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Six sign up to mountain rescue team

Six new volunteers have become full members of Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT).

The new team members have all received regular training in first aid, navigation, ropework and helicopter familiarisation, via a combination of formal courses and workshops at the team base and in exercises out on the hills and mountains.

After serving their initial 12-month probationary period

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New members Pete Bellhouse, Jamie Barrow, Alasdair Howe, Robbie Adamson, Neil Sillars and Suzie Dick outside the AMRT base in Brodick.

Action on ferries needed now

by Hugh Boag
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An urgent demand for action was made this week after it was announced it will be at least Thursday June 3 before MV Isle of Arran resumes service as the second boat on the Brodick to Ardrossan route.

The appeal has gone out to the new Scottish Government ministers in charge of trans-

New ministers urged to act as current service is described as 'worst in the last 20 years'

port and the islands as CalMac has given dates before of its pending return, only for these to come and go as work drags on to repair the MV Loch Seaforth, which saw the Arran ferry drafted in elsewhere.

VisitArran this week called

the appalling ferry service currently being endured as 'the worst in the last 20 years'. It claims it has led to holiday bookings being cancelled as visitors were unable to get replacement sailings, despite increased capacity on the

Lochranza to Claonaig route.

The tourist body has called for direct action from businesses affected and asked for personal videos, highlighting the crisis, they can take along with other evidence to the Scottish Cabinet.

Islanders, too, are facing problems getting off the island with no bookings being taken until June 8 and the turn-up-and-go capacity reduced to eight foot passengers on each sailing of the MV Caledonian Isles. Even passengers with dogs have been having trouble getting on ferries as the number of dogs is limited to 10 - unless you want to leave mutt in the car.

Both Arran ferry groups have

written to the new Scottish ministers asking them for urgent meetings.

The Isle of Arran Ferry Committee has written to returning transport minister Michael Matheson and new ferries minister Graeme Dey asking for an urgent meeting to discuss what they describe as the 'dire situation'.

Chairman Iain Thomson stated: 'Covid-19 has severely

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Action on ferries needed now Troon to be port of refuge

Continued from page one. impacted us, as with all communities, however, the failure to provide an effective ferry service has exacerbated this impact and has caused major problems for our quality of life, the sustainability of the fragile island economy and will no doubt increase mental wellbeing issues and emigration of young people.

'This has been amplified by the pandemic and will continue as a major limiting factor for community and economic recovery and sustainable development until satisfactorily

addressed.' The new islands minister, Mairi Gougeon, has been invited to visit Arran by Arran Ferry Action Group to see for herself the devastating impact the current ferry situation is having on the fragile island economy.

In his letter, secretary Chris Atkins stated: 'This crisis extends to other islands up the west coast of Scotland served by the ailing CalMac ferry fleet.

'We desperately need reliable ferries so the islands can recover just like the mainland, otherwise we risk the collapse

of island economies within the next one to two years.

'While we are fully aware this can't be solved overnight, or in the next few weeks or months, we need a clear, decisive plan to get us through the next five to 10 years. And an urgent cross-party commitment to £500m investment in new boats over 10 years.'

CalMac says if the MV Loch Seaforth resumes service from Monday May 31, the MV Isle of Arran will return to the Brodick to Ardrossan route on Thursday June 3, but she will also start the Campbeltown

summer season sailings on the same day.

In a rare bit of good news, it has been confirmed the sailings will now be via Brodick on Thursday and Friday and continued stop-offs on Saturdays.

Robbie Drummond, managing director of CalMac, said: 'Specialists are working day and night on the MV Loch Seaforth to ensure her safe return to Stornoway-Ullapool.

'This has been an extremely frustrating time for passengers and our staff and I am grateful to them all for their continued patience.' **See page 7.**

Arran is to have a new port of refuge at Troon ending the island's long association with Gourock.

New berthing fenders are to be installed at Troon Harbour to help prepare for its use as an alternative mainland port during periods of disruption at Ardrossan Harbour.

Associated British Ports has awarded a contract, worth around £3m, to George Leslie, through grant funding provided by Transport Scotland.

The agreement to use Troon as an alternative port of refuge to Gourock will allow more sailings per day than the longer diversion, which in recent years has been seldom used. These developments will support the operation of CalMac services when they are temporarily diverted to Troon during periods of disruption, including the construction of the Ardrossan Harbour redevelopment project due to start in September 2022.

Work is expected to start at the end of the month.

Minister for Transport Graeme Dey said: 'We know how important these ferry links are to the communities of Arran and Campbeltown, so it's vital we help Troon Harbour prepare for its role as a temporary port of refuge.

'The award of this contract is another step forward for the Ardrossan Harbour redevelopment project as a whole.

'The Scottish Government is committed to providing robust and resilient ferry services from Ardrossan to Arran and Campbeltown and I look forward to seeing the work continuing to progress in the future.'

Stuart Cresswell, ABP port manager at Troon, said: 'We are delighted the port of Troon is able to support the Scottish Government, Arran and Campbeltown by hosting the ferry on a temporary basis during both the planned upgrade of Ardrossan and in the longer term for backup resilience.

'Works to install additional fendering on Troon's East pier ferry berth will be starting very soon and we are pleased that, following a comprehensive tendering process, the contract for this work has been awarded to a locally based Scottish company.'

Re-elected MSP's pledge to spend £580m on fleet



Arran's re-elected MSP Kenneth Gibson, left, has pledged the Scottish government will spend at least £580 million on ferries over the next five years.

It follows a meeting on Tuesday when Mr Gibson and his colleagues Dr Alasdair Allan and Jenni Minto, who represent the Western Isles and Argyll and Bute respectively,

met with new ferries minister Graeme Dey MSP.

Mr Dey said: 'I am keen to hear directly about the specific issues and challenges faced by islanders at what is a particularly difficult time. Social distancing has greatly reduced ferry capacity and the breakdown of the MV Loch Seaforth and bad weather have exacerbated an already

difficult situation. My MSP colleagues have understandably been inundated by irate constituents and sought this early meeting. In the short term, we are actively exploring opportunities for chartering additional tonnage, including consideration of the MV Pentalina, and looking at other credible, affordable and viable options to improve resilience.'

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Arran pupils make it count on National Numeracy Day

Arran High School pupils put their mathematical knowledge and skills to the test when they took part in National Numeracy Day challenges.

The highlight of the event, which took place last week, was an outdoor numeracy treasure hunt where S1, S2 and S3 pupils competed against each other to complete the hunt first.

Senior pupils also completed numeracy day starters before returning to revising for their forthcoming assessments in maths. Some S6 pupils helped to organise the S1, S2 and S3 treasure hunt as well as helping on the day.

Acting faculty head of mathematics and numeracy Allan Wilson said: 'We had a great day celebrating national numeracy day in the school. I am keen to improve and promote numeracy as much as I can. I want to make it enjoyable for our pupils and remove the stigma of working with numbers.'

'I would like to thank our S6 helpers Rory Currie, Lottie Pickles, Naomi Provan, John McNeish, Abbie Mulholland, Amelia Robertson, Millie Young, Mhairi Thomas, Jed Russell, James Reid, Kyle McNicol and Malley Robertson for all their hard work and helping to make it a great day.'

School staff supported the initiative by joining in and completing their own national numeracy day quiz.

The winner was Moyra Manson, Arran high pupil support teacher.



S1 winners Andrew Currie, Harvey Dale, Corey McConnell and Eilidh McNeish.



S3 winners Beth McCarthy, Bella Reid and Lily Currie.



S2 winners Catherine Smith, Kaitlyn Haddow and Harry Gilmore.

Bank holiday chemist opening times

Arran Medical Group will be closed on Monday owing to the bank holiday.

But pharmacies on Arran will be open, albeit with alterations to their normal opening hours.

The opening times of Arran's pharmacies on Monday May 31 will be: Arran Pharmacy, Brodick and Lamlash, 9am to 1pm and Whiting Bay, 11am to 1pm.

During the reduced hours, a pharmacist will

be able to answer questions on choosing and using the correct medicine and provide advice on treating everyday ailments such as coughs, colds and hayfever.

NHS 24 also has a number of pharmacists who can answer medicine and pharmacy-related questions over the telephone on 111.

In addition, NHS Inform has advice at www.nhsinform.scot.

Collect a Covid test from Ormidale Pavilion

People on Arran without Covid-19 symptoms can pick up a lateral flow device (LFD) test kit from Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick, Monday to Thursday, between 11am and 3.30pm.

Alternatively, you can arrange to have a LFD test kit delivered to your home.

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order will contain one pack with seven LFD tests inside and it will be delivered to your home in one to two days.

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Six sign up to team

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and after an assessment, the trainees are now full AMRT members and are on-call 365 days a year, day and night.

The AMRT team has a variety of skills and experience among them and they are frequently required to provide search and rescue assistance to walkers and climbers on Arran.

Call-outs are initially raised via Police Scotland before team members are contacted and assembled at the team base in Brodick where they are briefed on the nature of the incident before heading out to help.

The new AMRT members are: Suzie Dick, Pete Bellhouse, Jamie Barrow, Alasdair Howe, Robbie Adamson and Neil Sillars.

AMRT is a registered charity funded by a combination of grant-aid, public donations and money raised via fundraising.

All team members are experienced hillwalkers or mountaineers and are unpaid volunteers giving up their time to help people in need.

Pizza winners sample their own creation

by Colin Smeeton
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The winners of a pizza competition run by sustainable food promoter Eco Savvy this week had the opportunity to see their winning creation available for sale.

The Glister family also taste tested their creation at The Parlour in Brodick.

The competition, run in conjunction with North Ayrshire Family Learning and The Parlour during the Easter



school holidays, asked school pupils on Arran to create a pizza based on three categories; seasonal, nifty thrifty or plant based.

The prize was to see the winning entry brought to life and listed on the specials board at The Parlour, where it would also be available for customers.

Numerous entries were received and the judges short-listed them to three hopeful finalists:

Poppy Murdoch made a nifty thrifty and seasonal pizza using mushrooms and rosemary from the Food Share on a store cupboard polenta and rosemary base with a creamy mushroom and wild garlic pesto topping.

The Kabala family made a nifty thrifty pizza using pantry staples, such as pineapple, sweetcorn and olives.

And the Glister family submitted three different types of pizza - a wild garlic pesto pizza, a wild garlic, mushroom and spinach pizza as a seasonal entry, and a dessert pizza with a Nutella/melted Easter chocolate base and fruits from the Food Share/ reduced section as a nifty thrifty pizza entry.

