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New alliance will help drive tourism recovery

Arran takes the chair of new group

by Hugh Boag
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A new tourism body has been formed to drive a collective way forward for the tourism industry in Ayrshire and Arran following the pandemic.

Industry leaders from across the region have come together to form a new destination management and marketing organisation for the region - Ayrshire & Arran Destination Alliance (AADA).

Over the past year, industry leaders have stepped up to try and drive forward recovery, working collaboratively with local and national government to focus on the challenges faced by one of Ayrshire's key sectors.

Earlier this year, industry leaders appointed international destination experts,

in2destination, to conduct research on behalf of the region to shape thinking around the development of sustainable visitor management across Ayrshire.

With input from North, South and East Ayrshire councils, along with businesses and residents, the research highlights that tourism is overwhelmingly a 'force for good' contributing more than £600 million of visitor spend and supporting more than 13,000 jobs regionally - but there was a need for more cohesion and joint working across the whole region. Building on this research, AADA worked collaboratively with VisitScotland, Scottish Enterprise and local authorities to successfully deliver a series of industry events throughout May and June attracting almost 200 industry

representatives to look at areas of best practice from across the UK.

Through this work, Ayrshire & Arran Destination Alliance was developed and launched as an industry-led destination management and marketing organisation for the region.

The organisation will operate on a not-for-profit basis, working collaboratively to grow the visitor economy sustainably to deliver benefits for businesses and communities.

As part of this move, AADA has taken on management of The Coig - a collaborative tourist route project - and will continue to promote this as part of the regional offer.

The first chairperson of the new Alliance is Arran's Linda Johnston from Auchrannie Resort.

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Children's jolly hockey sticks

Arran Ladies Hockey Club held a hockey camp for youngsters this week at the Ormidale astroturf in Brodick. Children aged 7 and under are pictured with their medals and certificates after a prizegiving on Wednesday. See next week's Banner for more photographs from the event. 01_B31hockey01

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New alliance will help tourism recovery drive

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She said: 'We are incredibly excited to announce the launch of Ayrshire & Arran Destination Alliance.

'It has been formed with a very clear intention. As the regional destination management and marketing organisation we want to make sure that visitors to this region have outstanding experiences, whilst balancing this with the needs of our amazing communities and environment which make this region so special.

'We have a huge amount of experience amongst our voluntary industry board, existing marketing channels reaching tens of thousands of visitors each month, an exceptional team already in place and a range of exciting work planned over the coming weeks.

'Working closely with other sectoral, destination and community groups and our public sector partners, we believe we



Left: Linda Johnston of Auchrannie is to chair the new alliance. Above: The new group's logo.

create real sustainable benefits for everyone.'

Paul McCafferty, head of tourism for Scottish Enterprise, said: 'I'm delighted to see the industry coming together, demonstrating strong leadership and a clear vision to drive forward activity to attract visitors who are critically important to the economy, sustainability and growth of communities.'

Ayrshire & Arran Destination Alliance will be communicating with businesses and groups over the coming weeks to share plans and gain wide input to the future direction of the alliance.

can help to bring cohesion and focus to future tourism development for the region.'

Welcoming the launch of AADA, VisitScotland chief executive officer Malcolm Roughead said: 'The past year has been incredibly challenging for businesses up and down the country, but we know tourism is resilient and will bounce back.

'I am delighted to be working with industry leaders through Ayrshire & Arran Destination Alliance to make sure we grab the opportunities ahead and manage tourism responsibly to

Outside ferry seating up but still restrictions

More capacity has been freed up on the Arran ferries but numbers allowed on board remain restricted.

There are hopes the one-metre distancing rules still operating on the ferries could be lifted on August 9 when First Minister Nicola Sturgeon is expected to announce a further easing of restrictions.

However, after lobbying by the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee and other island groups, CalMac, after carrying out an assessment by its marine team, last weekend doubled the number of outdoor seats available to 50 on both ferries serving the Ardrossan to Brodick route.

These will be available depending on weather and at the skipper's discretion and while the recent weather has not

been an issue, the problem is that if the weather is changeable and passengers want to sit inside they then breach the one-metre distancing and could be compromised, hence the caution.

The MV Caledonian Isles is currently operating with 276 vs 960 (29 per cent) capacity and the MV Isle of Arran at 79 vs 448 (17.6 per cent) capacity.

Systems

If the government restrictions are removed from August 9, CalMac will need to reboot its systems with the revised numbers which it will do overnight on receiving Transport Scotland notification, which will then allow passengers to book ahead.

Tommy Gore, area operations manager (Clyde) for

CalMac, said: 'I appreciate how hard this past year has been on all of our customers and I am very grateful for their continued support and patience.

'Once it has been confirmed than physical distancing rules will be removed by the Scottish government, we will make it a priority to increase to full capacity when we are legally permitted to.'

Meanwhile, bookings on the Campbeltown ferry service, which is now calling at Brodick on Thursday and Friday, as well as Saturday are being well supported.

As a result the ferry committee has asked that these sailings, operated by the MV Isle of Arran, be extended until September, which is being considered.

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Water tankers park in Brodick after delivering water to Arran during the summer heatwave last week. 01_B31ScoWater01

Tankers deliver water to cope with Arran demand

Scottish Water has confirmed that it has delivered 12 tanker-loads of water from the mainland to Arran.

Demand has risen over the last week as temperatures soared across the island and across Scotland.

The publicly-owned company delivered 360,000 litres of water, mainly for private supplies, and operatives were also tasked with bringing additional boreholes online to ensure Arran's water supply adequately matched its needs.

The increase in demand for water was duplicated across Scotland where demand surged by up to 40 per cent more than

normal use. On Arran the increase was 22 per cent of the 270 million litres normally required.

To ensure a steady supply of fresh water, Scottish Water produces more water where treatment works have capacity, and they move water across the network, from storage, boreholes and rivers.

The increase in demand, which amounted to 200 million litres per day nationwide, prompted Scottish Water to issue a plea requesting people to use water efficiently.

These water saving tips and helpful advice can be found on its website at www.scottish-water.co.uk/savewater

Remembering when Roller mania swept across Arran

by Hugh Boag
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Nobby Clark, the original singer and a founder member of the Bay City Rollers, has released a single in homage to Arran.

Arran (Run Like The Wind) is a ballad inspired by the happy memories he has of the times when he and the band played on Arran.

Nobby, who is now 70, sang on all of the early hits including Keep on Dancing, We Can Make Music, Manana, Because I Love You, Remember (Sha La La) and Saturday Night, but he parted ways with the band in 1973, before they went on to global success.

Nobby takes up the story: 'In the last few years, we lost so many members of The Bay City Rollers through illness: Archie Marr, who was the keyboard player when we had the first hit record with

Keep on Dancing in 1971 and performed on Top Of the Pops for the first time.

