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Anxious moments as the MV Pentalina tries to dock at Brodick pier for the first time. 01_B25pentalina01

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MV Pentalina looks

by Hugh Boag
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Arran is likely to have a new ferry serving on the main Brodick to Ardrossan route before the end of July.

The MV Pentalina catamaran is being lined up to provide back-up on the route if a lease can be finalised with her owners, Pentland Ferries.

A contract is expected to be signed by the end of next week which could see her in service by July 28. It is likely the ferry would initially be used to provide additional cover three days a week from Thursday to Sunday while the MV Isle of Arran services the Campbeltown route, but this is still to be finalised. She would also be available in the event of breakdowns.

The leasing of the catamaran is a major shift for CalMac and Transport Scotland, which have previously resisted such a move. However, the

operation of this vessel will have constraints. The wider ramp means it cannot use the Arran berth at Ardrossan and will have to use the Irish berth and since it is not a ro-ro ferry turnaround times on the single ended vessel will be longer.

The arrival of the MV Pentalina in Brodick on Monday caused a wave of excitement as she carried out berthing trials at both piers in Brodick before heading for Ardrossan. There were anxious moments as the catamaran tried to dock at the Brodick linkspan - initially the ramp would not go down fully, but this was quickly resolved. The catamaran then had a look at the other side of the pier but did not dock.

The catamaran, which is currently not in service, left Kirkwall, Orkney, on Friday and travelled down the west coast over the weekend arriving in Campbeltown on Sunday, where it also carried out berthing trials, before



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making the short crossing to Arran.

The boat then visited Oban and Craggan on Mull as part of the trials. Other ports where she could also serve are being considered. The leasing of the MV Pentalina is a bid to provide back-up for the badly stretched fleet of Clyde and Hebridean ferries, a situation

which has not been helped by the long delay to the new Arran ferry the MV Glen Sannox and her sister ship, still under construction in Port Glasgow.

However, the RMT union has raised concerns about the fact the MV Pentalina had been laid up in Kirkwall since last November and the appropriateness of the vessel's

structure for the CalMac network. Pentland Ferries says the catamaran was re-issued with a full passenger safety certificate in March this year.

MV Pentalina is a 70m RoPax catamaran ferry purchased by Pentland Ferries in 2008 to operate between Gills Bay, Caithness, and St Margaret's Hope, Orkney. In normal

Ferry committee welcomed

The Isle of Arran Ferry Committee held a meeting to discuss the lease of the MV Pentalina with CalMac. H

Arran Ferry Committee (AFC) continues to work with Transport Scotland, CMAL and CalMac to address the restrictions the island faces with the current ferry capacity and poor resilience.

AFC continues to make representation to various levels of government and have also supported a joint letter from North Ayrshire Council seeking early engagement with the Transport Minister to seek his support on these matters.

The committee was pleased

to receive an update from CalMac's head of operational planning on ongoing discussions which are taking place between CalMac and Transport Scotland with the owners of the MV Pentalina which are showing positive progress.

The vessel has carried out trials at Brodick and Ardrossan and is continuing to check suitability for other ports across the network.

If conditions can be agreed, it could be deployed to the Arran service to help provide

resilience in the event of breakdowns and also ensure capacity is maintained by supplementing services at the peak demand times Thursday to Sunday when the MV Isle of Arran is required to support the Campbeltown route.

The vessel can accommodate 56 cars and in these constrained times 183 passengers, which could increase in normal times to 346 in summer. The vehicle capacity will be used up to the relevant passenger limits.

As this vessel has no bow ramp, vehicles will require to enter and turn round with the centre lanes being filled



to be Arran bound



The MV Pentalina reversed into Brodick pier for the first time. 01_B25pentalina04. The car deck can clearly be seen now that the ramp is engaged. 01_B25pentalina06. The MV Pentalina approaches the other side of the pier, but did not dock. 01_B25pentalina07. All photographs: Hugh Boag.

times she can carry 350 passengers and 58 cars, but would be restricted to 183 passengers at the moment.

She was designed by naval architects Sea Transport Solutions of Australia and built in Cebu in the Philippines at a cost estimated between £10 and £15 million. She was replaced by the MV Alfred on the Orkney route in November 2019.

Last year John Salton, a CMAL fleet engineer and an Arran resident, investigated 101 vessels and another 33 vessels this year to potentially

lease or buy and boost the CalMac fleet in the short to medium term. Few vessels are suitable due to deck height, draft, length and a myriad of other issues. The Pentalina and one in Norway are the only contenders at present.

Robbie Drummond, managing director of CalMac, said: 'CalMac has said it would welcome any new tonnage to the fleet, as long as it was safe and suitable for our routes.'

'We are currently working with Transport Scotland to investigate the feasibility of leasing the MV Pentalina cat-

amaran from Pentland Ferries to provide additional resilience across the network.

A Transport Scotland spokesman added: 'CalMac will consult with relevant communities to discuss proposed timetables and deployment options and seek a commercial agreement with Pentland Ferries before deployment on the network.'

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by vehicles who will either reverse on or off.

This will extend the turn-around time for any service provided to approximately 45 minutes in summer.

Currently there is no separate passenger access and foot passengers will require to use the car ramp as has been practice on its previous route on Orkney.

The vessel will be provided on a Time-Charter basis, which means the owners will have responsibility for the care and maintenance and CalMac will provide other crew and stewards who will need to be recruited when an agreement is reached.

Crew accommodation and berthing still has to be agreed and timetables considered. The working time for the crew will be 11 hours in accordance with maritime regulations and they will need to have further exemptions approved for carriage of livestock.

Other routes are being discussed but the impression was that the combined efforts from AFC, NAC and our MSP have all been recognised and Arran is the most likely destination for this vessel.

AFC welcomed the positive progress and will continue to discuss options and timetables to bring some welcome relief to our service.

The meeting also confirmed that work has been initiated to install temporary toilets at Claonaig while the permanent solution awaits final planning approval from Argyll and Bute Council.

The additional services negotiated which see the Campbeltown service being routed via Brodick are showing popular and helping capacity. The committee will continue to work with all parties to ensure that any opportunities identified are maximised and appreciates the support and co-operation of North Ayrshire Council, Transport Scotland, CMAL and CalMac in this work.



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Motorists take one for the road

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Motorists can breathe a sigh of relief as the roadworks that have caused disruption and delay in Brodick for the past 10 days are scheduled to be completed on Monday.

Barring any additional work or extensions to the roadworks timetable for this section of the A841, the resurfacing work should be all but finished and the workmen moving on.

The resurfacing work, which started last Wednesday, saw traffic management measures introduced and traffic lights installed allowing only single file, one-way traffic.

This caused delays of up to

15 minutes at peak times from near the ferry terminal to Brodick Library.

The congestion was exacerbated by vehicles using the parking places along the seafront and from vehicles entering the one-way traffic system from Alma Road, shorefront businesses and the Co-op.

While disruptive and causing delay and traffic jams, the roadworks have already immensely improved the road which was badly potholed, particularly on the verges, around manhole covers and in all the usual hotspots, most of them having already been temporarily repaired many times.

Repairs to Arran's roads, as laid out in the Arran Roads Programme, have recently

been beset with difficulties, delays and constant changes and reviews, owing to issues with getting equipment over to Arran during ferry disruptions and the time-sensitive characteristics of asphalt.



