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Pledge to rewrite Beckford history to reflect slave links

by Hugh Boag
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The controversial Beckford Collection at Brodick Castle will be changed to reflect its links to slavery, the National Trust of Scotland has announced.

New temporary interpretation material has already been installed at the castle and guides have been given extra information on William Beckford and his slavery wealth.

The trust has also admitted: 'It is true that we have been less forthright in relating stories of slavery and colonialism and in discussing some particularly challenging - to modern eyes, even offensive - items in our collections.' And it has launched a new Facing our Past project to address the wider issues.

The move follows a wave of public criticism of the collection in a letters campaign in the Arran Banner calling for change, as national anger at the portrayal of those involved in the slave trade across Britain was given a voice as the Black

Lives Matter movement grew. The campaign began with a letter from author and poet Cicely Gill of Whiting Bay, whose father's name was Beckford, a Jamaican whose forebears were plantation slaves.

She told of her dismay that the new Beckford Room, created during the castle refurbishment, did not acknowledge that

'Surely it would be responsible to...shine a light of honesty on the silver.'

the silver had been acquired through money made on the back of the exploitation of plantation slaves.

She summed up the mood when she said: 'Surely, given the thousands of tourists of all ages, and from many different countries, who pass through the Beckford room it would be responsible to educate and inform and shine

a light of honesty on the silver.' The Beckford Room at the castle is presently closed, but Sarah Beattie, curator for Ayrshire and Arran, and Dumfries and Galloway, said: 'The exhibition room is closed to meet Covid-19 social distancing guidelines and we are using this time to continue working with relevant advisors and to rotate the items on display and commission additional interpretation.'

The collection originally belonged to William Thomas Beckford, an English novelist, art collector and patron of works of decorative art, a critic, travel writer, slaveowner, and sometime politician, reputed at one stage in his life to be the richest commoner in England. He was born in 1760 and died in 1844. It was then that the collection was inherited by his daughter Susan who was married to the 10th Duke of Hamilton who owned Brodick Castle.

Turn to pages eight and nine: National Trust ready to face the past.

How did it happen?



The damage to the bow of the Waverley paddle steamer can clearly be seen moments after she crashed into Brodick pier last Thursday leaving 24 passengers injured. Inset, one of the 'walking wounded' makes his way to the ferry terminal. Full story and more pictures on pages two, three and four. 01_B37front01 and 01_B37front02

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Inquiry launched after 24 are hurt in Waverley crash

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A major investigation is under way into how the Waverley paddle steamer crashed into Brodick pier last Thursday injuring 24 passengers.

Investigators from the Marine Accident Investigation Branch have been on Arran to assess the damage to the 70-year-old vessel, which remained tied up at Brodick pier before returning to Glasgow on Wednesday.

Owner Waverley Excursions Ltd has already announced there will be no further sailings this year after the world's oldest paddle steamer came back into service just two weeks ago following a £2.3 million boiler refit.

There were a number of Arran people on the boat, including a number of Waverley supporters, when the accident happened as they were returning from an afternoon trip to Pladda and round Holy Isle.

What should have been a routine docking turned into a full-scale emergency. Passengers on board said the boat appeared to be approaching the berth too fast and there was a heavy jolt when she struck the pier, with the impact knocking people over like skittles.

One theory, which the Arran Banner understands is being looked into, is that the captain was unable to get the paddles into reverse which is required to slow the boat down.

There had been a lot of people standing on the deck ready to disembark and this is thought to have made the situation worse when heavy contact was made with the pier.

Of the 24 injured at least six were airlifted off the island, with other casualties taken to the Arran War Memorial Hospital in a fleet of ambulances as those described as 'walking wounded' were treated at the scene.

However, there has been frustration this week as neither the police, the health authorities, the Marine and Coastguard Agency or the



The damage to the bow of the boat can clearly be seen.01_B37waverley04

Waverley owners have been willing to give any update on the condition of any of the injured passengers.

In the only statement issued, Professor Hazel Borland, nurse director at NHS Ayrshire and Arran stated a week ago: 'A small number of patients were transferred to Arran War Memorial Hospital and University Hospital Crosshouse to receive treatment for a range of injuries with the majority now being discharged.'

Police, paramedics and coastguards rushed to the scene after the alarm was raised around 5.15pm last Thursday. They were later joined by the fire brigade, the rescue helicopter from Prestwick, two Helimed and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

In all there were 213 passen-

gers and 26 crew on board, with numbers much reduced due the social distancing required as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Waverley was making only her second visit to Brodick this year, and other passengers who had earlier got off at Brodick were waiting on the quayside to return to Largs and Greenock. They were accommodated in the ferry terminal and 138 Waverley passengers finally left Arran on an emergency sailing of the MV Caledonian Isles at 10.35pm after a five-hour wait.

One passenger who was at the front of the boat when it hit the pier said the passengers had 'gone down like little dominoes'.

William Windram, from Melrose, who had been on holiday on Arran, was due to disembark in Brodick with his

friends. He described a 'terrific bang' then the sound of crushing metal.

He said: 'There was a lot of people standing ready to disembark. It looked like the boat was heading to the pier too fast then there was this terrific bang. I was with a group of friends and a couple of us were flung forward and hit the guard rail. My friend may have cracked a rib, but I could see others had fallen flat on the deck and I could see people were injured.'

He said there had been no warning announcement, as there had been earlier at Pladda, to hold on to something if standing on the deck. However, he said that following the crash the crew had been excellent as many of the passengers were shaken and shocked.

'They provided teas and



Clockwise from top left: An injured passenger is put in a helicopter to be airlifted to hospital. 01_B37waverley02; Shaken passengers come off the Waverley. 01_B37waverley03; Ambulances wait at the quayside for casualties to be brought off. 01_B37waverley05; The Waverley pictured still berthed at Brodick this week beside the Isle of Arran. Photograph Scott Clark 01_B37waverley23; The senior officer from the Waverley approaches the police. 01_B37waverley20; The mountain rescue team prepare stretchers at the quayside. 01_B37waverley09

coffee, bags of ice to stop injuries swelling, and towels and blankets to those who needed them,' he said.

Rita McLeod, who was waiting to board the Waverley, added: 'It came in bow first. It came in far too fast. We saw a lot of people falling, a few people fell over. There were people taken away in ambulances. We saw a lot of people, pretty badly shaken, coming off.'

Waverley Excursions Ltd said in a statement: 'Waverley made heavy contact while berthing at Brodick Pier on Thursday and will be unable to undertake any further sailings this season. An investigation into the incident is ongoing.'

As the passengers waited for news, the Arran community

were already rallying to help. Preparations were being made to try and accommodate the passengers, who it was thought may be stranded on Arran overnight, both in hotels, guest houses and private homes. Offers of blankets and bedding were also being made, and food and provisions were provided at the ferry terminal and the hospital. However, the emergency sailing by the MV Caledonian Isles meant all the passengers got back to the mainland.

Robbie Drummond, managing director of CalMac, said: 'We were shocked to hear of the situation in Brodick harbour involving the Waverley, and my thoughts and best wishes are with those who

were injured. We were more than happy to help return passengers to the mainland and worked closely with agencies, including Waverley Excursions, who transported everyone onwards once they landed in Ardrossan.

'I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the crew on the Caledonian Isles and at Brodick and Ardrossan for their willingness to help out. Without them this would not have been possible and their help in this case is one of many reasons why I am so proud of the CalMac team.'

For more photographs, turn to page four.

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Top left, Police Scotland arriving at the accident scene. 01_B37waverley14; top right, Police, fire brigade and port officials can be seen behind the police tape. 01_B37waverley16; bottom left, The search and rescue helicopter takes a casualty to the mainland. 01_B37waverley2; bottom right, Passengers in the ferry terminal wait for news. 01_B37waverley15; and right, The extent of the damage to the bow of the boat can clearly be seen. Photograph: Scott Clark 01_B22 waverley22

Ferry goes to Troon after drivers mutiny

While the Waverley drama unfolded on Arran, a drama of a very different kind was happening in Ardrossan, writes Hugh Boag.