'Then Ian Mitchell, who replaced Alan Longmuir, when he left the band for a long break. I lost a very close friend when Alan Longmuir died and then of course in recent times Les Mckeown, who died in April.

'The renewed interest in the history of The Bay City Rollers has given me the chance to look back over the great times we had as young guys on an adventure that took us all over the country from town to town building up what became a huge fan following before we made any records or television appearances.

'A lot of people think that The Bay City Rollers were a manufactured overnight success but that is not the case.

'We were a working band on the road for many years before breaking through into the London music business.

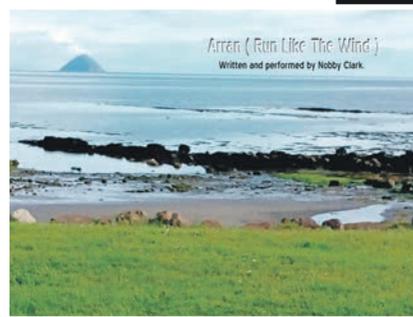
'I tell the true story of The Bay City Rollers and the missing millions in my autobiography The Lost Roller by Nobby Clark, available on Amazon.

'One of my most treasured memories was playing on Arran during the Glasgow Fair in the summer holidays when crowds of people would flock to the island including hundreds of Roller fans.

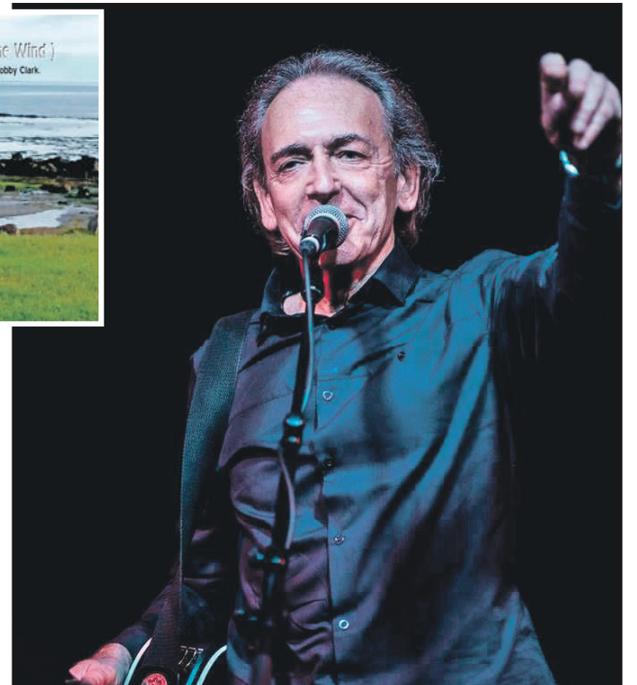
'I remember it as being such a happy time and something we looked forward to each year.

'I fell in love with Arran and have been returning to the island in recent years with my family staying in a quaint old cottage in Kildonan.

'I've met many musicians and residents of the island who remember The Bay City Rollers coming to play on Arran during the Glasgow Fair and these memories combined with the wonderful times we've had on the island



The cover of Nobby's new single and, right, Nobby performing in Edinburgh in 2016.



in recent years, inspired me to write a song called Arran (Run Like The Wind) which I've released as a single and is available on bandcamp.com for download and can be found on facebook/nobbyclark.'

The early Rollers with Nobby in the line-up, front left.



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Monster Mish Mash charity silent auction launched

Prolific charitable fundraisers Pauline Reid Adamson and Charlie Adamson have launched an online silent auction as part of their 2021 itinerary in aid of MND Scotland.

The silent auction, known as the Monster Mish Mash, will run for the month of August and is a precursor to a Halloween event called the Monsters Ball.

The items listed in the auction, which can be found at www.32auctions.com/MND23, have been donated by island businesses and bidding is open to anyone in Ayrshire and Arran.

Among the items available at the auction are romantic

getaways, beauty hampers, Arran Gin, cheese, books, art and even a gourmet fish and chips dinner for two.

The charitable duo has previously raised funds for an Arran cat charity and has hosted a tea party in aid of

'Any donations made will be greatly appreciated and go towards research'

CLIC Sargent.

Charlie also completed a 100-day challenge for MND Scotland where he ran 10k a day, did 100 press ups and 100 sit ups every day and abstained

from alcohol for 100 days.

This challenge saw Charlie raise £4,135 for MND Scotland. Speaking at the time, Charlie said: 'I have a family member currently living with this terrible disease (motor neurone disease) and have seen first hand the daily struggles they have to face.'

'MND Scotland has been there to help and support our family every step of the way.'

'I have set myself the toughest personal challenge that I could think of - while continuing to work through a pandemic.'

'Any donations made will be greatly appreciated and go towards research and hopefully one day finding a cure.'

Bidding for any of the 20

items at www.32auctions.com/MND23 can be made from Sunday August 1 until Saturday August 28 and items can be collected at the Monsters Ball which is taking place at Adamton Country House Hotel, Prestwick, on



Pauline Reid Adamson and Charlie Adamson at an Alice in Wonderland tea party which raised funds for CLIC Sargent.

Don't lose your right to vote in council elections

Residents on Arran are being urged not to lose their voice on decisions that affect them by making sure their electoral registration details are up to date.

With council elections taking place in May 2022, this is an important opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part.

Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board (AVJB) will shortly be conducting its annual canvass by getting in touch with every household to check that the Electoral Register is up to date and to identify any residents who should be registered but are currently missing.

You may be contacted by either letter or email, so please keep an eye out for any communication from AVJB.

With all nationalities able to vote in local elections in Scotland, this will be an important opportunity to ensure these new voters can get onto the Electoral Register before next year's local government elections.

Returning Officer and North Ayrshire Council chief executive Craig Hatton said: 'Residents need to keep an eye out for messages from Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board, to make sure the correct details are on the Electoral

Register for every address in North Ayrshire and that everyone who is eligible can vote in any forthcoming elections.

'You might not have been able to vote before the extension of the voting rights last year, but you may be able to vote now if you make sure you are registered.'

People who have moved to a new house recently are also particularly encouraged to look out for the voter registration messages which will start popping through letterboxes and into email inboxes shortly.

Andy O'Neill, head of the Electoral

Commission in Scotland, said: 'It doesn't matter where you were born. If you are aged 16 and over, you are able to vote in elections in Scotland but only if you register to vote first.'

'Checking the messages that you will get from Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board is the easiest way to see if you're registered to vote.'

Those wishing to find out more about registering to vote - including obtaining a postal vote - can find out more information by visiting Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board at <http://www.ayrshire-vjb.gov.uk/> or visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

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Police in bogus workmen warning

Police on Arran are warning the public to be on their guard after an elderly woman was duped by bogus workmen in Lamlash.