Above: Heavy machinery grinds away the road surface which is then renewed. 01_B25roadworks03
Left: It was one-way traffic while workers resurfaced the road. 01_B25roadworks02



Left: Tailbacks and queues extended, at times, from the ferry terminal to Brodick Library. 01_B25roadworks05



Above: Asphalt is removed from the road and deposited into awaiting lorries. 01_B25roadworks01
Left: Motorists queue at temporary traffic lights, blocking off parking spots and entrances to businesses. 01_B25roadworks04



Dougarie gardens open day

The beautiful gardens at Dougarie Estate will be open on Tuesday June 29, after a break last year.

The gardens are within a castellated folly built in 1905 to celebrate the marriage of the 12th Duke of Hamilton's only daughter to the Duke of Montrose.

There is a good selection of tender and rare plants and a small woodland area with trees including nothofagus, hoheria and abutilons. There will also be plants for sale.

The gardens will be open from 2pm to 5pm but there will be no cream teas because of Covid restrictions and the Boathouse restoration is not quite finished. The open day is held under the Scottish Gardens scheme, a charity which raises funds for the Queen's Nursing Institute, Maggie's Centres and Perennial. Sixty per cent of the takings can be given to a charity of the owner's choice and this year it will be Pirmill Village Association.

Lochranza and Catacol prize draw winners

Winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club May draw were: 1 Margaret Kerr and 2 Alan Mitchell.

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Waltz for Waverley as paddle steamer returns to Arran

Pipers from Arran have joined a host of Scottish talent to release a charity single, A Diamond Waltz for Waverley, writes Hugh Boag.

Released on Friday June 11, the single is raising money and awareness of the PS Waverley, the last seagoing paddle steamer in the world, to mark her 75th anniversary.

The much-loved Waverley is the sole survivor of a once-vast fleet of passenger steamships which plied the British coast.

Waverley is about to celebrate her diamond anniversary, with 2022 marking 75 years since her maiden voyage.

Folk musicians Ross Miller, a well-known piping tutor on Arran, and Callum Edwards on drums are joined on the single by Charlie Stewart on fiddle, Rory Matheson on accordion, Craig Irving on guitar, Alistair Black on mandolin and David Edwards, Callum's dad, on accordion.

The combined pipes and drums of the ports of call of Waverley also feature on the track, comprised of young pipers and drummers from towns visited by the ship.

They include members of Arran Pipe Band Annie Laurie,



Jo Earle, Malcolm Wheeler and Patrick Scott and James Reid and Rory Currie of Arran Music School Pipe Band.

The impact of Covid-19 meant that funding dropped to meet the cost of vital repair work needed to keep Waverley sailing after she crashed into Brodick Pier in September 2019.

A recent appeal raised more than £350,000, but more funds are required to keep Waverley sailing as it is operating at 35 per cent capacity due to Covid restrictions.

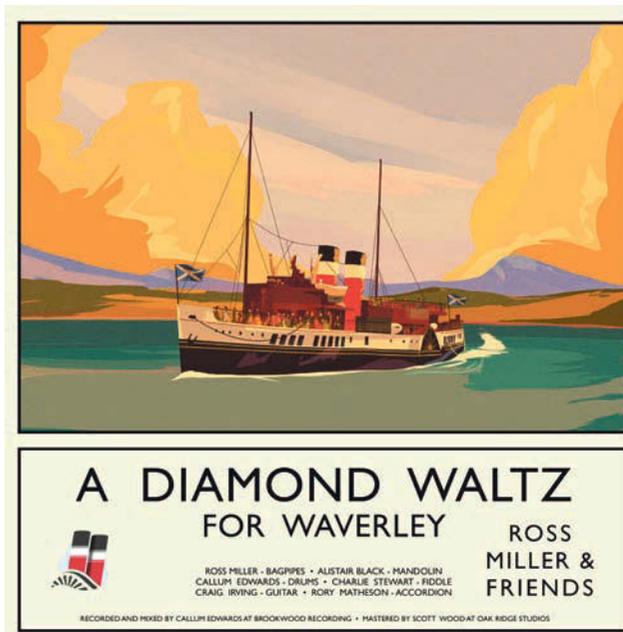
It is hoped the single will be a huge hit.

Both living in Glasgow,

Callum Edwards and Ross Miller on the shores of the Clyde.

Callum and Ross met at the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland and have collaborated on various projects over the years.

Ross said: 'Callum and I have always loved the community aspect of collaborating with other musicians so we were excited to invite pipers and drummers that play at the ports the Waverley visits to get involved. Hopefully this track



The cover of the charity single for the Waverley.

will now be synonymous with the steamer, whenever it calls at these places.'

Waverley's general manager Paul Semple said: 'I am delighted so much Clyde coast talent has come together to produce this charity single to mark such a significant Waverley milestone. Ross Miller has reconnected Scottish music and the last of the great Clyde steamers.'

The Waverley visited Arran last weekend, calling at Brodick and Lochranza ahead of the launch of its summer timetable this week.

Its first visit of the season will be to Lochranza on Monday June 28 and Brodick on Thursday July 1.

A Diamond Waltz for Waverley is out now and available to download on all the usual platforms.

Enjoy a dram during virtual Arran Whisky Festival

Whisky and music lovers may not be able to attend the Arran Whisky Festival in person again this year but a number of live and pre-recorded events will be broadcast for fans.

Tasting packs will also be on sale for those wishing to add an element of realism to the whisky masterclasses.

Arran Whisky Festival Malt and Music 2021 will take place virtually over two days from Saturday June 26, after the always-popular event was cancelled for the second time this year.

On offer will be tours of Lochranza and Lagg distilleries as well as live whisky masterclasses including mystery tastings, distillery exclusives and spirit tasting as well as a



One of the whisky sets for sale ahead of the festival.

ence the whiskies and spirits themselves.

On the music front, participants can enjoy music from Mike Bailey and Anchor Line, which will be provided by Crofters Music.

All live and pre-recorded events will be available to watch on the Lagg and Arran social media pages and on YouTube.

Further information about the events and how you can take part can be found at www.arranwhisky.com

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A welcome relief

At long last there looks to be some good news on the ferry front.

For too long CalMac, and those in charge of Scotland's ferries, have only paid lip service to the real concerns on Arran, and other islands, of the dire consequences of an unreliable ferry service, compounded in recent weeks by the loss of the MV Isle of Arran at what could not have been at a worse time.

Calls to bring in the idle catamaran MV Pentalina have been long and vocal, but they seemed to be falling on deaf ears until recently.

Then, all of a sudden, last weekend movement and the MV Pentalina is in Brodick on sea trials.

They went off, almost, without a hitch, as did the visit to Ardrossan and now Arran looks to be the front runner to see the MV Pentalina in service, for part of the week at least.

The arrival of a part-time ferry to help with capacity and as a back-up for breakdowns, is hardly a long-term solution for the underlying ferry crisis, but it is at least a stop-gap which has been a long time coming.

We wait to see what the days ahead bring.

Thought for the week

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak. **John 16:13**

Pension Credit push

Sir,
The number of pensioners in poverty has passed the two million mark across the UK, with 150,000 in Scotland living in relative poverty and thousands more on the cusp.

