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# FIRE IN THE GLEN

More than 30  
 firefighters battle  
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The fierce flames at the height of the fire. Photograph: Craig Galloway.

## Welcome back hit by second boat delay

by Hugh Boag  
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Arran is to lose its second boat at the start of its most important summer season as the island tries to recover from the pandemic.

Just as much of the tourist industry was getting ready to open on Monday, came the crushing blow that the MV Isle of Arran will not begin service as planned next Thursday and is likely to be nearly a week late.

With many passengers already booked, this could cause widespread travel disruption as alternative arrangements are offered and already some businesses are reporting cancelled bookings. It has thrown a shadow over what is looking like a bumper start to the summer season as many shops, hotels, restaurants, cafes, B&Bs and self-catering providers prepare to open their doors to visitors again.

The delay is because the MV Isle of Arran has temporarily taken over the overnight freight run on the Stornoway-Ullapool route while the MV

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# Fire rages in Glen Cloy

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Teamwork to tackle a hill fire in Glen Cloy saw it finally brought under control after more than four hours last Friday.

More than 30 firefighters from Brodick, Lamash and Blackwaterfoot, later supported by two fire appliances from Ardrossan, tackled the blaze which could be seen for miles around.

The fire started near the horse field in the glen and spread along the hillside for around one kilometre through dry gorse and vegetation.

There was concern at one stage as the fire got close to a cluster of houses in the glen, but it was stopped before

it reached the trees behind them. SSE officials were also in attendance as the fire looked to be approaching a run of electricity pylons.

The volunteer firefighters, with the assistance of other volunteers including Aaron Lambie and Elliot Morrison, assisted by Charles Fforde, kindly donating use of Arran Estate's argocat, stopped it spreading to the String road and the North National Scenic Area.

One eyewitness said: 'I'm so proud of all those who dived in to help.'

A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service spokeswoman said: 'We were alerted at 3.39pm on Friday April 16 to reports of a fire in the open on hillside above Brodick. Operations

Control mobilised four appliances and firefighters extinguished a fire of gorse and vegetation. Crews left after ensuring the area was made safe. There were no reported casualties.'

The blaze brought a warning from the Arran Ranger Service.

A spokeswoman said: 'The fire in Glen Cloy is a reminder how quickly fire can spread in our moorlands at this time of year. Please take extra care with cigarette butts, don't light camp fires in the hills and, in particular, be very careful with disposable barbecues as putting them directly on dry grass can lead to a hill fire.'

'There's a lot of dry grass out there and the risk to wildlife is extreme.'



The smoke billows across the hillside. Photograph: Collin Smeeton. 01\_B17fire05

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The fire can be seen raging above the cluster of houses in the glen. Photograph: Craig Galloway.



The scorched hillside where the fire started. 01\_B17fire01

Top far left: Volunteer firefighters relax after extinguishing the blaze. 01\_B17fire02 Centre: Firefighters enjoy a drink and a snack. 01\_B17fire03 Above: The fire crews gather for a debriefing. 01\_B17fire04

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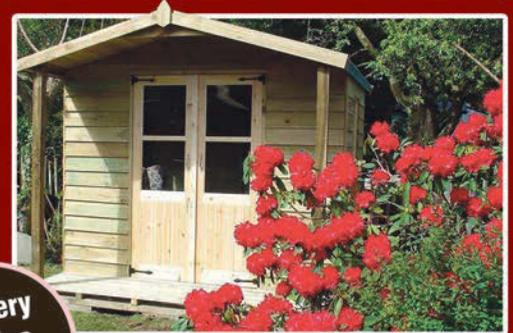
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## Welcome back hit by second boat delay

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Loch Seaforth is being repaired.

Specialist engineers are currently working on the Loch Seaforth engines

in Greenock and she will be back in service as soon as possible.

This will mean the MV Caledonian Isles will continue to operate alone on the Ardrossan-Brodick route after the start of the summer until a timescale for repairs has been confirmed. Additional capacity will be provided by doubling up sailings on the Claonaig-Lochranza route during this time.

Passengers who have already booked sailings between Ardrossan and Brodick during this period will be offered alternative sailings as a priority CalMac say. But they admit space will be limited on April 30 and May 1.

The ferry service to Campbeltown, which was set to restart on April 29, has been suspended to accommodate essential demand elsewhere.

These changes were made by using a route prioritisation process which allows CalMac to move ferries around to where demand is most needed when there is extra pressure on the network.

The possibility of hiring a vessel on a temporary basis has been explored but none are available at short notice.



The MV Isle of Arran won't come into service as planned next week.

This includes the Pentalina, which is not going to be free for a number of weeks.

Robbie Drummond, managing director of CalMac, said: 'It is vital that a freight service is provided on the Stornoway-Ullapool route and this movement of vessels is necessary to provide this.'

'This situation is far from ideal, and we apologise for how these changes will affect passengers. We will endeavour to offer alternative sailings to everyone who has already booked tickets between Ardrossan and Brodick.'

'We know how disruptive this will be for customers and we will keep everyone informed of any further developments. Thank you for your patience at this time,' he added.

At the Seal Shore campsite in Kildonan, Maurice Deighton says he may lose as many as half his motorhome bookings over the coming days.

He said: 'These are regular customers who had to cancel last year because of the pandemic. Now they can't come because CalMac can't run the ferries properly. I have cut numbers at the campsite to comply with all the social distancing requirements, but I could have done without this at the start of what I hope will be a good season.'

# Tourism reconnects with world travellers again

## Virtual exhibition will reach international agents

VisitScotland is linking more than eight individual tourism businesses from Ayrshire and Arran, as well as destination organisations representing many more, with global tour operators and travel agents in vital international markets, through the second virtual event of its kind.

More than 280 Scottish businesses are virtually exhibiting at VisitScotland's Scotland Reconnect 2021, from April 27-29, aiming to connect and do business with around 330 tour operators and travel agents from around the world.

The online travel trade workshop event exclusively promotes Scotland and enables Scottish businesses to connect with buyers in important international markets, to attract visitors and help rebuild the country's tourism industry following the Covid-19 pandemic.

In 2019, international visitors made 3.5 million overnight stays in Scotland, spending £2.5 billion, which is 43 per cent of the total overnight spend. Inbound passenger numbers to the UK in July 2020 were 89 per cent fewer at 1.3 million passenger arrivals, down from 11.1 million arrivals in July 2019.

Bellevue Farm in Blackwaterfoot is taking

**'Ayrshire and Arran tourism businesses are ready to offer a warm welcome back to visitors when the time is right'**

part along with destination organisations VisitArran and The Coig, which will represent many member businesses and in addition nationwide organisations like The National Trust for Scotland which operates Brodick Castle, are among others attending.