It is believed an elderly lady was charged thousands of pounds by three men to power wash her roof, however, she was not out of pocket at the end of the day and unharmed during the incident last Friday.

Arran police sergeant Dougie Robertson told the Banner. 'This matter is the subject of an ongoing enquiry and it is known that the individuals concerned are no longer on Arran. Regardless, I would encourage vigilance and ask that anyone who has concerns regarding callers to their home or indeed a neighbour's home to contact the police immediately by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency.

'We would rather conduct enquiries which establish the legitimacy of individuals carrying out work if there are concerns, than to learn of a criminal incident after the event.

'Fortunately, this type of crime is rare on Arran, however, any incident is one too many and we are keen to ensure the community remain on their guard when it comes to cold callers looking to carry out work.

'The best advice is do not engage with anyone attending at your home asking to carry out work without a prior arrangement made by you in the knowledge you are dealing with a legitimate company.'

Mary's Meals pop-up fundraising success

A fundraising event held by Mary's Meals at the Big Co last Saturday raised the 'amazing' sum of £823.56.

'It costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year through Mary's Meals so Saturday's pop-up will feed another 51 children - it's just wonderful,' said organiser Alison Page.

'My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making this such a successful event.

'Special mentions to Liz and Carol at the Brodick Big Co for allowing me to host the event; Mark Harwood for playing for us; my lovely helpers on the day Lynne MacVicar, Anne Ferguson, Alison and Eugene Mitchell, Margaret Auld, John

Page and high fives to wee Sophie Scott.

'Our community and local businesses responded magnificently with donations of fab raffle prizes and I'm hugely grateful to all the people who came along on Saturday who so generously supported the cause,' Alison added.

A total of 1.8 million children are currently fed every school day in 19 of the world's poorest countries.

The charity is nearing the two million milestone and all donations help Mary's Meals reach the next hungry child waiting to be fed.

Anyone wishing to recycle their school bags and/or donate items for inclusion in



Organiser Alison Page with helpers Alison Mitchell, Anne Ferguson and little Sophie Scott and Mark Harwood on guitar at the Mary's Meals pop-up fundraiser. 01_B31marys01

Mary's Meals backpacks going to Malawi are still be able to do so.

There is now a collection point behind the check-outs in the Big Co Brodick.

Follow this link for a reminder of items included

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/the-backpack-project/what-to-pack>.

There is no need to feel obliged to fill a backpack as donations of individual items are most welcome.

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Funding to save amenities

A UK government fund of £150 million has been created to help community groups purchase assets which are at risk of being lost.

The community ownership fund is offering voluntary and community organisations up to £250,000 of matched funding to buy or take over local assets and run them.

Up to £1m is also on offer to establish community-owned sports clubs or to help buy a sports ground.

They will need to meet the criteria by: showing that without intervention the

asset would be lost to the community, the impacts this would have and support they have from the community and other partners; showing the objectives and deliverability of the project and how the asset or amenity will be run sustainably; show how the asset will deliver community benefits under community ownership; show the added value to the community.

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Collaboration is key

Arran may be packed with summer visitors but it is going to take a lot more than a few busy months for tourism and hospitality businesses to recover from the long-term effects of the pandemic.

So it is good to see industry leaders forming the Ayrshire & Arran Destination Alliance. This collaboration, and someone looking at a bigger picture, is just what individual businesses need as they concentrate on getting their own house back on an even keel.

That two of the new voluntary board - chairwoman Linda Johnston and Alastair Dobson - are from Arran will help keep the island's voice heard as the alliance seeks to promote all of Ayrshire and Arran. And while keen to promote the area, they are also conscious of the people who live here, who may be anxious about welcoming visitors back, with the chairwoman stating: 'We want to make sure visitors have outstanding experiences, whilst balancing this with the needs of our amazing communities.'

All of which makes this a positive step for Arran and the region and we wish these passionate, committed industry leaders all our good wishes in getting the vital tourism and hospitality industry back on its feet.

Thought for the week

'Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.' 1 Corinthians 15:58

Stalwart of the 'rural'

Sir,
It is with great sadness we, at Lamlash SWI, note the passing of Mary Mackenzie, a long standing member, honorary member and honorary vice president of the Arran Federation SWI.

At various times over many years Mary has been both president and office bearer at institute and federation level.

Mary often said the 'rural' was very much part of her life.

There she demonstrated her many talents by the number of proficiency tests she took and passed at the highest grades enabling her to act as judge at many shows across Scotland.

She was always willing to share her skills with us as well as carrying out many acts of quiet kindness that passed unknown but were greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Her baking skills particularly were put to good use over many years' fundraising for coffee mornings and baking stalls in support of the 'rural', local organisations and Lamlash church where she was a member of both the Women's Guild and a church elder.

One of our members recently described Mary's pancakes as 'legendary'. I'm sure that would have caused her a quiet smile.

When we reconvene in the autumn, we will greatly miss her company and the vast contribution she has made to the institute over many years. At this difficult time, our sympathies are extended to all those who will miss her most.

Yours,

From the committee and friends
at Lamlash SWI.

Help transform lives

Sir,
Shockingly, despite pancreatic cancer being the

deadliest common cancer, half of all pancreatic cancer patients are not prescribed the inexpensive tablets they need to stop them starving.

As chief executive of Pancreatic Cancer UK, I am deeply concerned so many patients are missing out on this medication - called Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy (PERT) - which is just as vital for people with pancreatic cancer as insulin is for those with diabetes.

The main cause is a lack of awareness among health professionals, who do a wonderful job caring for people, but don't specialise in the disease or treat pancreatic cancer patients as frequently as those with other more common types of cancer.

PERT enables patients to digest food, helping them to tolerate treatment and to manage debilitating symptoms from the cancer - including pain, diarrhoea and extreme weight loss.

A simple prescription could give so many people with incurable pancreatic cancer more - and better quality - time with their loved ones.

We need action across the NHS to raise awareness of PERT tablets and ensure everyone who needs them is prescribed them.

No-one should have to watch someone they love waste away from pancreatic cancer.

More than 26,000 people have already joined our Transform Lives: Prescribe campaign, urging the NHS to implement targets to make sure PERT tablets are prescribed routinely.

Arran Banner readers can show their support for the campaign and help stop people with pancreatic cancer from starving by visiting the transformlives.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/ website

Yours

Diana Jupp,
Chief Executive Officer of
Pancreatic Cancer UK.



Laura Penman plays the harp in front of Hamilton Terrace.

Proms on Lamlash Green

Sir,

On a warm Sunday evening last week, residents and of Hamilton Terrace, Lamlash, and visitors enjoyed an outdoor harp concert performed by Laura Penman.

A music student at Glasgow University, Laura and her family have rented the same front house on the terrace since Laura was born.