Pension Credit, a benefit that tops up low pensioner incomes, is one of the most under-claimed means of social security support for older people.

In many cases, claiming Pension Credit can also 'passport' older people to other sources of financial support which can make an even bigger difference such as housing benefit, council tax reduction, cold weather payments, a free TV licence for those over 75 and help with health costs. Levels of pensioner poverty in Scotland have begun to rise again in recent years. For example, the proportion of pensioners in persistent poverty has risen from eight per cent to 12 per cent since 2010.

Despite these rising figures, it is estimated 40 per cent of eligible pensioners on low incomes are still missing out on Pension Credit.

That means £332m of financial support is going unclaimed by 123,000 older households in Scotland. With 14 per cent of pensioners (150,000) living in relative poverty and 12 per cent (120,000) in persistent poverty, Age Scotland says there must be a concerted effort to reduce pensioner poverty and that encouraging social security uptake has a huge part to play in this process.

The support currently going unclaimed could make a real difference to older people's quality of life. Through our free social security workshops, we have found the majority of people are not aware of how much they could be entitled to through Pension Credit and this lack of awareness is clearly one of many barriers to take-up.

If everyone eligible for Pension Credit knew about it and claimed it, it stands to reason that

Lack of signs at Viking site

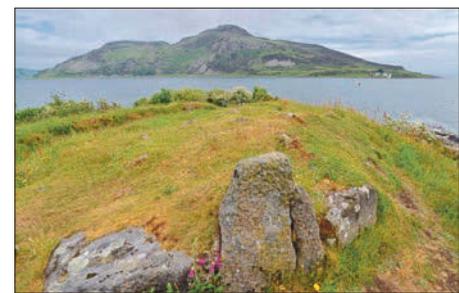
A regular visitor to historical sites in Scotland has expressed his disappointment that the Viking burial site at Kingscross lacks proper signs and is not being afforded the prominence it deserves.

James Paterson, who is originally from Glasgow, described his visit and told the Banner: 'I was very disappointed in Kingscross, simply because there was no marker indicating a Viking fort or burial site.'

'When I visited I found no plaque or information relating to it. I found it difficult to find because there wasn't enough indications as to where the site was.'

'I have been to many Viking sites all over Scotland, including the Ardnamurchan Viking burial site and the Viking boat repair yard in Skye, and I have seen the hogback stones at Govan Parish Church which tells the story of Scotland's past.'

'All of these have appropriate signs. Surely, Historic Scotland could at least give the public information. Why is Kingscross not given more prominence?' said James, who now lives in East Sussex. The Viking burial mound at



Arran's Viking burial site at Kingscross which a reader believes is under-represented.

Kingscross was examined in 1909 and in addition to the irregular heaps of stones, calcined human bones, pieces of whalebone decorated with concentric circles, charcoal, pieces of iron, including Viking boat rivets, bronze fragments, two pieces of vitrified stone and a bronze coin were discovered.

The coin, known as a stycra, features an image of Wigmund, who was the Archbishop of York from AD 831 to 854.

pensioner poverty in Scotland would drop dramatically.

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Yours,
Brian Sloan,
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Yours,
Angela Mitchell,
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Office block plan for Brodick iCentre site

by Hugh Boag
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A planning application has been made to construct a new three-storey office building near Brodick ferry terminal.

The development would see the demolition of the existing tourist information centre and the Pier House next door. However, the applicant doesn't own the iCentre, as it is now known. It is owned by VisitScotland.

But a statement submitted with the planning application states that, if approved, the iCentre would be housed within the new building which would also have business space for lease and private parking.

It is believed Brian Keating is the man behind the planning application which has been made in the name of VisitHelensburgh.

Mr Keating secured the lease of the former CalMac ticket office in November 2018 with a view to opening it as a cinema, but the development has never transpired. Among his business interests, he runs a cinema in Helensburgh.

The planning statement adds: 'It is proposed to construct a new three-storey building on the site of the existing Pier House and Tourist Information Centre to create new accommodation at ground floor level for the information centre, a private car park and business space for lease at first and second floor level.'

'A need for business space has been identified.



The Pier House and iCentre which would be demolished to make way for the office block.

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It is hoped the proposed building will stimulate growth in the local economy. The materials proposed for the building comprise flat panel metallic silver wall cladding, glass curtain walling and a dark grey finish to exposed columns, gutters and fence panels. The prominent loca-

tion of the building will enhance the entrance to the island from the ferry terminal.'

A VisitScotland spokesman said: 'We are aware a planning application has been made concerning our property in Brodick but we have no current plans to move location.'



The 2019 show saw David Henderson win the overall champion with his Texel gimmer. He is pictured here with the sheep and daughter Emma.

Farmers show goes virtual

The Arran Farmers Society has taken the Farmers Show online after Covid restrictions saw it cancelled for the second time this year.

The Arran Virtual Show 2021 is now online and organisers are urging all those who want to get involved to dust off the white coats and look out the ties and show attire.

The show facebook page will feature virtual classes where entries on the class posts can be made with photographs or short videos - maximum 30 seconds. The post with the most likes will win with rosettes from first to third.

Classes will include pet lamb class, young stock handler classes, cattle, sheep and horse classes, tractors, stick and dog classes. They are open to everyone.

Entries close for all classes on Tuesday August 3 with the winners announced on show day, Wednesday August 4.

Arran to be a single ward in boundary shake-up

Arran is to be a single ward with only one councillor to represent the island after next year's council elections.

The island is currently served by three councillors who represent the Ardrossan and Arran ward on North Ayrshire Council.

However, in a review of electoral arrangements Boundaries Scotland, the former Boundaries Commission, is recommending to the Scottish Government a one-member Arran ward to reflect Arran's island status.

The report states: 'We considered the case for a two-member Arran ward but concluded that the special geographic circumstances of Arran did not justify a forecast variation from parity of -39 per cent. An alternative would have been to retain the link between Arran and the mainland but this did not seem to us to recognise the distinctiveness of Arran's island communities in light of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.'

The single councillor will represent more than 3,800 electors which represents 21.1 per

cent more electors than absolute parity would require. The report concludes: 'We propose that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for North Ayrshire Council area should provide for a council of 33 councillors in nine wards, comprising one ward returning one member, three wards each returning three members, two wards each returning four members and three wards each returning five members.'

This retains the same number of coun-

cillors as the existing arrangements. The three councillors who presently represent Ardrossan and Arran are Conservative Timothy Billings, Ellen McMaster, now of the Alba Party, and the SNP's Tony Gurney. It is only a coincidence that two of the current councillors live on Arran.

Councillor Billings said: 'My view is that this is disappointing, however, that is what the Boundary Commission is recommending to the Scottish Government.'

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A bumper crop of eight pupils who graduated from Brodick Nursery and who will continue their education at primary school in August. 01_B25nursery01

Tiny tots graduate

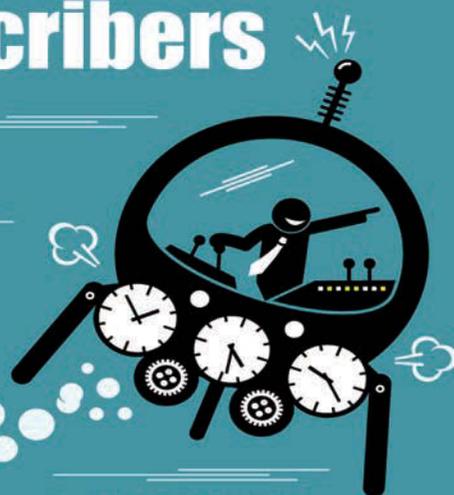
Eight early years youngsters, four girls and four boys, experienced their first graduation ceremony this week when Brodick Nursery staff held a private event for the children who will be leaving to start primary school.