The inaugural Scotland Reconnect event last November involved 5,000 meetings and this year, buyers from 26 countries, including the USA, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Australia, Brazil and the Middle East are attending, as well as London-based inbound operators representing the Japanese and Chinese markets.

Delegates will take part in one-to-one meetings, as well as round table discussions on the latest issues affecting world travel and tourism.

There will be a chance to hear about new tourism product

offerings, trends like agritourism and adventure tourism and VisitScotland's drive towards responsible tourism.

Gordon Smith, VisitScotland regional director, said: 'VisitScotland supports members of the tourism industry in Ayrshire and Arran in their aspirations to internationalise and to attract more business and income from international markets as travel restrictions are eased in 2021.'

'The last 12 months have been extremely challenging for tourism businesses but we had a good regional turnout to the inaugural event in November and feedback was very positive.'

Hopefully businesses will continue to engage and convert that continuing interest into visits. Demand is building and Ayrshire and Arran tourism businesses are ready to offer a warm welcome back to visitors when the time is right.

'Scottish tourism punches above its weight on the world stage and we need to leverage this reputation to bring new investment, new events, new airlines and new visitors once visitors can travel freely in 2021/22 again. Until Expo can return safely, Scotland Reconnect is the next best way to keep Scotland at the forefront of people's minds.'

### Merkland Forest path to close for roadworks from May to October

Forestry and Land Scotland advises that there will be upcoming engineering works at Merkland Forest scheduled to start on Monday May 3 and which should be complete by Friday October 8.

The track through the forest from Maol Donn to Corrie will be closed for forest road building and associated tree felling during this time.

Another new road will be built across the Goatfell path, which will stay open but access will be managed during construction.

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## Summer flower show latest cancellation

The latest casualty of the summer events is the Arran Horticultural Society summer show planned for August.

The committee decided last week that it would be unable to proceed.

It is the second time the show has been cancelled, along with the popular spring flower and bulb show which has also been hit twice by the pandemic and is usually held in March or April.

The society has been using its Facebook page to show photographs of some of the stunning flower entries and artworks which would have been displayed at the show.

The Arran SWI Federation also confirmed this week that its show would not go ahead in August after the Farmers' Show was cancelled, as reported in last week's Banner.

Brodick Highland Games and the special events at the Arran Heritage Museum have also been cancelled.

# Record number of postal voting packs

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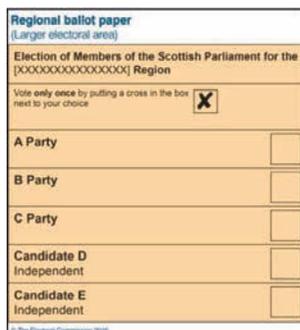


A record number of voters in North Ayrshire will use a postal vote in the forthcoming election for the Scottish parliament.

The number of people registering for a postal vote in North Ayrshire has risen by 50 per cent since the 2016 Scottish parliament election.

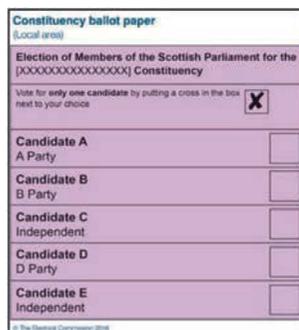
For thousands of people, this will be the first time they will have voted by post and it is important they fill out their ballots properly.

Once you receive your postal voting pack, make sure you complete it straight away. Don't let anyone else handle it and avoid leaving it where someone else could pick it up.



The peach ballot paper is for the regional West Scotland vote.

Complete the ballot paper in line with the instructions. For the Scottish parliamentary election, you will have two ballot papers (one lilac and one peach). You should mark your choice on each ballot paper with a single cross [X].



The lilac ballot paper is for the Cunninghame North MSP vote.

Do not mark the ballot papers in any other way or they may not be counted.

Make sure you complete your ballot alone and in secret. Once you've completed your ballot papers, put them in envelope A and seal it.

Next, complete the postal voting statement with your date of birth and signature. Giving this information will not affect the secrecy of your vote. If you have a waiver you won't need to sign it but you must still provide your date of birth.

Put everything inside the envelope B, seal it and post it back to the constituency returning officer right away.

When the office receives your postal voting pack, your signature and date of birth are checked against those you provided on your postal vote application. This is to confirm your identity.

Your postal voting statement is separated from envelope A (containing your ballot papers) before these are looked at or counted.

Your postal vote must be received by 10pm on Thursday May 6, 2021 to be counted.

If you don't post your postal vote in time, don't worry - you can hand it in at your nearest polling station within your constituency on polling day.

Voting gets under way at 7am on Thursday May 6, with polling stations remaining open until 10pm.

In next week's Banner, the Cunninghame North candidates say what they would do for Arran.

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The Eco Savvy shop which is reopening next week.

## Eco Savvy shop to open again

Arran Eco Savvy is delighted to announce that the community shop in Whiting Bay will once again open its doors on Thursday April 29 at 10.30am.

Opening hours will be Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10.30am to 1pm, then 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Closure for half an hour each day allows necessary cleaning to be carried out before the volunteer change of shift.

Shop manager Val Waite said: 'Please be aware that donations cannot be received immediately after reopening.'

'We were given a staggering amount of lovely items just before Christmas last year. 'So please bear with us while we process

everything and make room for more of your kind donations.

'We'll keep you all posted as to when we're able to recommence donation drop off appointments.

'We continue to stock a fantastic array of pre-loved items needing new homes - books, music, toys and games, electricals, home-wares, ornaments, craft materials - and more. There are all sorts of wonderful treasures to be found.

'We also stock a range of eco products which offer alternatives to plastic, e.g. bamboo toothbrushes, toiletries, reusable drinks containers, beeswax wraps, toilet roll. We look forward to seeing you all soon.'

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## LETTERS

Write to us: [editor@arranbanner.co.uk](mailto:editor@arranbanner.co.uk)  
or The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Arran KA27 8AJ**Ferry change deals blow to May Day holiday hopes**

You really couldn't make it up.

Tourist businesses on Arran have been hard at work for weeks, months, getting ready to welcome visitors back from next Monday – and they will be welcomed back with open arms.

But for some all set to come and, with their tickets already booked on the MV Isle of Arran, there was an ugly shock this week to find their bookings cancelled leaving them to try and find a different route or date on the, already very busy other ferry, or not come over at all.

