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# Diving into living seas off Arran

by Hugh Boag  
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A new world is waiting to be found under the waves off Arran.

The sea surrounding the island is bursting with marine life.

For more than a decade, parts of the area have been highly protected against any extraction and therefore an abundance of fauna and flora inhabit the waters making them a special and unique place to explore.

Now a new snorkel trail featuring some of Arran's most beautiful bays and beaches has been launched.

The self-led trail identifies areas for beginner and advanced snorkellers to explore all around Arran's coast and

discover what lies beneath the island's waves.

The Arran Snorkel Trail – which joins part of an expanding network of trails around Scotland – has been developed in partnership with the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) as part of the Scottish Wildlife Trust's Living Seas programme, with support from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

The trail was launched last Saturday with an information day on Whiting Bay shore.

Bruce Wilson, public affairs manager for Scottish Wildlife Trust, said: 'As part of our Living Seas programme, we are trying to raise awareness of the amazing life beneath our waves and encouraging snorkelling is a great way to do this.'

'People often associate snorkelling with exotic locations like the Caribbean, but Scotland's seas have just as much to offer, even if they are a few degrees colder. It's been great to work with the passionate team at COAST, which is instrumental in many great local, regional and national marine conservation projects. 'This is a very special island and getting under the water reveals even more of this great place.'

The waters off Arran are increasingly popular with visiting scuba divers and with the launch of the new snorkel trail, the partnership charities hope islanders and visitors are encouraged to get in the water and inspired to fight for the protection of the seas.

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The launch of the Snorkel Trail in Whiting Bay with, left to right, Councillor Ellen McMaster, Bruce Wilson, Jenny Stark, snorkel instructor Brian Grindall and MPA project officer Lucy Kay. 01\_B30snorkel01

## Two tests urged for island visitors

The recent rise in Covid-19 cases on Arran has led to NHS Ayrshire and Arran issuing new advice.

Anyone travelling to Arran should follow Scottish Government guidelines and take two lateral flow tests for Covid-19 before they depart – one three days before and one on the day of departure. Arran has just had its worst outbreak since the start of the pandemic, with numbers reaching 24 before falling to 11. Visitors who test positive for Covid-19 must

self-isolate for ten days in their accommodation. Close contacts should also isolate for 10 days. The cost will be expected to be covered by guests, but alternative accommodation is available on the island if this is not possible.

The only way to leave is if they have their own car and can use the Lochranza to Cloanain ferry route as they can stay in their car.

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## Diving into living seas off Arran

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'To truly believe in something, you need to see it for yourself,' said COAST's outreach and communications manager Jenny Stark.

'Our seas are in a precarious position and it is up to all of us to do our part to help protect them.'

'With the launch of the snorkel trail on Arran, we hope more people are encouraged to get in the water to see for themselves the wonderful marine life that lives here and therefore want to take steps to protect it.'

VisitArran's chief executive Sheila Gilmore said: 'The Arran Snorkel Trail will be a great addition to Arran's offering – both for visitors and islanders who want to find out more about what's going on under our seas.'

'The Arran Trust is delighted to have been able to support the initial snorkel

taster sessions three years ago and COAST is to be congratulated for joining with the Scottish Wildlife trust to develop the new trail.'

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson, who was instrumental in getting the high level of protection for the waters around Arran, recognises the value this trail can bring to the region.

'Marine tourism accounts for 14 per cent of all of Scotland's tourism,' he said, 'and I am delighted to see the Arran Snorkel Trail come to fruition as I believe it will really add value to Arran and put the island up there as a sustainable marine holiday destination.'

'Thanks to COAST and the local community, Arran's wealth of marine life has seen a remarkable recovery in the last decade.'

'It is great locals and visitors now have the opportunity to see it for themselves.'

# Arran enjoys stay

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Arran has been sweltering in the sun for more than two weeks and the fine weather looks set to continue over the weekend.

The Glasgow Fair last weekend brought a host of new visitors who, unusually, have enjoyed sunshine without the showers.

Temperatures have hit the mid-20s°C and the beaches around the island have been packed – with some reporting it is the busiest they have ever seen them.

There is no doubt the staycation boom on Arran has been good for businesses with hotels, B&Bs and self-catering accommodation heavily booked, despite continuing problems with ferry capacity.

Restaurants, bars and shops having been doing a roaring trade and visitor numbers are up at attractions across the island.

There was a further bonus this week as Arran, along with



The crazy golf in Brodick is always a top attraction. 01\_B30stay02

the rest of Scotland, moved to level zero restrictions with pubs and restaurants no longer requiring bookings and able to stay open later.

However, unlike England,

mask coverings will remain mandatory in Scotland 'for some time to come'.

More people can now meet indoors and up to 200 people can attend weddings and

funerals, with the next easing of restrictions, in Scotland, expected on August 9, although this could yet be delayed.

It comes as Arran recovers from the recent Covid-19 out-

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## More boreholes used t

by Colin Smeeton

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The recent spell of warm weather and the lack of rain to replenish supplies has prompted a 22 per cent increase in demand for water on Arran.

Scottish Water attributes the higher demand to additional visitors and the sunny weather which has seen the publicly-owned water company having to produce more than 200 million litres of extra water per day nationwide to maintain supplies.

On Arran, additional boreholes have been brought online to cope with the demand for the area which normally uses around 270 million litres of water each year.

Most of the southern half of Arran's water supply, from Brodick to Blackwaterfoot and Machrie, is taken from water beneath the ground which is accessed by boreholes before being treated at water treatments plants, including one at Balmichael.

Because of this increase in demand, Scottish Water is reminding people across Scotland to use water efficiently, particularly



The Balmichael water treatment plant.

summer visitors to rural and island communities, but also customers throughout the country.

### Temperatures

Last week, demand across the country was so high that Scottish Water had to provide 100 million litres of extra water per day, compared with normal levels at this time of year, and as temperatures

soared in much of the country, this increased to more than 200 million litres of extra water per day over the weekend.