The nursery had hoped to hold a more formal ceremony with parents and teachers but following the latest guidance from the Care Inspectorate, this was not possible. Over the last few weeks the children have been visiting Brodick primary as part of a transition programme to help pupils with their move to the school at the start of the term in August.

The boys and girls will continue their nursery education with their friends for just a few more days at a mini sports day and teddy bears' picnic before the final end of term leavers party on Tuesday June 22.

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No Àirigh planned for Arran land

Officials at North Ayrshire Council will not follow the Highland Council's decision to temporarily relax licensing regulations which allow landowners to set up continental style motorhome stopovers, writes Colin Smeeton.

The stopovers, known as 'Aire' – Àirigh and meaning shieling in Gaelic – will be allowed in the Highland Council area which covers a huge portion of northern Scotland and is the largest local government area in the United Kingdom.

The Highland Council is believed to be the first local authority in the UK to temporarily relax regulations to allow for a number of small, simple and low-cost short stopovers for motorhome visitors but not all councils will be following its lead.

Chairman of the Highland Council's tourism committee Councillor Gordon Adam said: 'The Scottish government's ongoing commitment to a temporary relaxation of planning controls allows the Highland Council to consider temporary use of appropriate

locations for overnight stops in motorhomes without formal planning permission.

'To mitigate some of the problems experienced in summer 2020, temporary Àirigh will offer a safe, off-road location for motorhomes to park for the night and help alleviate parking problems in rural areas.

'Aires are used all over Europe and Àirigh could offer an opportunity to assist the economic recovery in Highland.

'We encourage any community groups or landowners that may have suitable land to submit an enquiry form to the council's planning team.'

Councillor Alan Henderson, chairman of the Highland Council's communities and place committee, said he believes the initiative will benefit tourism, reduce parking issues and provide a valuable service for motorhome owners.

North Ayrshire Council, which does not share a border with Highland Council, has decided not to follow the

lead of its more northerly colleagues and a full planning application would still need to be submitted to set up an Àirigh.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesperson said: 'The chief planner's advice to local authorities in light of the Covid-19 outbreak is that action should not be taken against reasonable temporary changes of use during this period which allow for businesses to continue throughout the lockdown – unless it is in the public interest to do so.

'North Ayrshire Council has applied this advice where appropriate, but each case must be assessed on individual merit so any material changes to the use of land still require the submission of a planning application.'

The temporary relaxation of planning control for the Highland Council area will be kept under continual review and will remain in place until Friday December 31 2021 or until the requirements for physical distancing have been removed.

Record attempt to complete Coastal Way in sub-30 hours

Largs adventurer Jamie Frost will attempt to complete the Arran Coastal Way in under 30 hours next week, writes Colin Smeeton.

He will be setting off on his Sleeping Warrior Challenge to raise funds for mental health charity Mind over Mountains.

Jamie will start in Brodick on Monday June 21 and travel the 65-mile (110km) route around Arran non-stop.

He anticipates completing it the following day, five to seven days earlier than most who walk it.

The record-breaking attempt, he hopes, will help to raise £5,000 for Mind Over Mountains which offers guided hill-walking, mindfulness and time with experienced coaches and counsellors for people experiencing financial hardship, long-term illness, abusive circumstances or who have suffered loss or are in a role of long-term care for another.

Jamie said: 'I have been saddened to see charities such as Mind Over Mountains unable to provide their vital support to the ever-growing numbers suffering with their mental health due to the tough but necessary restrictions imposed over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic.'

'This is why I am excited to announce the Sleeping Warrior Challenge.'



Jamie looks over the water towards Arran where he will attempt his record-breaking walk.



Jamie Frost hopes to complete the Arran Coastal Way in under 30 hours while raising money for mental health charity Mind Over Mountains.

The issue of mental health and the benefits of being outdoors is something that Jamie firmly believes in, having already experienced this himself.

Jamie explained: 'I'm a dad to two wonderful children and a husband to a beautiful wife.'

'I have relied on regular outdoor activities to keep my mental and physical health in check for many years.'

'Last summer, we moved

from an urban environment to the west coast of Scotland and I saw first-hand what an immediate and profound difference it made to my family's health and well-being. In particular our son, who became totally alive, thriving in his new found outdoor space.'

'I am fortunate I have the financial privilege to make such a move possible.'

'I have witnessed friends, family and colleagues suffer

immense loneliness, loss and hardship like never before during the pandemic, with many turning to outdoor space for solace, comfort and healing.'

'There remains a worrying number of people throughout the UK without access to any green space. My desire

is that by raising money and awareness for Mind Over Mountains, I can help reach more of those who so desperately need to find restoration and stillness in nature coupled with space to talk without expectation.'

If Jamie's target of £5,000 can be reached it will fund a

residential weekend away for 25 people or create 128 places on Mind Over Mountains' one-day hill walks. If you wish to support Jamie's fundraiser a JustGiving page has been set up where donations and words of encouragement can be made at [//justgiving.com/fundraising/sleepingwarriorchallenge/](https://justgiving.com/fundraising/sleepingwarriorchallenge/)

Joe and Petra have sights set on Arran fundraiser

Two fundraisers for a charity that supports low vision and blindness have their sights set on a round-Arran circumnavigation.

The pair hope to raise £1,000 for Cam Sight which is based in Cambridgeshire.

Joe and Petra Tucker are walking round Arran in just three days, having pledged to start yesterday (Thursday) in a fundraising and training effort known as a Camino - where walking 15 miles and more every day is the norm.

The husband and wife team chose Arran for their fundraiser as they have been visiting Arran for more than 25 years, staying in Torbeg and Lamlash, while also in-

'We are walking around the beautiful Isle of Arran as training for our next Camino'

roducing parents, friends, and overseas visitors to the delights of Arran.

The couple are certainly familiar with the route on Arran and are long-time supporters of Cam Sight.

Joe has volunteered at Cam Sight for more than 10 years and Petra for two years.

Joe said: 'We're walking around the beautiful Isle of Arran as training for

our next Camino and inviting friends to give to our favourite charity feels like a good way to share this experience.'

'We couldn't imagine a landscape without Cam Sight in it.'

'They make such a difference to the lives of visually impaired people of all ages with their wide range of activities, support sessions, technology advice and much more.'

Cam Sight, which started life as the Cambridge Society for the Blind in 1912, supports people in the Cambridge area of all ages living with low vision and blindness to live the lives they choose.

They work to enhance independence, improve well-being and improve inclusion for the visually impaired.

Anyone wishing to support Joe and Petra's fundraiser can do so on the Cam Sight web page at <https://www.camsight.org.uk/>

Look out for Joe and Petra Tucker who are walking round Arran to raise funds for the charity this weekend.



Life in the sea around Arran is blooming marvellous

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) is running a year-long media campaign to raise the profile of the many exciting habitats and species to be found in Arran's seas, many protected by the South Arran Marine Protected Area. Each month, they will focus on a particular habitat or collective group of inter-linked species. There is more information on COAST social media or visit www.arrancoast.com.

