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# Construction traffic misery for residents



## Hallowe'en fun and games across Arran

Arran enjoyed lots of Hallowe'en fun, in spite of pandemic restrictions. Brodick early years children are seen here with lots of brilliant costumes – from dinosaurs to princesses and the cookie monster. Four pages of Hallowe'en fun start on page eight.

by Hugh Boag  
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Residents whose lives are being made a misery by the volume of construction traffic involved in the building of new houses in Brodick have been given an apology by North Ayrshire Council.

Householders in the Springbank area say they are 'fed up' with the daily stream of construction vehicles using Brathwic Place and Brathwic Terrace to get to the new council housing development in the village.

Large trucks use the route – the only way in and out of the site – every weekday but it is even busier on the two official delivery days – Tuesday and Thursday – when there are even larger vehicles moving equipment.

As result of the constant heavy traffic, the road surfaces,

which were never designed to take the current volume of traffic, are regularly having to be repaired by the local authority on an ad hoc basis.

But residents say that no sooner has a section been repaired than it is being damaged again.

The council says that any major work required will be dealt with on completion of the project, but it is not clear who will pay for this.

Residents say there would have been more objection to the proposals if they had known they were going to have to endure months of turmoil in order for the first council houses to be built on Arran in 30 years to be constructed.

The main contractor Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd had just begun work on the site when lockdown started in March.

Many are still of the view the only way the development

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The badly damaged road in Brathwic Place which was repaired only days ago. 01\_B45houses05

# Construction traffic misery for residents

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should have been allowed to go ahead was by building a construction road up to the site via Springbank Way.

One resident said: 'With the volume of material that goes up and down to the site every day, it is like they are building a new town, not a few council houses.'

'You can set your watch for just after 8am when the first truck will appear and most days they go up and down all day - trucks, cement mixers, tractors with trailers, dumper trucks, often working in pairs. 'It has been going on for

months and if, like me, you are retired, it gets pretty tiresome,' he added.

Others say the agreement was that deliveries to the site would be made during school hours when the many children in the area would not be around.

But another resident said: 'They start early in the morning and continue until early evening - well outside the times printed on the parking restriction boards.'

Another lady resident said the volume of traffic was 'ridiculous'.

And a young dad said: 'I

don't know how anyone on shift work gets any sleep during the day. There are so many children living up here, it is worrying.'

However, there are signs that progress is being made, with the houses themselves beginning to take shape.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'The contractor is adhering to the agreed traffic management plan with larger construction traffic restricted to Tuesdays and Thursdays, however, there is likely to be site traffic movement each day of the week.'

'The contractor will address the issue with their supply chain, reminding all parties of their obligations.'

'Before works commenced, it was agreed North Ayrshire Council would carry out any necessary repairs during the course of the construction works on an ad hoc basis and that any major repairs will be dealt with on completion of the works.'

'We recognise local residents may be facing inconvenience at this time and apologise for that, however, we hope the end result will be worth the temporary upheaval.'

# Island mourns death of journalist and resident David Kelso

Well-known Scottish journalist and Arran resident David Kelso has died, aged 63, after a short battle with cancer.

He died in Ayr Hospital on Tuesday.

Educated at Jordanhill College School in Glasgow, David joined a local paper in Clydebank as a trainee reporter in the mid-1970s and quickly revealed not only an unerring eye for a good story, but a flair for sub-editing and page design.

He later worked for the Daily Record and The Sun, but having spotted a gap in sports coverage, David established himself as the leading freelance rugby correspondent in the country

and developed a particular niche in supplying tabloids with user-friendly copy.

Having lived most of his life in Glasgow's west-end, David spent his final years on Arran where he ran a successful bed and breakfast business in Sannox, in addition to continuing his freelance work.

His son Roddy posted on Facebook: 'Duncan and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have been in touch with messages of support and condolence.'

'In addition, the staff at Ayr Hospital are deserving of praise for their support to dad and to us.'



David Kelso.

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# Happy second birthday to Bay Wool & Crafts

by Hugh Boag  
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Bay Wool & Crafts has been trading from Whiting Bay for two years and owners Kat and Stevie Sparshott said this week: 'How time flies when you're having fun!'

The couple thanks all its customers – locals, island visitors, mail-orders – for all their support, especially during these uncertain times.

The shop now showcases work from 28 of Arran's crafters and artists, with Kat and Stevie saying: 'So thank you too to all of them.'