Eco Savvy sustainable food

Callum Glister tucks into a slice of the winning pizza which he helped to create.

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Competitors came up with seasonal, nifty-thrifty and plant-based specials



coordinator Jessica Wallace said: 'Thank you to everyone who took part for your efforts and a big well done to all of the finalists and to the Glister family, who are the winners with their seasonal wild garlic pesto pizza.'

The Glister family, dad Oliver, mum Laura and children Callum and Hayley,

visited The Parlour on Tuesday and were delighted to not only see their pizza creation being listed on the specials board but also to taste-test it.

The wild garlic, mushroom and spinach pizza has been on sale from the start of the week and customers still have a few days left to try it before Sunday May 30.

Matthew Dobson of The Parlour joins competition winners Callum and Hayley Glister, along with Laura Owens, Family Learning worker and Jessica Wallace, Eco Savvy sustainable food coordinator. 01_B22pizza01

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Appeal expected over fish farm application refusal

by Colin Smeeton
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The Scottish Salmon Company is thought to be preparing to appeal a decision by North Ayrshire Council to reject an application for a salmon fish farm near Millstone Point on the north east coast of Arran.

The planning application was refused in March for contravening a number of strategic policies.

Planning officials said its impact would affect the appearance of the area and the quality of the water environment and the 'special qualities' of the National Scenic Area.

'The proposal does not align with Scotland's National Maritime Plan or the emerging Clyde Marine Plan. Any economic value is not considered significant to overcome these adverse effects,' planners added.

Any decisions can be appealed within three months of the date of the notice and will be considered by a reporter appointed by Scottish ministers.

The Scottish Salmon Company has lodged an application to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) for a water use licence authorising controlled activities at, near or in connection with a marine pen fish farm at North Arran.

The controlled activities are described as, 'the discharge to the water environment of fish excreta, uneaten food and other substances resulting from the operation of a new marine pen fish farm'.

This application for a new Controlled Activities Regulation (CAR) licence de-

scribes the proposal to install 10 x 120m circular cages in a 2 x 5 formation, 75m grid with a net depth of 10m. It proposes a maximum biomass of 2,500t, a stocking density of 21.8134kg/m³ and the use of bath and in-feed medicines.

The application also states that 'the proposed site is also subject to a planning application, which will be in progress concurrently with this CAR application'.

The initial application, which was first made in August 2019, received widespread criticism and was the subject of a long campaign by environmental groups and residents in the area who opposed the establishing of a large fish farm in a National Scenic Area.

Working practices, environmental damage and fish health were also concerns which were voiced at public meetings and at a protests which attracted record numbers of people.

A further campaign, organised by Friends of Millstone Point, saw protesters camping at the proposed site for nearly two months to express their disapproval of the application.

The Arran Banner's letters page was also filled, for months on end, with correspondence from those proffering their opinion on the matter.

The application, received 397 objections and 22 in support.

The company is Scotland's second-largest salmon farmer and is owned by Faroese company Bakkafrøst.

The Scottish Salmon Company was approached for a comment but did not respond to the Arran Banner before it went press.

Salmon company lodges water use licence application

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New MSP 'leaves' House of Lords

Newly-elected West Scotland Labour MSP Katy Clark has said she will take a 'leave of absence' from the House of Lords where she is a life peer.

Ms Clark joined the House of Lords as Baroness Clark of Kilwinning last year after being nominated by outgoing Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

She served as political secretary to the Labour leader after losing her seat as Labour MP for North Ayrshire and Arran in the 2015 election.

She won a West Scotland regional list seat at the

Scottish parliament election earlier this month after losing out in Cunninghame North.

In a statement Ms Clark said: 'I will be taking an imminent leave of absence from the House of Lords.' She previously said she would 'stand down' from the Lords if she was elected as MSP.

A peer granted leave of absence by the House authorities can re-apply to attend the Lords again in the next parliament and then go back to claim the £300-a-day allowance for each day they attend.

LETTERS

Write to us: editor@arranbanner.co.uk
or The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Arran KA27 8AJ**Ministers have work cut out on thorny ferry issue**

The new islands and ferries ministers who have been appointed by the Scottish government are in for a baptism of fire.

Arran will not be the only island in Scotland which will be seeking urgent meetings with the new incumbents – new islands minister Mairi Gougeon and new ferries minister Graeme Dey.

Neither seems an obvious choice. Both represent seats in Angus – not known for its islands or ferries.

Mrs Gougeon was previously minister for public health and sport, so take your pick where her interest in island life lies – although she has previous experience in her other role of rural affairs.

Mr Dey is a 58-year-old Aberdonian, who has been an MSP for 10 years.

A former sports journalist his only previous ministerial position was a junior post as minister for parliamentary businesses and veterans – so some knowledge of the CalMac ferries!

Now he has the big job as transport minister – which is still a junior role – and has been handed the hot potato of resolving all of the CalMac multifarious ferry issues.

They are certainly both going to have full in-trays in the days and months ahead.

Meanwhile, there was at least a crumb of good news this week that finally Arran is to have a new port of refuge which may actually be used.

In recent years the use of Gourock has been more and more infrequent in bad weather – in part because the linkspan was broken for a long time and partly by the reluctance of CalMac to use the diversion.

Let's hope the new port at Troon will see fewer cancellations in bad weather – but don't count on it.

Thought for the week

'Sing a new song to the Lord; he has done wonderful things. By his own power and holy strength he has won the victory.' Psalm 98:1

Knotweed fears

Sir,
I recently visited Arran with my husband following an absence of 26 years.

It was wonderful to be back and visit all the places we love and to find the island refreshingly mostly unchanged.

However, one sight did disturb us on our walks along the coastline – the island is being infested with Japanese Knotweed.

This is an extremely invasive and destructive plant and there appears to be nothing happening to prevent its inevitable progress. It drowns out native plants.

We saw evidence of the plant moving inland along the waterways, which could be devastating to the internal island flora.

How aware are the inhabitants and is anything being done to plan its eradication?

Yours,
Alice Kirkbride,
Northumberland.

Backing for fish farm appeal

Sir,
I understand North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) decision on the fish farm north of Sannox is to be appealed.

I hope the appeal is successful and that the fish farm goes ahead. The COAST organisation ran a successful campaign against the new fish farm. In general, I support COAST and its aims, but I believe in this case it is wrong. In its original form, the application proposed 12 new permanent, non-seasonal, well-paid jobs on the island.

The reasons for turning down the application, as given in the Arran Banner March 26 2021, are not convincing.

The report to the NAC planning committee said: 'This impact will discourage visitors through visual impacts, loss of wild animals and loss of sense of place (sic). The site is on the North Arran geological walk and would harm the Arran Geopark.' How?

The planning committee was told the fish farm would discourage visitors from walking the Arran Coastal Way and would detract from 'green tourism'. Why?

There is no evidence the current fish farm discourages tourists.

A further point made in the report was that the company is foreign-owned. What future for North Ayrshire if Elon Musk or Henry Ford or any major international company comes

On the hunt for Brodick fly tippers

This shocking picture has led to a plea by the Arran Ranger Service asking if anyone can help identify a number of carpets that have been dumped in woods near Brodick.

The photographs appear to show at least six carpets and linoleum which has been carelessly discarded along with household waste, including plastic and other recyclable items.

The appeal to find the fly tippers on social media was met with a number of suggestions that might help to find the culprit.

One said the carpets appeared to be from a house renovation which appeared to date from the 1970s and that island estate agents could be called to see if they recently sold a house that required refurbishing.

Another suggested going through the household waste to see if there were any bills with an address on them.

And one enterprising amateur sleuth suggested laying the carpets out to approximate the size of the house to help narrow down the search.

If you recognise these carpets, above, or have any knowledge of the fly tipping, the Arran Ranger Service would like to hear from



you. Fly tipping can be reported on the North Ayrshire website and is punishable by means of a £200 fine.

Failure to remove the waste after a fixed penalty notice has been issued can result in additional removal charges which, if unpaid, can then result in a jail term and a £40,000 fine.

Vehicles used to commit these crimes can also be seized and destroyed.

looking for a site in the area? There has been a fish farm in Lamplash for 40 years and it has not detracted from tourism or negatively impinged on the scenic splendour that is Lamplash Bay.

If the island is to thrive, we must have jobs and careers for its young people. Tourism, as an industry, is a low-wage, non-permanent, seasonal employer, with a high staff turnover.

It is not going to provide the wealth required to keep our schools full and our villages thriving.

Farming, on the land, is not the labour-intensive industry which it once was, particularly with the recent closure of the creamery, which nearly ended dairying on the island.

I feel the island is being taken over by retired incomers and holiday home owners who move to Arran because it is a quiet backwater and they are vociferous and voluble in their demands to keep it that way.

One wonders whether NAC planners differentiate between objections from locals and objections from holiday home owners and retired incomers. It would be interesting to know what proportion of the circle of objectors featured

in the Banner demonstrating at North Sannox were native islanders.

I am reminded of two previous campaigns, one against the Auchrannie development and one against the Lochranza Distillery, both more than 20 years ago.

The council then had the vision to reject the objections. It seems now the tide has turned, and NAC would like to preserve the island in aspic. As I have said already, the new fish farm would have provided 12 families with a living on Arran. Doubtless, there is a lot of room for improvement in fish farming practice, but it is a relatively new science and, presumably, with incidents like the recent one at Carradale last summer, legislation will tighten up.

In 2018, according to Scottish government figures, fish farming was worth £885m to the Scottish economy and directly provided 11,800 jobs. Why should Arran be denied a share of this for the sake of retired incomers?

Yours,
Tommy Gilmore,
Brodick.

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Critical ferries situation demands coherent plan

The independent CalMac Community Board is calling for immediate action to address the failure in services to our islands both in the short term but also urgently bringing forward new investment plans for the fleet.

These are not new questions, but a coherent strategy is needed now to respond to these issues and prevent further social and economic damage to our islands.

Ahead of its next scheduled meeting today (Friday) with Transport Scotland, CMAL and CalMac, it hopes to hear their plans for the short and medium term to address the critical situation our islands face.

Chairman Angus Campbell outlines the vital questions members want answered:

Dry docking/maintenance:

It is self-evident the current dry dock programme is not meeting the needs of the fleet.