Passengers on the MV Caledonian Isles staged a mutiny after the captain planned to return to Brodick because it could not dock in Ardrossan due to the linkspan breaking down at the Arran berth. The Irish berth was also ruled out

because of the weather. Angry drivers staged a protest on the car deck and insisted they would refuse to unload their cars if the ferry returned to Brodick. At one point the police were called to the ferry terminal but did not intervene. It was later claimed they had been there in case 'passengers needed assistance'.

It was only after this that it was decided that the ferry

would go to Troon, leaving at 7pm - having left Arran at 1.50pm, where the cars disembarked. Passengers and drivers waiting at Ardrossan for the 3.20pm sailing finally left on a foot passenger-only service at 6pm on the MV Isle of Arran which berthed at the Winton pier.

A spokeswoman for CalMac said: 'Bearing in mind that the equipment breakdown,

which was nothing to do with CalMac, meant that it absolutely could not land at its destination. Going back to Brodick was considered, as was landing at the Irish berth, as was Troon and other destinations.

'All these options were looked at before we were given permission to land on the mainland rather than go back to the island. A lot of work

went into ensuring that people were able to get off the boat safely, thanks to the crew and a lot of people behind the scenes.

'Passengers were kept informed of all of this along the way and I'm sure some were not happy about the idea of going back to the island, but this was only one alternative being looked at.'

Robert Morrison, operations director for CalMac Ferries

Limited, said: 'Due to the failure of the harbour authority's linkspan at Ardrossan, we were unable to disembark vehicles on Thursday evening.'

'It was agreed that Troon would be used as an emergency port.'

'Passengers were kept fully informed of all developments and we apologise for the inconvenience caused which was outside our control.'

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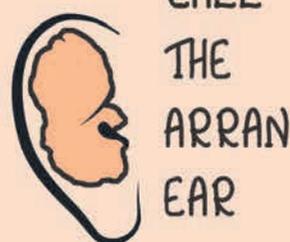
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UK Government cash helping Scottish firms to bounce back

The UK Government's support packages are proving just the business for a third of Scotland's workforce and are key to supporting, protecting and creating jobs across the country.

THE UK Government continues to offer Scottish businesses a "firm" commitment.

A considerable cash splash, worth more than £2.3 billion, has allowed employers affected by the pandemic to recover post-lockdown.

The Bounce Back Loan Scheme, providing UK Government guaranteed loans to small and medium-size operations, has supported 65,000 such enterprises in retail, construction and hospitality sectors.

The UK Government has also offered deferred VAT bills and increased support to individuals through Universal Credit.

At the end of July 936,500 jobs – a third of the country's workforce – were being backed by the UK Government's job support schemes, signalling an increase of 45,000 since the end of June.

Chancellor Rishi Sunak said: "I'm

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- £2.3 billion-plus UK Government loans to 65,000 Scottish firms supports furlough and self-employed schemes
- The UK Government has also deferred VAT bills and increased support to individuals through Universal Credit
- In addition, the UK Government has allocated additional £6.5 billion direct funding to the Scottish Government
- The UK Government cut VAT to 5% to boost tourism
- Eat Out to Help Out adopted by 3,100-plus Scottish sites
- New £1,000 job retention bonus helps retain staff while £2 billion Kickstart scheme aims to create thousands of jobs for young people

proud that we have supported more than 65,000 businesses in Scotland through our loan schemes.

"We are committed to continuing



CASH SPLASH: Chancellor Rishi Sunak has provided UK Government financial support for Scottish firms.

to support them to bounce back and succeed through the measures set out in our Plan for Jobs."

The UK Government allocated to the Scottish Government an additional £6.5 billion direct funding.

The UK Government also launched the Eat Out to Help Out initiative with more than 3,100 restaurants in Scotland signing up, including

independent eateries as well as family favourites such as Pizza Express, Costa Coffee and Nando's.

The scheme saw half price discounts on meals in participating restaurants from Monday to Wednesday throughout August.

Scottish businesses have been able to put employees on furlough – a period of temporary leave – while

applying for a government grant to cover 80 per cent of those workers' usual monthly wage costs, up to a cap of £2,500 per month, continuing until October.

September sees the UK Government pay 70 per cent of wages up to a £2,187.50 limit while, in October, the government will pay 60 per cent of wages up to a cap of £1,875.

'Cash support has saved our restaurant chain'



GRATEFUL: Mario Gizzi, DRG group founder, and Tony Conetta say the business would have gone under without UK Government support.

UK GOVERNMENT support has proved a recipe for success for Scotland's largest independently owned restaurant chain.

Di Maggio's Restaurant Group is a family business founded by Joe Conetta and nephew Mario Gizzi in 1983 with the creation of Glasgow institution Di Maggio's. The company operates 18 restaurants in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen

with five food court outlets in Scotland, Belfast and Manchester. Other brands include Café Andaluz, Amarone, Barolo, The Anchor Line, Atlantic and Cadiz, employing overall 1,000 staff.

"We would not have survived without UK Government support," confirms co-manager Tony Conetta. "Without our staff, we would not have a business. Without

the financial support from the government, 100 per cent we would not have survived. The help was generous. We employ 1,000 people, 40 per cent of our income goes on wages. Many of our employees are main breadwinners for their families. If you turn off that income, you cannot pay wages. UK Government support helped people pay their mortgages and food bills.

"The Eat Out to Help Out scheme gave the business a fresh boost providing impetus and opportunity for people to go out." Tony continued: "Many people had got into the mindset that they were going to stay in and ride this out. The scheme helped change that, giving people confidence to eat out again. It gave people a zest for life. Being able to go out was refreshing."

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The news that the National Trust for Scotland is to look seriously at subjects of colonialism and slavery in its collections is very welcome indeed.

And the fact that Arran played no small part in this should bring satisfaction to all those involved. The trust have said that as a starting point to their new Facing Our Past project will be the complete reinterpretation of the Beckford Collection at Brodick Castle.

That was far from the forefront of their thoughts when they designed and created the new Beckford Room at the castle which opened just last spring. Now they are change some of the items on display and commission additional interpretation before it reopens, when Covid-19 social distancing guidelines allow.

But they have gone further by supplying additional information on Beckford and his slavery wealth to their guides and installed temporary interpretation in the castle.

We have always been of the view that education is a better alternative to trying to rewrite history by pulling down and defacing historical statues.

The National Trust now recognise that they have been 'less forthright' in relating stories of slavery and colonialism and in discussing some particularly challenging – to modern eyes, even offensive – items in their collections. They say that will change.

The trust have certainly listened to the mood on Arran during the letters campaign in the Arran Banner and we are proud to have played a part in forming opinion.

But much of the credit must go to Cicely Gill who brought the Beckford Collection, of which there had long been rumblings, back into public debate.

We hope other communities in Scotland will follow our lead.

Thought for the week

'Whoever does not bear his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.'
Luke 14:27

James will be much missed

Sir,
I would like to take thank James O'Neil for all his hard work for Isle of Arran Music School.

James was one of reasons the music school exists. He was at the inception of the original projects, worked tirelessly to set up the charity and sought the funding to get the projects off the ground.

James' personality has been such a positive for everyone involved. He always has a smile and cares deeply about the lives of tutors, trustees, committee, parents and students.

It has been a pleasure working with James. As he has now stepped back from being the charity's chairperson, it is evident how much extra work he put in weekly and never complained about it.

Although he is no longer involved with the projects, James is still going to honour his Kilt Walk to raise money for uniform for the island's Schools' Pipe Band.

There will always be a reserved seat at future concerts.

Yours,

Quinton Black,

Chairperson,

Isle of Arran Music School.

Is anyone to blame?

Sir,
I refer to the Arran Banner of two weeks ago, specifically the article regards the new ferry.

I have also been following televised proceedings of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee investigation into the construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland with interest.

I am pleased to advise all protocols and procedures for blame passing and responsibility denial, appear to be robust and are being strictly adhered to.

It is clear Transport Scotland is not to blame as it only specified the fuel, passenger and freight capacity, and frequency, and announced the contract price before it had been agreed. CalMac had no input as it is only the operator which has to work with what it is given, although they maybe didn't or maybe did want dual fuel vessels. It's not quite clear.