'We're delighted to be able to provide a platform for such gifted people to exhibit their wares. Customers are often amazed at the variety and talent on offer and the shop has now become a must-visit destination in its own right.'

The shop opened with a bang on November 5 2018.

Kat said: 'We love welcoming back all our regular locals and some not so regular ones and to hear all about our



Kat and Stevie Sparshott outside the shop in Whiting Bay, which showcases the work of 28 Arran crafters and artists.

are, it makes us proud to be able to show off their skills. Recently, we've been grateful for customers who have continued to support us by making use of our mail order and island delivery services.

'While the shop wouldn't be what it is without its customers and contributors, huge thanks must also go to the team running the shop day-to-day - Jill, Linda, Nancy and Lynn - for manning the till and keeping the shop opening with a smile and a friendly word for all. Thanks also for your help and advice with crochet and knitting projects and for facilitating our charity efforts, which we hope to reinstate next year, and our Knit & Blether Wednesdays.

'Here's to many more years to come!'

visitors' experiences on the island, whether they've been coming back to Arran all their life, or that this is

their first visit. When people tell us what a great shop this is and how talented our local contributors

## Time running out to have your say on fish farm proposal

Proponents and objectors have just days to make their views heard on a planning application by the Scottish Salmon Company which has made a revised application for planning permission to establish a fish farm near Millstone Point in the north east of Arran, writes Colin Smeeton.

The well-publicised application for 12 x 120m in circumference fish pens and accompanying feed barge is being considered by North Ayrshire planning officials and members of the public have until Monday November 9 to submit comments on the application.

The revised application, reducing the scale of the operation slightly, has already garnered 267 comments, 245 objecting to the proposal and 22 in support of it.

Those wishing to add their opinion to the proposal can do so before the deadline by visiting the North Ayrshire Council eplanning website at [www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk) and entering the planning application number 19/00609/PPM.

The determination – once planning officials have taken all of the application detail and comments into consideration – is expected to be made at a planning meeting on Wednesday December 2.

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## Face covering exemption cards launched

The Scottish Government has produced a face covering exemption card to allow those who are unable to wear one to feel more confident and safe in public spaces and when using services.

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson MSP said: 'Everyone who can do so is legally obliged to wear a face covering where it is mandated by law. However, some people cannot, due to health conditions, disabilities or other special circumstances.'

'Scottish ministers have developed this card in conjunction with disability and health organisations to enable people to clearly communicate to others if exempt from the regulations and support everyone to feel safer.'

The card is branded with the Healthier Scotland and NHS Scotland logos under the FACTS for a Safer Scotland campaign.

A physical card can be requested to wear on a lanyard or keep in a wallet or purse, while a digital card is also available to be displayed on a phone, tablet or other device.

Morven Brooks, chief executive officer of Disability Equality Scotland, added: 'Since face coverings became mandatory, we have been inundated with calls from our members, many of whom cannot wear face coverings for a variety of health reasons.'

'The launch of the Scottish Government's exemption card will help disabled people to feel more comfortable and confident to go about their daily lives.'

Physical and digital cards are available to request online at [www.exempt.scot](http://www.exempt.scot) or via a free helpline on 0800 121 6240.



Large crowds usually gather at Remembrance services on Arran, such as this one at the Brodick cenotaph in 2018, however this year no services will be permitted outside of Places of Worship.

# Covid-19 cancels Arran war memorial services

## Residents urged to remember the fallen at home

by Colin Smeeton  
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Despite concerted efforts by Arran Community Council to ensure some form of commemorative service took place this weekend on Remembrance Sunday, groups on Arran have been left with no option but to cancel all plans to comply with strict Covid-19 regulations.

Instead, services of commemoration will be held at churches while Arran and North Ayrshire residents are encouraged to privately pay their respects to fallen servicemen and women with a

two-minute silence at 11am on Sunday.

As reported in the Banner last week, community council chairman Bill Calderwood investigated options of social distancing and special measures to ensure a 'Remembrance Day service of some form' could go ahead. But after talks involving council chiefs, Police Scotland, Brodick Improvements Committee and the British Legion, organisations on Arran have been left powerless to hold an event of any kind.

Relevant groups can still lay wreaths but they are encour-

aged to place them in private and not in any ordered manner which involves waiting in line. People are not allowed to attend a service at a memorial – even with 2m distancing – and the only permissible service is within a place of worship. Services in a church are also restricted, with only 50 people allowed at a time.