On Sunday, demand for water in some areas of Scotland increased by about 40 per cent and Scottish Water had to tanker in extra water supplies to many parts of the country to maintain supplies.

# vacation bonanza

**Temperatures have hit the mid-20s °C and the beaches around the island have been packed**

break, as reported on page one, and next weekend, July 31, will see the last two cohorts receive their second jab – meaning the entire adult population, who want it, will be fully vaccinated.

Most businesses which had to temporarily close or reduce their hours have now reopened but visitors are being urged to follow the rules in place in shops, cafes and bars and recognise that sanitising, mask wearing and social distancing remain.

While the majority of us have been out enjoying the sun, Age Scotland is asking people to look out for older relatives and friends as the heatwave sweeps the country.

Older people are more at risk



The Parlour has been doing a roaring trade with long queues for Arran ice cream. 01\_B30stay01

from heatstroke and other health conditions linked to extreme temperatures.

They are being urged to take

precautions, including staying hydrated, staying inside during the hottest times of the day, and avoiding over-exertion.

Adam Stachura, Age Scotland's head of policy, said: 'While many of us are enjoying the summer weather, it's



Brodick beach has been more like the Mediterranean.

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important to remember it can also bring health risks.

'As we get older, we are more at risk of heatstroke, heat exhaustion and dehydration.

'It makes sense to take a few precautions, such as wearing sunscreen, drinking plenty of fluids, avoiding strenuous exercise and staying indoors during the hottest part of the day. Keep your home cool by closing curtains and blinds and opening windows.

'We would urge everyone to check on their older neigh-

bours, friends and relatives, to make sure they are well and see if they need anything.

'Something as simple as offering to open a window or bring a cold drink or bottle of sunscreen could make a big difference to someone's health and well-being.

'Remember to watch out for any warning signs, such as confusion, dizziness or headaches, which could be symptoms of heatstroke or dehydration and get medical help if necessary.'

## o meet water demand



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On Arran and in Fort William, additional boreholes have been brought online and additional river pumps and boreholes have been used on the Moray coast.

To maintain normal supplies, Scottish Water is producing more water where water treatment works have the capacity, using storage and moving water between networks where possible.

Kes Juskowiak, Scottish Water's water operations general manager, said: 'These are very challenging conditions because of the warm, dry weather we've been experiencing and the forecast for the coming days is for more of the same.'

'Water levels in our reservoirs are at 74 per cent. This is a fall from 77 per cent last week and from 90 per cent in

late May. Current levels are below average for this time of year but the main issue is demand for water from customers, which has increased considerably during the warm weather.

'It's not isolated to one group but rather is the result of how we all use water in warm weather, particularly in the garden.

### Strain

'When garden water use increases dramatically, for things like sprinklers and paddling pools, that places considerable strain across our infrastructure to move the water as quickly as the customers need it.'

'We are working hard to support the increase in tourism across our wonderful country, but we are asking all our customers to be more

water efficient and aware of how they use water.

'If people across the country - residents and visitors - can take small, simple steps to reduce their water use, they can make a big contribution towards our efforts to maintain normal supplies for everyone and if we can reduce demand it will also be good for the environment as there will be fewer tankers on the roads.'

A Scottish Water spokesman told the Arran Banner: 'We are currently seeing a 22 per cent increase in water demand across Arran compared to normal due to the current warm weather and increased visitors.'

'Our operational teams continue to monitor the situation and will make any required changes to our assets and network to continue to maintain normal supplies.'

'We are, however, requesting that our customers help by using water efficiently during this warm and dry spell.'

Tips on how to save water, along with interesting facts and figures, can be found on the Scottish Water website at [www.scottishwater.co.uk/savewater](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/savewater).

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## New setback for WASPI women

Women against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) was once again left disappointed with an unsuccessful High Court Judicial Review earlier this week.

Despite this setback, WASPI has confirmed it will continue to campaign for what it believes is achievable and affordable - compensation for women who have been unfairly disadvantaged with a rapid increase to their state pension age.

Rosie Dickson, chairwoman of WASPI Scotland, said:

'WASPI is not opposed to the equalisation of the pension with men but it was done without adequate notice, leaving no time to make alternative arrangements.'

'Women were informed directly 14 years after the pension age was first changed, many only given 18 months notice, of up to a six-year increase. Many others were not informed at all. This left their retirement plans shattered.'

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman is currently considering six sample cases of maladministration out of the thousands of complaints made to the DWP by WASPI women.

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# The Boathouse brings



Malin at the sign for The Boathouse at Dougarie.

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The magnificent restored wooden roof of The Boathouse and splendid chandeliers.



The spacious interior can accommodate 80 guests.

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by Hugh Boag

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An historic boathouse has been transformed into a stunning wedding venue on the west coast of Arran.

An extensive refurbishment has given The Boathouse at Dougarie a new lease of life and as well as weddings, it is ready to welcome guests for other celebrations and corporate events and occasions from next month.

The large B-listed building, built in 1885, was designed for the 11th Duke of Hamilton for launching boats and entertaining guests.

The designer was the famous Scottish Edwardian architect J J Burnet who was also involved in other work during the development of Dougarie as a sporting lodge, which began 20 years earlier.

The unusual twin-gabled building in local red sandstone has swept away eaves and a centre gabled verandah.

Extensive work has seen the building completely re-roofed - including all the leadwork, gutters and downpipes - and the floor replaced. A kitchen has been added.

The concrete around the building has been replaced and the ground levelled around the Boathouse. There is new heating and new windows, apart from the stained glass windows at the front.

The boathouse's interior has been completed with many original, rustic features with a contemporary finish, ideal for 21st-century celebrations.

The Boathouse can accommodate weddings of up to 80 guests.

A marquee can be erected outside for those wishing to

host more family and friends.