The warmer days of spring seem to have taken a long time to arrive. Even so, life in the sea is already responding to longer hours of daylight which herald one of the most important times of the year.

For many marine species this means a boom in productivity and we witness plankton blooms, nesting seabirds and seal pupping to name but a few amazing sights in spring.

Last month's Banner article described the new growth of seaweeds that we see on the shore and in the shallow waters around Arran.

Other much smaller marine plants that are, for the most part, invisible to the naked eye, are also growing rapidly.

These are planktonic plants which in their countless numbers fuel the marine food chain, whilst simultaneously producing a significant proportion of the oxygen we breathe.

Increases in temperature and daylight length from spring through to early summer trigger what is known as a bloom in plant plankton (phytoplankton) where their numbers increase at an extraordinary rate, followed by a corresponding increase in animal plankton (zooplankton).

Signs of this major seasonal change include a period of cloudiness or decreased clarity of seawater as these vast numbers of tiny organisms flourish.

Another obvious sign that spring is in full swing is the appearance of the larger, well-known and more visible members of the plankton family including comb jellies and jellyfish.

While swimmers and snorkellers may understandably view stinging jellyfish species such as the lion's mane and blue cyanea with trepidation, other large non-stinging plankton species are well worth a closer inspection.

Rows of hairs on the body of the small, round sea gooseberry (a comb jelly) create iridescent patterns of shimmering light



Nesting fulmar. Photograph: Howard Wood.

around its body giving these delicate, almost transparent animals a magical appearance.

Encounters with the spectacularly large barrel jellyfish and the easily identifiable moon jellyfish generally cause little ill effect, although some people can still be sensitive to their far milder stinging cells.

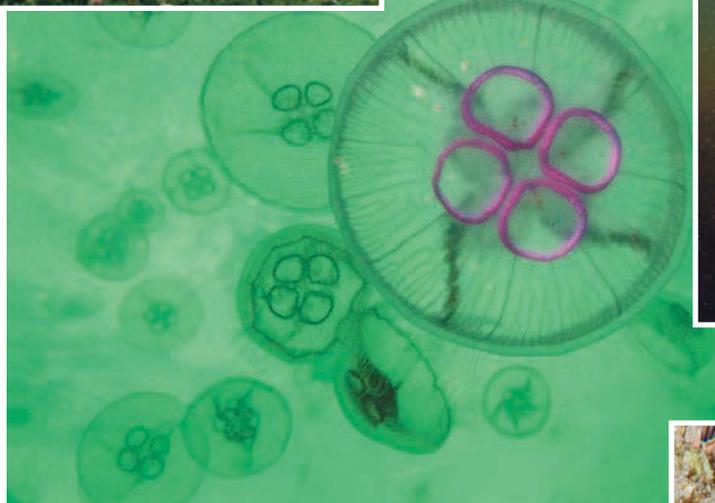
Some plankton species are only ever found as part of this floating soup of life while others, such as the larvae of fish, crabs, lobsters, prawns, scallops, starfish, sea urchins and other seabed-dwelling marine species, only embrace the planktonic stage of life briefly prior to transforming into their adult forms.

Many marine fish living in the shallow water habitats around Arran are actively breeding at this time of year.

Male gobies can often be seen guarding eggs that have been laid in crevices or on seaweed or the underside of shells and wrasse build special nests where eggs are laid.

Despite the care and attention these fish give to the developing eggs ultimately, when the eggs hatch, the larval fish become animal plankton for a while and potentially end up as food for other species.

Above the waves a visible sign of increased productivity in the sea is the arrival of seabirds to our coasts to breed, attracted at least in part by the food-rich



Barrel jellyfish. Photograph: Howard Wood.

coastal waters through spring and into summer.

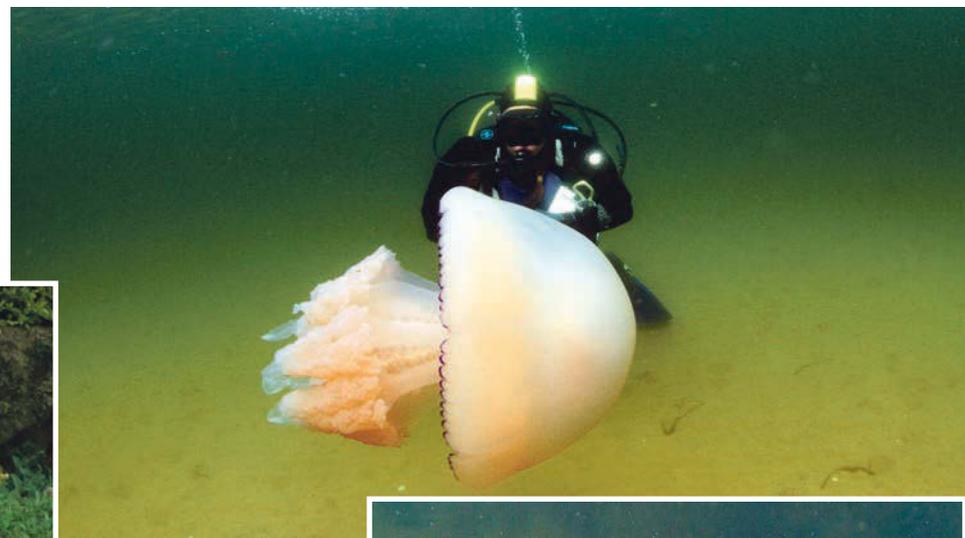
Plankton is a vital food source of several fish species including smelt, sprat, herring and sand eels which in turn are an important part of the diet for many seabirds seen around the coast of Arran and in the wider Clyde area.

Seabirds

The low lying coastlines around the Clyde region and ease of access along the coast for many human activities are not conducive to breeding seabirds.

But despite this there are significant breeding seabird populations at various sites in the Clyde, such as the internationally important gannet colony on Ailsa Craig and, closer to Arran, breeding sites for other seabird species on Pladda and Holy Isle.

As they are at the top of the



Left: moon jellyfish. Above: sea gooseberry. Photographs: Lucy Kay.

food chain, seabirds can be an indicator of the health of the marine environment.

Sadly across the whole of the UK seabird numbers have been declining since the 1990s and this is reflected in some of the populations within the Clyde.

Alongside seabird recording, at the other end of the food chain long-term monitoring of plankton populations has revealed profound changes in distribution and abundance of planktonic species around the UK, some of which has been linked to increases in seawater temperature.

Shifts in the balance of different plankton species impact the whole marine food web with knock-on effects on the quality of food available through the marine food chain to all species, including ourselves.

Understanding long-term



Two spot goby and their eggs. Photograph: Paul Kay.

changes in the plankton community is an essential part of monitoring the health of our seas.

The 2020 Assessment of Scotland's Marine Environment acknowledges there are many gaps in our knowledge about plankton in Scottish waters and highlights the importance of continual monitoring of these keystone species.

Whilst the No Take Zone and South Arran Marine Protected Area were not specifically set up to protect plankton or seabirds, the recovery of seabed habitats in these areas is contributing to improving the overall health and resilience of our marine ecosystems.

Protecting species whose offspring spend some time living as plankton can only be a positive step forward.