Is the dry-docking programme meeting the needs of the fleet? Is the finance available to CFL a fixed sum per vessel/fleet or is there room for further funds if required? And is the time allocated for each vessel appropriate to its needs?

Are there any items left undone due to financial and/or time restraints? Who pays for any over-budget costs when vessels have to return to dry dock for further repairs?

On-going maintenance outside dry-docking:

Given the age of the fleet and ever-increasing need for maintenance, is that programme maintained to an appropriate level and do you have confidence in your vessels being of a standard expected for lifeline ferry services?

Can more pre-emptive work be done and do we have a ready supply of spares for vulnerable parts. Could a mobile specialist team support this process?

Future investment:

Given the urgent need for new vessels and the unacceptable delays to the Ferguson ships,

can communities be assured that the £586 million budget approved will be spent in a planned but timeous way with community requirements included at design stage?

It is vital this programme proceeds independently of the present constructions and does not get delayed in a chain.

Who can offer these assurances and be publicly accountable for ensuring industry standard deliverable contracts, value for money spend, delivery deadlines and who reviews, signs off and stands by these decisions?

Given the vulnerable condition of the ageing fleet immediate action is required to source additional vessels, what assurances or evidence can you offer that every opportunity is being taken to lease/buy new tonnage for passenger and freight purposes and who would pick up these additional costs?

Use of existing assets:

Can the present fleet be used to provide additional sailings?

Can relief crews and shore-based crews be used to supplement operations? Are there financial or contractual barriers to exploring this?

Are there fleet resilience concerns that prevent the use of the fleet in a way other ferry operations work?

Contract and structures:

The current CHFS has a clause for extension to be triggered in 2021. What assurances can be given to communities

and businesses that this will not just be more of the same? Following that, there will be a new contract. How will that accommodate the need to meet growth in island economies and provide the promised lifeline services? The success of RET has shown the capacity

for progress but will we get the fleet capacity to fully capitalise on that investment to benefit both the islands and the national economy?

The present structure of responsibility between Transport Scotland, CMAL and CalMac is not efficient and

does not meet the needs of our communities.

What plans are there to allow community voices to be part of future structures influencing policy and strategic decisions?

■ Bill Calderwood is the Arran representative on the community board.

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Tree planting in Glen Rosa



A young sapling is protected from the elements.

Whiting Bay Primary School pupils had a great day this week planting trees in Glen Rosa as part of their John Muir Award.

Assisting the Arran Ranger Service, the youngsters planted birch and an Arran Whitebeam to help with the habitat revival project in the glen.

Not only that, they learned about some of the special

flora and fauna of Glen Rosa and were lucky enough to see an adder, a golden eagle and sunshine.

The senior pupils from Whiting Bay were the first school group to be welcomed back by the rangers when they came to learn about the Bronze Age and undertook survival skills earlier in the month, also as part of their John Muir Award.



Whiting Bay pupils prepare the ground for tree planting.



Another sapling is planted.



Head ranger Kate Samson shows youngsters how to make a fire from sticks at the Bronze Age event.



Ranger Corrina Goeckeritz explains the habitat revival project.



Pupils planting in the Glen Rosa sunshine.

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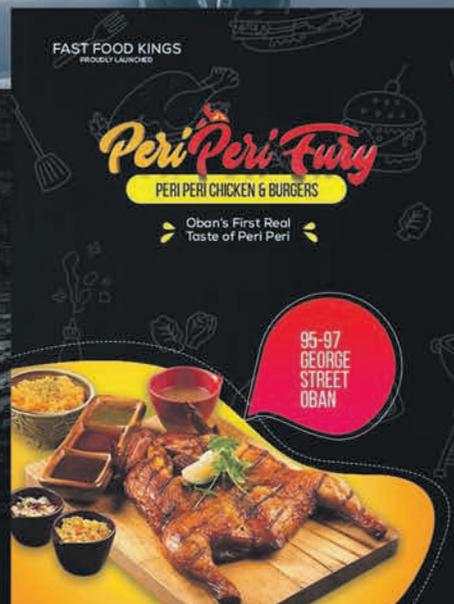
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Even if you are not planning a holiday here then chances are you will be paying a visit on the way to your destination, but remember, it makes perfect sense to base yourself close to Oban if you are planning a touring holiday.

Here at the Oban Times what

makes us so proud of the town is that anyone can come here and can have their perfect holiday, short or long; you would be surprised at how many people come for a day trip.

Fish and chips or a burger? Oban doesn't have any of the fast food chains and there is serious competition in the town to be the best.

Or fine dining, and the freshest and best seafood from award-winning hotels and restaurants – they don't call Oban the seafood capital of Scotland for nothing. If you don't want to eat in, enjoy one of the seafood shops.

Likewise you can find everything from back-packing hostels to Victorian mansions turned into tranquil, luxuriously-appointed hotels listed

amongst Europe's finest. In between there is every kind of B&B and independent hotel to suit your budget and style. Pubs and bars serve local food, beers and a fine array of whiskies – as you would expect from a town with such a famous distillery.

Stunning scenery on the doorstep, otters gambolling on the foreshore and seals people-watching from the harbour are all set against the bustle of a busy, friendly and thriving town with a great shopping mix of national chains and privately-owned stores.

The old Oban Times building is host to a museum and the historic McCaig's Tower (never call it a folly) watches over the town.

Join in the fun when we can have festivals and events again; there is always plenty of live music and we have our own

community-owned cinema. Or you can sit and watch the world go by as the ferries, lighthouse vessels, fishing and fish farm boats come and go along with the yachts on the pontoons. Oban also supplies spectacular sunsets over the bay, at no extra charge.



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With Father's Day coming up and year-round celebrations from retirements to birthdays and now weddings, more than 80 businesses in Oban now accept the vouchers.

As well as being a help to those unsure what to buy someone, the highly successful initiative helps keep money in Oban and spent with local independents, said BID4Oban chief executive Andy Spence.

Buying a Love Oban voucher ensures the money spent stays within the local economy to support businesses, jobs and local people, he said.

The initiative has proved popular with local people who want to see the town succeed and also people from outside the area.

They have purchased the vouchers online on behalf of those planning breaks in Oban or who are moving to the town to take up employment, said Andy.

He said: 'When you spend local that £1 then regenerates and goes into supporting someone at another local business and is spent in the town.'

'Not just local but every single business is important in Oban as it provides employ-

ment for local people and they also spend in the town.'

Andy said supporting Oban at this time is vital as retailers recover from the pandemic.

The process of buying the vouchers took just a couple of minutes and each comes with a handy guide to where they can be spent.

Andy added: 'We have a lot of new local businesses opening in the town and given what we have just been through, it's clear the town is extremely vibrant and people have got the confidence in Oban to invest.'

'We are a destination town and a key hub.'

As well as buying them directly from the BID4Oban office in Stevenson Street, you can purchase vouchers from the following businesses.

The Sports Shop Oban, Argyll Square; Websters of Oban Photographic Centre, George Street; Oban Phoenix Cinema, George Street; Alba Artshop, Albany Street; Button Nose Boutique, Airds Crescent, and Etive Restaurant, Stevenson Street.

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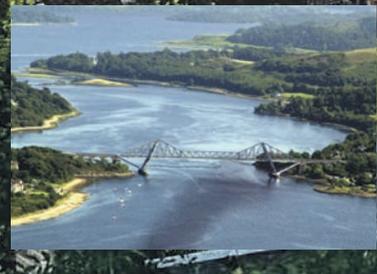
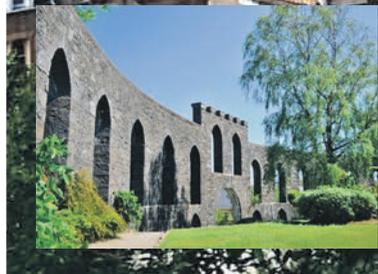
Lorn is not just the name of an area of north Argyll; it is the name of an ancient province of Scotland.

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Historically Lorn covered an area from Glencoe and Rannoch Moor, going inland to Loch Awe and sweeping down to the coast to cover lots of small islands.

Right at the heart is Loch Etive the long, narrow seawater loch which stretches 18 miles inland and meets the sea at the spectacular Falls of Lora.

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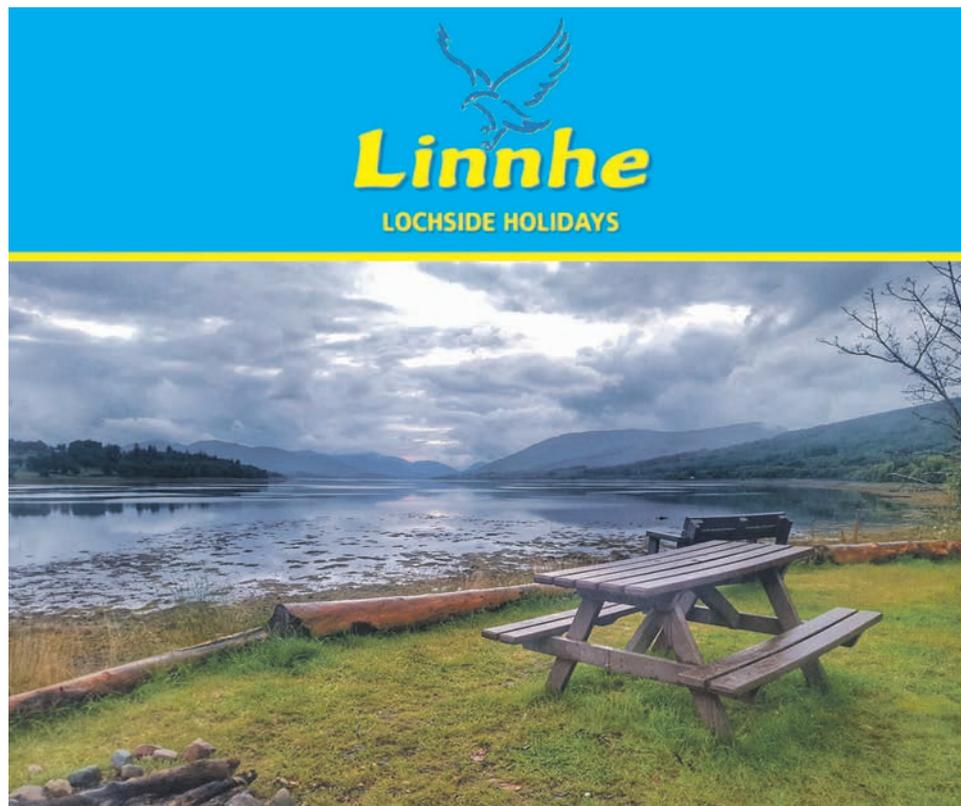
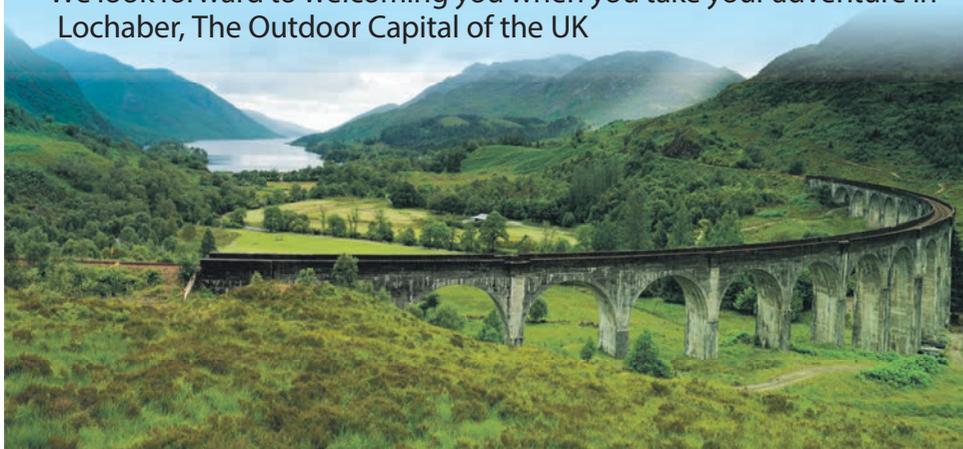