The work, which started in August last year, has taken longer than expected due to the pandemic but it now has its first bookings and is ready to welcome its first guests next month at the wedding of a local couple.

The work has been a labour of love for Jamie and Jules Gibbs, who manage Dougarie Estate.

Jules, who has overseen the project, said: 'We have lovingly restored one of the island's most iconic buildings, giving it a new lease of life, and hope it will create many special memories for visitors over the years ahead.'

'It has definitely been a labour of love. A lot of blood, sweat and tears has gone into this renovation.'

'No-one in their wildest dreams could have predicted the pandemic and what impact



The entrance hall where two of the original line drawings which surrounded the walls have been kept intact.

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# laughter back to Dougarie

it would have had on everyone and all aspects of the building supply chain.

'We are thrilled we have come out the other side and are ready to welcome wedding guests to our unique venue.

'Jamie and I are delighted with the way the Boathouse has taken shape and it has been finished to such a good standard.

'We have kept many of the original features, enhanced its beauty and kept so much of its character, whilst adding a subtle modern twist, such as the internal and external

lighting. There are not many Scottish wedding venues on an island, on a beach that can offer accommodation.

'The Boathouse at Dougarie is open for couples to book their weddings from August onwards.

'We offer a discount for Arran residents wanting to get married here and we are also available for bookings for celebrations and corporate events.

'The building was traditionally used as a party and celebration venue and we are so pleased we are putting it back to its original use, bring-

ing life and laughter back to Dougarie.'

Malin Stewart is the new events co-ordinator at The Boathouse and she said the venue provided couples with 'a tranquil and scenic setting for intimate weddings'.

She hopes it will become a popular spot for people wanting to host weddings or other events.

'The venue has been renovated to the highest standards. The building flawlessly blends the site's historical importance with modern-day amenities,' she added.



Malin Stewart is ready to welcome guests to The Boathouse. 01\_B30boathouse04



Only the finishing touches are required to complete work at The Boathouse. 01\_B30boathouse05

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## Staycation bonanza

It was always likely to be a super summer on Arran...and boy has it turned out that way.

The place is buzzing and the sun is shining - a staycation bonanza, indeed, for Arran. And after the 15 months we have had, everyone - whether they are a resident or a visitor - deserves it.

Caution must remain, however, as we are acutely aware the pandemic is far from over and the advice for visitors to have two lateral flow tests before they come over to the island is a sensible one.

It's good to see there are contingency plans in place to get anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 off the island - via the Lochranza to Cloanraig ferry - without coming into contact with anyone else.

And to clear up any anomalies which may arise, it has been made clear that anyone having to self-isolate, in any accommodation they have rented, will be expected to pay for their extra stay themselves.

Meanwhile, while we all enjoy the sunshine and the dry weather, it was inevitable one topic would soon have to be considered - water.

Scottish Water has made its first warning that with more demand, supplies are getting shorter.

It is up to everyone to play their part in conserving what they can.

## Thought for the week

'Ask, and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.'

Luke 11:9

## Now is your time to slow down and experience all of Scotland

The re-opening of tourism is a delicate balance between the needs and aspirations of visitors and the health and well-being of the providers. VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead, right, gives a personal view of the way forward for everyone.

The school summer holidays are upon us and Scotland's tourism businesses are desperate to welcome back visitors and are doing everything possible to ensure they have a welcoming, clean and safe environment to experience our country at its best.

It's difficult when you haven't had any business for a long time to restrain from opening the flood gates and welcoming one and all.

But if we're to re-open tourism in a responsible way, we need to look at ways to focus on value rather than volume.

For years we have gauged our success in visitor numbers and have been critical if the numbers go down. Now is the time to take a look at how we can encourage people to stay longer, take life at a slower pace and enjoy what the whole of Scotland has to offer.

At VisitScotland we have been trying to bring communities together to talk about the re-opening of tourism.

Many destination organisations are already on the case with this, with national parks leading the way, trying to find the right balance between re-starting tourism and keeping communities

comfortable with the return of visitors. When communities and tourism businesses work together to re-start tourism in a responsible way, everyone wins.

We've also launched a new campaign urging people across Scotland to support their local tourism industry by enjoying a day out across their region.

The initiative, which is targeted primarily at Scots, aims to highlight new places to explore as well as showcasing the many acclaimed attractions and locations that bring visitors from all over the world to Scotland's shores.

So how do we achieve value over volume?

There are obvious wins around slow tourism and regional and seasonal spread.

Slow travel is about connection - with local people, cultures, food and music.

It's about education and engagement with communities and has sustainability at its heart.

For tourism businesses, it may be tapping into emerging trends like well-being, experiential tourism and luxury travel.

Those lucky enough to continue earning during the pandemic may have extra funds to spend



on a longer holiday or for a more personalised, luxurious experience.

When international travel is allowed, I think we will see big changes from markets that traditionally stay longer and spend more and we're working with international buyers who can deliver and align with our responsible agenda.

Alongside this, we've been running our visitor management activity - trying to encourage everyone to #RespectProtectEnjoy our urban and rural environments by doing some simple things like picking up litter or keeping dogs on leads.

Visitors must respect the communities they visit. It is going to be a careful balance between the economics of re-starting businesses, creating jobs and ensuring communities don't feel their vital resources are being threatened.

So, as we re-start tourism, the reality of responsible tourism is visitors spread throughout the country and during the whole year.

It's a big step change and will need us to measure success in a different way.

But it will also mean an enhanced experience for visitors, a better time for communities, better seasonal and regional spread and an all-round happier place for everyone.

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## Discovering the concept of Arranology

Arran Geopark has gathered three film crews together to create three films on the geology, archaeology and ecology of the island.

The Arranology project was funded by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, with a contribution from the Arran Trust, enabling Arran Geopark to create the short films celebrating the island.