CMAL are totally blameless. It took the specification it was given, sent it out to tender, accepted the Ferguson Marine bid, which although it was the most expensive, apparently represented 'best value'. The fact the ferry was too big to fit Ardrossan is just one of these things that happens. And it's only another £30m or so needed

to put that right. The major blame is down to Fergusons which was totally under resourced to handle a contract of this size and complexity and should not have been awarded it, despite being the most expensive and therefore best value.

I may have missed the bit about due diligence being carried out that must have happened at some point. Surely. Fortunately the yard has now been nationalised and any future problems regards pricing and delivery can be swept under the carpet or blamed on the previous operators.

So there is no need for anyone to accept blame and resign. Ferguson's investors have lost their money and senior management their jobs, but some shipbuilding jobs have been preserved on the Clyde at a cost to be revealed in future. Maybe.

Anyway, it's only an extra £100m or so, plus port infrastructure. And the ferry is only three years late, so no need for any upset or recriminations.

So that's all right then.

Incidentally, rumour has it the Brodick terminal was originally priced around £19m but ended up costing around £30m. If that is correct, who picked up the bill for the difference? Transport Scotland (taxpayer), CMAL (taxpayer) or the builder?

Yours,

Archie Cumming,

Lochranza.

CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond wrote in a Scottish national newspaper last week that he believed CalMac was 'delivering a reliable service'.

He said: 'We firmly believe we are delivering a secure and reliable service to islanders. An independent survey, involving more than 7,000 people last month, revealed 90 per cent customer satisfaction with CalMac during the Covid-19 crisis which, given the number of rapid changes in response to changing circumstances, is a tremendous endorsement of the commitment and skill of our staff.'

Arran resident Neil Arthur replies:

No end in sight

Sir,
In response to the very public claim by Robbie Drummond that 'CalMac is delivering a reliable service', I should like to make the following observations.

There's a lot of smoke and mirrors behind his correspondence and there will be a lot of island residents, businesses and tourists on Arran and elsewhere who will not share Mr Drummond's

view. Perhaps he might like to speak to passengers who, on Septmeber 3 and September 4 were caught up in the consequences of another mechanical failure at Ardrossan.

This entailed lengthy delays, cancellations and a detour to Troon. Many car bookings were cancelled as passengers were forced to abandon their vehicles in Ardrossan and Brodick and continue on foot. It was nothing to do with the unfortunate Waverley incident or Covid. It was another consequence of neglect and lack of investment in the necessary infrastructure and provision of a viable port of refuge.

If all of that was not bad enough, it was Mr Drummond who led the bid for the current contract and as he submitted his bid he knew, as a then CalMac employee, that the fleet provided to him by CMAL was knackered, well beyond its sell-by date with an increasing catalogue of breakdowns and maintenance. There is no spare vessel to cover any such contingencies. Knowing all that he still signed.

From a night class at the Glasgow College of Commerce more than 50 years ago I've always understood that for a contract to be compliant and legal it had to be achievable – maybe I wasn't paying attention?

The present administration, through their civil servants at Transport Scotland and their arms-length agents Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited, who own and supply the vessels and most of the onshore pier, have been woefully lacking in efficient procurement and supply. In fact, in the 13 years since this administration came to power in Holyrood they have built less than half the vessels of the previous 13 years. This is true no matter how it is measured i.e. vessel tonnage, vessel length, passenger capacity or vehicle capacity.

Yet at the same time demand for capacity increases on all routes year on year.

Mr Drummond claiming credit for the outcome of a self-fulfilling Covid related survey or historically 'for the best fish n' chips served on the Minch' and other spurious accolades does nothing for those of us who know better in that the present the fleet is unreliable and unsustainable and is putting an unnecessary burden on island economies and ways of life.

I would urge him, CMAL Transport Scotland and the Transport Minister to face up to the reality of what is happening.

If it is bad now, and it is, it is only going to get worse.

The First Minister has strenuously resisted any overtures to address this ongoing scandal and



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I don't suppose she will now. For the hundreds of millions of pounds wasted on Mackay's Folly at Fergusons, the entire fleet could probably have been replaced with conventional vessels, many of which could have been servicing the routes now, not in 2022/23.

For those less familiar with Edinburgh than the West Coast, I would remind you again of the words of Professor Alf Baird, a world-renowned ferry expert, in his preface to Roy Pedersen's ferry exposé 'Who pays the Ferryman?'

In 2013 Alf perceptively wrote: 'The ongoing ferry fleet and port procurement activities sponsored by the state make the Edinburgh tram debacle look like a very good deal indeed.' So it remains today, but worse, and still with no end in sight.

Yours,
Neil Arthur,
Kilpatrick.

Practical necessity

Sir,
Two points arise from articles in the September 4 Banner. Firstly, events of the last 24 hours show the facility for the ferry to use Troon when unable to berth at Ardrossan, either due to weather, or the latter being 'broken' again, is a matter of practical necessity and not political expediency.

Perhaps it is Kenneth Gibson who is trying to hang on to his majority?

Secondly, everyone travelling to Arran with a motor vehicle makes a last-minute stop to brim up their fuel tanks before checking in at Ardrossan ferry terminal.

Why on earth would anyone travel here, in a vehicle which uses any type of fuel, run on empty, particularly if they have experienced previous problems 'topping up' on the island?

I am lucky. I can fill my motor with diesel at retailers not only on Arran, but worldwide. However, one thing intrigues me. Having found the correct three-pin socket from which to charge his eco machine's Ever Readies - other brands are available - how does Mr McDowall differentiate between the wriggly amps going into his batteries? Those generated by the ever-growing forests of turbines marching unstopably across the landscape, as against those emanating from dirty old coal/gas/oil-fired or, heaven forbid (whisper it) nuclear power stations?

Yours,
P W Yates,
Catacol.

Electric car advice

Sir,
The letter in last week's Banner about the non availability of charging points for electric vehicles (EV) must make disturbing reading for those contemplating moving to an EV.

While it is true some chargers sometimes don't work or are blocked by other cars, all EV's can always charge on a normal three-pin socket. That is a slow charge, but an overnight charge would add 130 miles to the battery, so being stuck on the island is not inevitable.

Two of the chargers referenced in the letter, Glenisle and Auchrannie, are government owned and operated by Chargeplace Scotland.

The hotels don't own them and should not be expected to know how they work.

There are apps to check these things, no need to contact the hotel. The Best Western Kinloch hotel owns the charger there and has a good reputation for customer service.

I would advise a new driver to become a member of EVA Scotland, study its welcome package which explains how things work in the EV world and contact the charger operators when things don't work.

Yours,
Ian A Brown,
Blairgowrie.

Policy accusation

Sir,
It really is a bit rich of Kenny Gibson to accuse the Conservatives of deciding policy on the basis of target constituencies as per his comments on the Ardrossan/Troon debate, in your edition of September 4. The SNP government at Holyrood have spent the last 13 years doing exactly that.

Perhaps Mr Gibson would have used his contribution to your paper to more useful effect had he attempted to explain the ongoing ferry shambles, now running at least four years behind schedule at a massive and ever-increasing cost to the taxpayer, not to mention the contribution to this fiasco of his former colleague Derek McKay.

Whatever happened to him one wonders?

Also, would it be asking too much to expect next year's SNP manifesto to include apologies for the state of Scottish education, health, police and justice under his party's 13 years of misrule.

Yours,
Bobby Whitacre,
Glasgow.

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National Trust ready to face

by Hugh Boag
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A new initiative to be launched by the National Trust for Scotland will examine the previously marginalised subjects of colonialism and slavery.

Called Facing Our Past, it will look in detail at the collections the trust holds across Scotland and take action if they need revised.

If follows the decision by the trust to completely review the interpretation of the Beckford Collection at Brodick Castle, as highlighted in the Banner this week. But the new project will take a much wider brushstroke to the issue.

Michael Terwey, head of heritage services and consultancy, said: 'Rightly, there is ever-greater recognition of the fact the history of slavery is deeply entwined with the wider history of Scotland, in particular in the 18th and 19th centuries.'

'It's therefore no surprise slavery is connected, either directly or indirectly, with some

'It is true we have been less forthright in relating stories of slavery and colonialism.'

