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# LOCKDOWN LEAVERS



They are the lockdown leavers – the youngsters who had their final year of schooling severely disrupted by the pandemic who are now going on to pastures new.

On a lovely sunny day on Monday, Arran High School S6 pupils, above, received their leavers hoodies at an assembly hosted by head teacher Susan Foster. Each S6 pupil was

presented with their lockdown leavers hoodie and a certificate by Mrs Foster, who said she was proud of them all and impressed with the way they have coped with their last year at

school through such a difficult time. Today (Friday) is the last day for all S6 pupils at the school and this will be celebrated with an afternoon of fun and a barbecue.

## Arran hit by £55m in lost revenue

by Hugh Boag  
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Capacity restrictions on Arran's ferries will lead to a £55 million loss in Arran tourist revenue since the pandemic began in April last year, new figures show.

And the loss of the second ferry for the first two months of the summer sailings will add another £3 million to the loss.

The findings have been made by Arran Recovery Group (ARG) and come just a day after the MV Isle of Arran finally returned to the Brodick to Ardrossan route to give much-needed back-up to the MV Caledonian Isles as both vessels are still operating under capacity restrictions.

The May bank holiday and warm sunshine saw Arran have its busiest weekend of the year last weekend, but the tourist trade will need all the business they can get in the coming months if they are to survive.

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## Report cover-up claim

An MSP claims there is a cover-up as the Scottish Government will not release a ferry consultation report.

The report is into the management at the nationalised Ferguson Marine shipyard in Port Glasgow, where the new Arran ferry, the MV Glen Sannox, is being built. The 'benchmarking exercise' has been carried out by a global shipbuilding consultancy but reports this week say the government will not release details as it would damage the 'commercial interests' of the yard.

Conservative West Scotland regional MSP Jamie Greene said: 'The appalling refusal of the SNP government to publish this report is a massive insult to island residents and ferry users. Brushing this under the rug simply isn't good enough, especially when residents continue to face lengthy delays, patients can't make vital appointments and island businesses can't plan ahead.'

A government spokesman said it is committed to Ferguson Marine, its workforce and the vessels being built.

## Road closed at Largybeg

Roadworks have closed the main c147 road on Arran at Largybeg, south of Whiting Bay for the next few days, or until the work is completed.

The stretch of road between Largybeg and Braehead Cottage was due to close from 8am today (Friday) till 6pm which will be repeated for the next five working days to allow essential carriageway improvement works.

A diversion will be in place during that time via The String road.

# Lamlash factory has another new owner

by Hugh Boag  
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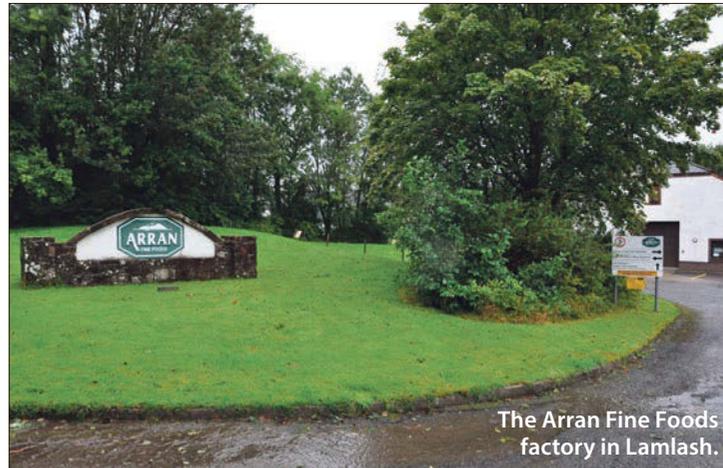


Paterson Arran Ltd has a new owner less than two years after it was taken over by Burton's Biscuit Co, but it is business as usual at the Arran factory.

A Ferrero-related company has announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Burton's from the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board.

As part of the transaction, the Ferrero-related company CTH will take over the six production facilities in UK, including the factory and shop in Lamlash of Arran Fine Foods, where around 20 employees make a selection of chutney, mustard, preserves and salad dressings. The other facilities are based in Blackpool, Dorset, Edinburgh, Livingston and Llantarnam.

However, there are no immediate plans to change any of the production facilities, indeed there are



The Arran Fine Foods factory in Lamlash.

expansion plans. A spokesman said: 'The Ferrero-related company plans to maintain and further build Burton's Biscuits strong brand authenticity, while supporting the company with distribution and expansion to new markets and with new category segment opportunities.'

Burton's employs approximately 2,000 people across six manufacturing locations in the UK and generated sales of more than £275 million during the last 12 months. Burton's produces some of the best-loved brands in the UK biscuit market, including Maryland Cookies, Jammie Dodgers, Wagon Wheels,

Paterson's and Thomas Fudge's. The business has a history in the British biscuit market dating back to 1935, with a very strong heritage and brand awareness.

Through this acquisition, the Ferrero-related Company expects to enlarge the offer of products in the sweet biscuits market, further to the previous acquisitions of Biscuits Delacre, Kelsen Group and Fox's.

CTH is a Belgian Holding Company related to the Ferrero Group. Ferrero Group and its related parties is the third player in the worldwide chocolate confectionery market and the second one in the sweet biscuits market.

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## Arran businesses hammered by £55m in lost revenues

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Arran remains, with the rest of North Ayrshire, in level 2 restrictions, which has at least allowed the vital summer season to get under way, but the losses will take a long time to recover from.

Commenting on the current situation, an ARG spokesman said: 'The pandemic capacity restrictions will cause a £55m loss in Arran tourist revenue between April 2020 and July 2021. There will be a further £3m loss, caused by the MV Isle of Arran diversion to the Outer Hebrides and the Campbelltown sailings. In addition to the financial impact, last year's ARG survey identified significant negative impacts on the community. Since then, the situation has deteriorated. Work is ongoing to capture and project real lived experiences of islanders.'

'We continue to work with all agencies, local and national, to secure an island recovery. However, all of the above suggests recovery will be significantly longer than first anticipated.'

And while there was relief the MV Isle of Arran was back on the Arran route, it was also, from yesterday, drafted into the Campbelltown service.



Brodick mini golf and Little Rock cafe have been busy all week.  
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However, in a timetable change, these services will now be via Brodick on a Thursday and Friday, while the Saturday timetable remains the same.

The ferry had been drafted to help on the Stornoway and Islay routes due to major repairs needed to the MV Loch Seaforth which is now back in service on the Ullapool-to-Stornoway route.

Robert Morrison, operations director of CalMac, said: 'We recognise this has been an extremely challenging time for customers and staff and again apologise for the disruptions over the past few weeks.'

'We are looking forward to getting back to operating the normal summer timetable service and to welcoming passengers onto our ferries.'

Following the Scottish

parliamentary elections it was announced last week that the Scottish Government will spend at least £580 million on ferries over the next five years, as reported in the Banner last week.

The ARG spokesman added: 'We welcome the new government endorsement of the last government plan to spend £580m on ferry and infrastructure. However, past experience and current performance suggests we require a fundamental change within the transport service for the islands: Transport Scotland/CMal/CalMac. Only a detailed credible plan, with strong leadership and the involvement of island communities will restore confidence in the transport service. Low confidence means slow recovery.'

Alison Page when she launched the third Corrie's Capers book.



# Corrie's Capers hit £10,000 milestone

by Hugh Boag  
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The charity children's book series Corrie's Capers is about to hit a remarkable milestone - selling £10,000 worth of copies in just three years.

It is a milestone Arran author Alison Page never imagined would be possible when she started the project with her first book, The Westie Fest, which was launched in July 2018.

Since then the series of books about the adventures of the West Highland Terrier

Corrie has caught the imagination of children both on Arran and across the country, with two further adventures - The Tattoo Toorie and Corrie's Curling Capers.

#### Total

As a result, the fundraising total for Mary's Meals is showing as £9,700 on Alison's website [www.westie.scot/about/](http://www.westie.scot/about/) but she has book orders in place which will push this figure to £10,000 shortly.

Alison told the Banner: 'Every child deserves an education and enough to eat. Mary's Meals is now feeding 1.8 million children every

school day in 19 countries across the world and I am delighted to support Mary's Meals in this way.

'I am hugely grateful to all the businesses on Arran who stock my books and to everyone who has bought copies of the Corrie's Capers book series.

'It's Indie Author Week from June 12 to 19 and I'd love to host a reading/event but Covid restrictions prevent me from doing so at the moment.

'However, the Corrie's Capers Facebook page will be running prize competitions,' Alison added.

## Memories of Shannochie Post Office

Our recent report about the withdrawal of the planning application for the demolition of the old post office in Shannochie prompted reader Sandra Macmillan (Hamilton) of Brodick to get in touch with her personal memories.