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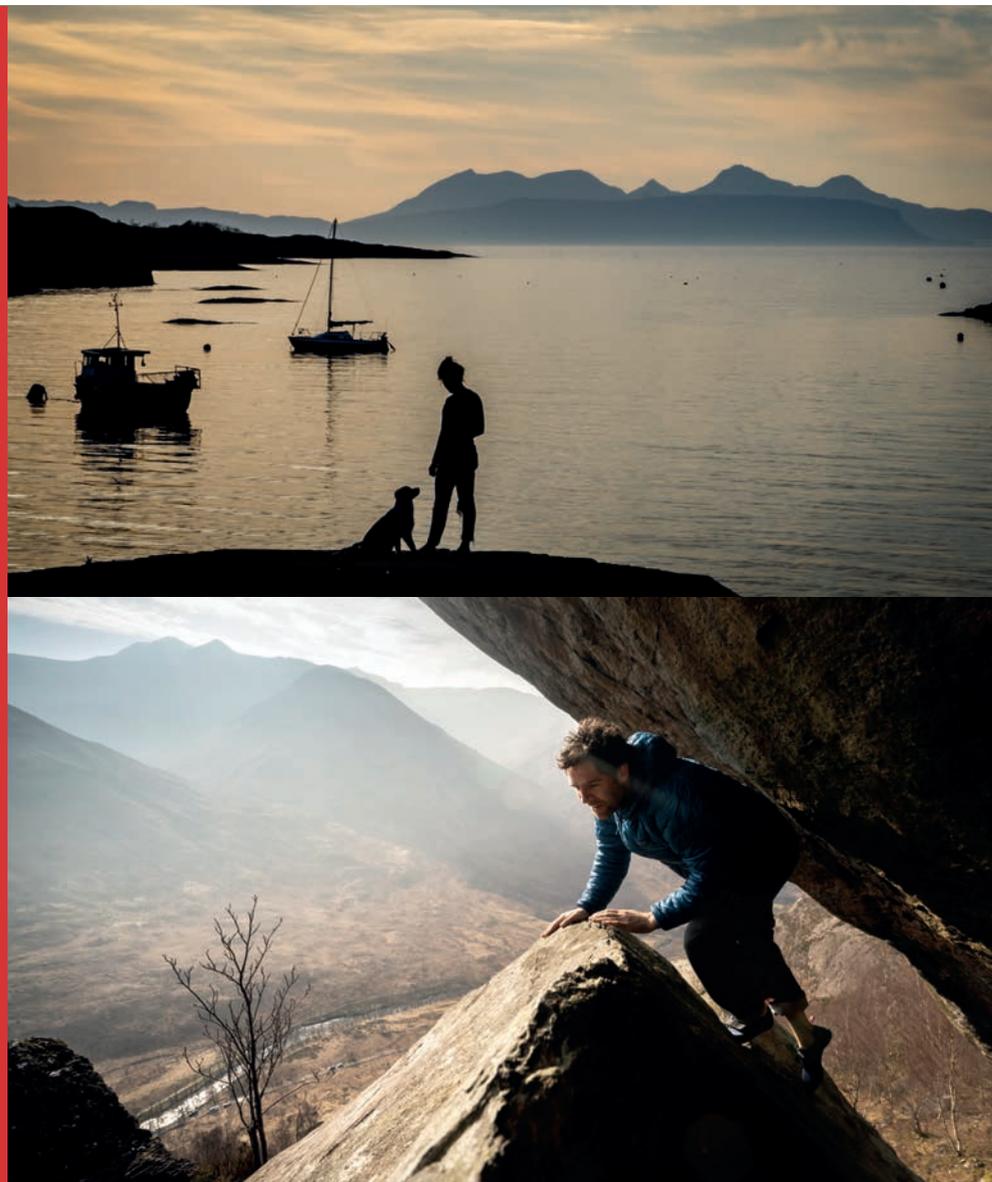
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Lochgilphead and its surrounding area is incredible, with the ancient standing

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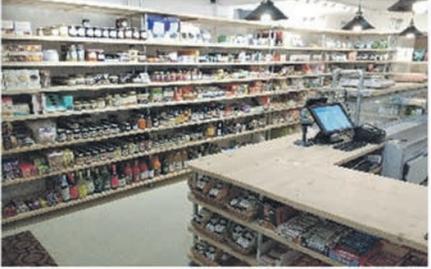


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The original A listed library is still home to the town's museum, which houses an eclectic collection, and the building also used for civil wedding ceremonies with use of the Linda McCartney memorial garden in its grounds.

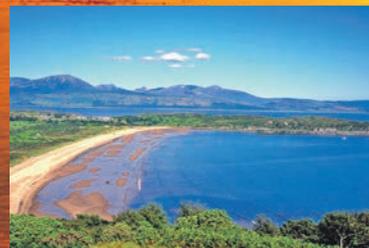
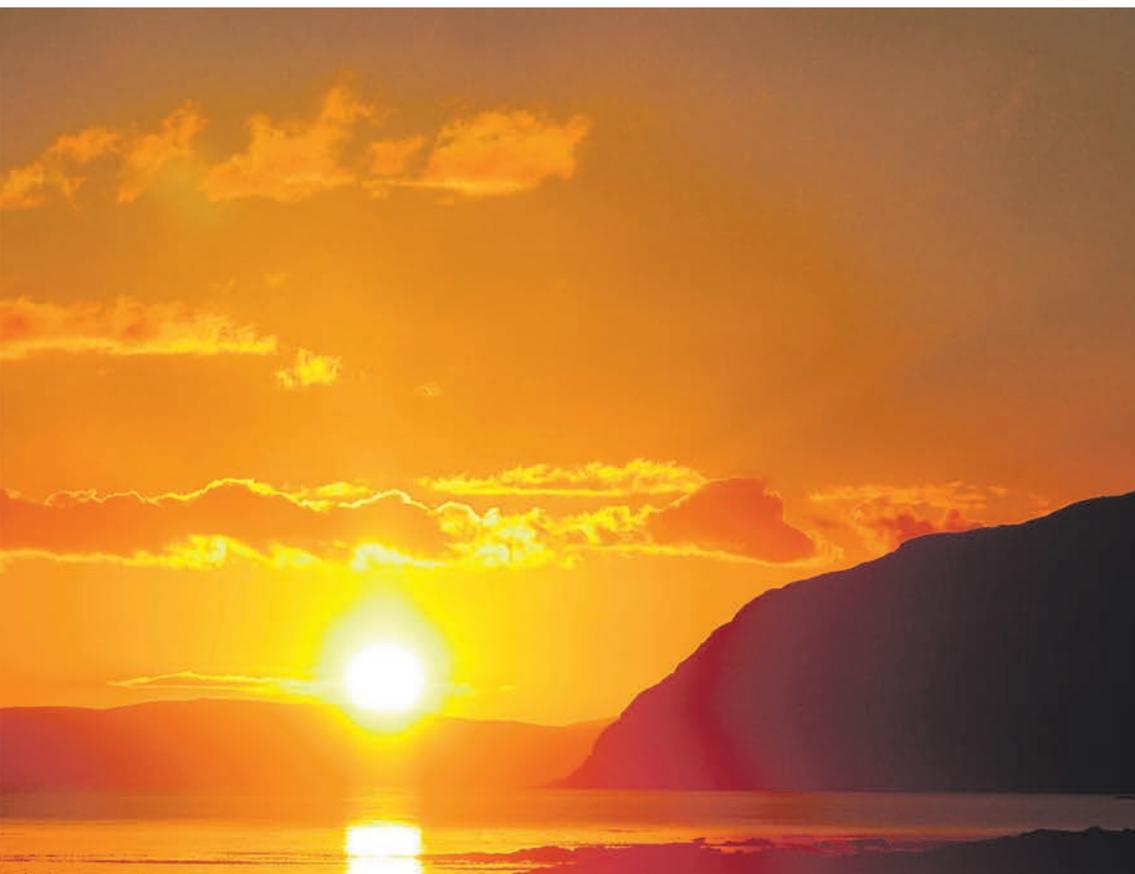
One of the oldest cinemas in the world has been renovated into a two-screen complex and will soon be opening and thriving again in the post-pandemic era.

The centre of town is packed full of independent shops to browse and cafes and eateries to enjoy; with recent investment in renovations has a fresh look and a great buzz about the place.

Campbeltown Bay is an incredible natural harbour and in the season has ferry links to Arran and the Ayrshire coast with a vehicle ferry and the increasingly popular passenger fast rib service to Northern Ireland.

The harbour and its new pontoons are a great place to visit; watch the yachts and ferries come and go, visit the lifeboat station, see the fishing boats bring in their catches and the massive cargo ships load up with timber or check to see which Royal Navy ships or Fishery Protection Vessels are paying a visit.