Summer dining on Arran



Summer is the season for eating out and taking full advantage of the longer days and seasonal delights available on Arran. Whether it is morning coffee or alfresco dining, formal or relaxed, there is something for everyone wishing to enjoy good food in pleasant surroundings, and all without the hassle of dishes, cooking or having to clean up afterwards.

We really are spoiled for choice on Arran. Do you want sea views or stunning vistas while you enjoy your meal? There are places for that. Gourmet meals served in opulent surroundings? You can get that too. Whatever your preference, Arran has it all, from pub meals to fine dining restaurants, and everything in between. Using the best locally sourced products from our own shores, good quality restaurants are available in just about every village on Arran.

Far removed from chain restaurants and offering unique, and often owner-run, service you can depend on, Arran has a reputation for good quality food, at affordable prices, and in atmospheric settings.

Join us on a culinary journey where we guide you to some of the most well known - and some hidden - gems waiting to be discovered in the Arran food scene.

Having recently reopened with an extended outdoor covered seating area, the Drift Inn offers one of the finest views on Arran, overlooking Holy Isle. Visitors at this iconic restaurant can enjoy a seafood and grill style menu, along with pub classics, such as homemade burgers and fresh beer battered haddock with handcut chips, as well as a number of other tasty options, whatever your preference, the Drift Inn offers something for everyone.

Lagg and Lochranza distilleries. No visit to Arran is complete without a visit to at least one, if not both, distilleries on Arran. Both afford visitors unique dining experiences in memorable settings that offer something for all the family to enjoy. Arran's newest distillery at Lagg, has two options for visitors, Kilmory Café and the Shieling Bistro, and

both offer a summer menu with takeaway and sit-in dining options with coffee and cakes served from 10am to 12pm and hot food served from 12pm to 4.30pm. Lochranza Distillery's Casks Cafe offers visitors a selection of coffee, tea, cakes and delicious treats, not to mention delicious light lunches and stunning surroundings and scenery.

Old Byre Visitor Centre. A family run business deserving of the visitor centre moniker. The Old Byre Visitor Centre offers visitors a multitude of wool and other quality clothing and apparel products in its Old Byre shop; quality footwear at The Shoe Bothy; an expansive outdoor play area; and good quality food in Cafe Thyme. Cafe Thyme's unique food offerings are unlike anything else you will experience on Arran, unique, fresh, creative and thoroughly delicious, are just some of the words used to describe the food and this must-visit venue.

The Wineport. Located in tranquil surroundings and one of Arran's most popular family-friendly bar bistros, the Wineport at Cladach is a firm favourite with locals and visitors. It offers indoor and outdoor seating and all of the exceptional quality favourites that we all love. The Wineport offers an innovative and unpretentious menu that sees visitors returning time after time to try out all of the delicious menu options.

Duncan's at The Burlington. Building a good reputation can take months or years in the food industry, not so with this restaurant and takeaway in Whiting Bay which has amassed a huge following in just a relatively short period. Duncan's, as it is colloquially known, has burst onto the Arran food scene and cemented its place among the top restaurants and takeaways with choice options, good quality food and a flair for delicious combinations. Duncan's at The Burlington is the one to watch, particularly as they regularly offer special deals and promotions that are difficult to ignore.



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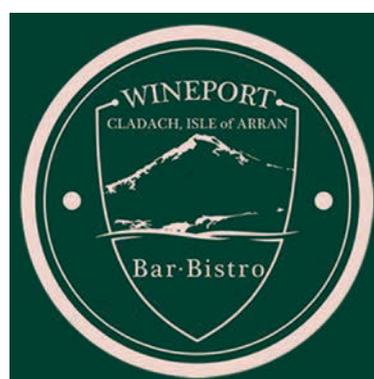


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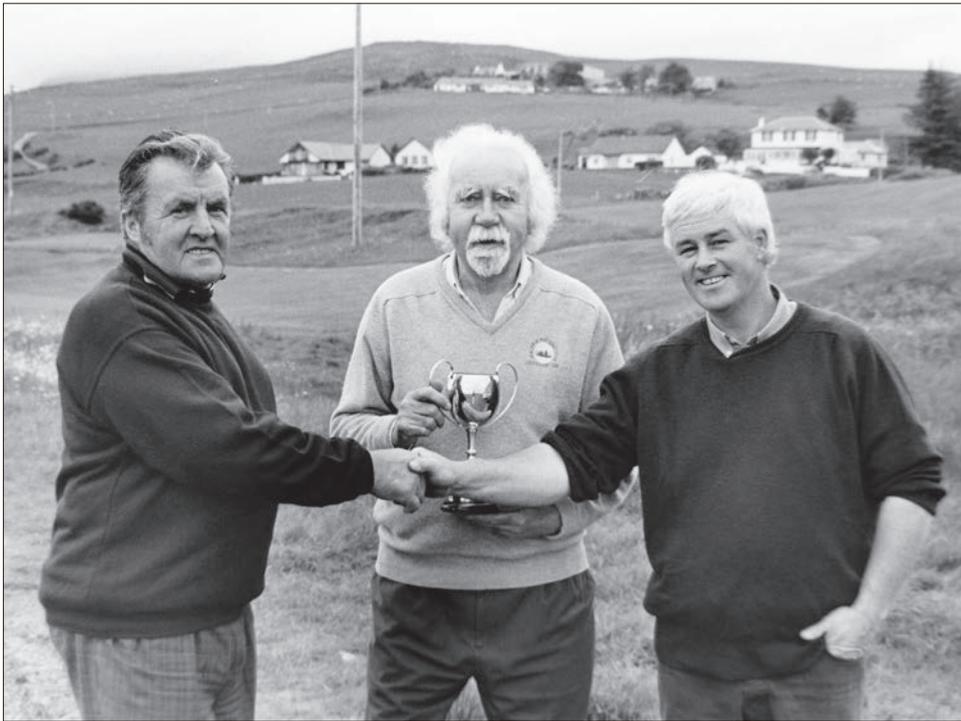
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Above: Eddie Cannon congratulates Donald Logan on his victory in the Machrie Bay Golf Club Championship, while club captain Paul Emsley prepares to present the trophy. 01_B24ABTYA06



Right: A family just off the ferry continue their journey in a horse and cart. Barney Maurice and his horse Charlie offered them a free trip to launch regular cart rides from Brodick to Cladach. 01_B24ABTYA03