'I read with utter joy your article regarding Shannochie Post Office in the Arran Banner as I was devastated in March when the announcement was made regarding its demolition.

'Shannochie PO was my dad's family home and his sister ran the business after my granny retired. My grandparents, James and Mary Hamilton, ran the shop, PO and a small holding with a cousin living next door.

'Shannochie was the hub of the community, with customers from the shop being sent in to have tea and cakes - and very often a meal - with my granny who was known as Auntie Mary by locals and visitors.

'Due to a technicality, Shannochie reverted to a family friend so the place was lost to my cousin in the USA and myself. I was filled



James and Mary Hamilton outside Shannochie Post Office in its heyday.

with horror when I saw the planning application. I could just see yet another holiday home, over sized, over priced and balconies everywhere that seem to be our new island look.

'The actual thatched post office was never converted to a house. It was attached to the family home, which had been extended many years before. The cottage adjoining the PO, lived in by another aunt, was also thatched.

'I cannot thank the Civic Trust and anyone else who, hopefully, will have managed to save such a huge part of Arran's history.

'What is the point of having a heritage museum when our past is systematically being bulldozed to make room for homes few locals can afford?

'PS: My maternal grandparents John and Martha Picken lived in Rosebank in Shannochie and Lavencorrah.'

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## Step Up, Speak Out strategy for young

The North Ayrshire Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy for 2021-2025 was launched at a joint cabinet meeting last week.

North Ayrshire Council's Connected Communities Team worked closely with young people, youth workers and stakeholders on the key themes affecting young people to develop the sector-leading strategy.

The Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy, known as Step Up, Speak Out, sets out how young people across North Ayrshire can play an active role in their schools and communities.

Aaran McDonald, MSYP, said: 'The new strategy is creating a more inclusive North Ayrshire and creating a council where all young people can have their views heard at every stage of the process.'

'Creating a more engaging strategy where young people from all backgrounds are treated equally helps create a new system where everyone is welcome.'

The strategy has been refreshed this year to reflect the learning from 2018's Year of Young People (YoYP), the experiences of young people during the Covid-19 pandemic and the growing confidence of young people to speak up about their needs in a changing world.

Since the first strategy launched in 2015, North Ayrshire has been leading the way, ensuring that young



people have a voice and are provided with opportunities to co-produce and co-deliver on vital pieces of work that benefit young people in the community.

These are commitments to involve young people in planning and decision-making so that no decision about them is made without them. The strategy also includes a pledge from young people themselves, to commit to their representative role and provide an equal voice for future change.

To ensure that 'nothing about us without us' becomes a reality in North Ayrshire, we invite everyone to make their own pledge, whether personal or on behalf of an organisation, on how you will ensure that young people's voices are represented, valued and actioned in all planning, decisions, consultation and projects that you are planning and delivering.'

You can share your pledge on social media using the hashtags #NAStepUpSpeakOut #NANothingAboutUs WhitoutUs

# Electric vehicle charges to be introduced on island

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Charges are to be introduced at electric vehicle (EV) charging points on Arran and across North Ayrshire.

However, as part of the council's commitment to tackling the climate crisis, it has been developing a network of 28 electric vehicle charge points across North Ayrshire.

And that number is set to rise in the coming years as we meet the demand for the increasing popularity of electric vehicles.

At present, there are five EV charge points on Arran, but only one of the rapid charge points (CPID 50525) is hosted by North Ayrshire Council, with the rest privately owned.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'We are working to bring more publicly-accessible chargers to support EV ownership.'

'We do not have a confirmed list of proposed charge point installations at present, as we are still in the process of securing funding.'

The council's cabinet has approved its first EV strategy which proposes a target of one publicly accessible charge point for every nine plug-in vehicles by December 2025.

As demand and costs increase, it is also proposed to introduce a tariff and overstay fee for those using the charging



The rapid charge point on the shorefront in Brodick.

points, similar to other local authorities in Scotland.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for green new deal and sustainability, said: 'We are very proud of the work we have carried out so far as part of our ambitious plans to tackle the climate crisis.'

'We have set ourselves a target of being a carbon net-zero area by 2030, so it's vital all of us play our part in that journey.'

'As part of our new climate change strategy, which builds on our recent policy announcements on the green jobs fund, food growing, tree planting and our council-owned solar farm, we are publishing our first electric vehicle strategy.'

'This sets out our aspiration to expand our electric vehicle charging point network across North Ayrshire as we

encourage more people to consider electric vehicles to reduce greenhouse emissions and tackle climate change.'

The number of people using electric vehicles and charging them at council-operated charging points has soared in recent years, with electricity use rising from 4,126 kWh in 2015 to 127,947 kWh in 2020.

During that period, the council has provided free electricity from charge points to EV users.

To ensure that the increasing popularity of electric vehicles is sustainable, it is proposed to introduce a tariff and overstay fee for EV charge points across North Ayrshire, similar to other Scottish local authorities who have already introduced tariffs. Last year alone, the electricity cost was £20,345, which

reflects both public (£18,144) and NAC fleet vehicle (£2,201) use. Due to the increasing electricity costs it is no longer sustainable for the council to provide free electricity for public EV infrastructure.

The tariff and overstay fee proposed by the council is in line with recommendations from the Electric Vehicle Association Scotland and Charge Place Scotland and is proposed as follows:

■ £0.30 per kWh for rapid charge points (over 43kW)

■ £0.19 per kWh for destination charge points (all slower charge points e.g. 22kW, 7kW and 3kW)

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# Funding boost for Arran community radio station

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Volunteers from arransound.com, Arran's community radio, were out and about meeting listeners over the holiday weekend.

This was their first outing since the station was launched during the pandemic lockdown.

Initially the idea was to bring local news to the sight impaired and disabled community.

But it became apparent during lockdown that everyone in the community could enjoy this island resource.

Arransound.com was delighted to accept a cheque for £400 from the Co-op's Doug and Scott.

This joint donation from the Big and the Wee Brodick Co-ops is appreciated by the team and will help make a big difference to many people in the community. The cheque will help the station extend its plans to provide some older members of the community with Echo Dots, including every residents' room in Montrose House. They will be fitted to the wall so that they can listen to all the programmes and familiar voices safely.

Arran Sound chairperson Mhairi-Aileen Smeir told the Banner: 'This very welcome

donation will help us greatly and everyone at arransound.com thanks Liz and Carol, our Co-op heroines, for all their help and support.

'The station began broadcasting just before Christmas as volunteers learned to make, schedule and broadcast programmes from home.

'Amazing people, local and Arran lovers, came forward and supported the volunteers by submitting a wide variety of programmes.

## 'Amazing people, local and Arran lovers, came forward and supported the volunteers'

'Locally-produced music from the island's archive has joined professionally produced weekly musical programmes.

'Island amateur drama sits side by side with national radio productions; interviews with members of the Arran community share time with book reviews from international authors.

'Children's programmes, factual information, community news and views, job slots, scam watch, ferry and road updates; we even have our own nationally-acclaimed playwright and storyteller who writes and

performs original work for arransound.com

'We are so grateful to every one of our volunteers, supporters and contributors for making the radio possible 24/7.

'This Sunday, arransound.com also launched The Big Writing Competition.

'For the last two months we have been serialising the funny books of the marvellous Barb Taub who, although stuck in lockdown in beautiful Venice, has been narrating them exclusively for us.

'Barb is another great supporter of arransound.com and she has agreed to judge our entries. The competition is to write a short chapter, based on your holiday disasters, real or imagined, at home or abroad.

'Along with judging the entries, Barb will narrate the winning story and the runners-up, for broadcast on arransound.com.

'The winner and runners-up will each receive a copy of Barb's hilarious book Life begins when the kids leave home and the dog dies.

'The winner will be given the latest, fabulous Kindle Fire tablet, generously donated by Barb.

'Details and information about the radio and how to enter our competitions, can be found on the arransound.com website.'

## Community groups invited to have say on land use

Community groups on Arran are being invited to have a say on how land is developed and used across North Ayrshire.

The Local Place Plans initiative, hosted by North Ayrshire Council and community planning partnership, aims to inform and discuss with participants what the place plans are.

It will look at how they might operate in North Ayrshire and how people and groups can contribute to the Scottish Government consultation on how they are developed.

The meeting will take place as an online workshop on Tuesday June 8 at 6pm.

