 2 Brian Sherwood 33, 3 Reuben Betley 30.

Fixtures: Saturday August 22, Eddie Rankin, Corrie vs Machrie Bay to be played at Corrie, shotgun start at 1pm. Tuesday August 25, Stableford to be played from the yellow tees, tee off 12.30pm.



Gillian Lockhart after receiving her prize from captain Andy Martin.

Lamlash putting green is up and running again

Lamlash putting green has reopened for the first time in a number of years.

The popular shorefront green has been taken over by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) to provide another attraction at its Octopus visitor centre, which has reopened to the public.

COAST also seized the opportunity over the last month to revamp the putting green,

following invaluable help and advice from both Lamlash and Whiting Bay golf clubs' greenkeepers.

Visitors, locals and school pupils have already been making the most of the centre's facilities; the tennis courts have been busy, groups have been enjoying the marine tank and buying unique gifts from the shop, and people have been participating in socially safe



Pam gets into the swing of things on her way round the course.



The first to try out the putting green were visitors Pam and Richard Wareing.

shore scrambles.

The putting is a new and exciting addition to the range of activities COAST has on offer.

Pam and Richard Wareing were the first two putters on the re-instated green and Richard said: 'We used to putt on this green every year and we're delighted to see the flags out again. It's been the highlight of our holiday.'

Andrew Binnie, who is back with COAST as part-time interim manager, said: 'COAST is such an integral part of the Arran community it was really important we opened up safely

to offer visitors and locals as much access as possible to the centre and our activities.'

'The putting green will be open during the same hours as the centre initially but we hope to extend the hours in the near future. We're still a far cry from your traditional putting green - it's very rough and challenging - but all participation money will be reinvested to allow us to get it up to standard over the next couple of years. With community and local business support we hope putting will be a key attraction in Lamlash once again.'

'We'd like to thank Gordon and his team of grass cutters at the council for their hardwork earlier this year, and also COAST volunteers Howard Wood, Dougie Bruce and Crawford Cameron, who have helped with the final efforts of getting the green up and running. We are looking for a putting green volunteer with a mower.'

Putting and tennis are available on a pay-as-you-play honesty basis and the visitor centre is free to access with donations gratefully received. COAST always has a wealth

of volunteering opportunities; if anyone is interested please contact Nikki Harris at nikki@arrancoast.com

The visitor centre aims to be open Tuesday to Friday each week, with days/hours to be confirmed each Monday on their Facebook page.





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