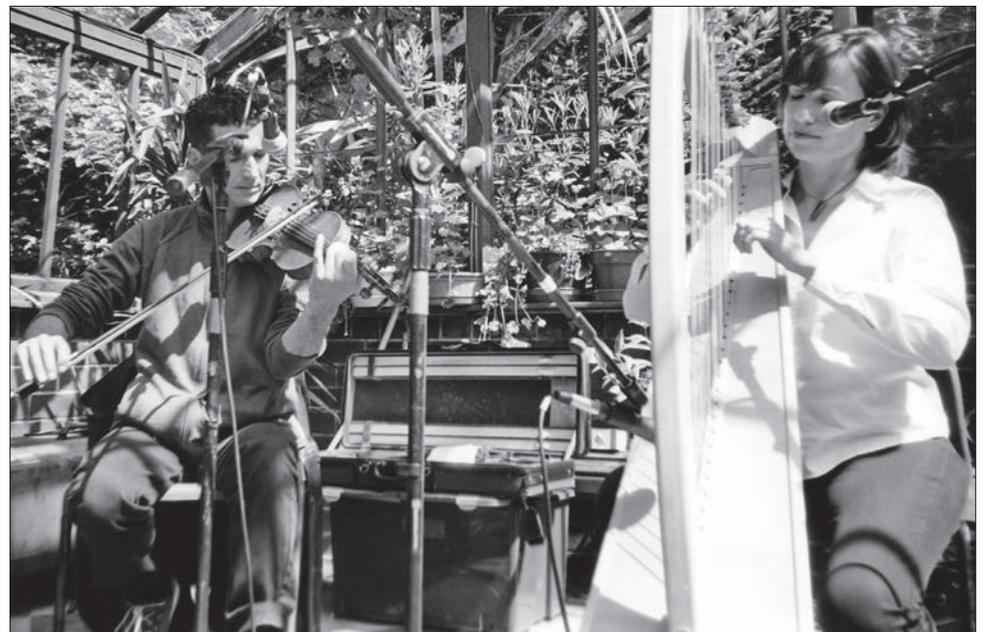
Right: A small exhibition in Brodick Country Park's ranger centre on the theme of Scotland's Native Woodlands opened recently. It features an animated video from Arran's Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme students. Pictured is project co-ordinator Edward O'Donnelly with students Lucy Pointon, Holly Tulika and Simon Ross-Gill. 01_B24ABTYA02



Two pupils stroll to victory in the three-legged race during the inter-primary school sports day last Friday. 01_B24ABTYA04



Arran belly dancers hide behind veils in rehearsal. Their identities will be revealed in a performance at the Breadalbane Hotel in Kildonan next week. 01_B24ABTYA01



Maggie MacInnes plays the harp and Charlie MacKerron of Capercaillie fiddles at the Ormidale survivors event of the 13th Arran Folk Festival which took place over four days last week. 01_B24ABTYA05

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Saturday 19th June

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Rink Games, Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm

Sunday 20th June

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm – 4pm

Monday 21st June

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am - 4pm

Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamalsh, 2pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,
Blackwaterfoot, 4pm

JogScotlandArran@gmail.com, Whiting Bay,
Venue varies, 5.30pm

Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 7pm

Tuesday 22nd June

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am - 4pm

Healthy Outdoor Team, Brodick Castle, 10am – 1pm

Rink Games (Social distancing observed), Blackwaterfoot
Bowling Club, 2pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,
Blackwaterfoot, 11am

Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to14 yrs),
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 6pm – 7pm

Wednesday 23rd June

Kilmory Toddlers, Kilmory Hall, 10am -12noon

Arran Well-Being Cafe,
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 2pm - 4pm

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Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 7pm

Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 7pm

Thursday 24th June

Geopark Guided Walk – Kildonan Geology & Wildlife Walk,
10am - 2pm approx

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,
Blackwaterfoot, 4pm

Senior Hockey (12+), Ormidale Astro Pitch, 7pm – 8.30pm

Friday 25th June

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,
Blackwaterfoot, 11am

Saturday 26th June

Arran Coastal Rowing Mini Regatta,
Lamlash Pier, from 11am

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm

Rink Games (Social distancing observed),
Blackwaterfoot, Bowling Club, 2pm

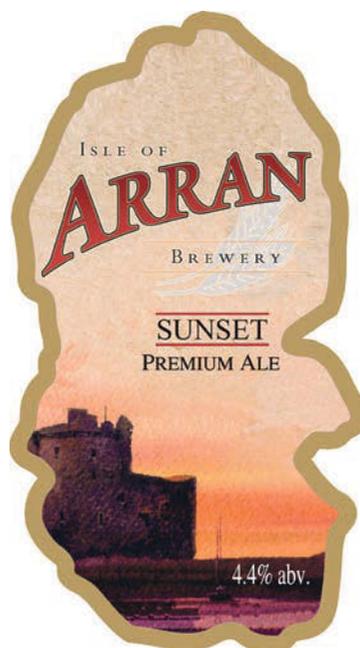
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We are currently recruiting for full time Assistant Line Technicians at our Factory at Home Farm, Brodick with immediate start available.

This role will involve the setup and operation of various types of machinery within our factory

We are looking for enthusiastic, practically minded people with an eye for detail, good numeracy and literacy skills who enjoy working as part of a team.

No previous experience in a production environment is required as all training will be given.

Rate: £9.50 p/h with progression after successful training period.

Perks of the job include:-

- 4 DAY WEEK – Every weekend is like a bank holiday!
- Healthcare Scheme
- Great discount on our products
- Working within a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

If this sounds like your ideal position, then please do get in touch:

Please apply by forwarding your CV and a personal covering letter to :- Sarah McDowall, Production Manager
sarah.mcdowall@arran.com

The Arran Chocolate Factory

We are looking for a new member of staff to join us selling our wonderful chocolates at James' Chocolate shop in Brodick

The position is permanent, ideally full time but part time may be possible. Some weekend work will be required.

Please apply to
James McChlery, The Arran Chocolate Factory Ltd, Brodick, KA27 8AJ
01770 302 873
James@jamesofarran.com

The Arran Chocolate Factory

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic chocolatier to join our small team at The Arran Chocolate Factory.

The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate an aptitude for the work and a willingness to contribute to the team effort

We will offer full training to someone willing to learn the art of chocolate making

This is a full time permanent position with good working conditions, occasional weekend work will be required

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COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM!



SEASONAL POSITIONS

We are looking for people with a mature and responsible attitude who would like to become part of our team!

5 days per week, including some weekend work. Lunch provided.

Shifts start and finish in time with the buses to and from Lagg.

TOUR GUIDES

Whisky knowledge & Tour guide experience preferred although not necessary as training will be given.

Applicant must have strong communication skills with telephone and IT skills a bonus.

When not on a tour or tasting you will be helping in the Gift shop or reception, greeting guests and answering emails.

Applicants must be 18 or over

GENERAL ASSISTANTS

This is a varied and exciting role within our Visitor Centre – the right candidate should have excellent communication skills. Telephone, IT skills and some whisky knowledge is preferred although not necessary as full training will be provided.

Answering emails, greeting guests, taking bookings, answering phone calls, cashing up the tills in the evening. Working in the gift shop. Stock taking, restocking.

FRONT OF HOUSE CAFÉ ASSISTANT

No previous experience of customer service necessary. Full training will be given to anyone looking to become part of our Visitor Centre team.

Serving in both Kilmory Café and upstairs in our Shielling Bistro.

Please send your CV and covering letter to
vicki@laggwhisky.com



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PRODUCTION OPERATIVE**

- Full time/Part time temporary/permanent position
- Four day week (Monday – Thursday, 36.5 hours)
- On the job training provided

Please phone Lamlash (600) 606 for an application form or email
Lesley.Jameson@burtonsbiscuits.com

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CHURCH NOTICES

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

*Independent but
working together*

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 20th 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 20th 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**

*"A faith to proclaim ~ a
fellowship to share"*

Scottish Charity SC015072
Sunday 20th 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
(Part of the Worldwide
Anglican Church)**

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 20th June
Third Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at 11 am.
Richard Trewby
ALL WELCOME
Coffee after service
We follow strict SEC guidelines

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister - Rev. Vince Jennings
Phone: 01770 600222
While we are still unable to meet due to social distancing, you are invited to pick up our mini service on our new website at
www.Arranbaptistchurch.org.uk
We would love you to join us.