Playing the Scottish harp, Laura performed three pieces of Scottish music including Nathaniel Gow's Lament for the Death of his Brother; Marga's Moment by Brian Finnegan and the D Major Polka by Pdraig O'Neill and Gillian Frame.

She ended the performance with an encore of I Ne'er Shall Wean Her.

The delighted audience clapped hands for this enchanting evening and we all look forward to hearing this charming young musician next summer.

Yours,

Sharon Shenhav,
Lamlash.

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Left luggage poster contest open to children

The Old Post Office in Brodick is launching a new left luggage service and need a poster to advertise it.

So they have organised a competition for children aged 12 and under to come up with a design.

Launching the contest on social media, the laundry service said: 'Left luggage would involve bags and suitcases and people being on holiday on Arran so go wild and see what you can come up with.'

'Leave all the boring grown-up stuff like where, when, how much to us - you just concentrate on the art.'

'First prize is bragging rights, your poster being shared by VisitArran and £50 to buy whatever you want.'

'Two runners-up will have their art displayed in the Old Post Office and get vouchers for Little Rock and The Parlour.'

Entries have to be in by 9am on Monday August 2. Either hand them in to the Old Post Office or take a photograph and email it to laundry@theoldpostofficebrodick.co.uk

New signs tell tale of fishing industry's barking houses

Two historic buildings on Arran have been recognised by the Arran Civic Trust as significant places of interest, writes Hugh Boag.

The barking houses at Lochranza and Catacol are ruins but new signs alert visitors to their role in history.

The 19th century barking house in Lochranza served the fishing fleet, preserving sails, rope and nets in a bark solution called 'cutch'.

The Catacol barking house was a later 20th century addition.

The Lochranza fishing fleet at the turn of the century was huge and in a later guidebook, written in the 1940s by George Eyre-Todd, he describes the scene: 'Here from the pleasant angler's inn, of an autumn night, one may watch the brown sails of the fishing boats set forth one after another, till a line of two or three hundred of them trends away up the



The ruins of the Catacol barking house where two vats can be seen.

sound towards the herring shoals of Loch Fyne.'

These semi-industrial buildings, one of which was still inhabited until the 1950s, were used when fishing boats required their sails to be

in pristine condition. The technique was to impregnate the sails with vapour from the bark of trees only found in the north of the island.

At Catacol two of the steaming vats can still be seen in



The Lochranza barking house before its partial roof collapsed.



The new sign at the Lochranza barking house.

the small ruined enclosure adjacent to the road. impregnated with the burning vapour.

At Lochranza a canal ran from the top of the bay to the houses, the ruins of which can be seen on the north side of the road, enabling boats to be moored and their sails brought inside to be hung up and

The signs have been erected by Arran Civic Trust with a warning that the ruins are dangerous.

The partial roof of the Lochranza barking house collapsed after 2012.

Double rescue call for Arran MRT

Arran Mountain Rescue Team was called out to two separate incidents in quick succession shortly after 5pm on Wednesday July 21.

The first call came in to help a female with a medical issue on Goatfell.

Due to her symptoms, Rescue 199 was requested but on arrival at the scene a second call came in to help at a higher priority medical incident at Kings caves.

Rescue 199 diverted to this and the team evacuated the casualty on Goatfell via the Argocat.

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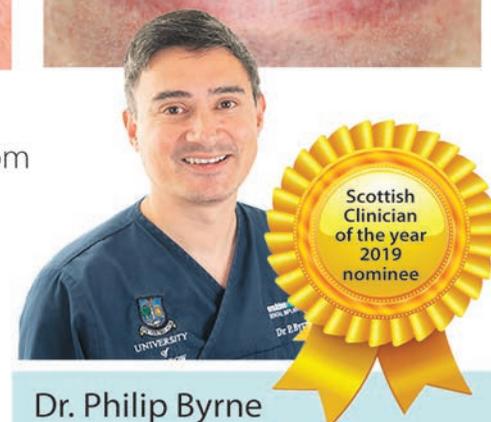
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Bellevue Farm Tours & Experiences

For a great family friendly day out do visit Bellevue Farm. The Farm tours take place around the farmyard and last about one and a half hours. Visitors have the unique opportunity to help feed the animals, collect the eggs and hear from the farmer about farming life. You can see what happens on a real working farm and hear how the routine changes throughout the seasons. Tours can be tailored to your individual interests, so let them know what you would like to learn more about or see!

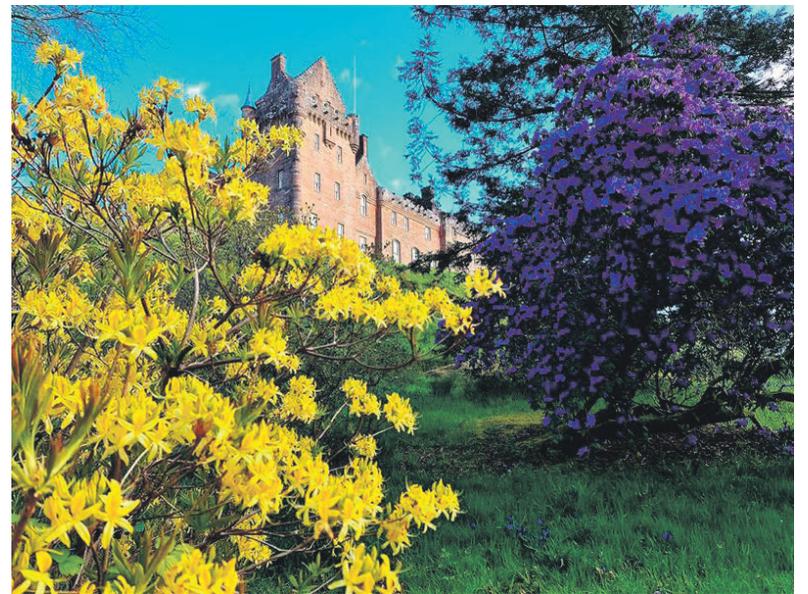
If you prefer you could have a self-guided tour and enjoy their Farm Experience which gives you the chance to meet the animals, see the machinery, hear the Arran food story, and relax at the picnic and play area where there is always something to do whether its rainy or sunny.

Their special animal friends include our donkeys – Hamish & Murphy, Tabitha – a miniature Shetland pony, Highland cows, chicks, rabbits, ducks, hens, goats, and amazing alpacas.



Brodick Castle

When visiting Arran a trip to Brodick Castle is a must. There is lots for the family to see and do, from beautiful well-kept gardens with hundreds of tropical flowers in bloom to captivating woodland trails which contain incredible collections or take time to spot red squirrels in the squirrel hide. Take time to explore the castle and its magnificent collection of art and silver and step back in time to a different era. And of course there is the excitement of the adventure playground. Relax with coffee and cake after a fun filled day at the woodland café. And don't forget to check out the activities organised by the Arran Ranger Service from Seashore Scrambles to Bushcraft for kids.