Malcolm Wilkinson, co-ordinator of Arran Geopark, said: 'These wonderful films celebrate the amazing landscape, biodiversity and heritage of our small island and this is exactly what geoparks all around the world are there to do.'

Sheila Gilmore, chief executive of VisitArran, said: 'These films will encourage everyone visiting our beautiful island to delve further into the island's environmental past and appreciate aspects that they may have been unaware of. Everyone involved is to be congratulated.'

See the films at <https://www.ArranGeopark.co.uk/Arranology/>

# Get in step with Arran health walks

by Colin Smeeton  
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Healthy walks around Arran are being offered next month by environmental charity Eco Savvy.

The organisation has teamed up with North Ayrshire Council's Trinity Active Travel Hub to promote the programme known as Stroll with It! The two share a focus on encouraging low carbon, active and sustainable travel.

The walks, the first of which is next month, will be led by trained volunteer health walk leaders Diana Turbett and Linda Taylor. They will each take between an hour and one-and-a-half hours and will be at a gentle pace. All walks are risk assessed, completely free and aim to fit in with bus times. The first walk will take

place in Brodick, exploring the southern part of Fisherman's Walk, on Tuesday August 3, starting at 11am.

This circular walk will start outside Eco Savvy's base at Ormidale Pavilion and will include a stroll along part of Fisherman's Walk and the historic Douglas Row.

On returning, participants will have access to toilets and the use of the kitchen with the option of an outdoor cuppa and a chat.

The second walk will take place on Tuesday August 17. Participants will meet at 11am at COAST's Discovery Centre to enjoy a stroll around Lamlash.

The walk will head east along the Lamlash shore, with views over Holy Isle, passing the pier and RNLI lifeboat station looking towards the Ayrshire coast. Toilets and outside



The first health walk in August will be along Fisherman's Walk where participants can take in the sights of Brodick Bay. 01\_B30walks01

refreshments will be available at the Discovery Centre.

The third walk will be on Tuesday August 31, starting at 11.15am, and will take in some of the sights of Blackwaterfoot.

Participants will walk a short section of the Arran Coastal Way and a visit to the Pioneer Project Community Garden at Kilpatrick.

A maximum of 12 places will be available per walk and bookings and enquiries can be made by contacting

Diana at [diana.ecosavvy@gmail.com](mailto:diana.ecosavvy@gmail.com). All walks are subject to change according to national and local Covid guidelines and the weather. If the walks are well-attended and there is enough demand, the Tuesday walks could continue fortnightly into the autumn with the ongoing programme reflecting demand and interest. There will also be opportunities for others to train as volunteer walk leaders for Stroll with It!

## Club winners

The winner of the June draw of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club was Masako Ritchie.

Second prize went to Jean Warren.

The winner of the Brodick Improvements Committee 200 Club draw for June was Elby Lang of Brodick.



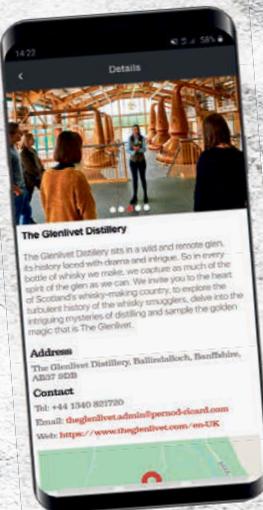
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# Ewan's selfless efforts lead to pro-am golfing day out

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Arran's mountain rescue team leader recently swapped the hills of the island for the Renaissance golf course at North Berwick.

A keen golfer, Ewan McKinnon enjoyed an afternoon on the links course with celebrities and golfing professionals as one of several front-line heroes recognised for their hard work and dedication throughout the pandemic.

Ewan, who holds a number of Arran golfing records, relished the opportunity to play with Scottish professional golfer Robert MacIntyre during the European Tour's Golf for Good

initiative at the Renaissance Club the day before the popular Rolex Series Scottish Open.

Robert, from Oban, last weekend finished a magnificent eighth at the British Open in Kent.

North Berwick Tournament partners Aberdeen Standard Investments and VisitScotland donated the pro-am places to seven golf fans described as 'deserving to be rewarded for their hard work in their communities over the last year'.

Ewan was nominated for his selfless work with Arran Mountain Rescue Team and was selected to play with 24-year-old Robert during this year's abrdn Scottish Open pro-am. He also had the opportunity to meet former

Scots golfer Ken Brown, now a leading golf TV commentator, and Dan Walker from BBC Breakfast TV.

Ewan, 32, has been involved with AMRT since he was 16 years old. He officially joined as a member once he reached the age requirement of 18 and has volunteered with the organisation since.

His years of dedication and experience have seen him rise from team member to team leader, a position which not only holds a great deal of responsibility but also requires large amounts of time invested into organising, training and, of course, the mountain rescues themselves.

An event video, on the European Tour's Facebook page, describes the seven front-line workers as 'the real heroes'.



From left: A particular highlight for Ewan was meeting former Scottish golfer Ken Brown; Brodick Golf Club champion Ewan McKinnon at the abrdn Scottish Open pro-am; BBC Breakfast's Dan Walker takes a photograph of Ewan McKinnon, centre, and Robert MacIntyre.



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## MSP in 'come clean' call over shipyard

An MSP has called on the Scottish government to 'come clean' after claims last weekend the future of the Ferguson Marine shipyard, where the new Arran ferry is being built, could be in doubt.



the deal. Conservative West Scotland regional MSP Jamie Greene said: 'The ferry fiasco continues to go from one debacle to the next and now we learn that there's a renewed risk of collapse at Ferguson Marine.'

The claims made in the Herald on Sunday were said to be based on an analysis from former managers of the Port Glasgow shipyard at the centre of a ferry-building fiasco who referred to 'inevitable failure for the business' because of the way it was being run.