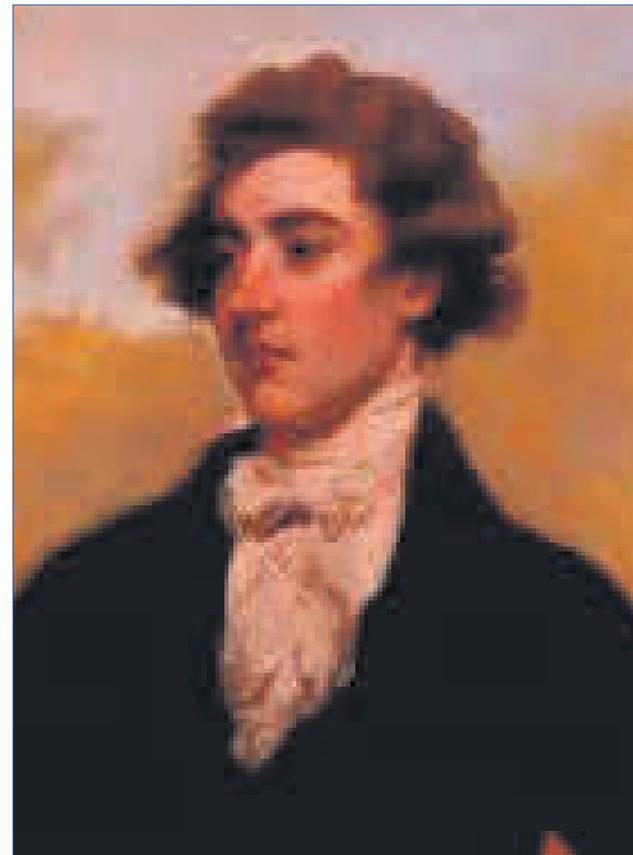
of the properties the National Trust for Scotland cares for. This is not something we've ever tried to hide, for example, we highlighted the story of Scipio Kennedy at Culzean and produced educational material for schools. We also participated in a documentary hosted by actor David Hayman when curator Sarah Beattie spoke to him about the links with slavery at trust properties in the region.

'However, it is true we have been less forthright in relating stories of slavery and colonialism and in discussing some particularly challenging – to modern eyes, even offensive – items in our collections. This was, in part, because some of the tools of historical scholarship we now have weren't

available to us previously. The truth is many of the places now in our care were built, or made much grander, using the enormous wealth accrued through the subjugation of others – slavery in the West Indies and indentured servitude in the east, as well as the spoils of the imperial project.

'We recognise it is time we did more to research those connections and share what we find through interpretation at properties. That's why we've started a new project we've called Facing Our Past.

'This will begin with in-depth research into our properties and the people associated with them. In turn, the stories we uncover will enable us to represent aspects of our places and collections in a new context. This will be part of our objective of, not only uncovering facts and incidents that in the past we may have been prepared to gloss over, but also to use this fresh perspective to engage with new, more diverse audiences and tackle the previously marginalised subjects of colonialism and slavery.'



A portrait of a young William Beckford.



The new Beckford Room at Brodick Castle.

How the Beckford Collection came to be at Brodick Castle

The collection at Brodick Castle is directly related to William Beckford and the profits of slavery through the marriage of Alexander, 10th Duke of Hamilton, to Susan Beckford.

Susan's father William Beckford was one of the wealthiest men in England in the late 18th and early 19th century.

His huge fortune was entirely dependent on his sugar plantations in Jamaica, which were worked by thousands of enslaved Africans.

Beckford used the profits from his sugar plantations and enslaved workers to commission and build the extraordinary Gothic revival Fonthill Abbey and to design, commission and purchase a large and varied collection. Beckford's wealth, education and artistic taste enabled him to collect paintings, decorative arts, porcelain, silver, furniture and books of the highest design and craftsmanship.

When he died in 1844, his estate was inherited by his daughter Susan. Some of his collection was sold in the Hamilton Palace sales of the late 19th century and is now housed in museums and private collections across the world, but many items remain in the collection at Brodick Castle.

Beckford was, and is, an extremely complex and controversial figure and the trust is working to improve and develop our interpretation addressing several aspects of his life, but particularly his links with plantation slavery.

We have been working with several specialists to better understand how the profits of slavery directly connect with our collection of Beckford items – Susan's dowry for her marriage to the 10th Duke of Hamilton and the wider Hamilton collection and the castle itself. We are also in discussion with several organisations about how we might collaborate on projects that will directly address Beckford, slavery, imperialism and the display of his collection.

The interpretation produced as part of the 2019 reopening project was always



The famous painting of William Beckford on his deathbed is part of the collection at Brodick Castle.

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intended to be the start of a process, not the end, and additional interpretation, articles and tours are in development. These stories are

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not to be told lightly and this will not be a fast, box-ticking exercise. However, while the research is on-going, we have supplied additional information on Beckford and his slavery wealth to our guides and installed temporary

interpretation in the castle. We are also publishing a series of online articles looking at various members of the Hamilton family and the article on Beckford will directly discuss the sources of his wealth.

Susan Beattie, curator.



Left: curator Susan Beattie at work in the castle.
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Mountain rescue team go to aid of walkers

It has been a busy few days for the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, writes Hugh Boag.

After assisting at the Waverley crash last Thursday, they were called out at 6pm on Friday to assist a male hill-walker with a suspected ankle injury, just above the shoulder on Goatfell.

He and his partner were warmed up, he was treated for his injuries then transported off the hill in the team's Argocat.

The team were called out again on Tuesday at 3.15pm to

assist a couple of hillwalkers lost on Goatfell. Phonefind – used to pinpoint a location – gave the team their grid reference to be at the top of the Rosa slabs, a very steep and dangerous area to the south west side of the summit.

Luckily they had both stopped where they were and were located safe by the team.

Although cold and wet, both were thankfully unharmed and able to walk back, with the assistance of the team, to the Argocats then transported down to the team base.



AMRT members on Goatfell with the Argocat.

More islanders to receive free flu jab

Programme helps alleviate pressure on NHS

by Hugh Boag

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More people are to get a free flu jab as the vaccine programme is extended to protect those most at risk during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The seasonal flu immunisation programme helps protect the most vulnerable and alleviates pressure on the NHS. This will be more important than ever this year, in light of the pandemic.

As well as considering those who are already eligible due to their risk from the seasonal flu, the health service must also consider those most at risk from concurrent infection of Covid-19 and flu. That is why eligibility is expanding to also cover the following groups:

■ Social care workers who



Arran Medical Group will be running its programme from suitable village halls and Arran High School.

Due to the increased numbers eligible for the vaccination this year the medical group would like to encourage patients where possible to book into the session closest to them, you will also be required to present your letter on arrival for administration purposes.

There will be no change to children's vaccinations this year. The surgery will be in contact to make arrangements: Children aged six months to under two years in an at-risk group – clinic appointments with a GP; children pre-school – two to five years – clinic appointments with early years staff nurse; primary school children – P1 to P7 - vaccinated at school; secondary school children up to 18 years in an at risk group – clinic appointments with a GP.

provide direct care, including private carers.

■ Household members of individuals who were shielding.

■ Those aged 55 and over who are not already eligible.

In order to adhere to the current social distancing regulations and to ensure the safety of patients, Arran Medical Group will be running its programme from suitable village

halls and Arran High School. Some of these sessions will be outwith normal surgery hours to ensure those that work have the opportunity to have a vaccination.

All patients eligible for a vaccination will receive an invitation letter from the medical group. Once received please call 01770 600516 any afternoon to make an appointment.

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The accommodation cabins to be used by CalMac staff. 01_B37bunks01

Accommodation pods approved for CalMac staff

Planning permission has been granted to site three portable cabins, to provide seasonal accommodation for six CalMac staff members, near the ferry terminal in Brodick.

The modular buildings, described as being industrial 'site office' like in appearance, have already been sited within the existing fenced compound in Market Road which is normally used for storage and parking of industrial plant and vehicles by the adjacent Thomson Construction business.

In granting permission to

CalMac Ferries Ltd, North Ayrshire Council planners say the pods will only be allowed on site from March 30 to November 1 and must be removed permanently by November 2025. They can only be used for the overnight occupation by CalMac staff involved in the operation of the ferry service.