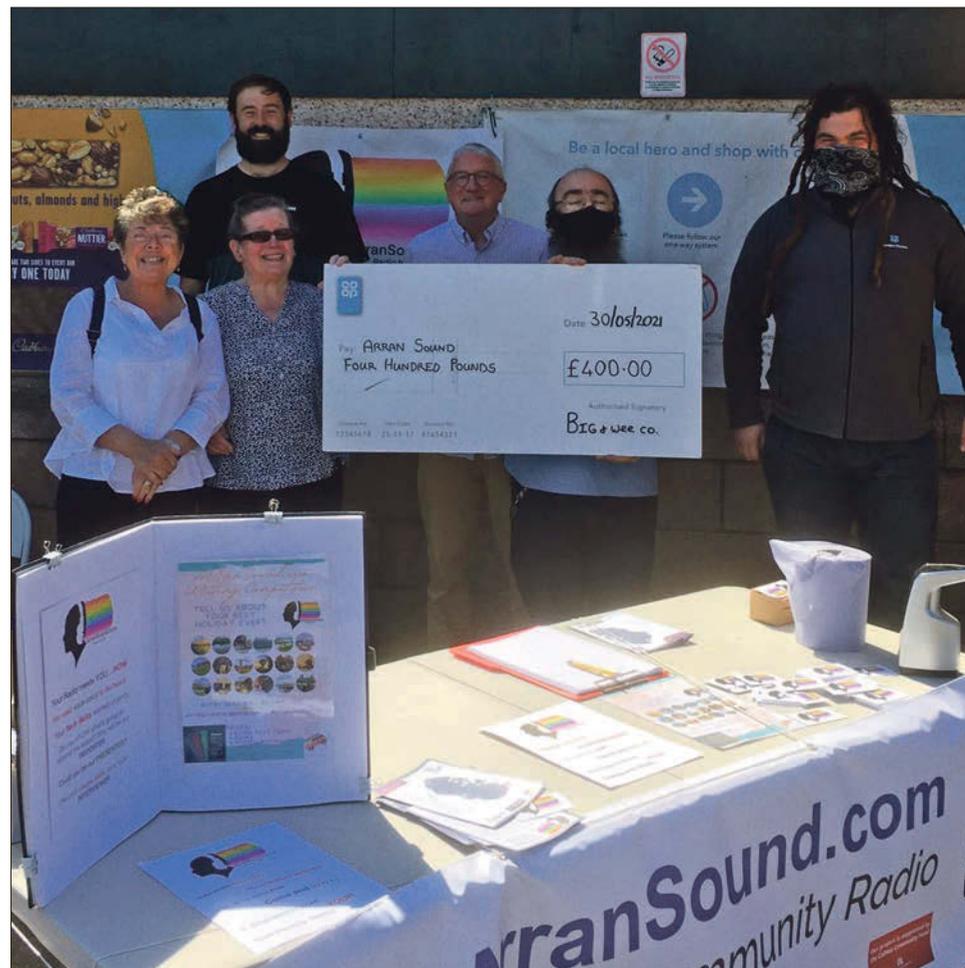
Anyone interested in joining should email the community planning team at [communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) and a link to the meeting will be sent out.

## St Elmos House to be converted into flats

A planning application has been made to convert St Elmos House in Brodick into apartments.

The former hotel has been used for Auchrannie staff accommodation for years.

But it has been sold to new owners who want to convert the building into eight apartments which will still provide accommodation for the staff.



Chairperson Mhairi-Aileen Smeir and Jerry Arthur accept a £400 cheque from the Co-op for Arran Sound.



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## LETTERS

**Summer to remember as island opens up**

Summer has well and truly started on Arran.

The bumper weekend bank holiday trade will have brought much needed relief to the tourist trade left struggling during the pandemic.

We may not be out of the woods yet - but the signs are promising.

Good news, too, to see the MV Isle of Arran finally back in service on the Brodick to Ardrossan route which will free up more space for visitors trying to come to the island - as well as islanders looking to leave.

With Glasgow, along with Arran, now in level 2 restrictions from midnight tonight (Friday) we are sure there will be many family reunions this weekend.

But as the island, and the country, emerge from the pandemic, let's not just think it is business as usual for everyone.

The shocking figures of the losses suffered by the island during the pandemic, as reported in this week's Banner, cannot be written off lightly.

The sum of £55million is a worrying one and hides a plethora of anxiety and concerns for the future of businesses left scrambling to survive on savings or make-piece government loans and grants.

That support must be maintained as businesses find their feet as trade picks up at last.

We have no doubt Arran is in for a super summer which got off to a sparkling start last weekend - helped in no little part by the weather.

Let's hope the sun keeps shining and the staycation visitors keep coming and we can all have a summer to remember.

**Thought for the week**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' **John 14:23**

**Healthy marine environment benefits Arran**

Sir,

Anyone who participated in the protest march in 2019 to Millstone Point, or who camped out last winter at the proposed site, will realise how wide the support for the campaign to prevent a proposed fish farm at Millstone Point is.

Some 430 people objected to this unsympathetic scheme, with only 19 in favour, and North Ayrshire Council planning committee councillors were unanimous in rejecting it. It says something about the deafness of the Scottish Salmon Company that despite this they seem intent on appealing the decision.

Mr Gilmore's Banner letter in support of the appeal is therefore disappointing, but it is also factually inaccurate. The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) is a committed member and supporter of the campaign to prevent the establishment of a fish farm off one of our most pristine shorelines and, within Ayrshire, the only designated National Scenic Area. However, the campaign is led by the Friends of Millstone Point not COAST.

Secondly, far from being a narrow group of 'retirees', the campaign has wide support in the community amongst people of all ages; from school children, to working parents, to people in their 90s and from newcomers to long-term residents, comprising folk born here and those who have made it their home. Lastly, the Scottish Salmon Company alludes to six jobs in its most recent application and 10 in its original application, not 12, and does not guarantee that any of these will be Arran jobs, or from North Ayrshire, or that they will be permanent.

What is guaranteed is the sea at Millstone Point will be used as an open sewer with tonnes of effluent and toxic chemical treatments for sea lice being pumped into our waters. The seas along our North shore support a rich array of marine life, including dolphins and porpoise but also delicate sea pens and underwater biogenic reefs, all of which will be degraded or scared off by pollution and constant noise.

It is an out-dated notion to think of the environment and jobs as being in opposition. COAST's mission, for instance, is to recover the health and productivity of the waters

around Arran and the jobs and livelihoods of those who depend upon a flourishing marine environment. Arran's diverse community of marine campaigners is having some success in doing this, with lobsters, scallops and prawns all showing signs of recovery.

Our reputation as an island that is proactive and forward looking in recovering (not just conserving) the marine environment is riding high nationally. The No Take Zone and wider South Arran Marine Protected Area are key to this but so, too, is the good stewardship of our northern waters. Rather than preserving Arran in aspic, there is an opportunity for Arran that includes sustainable mariculture, marine tourism and well-managed inshore fishing all supporting a sustainable island economy and employment for all ages.

All of this depends on a thriving marine environment that all of us islanders have a real say in managing. We should not be at the mercy of international companies intent on taking profit for their shareholders at our natural environment's expense. Let's look after our marine and land environment and nurture these resources wisely for current and future generations.

Yours,

**Andrew Binnie,  
Interim manager,  
COAST.**

**Every resident is a taxpayer**

Sir,

It was with mounting fury and frustration that I read Mr Tommy Gilmore's letter of support for the Scottish Salmon Company's fish farm appeal. I find his suggestion that Arran is being taken over by retired incomers and holiday home owners insulting and a gross over generalisation.

The Scottish Salmon Company is applying for a licence to 'discharge to the water environment fish excreta, uneaten food and other substances resulting from the operation of a new marine pen fish farm'. These other substances include chemical medication for the control of fish lice that affect farmed fish - the current medication of choice being a neonicotinoid which has been banned for use on land but not in the sea.

I would be interested to see what Mr Tommy Gilmore's response would be to an invitation

to take a swim in such a soup of pollution. Coastal pollution is what it says it is and as for Mr Tommy Gilmore's disparaging comments about retired incomers - it is beyond contempt. Every Arran resident is a taxpayer entitling them to have a point of view.

Yours,

**Brian Grindall,  
Torbeg.**

**Planning opinion**

Sir,

With reference to his letter in support of fish farming off Arran, I draw Mr Gilmore's attention to the opening statement on North Ayrshire Council's planning web page: 'Anyone can make a comment in support of, or object to, a planning application.'

Yours,

**Peter Yates,  
Catacol.**

**Well said Tommy**

Sir,

Re Tommy Gilmore's letter - well said, Tommy. I would urge all those in favour of the project to submit comments in support of the application to North Ayrshire Council.