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<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle-garden-country-park>
<https://www.facebook.com/BrodickCastle/>

Silky skills on show at

Words and photos
by Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



Dozens of youngsters spent a few days of their summer holidays last week brushing up on their football skills at the annual summer camp organised by KA Leisure at Arran High School.

The week-long training undertaken by SFA coaches Jordan Bruce and Kelsi Kelly took place with the

help of high school pupils and former attendees of the camp.

Catering for five to 12-year-olds, football camp teaches children the basics of the sport in a fun and safe environment where they can practise their skills with children their own age.

The fun learning event involved lessons on ball control, accuracy, balance, good sportsmanship and tricks, including those of the children's favourite

football idols. Fifty-five youngsters took part in this year's camp.

Coach Jordan said: 'The camp on Arran has been tremendous this year, not only because of the glorious weather we have had but also because of the enthusiastic and impeccably behaved children.'

'Both the coaches and children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we are already looking forward to our next one.'



Lining up for a shot on goal. 01_B31camp04



A youngster brings the ball under control. 01_B31camp12



A goalmouth scramble. 01_B31camp03



A youngster brings the ball down nicely. 01_B31camp08

The goalkeeper prepares for a shot. 01_B31camp11



Several players tussle for the ball. 01_B31camp16



Goalmouth action in a junior game. 01_B31camp15



Kelsi Kelly gives instructions on penalty taking. 01_B31camp13



summer football camp



Participants in this year's summer camp with coach Kelsi Kelly. 01_B31camp19



A dribbling defender under close attention of the opposition. 01_B31camp07



A player shows off his shin pads to the camera. 01_B31camp18



Jumping for the ball from a throw-in. 01_B31camp10



The younger players in action. 01_B31camp09



The goalkeeper saves and prepares to clear the ball. 01_B31camp01



A player is determined to be first to the ball. 01_B31camp06

Sharks and other marine mammals in

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) is running a year-long media campaign to raise awareness 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 it is focussing on a particular habitat or collective group of inter-linked species. The July instalment features marine mammals and sharks and is sure to interest a wide audience. There is more information on COAST social media or visit www.arrancoast.com.

The annual bloom of plant and animal plankton, as reported in articles in the Banner last month, provides food for many species including small fish which in turn provide food for larger fish and many seabirds around our coast.

Mass plankton blooms, like the one reported around Arran in June this year, give hope that

the increase in food abundance will herald the arrival of some of Scotland's most iconic marine species: marine mammals and sharks.

There are more than 30 species of sharks, skates and rays – fish species known as elasmobranchs that have a skeleton made out of cartilage instead of bone – recorded in Scottish



Left: A small spotted cat shark.

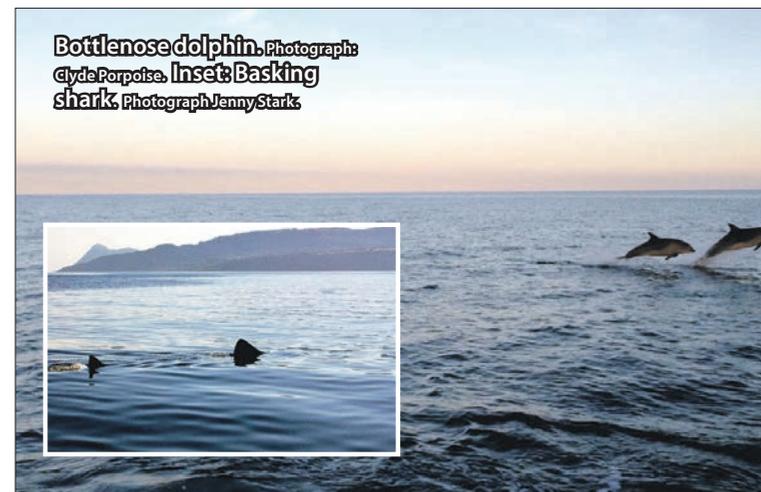
Photograph: Howard Wood.

waters. Around Arran, snorkellers and divers often happen across small-spotted catshark, also known as dogfish, and in 2017 the first cuckoo ray was spotted in the South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA) in 30 years.

Arguably the most noteworthy shark in our seas is the basking shark – the biggest fish in UK waters and second largest in the world – which can grow more than 10m (33 feet) long and weigh up to several tonnes. Unlike most other sharks, these gentle giants feed entirely on plankton, one of only three shark species

worldwide to do so. Basking sharks used to be common visitors to the Firth of Clyde, but their oil-rich livers led to them being hunted here and elsewhere in Scottish waters, with an active fishery in the Clyde until as recently as the 1990s when laws were introduced to protect them.

Today, basking sharks are seasonal visitors to Arran and are most commonly seen in August and September, with numbers varying from year to year. A distinctive 'classic' triangular shark fin is the most visible sign to look out for, along with the tip of the tail



Bottlenose dolphin. Photograph: Clyde Porpoise. Inset: Basking shark. Photograph: Jenny Stark.

fin that can often also be seen. Elsewhere in Arran's seas, you may get lucky and see an array of marine mammals, with seals the easiest to observe. Around the island we have a number of sites where these delightful animals haul out on to rocks to rest, moult and breed. Scotland supports internationally important populations of grey and harbour – also known as common – seals, with Arran's coastlines and seas supporting

healthy 'bobs', or herds, of both. Although the grey seal is more abundant in Scotland, locally you're most likely to see the harbour seal.

At first glance, both species look similar, however, the harbour seal has more of a puppy dog face, while the grey has a longer head and Roman nose. Both species are long lived – approximately 30 years – and feed on a variety of marine species including fish, squid,



Minke whale. Photograph: Jenny Stark.

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This summer the Stroll with It! programme run by North Ayrshire Council's Trinity Active Travel Hub is running regular walks on Arran led by trained volunteer health walk leaders Diana Turbett & Linda Taylor.

Walks last 1 to 1.5 hours, are free, go at a gentle pace, are risk assessed & fit in with bus times.

BRODICK

TUESDAY AUGUST 3RD 11am
Meet at Ormidale Pavilion

LAMLASH

TUESDAY AUGUST 17th 11am
Meet at COAST Discovery Centre

BLACKWATERFOOT

TUESDAY AUGUST 31st 11.15am
Meet at bus shelter opposite Kinloch Hotel

There will be a maximum of 12 places per walk with pre-booking required with Diana - diana.ecosavvy@gmail.com 01770 860 427



the seas of Arran

molluscs and crustaceans. Whilst venturing around the coast, always remember to look out to sea as you may see a cetacean - whale, dolphin or porpoise. The smallest species - the harbour porpoise - are year-round residents in Arran's waters and commonly seen from the ferry. Growing to between 1.3m and 1.8m long, they are easy to miss, as only their rounded backs and small dorsal fin briefly break the water's surface as they travel around in small pods.