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

Attendance at Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Morning Mass is by booking only and subject to social distancing, wearing of face coverings and NHS Test and Protect requirements.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A REGULAR BOOKING PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SPACES MAY ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
Please email peterdwilko@gmail.com or telephone 600595 to check availability and confirm your place

*BLESS O LORD THIS
ISLE OF ARRAN
ST ROCH PATRON OF THE
SICK PRAY FOR US
OUR LADY OF THE ISLES
PRAY FOR US
ST COLUMBA PRAY FOR US*

ACKNOWLEDEMENT

MACDOUGALL - Elizabeth. A big thank you to the staff of Arran War Memorial Hospital for the kindness and care of my wife Elizabeth and gave me some comfort to know that Elizabeth was always in such good hands. Thanks for the help of the Community Nurses and my carers. Thanks to everyone who sent cards and to the phone calls of support. This is appreciated and in addition I'd like to thank Clair Hendry for her professional help and support and to Fiona Borland for the excellent service. Thank you also to those who came to pay their last respects.
Archie MacDougall

**BANNER
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Shiskine Golf Club shines thanks to haul of silverware

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Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 8. Ladies Club Championship second round. 1 Jenni Turnbull 91 points; 2 Alice Anderson 92; 3 Elizabeth Kelso 93. Peter Sutton. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 63 points; 2 Phil Betley 66; 3 Brian Sherwood 69.

Fixtures: Monday June 21, ladies final, Jenni Turnbull

vs Elizabeth Kelso. Men's final, Brian Sherwood vs Phil Betley. Presidents Cup, John Pennycott vs Willie Kelso. Tuesday June 22. Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. Tee off 12.30pm. Anyone intending to play in the evening should contact Brian by Monday.

SWI Golf

Sunday June 13, SWI 18-hole competition. A total of 12 SWI members played a qualifying round at Brodick Golf Club. It was a sunny afternoon, the



Buchanan and Jerry Arthur 62.6; 2 Piet Johnston and Fiona Scott 65.2; 3 Jenni Turnbull and Carole Stewart 66.2. The first two pairs will hopefully go forward to play in the National Finals in Wigtownshire later this year if the competition goes ahead.

Arran Golfers Association

Fixture: Saturday June 19, Hope Cup 2021 at Lamlash Golf Club. Tee-off at 4pm.

course was in lovely condition and players enjoyed the day. Everyone donated prizes for a raffle which raised £40 for the Arran Federation. 1 Clare



Shiskine Golf Club Championship gents final winner Tom Mitchell with club captain Fiona Henderson.



Shiskine Golf Club Championship ladies final winner Mairi Pollock with club captain Fiona Henderson.



Gents Duisky final winner Jimmy Morrison with Fiona Henderson and Donald Bannatyne, son of Colin and Margaret Bannatyne who donated the Duisky trophy.

Winners of the SWI 18-hole competition Clare Buchanan and Jerry Arthur.



Runners-up of the SWI 18-hole competition Fiona Scott and Piet Johnston who won the National Finals in 2019.



Angus Raeburn removes his ball - Covid style - from the seventh hole following his recent hole in one. Looking on are Nicol Hume and Jim Reid.

Shiskine Golf Club shines thanks to haul of silverware



Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday June 6, Club Championship gents final. Tom Mitchell v Jack McNally. Winner, Tom Mitchell. Sunday June 6, Club Championship ladies final. Sheila Gray v Mairi Pollock. Winner, Mairi Pollock.

Sunday June 6, Gents Duisy final. Jimmy Morrison v Sandy Kerr. Winner, Jimmy Morrison. Sunday June 6, Ladies Bronze final. Elizabeth Kelso v Carole Stewart. Winner Elizabeth Kelso.

Thursday June 10, Ladies 18-hole medal. 1 and scratch, Ann May 72-7=65; 2 Fiona Henderson 86-20=66; 3 Sheila Gray 86-17=69. Magic twos, Ann May. Sunday June 13, Gents 12 Hole Medal. 1 W Kelso 48-11=38; 2 W McNally 52-11=41; 3 and scratch, J Bell 45-3=42.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies section: Wednesday June 9, Medal 3, 1 Elizabeth Sinclair 85-22=63; 2 Sheena Murchie 79-14=65. Scratch Sheena Murchie 79.

Thursday June 10, Summer Cup and R1 of Fleet Cup.



The Shiskine winners of the Club Championship, ladies and gents final, the ladies Bronze final and the Duisy final.

1 Dylan Smith 73-16=57; 2 4 Scott Macfarlane 70- twos Iain Murchie@16th. Sunday June 13, Fleet Cup R2. 3 Willie Currie 72-11=61; Macfarlane 67. Magic 1 Derek Harrison 78-20=58;

2 Todd Jameson 69-5=64, 3 Dylan Smith 78-14=64. Best Scratch Dougie Macfarlane 67. Magic twos Todd Jameson @9th and 16th, Dougie Macfarlane @16th, Alan Campbell @13th. Hole 16 drawn - winners Todd and Dougie.

Winner of Fleet Cup, Dylan Smith 57 + 64 = 121. Congratulations Dylan, first senior cup win at Lamlash. Runner up Derek Harrison 70 + 58 = 128.

Fixtures: Saturday June 19, Hope Cup R1, start time 4pm. Sunday June 20, Jamieson Cup, noon draw. Thursday June 24, Summer Stableford. Make up own groups and see starter for times.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 9, Summer Cup, 39 played. 1 Matt Keir 64-6=58; 2 Jimmy Armit 76-14=62; 3 Babbies MacNeil 78-15=63 acb. Scratch Matt Keir 64 acb.

Sunday June 13, Brandon qualifier, 24 played. 1 Kenny McMillan 73-13=60; 2 Terry Raeside 78-13=65; 3 Greg McCrae 71-5=66. Scratch Greg McCrae 71.

Fixtures: Saturday June 19, AGA Hope Cup, round one, Brodick v Lochranza at Lamlash. Sunday June 20, Marchioness of Graham Trophy.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday June 13, Sunday Medal.

Nineteen played and found the course in beautiful condition with the greens reaching their summer best.

Overhead, however, a blustery wind made for difficult scoring reflected in the fact that no player returned a score to equal par. 1 Jamie Stewart 4, 64 acb and lowest gross; 2 John Pennycott 11, 64; 3 Gavin Bell 25, 65 acb; 4 David Blair 12, 65. Magic twos David Blair and Gavin Maids @4th and 11th respectively.

Fixtures: Saturday/Sunday June 19 and 20, The Whiting Bay Gents Seniors Open. Some tee off times still available. Check the club website for booking details.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday June 9, Jack Logan Trophy. 1 A Girvan 80-24=56; 2 A Smith 77-15=62; 3 G Andrew 75-12=63. Scratch G McKelvie 71.

Saturday June 12, medal. 1 R Logan 67-7=60 and scratch; 2 A Smith 76-15=61; 3 M Elliot 87-24=63.

Fixtures: Saturday June 19, 18-hole medal, Wednesday June 23, Crawford Cup. Competitors make up their own pairings and adhere to

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