Yours,

**Alastair Sillars,  
Thornhill.**

**Caring community**

Sir,

I hope you can find a space to squeeze in this letter of thanks to everyone who came to my assistance when I took ill on board the ferry whilst travelling home from a hospital appointment in Glasgow, especially to Susan who appeared from nowhere and was fantastic. Also thanks to Liam, a young lad from Whiting Bay, who I haven't seen for more than 30 years, who took charge of the situation. Many thanks to all the CalMac staff who were great and also Alistair, who I am sure was muttering something about the benefits of Arran ice cream as a quick fix for dehydration.

Finally, after much persistent persuasion from all the aforementioned I would also like to thank the doctor and nurse at Arran War Memorial Hospital who took great care of me until they were satisfied that I could go home.

Many thanks to all - wonderful people of

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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Our photograph of the week was sent to us by reader Kate Dixon of Auchenhew, Kildonan, who told us: 'I managed to get this shot of a sublime Kildonan sunset out the bedroom window.'

We think you will agree it is worth sharing. Please send any submissions for our photograph of the week feature to [editor@arranbanner.co.uk](mailto:editor@arranbanner.co.uk)

which Arran and CalMac seem to have more than their fair share.

Yours, Iain Monteith, Whiting Bay.

### Conducted with respect

Sir,  
Tommy Gilmore's contribution to the fish farm debate, Arran Banner May 28,

is to be welcomed. The trade off between people's livelihoods and the environment is one which we will all have to get to grips with.

Some people seem prepared to accept weapons of mass destruction on the Clyde because of the jobs situation. Others are suggesting that as one part of a comprehensive 'green deal', jobs should

be created from carbon sequestration via sea grass initiatives around our coasts.

The debate on these issues is vital and urgent but it needs to be conducted with respect. There should be no place for ad hominem attacks.

Yours,  
John Page,  
Lamlash.



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# Arran tourism promoted in #MakeItYours campaign

by Colin Smeeton  
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Tourism on Arran and throughout Ayrshire is to be given a welcome boost with a new marketing drive aimed at promoting the region.

The Make It Yours social media campaign is being funded by The Coig, as well as North, South and East Ayrshire councils through the Ayrshire and Arran Destination Alliance.

The campaign includes images and video around the themes of luxury, family and calmness to target audiences interested in restoring their well-being or treating themselves after a difficult year, as well as spending time reuniting with family and friends.

The adverts link through to a series of blog posts highlighting 10 reasons to make

Ayrshire your calm place; luxury experiences in Ayrshire and Arran; 12 reasons to make Ayrshire and Arran your place for a summer break and days out with children in Ayrshire and Arran with suggestions and examples of the region's places to stay, what to see and do and eat and drink.

Digital articles are also featured in leading lifestyle magazine brands and adverts are running across Facebook as well as in the Arran Banner.

These adverts link to The Coig's blog post: 12 reasons to make Ayrshire and Arran your place for a summer break.

The activity is a result of the Ayrshire Visitor Economy Strategy Group (AVESG), a sub-group of the Ayrshire Economic Partnership, chaired by VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Routhead.



Outdoor pursuits, such as Arran's Mogabout 4x4 Safari, feature in the campaign promoting Ayrshire and Arran as a tourist destination.

businesses can play their own part in ensuring the future of tourism across the region.

'The AVESG is bringing a fresh approach to creating a successful, collaborative and thriving environment for tourism across the region under the banner of the Ayrshire and Arran Destination Alliance. The Make It Yours campaign is a significant step for driving tourism success across the region.'

Businesses, organisations and visitors can join and share the campaign via #MakeItYours

It includes tourism industry representatives as well as from North, South and East Ayrshire councils, Scottish Enterprise, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, The

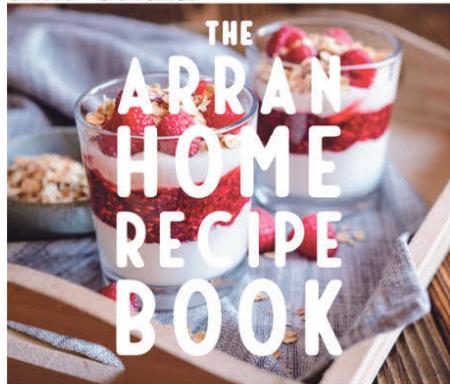
Coig, VisitArran and the Scottish Tourism Alliance. Gordon Smith, regional director, VisitScotland, said: 'Tourism is a vital part of Ayrshire and Arran's

economy - worth around £600m - and plays a key role in ensuring the region recovers from the current Covid-19 pandemic. By coming together, tourism

## Getting growing on Arran:

- Every Thursday 10am onwards volunteer at Arran Community Land Initiative (ACLI) in Whiting Bay  
- Weekly volunteering opportunities at the Arran Pioneer Project sites around the island. Check out <https://pioneerproject.scot/> for more information and details of how to get involved

The **Arran Home Recipe book is launching a crowdfunding campaign** in June where you can pre-order a copy of the book! The book includes over 120 beautiful recipes celebrating the best of Scottish produce as well as a wealth of sustainable eating guidance. Keep your eye on Arran Eco Savvys Facebook page for further details.



## #Wearearranfood

Your monthly round up from Arran Eco Savvy of what's happening in local food- June edition



Did you know? Eating with the seasons and buying **local, seasonal food** is one of the best ways in which we can **reduce the climate impact of our diets!**

### Seasonal recipe of the month Asparagus tart

Ingredients for 4-6 servings:

- 1 sheet puff pastry, thawed
- 2 tablespoons dijon mustard
- 1 bunch asparagus, tough ends trimmed
- 3 cups gruyere, blue or cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, shredded



Preheat oven to 200 degrees C (180 fan). Roll out puff pastry to an 11"x14" rectangle, then transfer to the parchment lined baking sheet. Prick the puff pastry all over with a fork, then brush with the mustard, leaving a 1" border on all sides. Sprinkle your cheese of choice over the mustard. Arrange asparagus spears to be parallel with each other and top with the Parmesan cheese. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the crust is golden brown and puffy. Slice into squares and serve.

### Food support and services on Arran

- The Food Bank is open to all and is available at Brodick Church 24/7.  
- The Wee Shop is a subsidised food shop at Brodick church run by Arran Churches Together and is open to all on a Friday. Booking is by appointment on the [the\\_wee\\_shop@yahoo.com](http://the_wee_shop@yahoo.com) or 07731 562352. Groceries and household items are on sale for around 30% of their usual cost.  
- Holiday meal support is issued by NAC. Please contact the Arran Locality Hub for more information 01770 600 532  
- The Food Share runs daily at the Big Coop in Brodick and the Lamlash Coop at 8.15pm The Food Share freezer in the Big Co can be accessed at all times. The scheme is open to all, help us stop good food going to landfill!



Do you feel that at the current time you/ your family would benefit from support in accessing food and household goods? **Arran Eco Savvy are working with North Ayrshire council to better understand our communities access to food and how this can be improved.** Please complete our survey online here: <https://forms.gle/BynsnicIGQfnMrQ18> or email [jess.ecosavvy@gmail.com](mailto:jess.ecosavvy@gmail.com) for a copy or to arrange a quick call to fill out the survey.

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Art Gallery  
Open from July

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**Anne Hume Jewellery.** Brodick KA27 8DG  
Silver jewellery inspired by nature.  
[www.annhumejewellery.co.uk](http://www.annhumejewellery.co.uk)  
11-4pm Wed, Thurs, Fri. Or by appointment.

