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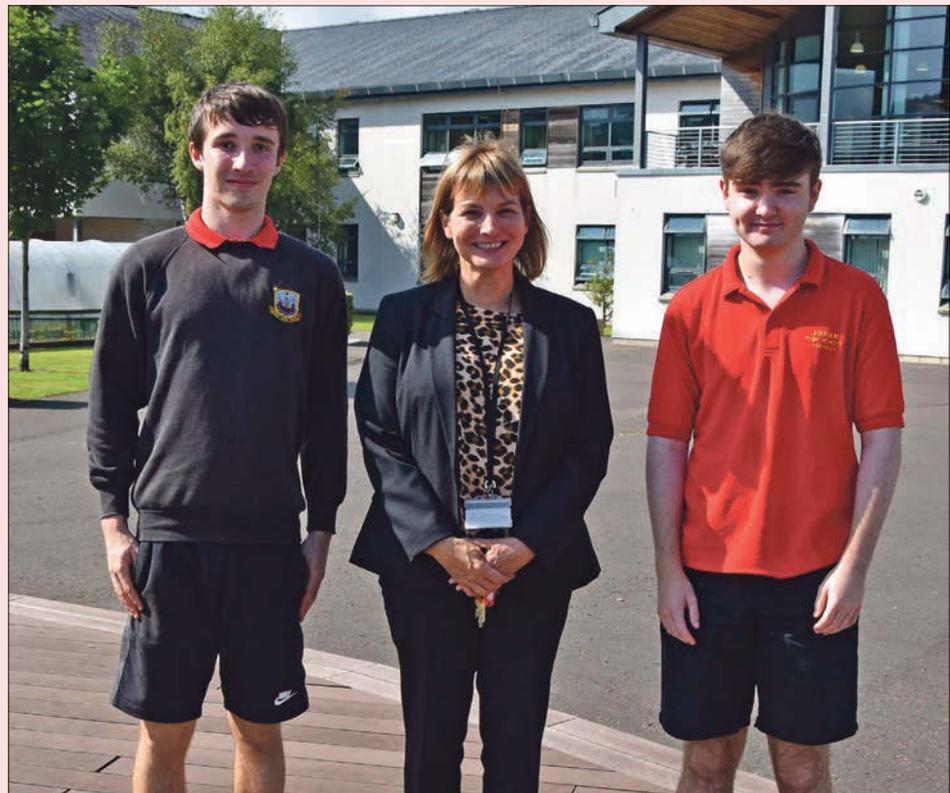
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# Growing fears health centre may not re-open in Brodick

## Arran High School Dux at the double

This year's Arran High School Dux award has been jointly given to Milo Godwin and Mackenzie Campbell. Head teacher Susan Foster is pictured with the winning pair at the school prizegiving this week.

See pages 10 and 11 for the full story and more photographs. 01\_B35dux01



by Colin Smeeton  
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## Covid test centre to stay until March 2022

There is growing concern Brodick Health Centre, which is currently being used as a Covid testing centre, may never re-open following the pandemic.

It was confirmed this week it will remain a testing centre until at least March next year.

In the meantime, residents of Brodick and the north of the island will need to keep travelling to alternative medical centres elsewhere on the island.

The Brodick centre closed for general medical services in June last year and a concerned patient, who previously used the facility, told the Banner: 'Brodick residents are facing difficulties going to doctor's appointments in other villages due to the Brodick surgery being completely closed to appointments.

'Residents have to travel to Shiskine or Lamlash. These

appointments do not always fit into bus timetables and many residents do not have cars. Some are having to resort to taxis, at considerable cost.

'If, as is being mooted, Brodick is permanently closed, surely there must be a free travel system put in place similar to the wonderful ArCaS one for those travelling to the mainland for chemotherapy and cancer treatments. Residents who need help in any way should get it.

'There did not seem to be any consultation with any local group, to my knowledge, that Brodick would be totally inaccessible to patients.

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The Arran Covid-19 test centre will remain at Brodick Health Centre until at least next March.



## Fears Brodick may not re-open

Continued from page one.

“There are many elderly and infirm people who will feel helpless when asked to go to Lamlash or Shiskine. Cost and accessibility are definitely issues, especially when their illness is taken into the equation. Who thought this was a good idea?”

Craig McArthur, director of East Ayrshire health and social care, responded: “Brodick Health Centre is currently being used as the Covid-19 testing site for Arran residents.