That is the very last thing the island needed right now in what is going to be a make or break summer season for many.

CalMac say the ferry is needed elsewhere to run a freight service because the MV Loch Seaforth is still undergoing repairs. But to be delivering freight while paying passengers are having their bookings cancelled to come to Arran seems very short sighted indeed – as well as highly damaging to the island and its economy.

CalMac say it 'might' be in service on the Arran route by May 4, but it may not. It still means it will be off over the normally busy May Day bank holiday, which promised to be even busier than usual this year because of the volume of staycation visitors.

Hopefully it will turn out to be a blip in what is gearing up to be a super summer season, but it is a blip the island could have done without as its tourist based economy struggles to emerge from the pandemic.

**Thought for the week**

'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' **Isaiah 41:10**

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**A heartfelt thank you**

Sir,  
Bill and Aileen McLaughlin, their daughter Fiona McMaster and grand-daughter Kirsty would like to say a very sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to our aid on Saturday morning.

A faulty camera battery caused a serious fire in the lounge of our Sandbraes home.

The Lamplash and Brodick fire crews were on the scene very quickly.

Their courage, professionalism and reassuring compassion are beyond mere words.

Each and every one of you was amazing and we cannot thank you enough. Ourselves, four guinea pigs and Dileas, the cat, are forever in your debt.

It is a surreal experience to watch firefighters in breathing apparatus going into your home of 48 years with smoke pouring out the windows.

To the paramedics, Gwen and Dave, who were as always the epitome of calm professionalism and compassion, thank you.

To the hospital staff for looking after dad - again - for a few hours, thank you.

To David Boyle for coming so promptly on a Saturday to ensure the power supply was safe for us all, thank you.

To friends and neighbours for all the phone calls, messages and enquiries, thank you. They are all very much appreciated.

Thanks to the special lady who brought us freshly made scones on Sunday. What a lift your kindness gave us.

Thank you – these two small words do not begin to do justice to the debt of our gratitude to each and everyone for all the love, care and kindness we have received.

More than once last Saturday I was told: 'Ach, we're just doing our job'.

That may be so but it shows how many truly

amazing human beings live amongst us. We are forever in your debt.

**Yours,  
Bill, Aileen, Fiona and Kirsty,  
Whiting Bay.**

**Time to start living again**

Sir,  
Last year, as the pandemic spread across the globe, the uncertainty of the entire situation brought the world to a halt. Understandably that was the only way to deal with such a new and unknown threat.

One year later, scientists and doctors have much more knowledge, a far better understanding of how it is spread and how it can be treated and, best of all, in the UK we are fortunate to have a highly successful vaccination programme.

That should be cause for joy, optimism and relief. But it isn't.

Because here we are again facing another summer of cancelled events, whether large or small, whether indoors or outdoors.

Just about everything is cancelled and we are expected to put our lives on hold for another year.

Last year, when all events were cancelled, we were told we could look forward to everything being back in 2021, bigger and better.

And the general consensus was: 'We understand and we don't mind. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2021'.

But the 'we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2021' has become 'we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2022'.

What will happen when it becomes clear, as it will, that the virus is still around in 2022?

Viruses don't just vanish, they are with us permanently. And this virus will be no exception.

It will mutate to survive. And we will have the

variants of Covid-19 with us for the rest of our days.

Life is never guaranteed and should not be taken for granted.

Who can say for certain they will still be alive next year? Or even tomorrow? Who knows for how long their nearest and dearest will be around?

That birthday misse or family get-together postponed may never happen. For many people it definitely will not happen.

Life is for living. And there is a vast difference between living and existing. At the moment, most of us are merely existing. Every minute of every day, our lives are ticking past. Time that we will never get back.

At what point do we say enough is enough? When do we get our courage back, take a stand and start living again?

**Yours,  
Beverley Scott,  
Whiting Bay.**

**Ferry questions for Scottish Parliament candidates**

**An open letter from Arran Ferry Action Group to prospective candidates standing in the Cunninghame North ward and the West Scotland regional seat.**

Sir,  
We, the Arran Ferry Action Group, representing the majority of households on Arran, have more than 1,300 supporters. Committed to the improvement of our lifeline ferry service, we are disappointed and angry at the serious deterioration of our ferry service in the last few years.

The ageing fleet of ferries serving Arran and the continuing delay of the provision of the MV Glen Sannox, which was due to become operational in 2018, have caused serious harm to Arran residents and business owners.

The current vessels, due to their age, regularly break down and sometimes require extensive repairs.

Residents requiring medical treatment/care on the mainland have been unable to receive this

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often lifesaving care due to regular disruptions of the ferry service. Business owners have been unable to obtain necessary equipment and workers in a timely fashion.

Many residents, frustrated by the situation, have decided to leave the island.

Furthermore, the recently built ferry terminal at Brodick has been found to be improperly aligned, thereby causing additional disruption of ferry services.

This expensive terminal has proved to be difficult for elderly and mobility challenged residents and visitors as a result of the long, narrow walkway and the many steps to and from the ferry terminal. Two small elevators are totally inadequate.

While residents had strongly requested an escalator or other form of easier access to the ferry, their request was ignored.

Many ferry users have fallen down the steps, resulting in injuries.

These issues have been widely publicised in the media and are well known to Scottish taxpayers and ferry users.

The recently published report of the parliamentary Rural and Economic Committee (RECC) has highlighted the poor quality of decision making by government officials and government bodies.

As a candidate for office in the May elections for the Scottish parliament, we are requesting your answers to the following questions:

■ What do you propose to do to ensure Arran residents and visitors have a reliable and resilient ferry service?

■ We have been informed the Glen Sannox ferry may not be in operation until 2023. Furthermore, it is not clear when the Ardrossan Harbour development will begin with some suggestions it will not be completed until 2024.

Many people are urging that during the next several years the government should provide an alternative reliable ferry which would include the rental or purchase of a smaller boat or catamaran. Would you support such a proposal?

■ The multi-MSP RECC produced a 2021 report into the 'catastrophic failure' of the Ferguson Scottish ferry build project. Do you agree with the recommendations of that RECC ferry report?

■ Arran ferry users have been unable to obtain reliable information regarding timetables for the Glen Sannox and the Ardrossan Harbour development.

There have been no community consultations since 2018 and our voices have not been heard.

How do you propose to compel government representatives to consult with ferry users and take into consideration their requests?

Yours,  
For and on behalf of the Arran Ferry Action Group committee.

## Underinvestment in new ferries has knock-on effect

Sir,  
Tucked away in Kenneth Gibson's election manifesto is a promise to provide a 'quality ferry service'.