3

**Angela Elliott-Walker.** Brodick KA27 8BX  
Contemporary Arran Landscapes  
[www.angela-elliott-walker.co.uk](http://www.angela-elliott-walker.co.uk)  
By Appointment

4

**Iconic Reserve.** The Douglas Hotel, Brodick.  
Intricate Digital Impressions.  
[www.iconicreserve.art](http://www.iconicreserve.art)

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**Island Porcelain.** Lamlash KA27 8LA  
Ornamental Arran wildlife figures.  
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**Lynn's Art on Arran.** Whiting Bay. KA27 8QH  
Felt pictures, watercolours and jewellery.  
[www.lynnsartonarran.co.uk](http://www.lynnsartonarran.co.uk)  
12-3pm Thurs, Fri, Sat or by appointment

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**Arran Studio.** Whiting Bay. KA27 8QH  
Contemporary landscapes in silk and oils.  
[www.heathermacleod.com](http://www.heathermacleod.com)  
12-3pm Thurs, Fri, Sat or by appointment

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**Pebble Beach Studio.** Kildonan KA27 8SE  
Charles Herbert Landscapes  
Tel: 01770 820675  
Open by appointment

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**Southbank Studio.** East Bannan. KA27 8SH  
Ruth Mae and Dave Samuels  
[www.southbankstudio.co.uk](http://www.southbankstudio.co.uk)  
Open May & June by appointment  
July-Sept 10-4.30 Tues, Wed, Thurs

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**Kilmory Workshop.** Kilmory KA27 8PH  
Woodwork and Candles  
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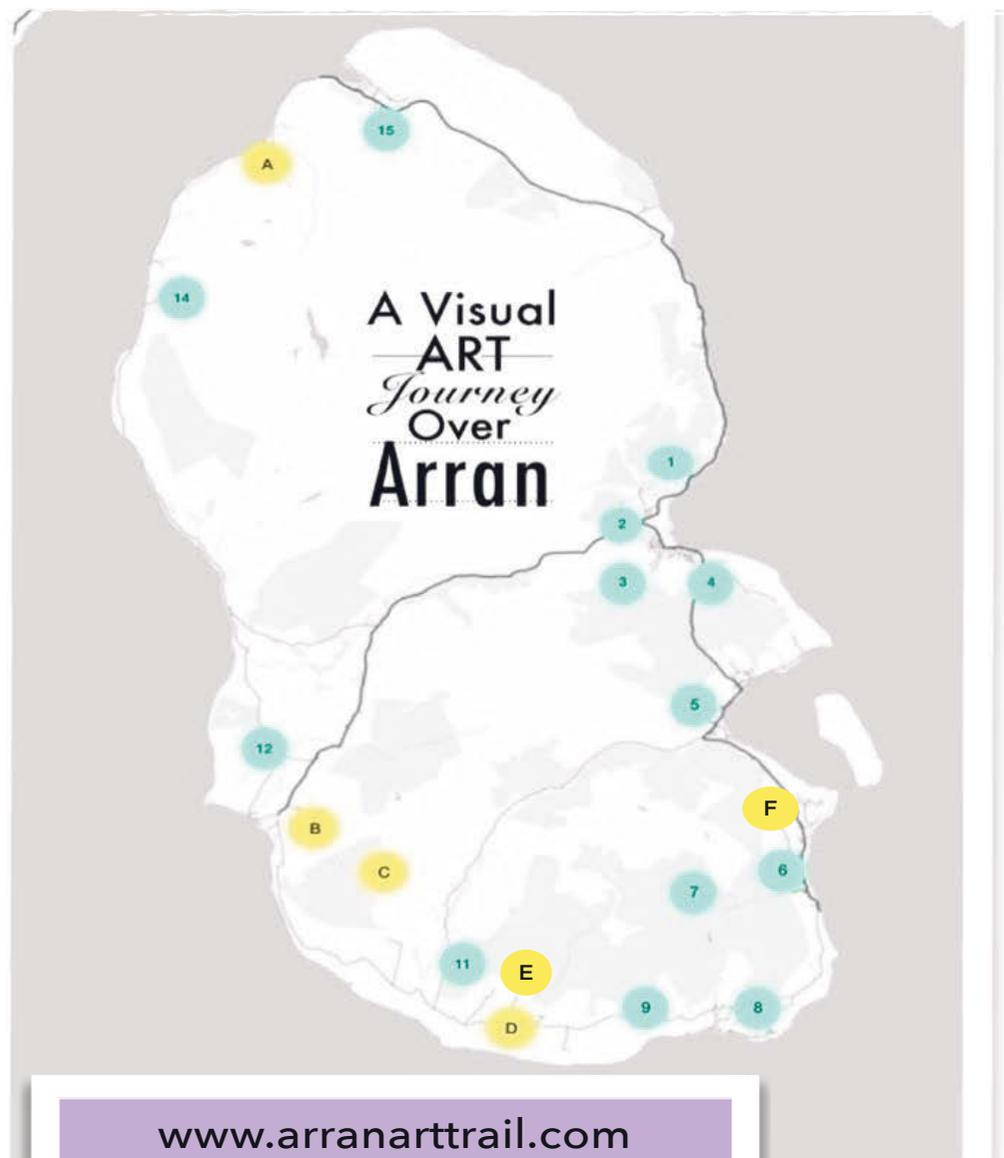
**Blackwater Barn Design.** Torbeg KA27 8HE  
Working with textiles inspired by Arran  
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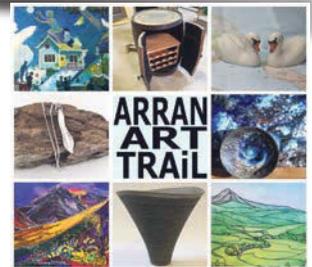
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**Jennifer Earl,** Kilmory Hall Kiltmaker. [www.jenearlekilts.com](http://www.jenearlekilts.com)  
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**Catherine Rose Muralworks** Whiting Bay, 01770 700516 [catherinerosemuralworks.com](http://catherinerosemuralworks.com)  
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If you have an Arran Studio and would like to part of the Trail, please contact Lynn or Heather  
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# Arran author pens epic audio drama Moby Dick adaptation

by Hugh Boag  
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## BOOK REVIEW

An Arran author has penned an epic dramatic adaptation of the famous Moby Dick novel.

Released this week by Audible, the audio book and audio drama wing of Amazon, the new book is a full cast dramatisation of one of the great tales of the sea.

The adaptation of Herman Melville's Moby Dick stars acclaimed actor David Morrissey, State of Play, The Walking Dead, as Captain Ahab.

It has been dramatised by author Marty Ross, Whiting Bay, who is well known on the island for his storytelling performances in pre-lockdown live shows and as resident storyteller on ArranSound radio.

He has also written drama extensively for BBC Radio, Big Finish - producers of Doctor Who and Dark Shadows audio

and most recently for Audible - for which he has written epic dramatisations of Treasure Island, The Arabian Nights and The Three Musketeers, as well as originals including Romeo and Jude and Gothic chiller The Darkwater Bride.

He found living on Arran useful when it came to transforming Herman Melville's novel of the great white whale into a riveting drama.

He said: 'Every morning I would walk and clamber the rocks of Whiting Bay, soaking up the salt sea air, searching out strange and monstrous shapes among the rocks and looking across the waves - the best preparation, short of actually being on a 19th century whaling ship, for going to my desk and imagining the



adventures of the crew of the Pequod in the remotest seas of the world.'

Marty is currently finishing off another publication for Audible, with a musical score by the London Symphony Orchestra.

He is also writing the pilot

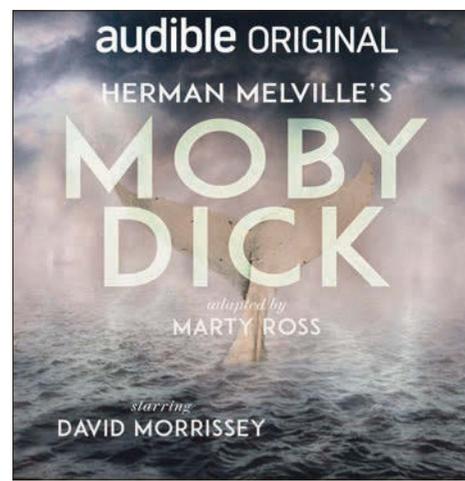
episode for a crime series set on the west coast of Scotland.

But telling stories, whether live or on the radio, to his community on Arran is just as important.

'It's rewarding, obviously, doing these epics for Audible with big name actors, but in

my show for ArranSound I can get back to the basics of good storytelling, performing my own work in a no-frills way that allows me to tell exactly the stories I want to tell in exactly the way I want to tell them,' he added.

Although his workload



Far left: Author Marty Ross. Left: The cover of Marty's new Moby Dick adaptation.

means Marty taking a brief hiatus from his regular Sunday and Thursday nights on ArranSound, he will be returning shortly.

Meanwhile all previous shows featuring Marty performing tales of magic and mystery largely set on Arran are freely available on the Magic Island Storytelling Theatre podcast on Spotify, Apple and Google.

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# WORKING TOWARDS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY ON ARRAN, TOGETHER!

As part of an Island-wide initiative to work towards Arran becoming a more dementia friendly community, Arran Community and Voluntary Service are pushing ahead with dementia awareness sessions, via Alzheimer Scotland. Auchrannie Resort, The Co-op, The Douglas Hotel and Balmichael Glamping are among those quick off the mark to show their support.

Next to get involved is ARRAN Sense of Scotland (Arran Aromatics) the new official charity partner of Alzheimer Scotland. Jill Hunter, Development Officer for Arran CVS, is collaborating with Alzheimer Scotland to take a joined-up approach to working with Arran's local businesses.

'The new partnership with Alzheimer Scotland and ARRAN Sense of Scotland is a step forward for the Island. The backing of an established and well-loved brand goes a long way in helping challenge some of misconceptions surrounding dementia' Jill Hunter, Arran CVS.