If you witness a more flamboyant spectacle, you are likely watching bottlenose dolphins, which enjoy leaping and breaching clear of the water, or playing the waves created by boats. These charismatic creatures grow up to 3.5m long and have a much larger, more pointed dorsal fin than their smaller cousins.

Other cetaceans you could be lucky enough to spot are minke whale, orca, risso's dolphin and common dolphin, all very rare but they have been recorded around the Clyde.

Otters, too, can be readily seen around Arran on any walk around the coast, although they are not always easy to spot. While not a fully marine species - they need ready access to freshwater - otter feed in the shallow waters around the coast, eating crabs and small fish.

Historically the abundance of marine mammals and sharks recorded in the Clyde region were much greater, so much so it is hard for us to appreciate just how numerous they might once have been.

Our seas were once bubbling with marine mammal activity, as described by fisherman P



Otter. Photograph: Jenny Stark.

Wilson in 1887 'at least 40 whales in pairs and hundreds of porpoise feeding' just alongside his boat. It is therefore important to remember the numbers we see now are a fraction of much larger populations that once existed and that action to properly protect and recover these species is still urgently needed.

As top predators, these charismatic animals are vulnerable to any impacts on the marine food web, such as changes in plankton distribution as a result of warming seas and over-fishing of various prey species. All cetacean species, basking sharks, seals and otters are to some degree protected in law, but they are still vulnerable to many other impacts. They continue to be affected by persistent chemicals that can accumulate in their body tissues; they become entangled in marine debris including litter, aquaculture and fishing gear; irresponsible tourism disrupts important breeding, feeding and rest periods, and they can be disturbed by boat traffic and underwater noise.

The protection of seabed habitats and marine life within the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone (NTZ) and South Arran MPA clearly has direct benefits for otters, seals and some of the



Porpoise. Photograph: Clyde Porpoise.



Left: A cuckoo ray. Photograph: Howard Wood.

smaller elasmobranch species, but for wide-ranging transient species such as basking shark and cetaceans, the NTZ and MPA can only provide a limited amount of direct protection.

To ensure the conservation of these charismatic animals we are so fortunate to see around Arran, effective spatial management must be implemented more widely in Scottish seas.

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Business support, just the job

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Kickstart

■ **Available in England Scotland and Wales**
For six months the UK Government funds businesses to provide a job for 16 to 24-year-olds on Universal Credit, who are at risk of becoming long-term unemployed. Funding covers: 100 per cent of the National Minimum Wage, National Insurance contributions and minimum automatic enrolment pension contributions.

Apprenticeships

■ **Available in England only**
Expand skills of people you already employ or create a new job for someone recently made redundant. Current apprenticeship incentives for employers are extended to September 30 and there is a flat payment for all ages of £3,000 for new starts from now until September 30.

Traineeships

■ **Available in England only**
Employers receive £1,000 per trainee for up to 10 trainees per nine regions for providing a work placement lasting a minimum of 70 hours. Allows businesses to help support young people into meaningful work and design a relevant training programme.

T Levels

■ **Available in England only**
These are work placements open to 16 to 19 year olds, designed to help those with entry-level skills, making sure they develop the knowledge, attitude and practical skills to succeed. There are £1,000 incentive payments for employers who host placements between now until 2022.

■ **All businesses should always check eligibility for each scheme.**

Seaweed farm benefits from 'good young talent'

Kickstart employees Courtney Mickley, 22, and Peter Coultas, 24, are helping SeaGrown, the UK's first offshore seaweed farming company, ride the crest of a wave. Co-director of the business, based on two ships, is



PROMOTED: Courtney Mickley.

Wave Crookes. "Courtney has been with us for three months and works in our café and bar. She's excellent with people and really good at the café/bar stuff – so much so that we have promoted her to shift supervisor already. We would never have come across Courtney any other way."

Courtney said: "Working at SeaGrown so far has been an amazing opportunity and experience." Peter, who lives with his partner Charlotte and their six-month-old daughter Charlotte, minutes from the ships, had



struggled to get a job before landing the Kickstart opportunity. He was made redundant from his car valet job as the pandemic first hit. "I have been doing general maintenance. "It is a nice job to wake



KELP HELP: Peter Coultas with SeaGrown boss Wave, inset.

up to, there is something different to do every day. It has boosted my confidence, I am better physically and mentally and love the people."

Wave urged other business bosses to get on board. "Take the leap, fill in the forms and give yourself access to really good young talent."

Boost for Rhyanne's retail career hopes

In April Rhyanne was taken on as a Kickstart Scheme sales assistant at Furniture Works.

"Retail is the line of work I am interested in. I am learning customer



IN THE WORKS: Rhyanne with her boss Sarah Thornton.

relations, product selling, stock control, overseeing deliveries, posting items for sale on Facebook, updating the website, and cash handling," said the 18 year-old. The support she gets from her boss Sarah Thornton, co-director of the company that owns the shop, also helps her overcome anxiety. Rhyanne works 25 hours a week at Furniture Works, part of Futureworks NY, a Community Interest Company founded in 2012. It is a not-for-profit organisation that helps

local learners from school age upwards, enabling them to acquire life skills, confidence, practical skills and some qualifications. "While we don't have sales targets, we encourage Rhyanne to build upon her skills portfolio," said Sarah. Rhyanne added: "One of the many benefits of the scheme is that I will have the skills I need to continue a career in retail."



RETAIL DREAM: Rhyanne Marshall.



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Above: Children enjoy the Viking-themed Celtic art workshop during Arran's fifth Feis Arainn. 01_B31ABtya03



Left: Overseeing the Lochranza Gala Week this year was King Neptune Raymond Jeffrey, and Sea Queen Jessica Kerr. 01_B31ABtya04

Right: The Second Snark, a passenger cruiser operated by Clyde Marine Cruises, is the first passenger cruiser in almost a decade to call at Lochranza Pier since the old pier was demolished. The small vessel sailed in on the tide and spent a few hours at the port. 01_B31ABtya01



Lamlash Open winner Sandy Taylor with scratch winner Donna Jackson and the silver and bronze division winners. 01_B31ABtya06



Whiting Bay Open winner Graeme Mack with scratch winner Craig Young, captain John Dick and two of the main sponsors, Douglas Rae of The Golden Casket and Bob Fisher of Lochranza Distillery. 01_B31ABtya05



John MacDonald of Arran Pipe Band has recently taken up a position near the Brodick pier where he plays the pipes and serenades visitors as they arrive on Arran. 01_B31ABtya02