“The health centre was identified as the most central and accessible location on the island and has been used since June 2020 as an integral part of NHS Ayrshire and Arran’s Covid testing programme with more than 1,600 tests carried out so far. The site will continue to be used as a Covid testing centre until at least March 2022 and

this will be kept under review. To ensure general medical services continue to be provided to Arran residents, the GP practice sites at Lamlash and Shiskine remain open.

“Patients can access GP services and other healthcare professionals appropriate to their need at these two locations. The site at Whiting Bay also remains open for limited services. Whilst a central location for testing, we are aware Brodick Health Centre is also the most central location for patients accessing GP and healthcare services. This will be taken into consideration as part of the GP practice remobilisation plans as we continue to phase out of the Covid pandemic.”

There was no mention of Lochranza Health Centre which only offered a limited service before the pandemic began.

# Parents urged to get children vaccinated against flu this winter

Parents are being encouraged to get primary and secondary school children vaccinated against flu this winter as the Covid-19 pandemic shows little sign of being over.

Scotland this week recorded its highest number of daily cases since the pandemic began with first minister Nicola Sturgeon warning she cannot rule out the re-introduction of some Covid restrictions.

Health secretary Humza Yousaf said: ‘Flu can be extremely serious and is very infectious. With Covid-19 still circulating in the community, we can best protect the people

of Scotland by encouraging everyone eligible to get vaccinated against flu too.

“That’s why this flu season, we are extending the vaccination programme and offering the flu vaccine to around four million people in Scotland, including all primary and secondary school children. This will help to protect those most at risk as well as ease pressure on our National Health Service and social care services. The vaccines are safe and the best way to help protect you and others from flu this winter.’

NHS Ayrshire and Arran wants parents to ensure the flu vaccine consent forms being distributed through primary and secondary schools this week are completed and returned to schools before Tuesday August 31 to protect their children, family and friends from flu this winter.

Secondary school pupils will join all primary school children in Scotland in being eligible for this year’s flu vaccine, given as a painless nasal spray at school.

Consent packs containing a letter, leaflet and consent form will be sent home to parents and carers of primary school children. Consent forms must be returned within seven days.

Secondary school pupils will also receive a consent pack,



Parents are being urged to consent to the flu vaccination for their children.

with letter, leaflet and consent form for their parent/carers.

They will also receive a digital leaflet with information, which will be emailed from school, or they can request paper copies at school. Consent forms must be returned within seven days. Secondary pupils can self-consent, though they are encouraged to speak to a parent or carer first.

Dr Elvira Garcia, consultant in public health medicine for NHS Ayrshire and Arran said: ‘It’s more crucial than ever that as many eligible people as possible get vaccinated against flu, so please ensure your child’s completed consent form is returned on time if you wish them to receive the vaccine. If you have any questions or concerns about the vaccine, you can visit [nhsinform.scot](http://nhsinform.scot)

or speak to a health or immunisation team, practice nurse, or GP.’

The flu vaccine will be given in schools between September and December. The flu virus changes every year, so you need to get the vaccine every year to stay protected. The flu vaccine cannot give you flu, but it can stop you catching it.

The Covid-19 vaccine does not offer any protection from flu. You need to get the separate flu vaccine. In a small number of cases, the nasal spray may not be suitable, and the vaccine can instead be given as an injection in the arm.

For more information about the flu vaccine, visit [www.nhsinform.scot/childflu](http://www.nhsinform.scot/childflu), call 0800 030 8013 or speak to a health or immunisation team, practice nurse or GP.

## Cancer patients need more cash

The Scottish Government is being urged to ensure North Ayrshire and Arran cancer patients are treated as quickly as possible.

The call comes from West Scotland MSP Jamie Greene, following the release of new figures.

The latest statistics show that 21 per cent of cancer patients in NHS Ayrshire and Arran Health Board have waited longer than the SNP’s 62-day target to begin their first treatment after being urgently referred during the Covid pandemic. Across Scotland as a whole, almost 2,000 patients have exceeded this 62-day target between January and March of this year.

Mr Greene believes the recent announcement of £10 million from health secretary Humza Yousaf to improve cancer waiting times across Scotland is not enough to guarantee patients will be treated urgently and is backing proposals to invest £600 million into the health service to specifically target treatment waiting times.

Mr Greene said: “These figures highlight the devastating effects the pandemic has had on so many cancer patients across North Ayrshire and SNP Ministers must go further and faster to urgently tackle the backlog.

‘Being treated as quickly as possible gives patients the best chance of survival, but the key targets are being missed time and again.

‘Even before Covid, patients were facing long waits, but now the situation for cancer patients requires even greater attention and resources.’

Making the announcement, Mr Yousaf said: “This £10 million will enable boards to further recover and redesign cancer services for patients across Scotland and drive improvements in waiting times.”