During Mr Gibson's 14 years in office we on Arran have suffered countless ferry cancellations due to mechanical faults on ships long past their normal service life spans.

We are all aware of the stress and hardship such cancellations can cause through missed hospital appointments and missed family and business commitments.

Now some very disturbing information has come to light in a national newspaper using Scottish government data.

It gives a detailed picture of all new vessels procured for Clyde and Hebrides routes since 1993.

In the first 14 years – pre-devolution and up to the 2007 elections – 12 ferries with a combined tonnage of 33,350 were launched.

In the following 14 years, with the SNP in power at Holyrood, only five ferries with a combined tonnage of 16,188 entered service.

Two of these account for most of the tonnage. They were built at yards in Poland and Germany, respectively.

The other three small boats were built at Ferguson Marine in Port Glasgow.

Under the SNP, the total tonnage more than halved and fleet replacement rates deteriorated even more spectacularly.

It was one new vessel every 14 months between 1993 and 2007.

In the SNP era, that rate of replacement has slowed to one every 33.6 months.

With an average design life of 25 years, since the SNP took over in 2007, the time it would take to replace the CalMac fleet has stretched to an astonishing 86.8 years.

In February, the government published its infrastructure investment plan to 2025/26. It includes £281 million of loans to CMAL for the procurement of more vessels.

Given that it's costing a similar amount to complete the two unfinished Ferguson hulks years late, is that the kind of money needed to repair the consequences of the 14 years of underinvestment in new ferries?

Yours,  
John Sillars,  
Brodick.

## Crofters Arran get go-ahead for marquee

Crofters Arran has been given planning permission to erect an open sided marquee to rear of the licensed premises in Shore Road, Brodick

The marquee, for the use of customers at the restaurant, bar and bistro, has been allowed for a temporary period of two years, when it will be reviewed.

Arran Community Council told planners it had no objections 'in principle'. However it added: 'The application has drawn some local comment and concern in that the structure may become part of the licensed premises and, as such, there would be a potential for noise nuisance.'

'Therefore, if the applicants decide to make an application to have the structure included as being part of the adjacent licensed premises, we would reserve the right to comment upon any such application during the due process.'

Crofters says it cannot make an informed decision on re-opening until the Scottish government announcement on the re-introduction of the tiered system on May 17, but it hopes to open on May 24.

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## REGULAR DELIVERIES TO ARRAN

# Pupils thrilled as artwork



by Hugh Boag  
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Four children had the thrill of seeing their artworks projected onto Brodick Castle last Friday night during a spectacular display.

Organised by Arran Arts Heritage Trail, the drawings were beamed on to the castle as the children and their parents looked on in awe. Other artworks by Arran-based artists from the

past were also displayed on the castle. Unfortunately, as a result of Covid restrictions, only a handful of people from the heritage trail committee were able to attend the event, which was photographed and filmed by Edinburgh-based Double Take Projections.

They projected the images on to the side of the castle, then the front, with the images visible across the bay in Brodick.

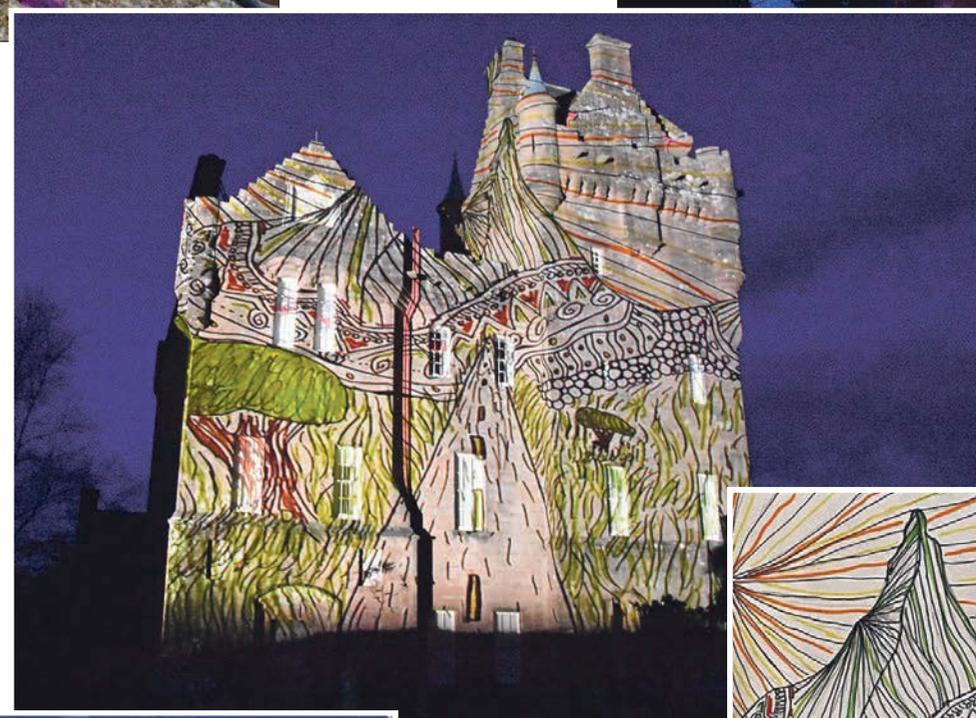
The heritage trail ran a competition in Arran primary



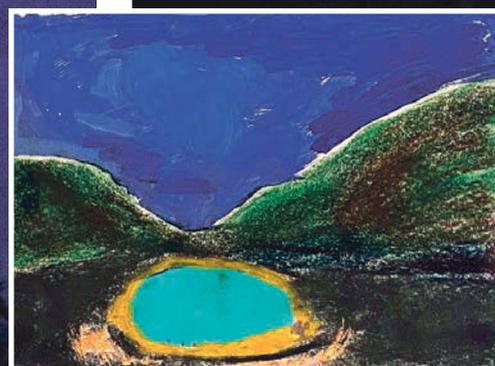
The drawing of Allaiigh Lambie.

The winners with their paintings at the castle. Left to right: Harris McCormack, Sonny Boxall, Louise Sofa and Allaiigh Lambie. 01\_B17paint06

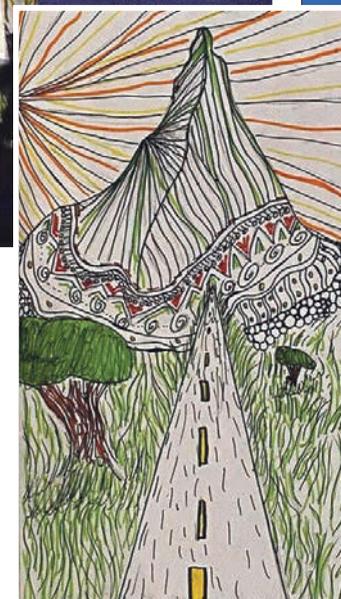
Louise Sofa's painting displayed on the castle. 01\_B17paint13



Above: Harris McCormack's painting displayed on the castle. 01\_B17paint12



The drawings of Louise Sofa, left, and Harris McCormack, right.