### Rules

The rules are necessary to comply with Level 3 of the Covid-19 restrictions which forbids outside gatherings of more than six people from two households.

North Ayrshire Provost Ian

Clarkson, who is also North Ayrshire's Veterans Champion, has called on North Ayrshire residents to mark the moment by joining a nationwide two-minute silence from the safety of their own home.

He said: 'While it's disappointing there will be no official public ceremonies this year on Remembrance Sunday, it is for a very good reason.'

'To protect each other's health and wellbeing, we must follow expert advice which tells us not to gather in numbers.'

'However, just because we can't join together in one place, doesn't mean we can't

pay tribute to the fallen in our own way. On Remembrance Sunday, I will be respecting the two-minute silence from my own doorstep and I would encourage North Ayrshire residents to do the same.'

'Although we may be apart from each other physically, we can still participate in a joint show of respect and support.'

Remembrance Sunday takes place on the second Sunday in November each year and Armistice Day, marking the end of the First World War in 1918, is marked on the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month every year.

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# Cash help on offer to ditch packaging

Businesses on Arran are running out of time to take advantage of £600,000 in grants to help eradicate wasteful packaging which is responsible for a large percentage of household waste on the island.

The funding, provided by the Scottish Government and the European Regional Development Fund, is being administered by Zero Waste Scotland to help shops on Scottish islands move away from single-use plastic to reusable options.

Finance from the Islands Green Recovery Plan Refillery Fund will be provided for dispensing and other equipment that enables customers to obtain grocery products in reusable containers brought from home. This includes dispensers for dry goods such as cereals, pulses, grains, herbs, spices, pasta and rice,

liquid items such as milk, fruit juices, oils and vinegars and other products such as laundry detergents, washing up liquids, fabric softeners and liquid soaps.

Some shops on other Scottish islands have already started using package free dispensers and the new scheme will see cash being made available to small and medium sized enterprises on Arran to encourage them to make the transition.

## Double burden

Iain Gulland, chief executive of Zero Waste Scotland, said: 'Island communities have to bear the double burden of dealing with imported single-use items then the shipping-off of waste.'

'This scheme gives shops on the islands the chance to be ahead of the game and at the forefront of a positive change. The financial help we are

making available will enable outlets to make this significant positive step.

'There is an understanding among communities about the damage done by single-use packaging as they see the effects in the countryside, beaches and seas around them.'

'As well as reducing waste, by opting for reuse we also reduce our carbon footprint by eliminating the need to extract, transport and manufacture materials to make new products.'

The scheme is part of a larger £2million programme designed to inspire locally-led green projects as part of the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Islands minister Paul Wheelhouse said: 'The Islands Green Recovery Programme will stimulate new economic activity across our islands,

helping to create a sustainable green economy.

'We are aware that mitigating the effects of climate change can be more expensive for those living on our islands, which is why we are delighted to announce this funding.'

'This investment with Zero Waste Scotland is available to small and medium enterprises who wish to offer customers a packaging-free shopping experience, where they are encouraged to use their own re-useable containers to purchase a range of foods and household groceries.'

Applications for funding are open until 5pm on Monday November 16 by emailing [IGRP@zerowastescotland.org.uk](mailto:IGRP@zerowastescotland.org.uk) or online at [www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/funding/single-use-packaging-targeted-islands-green-recovery-programme](http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/funding/single-use-packaging-targeted-islands-green-recovery-programme)



Davie Buchanan has been involved with the production of The Banner for more than 17 years.

## Davie signs off from Banner

He will not be known to many on the island, but Davie Buchanan has been central to the production of The Arran Banner for more than 17 years.

He was among the first to help with the transition of the Banner when it was bought by The Oban Times in 2003, helping set up the new equipment in the 'new' Banner office, where we remain today.

While all content for the Banner remains compiled on Arran, Davie has, since the inception, been involved in the page design and layout of the paper in Oban until his retirement last Friday.

He was the longest-serving employee at The Oban

Times, having worked at the company for 55 years after joining as a fresh-faced youth in 1965, aged just 17.

Davie said: 'I have loved every minute of my 55 years with the company. I started in the office then moved on to be an apprentice compositor and linotype operator before desktop publishing came along.'

'I was promoted to production manager then moved to page layout in the editorial department.'