ARRAN Sense of Scotland has committed to becoming a 'dementia friendly company' and will undergo an audit in order to be more accommodating to those affected by cognitive impairments, as well as supporting the charity on key projects and events. They are leading the way for other businesses on the island.

Arran CVS is focusing on the following key areas: Business environments /Public spaces; Pedestrian road safety in high traffic areas; Clear routes to support & information and a platform for discussion for people living with dementia and those who care for them.

We are in talks with local businesses and those in charge of public spaces to discuss the possibility of installing dedicated dementia information points. The idea is to make information on all aspects of living with dementia readily available, from routes to diagnosis to hearing about dementia friendly community events.

Future plans also include helping to launch the Purple Alert app, a free community minded app for people affected by dementia. It has been designed and developed by people living with dementia and carers, Alzheimer Scotland staff, Police Scotland, Social Work, Dementia Friends Scotland, Health and Social Care Partnerships and Telecare Services.

**Underpinning all of our objectives, is the need to hear directly from Arran residents, in order to have their input on where improvements can be made.**

## DEMENTIA SURVEY

A short survey for Island residents can be found on the adjacent page. Arran Banner readers are invited to share their own experiences and suggestions, instructions for returning completed surveys are detailed. Alternatively, arrangements can be made to complete the survey over the phone, or via email.



Kate Russell of the Douglas Hotel & Jackie Vaught (Professional Golf Promoter) who took part in training and raising awareness earlier this year.



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# Thank you for helping to highlight priorities for those living with dementia on the Isle of Arran

If you wish to complete this survey over the phone, please get in touch with us on 01770 600611. All information will be used for research purposes only. Please read the following statements and tick the one that applies to you:

I am a person living with dementia  Or, I am a carer or helper completing the survey on behalf of someone with dementia

## 1 My local area

Please tick the box which best describes how you feel about the following statements:

    
 Strongly Disagree   Disagree   Not Sure   Agree   Strongly Agree

I have easy access to public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I know how I can access mobility aids	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I feel comfortable socialising in my community	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I know where I can find out about support or activities for people with dementia	<input type="checkbox"/>				
There are no obstacles (signage, physical, poor lighting, narrow paths) preventing me from moving around my village	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I find blue badge or other convenient parking spaces easily	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visual and hearing impairments are well catered for in my local businesses including restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I have a network of health professionals, including GPs to support me in my local area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I feel safe as a pedestrian when crossing the roads in my local area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I feel safe when crossing the road in high traffic areas such as Brodick or Lamlash	<input type="checkbox"/>				
There are places to sit and rest outside and inside of shops in my local village	<input type="checkbox"/>				

What is the name of your nearest village? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 What improvements could help increase dementia friendliness of your community?

This can be in relation to transport, services, signposting, businesses and restaurants, the built environment or anything else you feel we need to know about.

**Your suggestions:**

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## 3 Completed surveys

Surveys can be cut-out and put in a designated collection box in the Big Co-op, Brodick, or through the letter box of the Arran CVS office, see address below. Alternatively, contact Jill Hunter to arrange collection or completion over the phone. Extra copies of the survey will be made available. Thank you for taking part.



Telephone: 01770 600611

Email: [jill.hunter@arrancvs.org.uk](mailto:jill.hunter@arrancvs.org.uk)

Arran CVS, Park Terrace, Lamlash KA27 8NB



# Arran's hills alive with



The Caisteal Abhail and Cir Mhor walk. Photograph: Corinna Goeckeritz.

Arran's hills were alive with walkers, runners and cyclists last month as the island finally emerged from lockdown, writes Hugh Boag.

They were all taking part in the Arran Mountain Festival which proved to be a big success, despite ongoing restrictions limiting some of the indoor activities.

All of the hill walks were well attended, with some sold out well in advance. And this year saw the addition of hill running and mountain bike challenges.

The lack of capacity on the single ferry meant some people who had booked could not get across but there was delight for organisers after being forced to cancel the event for the first time last year.

One of the organisers said: 'It was a little bit

different this year but we were so pleased that we could actually offer something, especially after the year we've all had.

'So a big thumbs up to everyone involved and all who participated.

'We all missed the hub and the evening socials. Great to see lots of locals on the walks and runs and to welcome back some regulars as well as folk new to the event.

'All being well, we hope to be offering some more great walks for next year and look forward to welcoming you back. Put it in the diary for May 13 to 16 2022.'

Here are some of the stunning photographs taken by leaders and participants over the weekend with thanks to all the photographers we haven't personally credited.



Meall nan Damh and the three lochans. Photograph: Sherie Walker.



Some brilliant action shots from the intro to mountain running session. Photograph: leader Giles.



Participants on the Cir Mhor and Beinn a'Chliabhain walk.

It was a novice mountain runners' session, but participants Emma and Fiona were so hill-fit that as well as running Goatfell, they added on a loop along the Stacach ridge, into Coire Lan and back up onto the shoulder before descending back to Cladach. Photograph: leader Giles.



The mountain running advanced session group whizzed round the Glen Rosa horseshoe, taking in Beinns Nuis and Tarsuinn, Cir Mhor, North Goatfell and Goatfell. Photograph: leader Giles.



Mountain runners on the intermediate session had so much fun in the sun, they added an extra summit to their route. Photograph: leader Giles.



The Cir Mhor and Beinn a'Chliabhain outing.

Photograph: Tola Ward.

# Walkers and runners



Participants soak up their surroundings on the Cir Mhor walk. Photograph: Alastair of WalkArran.



Sunday's Gaelic in the mountains walk. Mòran taing to walk participant Davie Rutherford for the photograph.



Above: The Ride Arran MTB guiding advanced session was part of the festival this year.



Left: The group on the Sheeans and Windmill Hill walk at the highest point of their route with leader Jo Totty at the front. Photograph: Hugh Boag.

Above right: The Three Glens walk. The team managed to avoid the cloud which was shrouding some of the higher hills. Photograph: Jo Totty.

Right: The participants of the Laggan geology loop agreed Arran totally rocks.



# What's on

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## Saturday 5th June

COAST Discovery Centre,  
Brodick Castle,  
RNLI Shop Open,  
Rink Games,  
Rink Games,

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

## Sunday 6th June

Brodick Castle,  
RNLI Shop Open,

Brodick, 11am – 4pm  
Lamlash, 2pm – 4pm

## Monday 7th June

Brodick Castle,  
Lamlash Bowling Club,  
Shiskine Tennis Club,  
JogScotlandArran@gmail.com,  
Brodick Bowling Club,

Brodick, 11am - 4pm  
Lamlash, 2pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 4pm  
Whiting Bay, Venue varies, 5.30pm  
Brodick, 7pm

## Tuesday 8th June

Brodick Castle,  
Healthy Outdoor Team,  
Rink Games (Social distancing observed),  
Shiskine Tennis Club,  
Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to14 yrs),

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

## Wednesday 9th June

Kilmory Toddlers,  
Arran Pace Makers please check Facebook @arranpacemakers, Venue varies,  
5.30pm  
Brodick Bowling Club,  
Lamlash Bowling Club,

Kilmory Hall, 10am -12noon  
Brodick, 7pm  
Lamlash, 7pm

## Thursday 10th June

Geopark Guided Walk – Glen Sannox & Blue Rocks,  
Shiskine Tennis Club,  
Senior Hockey (12+),

Sannox, 10am  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 4pm  
Ormidale Astro Pitch, 7pm – 8.30pm

## Friday 11th June

Shiskine Tennis Club,

Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 11am

## Saturday 12th June

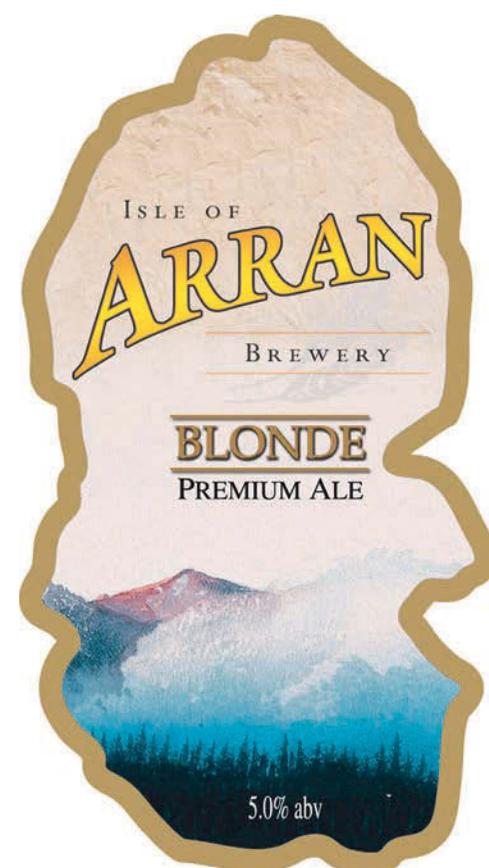
Brodick Castle,  
Rink Games (Social distancing observed),

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

The Isle of Arran Brewery's Blonde Premium Ale is the brewery's flagship ale, and is the island's most awarded beer, from its first award in the year of the brewery's founding, 2000, as Ayrshire & Galloway CAMRA's Beer of the Festival to winning Gold in the World's Best Pale Golden Ale category at the World Beer Awards in 2020.