# lights up Brodick Castle

schools earlier this year for children to draw their favourite places on Arran.

Out of more than 200 entries, four winners were chosen who had their work projected onto the castle.

They were: Allaigh Lambie P1 Corrie primary, who painted her favourite tree at Home Farm in Brodick on the beach at Corrie; Louise Soffa, P3 Pirmill primary, painted an impressive image of Corrie Fion Lochan; Harris McCormack P6 Brodick

primary painted a colourful image of Goatfell from Brodick; and Sonny Boxall, P7 Whiting Bay primary, created a detailed scaled drawing of Holy Isle and what may lie beneath it.

Project manager of the heritage trail Ruth Impey said the entries had been 'so amazing' that she photographed all of them to make a collage of all the entrants' work which was projected onto the castle so all the children can say their work was on the castle.



The collage of the children's work displayed on the castle. 01\_B17paint11



The logo of the heritage trail displayed on the castle. 01\_B18paint15

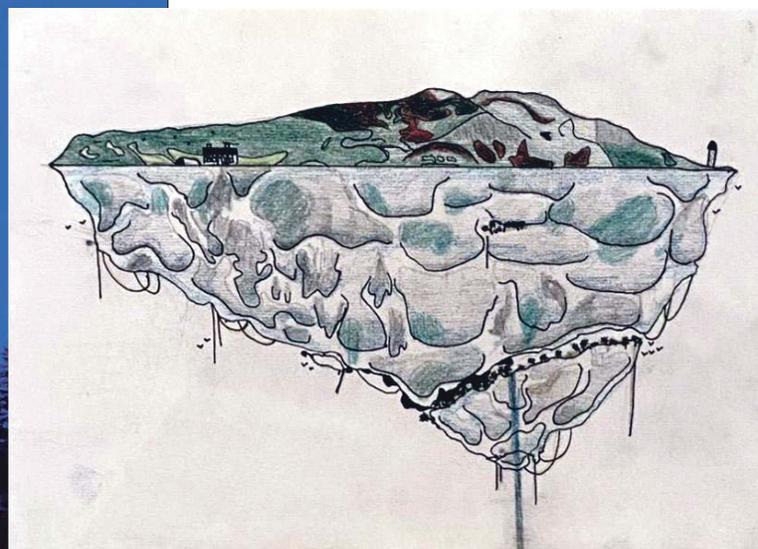


Steven McConnell, right, and his colleague Cameron Gleave of Double Take Projections of Edinburgh, set up the equipment at the castle. 01\_B17paint07

Allaigh Lambie's painting displayed on the castle. 01\_B17paint10

Above: The collage of paintings which was displayed on the castle.

Left: The Holy Isle drawing of Sonny Boxall displayed on the castle. 01\_B18paint14



The drawing of Sonny Boxall.

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# Last chance to take part in Brodick Hall consultation

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Time is running out for Arran residents to have their say on the future of Brodick Hall and the Arran library service.

As reported in the Banner earlier this month, a consultation on how community facilities operate in future across North Ayrshire is ongoing and has less than three weeks to run.

This third and final stage of the consultation is ensuring residents have a voice in how libraries, community centres and halls deliver their services in the years to come.

One proposal is for Brodick Hall to be offered as a community asset transfer but that would require a community group taking over responsibility for the upkeep and ongoing maintenance and repair of the building from the council,

with the inherent risks. Arran library, which occupies part of the hall, is part of the review.

A final decision is expected by the council in early June.

Rhona Arthur, head of service connected communities, said: 'We really do need to hear from as many people as possible if they like the plans, disagree or simply want to let

## 'Some services we provide may be delivered in a different way'

us know the likely impact on them.

'Events over the past year have taught us we need to think about how we deliver our services in ways which meet the needs of our communities.

'In a post-Covid world, that may mean some of the services we provide may be delivered in



a different way or in a different location, but the service will remain. Our communities have already played a big part throughout the development of these proposals and we want

to make sure their voice is heard before the consultation closes in early May.'

Until May 5, anyone can view and comment on the proposals at <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/yourvoicemyourview>

Those who cannot access the online consultation can email [communityfacilities@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:communityfacilities@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) or call the council on 01294 310000

and hold 'for all other enquiries' and a time will be set up to call people back and go through the consultation.

Call Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Time is running out to have a say on the future of Brodick Hall.

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## Glamping pods plan dropped after objections

A planning application for glamping pods and motorhome pitches in Arran has been withdrawn.

The proposal for the glamping site near Machrie sparked more than 30 objections with one objector describing it as a 'nightmare' and another claiming it would spoil the beauty of nearby standing stones and the King's Cave.

Angus Smith applied for permission to erect six glamping pods, 22 motorhome pitches, a clubhouse

and other facilities at Ashlar Farm, Machrie.

As reported in the Banner in February, a supporting statement lodged with North Ayrshire Council planners said: 'The proposed King's Cave Glamping site will provide a new and exciting accommodation option to the Machrie area and Arran as a whole.

'Demand for this type of accommodation is increasing throughout the country, especially with the

advent of Covid social distancing requirements.'

It was intended the site would be among the best in the area with the glamping pods constructed of timber.

It was to be located adjacent to a trail heading to the coastal King's Cave and less than one kilometre from the Machrie Moor Standing Stones.

But people lodged a raft of objections voicing concerns over traffic

and a possible impact on nearby ancient stone circles.

A neighbour said: 'The application site is within close proximity to the Machrie Moor Standing Stones and King's Cave and this application fails to recognise the potential archaeological importance of the area.'

One holidaymaker said: 'The idyllic setting and tranquility of this area is what draws visitors and myself to this spot and the addition

of 22 motorhomes and a glamping park with associated facilities will ruin the natural beauty of the place and the beautiful unspoiled scenery.

'The history and beauty of King's Cave and the Standing Stones will be ruined with this modern development.'

Another visitor slammed the potential development as a 'proposed nightmare' and pointed out it would be served by a minor road with 'virtually no traffic'.