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Saturday 31st July

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Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Rink Games, Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm

Sunday 1st August

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 2nd August

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am - 4pm

Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 2pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Black-
waterfoot, 4pm

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

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm

Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 7pm

Tuesday 3rd August

Eco Savvy ebike Drop-in Day, Ormidale Pavilion, 10am - 3pm

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

“Stroll with It Arran!”, Ormidale Pavilion,
start 11am - lasts about 1/1.5 hours

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

Pop Music Quiz, suits all ages, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Wednesday 4th August

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

Rock and Pop Bingo, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 5th August

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

Quiz – General Knowledge, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 6th August

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

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm

Saturday 7th August

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Rink Games, Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm



Despite numerous attempts Arran were unable to score in the match against Grange Amateurs. Photo Tam Borland

Defeat sees Arran out of Summer Cup

Grange Amateurs	4
Isle of Arran AFC	0

Summer Challenge Cup

Arran AFC said: ‘Bad day at the office today for the boys, but we deserved what we got against a very good Grange team.’

‘We just need to pick ourselves up and move on from this one. All the best to Grange for the rest of the season.’

‘Thank you to Arran Dairies for sponsoring today’s match.’

The next match for Arran AFC will be a return to Ayrshire Sunday Amateur Football Association’s league games which start on Sunday August 8.

The fixtures are yet to be confirmed.

Arran’s hopes of competing in the Summer Challenge Cup finals were dashed last weekend after a defeat by Grange Amateurs by four goals to nil.

The semi-final match, played at Ardeer Juniors stadium in Stevenston, saw the Arran side face their first loss in the Summer Challenge Cup, having won both games in their group over the past few weeks.

A social medial post by



Out of reach: Grange Amateurs score against a struggling Arran side. Photo: Tam Borland

Sail training takes to the waves again

Scotland’s largest sail-training charity has recommenced its youth work on the waves this week – following a 15-month wait on the shores of Greenock due to the pandemic.

Ocean Youth Trust Scotland regularly visits Arran and supports more than 800 young people each year through life-changing residential youth work at sea. It set sail on Wednesday with a group of young people from St Paul’s Youth Forum in Glasgow.

The voyage is funded by the Scottish government’s cashback for communities programme – an initiative that reinvests criminal assets into life-changing community projects.

The 12-month programme includes land-based youth work activity in schools, and residential activity in the sail training environment.

Young people are taught about risk-taking behaviours on land and at sea, while taking part in other life-skill activities.

Arran Dark

The Isle of Arran Brewery’s Dark Premium Beer is the brewery’s second most awarded beer.

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North Ayrshire Council as Lead Local Authority for the Ayrshire Local Plan District, as identified under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 hereby advise that information contributing to the delivery of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 will be available for consultation from Friday 30 July 2021.

Scotland has been separated into 14 Local Plan Districts, which are based on river catchments. For each Local Plan District, an update to the flood risk management plan will be published by SEPA and a local flood risk management plan will be updated by the lead local authority for that district. This consultation is being delivered in two phases jointly between SEPA and Local Authority.

Phase one, opened in December 2020 and included a summary of flooding in the Local Plan Districts, a description of the Potentially Vulnerable Areas and location of targeted areas.

Phase two includes objectives and actions for managing flood risk in targeted areas. The document includes draft implementation information from the local flood risk management plans providing details on how local actions, planned before 2028, may be delivered and coordinated. Phase 2 of the consultation also includes information and questions on the Strategic Environmental Assessment carried out for the flood risk management plans.

The consultation is available from <https://consultation.sepa.org.uk>. The consultation opened on Monday 21 December 2020 and will close on **Sunday 31 October 2021**. The preferred route for responses during phase two is through the consultation hub, or in writing to: SEPA, Flood Risk Management Consultation, Angus Smith Building, 6 Parklands Avenue Eurocentral, Holytown, North Lanarkshire, ML1 4WQ.

Hard copies of the documents and questions are available upon request. Selected sections may be translated by SEPA on request if required. For further information, contact FRMplanning@sepa.org.uk with the subject title FRM consultation or call 07747 627671. Due to current restrictions, we are not able to accommodate requests for this information at SEPA offices.

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

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

Sunday 1st August

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

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Sunday 1st August

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DEATH

MORRISON - Mr David C. of Lenzie, Glasgow and lifelong lover of Arran, full time member of Whiting Bay Golf Club sadly passed away at Beatson clinic, Glasgow on the 21st July 2021.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GREEN - Bert, Gina, Susan & Vicky would like to thank family & friends for all the lovely cards & flowers received at the sad passing of a beloved husband, father and Papa. Also the Doctors & Nurses at AWMH & Shiskine Surgery and Clair and David Hendry. Your kindness has been a great comfort at this difficult time.

ARRAN BANNER GOLF



Whiting Bay Golf Club's 2021 Open Champion Cameron Hill with his trophies and his proud mum and dad.

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2 Sandy Pringle 14, 60 acb, 3 David Morrison 9, 60 acb, 4 Robert McNaught 17, 60 acb. Scott Adair produced the best scratch score with a well worked 66 that began with an eagle 2 at the 1st. The remaining 2s came from Graeme Crichton @2nd, Neil Richardson @7th and David Morrison, Brian Murray and Scott Murray, all @17th.

Fixtures: Sunday August 1, Nestor's Jug, Stableford. Wednesday August 4, McNicol Cup.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 22, Summer Cup: 1 Scott Macfarlane 69-9=60, 2 Paul Cowan 67-5=62, 3 Dylan Smith 76-13=63 BIH, 4 Dougie Macfarlane 65-2=63. Best scratch, Craig Young 64. Magic twos, Graeme Andrew and Alastair Crawford @ 16th, Norrie MacIntyre @ 17th, Scott Macfarlane @ 15th, Paul Jameson @ 13th, Craig Young @ 4th, 9th and 14th. Par 4 hole drawn, winners Scott Macfarlane @ 15th and Craig Young @ 9th. Sunday July 25, Scratch Cup. 1 Iain Murchie 74-7=67, 2 Alan Campbell 81-12=69, 3 Billy Skinner 90-19=71. Best scratch, Iain



Winners of the SWI 12-hole competition are, left to right, Jerry Arthur winner, Piet Johnston second and Alice Anderson scratch.



The main prize winners at the Lamlash Ladies Open.

Murchie 74. Fixtures: Sunday August 1, Hamilton Bowl [Bogey] final round, noon draw. Thursday August 5, Summer Cup, make up own groups and see starter for times. Friday August 6, Dan Crawford Salver [Stableford] and Lamlash Open practice day, make up own groups and see starter for times. Saturday August 7, Lamlash Open round one. Saturday August 8, Lamlash Open round two. Places still available for Lamlash Open, phone 600196 or 600296 to register.