You can find a full list of awards at [www.arranbrewery.co.uk](http://www.arranbrewery.co.uk) Blonde is a light, refreshing beer with a delicate, floral hop aroma, with a well balanced finish and good character.

The beer is available at a few select pubs on draft and throughout the island in bottles, including at the brewery shop at Cladach, Brodick



# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday June 2, 2001



Clockwise from top left: Members of the Boys' Brigade, whose millennium appeal 'Lifeboats for 2000' raised enough money to provide Arran RNLI with a new lifeboat, visited the official launch ceremony in Lamlash. [01\\_B23TYA03](#)

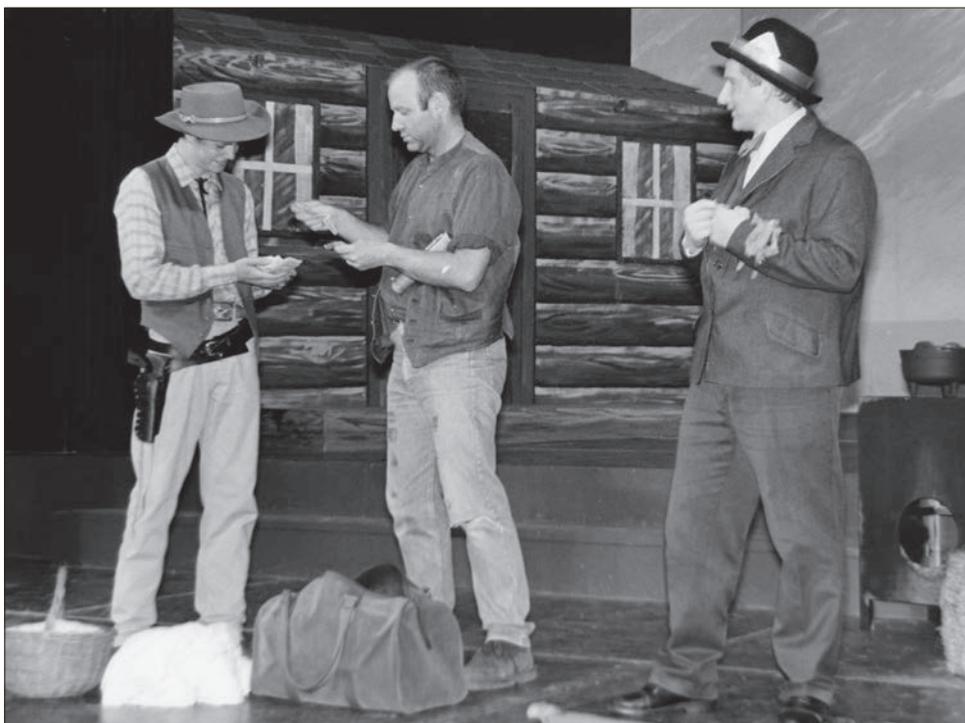
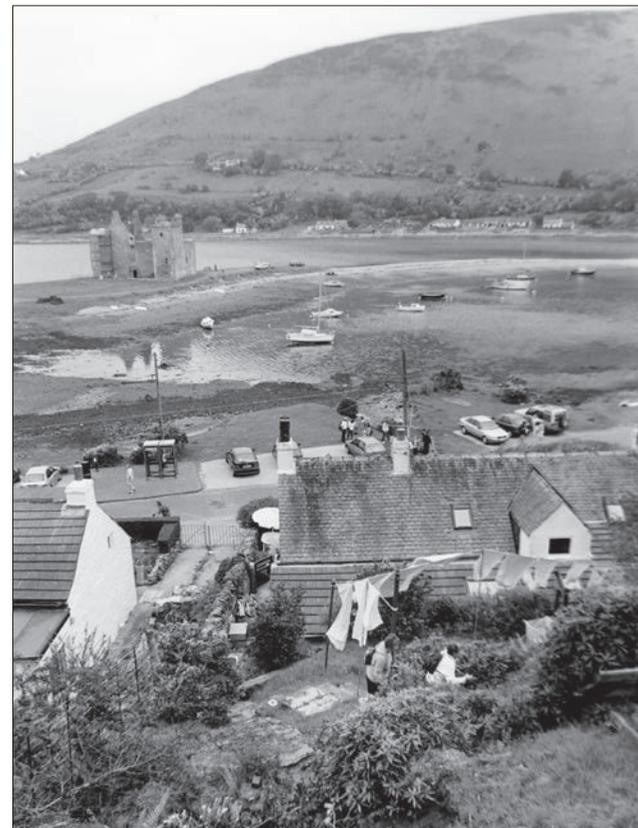
The Boys' Brigade's new lifeboat is launched after being named in front of a large crowd at Lamlash. [01\\_B23TYA01](#)

Seven people in Lochranza opened their gardens to visitors recently to give them an insight into the secret and hidden gardens of Lochranza. This particular garden offered stunning flora and spectacular views. [01\\_B23TYA06](#)

Artist Jim Gorman of Corriegills held a one man show in Corrie where he sold some of his work in aid of Corrie girl Lindsey Wheeler who will be going on an expedition to study the Himalayan glaciers. [01\\_B23TYA04](#)

This year's production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Oklahoma has received much praise. Pictured are Adam Sherwood, Campbell Seaton and Canice Donnelly playing Will Parker, Jud Fry and Ali Hakim. [01\\_B23TYA05](#)

The crew of the Arran RNLI who will operate the new Boys' Brigade lifeboat. They are, left to right: Peter Mackay, Mark Nelson, James Brass, Dave Nelson, Yvonne Welch, Allan Little, Crawford Duncan, Sandy Swindale and Nigel Marshall. [01\\_B23TYA02](#)



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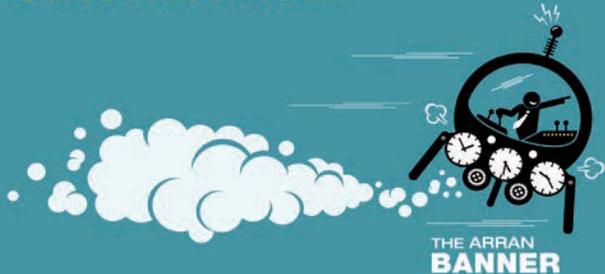
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There is a booking system at Brodick & Shiskine churches as the numbers are still limited. Liz Lawrie 302782 & John Kerr 860 498

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

#### Sunday 6th June 2021

Lochranza & Pirnmill Churches-  
Service at Lochranza Church  
10:15am Morning worship.  
Shiskine Church 12noon.

Morning worship.

Brodick Church 10.30am

Morning worship.

Corrie Church at 12noon.

Morning worship.

The Food Bank continues  
from Brodick Church

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland

Charity Number: SC014005  
Sunday 6th June

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 6th June

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash Church Hall 11.30am

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

We will be observing all  
socially distancing procedures

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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#### Sunday 6th June

First Sunday after Trinity  
Holy Communion at 11 am.

Revd Adrian Fallows

ALL WELCOME

Coffee after service

We follow strict SEC guidelines

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## DEATH

**WELFORD** - Roy James.  
Peacefully at home with his wife  
by his side on Saturday, 29th  
May 2021. Roy, beloved husband  
of Sheila, father of Stuart and  
Neil, grandfather of Lara and  
brother of George. Roy will be  
laid to rest on Monday, 7th June  
at Lamlash Cemetery.

## ACKNOWLEDEMENT

**CRAIG** - John. Margaret and  
family would like to thank all  
the Doctors and nurses at AWM  
Hospital for the excellent care  
and kindness in John's last days.  
Thanks also to all the doctors and  
staff at Shiskine surgery for care  
and support over the last year.  
Many thanks also to Kate Jenks,  
ArCaS and the community nurses  
for help and support. Thanks to  
everyone who sent cards and flow-  
ers and for the phone calls. Thanks  
to David and Clair Hendry for  
sensitive and professional funeral  
care. Thank you to everyone  
who stood at the roadside in the  
villages and to The Kinloch Hotel  
for refreshments.