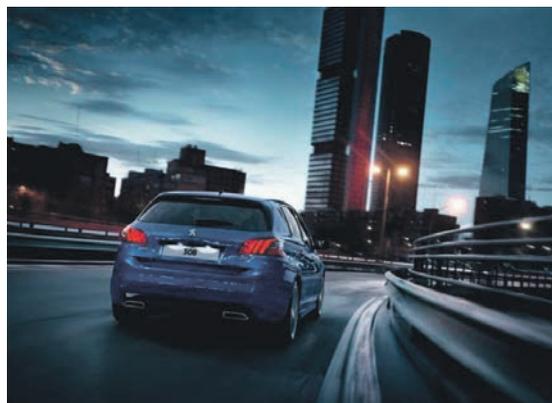
Or check the tides and walk across the Dhorlin, the natural causeway to Davaar Island to visit the historic cave painting of the Crucifixion – remember: check the tide table.



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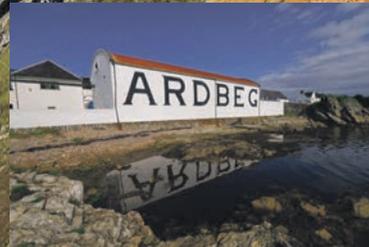
THE ISLANDS

Fancy an island holiday? Well, we have got plenty to offer and so have the islands.

There are 23 inhabited islands in the council region of Argyll and Bute, the 2011 census said. Can you name them all? *

(Big hint: everyone forgets that little one on Loch Lomond).

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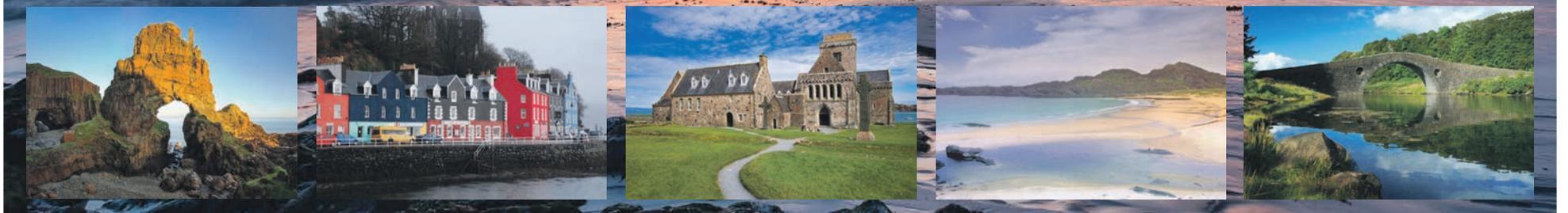
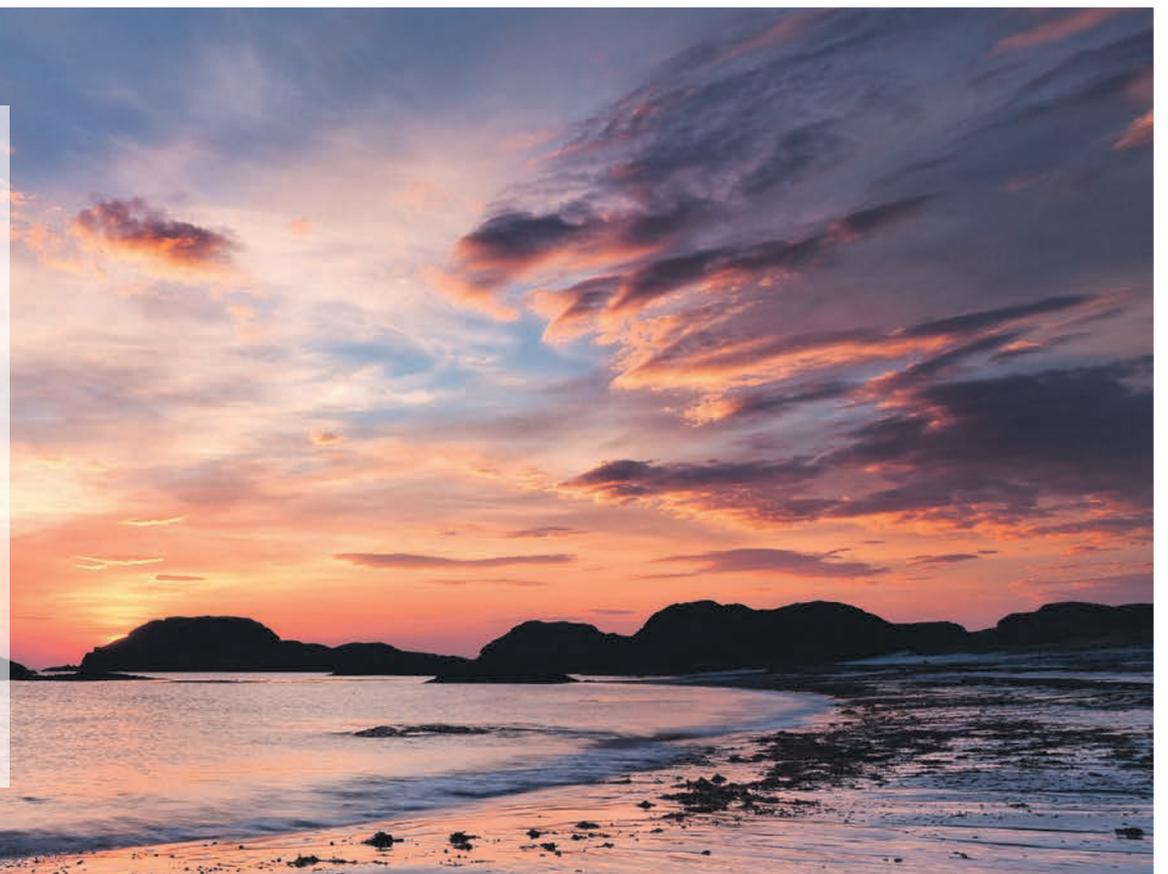
Don't think that it is all tranquil all the time; some of these islands are parties waiting to happen. The craic is phenomenal at festivals and with live music in bars and hotels as and when conditions allow. For one weekend on Mull you could be forgiven for thinking you have walked into an episode of Top Gear when the island's motorsport rally takes place.

Unless you fly – and we have a great number of airports – you will be using a ferry. This could be Caledonian MacBrayne on boats large and small or one of the passenger-only or car ferries run by Argyll and Bute Council or private operators.

The crossing is part of the fun and makes your holiday feel all the more special – you leave all the worries behind on the mainland.

And never forget that a ferry is not just for islands – it can be the quickest route between peninsulas.

*Bute, Coll, Colonsay, Danna, Easdale, Eilean da Mheinn, Erraid, Gigha, Gometra, Inchtavannach, Innisichonan, Iona, Islay, Jura, Kerrera, Lismore, Luìng, Mull, Oronsay, Seil, Shuna, Tiree and Ulva. (Remember some of the smaller islands are private).



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THE ISLE OF ARRAN

Arran, known as 'Scotland in Miniature' is one big breathtaking experience. It is a superb holiday destination for the whole family with its many beaches, castles and castle ruins, Goatfell Mountain, golf courses (seven of them!), play parks, a whisky distillery, brewery, miles of walking and cycling trails, watersports, horseriding...the list is endless. When it comes to beaches there are very many, but among the top three (in our opinion) is Blackwaterfoot Beach on the west coast of the island. A short walk from the small car park next to the Kinloch Hotel will take you past the golf course onto a beautiful expanse of golden sand to wander along and play in.

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More than just an Outdoor Shop

Arran Active is the west coast's largest independent outdoor shop. Situated in Brodick, we specialise in outdoor gear, with a wide range of footwear & clothing for all ages and budgets, as well as camping gear, accessories and swimwear. New for 2021 - O'Neill Wetsuits.

But there is much more besides outdoor gear, including fashion clothing and footwear, organic cottonwear, Arran whisky & gin and Arran-branded merchandise. Arran Active staff always offer a friendly and expert service!



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Arran Active

Arran Active, the West Coast's largest independent retailer, is looking forward to a busy season, where the emphasis will be on being outdoors. As ever, they have clothing, footwear and accessories to suit whatever conditions the Arran weather throws at us, and new for this year is a "Summer Shop" with wetsuits, aqua shoes, rash vests, bodyboards, sunhats, flip flops, etc. As last summer, camping looks like being very popular again and Arran Active have an extensive range of tents, camping furniture and accessories and new for this year is O'Neill wetsuits. Andrew and his team look forward to welcoming you back and, as ever, they will do all they can to ensure a happy and safe shopping experience.



Another hidden gem is Kilmory Beach accessed by a small parth at Kilmory. Head down the farm track at Torrlinn, or via 'Lovers Lane' to find this lovely spot. Everyone is doing what they can to ensure a safe and warm welcome. Covid-19 has thrown up a myriad challenges for businesses on Arran this year – but they continue to work hard to ensure that they stick to the government guidelines for the safety of their staff, locals and visitors. Whatever you choose to do on your doorstep this summer, breathe in the air and smile, because you are on Arran.



Isle of Arran Distillers Ltd

Isle of Arran Distillers Ltd is delighted that its Lochranza and Lagg Visitor Centres have reopened, with both of the Visitor Centre shops and takeaway cafes open. Both Lochranza and Lagg Distilleries have indoor sit down café facilities and daily tastings available. These must be booked in advance as both will be following all Scottish Government guidance on Covid safety measures and restricted numbers.

You can book for Lochranza by contacting bookings@arranwhisky.com or calling 01770 830264 and for Lagg on bookings@laggwhisky.com or 01770 870565.



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ARRAN TOP 10!



Brodict Castle

Home to formal gardens, woodlands and waterfalls as well as an adventure playground, this baronial castle is packed with treasures and offers spectacular views over Brodict Bay and beyond.



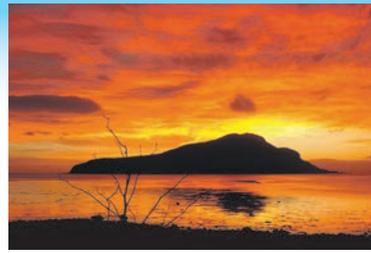
Goat Fell

Arran's highest mountain is a highlight of the dramatic landscape that has led to Arran's title of Scotland in Miniature. The island's highest point, at 2866ft, it provides panoramic views of the island and out to sea.