Ladies' section: A total of 43 ladies took part in the Lamlash Ladies' Open on a very hot and sunny day. Fortunately it was played over 15 holes so the ladies did not need to climb up and around the triangle.

The playing conditions were

very tricky, the ladies never knowing where the ball would end up on the fast fairways. Putting on several of the greens was extremely challenging but even in these conditions someone always manages to conquer the course. This year's overall winner was Gay Mackay with a net 50. Congratulations to Gay as she retained the trophy from two years ago when the club last had an Open. The ladies of Lamlash would like to thank all the sponsors for their generosity in helping to provide an excellent array of prizes. Overall winner, Gay Mackay nett 50, scratch, Ann May gross 62. Silver: 1 Yvonne Brothers nett 55 acb, 2 Ann MacVicar nett 55 acb, 3 Susan Butchard nett 55. Bronze: 1 Jenny Pattenden net 52, 2 Sharon Percy net 59, 3 Alison Heron net 60.

SWI Golf

Thursday July 22, 12-hole competition. A total of 12 ladies played on a very warm and sunny day at Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club. 1 Jerry Arthur 61-22=39, scratch, Alice Anderson 55-12=43, 2 Piet Johnston 57-13=44, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 60-15=45. Scratch, Alice Anderson 55-12=43. The raffle raised £70 which will go to the Arran Federation.

Fixture: Monday August 23, SWI 18-hole greensome. The national finals will be hosted by Wigtownshire Federation at Portpatrick Dunskey Golf Club. The two teams representing Arran are Clare Buchanan and Jerry Arthur, and Piet Johnston and Fiona Scott. Piet and Fiona are the holders of the Mitchell Trophy which they won when the finals were played in Shiskine in 2019. Good luck to both teams.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday July 21, Fairs Cup round one: 1 W Paton 67-8-59 and scratch, 2 Q Oliver 87-27-60, 3 A McDonald 79-17-62. Saturday July 24, Medal. 1 D Logan 71-13-58 and scratch, 2 equal J McGovern 73-13-60, 2 equal Q Oliver 86-26-60. Fixtures: Saturday July 31, 18-hole medal. Wednesday August 4, 18-hole medal second round. Competitors please adhere to current Covid regulations and make up your own pairings.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday July 25, Gents Sunday Stableford: 1 W Paton 29pts, 2 J Davidge 28pts, 3 T Ellis 27pts. Magic twos, W Paton, R Traill, C Watson, A Stewart, J Salton.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday July 20, Peter Sutton: 1 John Milesi 65, 2 Alex Morrison-Cowan 67, 3 John Pennycott 72. Fixtures: Tuesday August 3, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off 12.30pm. Anyone intending to play in the evening please contact Brian by Monday.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 21, Summer Cup, 33 played. Sam Tattersfield 77-18=59, John May 84-23=61 acb, Don Rudge 88-27=61. Scratch, Bruce Jenkins and Frazer Barr 72. Sunday June 25, Club Trophy, 28 played. Iain MacDonald 72-10=62 acb, Sam Tattersfield 79-17=62, Kenny McMillan 75-12=63 acb. Scratch, Iain MacDonald 72. Fixture: Sunday August 1, Brandon Qualifier.



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Cameron lifts Whiting Bay trophy with eagle

Whiting Bay Golf Club

ARRAN BANNER GOLF

Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25, The Hunter Furnishings Whiting Bay Golf Club Gents' Open.

After the tribulations of last year, the Gents' Open returned with, as has become traditional, beautiful golfing weather over both days.

Bright sunshine and a dry running course made for a wonderful golfing experience for the large fields that participated and led to some exceptional scoring.

Saturday July 24, The Bank of Scotland Cup, 93 played: 1 Scott Murray 7, 56, 2 John Pennycott 11, 58 acb, 3 Andrew Martin 14, 58, 4 Fraser McKenzie 16, 61. Craig Young of the Balmore Golf Club returned the lowest gross score of 62.

A total of 14 Magic twos were recorded and a full list is available on the club's website. The major prize generously donated by Hunter Furnishing for the 1st hole-in-one of the event remained unclaimed.

Sunday July 25, The Royal Bank of Scotland Cup, 87 played: 1 Cameron Hill 13, 53, 2 Douglas Auld 18, 58, 3 David Brookens 11, 59, 4 Brian Murray 8, 60. Craig Young again returned the lowest gross score, this time a fine 64, and he also claimed the sponsor's hole-in-one prize by acing the 17th.

Congratulations Craig and here's to many years of relaxation on your new recliner. A total of 14 magic twos were recorded and the full list is available on the club's website. This year's Whiting Bay Gents Open winner is Cameron Hill whose score of 119 pipped Andy Martin on a countback.

Scott Murray took third place on 122 with John Pennycott in fourth place on 124. Cameron's eagle two on the 18th hole on Sunday clearly proved crucial. Many congratulations to him on a fine golfing performance over both days.

The best scratch total came from Craig Young on 126.

Thanks go to Neil Richardson and Hunter Furnishings for their generous sponsorship. The provision of a major prize for the first hole-in-one was a new experience for us but one that certainly generated a large measure of interest in the event.

Thanks also to Arran Dairies, The Arran Butcher and Woolley's, all of whom went the extra mile to assist us when demand threatened to outstrip supply. A huge thank you to all those who toiled on the course and in the clubhouse.

Stewart's work on the course has often been mentioned in reports this year and for our flagship event he made sure the course once again exceeded expectations.

In the clubhouse John Simmons and his helpers, Louise, Nanci Bremner and Jenni Mack worked wonders while Jamie the Train and his army of little shunters kept



Whiting Bay winners: Scott Murray with the Bank of Scotland Cup and Cameron Hill with the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup.

up the rapid supply of burgers. The remaining Covid-19 restrictions meant that access to the clubhouse was limited and controlled but with everyone's co-operation and understanding, the pop-up beer garden behind the home green proved a pleasant spot to enjoy the warm weather and some welcome refreshment.

Finally, thanks to all participants for their support and to their families and friends who contributed so well to the party atmosphere at the club. Hopefully we'll see you all back next year.

Fixtures: Sunday August 1, Nestor's Jug, Stableford. Wednesday August 4, McNicol Cup.

Wednesday July 21, The McLintock Cup. An elegant Edwardian cup presented to the club in 1908, The McLintock is one of the club's oldest trophies and although thought of as the warm up for our open weekend, it is in itself a prestigious event.

A total of 36 played in this year's version and despite the tricky conditions presented by a sun-baked (we don't often get the chance to say that) course

scoring at the top of the leaderboard was good.

Cameron Hill, fresh from his runners-up spot in the Raymond Curtis, went one better this time to win with a nett 59. 1 Cameron Hill 15, 59,

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