'There has never been a dull moment and there have been plenty of laughs. And while for the last few months we have all had to work from home due to Covid, I will miss my colleagues.'



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## Happy Hallowe'en

It is great to bring photographs of lots of smiling children to the pages of the Banner this week.

We have devoted nearly five pages to our Hallowe'en coverage - and we make no apology for it. Staff at every school on the island went above and beyond their daily devotion to make sure all the pupils in their charge had a Hallowe'en to remember in the year all village events had to be cancelled because of the ongoing pandemic.

Praise must also go to the Arran Ranger Service which came up with the wonderful idea of the Tattie-bogle trail. Nearly 50 families and groups took it to their heart and came up with some wonderful creations, which brought a smile to the faces of everyone who saw them. So three cheers for everyone who brought some happiness to the island this Hallowe'en because, as we have seen this week, the pandemic is not over by a long way.

And this has brought disappointment to those who wished to remember the fallen on Remembrance Day. Ceremonies at the island's war memorials are the victim of the tough tier 3 gathering restrictions.

With England now in lockdown and the First Minister already talking about making travel restrictions law to stop people moving around, how long is it till Scotland may face its second national lockdown? Next Tuesday is the first review of the new tiers, so we may learn more then.

Whatever the next few weeks bring, everyone is hoping the actions then may yet save Christmas and that is to be desired. Let's all do our bit to make a family Christmas a reality.

## Thought for the week

'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' Luke 20: 25

## YOURSTORY

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## Escapes hardly rare

Sir,  
The Scottish Salmon Company in its plethora of data in support of its application for a North Arran salmon farm claims 'escape events are very rare and have only occurred three times in the past two decades at fish farms local to the Firth of Clyde.

Data from [www.aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk) shows that between 2000 and 2020 from the 17 salmon farms, no less than 196,309 salmon escaped in the Clyde, including 64,848 in total from two breakouts from the Mowi farm at North Carradale in Kilbrannan Sound, close to the North Arran proposed site.

Both locations are a high energy area for tides, wind and waves, hence prone to storm damage. The other 15 salmon farms in the Clyde have lost 131,461 salmon in total over 20 years. These 15, owned by Scottish Salmon Company since its formation in 2009, have reported 64,287 fish lost to escapes since that date. Hardly rare and hardly small in number. In fact, the Scottish Salmon Company, since its formation in 2009, around the west of Scotland have had 117,690 farmed salmon escape, from as far away as Isle of Lewis, Isle of Harris, Mull, as well as the Clyde farms.

Does this all matter - surely it is a benefit for salmon anglers? Well, no. These escaped fish are genetically different, compromised by weakness and disease, and there is clear evidence they have contributed to the inexorable decline in our wild salmonid populations, no longer often seen in the famous fast running West Coast salmon rivers of Scotland, including Arran.

Yours,  
Sally Campbell, Lamlash.

## Animal welfare memorial

Sir,  
Devika Rosamund and John Campbell, Letters, October 23, express concern around the adverse impact of fish farming with scholarly clarity.

A monument in central Belfast celebrates the work of a Victorian animal rights activist, who sought to fix fresh drinking water for animals being traded in city markets.

The Francis Calder memorial carries the inscription: 'A Righteous man regarded the life of his beast'.

What we are surely seeing in the pandemic crisis is an exposure of a huge range of cruelties where people, the environment and animals all suffer as a result of naked human greed. Perhaps a Tory government, suddenly turned

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph is an atmospheric image of Ailsa Craig taken during the recent Joint Warrior military exercise. Reader Halina Morton from Whiting Bay, who took the photograph, said: 'On the way to Blackwaterfoot, going south from Whiting Bay, the scenery is always amazing, but on the Saturday morning the NATO exercise going on made it even more so.'

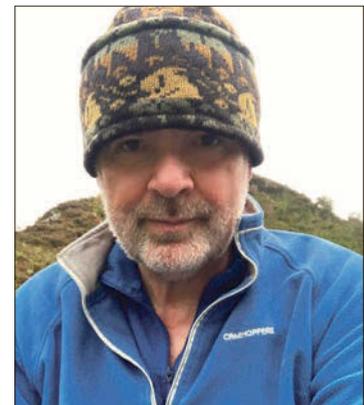
socialist in its fiscal policies, will herald in a new dawn? The conversion of Boris Johnson to left-wing philanthropy and kind regard for the poor might make the Damascus Road story sound a great deal more plausible. Attention to environmental and animal welfare issues can only be a good thing, because contempt for animals and the environment is often connected with savage cruelty to vulnerable people.