The supporting information submitted with the application indicates that the summer timetable for the Ardrossan-Brodick ferry operates from the end of March until the end of October and that during

this period CalMac require to provide overnight staff accommodation close to the ferry terminal.

The cabins would be removed from the site when not in use and reinstated each year. The temporary consent is for five years when it will be reviewed and, if accommodation is still required, options for a more permanent solution would be considered.

The three twin-bed units will be supplied by manufacturer Bunkabin and will have en-suite and shower facilities.

Council works towards economic recovery

by Hugh Boag
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North Ayrshire Council is facing a significant gap in its funding following the Covid-19 pandemic.

The net financial impact of the pandemic lockdown on the council is currently expected to be approximately £15.475m for the financial year 2020/21.

The pandemic has had a major impact on public services across the UK and further afield and the council has been monitoring its financial position to help mitigate the impact while continuing to provide essential services.

A report which went before Cabinet on Tuesday laid out the projected financial impact of Covid-19 as well as the measures taken so far to minimise the impact.

North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane said: 'Covid-19



has had a major financial impact across the world and councils aren't immune to that.

'I am proud of the council's response to the pandemic, whether that be the support we have given families and vulnerable residents to access food, the key worker childcare provision, the continuation of

our household waste collection throughout lockdown and indeed to all those carers who have cared for, and kept safe, residents. I will be forever indebted to every member of staff who has helped support citizens through Covid-19.

'The financial reality is that there is a cost attached to that

North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane says the council is still facing a major funding gap.

support and the lockdown caused a significant drop in our income. Despite receiving some additional funding, we are still facing a major funding gap.

'So, we will continue to lobby the UK and Scottish government to deliver the financial support which local government so badly needs.'

In order to address the projected cost impact for 2020/21, a finance recovery plan has been developed which aims to protect jobs and services as well as mitigating any impact on the 2021/22 budget.

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The landslide which has shut the main road at Eas Mor.

Landslide shuts Eas Mor road for two months

The road at Eas Mor will remain closed for two months following a landslide after, what have been described as monsoon conditions, during a storm on Wednesday September 2.

One side of the main road at the south of the island has disappeared and major repair works will now be required. A temporary road closure has been imposed until November 3 at Achenhew, Kildonan, from its junction with Kildonan Road eastwards to a point near Auchenhew Bridge.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council said: 'The

landslip on the C147 near Kildonan has resulted in a road closure that is currently still in place to ensure public safety.

'A specialist engineering company has been employed to carry out an inspection today (Tuesday). Once we receive the report and recommendations from the inspection, we will be in a better position to determine how long the road will remain closed.

'In the meantime, traffic is being diverted through Kildonan and we will endeavour to re-open the C147 as soon as possible.'

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Remedial dry dock work completed

by Hugh Boag
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The new Arran ferry, the MV Glen Sannox has returned to the Ferguson Marine yard following the completion of a key phase of dry dock work in Greenock.

The dry dock period was the first major milestone in the revised programme to complete the vessel, and her sister ship as identified by the turnaround director's report published in December 2019.

Throughout the three-week stint a package of remedial work was carried out at Dales of Greenock which included the replacement of the bulbous bow, paint repair, removal of marine growth from the vessel hull and external welding.

Tim Hair, turnaround director at Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd, said: 'Following a period of uncertainty due



The MV Glen Sannox leaves dry dock in Greenock this week; and right, The giant propeller of the Glen Sannox seen in dry dock. Photographs: Mark Gibson Digital

to Covid-19, it has been really gratifying to see our team return to outdoor working on MV Glen Sannox.

'While our office-based colleagues have continued to work from home throughout lockdown, making good progress on design and planning, the dry-docking period marked a key milestone in the project and in getting a substantial proportion of our yard workers back to the task at hand.

'We've made some solid strides forward over the last few weeks on MV Glen Sannox and have slightly extended the dry dock period to take advantage of the stability of the vessel whilst stationed there to carry out some additional tasks.

'Now that the ferry has been brought up to its current condition and has returned to our shipyard, the next steps will include work on the superstructure, electrical work and the installation of approx-



imately 16km of pipework.' A report on the progress and impact of Covid-19 on the programme for dual fuel vessels, the MV Glen Sannox and hull 802, was presented to parliament on August 25, as reported in the Banner.

It told how the majority of

the design work was now being carried out in Romania and that, worryingly, the vessel may have an inherent design problem.

However, the overall project to turn Ferguson around and deliver the ferries was in line with the plan when lockdown

occurred and the cost of the project to deliver the ferries remains unchanged at £110.3m. Due to the yard being forced to close for three months and on restricted working for at least a further three months, MV Glen Sannox is now due for delivery in April 2022.



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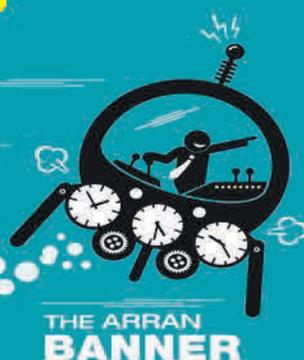
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Eco Savvy shop set to reopen

Eco Savvy are very pleased to announce that their community shop in Whiting Bay, will reopen on Thursday September 17 at 10.30am.

Shop manager Val Waite said: 'Things will be a little different, but we'll have the same cheery volunteers, fabulous array of second-hand goods, and great range of eco products. We're all so excited to reopen, and can't wait to welcome you back into the shop again!'

'We know many of you have used your time in lockdown to clear out cupboards, and may have items you'd like to donate to us. We would be very grateful for donations that are clean, and small enough to fit on a shelf. We unfortunately can't accept any larger donations than this for the foreseeable future. There are also certain items we cannot take - safety equipment such as cycle helmets and car seats, some electrical items like heaters, electric blankets, and microwaves, gas appliances, children's safety equipment,



The Eco Savvy community shop in Whiting Bay is reopening next week.

and soft toys without their CE label.'

If you're not sure about any of your items, just contact shop manager Val Waite at val.ecosavvy@gmail.com. If



you don't have email access please ask in the shop or phone 700 417 (Thursday-Saturday). Consider posting

larger items for Eco Savvy on the Facebook pages Arran For Sale and Wants or Free on Arran. Or use other selling sites such as eBay. Just give Val a shout if you need any help with this.

It would be so great to find new homes for everything, rather than putting them into landfill. If you have items which are broken, damaged beyond repair, or not suitable for resale, the Waste Transfer Station in Brodick has great facilities for recycling electricals, clothes, wood, metal, glass, paper and plastics.

If you'd like to make an appointment to donate to Eco Savvy, please contact Val. We're running a booking system to begin with, so we don't get overwhelmed.

Appointments can be made for Mondays between 10.30am-12.30pm and Thursdays, 1.30pm-3.30pm.

If these days are not for you, please contact Val to see if an alternative day can be arranged. All items must be dropped off at the Weigh

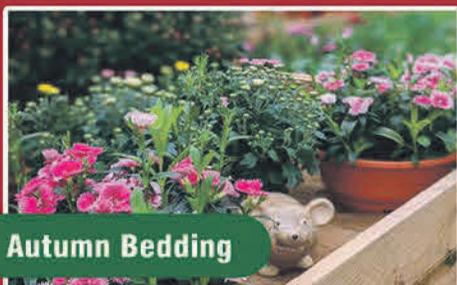
Bridge building in Whiting Bay (between Bay Wool & Crafts and the Post Office).

Taking into account Covid considerations, the Charities Retail Consortium has advised charity shops to keep all donations aside for 72hrs before sorting begins.

Our back shop is very small, so the Whiting Bay Improvements committee very kindly offered us use of the Weigh Bridge. This means we can keep everything separate, ensuring a greater level of safety for our volunteers. This way of working will take a bit of getting used to, so please bear with us as we find our feet again. And if you have any questions, just contact Val at any point.

The initial opening hours will be Thursday to Saturday from 10.30am-4.30pm. Please note that the shop close briefly each day for 30 minutes, between 1pm-1.30pm. This is to allow for extra cleaning to be carried out before our volunteer change of shift.