Lamlash

The island's attractive main settlement hugs its eastern shore and is well equipped with a supermarket and leisure facilities which include a golf club, yacht club, bowling club, and a seaside playground.



Holy Island

Travel from Arran to this place of pilgrimage which has a spiritual heritage stretching back to the 6th century. Enjoy the tranquillity and spot wild goats and Eriskay ponies at the nature reserve. holysisle.org



Arran Coastal Way

This long-distance walking trail is an ideal way to experience the highlights of Arran's landscape on foot. The 65-mile circular path is mostly off road and covers landscape from beach, to moors and mountains. Coastalway.co.uk



Red squirrels

Arran has become one of 19 national strongholds for this iconic species, which was introduced to the island (which has no competing greys) a few years ago. Look out for them in conifer woodland and around Brodict Castle.



Follow in the king's footsteps

King's Cave, nestled in sandstone cliffs on Arran's west coast, is said to be where King Robert the Bruce was famously inspired by the determination of a spider. At Kingscross Point on Whiting Bay, the king reportedly began the final push of his campaign.



Glen Sannox Memorial

A memorial in front of Hamilton Terrace in Glen Sannox marks the date in 1829 when 86 local crofters were forced to leave for Canada, because of the Highland Clearances.



Machrie Moor Stone Circles

This collection of six standing stones date back to neolithic times. The moor also features historic standing stones, burial cairns and cists.



Taste

Arran Brewery is a micro-brewery on the island's east coast which offers tours and tastings. The island also boasts a reputation for artisan produce, especially cheese, oatcakes and ice cream. Taste of Arran in Brodict is a showcase for local producers.

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Brodict Castle, Gardens and Country Park are excited to welcome you back to visit

The Gardens, Country Park and Playpark are open from 10-5pm daily, the Castle itself is open Saturday to Tuesday 11-4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

Brodict Castle

Brodict Castle, Gardens and Country Park are excited to welcome you to visit. There is plenty to see and enjoy at the property. Explore the gardens and grounds, the colours from the extensive collection of Rhododendrons are very impressive at the moment. Take in a tour of the Castle to see the wide selection of art on display and discover how the Hamilton family lived. Or simply enjoy a visit to our Isle be Wild adventure play park. The woodland café is also open, offering a selection of takeaway food.

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- buy from a village shop
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- watch fishing boats land their catches
- buy fresh meat, fish, veg, cheese produced here

- see eagles and sea eagles!
- watch dolphins and whales
- sit still quietly and long enough to spot an otter
- go out into the night away from lights and watch the stars
- take home some tweed or tartan
- buy a woolly-pully

And if restrictions allow . . .

- go to a ceilidh
- hear a pipe band
- visit a Highland games
- stroll around an agricultural show



SCOTTISH FIELD June



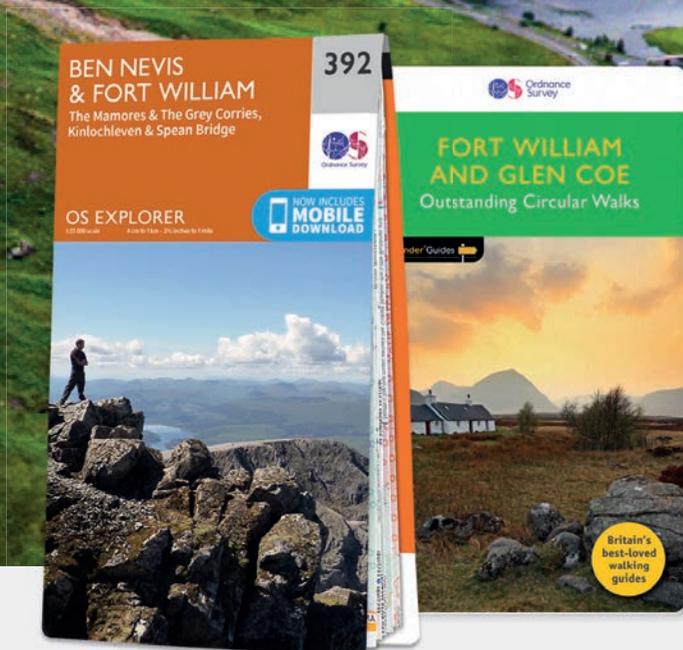
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Murders at Blackwaterfoot first in trilogy of Arran tales

by Colin Smeeton
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Book review

The first release of a trilogy by prolific author Miller Caldwell, called Murders at Blackwaterfoot, has been published this week with a special Arran launch planned for next month.

Readers who enjoy crime fiction, particularly when it is set in familiar locations on Arran, will be drawn into this fast-paced story that includes elements of humour, pathos, romance and great sadness.

The blurb on the back cover introduces readers to the main character, PC Rory Murdoch, who not only has three murders to deal with, but also personal issues which demand his attention.

It reads: 'Based at Lamlash on Arran, PC Rory Murdoch has a minimal caseload, giving him ample time to think about his daughter Ella and her special needs. Then three murders occur in close succession. His supervising officer, mainland-based DI Samuel Grant, is not supportive. Can Rory stand up to this bully and undermining superior?'

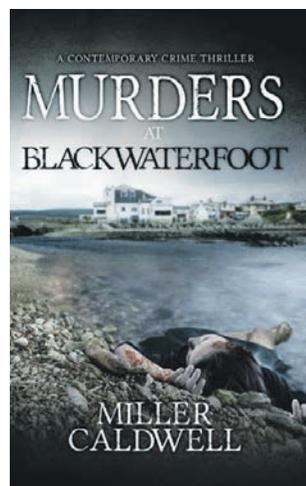
'Rory receives a letter from Belgium and Ella has a remarkable insight both of which lead to High Court trials in Ayr.

How can Rory cope with three murder trials while his mind is preoccupied on greater matters?'

Miller, who lives in Dumfries but is a regular visitor to Arran, is a prolific writer, having published more than 11 novels, five autobiographies, three children's books, two self-help books and numerous full length feature films and short film scripts.

Miller said: 'The size of the island, the Blackwaterfoot characters and the holiday atmosphere helped to concentrate the mind.

'But as all have serious crime, I had better apologise



Murders at Blackwaterfoot by Miller Caldwell is available on Amazon and in all good bookshops.

to VisitArran as holiday bookings in murderous Blackwaterfoot could be down!

However the Arran tourism authorities can relax – there were no murders at Blackwaterfoot after all.'

Miller also undertakes speaking engagements throughout the UK about his life and as an author and film script writer, his time as a missionary in Ghana, his experience as the regional reporter to the Children's Hearings and his time as a camp manager in Pakistan. These talks can also often include performances on his clarinet, saxophone or guitar.

Murders at Blackwaterfoot, published by Beul Aithris, is available on Amazon and in all good bookshops.

The Arran launch will take place at the Harbour Shop in Blackwaterfoot on Monday June 21 between 2pm and 5pm.

The two remaining instalments in the Arran trilogy, Dementia Adventure and Seaweed In My Hair, will follow later in the year as an omnibus edition.

Author Miller Caldwell introduces PC Rory Murdoch

WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

APPLICATION FOR THE AUTHORISATION OF NORTH ARRAN MARINE PEN FISH FARM, ISLE OF ARRAN

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd for a water use licence authorising the carrying on of controlled activities at, near or in connection with a Marine Pen Fish Farm at North Arran, as follows:

Description of Controlled Activities	Waters affected	National Grid Reference (NGR)
The discharge to the water environment of fish excreta, uneaten food and other substances resulting from the operation of a new marine pen fish farm	Sound of Bute	NR 9950 4986

SEPA considers that the proposals contained in the application may have an impact on the water environment and/ or on the interests of other users of the water environment. The application may be viewed on SEPA's website at:

<https://consultations.sepa.org.uk>

(please note that you must use this address as written. Please do not use www. at the start)

If you are unable to access the website you can email SEPA at registry@sepa.org.uk to request a copy of the application.

Please note that due to the current Covid-19 restrictions it is not possible to view the application at a SEPA office.

Any person affected or likely to be affected, or having an interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, either by email to registry@sepa.org.uk or online at <https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/> quoting reference number CAR/L/1181033.

Written representations received by SEPA within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining the application. Any such representations will be placed in a public register unless the person making them requests that they should not be. Where such a request is made SEPA will include a statement in the register indicating that representations have been made which have been the subject of such a request.

Before determining the application, SEPA will:

- Assess the risk to the water environment posed by the carrying on of the activities;
- Assess the indirect effects of that impact on any other aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected;
- Consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
- Consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- Assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
- Assess what steps may be taken to ensure 'efficient and sustainable water use'; and
- Apply and have regard to relevant legislation.

SEPA will then either grant or refuse to grant the application.

Council's ambitious emissions plans

Ambitious plans to accelerate North Ayrshire Council's bid to have net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 have been revealed.

Councillors heard of the proposals – outlined in the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy 2021-2023 – at a meeting of cabinet on Tuesday.

Seven key areas for change are: affordable warmth, a green economy, transport and travel, natural environment, sustainable operations, emissions absorption and climate change adaptation. Each has a range of actions against them and these are detailed within the strategy.