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# A lifetime of encounters with HRH Prince Philip

Mairi S Christie was only a small girl on Arran when she first met Prince Philip, but it was not to be their last encounter. Here she gives her personal experience of the Duke of Edinburgh who died earlier this month.

It is with sadness that I heard of the death of Prince Philip.

I had the good fortune to meet him several times and even on the occasion, when I was a small child, he showed that special talent for making everyone feel at ease in his company.

In July 1947, the royal family led by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth were on their first visit to Arran since 1902 and were accompanied by the then Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, just four months before their marriage.

I was the youngest Brownie in Brodick when Prince Philip asked me if he could be my partner as we marched down the pier. I have never forgotten the thrill of that moment. Speaking to him at a garden party many years later, he remembered the visit and said how much he loved the island and Scotland in general.

In 1977, I was honoured to be asked to direct the Pageant of Scottish Youth for the Queen's Silver Jubilee at Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh. Three thousand young people from every local authority poured onto the field on floats representing their area as did voluntary organisations.

The aim of the day was to celebrate this special occasion by showing and increasing the opportunities for young people, a subject close to Prince Philip's heart. An exhibition - Opportunity Youth - was run beside the event and stall holders could only take part if they were offering real opportunities for young people. I was escorting Her

**'Many of his comments had the platform party in fits of laughter'**

Majesty round the event. We continually lost Prince Philip as he kept wandering off to ask questions.

At the end of the day, Her Majesty the Queen presented the prizes for the numerous events that had taken place.

As I was handing the trophies to her Majesty, I was standing next to Prince Philip who was chatting about each organisation. He showed a tremendous knowledge and interest in every single aspect of the day and many of his comments had the platform party in fits of laughter, as shown in the

picture which accompanies this article.

Another link I had with Prince Philip was that, as an HMI in England, part of my role was the inspection of youth services and a special responsibility for the voluntary organisations including The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Prince Philip always showed a keen interest in their progress and how those with disabilities or difficulties could take part as fully as possible. Even at a garden party he asked me about a particular expedition which was for young people with learning difficulties.

He was particularly amused to find I had spent a freezing night in a tent in six inches of water one cold November.

The spot was not very well chosen and, unfortunately, we were pitching tents in darkness, but I could not influence any of this as the Duke of Edinburgh teaches young people to be independent and learn from their experiences.

The youth workers in charge helped them the next day to work out where they went wrong and everyone agreed they had a great time and were ready for the next challenge.



The Pageant presentation in Edinburgh during the couple's Silver Jubilee tour of Scotland in 1977.



The royal party arriving in Brodick by barge in 1947.

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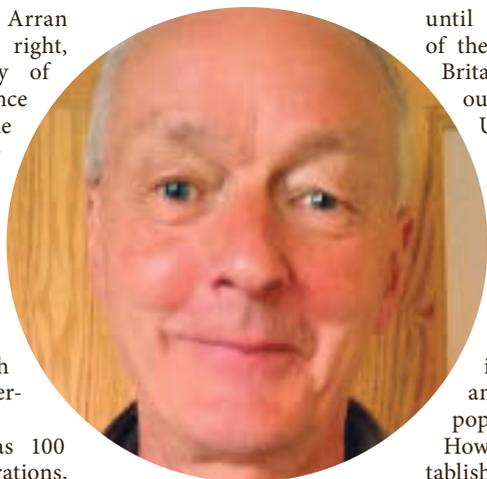
# Looking back at the important Anglo-Soviet wartime alliance

The latest book by Arran author Colin Turbett, right, which tells the story of the important alliance between Britain and the Soviet Union during the Second World War, has been published.

The Anglo-Soviet Alliance, *Comrades and Allies* book deals with the wartime alliance with the USSR and its history and aftermath on this, the 80th anniversary, of its start in 1941.

The book, which has 100 black and white illustrations, includes recollections by Jessie Clark from Brodick.

It is the latest book from Colin, who has lived in Corrie for more than 30 years, looking at the Soviet Union during



Second World War following Red Star at War – Victory at All Costs published last year. From the onset of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in 1917

until the German invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941, Britain enjoyed an ambiguous relationship with the USSR and its people.

All inter-war governments were concerned about the communist ideals of the new state and the threat they presented to British interests at home and abroad and this was inevitably reflected amongst the general population.

However, there was a well-established British Communist Party whose fortunes were tied to the Soviet Union's successes and failures.

The wartime alliance offered the Communists an opportunity to extend their influence

and win electoral support. Or did it? There were influences at work from both sides that sought to put the importance of allied victory above competing ideology, with agreement over the need for a strong and unconditional anti-Fascist alliance.

Compromises were made and relationships formed that would have seemed strange to the pre-war observer.

There were, however, tensions throughout the period of the war.

By mid-1945, the alliance was threatened by differences that reflected original ideologies that had been glossed over for the duration of the conflict and these led to a Cold War for the next 45 years.

This book, using contemporary sources as well as post-war analyses, examines these matters alongside images from the period and helps the reader to understand its intricacies.

It starts with a look at Britain's opposition to the Bolshevik Revolution and the consolidation of the Soviet State under Lenin, then Stalin.

The main body of the book goes on to give detail of the Wartime Alliance and the various forms through which it was expressed, from government led lend-lease of equipment, to voluntary aid for Russia.

It ends with the war's aftermath and the division of the world between the influences of capitalism and the 'really existing socialism' of the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Tensions and expectations resulted, amongst other great social events, in the launch of the Welfare State, the demise of the British Empire, the nuclear arms race and, ultimately, the end of the Soviet Union in 1991.

There will be an online book launch on May 5 at 7pm hosted by the RMT Glasgow Shipping Branch.

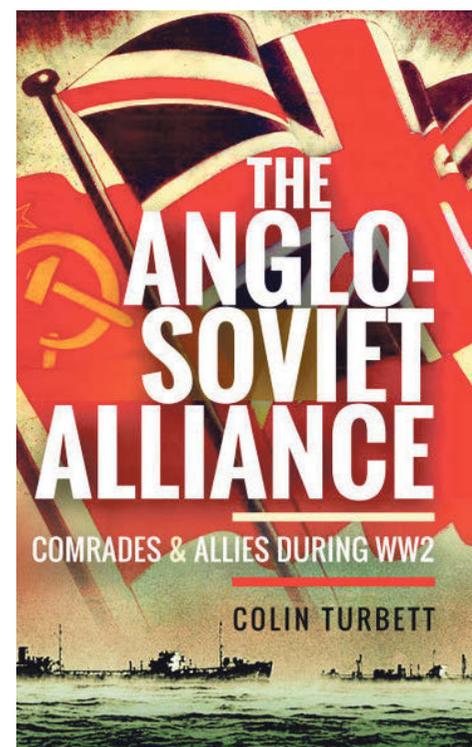
The free event will focus on the memory of the Arctic Convoys – the heroic and highly dangerous supply of vital war materials to Russia which started 80 years ago in August 1941 and ended in May 1945.