Over the coming weeks, the funding will be divided between Scotland’s 14 health boards to enhance cancer services where they are needed most.

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# Hero Liz springs into action to get Lynn home

Liz Mclean, store manager of the Co-op in Brodick, has once again demonstrated why she is the recipient of the order of the British Empire (BEM) after coming to the rescue of an elderly lady stuck in hospital on the mainland.

Named as a Covid hero, Liz was awarded her BEM last year for her work during the pandemic which included going above and beyond for customers on Arran, particularly elderly and vulnerable members of the community.

The story started last Thursday when Lynn Ross, of Glen Estate retirement housing complex, called Liz to cancel her weekly shopping order as she was not going to be at home following two weeks of treatment at Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock.

Lynn was actually ready to be discharged on Thursday but was told she had to wait until Monday before she could receive an ambulance to transport her to the ferry. Despite the nurses' best efforts to secure transport, they had no success and were told they needed to provide 48 hours'

notice. Lynn picks up the story: 'I resigned myself to reading more books on my Kindle and relying on my cousin Claire in Kilmarnock to do another load of washing for me.'

'I couldn't take the risk of going to Ardrossan by taxi in case there was a problem with the ferry.'

'So I phoned the Co-op to cancel my weekly order.'

Hearing the disappointment in Lynn's voice, Liz asked Lynn how she was recovering and was astounded to hear of the situation Lynn found herself in.

## Phoning

Liz immediately sprang into action and started phoning around to see how she could help.

Liz told the Banner: 'When I heard of Lynn's predicament I thought this is not right. Lynn is a lovely lady and I knew that whatever obstacles were in her way of getting home and recovering, they could surely be overcome.'

She negotiated with two taxi companies, Mainland Taxis on the mainland and ARC Private Hire on Arran, and secure

assisted boarding at Ardrossan after speaking to Brodick port manager Colin McCort.

With these arrangements in place Liz convinced the nurses at Crosshouse to discharge Lynn, although there were some good-humoured quips about Lynn being returned home via a Co-op delivery van.

Lynn added: 'It all went smoothly and I was home by 6pm on Thursday. Liz also had my shopping delivered later in the evening.'

'I am very, very grateful to Liz Mclean and Carol Harwood from the Co-op, Colin McCort at CalMac, Mainland Taxis and ARC Private Hire, as well as the helicopter service, the nurses and staff at Arran Hospital and all at ward 2F at Crosshouse.'

In addition to Liz being characteristically humble about her accomplishment and refusing to take all of the credit for her assistance, she is going to write to Arran MP Patricia Gibson to see what can be done to prevent such a situation arising again.

Liz is due to be presented with her BEM next month.



Liz Mclean of the Brodick Co-op visits Lynn Ross at her home with a box of chocolates.

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## Appeal after pensioner hurt in crash at Sannox Bridge

A pensioner was airlifted to hospital after a serious road crash at Sannox Bridge on Arran which left him fighting for his life.

Police Scotland is appealing for information following the crash which happened on Thursday August 19.

Around 2.55pm, a 71-year-old man was cycling north along the A841 at Sannox Bridge, near Corrie Golf Club, and appears to have lost control, falling onto the southbound carriageway.

Emergency services attended and the man was taken by air ambulance to Crosshouse Hospital for treatment. Medical staff described his condition as critical.

Sergeant Craig Beaver from the divisional

road policing unit based at Irvine said: 'The road was relatively busy at the time of the incident, with other cyclists and motorists, and it is important we speak to anyone who may have information to help us establish the full circumstances.'

## Dash-cams

'I am appealing for any witness to get in touch and would also urge motorists with dash-cams, who were travelling on the A841 at the time, to please check their footage for anything of relevance.'

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The final night of the Whiting Bay Music and Drama Club series of short plays, which have been on every Tuesday night in August at Whiting Bay Hall, is on August 31.

And unless you get along, you will miss out on what packed audiences have been enjoying throughout the month.

The collection of short, quirky plays have been written by members Chris and Jan Attkins and, as the name suggests, they are light-hearted, humorous and have been raising laughs.

The cast consists of seasoned actors and familiar faces on the Arran acting scene: Allan Nicol, David Simpkin, Patrick and Beverley Scott, Stacey Gordon and Shannon Galbraith.

Doors open at 7pm with curtain-up 7.30pm prompt. Tickets, £5, are available at the door. The audience are seated at tables and people are being encouraged to bring drinks and snacks to add to the enjoyment and to celebrate a return to some form of normality.

See next week's Banner for a full review of the event.