And it emerged that when the MV Glen Sannox and her sister ship are completed and ready for delivery, Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) would be expected to buy them for use at what they call a 'fair market value', raising the prospect that ministers will make massive losses on

'The SNP's gross mismanagement of this project has put hundreds of yard workers' jobs at risk and threatened our entire shipbuilding industry.'

'It's time for First Minister Nicola Sturgeon to come clean about the future of this company and whether residents can expect a further delay to the replacement ferries that are already running four years late. The whole thing has been disastrously handled by the SNP since the outset. Our island communities and Scottish taxpayers deserve nothing short of a full apology.'

## Food to market project gets funding support

Arran's Food Journey has been awarded £5,000 from the Scottish government-supported regional food fund to deliver its Arran Food to Market project, writes Hugh Boag

The aim is to promote Arran's fantastic food and drink and highlight where to buy it on the island.

The project will also promote the shops which support Arran's producers by selling Arran food and drink, with information produced about what is available and where.

Following the success of its digital event in the spring, Arran's Food Journey will support a producers' market on Arran where residents and visitors will be able to meet and engage with those who dedicate their time to producing Arran's food and drink.

The project will also showcase Arran's produce through



Some of Arran's fantastic products.

Photograph courtesy of Bay Kitchen and Stores, Whiting Bay.

cooking demonstrations and recipes from the island.

The grants were announced by rural affairs and islands cabinet secretary Mairi Gougeon who said: 'This funding underlines our continued commitment to this important and exciting sector and I am delighted to see the involve-

ment of such a diverse range of projects.'

Arran's Food Journey co-ordinator Cameron Bruce said: 'Forty-six Arran-based food and drink enterprises are now working together with Arran's Food Journey.'

'Arran has fantastic producers and much is already sold

and used locally in our shops and restaurants and cafes, but there is potential for even more Arran produce to be consumed on Arran.

'Arran's Food Journey aims to inspire further collaboration between them, such as the recently launched Blackwater Bakehouse/Arran Coffee blend or blackcurrants from Robin Gray's Gourmet Kitchen being used in Arran Cassis.'



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# Fun in the sun at sports sum



The hockey youngsters enjoy their ice cream. 01\_B30summer14

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More than 65 primary school pupils aged five to 12 years attended the Arran Community Sports Hub summer camp from Wednesday July 14 to Friday July 16.

In splendid sunshine, two

of the days were based at Ormidale park in Brodick with the final day at Arran High School in Lamash.

The pupils enjoyed a variety of sports delivered by community clubs from across the island. Football, golf, triathlon, hockey, boxing and activities from COAST all featured.

The activities were free and were organised by Active

Schools co-ordinator Lauren Gilbert.

They had a variety of helpers from the high school including Julie Hamill, Ruby Johnson and Harriet Lucas, and Active Schools young ambassadors Beth McCarthy, Lilly Currie and Isabella Reid.

It was also great to have former North Ayrshire Sports Academy pupils Ross Dobson,



Youngsters enjoy an ice cream at the end of the event.

01\_B30summer13



Stuart McMaster helps a youngster with his rugby ball catching. 01\_B30summer03



Youngsters hone their netball skills. 01\_B30summer02



Above:  
Going in for a practice rugby tackle.

01\_B30summer12



Practising a rugby tackle with a tyre.

01\_B30summer11

# mer camp

Ellie Boner, James Reid and Jed Russell involved throughout the three days. They had various roles throughout the day to ensure the young people were staying safe but, most importantly, having fun.

Delicious lunches were provided by On a Roll in Blackwaterfoot and were enjoyed by all the pupils every day.

At the end of each session, the pupils had a treat from Arran Dairies which provided free ice cream. Lauren told the Banner: "This is my last event on the island as I have secured myself a job with North Lanarkshire Active Schools.

"I have been based on Arran for almost two years and have loved every second of it and will be so sad to leave."



The youngsters and coaches enjoyed the summer camp. 01\_B30summer16



Some of the youngest participants learn the rules of hockey. 01\_B30summer06

Marie Louise Craig helps youngsters get to grips with their hockey sticks. 01\_B30summer07



Learning passing skills under the watchful eye of Lorraine Hewie. 01\_B30summer08

Above: Lauren Gilbert oversees the summer camp, her last event on Arran. 01\_B30summer01

Right: Netball defenders try to keep the ball out of the net. 01\_B30summer10



Handing out ice cream to the youngsters. 01\_B30 summer15



Players watch on as a netball goal goes in. 01\_B30summer09



# A whole new experience awaits

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A whole new Barn Experience awaits everyone at Bellevue Farm.

Bellevue is a traditional beef and sheep farm near Blackwaterfoot whose farm tours and open days are already popular.

Now a new indoor experience has been added as Ailsa and Donald Currie take their working farm visits to a new level.

They have been busy during lockdown, first building then kitting out the new barn which takes visitors on a virtual 'farm to fork' tour with animals, machin-

ery, feeding and everything in between. Among the most popular animals on the tour are the alpacas, with year-old Pablo and Charlie still inside.

Donkeys Hamish and Murphy are also stars along with Tabitha the miniature Shetland pony, Highland cows, rabbits, ducks, hens and goats.

Babies, too, are always popular with both tiny turkey chicks and baby chickens in incubation at the moment.

Bellevue held an open day recently to showcase to VisitArran members what they could offer visitors.

The farm tours take place around the farmyard in groups and last around one-and-a-half hours.

Visitors can help feed the animals, collect eggs and hear from the farmer about farming life.

And they can see what happens on a working farm and hear how the routine changes throughout the seasons.

Alisa said: 'We are delighted with our new Barn Experience which we are sure will be very popular.'

'It is a work in progress and we look forward to its continued development. Our farm experiences are self-guided and give visitors the chance to meet our animals, see our machinery and hear the Arran food story.'

The farm also now sells its free range eggs and home-reared pork and lamb.



Ailsa feeds the popular donkeys Hamish and Murphy. 01\_B27farm07



The year-old alpacas Pablo and Charlie.