Yours,  
Dr James Hardy, Belfast.

## Hunting for hat

Sir,  
A slightly unusual request from me. Around 25 years ago I bought the hat featured in the photograph, right, while I was on holiday on Arran. Since then I have worn it all over the world and it never fails to get commented on and is still the warmest hat I've ever known. Skiing, hiking, hillwalking, there was nothing like it...

Unfortunately I lost it on the West Highland Way last week and hopefully whoever found it gets good use out of it as I have. All I know was



Dr George Baxter with his beloved lost hat.

that the label said 'hand knitted on Arran by Cathy' and I bought it in a small outlet.

I just wanted to let Cathy know if she is still around just how much I loved wearing that hat and if she is still knitting, I'd be happy to buy another.

Yours,  
Dr George Baxter, Edinburgh.

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# Have your say as fight begins in Arran review

by Colin Smeeton  
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The public consultations on councillor numbers and ward boundaries, that could result in Arran being left with just one councillor to represent the ward, began this week.

The consultation by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland started its public consultation on its proposed electoral arrangements for North Ayrshire on Wednesday.

The current review covers the number of councillors on the council and the number and boundaries of wards for the election of those councillors.

The proposals for public consultation in North Ayrshire recommend 33 councillors across nine wards where there are currently 33 councillors in 10 wards. Arran and Ardrossan which has three councillors, Timothy Billings, Ellen McMaster and Tony Gurney, but the recommendation is for Arran to be a single member ward, with just one councillor, something which North



## Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland

Ayrshire Council backed at a full council meeting last month, as previously reported in the Banner.

However, many on the island think the council should have two councillors and will be making their views known to the Boundary Commission

The single member ward for Arran proposals take into account the Islands (Scotland) Act of 2018 which represents Arran's island status. A two member ward was suggested but this would combine Arran and Ardrossan as a single ward which would not fully represent the ward's island status.

The commission conducted a consultation on its proposals with North Ayrshire Council earlier this year and

has now begun public consultations which will take place over 12 weeks until the end of January.

The commission is seeking members of the public and communities to offer their comments on the proposals so local views can be considered as the commission develops its final recommendations for Scottish Ministers.

The recommendations, if accepted, will be in place for the next local government elections in May 2022.

Further information on the consultation, including boundary maps and reviews, and how you can have your say can be found on the commission's website at [www.consult.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.consult.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk)

## Arran Active up for outdoor retailer award

For the second time in five years, Arran Active are delighted to be nominated in the prestigious The Great Outdoors magazine readers' awards in the independent outdoor retailer of the year category ... and they need you to vote for them.

Andrew Walsh, owner of the Brodick store said: 'After what has obviously been a challenging year for everyone, we are equally humbled and thrilled to be on the shortlist.'

'It is especially nice to know that the nomination comes from customers putting our name forward - we only found out on social media.'

'It is testament to the amazing enthusiasm and dedication of our wonderful staff for a long time but especially this year - we are lucky to have such a great team.'

But now they need you to vote for them.

They are one of only two Scottish outdoor shops on the shortlist and are up against several Lake District stores.

To stand any chance of winning, they need everyone on the island to support them. Voting, which closes on Wednesday November 11, is via the link: <https://www.tgomagazine.co.uk/awards/reader-awards/>

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by Hugh Boag  
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While the pandemic may have scuppered plans for the traditional Hallowe'en parties around Arran this year, it could not stop the enthusiasm of children (and adults) who continued to celebrate the popular occasion with small, local dressing up and themed events.

Children around the island enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters – from superheroes, witches, ghouls, ghosts and zombies to fairytale princesses – at school events instead of the usual village hall parties attended by large numbers.

Some schools added to the excitement with special Hallowe'en-themed lunches and those that were able to provided additional themed activities such as games, dancing and various activities that could take place safely within the confines of the regulations.

At Arran High School teachers made a special

effort at celebrating the occasion with faculty members and pupils dressing up for the day while also enjoying a Hallowe'en-themed lunch at the canteen and a Hallowe'en quiz for house points.

Lamlash Primary pupils enjoyed an afternoon of activities ranging from dodgeball, pumpkin crafting to a 'protect the egg' challenge, which also saw pupils earning points for their colour house.