The author will provide a brief overview of the book with a focus on the role of British and Soviet Union seafarers.

Contributions will also be heard from Igor Shchekotin



Memories of Jessie Clark are included in the book.



The cover of The Anglo-Soviet Alliance - Comrades and Allies During WW2.

from the Russian Seafarers Union and Fred Potter, a retired seafarer and RMT member from Alyth, who will talk of his father's wartime experiences.

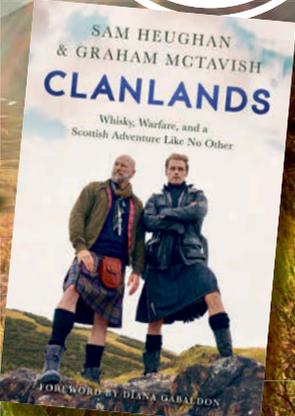
Arctic Convoy-themed poetry read by Sheila Gilmore in Scots and English and Natalia Yurievna McAllister in Russian

will intersperse the speakers.

The Anglo-Soviet Alliance is available from Pen and Sword Books, RRP £25, at the reduced price of £15.99 or through the author's website [www.colin-turbett.co.uk](http://www.colin-turbett.co.uk) and there are a few copies in the Book & Card Centre in Brodick.

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Arran's new ladies' rugby team played for the first time in an exhibition match ahead of the main Arran Rugby Sevens in Brodick last Saturday. They are pictured with coaches Graham Dobson and Bert Ramage. 01\_B17tweY01



The Arran Sevens team after losing the plate final to Loch Lomond. 01\_B17tweY02



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Left: Medal winners from the inter-primary rugby competition held before the main sevens event. 01\_B17tweY03



A hopeful crowd gathered on the banks of the Lagg Burn last Sunday looking for victory in the annual Kilmory Playgroup fundraising duck egg derby. 01\_B17tweY07



Children enjoyed Easter fun at Brodick Castle on Sunday. Here we see children taking part in the Easter bonnet parade. 01\_B17tweY04



A youngster gets to grips with egg painting at Brodick Castle. 01\_b17TWE06



Rosamund McCormack, resplendent in her bonnet, puts the finishing touches to her painted Easter egg. 01\_B17tweY05

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arranbaptistchurch.btck.co.uk](http://www.arranbaptistchurch.btck.co.uk)  
If you go to the homepage and  
look below the map picture you  
will find the link to pick up the  
service. To access click on the  
first letter of the link.  
We would love you to join us.

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Church is now open for  
public worship, subject to social  
distancing, wearing of face  
coverings and NHS Test and  
Protect requirements. Services  
are as follows :  
**Saturday 24th April**  
Vigil Mass at 5pm  
**Sunday 25th April**  
Morning Mass at 11am  
Capacity in church is strictly  
limited.

Attendance at all the above  
services is by booking only. Tel  
600595 or email [peterdwilko@  
gmail.com](mailto:peterdwilko@gmail.com) to check availability  
and confirm your place

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## DEATHS

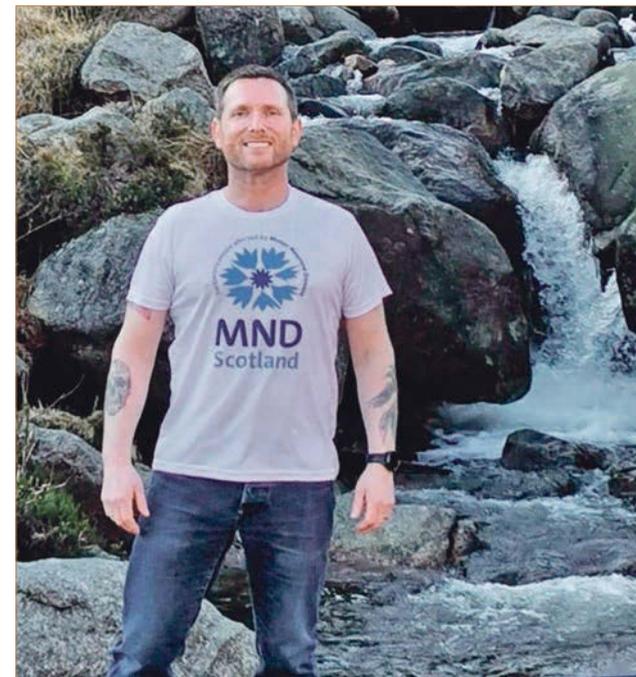
**ALLAN** - Colin. Peacefully at  
home on 18th April, after a long  
illness borne with fortitude, and  
without a complaint, Colin, aged  
77, dear husband of Audrey for 52  
years, loved Dad of Tracy, Susan  
and Graham. Very sadly missed  
by all who knew him.

**THOMSON** - Janice Jean. 19.04.59  
- 05.04.21. Passed peacefully on  
5th April with her loving family  
by her side. The beloved daughter  
of the late David & Christine of  
Kings Cross, much loved Wife,  
Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunt, Great  
Aunt & Friend. Janice will always  
be loved & remembered by so  
many especially for her smile.

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Above, Charlie is ready to set out on another daily run; and right, Charlie wearing his MND Scotland t-shirt, the charity for which he is fundraising on his JustGiving page.



## Charlie's running daily for charity

Charlie Adamson has been  
running 10k a day, as well as a  
gruelling 100 sit-ups and 100  
push-ups, to raise funds for  
MND Scotland.

He has done this in all  
weathers, usually in his home  
village of Lamlash, and has  
continued while working  
off-shore.

So far he has raised more  
than £2,000 and has seven  
days left to go.

MND Scotland is the leading  
charity in Scotland providing  
care and support to people  
affected by Motor Neurone  
Disease, as well as funding  
vital research into finding a  
cure.

In the past he and his wife,  
Pauline, have fundraised for  
the local cat charity and held  
a tea party for CLIC Sargent.

# Spring into action for Age Scotland

The national charity for older  
people is encouraging people  
to get moving every day next  
month as part of a new fund-  
raising activity challenge.

Throughout May, Age  
Scotland is asking people  
across the country to Spring  
into Action to help support  
older people in Scotland.