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A kid goat lies beside its mum. 01\_B27farm02

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# its at Bellevue Farm



Clockwise from above: Alisa and Donald Currie outside the new Barn Experience at Bellevue Farm. 01\_B27farm01 The proud tom struts his stuff. 01\_B27farm05 Days old chicks are reared under an incubator light. 01\_B27farm08 The barn is filled with displays of farm life. 01\_B27farm09 A goat takes a keen interest in the camera. 01\_B27farm06

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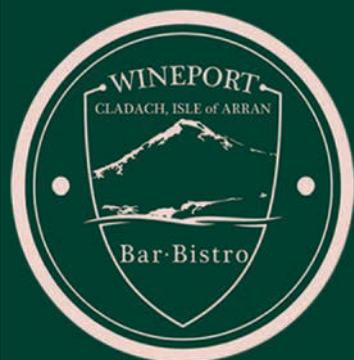
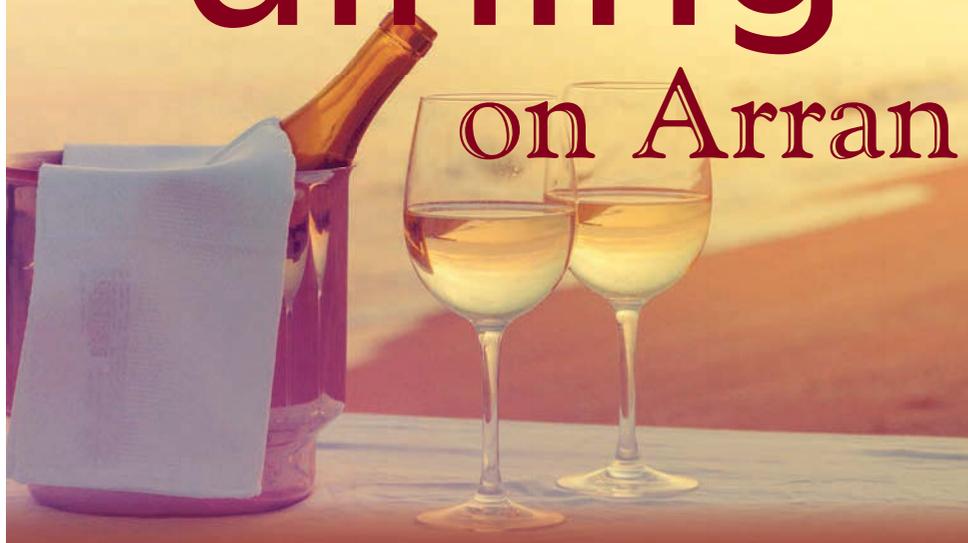
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They are open seven days a week, serving drinks and delicious home baking from 11am and lunches from 12pm. The menu is simple, hearty, homemade fare using the best local and Scottish produce.

Homemade favourites include Cullen Skink, Scotch Egg and Smoked Mackerel Pate. The ever requested Steak Ciabatta with Peppercorn Sauce remains a firm favourite with customers. Lighter options include a Greek Salad or Skipness Hot Smoked Salmon & Crispy Caper Salad. These can all be rounded off with one of the house specialities; Warm Chocolate Brownie & Homemade Salted Caramel Ice-cream.

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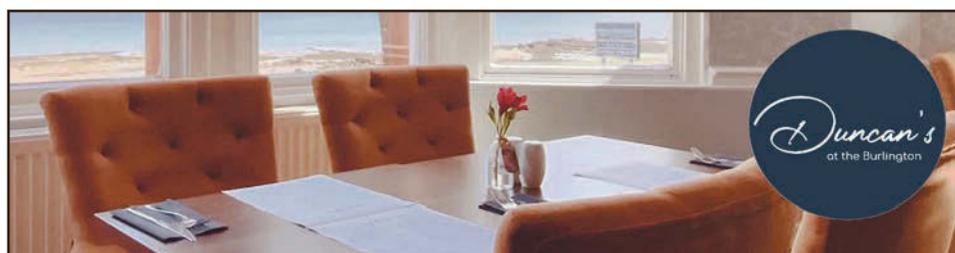
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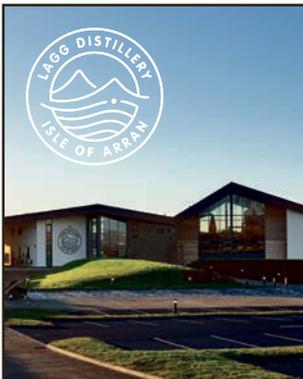
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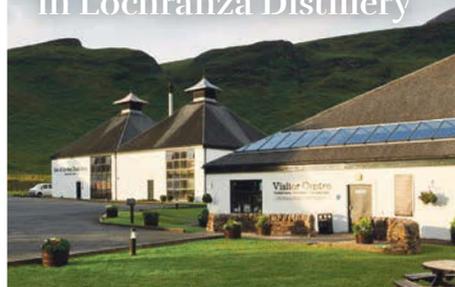
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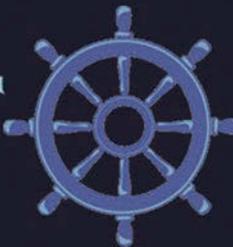
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Sack racers enjoy a challenging but fun race at Kildonan Fun Week. 01\_B30ABtwe01



Left: Tots and teddies at the teddy bears' picnic which took place in Lamlash as part of the gala week celebrations. 01\_B30ABtwe05

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Right: Some Arran Dancers perform for the crowd at Lamlash Gala Week. 01\_B30ABtwe06



Traffic police, who are visiting the island for a week, lead the parade during the annual Lamlash Gala Week. 01\_B30ABtwe04



Indian runner ducks are the centre of attention as Tony Brookes uses them to replace sheep in his sheepdog demonstration at South Bank Farm's first open day after being badly hit by foot and mouth. 01\_B30ABtwe02