Pupils also enjoyed outdoor activities with a flash mob, including pupils from P1 to P7, taking part in a 'Thriller' dance.

Across Arran all schools and Early Years providers helped to ensure that children still continued to enjoy Hallowe'en celebrations in some form or another and, although on a smaller scale than usual, it was a welcome respite from the unusual times they are all experiencing and a return to some familiar fun.

Here is a round up of some of the school events from around the island.



Arran High School pupils embrace the groovy hippy lifestyle of the 60s.



Above: Skeletons were a popular theme with this group at Whiting Bay primary school.

Left: P6/7 pupils at Brodick primary get into the Hallowe'en spirit with a number of fun activities and events.



Clockwise from above: Pirnmill primary pupils from P1 to P7 celebrated Hallowe'en with a dress-up day; Teachers at Arran High School set a perfect example with their Hallowe'en costumes; Whiting Bay primary pupils enjoy some afternoon sunshine at their dress up day; A ghoulish gathering of P1 to P4 pupils at Kilmory primary; A motley crew of older pupils at Whiting Bay primary.



# ings around Arran



Wee witches, a bee and a minion join teachers at Kilmory Early Years.



P6 pupils from Shiskine primary dress up as their favourite characters.



Pupils at Lamlash primary enjoyed a number of Hallowe'en-themed games and fun activities.



Clockwise from above: An impressive costume from one of the faculty members at Arran High; Shiskine primary P3 pupils put on a scary display for the camera; P1 pupils at Shiskine primary show off their costumes; Whiting Bay primary pupils try their best to look scary; P3 and P4 pupils at Brodick primary made an extra special effort with their costumes this year.



P5 to P7 pupils at Kilmory primary are a frightful sight dressed as ghosts and zombies.



Above: Lamlash primary children dressed as their favourite super heroes, princesses, witches and ghouls. Below: An assortment of ghosts and ghouls are flanked by two princesses at Whiting Bay primary.



Brodick primary children put on their scariest faces for the camera.



Below: Lamlash primary pupils present a frightful sight in their costumes in the classroom.

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Lamlash primary pupils show off their moves in a 'Thriller' dance.

# cross the island

## All dressed up for a day in the park

Primary 5 pupils at Brodick primary school enjoyed a Hallowe'en day with a difference this year with a day in Brodick Country Park.

The youngsters, who had been encouraged to dress up, took part in an orienteering challenge set by their teacher, Jenny Duncan, on their walk to and from the school to the castle grounds.

While there they enjoyed time on the Isle Be Wild adventure park before taking in the Tattie-bogle trail, featuring some of the scarecrows the children had been involved in creating.



Clockwise from above: The P5 pupils who enjoyed the Hallowe'en day out; The youngsters take a keen interest in the scarecrows; Hector MacArthur with the Tattie-bogle he created; The pupils with one of the scary scarecrows on the Tattie-bogle trail; Harry Popplewell gives chase pursued by Jenny Hume in the adventure park; Isla Reid and Finn Popplewell hide behind a tree during a game of hide and seek; Isla McKinnon makes good her escape.



# The perfect present is at Arran Gift Box

Moving back to Arran with their young family in 2015, Shiona and Tom McGarrigle launched the Arran Gift Box website in late 2017 and have now just opened their first store on Brodick shorefront, next to the Book & Card Centre.

Providing some of the island's great food producers and suppliers with luxury gift boxes, the idea was clear - they wanted to allow people to bring a bit of Arran into their home no matter where they were,

sharing fond memories of time spent there or send special gifts to family and friends.

Particularly over the last six months, the business has played a big part in sending Arran love around the country.

With many families not able to spend their usual special holidays here they instead sent each other gifts of cheese, whisky, gin gift boxes and Arran scents along with messages of love and well wishes.

Tom said: 'Whilst the website

had been up and running for a few years, we felt we weren't reaching visitors to Arran whilst they were actually on the island.

'Opening in Brodick, visitors to the island are now able to experience The Gift Box Shop and locals can also go in and browse the box options before sending them onto loved ones.

'We wanted to offer a service on the island where people can come and browse the selection of boxes available

and we can post it out directly to their friends or family and include a personal message. That takes away the fuss of arranging postage and will make Christmas shopping that bit easier this year.'

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They have recently extended their range of products in-store to include Jess MacDonald Brass jewellery, Arran Rocks t-shirts, Arran Antler products, Seagate Brewery and A Focus for Adventure images.