What's on



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TOURS AND TASTINGS BY APPOINTMENT

Every Day

Arran Heritage Museum
Brodick Castle Gardens

Rosaburn, Brodick - Open daily - 10.30am – 4.30pm
Brodick, Open daily - 10am – 5pm

Saturday 29th May

COAST Discovery Centre
Brodick Castle
Rink Games
Rink Games

Lamlash – 10am - 4pm
Brodick - 11am – 4pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club – 2pm
Brodick Bowling Club – 2pm

Sunday 30th May

Brodick Castle

Brodick – 11am – 4pm

Monday 31st May

Brodick Castle
Lamlash Bowling Club
Shiskine Tennis Club
Brodick Bowling Club

Brodick – 11am - 4pm
Lamlash - 2pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot – 4pm
Brodick - 7pm

Tuesday 1st June

Brodick Castle
Healthy Outdoor Team
Rink Games (Social distancing observed)
Shiskine Tennis Club
Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to 14 yrs)

Brodick – 11am - 4pm
Brodick Castle, 10am – 1pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club – 2pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot - 11am
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick - 6pm – 7pm

Wednesday 2nd June

Kilmory Toddlers
Arran Well-Being Cafe
Arran Pace Makers

Kilmory Hall – 10am -12noon
Lamlash Church Hall – 2pm-4pm

please check Facebook @arranpacemakers

Venue varies – 5.30pm
Brodick - 7pm
Lamlash – 7pm

Brodick Bowling Club
Lamlash Bowling Club

Thursday 3rd June

Geopark Guided Walk – Exploring “DeepTime”

Lochranza - 10am
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,

Shiskine Tennis Club
Blackwaterfoot – 4pm

Friday 4th June

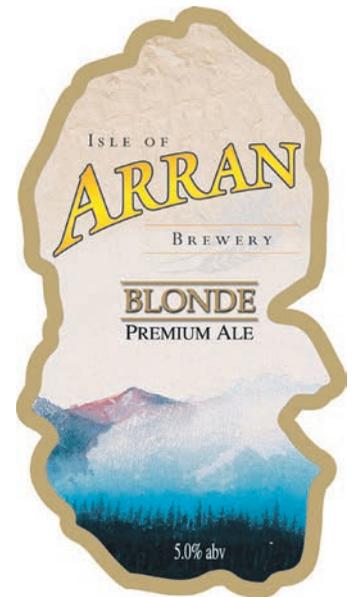
Shiskine Tennis Club
Blackwaterfoot - 11am

Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,

Saturday 5th June

Brodick Castle
Rink Games (Social distancing observed)

Brodick – 11am – 4pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club – 2pm



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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday May 26, 2001



At 10.30am on Monday morning, at every single Co-op store in the country, including Brodick, staff and customers were invited to unpeel and eat a banana to raise money for the Marie Curie Cancer Fund. 01_B22TweYA06



Donating money from the fountain at the distillery in Lochranza is centre manager Tom Pearson, who presented a cheque to recipients and leaders of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. 01_B22TweYA07



Susanna Talbot picks out a cake from Laura Selkirk's tempting selection. Ado Annie, Laura's character in the upcoming production of Oklahoma, is selling homemade cakes to raise funds for her trip to Mongolia in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. 01_B22TweYA05



Arran can be proud of its young rugby players. Ross Marshall is in the Glasgow Giants U16 squad, Niall McMaster is in the U15 Ayrshire Kestrels and Donald Murchie and Josh Sampson are in the S2 Ayrshire Kestrels squad. 01_B22TweYA03



Arran Brewery is celebrating this week after winning another prestigious award for Arran Blonde. Owners Richard and Elizabeth Roberts were delighted to hear it was the overall champion at the Wheat Beer Challenge organised by the Society of Independent Brewers. 01_B22TweYA01



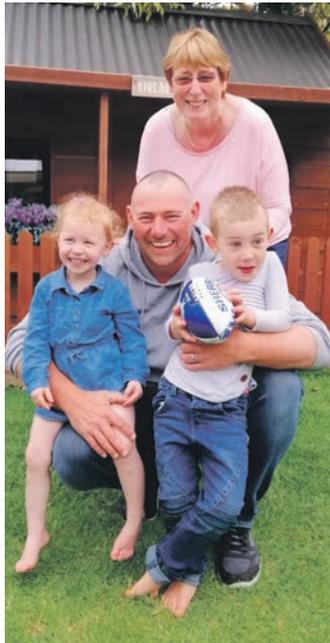
Left: A number of classic and vintage cars were on display last weekend when the Scottish branch of the Morris Minor Owners' Association visited the island for the Arran Classic Weekend. 01_B22TweYA04

Above: Runners at the start of the Goatfell race with winner Morgan Donnelly of Hexam (No 128) already in the lead. Stephen Beardsley won the prize for the first Arran resident to cross the finish line. 01_B22TweYA02

Cottages on Arran

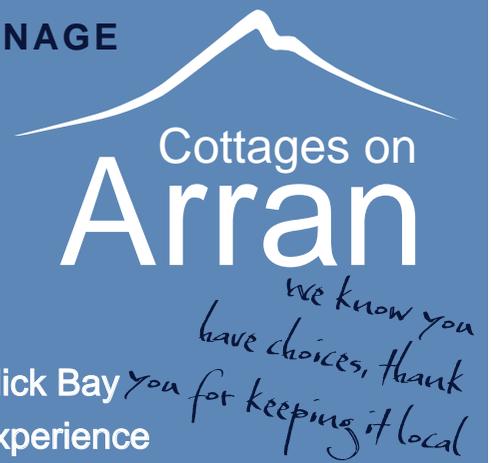
Penny Brass came back to Arran in 1998 giving up her job as Estate Office Manager at Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow (many people will know where the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar is).

She started a holiday lettings company, Arran HideAways and soon had a website with online bookings and a popular webcam. Growing quickly but working a 7 day week and long hours she sold this in 2008. Penny then created The Arran Team which she sold in 2009 and planned a quiet retirement, training to be a qualified bookkeeper. After years of reviewing her own management reports it seemed a great way to keep up to date and in touch with island businesses. Fast forward 2 years and she returned as Cottages on Arran after requests from former clients though she still does the accounts for VisitArran Ltd which she enjoys.



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Helping businesses grow by supporting them to build successful networks & client relationships

I am Jane Mack, the owner of Jane Mack Consulting. I have been living on Arran for 11 years and previously owned The Arran Team - holiday home letting agency. After growing and then selling the business, I now offer consultancy services, supporting businesses to help them create success and grow. My focus is on building networks and managing client relationships, which was what my previous business was built on. With training in social media management and Facebook Ads, I also assist businesses to develop their strategy to build their online presence.

As a previous small business owner, I recognise the problems that business owners come up against and I want to help solve these, by finding solutions, getting the joy back into the business and helping it grow.



You can follow me on Facebook - [@janemackconsulting](#) and on Instagram - [@janemackconsulting](#) or email - jane@janemackconsulting.com

Sarah Pomfret

Born and raised on Arran, I've spent the last 20 years working in a busy corporate job in Glasgow. Much of this time was spent travelling abroad, planning and speaking at events and preparing briefings and speeches for senior business-people and politicians (creative writing often required!).

In the last year, I decided to leave my job and return home, with my husband Joel, who's also from the island. He runs a successful restaurant in Glasgow (Number 16) and, for the past 3 years, we have organised pop up events & food deliveries on the island (Number 16 Arran).

Recently, I've qualified as a Family & Wedding Celebrant too! It's an exciting and scary new venture for me, but I'm a real people person and love hearing peoples' stories; such a privilege to be able to do this kind of job and how lucky to be doing it here on Arran.



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Bay Wool and Crafts



Bay Wool & Crafts was founded in late 2018 by Katharine (and Stephen) Sparshott, Linda MacCallum and Jill Jeffries. It supports local island craftspeople; 28 of our contributors are women, whose creativity we are proud to support.

The background admin of the shop is managed by Katharine (home-dyer, knitter and pattern

designer), with the day to day nitty gritty shared with Linda (knitter and cross-stitch designer), Jill (glassware mosaic designer), Nancy Bremner (knitter and crocheter, pattern checker) and Lynn Jones (feltworker, watercolourist and pastel artist) – without whose invaluable support, the shop could not operate (and a little help from Stephen).

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After 6 years of living on the Isle of Arran and starting Arran Vets, the business has grown more than I had ever expected on my first memorable day, April 20th 2015.

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The new surgery was finished and opened officially by Kirsty Wark the first week of September 2017 and has been instrumental in attracting new young staff to work here.



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Arran Access Trust AGM

Wed 9th June at 7pm

Followed by speaker Graeme Walker

On his time as a Director of the Arran Access Trust

Join Us via 'Zoom'

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87153903711?pwd=TK1XSmISVThyaVVDDeWVNd3RTRc0lUdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 5390 3711

Passcode: 405326

All Welcome

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined online at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Comments should be made online at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 18.06.21. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 Regulation 20(1)

21/00227/PP; Island Cheese Co, Brodick, Ayrshire, KA27 8DD; Formation of extension to front of building.

Craig Hatton
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



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Forest Management & Stewardship Craftsperson

Reference number: 117930 – Salary: £22,505 - £23,721 – Grade: Administrative Officer – Pay Band 6b – Contract type: Permanent – Business area: FLS – Land Management – Location: Isle of Arran

About the job

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) looks after Scotland's forests and land, for the benefit of all, now and for the future. We are looking for a motivated team member to join the Forest Management team on the Isle of Arran. You will be working on the Isle of Arran within a small team with the responsibility of caring for the forests and land on the island for the benefit of its residents and the many tourists who come to enjoy the great environment. Arran is often referred to as 'Scotland in miniature' and it is a wonderful place to live and work if you enjoy the outdoors.

This is a full time post (37 hours per week), however applications from people wishing to work an alternative working pattern will be considered. Applicants claiming a guaranteed interview will be invited for further assessment should they meet the minimum essential criteria listed below.

Job description

The craftsperson on Arran will get hands-on experience of all aspects of forest management. You will be planting and felling trees, repairing paths and putting up signs, building fences and cutting grass. There will be lots of variety and few days will be alike.

Responsibilities

- Chainsaw work – basic felling and windblow clearance.
- Clearing saw – scrub cutting and strimming.
- Tractor work – using a flail to cut grass and other vegetation.
- Maintenance of visitor facilities and structures eg signs, benches.
- Assist in carrying out risk assessments and taking a positive approach to Health and Safety.

Person Specification – Experience Essential

- Experienced in solving problems as part of a team and individually.
- Experience in forestry or related land management work.

Desirable

- Experience in practical forestry operations.
- Knowledge and experience of applying Health and Safety in the work environment.

Technical skills – Desirable

- NPTC Chainsaw and Pesticides certificates PA1 and PA6 or achieve within 1 year of employment.
- Licences.
- The duties of this post also require the applicant to have a driving license that enables them to tow a trailer in the UK. The successful candidate would be given 12 months from taking up the position to obtain this.

Behaviours

We'll assess you against these behaviours during the selection process:

- Working Together.
- Making Effective Decisions.
- Managing a Quality Service.
- Delivering at Pace.

Technical skills

We'll assess you against these technical skills during the selection process:

Please refer to the technical skills section on the job advert.

Benefits

If successful you will be entitled to a large range of benefits.

This includes:

- An annual leave allowance of 25 days, rising to 30 days per year after 5 years' service. In addition, there are currently 11.5 days of public and privilege holidays, dates of which are set annually.
- A competitive contributory pension scheme you can enter as soon as you join where we will make a significant contribution to the cost of your pension.
- We recognise the importance of enabling employees to achieve a healthy work / life balance by offering flexi-time arrangements in areas of the business where it is appropriate to do so.
- Reimbursement of professional membership fees directly relevant to your job.
- Generous paid maternity and paternity leave which is notably more than the statutory minimum offered by many other employers.
- Occupational sick pay.