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Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Open to book call 01770 700636

## Saturday 24th July

Whiting Bay Golf Club Gents Open, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8am – 3.30pm  
Mary's Meals Pop-up, Drop off for school bags, clothing etc, Brodick Co-op, 11am -2pm  
Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm  
RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm  
Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Rink Games, Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm

## Sunday 25th July

Whiting Bay Golf Club Gents Open, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8am - 3.30pm  
Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm  
RNLI Shop, Open, Lamlash, 2pm – 4pm  
What's Happening On Arran, <http://www.arranmedia.co.uk>, 4pm

## Monday 26th July

Whiting Bay Golf Club Junior Open, Fun Day W/Bay Golf Club - 10.30am  
Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am - 4pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 2pm  
Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 4pm  
JogScotlandArran@gmail.com, Whiting Bay, Venue varies, 5.30pm  
K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 7pm

## Tuesday 27th July

Healthy Outdoor Team, Brodick Castle, 10am – 1pm  
Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am - 4pm  
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  
K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm

## Wednesday 28th July

Seashore Scramble, Arran Ranger Service, booking essential, 2pm – 3.30pm  
Arran Well-Being Cafe, Shiskine Village Hall, Shiskine, 2pm- 4pm  
Arran Skinnymalinks Walk & Weigh-in, COAST, Lamlash, Walk, 4pm, Weigh-in, 4.30pm  
Arran Pace Makers please check Facebook @arranpacemakers, Venue varies, 5.30pm  
K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 7pm

## Thursday 29th July

Spinning and Weaving demonstrations, Arran Heritage Museum, 11am -3pm  
Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 11am  
Arran Skinnymalinks Weigh-in, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 6pm  
K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm  
Senior Hockey (12+), Ormidale Astro Pitch, 7pm – 8.30pm

## Friday 30th July

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 4pm  
K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm

## Saturday 31st July

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm  
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### TALIA GRACE HENDRY

Congratulations to  
Gordon Hendry and  
Hollie Adamson on the  
birth of their daughter,  
Talia Grace on Sunday,  
18th July 2021 at  
Ayrshire Maternity Unit.  
Donald and Loretta,  
David and Clair are very  
proud grandparents.



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)  
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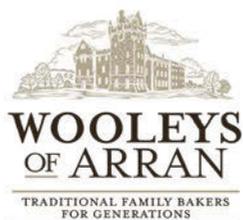
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## CHURCH NOTICES

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Parishes of North Arran,  
Broddick, Corrie, Lochranza,  
Pirnmill and Shiskine**  
*Independent but working  
together*

There is a booking system at Broddick & 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 25th July 2021**  
Lochranza & Pirnmill  
Churches-

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

Morning worship.

Broddick Church 10.30am

Morning worship.

Corrie Church at 12noon.

Morning worship.

The Food Bank continues from Broddick Church

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

Charity Number: SC014005

**Sunday 25th July**

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.

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**Sunday 25th July**

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash Church 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.

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We will be observing all socially distancing procedures

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**Sunday 25th July**

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Please phone by Friday to check availability and to reserve a place. Sermons will be on our webpage following the Sunday.

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## DEATH

**THOMPSON** - Keith. Passed away 17th July 2021. Much loved husband of Susie, loving father and grandfather. Family flowers only. Donations please to The Hospital Supporters' League, c/o Jim Arnold, Secretary, Isle of Arran, KA27 8FF.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**MACKENZIE** - Mary. Elizabeth and William wish to thank family and friends for all the letters, cards and phone calls expressing sympathy following the passing of their much loved sister Mary. Your kindness has been a great comfort at this difficult time.

# Hockey hen do for Jenny

Arran Ladies Hockey Club had an unusual practice session last Thursday when the team celebrated the upcoming nuptials of one of its long-time members.

Jenny Stark is due to marry her partner Tim Crockett on Thursday July 29, after the wedding was postponed earlier due to the pandemic, and her team-mates were keen to celebrate the occasion with a small hen do in her honour.

### Surprise

Hockey club members surprised Jenny at their usual training session on a Thursday when they donned pink tutus and, those who are of age, enjoyed a celebratory glass of champagne.

The bride-to-be was dressed in a pink veil and was given a guard of honour using hockey sticks.

Before continuing with the training session, team members, some of whom will be attending the wedding at the Waterside Hotel in Seamill,



wished Jenny and Tim a lifetime's worth of happiness.

Arran Ladies Hockey Club members celebrate the upcoming nuptials of team member Jenny Stark.

## ARRAN BANNER GOLF

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 15, Summer Cup: 1 Neil Young 64-5=59; 2 Scott Campbell 77-16=61; 3 Graeme Andrew 74-12=62. Best scratch Neil Young 64.

Magic twos Jack McNally and Scott Macfarlane @16th, Dougie Macfarlane and Martin Wallbank @5th, Ian Bremner @13th, Stuart McLaren @17th and Neil Young @14th and 16th. Hole 5 drawn, Martin Wallbank and Dougie Macfarlane win.

Sunday July 18, Hamilton Bowl (bogey): 1 Scott Campbell +5; 2 Hugh McLelland +3; 3 Paul Cowan +2 BIH. Best scratch Paul Cowan -3 to bogey.

Magic twos Paul Cowan @ 16th.

Fixtures: Friday July 23, Frank Crum - two-ball foursomes. Make up own groups. See starter for times. Sunday July 25, Scratch Cup, draw at noon.

Thursday July 29, Summer Stableford.

Make up own groups. See starter for times. Sunday August 1, Hamilton Bowl (bogey) final round, noon draw.

Friday August 6, Lamlash Open Practice Day and Dan Crawford Salver (Stableford). Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8, Lamlash Open. Times still available.