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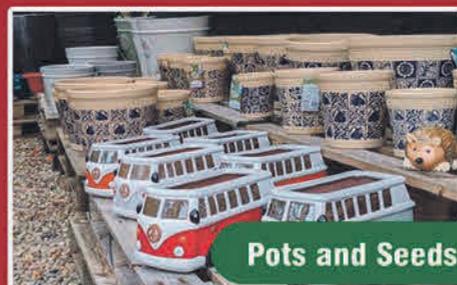
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Broadband voucher scheme launched

A voucher scheme to help ensure everyone in Scotland has access to superfast broadband by the end of 2021 has been announced by the Scottish Government.

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An online postcode checker has been launched to give homes and businesses information on superfast roll-out in their area and provide information on voucher scheme eligibility.

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'Digital Connectivity has played a vital role in supporting efforts to keep people safe during the Covid-19 lockdown and is crucial to our economic recovery. Although telecoms are reserved to Westminster, its modest commitment of only £20.9 million would mean people and businesses could wait many years to obtain the broadband they need. So the Scottish Government has stepped up to the plate.

'Work is under way to build the infrastructure which will underpin R100, backed by Scottish Government funding of £579 million. This, together with commercially-driven work, will ensure the vast majority of homes and businesses across Scotland can access superfast broadband access by the end of 2021. However, we have some of the most challenging topography anywhere in Europe for providing telecoms infrastructure, not least on Arran. Additional measures may still be needed to provide superfast access to some of the hardest-to-reach areas. That is why Scottish ministers have been developed plans in parallel with the main infrastructure investment to ensure the Scottish Government's 100 per cent commitment is met.'

The R100 programme is a commitment to provide access to superfast broadband of 30Mbps to every home and business in Scotland. The online postcode tracker is live at: www.scotlandsuperfast.com

Corrie's curling capers captured in new book

A new children's book set on Arran has been published by author Alison Page.

Corrie's Curling Capers is the third book in the Corrie's Capers series written by Alison. Artist Tony van Breugel has come on board as illustrator for this latest story.

The story follows Corrie, The Westie Fest champion, from book one, who is invited to open the Caledonian Canine Curling Club bonspiel but she's off to a slippery start as there is no ice rink on Arran.

After talking with her Papa, Corrie discovers curling was played on the island 200 years ago. Some family members left Arran around the time of the Clearances and Corrie still has cousins living in Canada who play curling for their national team.

A Westie family reunion in Glasgow allows time for sight-seeing, curling practise and a sail down the Clyde to Arran -- via Ailsa Craig, of course! Alison said: 'There are lots of Arran connections in the

book. I conducted part of my research at Arran Heritage Museum.

'I wanted to check for authenticity and was delighted to confirm a link to curling on Arran in the archive section, thanks to the help of John Lauder and Stuart Gough.

'Tony van Breugel from Whiting Bay has illustrated this third book for me. It is very special and I'm sure the picture book will appeal across all generations.'

Alison has hinted, however, that this may be Corrie's last adventure.

She lives on Arran with her husband John. They have five children and she is 'Granny Island' to Sebastian and Dougie.

Alison has drawn ideas for Corrie's Capers from her own West Highland Terrier, who reached the ripe old age of 15, but died last year.

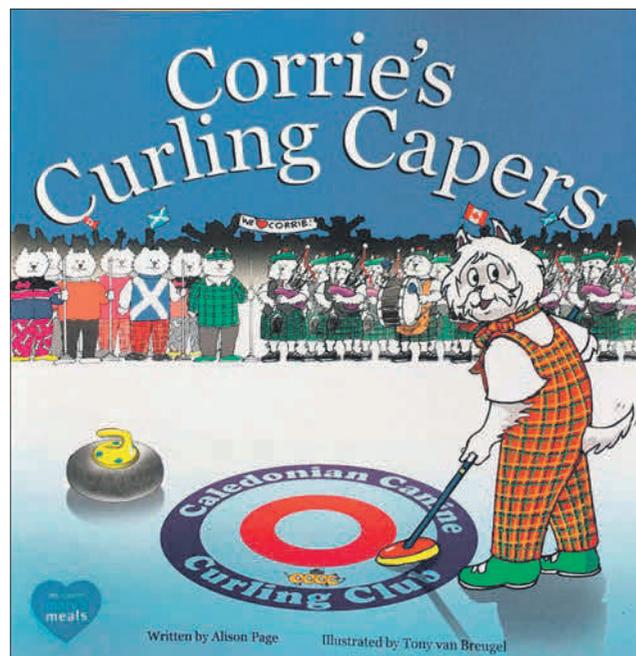
A church elder in Lamlash, Alison leads the children's Sunday School and is involved with puppet ministry through the Messy Church.

She is the island ambassador for the charity Mary's Meals and donates profits from this book series to feed chronically hungry children in a place of education.

Alison's first two books have been warmly received in schools, nurseries and at library events. She was thrilled



Alison with the new Corrie's Curling Capers book.



The cover of the latest book of Corrie's adventures.

to be invited to read The Tattoo Toorie at Big Wig, the children's programme at Wigtown Book Festival, in 2019.

Leading a steering group under the umbrella of Arran Theatre and Arran Trust, Alison is planning Arran's first children's Book Festival.

Originally scheduled for September 2020, it has been postponed until 2021 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Westie Fest was awarded a five-star review in the January 2019 edition of Scottish Field magazine. It was also highly commended by the director of Ingram Spark in the Barbara Hammond Trophy at The Scottish Association of Writers Conference 2019.

Released this month, Corrie's Curling Capers retails at £7.99 and is available at selected bookshops across the island.

Tripadvisor award for Arran Sense of Scotland store

Arran Sense of Scotland's luxury home and body care store in Brodick has been recognised as a 2020 Travellers' Choice award-winner for attractions, based on a full year of Tripadvisor reviews, prior to any changes caused by the pandemic.

Award winners are known for consistently receiving great traveller feedback, placing them in the top 10 per cent of hospitality businesses around the globe.

The award sets the family-run business among some of the world's best-known and most visited tourist attractions - Disney's Magic Kingdom Park, Islands of Adventure are just some of the prestigious organisations that have received similar recognition in recent years as well as, closer to home,



Award winners are known for consistently receiving great traveller feedback, placing them in the top 10 per cent of hospitality businesses around the globe.

Auchrannie Resort on Arran, and The Caledonian and the Waldorf Astoria hotels in Edinburgh.

Kevin Meechan, CEO at Arran Sense of Scotland said: 'Being acknowledged by the

world's best-known reviews platform for an award based on positive ratings, reviews and saves is a wonderful testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, all of whom continually go above and

beyond to offer the high levels of customer service our stores have become known for.

'We've invested a lot of time and effort into making our store a multi-sensory experience. The aim has been for it to be much more than just a shop. It's a place for our visitors to relax and really immerse themselves in the entire process of how we craft our products. Pre-pandemic, we held regular soap and candle making workshops for children, which have proven extremely popular and we hope to reintroduce more activities like this as soon as we are able to.

'The fact that this award is essentially voted for by the public makes it even more meaningful for us. We're an organisation driven by traditional values - creating high-quality

fragrances, lovingly made and delivered to the customer with care and attention to detail.'

The award is a result of consistently good customer reviews and ratings on Trip Advisor. An example of which is from user from Dublin, Ireland who wrote: 'I love Arran Sense of Scotland stuff, especially After the Rain, so it was nice to visit the island and the shop.'

'The staff were lovely, we tried some of the products in the big shop store sinks (great idea) and I ended up buying some new scents on this trip. Did not know about the points scheme which is a great incentive for keeping stocked up. Definitely add to your list for a visit on the island, you will really enjoy it and the staff are very friendly.'



Knot caught in flight with smaller ringed plover. Two of the Knots with the pinkish belly are adult birds in breeding plumage. The third grey bird is in non-breeding plumage. Another Arctic breeding bird moving south. Photograph: Kate Sampson.



Golden plover flock together after breeding. Photograph: David Kilpatrick.

House martin had a good breeding season



Red Grouse, a bird associated with August. Photograph: Charlotte Clough.



Sparrowhawk have had a good breeding season. Photograph: Howard Sargeant.

August was warmer than July, but wetter. The mean temperature was 1.6 degrees higher and the rainfall was 16 per cent more.

In comparison to last August, the mean temperature and rainfall were similar. Last August there were 24 days of rain whereas this August there were 20 days of rain and on two of those days there were named storms.