Tom and Shiona outside their new shop which is open for business. 01\_B45gift01



The spacious shop has gift boxes and other Arran items for sale. 01\_B45gift02

They thank all friends, family and the suppliers they work with who helped them to get set up in time.

Orders are now being taken

for Christmas so feel free to pop in for more details or give them a call on 01770 303556, or visit the website at [www.thearrangiftbox.com](http://www.thearrangiftbox.com)

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## Saturday November 4, 2000

The usual Hallowe'en parties around the island were unable to go ahead this year so we thought we would look back at what was happening 20 years ago with our Hallowe'en special.



Guising in Brodick are Lauren Boal, Kirsty Clark, Glenda Ashley, Mollie McVittie, Nicole Bunyan and Lauren Bell.

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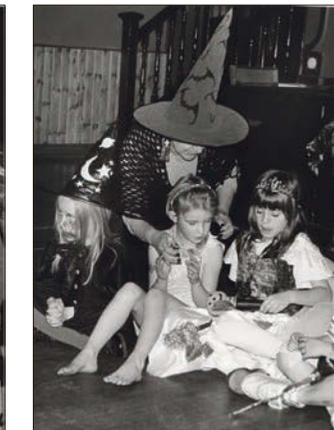
Florence Nightingale to the rescue. 01\_B45tweY05

A full house of ghouls and ghosts at Whiting Bay hall.

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Above left: Brothers Duncan and David Heenan with friend Katy Macfarlane in Lamlash.



Above right: Wicked witch Irene Broderick helps to pass the pumpkin.

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You will have to help us with the location of this one as only Little Bo Peep, aka Margaret McLellen, made it into the paper 20 years ago.

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Whiting Bay village shop held its annual 'guess the pumpkins' names' competition last week and the winners were, left to right, Sandy and Caroline Kelso, Colin McKenzie and Rachel Kennedy. The pumpkins' names were Spike and Jock.

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Young ones at the Kilmory party.

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REGULATION 20(1)**

**20/00873/PPP;** Site To South Of Oakbank Cottage, Lamash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of detached dwelling house.

**20/00920/PP;** Fearann Coilleach, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8HZ; Change of use of existing annexe to form dwelling house.

**20/00974/PP;** Site To South Of Meadowbank Cottage, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of 1 and 1/2 storey detached dwelling house.

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Mrs Jean Hunter:

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There will be a streamed service weekly, this can be found on the three Church websites,

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#### Sunday 8th November

Lochranza & Pirnmill Churches-

Service at Lochranza Church at

10:15am Morning worship.

Shiskine Church at 12noon.

Morning worship.

Brodick Church at 10.30am

Morning worship.

Corrie Church at 12noon.

Morning worship.

Please note that Brodick Church

is still accessible for the

Food bank

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The service for Remembrance

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reduced due to the two metre

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introduced a booking system.

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## DEATHS

**BLEAKLEY** - Alan.

Peacefully at Crosshouse

Hospital on Sunday, 1st

November 2020. Alan, of

Brodick and formerly of

Grouse Lodge, Dippin,

dearest husband of Grace,

dear father of Michael

and loving grandfather to

Talia and Karis, brother of

Elaine, a dear uncle of the

family and very close friend

of Grant, Carol and Scott.

Funeral private due to current

circumstances on Monday,

9th November at 11:30am. No

flowers please, donations if

desired to, Guide Dogs for the

Blind Association (SC038979)

at, guidedogs.org.uk .

**BOSCAWEN** - Alistair John

Evelyn died on 24th October,

aged 57. Devoted husband of

Lulu, beloved son of Judy and

Simon and brother of Dave

and Johnnie. A small private

funeral will be held on

Wednesday 4th November,

in Cambridgeshire. A

celebration of his life will

take place when it can be

done properly. No flowers.

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# 'Betty the bride' takes top spot

'Betty the bride' has been named the winning entry on the Tattie-bogle trail, featured in last week's Banner.

She won with the highest number of votes cast on the Arran Ranger Service Facebook page, winning with 198 votes. Congratulations to Mason, Robert and Layla from Shiskine early years.

Second, with 153 'likes', were bogles Tilly and Tommy, made by the Brodick early years group and who led in the voting for some time. Third, with 83 votes, was Bonnie and Matilda's superhero scarecrow.