Happy to talk flexible working.

Things you need to know

Security

- Successful candidates must pass a disclosure and barring security check.
- People working with government assets must complete basic personnel security standard checks.

Selection process details.

- This vacancy is using Success Profiles, and will assess your Behaviours, Experience and Technical skills.

- In the event of a high number of applicants, candidates will be selected for interview based on the lead criteria which is Experience and the Lead Behaviour "Working Together".
- The sift is due to take place on the 15 June 2021. Interviews dates are TBC.

For more information about applying for a role and working at Forestry and Land Scotland, please visit <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/jobs> Feedback will only be provided if you attend an interview or assessment.

Nationality requirements

This job is broadly open to the following groups:

- UK nationals.
- nationals of Commonwealth countries who have the right to work in the UK
- nationals of the Republic of Ireland.
- nationals from the EU, EEA or Switzerland with (or eligible for) status under the European Union Settlement Scheme (EUSS).
- relevant EU, EEA, Swiss or Turkish nationals working in the Civil Service.
- relevant EU, EEA, Swiss or Turkish nationals who have built up the right to work in the Civil Service.
- certain family members of the relevant EU, EEA, Swiss or Turkish nationals.
- Further information on nationality requirements.
- Working for the Civil Service.
- The Civil Service Code sets out the standards of behaviour expected of civil servants.

We recruit by merit on the basis of fair and open competition, as outlined in the Civil Service Commission's recruitment principles.

The Civil Service embraces diversity and promotes equal opportunities. As such, we run a Disability Confident Scheme (DCS) for candidates with disabilities who meet the minimum selection criteria.

Apply and further information

Once this job has closed, the job advert will no longer be available. You may want to save a copy for your records.

Contact point for applicants

Job contact: Name: HR, email: hr@forestryandland.gov.scot

Recruitment team: email: hr@forestryandland.gov.scot

Closing date: before 11:55pm on Sunday 6th June 2021.

To apply, please visit www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk quoting reference number 117930.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Parishes of North Arran, Brodrick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine

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There is a booking system at Brodrick & Shiskine churches as the numbers are still limited. Liz Lawrie 302782 & John Kerr 860 498

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

Sunday 30th May 2021
Lochranza & Pirnmill Churches-

Service at Lochranza Church 10:15am Morning worship. Shiskine Church 12noon.

Morning worship.

Brodrick Church 10.30am

Morning worship.

Corrie Church at 12noon.

Morning worship.

The Food Bank continues from Brodrick Church

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland

Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 30th May

Worship will be conducted at 10.30am

As our capacity is greatly reduced due to the two metre social distancing, we have a booking system.

You are asked, please, to phone Mrs Janet Redfearn on 700244 by the Friday lunchtime if you wish to attend Sunday worship.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Kilmory linked with Lamlash

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Sunday 30th May

Kilmory 10 am

Lamlash Church Hall
11.30 am

In Both Churches: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Due to our reduced capacity, if you wish to attend Sunday Worship in Lamlash, please phone Margaret McArthur at 600363 by midday on Friday.

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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 29th May

Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday 30th May

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 to check availability and confirm your place

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DEATH

ROBERTSON - Maureen. Peacefully, at Cooriedoon Nursing Home with her family at her side on Sunday, 16th May 2021. Maureen, aged 78 years, beloved wife of the late Kerr, much loved mum of Brian, Derek and Wendy, devoted granny, great granny and sister. Sorely missed by all. Cremation at Clyde Coast Crematorium on Tuesday, 1st June at 1:00pm. As numbers are restricted to 50, please notify Hendry Funeral Services, 01770302233 if you would like to attend. Flowers welcome.

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Brodrick Golf Club's 2021 champions, Ann May and Ewan McKinnon, flanked by runners up, Susan Butchard and Bruce Jenkins.

Brodrick Golf Club

Wednesday May 19, Summer Cup, 38 played. 1 Kenny McMillan 74-15=59, 2 Alastair Dobson 69-8=61, 3 John Beattie 84-22=62. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 68.

Thursday May 20, Club Championship quarter finals, Ewan McKinnon beat Alastair Dobson, Gordon Hendry beat Matt Dobson, Bruce Jenkins beat Greg McCrae, Bob McCrae beat Fred Galbraith.

Friday 21 May, Club Championship semi-finals, Ewan McKinnon beat Gordon Hendry, Bruce Jenkins beat Bob McCrae. Saturday May 22, Club Championship Final, Ewan McKinnon beat Bruce Jenkins.

With this win, Ewan equals Stevie Bunyan's record 12 championship victories.

Sunday May 23, Sweep, 6 played. 1 Matt Dobson 70-6=64, 2 Donald McKinnie 78-12=66, 3 Bob McCrae 80-8=72. Scratch Matt Dobson 70.

Fixtures: Sunday May 30, Brandon qualifier.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday May 28, Peter Sutton. 1 Campbell Laing 62, 2 Hamish Bannatyne 67, 3 Alex Morrison-Cowan 68.

Fixtures: Tuesday June 1, Ladies' Club Championship first round qualifier, gents' Peter Sutton tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Please let Brian know if you're playing in the evening by Monday. Saturday June 5, Duncan Sillars and second round of Club Championship qualifier tee off 12.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday May 20, Ladies' Club

Championship qualifier, seven played: 1 and scratch Fiona Malcolm 85-18=67, 2 Alice Anderson 88-18=70 BIH, 3 Fiona Henderson 90-20=70. Magic twos, Alice Anderson. Ladies' Championship draw. Shona Weir v Sheila Gray, Fiona Henderson v Alice Anderson, Mairi Pollock v Liz Kerr, Jenni Turnbull v Fiona Miller - matches to be played by Wednesday June 3, semi finals Friday June 4, 5pm for ladies and gents. Bronze Championship. Elizabeth Kelso v Julia Salton, Mary-Jo Tod v Carole Stewart. Club Trophy winner Alice Anderson.

Sunday May 23, gents' Dr Adam Cup. First class: 1 and scratch Sandy Kerr 44-7=37; 2 Jimmy Morrison 47-5=42 BIH; 3 Marc Campbell 49-7=42, BIH. Second class: 1 Robert Waine 50-10=40 BIH; 2 Alastair Kerr 49-9=40; 3 Tony Ellis 53-12=41. Magic twos Craig Watson, Sandy Kerr, Gator and Marc Campbell.

Ladies' section: Friday May 21, Grace Cannon Twoball. 1 Sherie Walker and Alison Heron 68; 2 Susan Butchard and June Richardson 69.5.

Wednesday May 19, Stroke round two: 1 Ruth Hardy 88-24=64 BIH; 2 June Richardson 89-25=64, Scratch Sheena Murchie 82.

Fixtures: Sunday May 30, Hastings Cup round one, noon draw. Thursday June 3, Summer Cup, make up own groups and see starter for times.

Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday May 23, Scratch Cup. 1 Scott Campbell 83-16=67; 2 Martin Wallbank 80-12=68. Best scratch Iain Murchie 79. Magic twos Martin Wallbank @17th.

Ladies' section: Friday May 21, Grace Cannon Twoball. 1 Sherie Walker and Alison Heron 68; 2 Susan Butchard and June Richardson 69.5. Wednesday May 19, Stroke round two: 1 Ruth Hardy 88-24=64 BIH; 2 June Richardson 89-25=64, Scratch Sheena Murchie 82.

Fixtures: Sunday May 30, Hastings Cup round one, noon draw. Thursday June 3, Summer Cup, make up own groups and see starter for times.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday May 19, Summer Trophy, 27 played: 1 Allan Kay 21, 56; 2 Jamie Macpherson 5, 58 and lowest gross; 3 Sandy Kelso 13, 59; 4 Neil McKechnie 11, 61. Magic twos Neil Lucas @4th, Jamie Macpherson @7th, Neil McKechnie @16th, Gus MacLeod @17.

Fixtures: Sunday May 30, Stableford. Wednesday June 2, Summer Trophy. Until further notice there will be no draws

for partners and players should arrange their own groupings.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday May 22, Club Championship qualifying round one. 1 D Logan 72-11=61, scratch; 2 J McGovern 74-12=62 BIH; 3 A Smith 78-16=62. D Logan, R Logan and J McGovern are in the qualifying positions after round one.

Fixtures: Wednesday May 26, Wednesday Medal. Saturday May 29, Club Championship second qualifying round. Make up your own pairings.



Sherie Walker and Alison Heron, winners of the Grace Cannon Twoball at Lamlash.

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Members of Arran Junior Hockey Club at practice earlier this week on the astro turf. 01_B22astro turf01

Funding secured to renew Ormidale astro turf

by Colin Smeeton
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The astro turf pitch at Ormidale Park will be repaired and restored this summer thanks to a £22,279 boost from SUEZ Communities Trust which will help cover the cost of rejuvenating the all-weather playing surface.

The funding was secured by the Arran Sports Association, which manages the sports amenity in Brodick, with the

assistance of Derek Shand and Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS).

Despite regular maintenance the pitch is showing its age and the surface now requires old sand and dirt to be removed, the turf pile fibers cleaned and untangled and the pitch re-sanded to improve the playing condition and drainage.

The proposed work should extend the life of the pitch for another seven years.

Derek Shand, who helped

with the application, said: 'I am really looking forward to seeing the Arran sporting community use and respect the rejuvenated astro turf.'

'The pitch is attracting a substantial amount of new users as lockdown is eased with the Junior Hockey Club fielding 62 stars of the future.'

'When the turf is completed I am sure it will attract even more users playing in safety.'

The astro turf is also used by Arran Ladies Hockey Club

which compete in the West District women's hockey league and who train there every Thursday between 7pm and 8.30pm.

The club play their home games on the pitch with teams from around the region regularly visiting during the hockey season which is presently suspended.

Marek Gordon, chairman of SUEZ Communities Trust, said: 'SUEZ Communities Trust provides funding awards

through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund and we were delighted to be able to offer funding to Arran Sports Association.'

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund is a tax credit scheme, linked to Scottish Landfill Tax that encourages landfill site operators to provide contributions to approved bodies, who can then pass the funds onto community and environmental projects.

Organisations such as SUEZ Communities Trust are then able to provide funds to improve public recreation facilities.



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