Towards the end of the month there was more than a hint of the approach of autumn.

Having said that, this summer visitors were still to the fore including: nine sand martin in Glen Catacol on 1st, a willow warbler on Clachaig Farm on 2nd, four whinchat on Sliderry Shore, also on 2nd, a swift over Largybeg on 3rd, two sedge warbler at Clachlands on 10th, three chiffchaff at Silver Sands on 18th, three common sandpiper at Drumadoon Point on 23rd, a spotted flycatcher at Mossend Pond on 24th, two whitethroat on Cleats Shore on 30th and the

Bird notes by Jim Cassels AUGUST

largest groups of swallow and house martin reported so far were 25 swallow at Kilpatrick on 12th and 100 house martin at Shannochie on 29th.

Please try to give me your last record for swallow and house martin this year. Last year there were October records for both species.

From information received, swallow had an average breeding season while house martin had a good one.

Other signs of successful breeding this month included: young black guillemot off Imachar on 2nd, a pair of mute swan with five large young at Blackwaterfoot on 7th, family groups of red-throated diver off Drumadoon on 18th, young guillemot off Pirnmill on 23rd, young little grebe on Mossend



It was unusual to see young guillemot close in-shore at Pirnmill. Photograph: David Kilpatrick NO_B37bird01

Pond on 24th and on 29th and 30th on Cleats Shore large flocks of finches including 200 linnet, 30 lesser redpoll and 250 goldfinch, all with many young birds.

As well as this, there were widespread reports of young birds at garden feeders. The success of these small birds may have influenced the success of predator species like sparrow hawk.

There were widespread reports of young sparrow hawk in August. Unfortunately, a number of these had to be taken into care following window strikes.

Breeding is coming to an end in August and, after breeding, a number of species begin to flock together, some in preparation for migration.

These included: 300 starling at Porta Buidhe on 5th, 60 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on 11th, 35 red-breasted merganser in Machrie Bay on 12th, 200 common gull on Sliderry Shore on 21st, 140 ringed plover at Dougarie on 22nd, 44 redshank at Sandbraes on 26th, 35 k Kittiwake in Whiting Bay also on 26th and 35 curlew at Clachlands on 27th.

All around the island, but particularly on the coast, there were signs of birds on migration, including: 20 Manx shearwater off King's Cave on 9th, a bar-tailed godwit at Machriewaterfoot on 12th, five Wheatear in Auchenhew Bay on 14th, four sandwich tern in Blackwaterfoot on 15th, sixteen Dunlin at Porta Buidhe on 19th, two Sanderling at Torrylinnwater Foot on 21st, 44 turnstone at Dougarie on 22nd, three knot

by Fisherman's Walk, also on 22nd, and 20 white wagtail on Cleats Shore on 30th.

Among the 100 plus species reported in August, there were a number of other noteworthy ones including: two long-eared owl in Glenree on 2nd, four red grouse on Beinn Bhreac on 8th, a magpie at Sannox on 9th, 70 gannet off Drumadoon Point on 18th, a goosander by Fisherman's Walk on 20th, a kingfisher on the pier at the Wineport on 24th, two moorhen at Mossend Pond also on 24th and eight twite in Machrie on 27th.

September sees the start of the peak migration season when many birds are on the move. It is the time to expect the unexpected. I look forward to hearing from you.

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 me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Report, the first



Sanderling, an Arctic breeding bird, heads south at this time of year. Photograph: Nick Giles

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday September 16, 2000



The BT Scottish Ensemble spent much of the week on the island for its sixth Arran Festival of Music. Rebecca Low is pictured, left, playing the viola for children at Shiskine Primary School while violinist Carole Howat is with children from Pirnmill Primary School, right. 01_B37tweY05 and 01_B37tweY06



Mick Cannon, president of Arran's branch of the RNLI, holds up a certificate presented to him last week in Irvine to mark the work done by lifeboatmen and the Ladies Guild which supports them in developing awareness of community safety. The presentation, to five different organisations at The Magnum, was made by councillor John Sillars to coincide with National Safety Week. 01_B37tweY02



Balmichael Visitor Centre has been put up for sale by David McClelland and his wife Gillian who set it up five years ago. It is for sale at offers in the region of £450,000. The family plan to emigrate to New Zealand. 01_B37tweY04



As the national fuel crisis continued this week, Arran farmers and hauliers assembled at the pier on Wednesday to protest excessively high fuel prices have been affecting their business for some time. 01_B37tweY01



The winners and runners-up of the Lochranza Open which was contested by 44 players on Sunday. 01_B37tweY03

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20/00722/PP; Site To The North Of, Heathfield, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick; Amendment to 05/00977/PP to substitute house types on plots 2-5 from 1.5 storey to single storey.

20/00743/PP; Plot 6, Site To North Of Woodlea Cottage, Whiting Bay, Brodick; Amendment of 1 and 1/2 storey dwelling house on Plot 6 of planning approval 19/00300/PP.

20/00739/PP; Crofters, Knox House, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of rear external area to erect marquee to form temporary extension of licensed bar/restaurant with ancillary catering unit, and seating area.



Unless Scottish Government COVID guidance changes, we plan to hold our 2020 AGM at 7:30pm on Thursday 17th September using Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email David Penn at arcassecretary@gmail.com or complete the 'Contact Me' form on our website arrancancersupport.org and we will ensure you receive an invite and link to the Zoom meeting.

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Ann and Ross are Brodick golfing champions



Brodick Golf Club

The Brodick Ladies Club Championship final was contested last Saturday by the club captains of Brodick and Shiskine golf clubs. Well done to Ann on yet another win and to Fiona for reaching the final for the umpteenth time, many of which she has won! In the men's Club Championship final Ross Duncan beat Ewan McKinnon.

Thursday September 3, Summer Cup, 22 played, CSS 64. 1 David Hendry 79-16=63 acb,

2 Alastair Dobson 74-11=63 acb, 3 Bob McCrae 72-9=63 acb. Scratch Iain MacDonald 72 acb.

Friday September 4, Club Championship semi finals, Ross Duncan bt Gordon Hendry, Ewan McKinnon bt Greg McCrae. Saturday September 5, Club Championship final, Ross Duncan bt Ewan McKinnon.

Sunday September 6, Sweep, 20 played, CSS 64. 1 Iain Sillars 81-17=64, 2 David Hendry 80-15=65 acb, 3 Nicol Hume 79-14=65. Scratch Bob McCrae 76.

Fixtures: Sunday September 13, Brandon Cup final and sweep. Wednesday September 16, flag competition.

Lamlash Golf Club

Lamlash Golf Club Championship, postponed from July due to pandemic regulations. Sunday August 2 was the qualifying round held over 18 holes. No 1 qualifier was Iain Murchie with a 69, No 8 Scott Campbell and net qualifier winner with 77-15=62.

Quarter finals on Saturday August 29, all of the games were close apart from the first which finished on the 15th green considering the difference in handicap Scott did well taking Iain to the 15th hole. Results: I Murchie beat S Campbell, I Bremner



Brodick Golf Club's 2020 Club Champions Ross Duncan and Ann May flanked by runners-up Ewan McKinnon and Fiona Henderson.

beat N. McIntyre, N Young beat Serge El Adm and P Cowan beat captain Stuart Campbell.

Semi finals on Saturday September 5. Both games were extremely close with many birdies on show complementing the standard of Lamlash golf course. With never more than one hole in it at any time Iain Murchie eventually overcame Ian Bremner at the 17th when his drive found an unplayable lie in the rough.

Paul Cowan and Neil Young had a most interesting match play game at one stage there was three holes in the game, which was reduced to square following some outstanding birdies.

Thirteenth and fourteenth changed hands to make the game all square and remained that way through 18 after both players had the chance of par 4s. The game ending at the first extra hole when Paul completed a par 4 after a long approach put and

Neil narrowly missed a chip.

The 36-hole final between Iain Murchie and Paul Cowan will take place on Saturday September 12 starting at 10.30am and 4pm.

Thursday, September 3, Commando Cup and Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Paul Cowan 67-5=62, winner of Commando Cup, 2 Norrie MacIntyre 72-9=63, 3 William Skinner 85-20=65. Best Scratch Paul Cowan 67. Magic twos Dougie Macfarlane @13th and Norrie MacIntyre @17th.