Congratulations to Todd Jameson who beat Iain

Murchie in the final of the Club Championship. Ladies' section: Wednesday July 15, Stroke 4: 1 Susan Butchard 75-13=62 BIH; 2 Alison Heron 87-25=62. Scratch Susan Butchard, 75.

Spaces still available for Island Mixed fours on Monday July 26.

Contact the starter on telephone number 600196 for times.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 14, Summer Trophy, 29 played: 1 Sandy Pringle 15, 62 acb; 2 Fraser McKenzie 16, 62; 3 Nicol Auld 3, 63; 4 Ronnie Mann 14, 64 acb.

Magic twos Graeme Crichton and Jamie Macpherson @4th, Fraser McKenzie @11th, Gus MacLeod @12th and John Rankin @17th.

Sunday July 18, The Raymond Curtis Salver. Once again, a fine morning for golf and a good field of 38 participated in the latest charity support opens.

Scoring was good across the board with nett 61 being good enough only for fourth place, but the two Jamies, Macpherson and Stewart, each produced superb scores of 64 gross and these on a day when any advantage in distance was more than tempered by hard, fast greens requiring great

short game dexterity.

Superb golf from both, with Jamie Macpherson just edging first place on handicap and Jamie Stewart edging best gross score on the better back nine.

Result: 1 Jamie Macpherson 5, 64; 2 Cameron Hill 19, 60 acb; 3 Jamie Stewart 4, 60 and lowest gross; 4 Graeme Crichton 13, 61.

Fixtures: Saturday and Sunday July 24 and 25, The WBGC and Hunter Furnishing Gents Open. Monday July 26, The WBGC Junior Open, for boys and girls aged 17 and under.

Various age group prizes, free burgers and juice. Starts at 10.30am. Turn up and play.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday July 14, 18-hole medal: 1 M McDonald 73-17=56; 2 R McLean 77-15=62; 3 R Logan 70-7=63 and scratch.

Saturday July 18, 18-hole medal: 1 M McDonald 75-16=59; 2 J McGovern 73-13=60; 3 R Logan 69-7=62 and scratch.

Fixtures: Saturday July 24, 18-hole medal: Wednesday July 28, 18-hole medal. Competitors arrange their own pairings and adhere to current Covid regulations.

### Brodick Golf Club

Sunday July 11, sweep, 28 played: 1 David Hendry 75-15=60; 2 Donald McKinnie

76-14=62; 3 John Beattie 85-22=63 acb. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 63.

Wednesday July 14, Summer Cup, 46 played: 1 Babbies MacNeil 74-16=58; 2 Russell Duncan 78-18=60; 3 Douglas Robertson 81-20=61 acb. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 68.

Sunday July 18, Navy Shield Stableford, 32 played: 1 Neil Duncan 23, 39pts acb; 2 Matt Dobson 5, 39pts; 3 Finlay Sillars 12, 38pts acb.

Fixture: Sunday July 25, Club Trophy.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday July 15, Ladies' 12-hole medal. Bronze: 1 and medal winner, Jerry Arthur 62-23=39.

Sunday July 18, Gents 12-hole medal. First class: 1 J Brown 47-5=42; 2 W Paton 49-5=44; 3 J Salton 52-7=45. Second class: 1 and medal winner and scratch BIH, D Logan 47-8=39; 2 A Bannatyne 55-15=40; 3 Q Oliver 59-16=43 BIH.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday July 13, Peter Sutton. 1 Brian Sherwood 64; 2 Phil Betley 65 BIH; 3 John Milesi 65. Magic two Brian Sherwood. Fixtures: Tuesday July 27, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off 12.30pm.

Anyone playing in the evening please contact Brian by Monday.

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# Four-goal Archie helps brush aside Craigie United

Craigie United	3
Isle of Arran AFC	5
Summer Challenge	

Arran AFC are in the semi-finals of the Ayrshire Sunday Amateur Football Association's Summer Challenge Tournament thanks to a goal spree by centre-forward Archie McNicol.

Archie scored four goals in the Arran's side match against Craigie United, which took place in Kilmarnock, with Donald Park adding another

to the tally. The home side scored three in reply.

Arran AFC, having now won both games in Group D, will play in the tournament's semi-finals on Sunday July 25.

The match was sponsored by Bobby Sloss Plumbing and the goal-scoring sponsors were the Douglas Hotel and Machale Engineering.

Archie McNicol was nominated as the man of the match for his goal-scoring performance.

The team wishes Craigie United all the best for the rest of the season.



Clockwise from left: Archie McNicol powers towards the goals as a Craigie United player tries to prevent him from scoring; Archie outwits the Craigie United keeper to secure another goal for Arran AFC; and Donald Park celebrates his goal against.



# Still no Splash for Lammlash

The annual Lammlash Splash has been cancelled again this year because of public health concerns.

The 1.3-mile swim from Holy Isle to Lammlash usually attracts a capacity 40 open-sea swimmers and requires a large number of volunteers who help with safety measures in the water and on land.

The announcement will be equally sad news for the huge crowds that usually gather for the event, held in September, particularly as it was also cancelled last year.

After careful consultation with swimmers, volunteers and all those involved, the Splash committee decided there was too much uncertainty over running the event.

Organiser Ann Hart said: 'After much thought and discussion, the Splash committee has taken the difficult, but necessary, decision to cancel the Lammlash Splash 2021.'

'We feel that at present, with all the uncertainty regarding Covid restrictions and localised outbreaks, the event would not feel the same.'

'In addition, given that all those assisting with the event prior to and on the day do so voluntarily, it would be foolhardy to subject them to unnecessary risk of exposure and stress.'

'We realise many potential entrants will be disappointed but we are hopeful the situation will have improved enough globally and locally

to allow us to hold the Splash again in 2022. We look forward to hopefully seeing you then.'

The Splash can be a grueling challenge with swells, tides, jellyfish and high winds all contributing to the difficulties encountered by swimmers. But it remains an extremely popular event on Arran. This year would have

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