Fundraisers can take part  
however they choose, but the  
most important thing is to  
make sure they are active every

day. All funds raised by Spring  
into Action participants will  
go towards Age Scotland's  
vital services, including the  
national friendship line, which  
offers a place older people can  
turn to if they are in need of  
support, comfort and reas-  
surance or even just missing a  
friendly voice.

Age Scotland's director of  
charity services, Michelle  
Supple, said: 'Running and  
walking events have always

been a great way to help raise  
vital funds and, even with  
many regular events unfortu-  
nately cancelled over the past  
year, we've been overwhelmed  
by the kindness and generosity  
shown by fundraisers still go-  
ing above and beyond.

'We hope to see as many  
people as possible taking up  
our challenge to Spring into  
Action this May. With nights  
getting lighter and better  
weather on the horizon, this

is a great excuse to get out and  
about and support a worthy  
cause at the same time.

'Whether you run one mile,  
walk five, or design your own  
challenge, your fundraising  
efforts will be making a real  
difference for older people in  
Scotland.'

Anyone looking to sign up  
to Age Scotland's Spring into  
Action challenge can find  
further information at [www.  
age.scot/SpringIntoAction](http://www.age.scot/SpringIntoAction).

## ARRAN BANNER GOLF



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exceptional net 60 was club  
captain Stan Rainey.

Result: 1 Stan Rainey (11)  
60, 2 Jamie Stewart (5) 61 acb  
and lowest gross, 3 Nicol Auld  
(9) 61 acb, 4 Gus MacLeod  
(13) 61. Jamie Stewart bagged  
the only magic two of the day  
@2nd hole.

Fixtures: Sunday April 25,

Captain's Prize. For this spe-  
cial day there will be a draw  
at 10am with games starting  
at various tees if needed.  
Wednesday April 28, the  
Richard Parfitt Stableford.

### Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday April 14, Summer  
Cup, 42 played. 1 Alan  
McNicol 74-16=58, 2 Chris  
Park 76-15=61, 3 Gordon  
Hendry 68-6=62. Scratch  
Ewan McKinnon 66.

Sunday April 18, British  
Legion Cup, Stableford,  
31 played. 1 Bob McCrae  
(9) 42pts, 2 Matt Dobson  
(6) 40pts, 3 Terry Raeside  
(13) 38pts. British Legion  
Trophy, 36 holes, round two,  
31 played. 1 Bob McCrae

68-9=59, 2 Matt Dobson  
67-6=61, 3 Fred Galbraith 79-  
15=64. Scratch Matt Dobson  
67.

Fixture: Sunday April 25,  
Belhaven Medal.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday April 15, ladies' fun  
Tri-Am. 1 Fiona Henderson,  
Julia Salton, Mary Jo Tod nett  
81; 2 Jenni Turnbull, Esther  
Henderson, Yvonne Brothers  
nett 87.

Sunday April 18, gents'  
18-hole medal. 1st class: 1  
and scratch Robbie Crawford  
71-10=61, 2 Alan Stewart  
73-8=65, 3 Joe Faulkner 75-  
9=66. 2nd class: 1 and winner  
Alastair Kerr 74-13=61 BIH,  
2 Peter King 91-28=63, 3

Robert Waine 82-15=67.  
Magic twos R Waine, R  
Crawford, A Ingham and A  
Stewart.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday April 20, Peter  
Sutton: 1 Brian Sherwood 62,  
2 John Pennycott 63, 3 Phil  
Betley 63. Magic two Hamish  
Bannatyne.

Fixtures: Tuesday April  
27, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary  
tee-off 1.30pm and 5.30pm.  
Anyone intending to play in  
the evening please contact  
Brian by Monday. Saturday  
May 1, Hugh Steel Cup to be  
played over nine holes, tee-off  
12.30pm.

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# Seniors Bowl tees off island golfing season



Arran Golfers Association (AGA) has announced the first fixtures of the season which kicks off with the Seniors Bowl which starts at the end of the month.

Fixtures are as follows: Seniors Bowl at Whiting Bay, Friday April 30, Friday May 7 and Friday May 14, all at 5pm sharp. The first round draw is as follows: Whiting Bay get a bye in the first round to the semi-finals where they play the winners of Lamlash v Shiskine. The other two first round matches are: Lochranza Castle v Machrie Bay and Corrie v Brodick.

Spring Handicap at Brodick, Sunday May 2, morning and afternoon slots available. Contact your club to put your name on the sheet or contact Hamish via Facebook. Late entries will be accepted.

Junior Handicap at Brodick, Monday May 3, from 4pm, under-18s, strokeplay.

The annual general meeting can't go ahead as usual due to the pandemic.

The plan is to have it later in the year.



A stunning drone photograph of Brodick golf course taken by deputy head greenkeeper Craig Thomson. Members have paid tribute to head greenkeeper Tam McNab and his team for the condition of the course so early in the season.

M McDonald 75-15=60 and scratch; 2 A McDonald 78-14=64; 3 A Smith 80-14=66.

Fixtures: Saturday April 24, 18-hole medal. Please arrange your own matches and adhere to current Covid regulations.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday April 18, medal. After a week of bright sunny weather a bit of a shock to the system for the 22 who played on a damp and chilly morning. The shock did not appear to affect too many though; scoring was good with the top five players all beating par. Top of the heap with an

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## Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies section: Wednesday April 14, Easter competition. A total of 13 ladies enjoyed a 12-hole stableford competition on a gloriously sunny afternoon. Winner with 29 points was Kate McAdam and runner up was Fiona Carswell with 24 points.

Thursday April 15, Summer

Cup. 1 Serge El Adm 72-11=61; 2 Dougie Macfarlane 65-3=62; 3 Euan Bone 76-13=63; 4 Derek Harrison 86-22=64 BIH. Magic twos Euan Bone @13th, Douglas Macfarlane @12th, Stuart Campbell @16th, Graeme Andrew @14th and Scott Campbell @8th. Hole 16 drawn. Sunday April 18, Hugh Hutchison Greensome.

1 Paul Jameson and Derek Harrison 72-14.8=57.2; 2 Serge El Adm and Alan Campbell 73-11.8=61. Best Scratch Norrie MacIntyre and Stuart McLaren 71. Magic twos Serge El Adm and Stuart Campbell @13th and 16th, Iain Murchie and Scott Campbell @16th. Fixture: Sunday April 25, Drift Inn Quaich (Stableford), noon

draw. Thursday April 29, Summer Cup. Make up own groups and see starter for times.

## Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday April 14, medal. 1 D Logan 74-11=63; 2 G Decaestecker 84-20=64; 3 G Andrew 74-9=65. Scratch R Logan 73.

Saturday April 17, medal. 1

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