Sunday, September 6. Hamilton Bowl, CDS level to bogey. 1 Serge El Adm +3, 2 Derek Harrison +2, 3 Stuart McLaren +1. Best Scratch Stuart McLaren -5 to bogey. No magic twos recorded.

Fixtures: Smile of Arran charity golf competition from 11am, make up own groups see starter for times. Sunday September 13, Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and noon starts.

Thursday September 17

Captains Prize and Summer Cup, make up own groups see starter for times.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday September 6, Club Championship final. The 2020 season may have been curtailed but what a fine run we have had on big club days and once again we were blessed with fine weather both for players and spectators at the 2020 championship final.

Ryan Armstrong, playing in his first final won the first hole only to find himself two down to Jamie Macpherson after seven holes.

Undaunted he fought his way back into it and a superb birdie at the 12th squared the match. The second round started with Ryan two down but once more he fought back to square the match on the 20th green. Further holes changed hands at the 22nd and 26th and once again the match was all square. After that however Jamie won the next three holes and a further win on the 34th green gave him the match by a four and two margin.

Well played to Ryan in his first final. It will surely not be his last and judging by his scoring record earlier in the season his day will surely come. But for 2020 it's congratulations to Jamie Macpherson on winning his fourth WBGC championship.

Sunday September 6, The JC Reid Trophy. It's congratulations to Dougie Graham who beat Neillie McKechnie by four and three to lift the JC Reid Trophy for the first time.

Sunday September 13, The Hamilton Salver. Wednesday September 16, Cancer Relief Stableford. Until further notice there will be no draws for partners and members should arrange their own groupings.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday September 3, ladies 12-hole medal and medal winners (2019). Silver

one and scratch Alice Anderson 53-11=42, 2 Kema Genda 55-7=48. Bronze 1 Elizabeth Kelso 59-13=46, 2 Fiona Scott 66-15=51. Alice wins the monthly medal and Kema wins the medal winners.



Lamlash Hamilton Bowl winner Serge El Adm being presented the trophy by Derek Harrison.

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DEATH NOTICES

WHITE - John of High Glencloy Farm, Brodick, Arran. Suddenly,
in Ayr Hospital on Saturday 5th September 2020, John much loved
husband of Kate, loving dad of Helen and adored papa of Sophia
and Logan. John will make his final journey through Brodick
on Friday 18th September at 11.10am to his final resting place in
Brodick New Cemetery, for a graveside service at 11.30am.

SOUTHGATE - Rosemary (nee Cook) Peacefully at Marie Curie
Hospice, Glasgow on Sunday 6th September. Rosemary aged 78
years was a loving wife, mum, gran, gan gan and sister.

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Youngsters urged to 'give it a Tri'

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merely demonstrates the range
of sessions available.

Open water swimming is
taking place with the emphasis
on getting familiar with the
water through fun and games
an example of this being last
weekend's pier jumping at
Lamlash Pier.

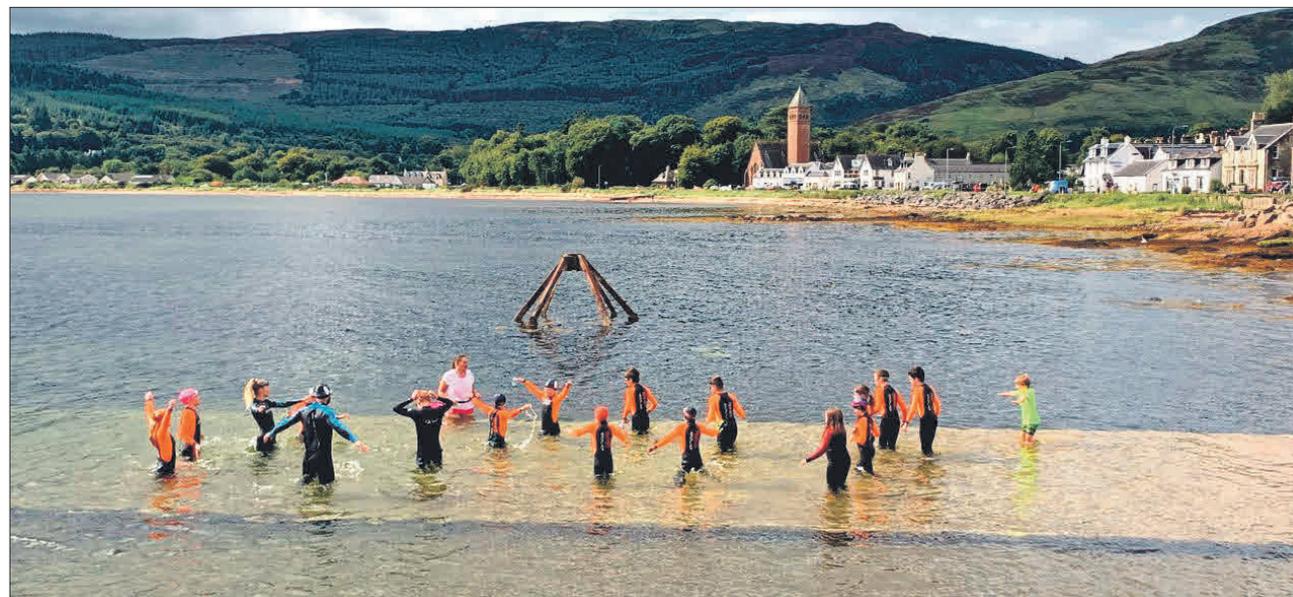
These sessions are only
open to existing members at
this stage. Details of AJTC's
normal training sessions can
be found on the Arran Junior
Triathlon Club Facebook page.

While the club continues to
go from strength to strength
through the hard work, com-
mitment and determination
of the young triathletes and
coaches, AJTC is always on
the lookout for new junior
members to join their fun, free
sessions.

Coaches and supporters look
forward to welcoming new tri-
athletes of any ability to their
Sunday event. Come and give
it a Tri!



The cyclists set off on their training run. 01_B37tri04



Young triathletes enjoy some open water swimming. 01_B37tri01

DEATH NOTICE

ROBERTS - With great
sadness we announce the
sudden death of Richard
Roberts on Saturday,
September 5, 2020.
Richard was well known
across the Island and very
well thought of within the
local Arran community. A
dearly loved father, brother
and grandad he will be
missed with a heavy heart.
The family are deeply
touched by all of the kind
words that have been
passed on during this very
difficult time.



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Pier jumping in Lamlash. 01_B37tri02



Younger members are put through their paces as older members look on. 01_B37tri06

Triathlon club on lookout for new junior members

Fun and games at Come and Tri! event on Sunday

Arran Junior Triathlon Club (AJTC) – a club big on team spirit, strength and success – is inviting young people interested in the sport to give triathlon activities a go at its Come and Tri! event on Sunday September 13.

AJTC is all about encouraging young people to be fit and healthy whilst having fun with their friends in a team environment.

The event is open to any

youngster of any ability who turns eight, or older, this year. It will take place between 10am and 11am on the field behind the high school and will consist of fun, challenging cycling and running drills designed to give budding triathletes an introduction to the skills required for the sport.

The drills and games are a great way to encourage fitness and health in a fun and positive environment and

will be provided by various coaches. The event is open to those interested in eventually competing at mainland events and those who just want to come along and train each week without the pressure of attending competitions.

Attendees at the Come and Tri! event are required to bring suitable trainers and clothes, a cycle helmet and a drinks bottle. Covid 19 measures will be observed at the event and

a parent responsible for each attendee is required to remain at the session.

If attendees have their own bike, they should take it along, however, there are numerous club bikes of different sizes which can be borrowed at the event, during the season and at competitions if regular training is taken up with AJTC.

A full-length wetsuit can also be borrowed from the club if required, as can competitive tri-suits.

Although competitive events usually take place during the summer, triathletes will continue to train during the winter with indoor cycling on turbo trainers, indoor strengthening drills, lengths in the swimming pool – if this becomes possible – and outdoor running and cycling in almost all weathers.

Triathletes aren't expected to attend all the sessions. This

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A group run round the high school playing field. 01_B37tri07





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