## ARRAN BANNER GOLF

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday May 27, ladies Mary  
Craig Trophy. Silver: 1 and  
winner Liz Kerr 51-10=41;  
2nd and Scratch Ann May 48-  
4=44. Bronze: 1 Pat Adamson  
57-15=42; 2 Julia Salton  
60-17=43; 3 Elizabeth Kelso  
57-13=44. Magic two Clare  
Buchanan @12th.

Saturday May 29, gents CCQ  
round 2. 1st class: 1 and medal  
winner D Tod 64-6=58; 2 and  
scratch T Mitchell 63-3=60  
BIH; 3 S Kerr 70-10=60. 2nd  
class: 1 C Rutterford 86-23=63;  
2 R Waine 79-15=64 BIH; 3  
W McNally 79-15=64. Magic  
twos J Stewart x2, T Mitchell,  
Gator and Q Oliver.

Sunday May 30, gents CCQ  
round 3. 1st class: 1 and medal  
winner D Tod 66-6=60; 2 J  
Stewart 65-4=61; 3 S Kerr  
71-10=61. Scratch G Campbell  
64. 2nd class: 1 W McNally 76-  
15=61; 2 R Waine 77-15=62; 3  
B Sherwood 79-16=63. Magic  
twos D Tod, C Watson, M  
Adams, A Campbell, J Stewart  
and R Waine.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Wednesday May 26, qualifying  
Championship R1. 1 Sheena  
Murchie 76-15=61; 2 Alison  
Heron 88-25=63. Scratch  
Sheena Murchie 76.

Thursday May 27, Summer  
Stableford. 1 Colin Richardson  
41pts; 2 Paul Jameson 39pts; 3  
Dougie Macfarlane 38pts BIH;  
4 Jack McNally 38pts. Best  
scratch Dougie Macfarlane  
36pts. Magic twos all @16th J  
McNally, D Macfarlane, Stuart  
Campbell and Iain Murchie.  
Rollover as hole two drawn.

Sunday May 30, Hastings Cup  
R1. 1 Ian Bremner 72-8=64  
BIH; 2 Billy Skinner 83-19=64;  
3 Scott Campbell 81-16=65.  
Best scratch Paul Cowan 71.  
Magic twos Paul Cowan @2nd,  
Alan Smith @16th. Rollover as  
hole 17 drawn.

Fixtures: Sunday June 6,  
Hamilton Bowl (Bogey),  
noon draw. Thursday June 10,  
Summer Cup and Fleet Cup  
R1. Make up own groups. See  
starter for times.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday May 26, Summer  
Trophy, 24 played. 1 Cameron  
Bruce (38) 58; 2nd John  
Pennycott (12)62; 3 Nicol Auld  
(4) 63 acb and lowest gross; 4  
Jamie Stewart (4) 63. Magic  
twos Ryan Armstrong @4th,  
Neil McKechnie @ 7th, Sandy  
Pringle @ 17th.

Sunday May 30, Stableford.  
Finally some summer weather  
and the 24 who played took  
full advantage with 22 players  
returning scores of 30 points  
or more. The runaway winner  
though was Gus Macleod



Liz Kerr with the Mary Craig Trophy she won at Shiskine.

with an excellent score of 42  
points beating the runner  
up by 4. 1 Gus Macleod (12)  
42pts; 2 Gavin Mains (7) 38;  
3 Allan Macleod (11) 37 acb; 4  
Graeme Crichton (15) 37. Allan  
Macleod bagged a magic two  
@11th while David Brookens  
and Stan Rainey each did  
likewise @17th.

Fixtures: Sunday June 6, The  
Tor Alvey Greensome. This  
is a competition for teams of  
two and a draw will be made  
for partners at approx 9.45am  
with a view to a shotgun start  
at 10am. Wednesday June  
9, Summer Trophy. Players  
should continue to arrange  
their own groupings.

### Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday May 26, Summer  
Cup, 41 played. 1 Tam McNab  
72-14=58; 2 Frazer Barr 70-  
10=60 acb; 3 Neil Duncan  
88-28=60. Scratch Ewan

McKinnon 63. Sunday May 30,  
Brandon qualifier, 29 played.  
1 Frazer Barr 69-9=60 acb; 2  
Fred Galbraith 75-15=60; 3  
Ewan McKinnon 62-0=62 acb.  
Scratch Ewan McKinnon 62.

Fixture: Sunday June 6,  
sweep.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday May 25, gents Club  
Championship qualifiers.  
1 Brian Sherwood 62; 2  
Hamish Bannatyne 63; 3 John  
Pennycott 69 BIH. Magic two  
Brian Sherwood.

Fixtures: Saturday June  
5, gents Duncan Sillars  
and 2nd round Gents  
Championship qualifier tee off  
12.30pm.

Tuesday June 8 ladies 2nd  
round Club Championship and  
Peter Sutton tee-off 12.30pm

and 5.30pm. Please let Brian  
know by Monday if you intend  
to play in the evening.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday May 26,  
Wednesday Medal. 1 A Smith  
75-15=60; 2 R McLean 75-  
14=61; 3 A Girvan 86-25=61.

Saturday May 29, Club  
Championship qualifying  
second round. 1 R T Logan  
69-7=62; 2 W Paton 72-8=64; 3  
R McLean 78-14=64. The three  
qualifiers are: R Logan 141,  
W Paton 151 and J McGovern  
154. Fixtures: Wednesday  
June 2, Wednesday Medal.  
Saturday June 5, Saturday  
Medal. Arrange your own  
pairings and adhere to current  
Covid regulations.

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# Coastal rowing club gets back in water with regatta

Arran Coastal Rowing Club is planning to get back into the water for competitive rowing when it stages a mini regatta later this month.

Five west of Scotland teams will be taking part in the regatta at Lamlash Yacht Club on Saturday June 26: Royal West (Greenock), Troon, Prestwick, FOCCRS (Largs), Cumbrae and Arran.

It is the first since 2019 after last year's event was cancelled.

The following week, the Arran club will be taking part in the RowAround Scotland 2021 event after receiving the baton from Troon Rowing Club at the regatta.

Weather permitting, club members will be rowing from Lochranza to Ardrishaig where they will meet up with Isle of Seil Club and row through the Crinan Canal.

RowAround Scotland 2021 is a blended, re-imagined circumnavigation.

Planned for 2020 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association (SCRA), the pandemic forced a rollover of the baton relay until 2021.

As rowing in skiffs was only permitted to start in Scotland on May 17 this year, the planned launch in Greta in March was missed and the first four sections of the 13 section RowAround were postponed.

The RowAround will finish at the SCRA's annual general meeting in October at Loch Tummel.

The Isle of Seil club will

## Skiff crew will also take part in RowAround

lead the circumnavigation by rowing the nine nautical miles to Oban today (Friday), if the weather allows.

The co-ordinator of RowAround is Sue Fenton, who is also convenor of the Seil club.

Seventy mainland and island coastal rowing clubs will join in, as and when they are able, as many have had no sea-time for more than a year.

Many of the regattas and events associated with the RowAround have been cancelled or postponed yet again, because of uncertainties of changing Covid regulations and restrictions.

### Welcome

Sue said: 'Hybrid, collaborative events may be possible on a much smaller scale but local sensitivities will be paramount. 'We will work with communities around the coast to ensure they will welcome us.'

The circumnavigation track on the website map www.rowaround.scot initially broken, may eventually become a continuous line by October, as all the elements are spliced together.

Each club will also undertake



a citizen science microplastics project in their own home waters using a specially adapted trawl behind the skiff.

The samples will be analysed by the Scottish Association for Marine Science at Dunstaffnage, near Oban, and will provide a unique dataset from Scottish waters.

The Arran club hope to do this mid-week following the regatta.

Paul Bush OBE, director of

events at VisitScotland, said: 'We are delighted to be supporting RowAround Scotland as part of Year of Coasts and Waters 20/21.

'With its spectacular coastline and inland waters, Scotland provides the perfect stage for this coastal rowing event.

'The Virtual RowAround, completed in 2020 and on the RowAround website, buoyed us all up over the long winter and introduced clubs, their

particular navigational hazards and the stunning coastal scenery.

'We are all looking forward to getting back on the water together.'

The RowAround event is supported by the Year of Coasts and Waters 20/21, co-ordinated by Event Scotland. The project is also supported by NatureScot, through Plunge In! The Coasts and Waters Community Fund.

**Arran Coastal Rowing Club taking part in the Skiffle World Championships in Stranraer in 2019.** Photograph: Saskia Coulson/CT Productions.



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