The display saw nearly 50 scarecrows, made by local

families, dotted through the woods at Brodick Country Park as an alternative Hallowe'en event, which proved a great success.

'A huge thank you once again to everyone who has made a bogle for the trail. They have brought a lot of fun and joy to the country park this last month, so in our eyes they're all winners,' said Corrina Goeckeritz of the ranger service.

Unfortunately the last weekend of the display was disrupted by heavy wind and rain which shut the castle and grounds for the final days of the season.



Betty the bride won the Tattie-bogle trail competition.



Third was Bonnie and Matilda's superhero scarecrow.



The children of Brodick early years with the Tilly and Tommy bogles, which came second.



### Shiskine Golf Club

Shiskine recently held its first junior fun days to encourage more youngsters to take up the sport.

Bad weather had forced organisers to reschedule them.

Four juniors took part on the first day and eight on the second. They played over six

holes from the junior tees. The emphasis was on fun. Each junior was encouraged to mark

a 'card'.

Each hole was different

and points were awarded for

nearest the pin, drive nearest

the line and for least number

of shots over the burn. Points

were also awarded for the least

shots taken to sink putts.

There was a prizegiving in

the clubhouse afterwards and

goody bags were handed out.

Many thanks to everyone who

helped out and made both days

successful.

Ladies section: Sunday

November 1, Ladies Club

Championship qualifier 1

Silver: 1 Shona Weir 85-12=73

BIH; 2 Mairi Pollock 83-10=73; 3 Elizabeth Kelso 96-20=76, BIH. Scratch Ann May 82. Bronze: 1 Sally Brookes 107-22=85; 2 Carole Stewart 107-21=86; 3 Clare Buchanan 114-27=87.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday November 3, Winter

Cup, 1 Alex Morrison-Cowan

65; 2 Brian Sherwood 70; 3

Phil Betley 72. Magic two: Alex

Morrison-Cowan.

Fixtures: Owing to the

Winter League being played

on Saturday November 7 at

Machrie, the Lochranza Hotel

Cup will now be played on

Saturday November 14, tee off

noon. Tuesday November 10:

Winter Cup, tee off noon.

### Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday November

7, 18 hole Sweep. Medal tees.

Please arrange your own

games and register via email.

Monday November 9, Monday

Cup, Noon shotgun start.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Fixtures: Thursday November

5, Yellow Medal, 11am draw.

Saturday November 7, Winter

League - Lamlash v Whiting

Bay at Machrie, 10am. Sunday

November 8, Glenburn Cup,

9.30am and noon starts.

### Brodick Golf Club

Fixtures: Sunday November 8,

Brandon qualifier. Postponed

Saturday Cup will now be

played on Saturday November

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## WEDDING



### MACKAY - ALEXANDER

The marriage took place between Simon Mackay, son of the late Donald and of Lesley Mackay, and Mhairi Alexander, daughter of the late Graeme and of Cathy Alexander, at St Molios Church on Saturday 31st October, officiated by the Reverend Elizabeth Watson. Despite the elements and COVID restrictions, a very happy and successful day was enjoyed by both families.



The smiling juniors who took part in the golf fun day at Shiskine.



# Girls get active on sports day



Clockwise from top left: Participants celebrate Active Girls Day with an early morning game of tennis; North Ayrshire Sports Academy pupils hosted a roller derby and hockey event in the afternoon; an afternoon Zumba class attracted more than 30 participants and pupils prepare to take part in a hockey exercise.

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More than 50 girls from Arran High School joined tutors and teachers to celebrate the work and progress around girls' participation in sport by taking part in the annual Active Girls

Day last week. Taking place on Friday October 30, the annual initiative is supported by the national agency for sport, sportscotland, and with the help of young leaders and role models it promotes and celebrates sport and physical activity for girls. The days'

activities started early when all girls, parents and female members of staff were invited to participate in tennis before school at the Lamlash tennis courts and 11 players went along to have a game.

At interval and lunchtime, roller derby and hockey was on

offer and 15 pupils took part in this event which was delivered by North Ayrshire Sports Academy pupils. At lunchtime Zumba was available on the Astroturf.

This was very well attended, with around 30 pupils joining in on the fun activity to cel-

brate the day. A high school spokeswoman said: 'Many thanks to everyone who got involved on the day. With the help of the North Ayrshire Sports Academy pupils, teachers and staff, the day was a huge success which was enjoyed by everyone.'



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