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# Arran staff shortages reaching critical level

by Hugh Boag  
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The extent of the staffing crisis facing Arran businesses has been laid bare in a new survey.

The snapshot survey conducted by VisitArran for the Arran Recovery Group also shows where businesses in the hospitality and tourism sector are being hardest hit and looks at what solutions, if any, can be found.

All businesses have had considerable staff shortages over the summer season and 56 per cent had experienced staff shortages prior to this period.

Of these vacancies, 25 per cent were long term; 12.5 per cent were short term; 56.25 per cent were both and 6.25 per cent related to dependency on students who are returning to full-time education.

The survey found that the 16 businesses which responded had 107 vacancies between them. But given the survey was carried out in a limited timeframe and during a time of additional pressure on businesses, at the height of the recently ferry disruption, the true figures are expected to be much higher.

One medium-sized business said: 'Everyone will have built up holidays which we will be unable to honour given shortages so will need to close



Finding waiting staff is just one of the many challenges facing the hospitality industry on Arran.

to give holidays or change business model.'

Asked for the reasons behind staff shortages, the biggest was housing shortages, which came ahead of the Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit.

When asked what way staff shortages had impacted business, the impact on health was high, both for owners and staff, loss of income was also cited as was reduced service and/or hours and the inability to plan ahead. Businesses were asked

to suggest any solutions that could alleviate staffing issues and 10 of those respondents highlighted affordable housing as being vital in recruiting staff. Other issues covered improving bus services, linking in more with Arran High School careers department, reduced tax for hospitality and, of course, the impact in employing people when the ferry service is so unreliable.

Projected staff shortages for the coming winter were, the

survey found, difficult to estimate but three businesses said they wouldn't open in winter. One couldn't make a guess and the remaining 12 had a total of 75 vacancies so far. Winter opening is also seen as raising fresh challenges.

VisitArran chief executive Sheila Gilmore said: 'I think this highlights that everyone is doing their best under very trying circumstances. Everyone wants to give their best customer service at all

times, and if you're covering extra shifts or working with limited team members, there can be a great deal of pressure. As such, we'd ask all customers to please be kind, be patient and be appreciative. We are all in this together.'

The number of job vacancies in vital education and health services are also revealed in the snapshot, with a warning the true picture is likely to be even worse.

There are currently 19 vacancies across all health and social care services on the island and Arran Medical Group says this has not changed for the last three to four years and runs between 15 to 20 posts on average, with the cost of housing always cited as the key issue facing applicants.

Most posts are offered with a relocation package, access to a staff house that is rented as a stop gap till they find suitable accommodation, but this does not suit most as it is a shared house and many have families.

Health officials say if the proposed integrated hub where the Arran health and social care partnership can consolidate 24/7 staffing does not happen, this will continue to be a major challenge in delivering care. And unless affordable housing is made available soon, this again will have significant impact on care.

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## Consultation to end fire alarm call-outs

Fire chiefs have aired plans to end automatic attendance at fire alarms in workplaces in North Ayrshire.

The service has launched a consultation over the move to downgrade de facto turnout for automated warning systems.

But one councillor has criticised the proposal, branding it a 'cynical' ploy to cut firefighter numbers.

Kilbirnie councillor Donald L Reid told North Ayrshire's Police, Fire and Rescue Committee last week: 'Call me cynical, but I suspect they will want to cut back on the number of firemen employed.'

The suggestion, however, was denied by Scottish Fire and Rescue officers. Station commander Kevin Rennie told the meeting: 'I would rather see the service turn up to my mother who is in a wheelchair rather than turn out to non-domestic premises for an unwanted alarm.'

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service bosses have launched a consultation over plans

to downgrade the response to what they described as 'unwanted fire alarm signals' – when automatic warning systems are operated for a cause other than actual fire.

In a consultation document on the topic, the service says it responds to an average of 28,479 such calls every year, caused by the activation of automatic systems in the workplace.

Scottish Fire and Rescue says the systems are designed to provide early detection and save lives, but instead 97 per cent of such call-outs are false alarms. They have compiled a range of options to tackle the issue – out to public consultation until October.

Area commander Iain McMeekin told councillors: 'It's a 12-week consultation on how we respond to automatic fire alarms, particularly unwanted fire alarm signals.'

Further details on the consultation can be found at: <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/consultations/ufas-consultation.aspx>

## Arran Library re-opens to public



Library assistant Nickey Summer is looking forward to welcoming visitors back to the Arran Library. 01\_B35library01

Arran Library in Brodick has re-opened to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 4pm.

Staff have an extensive cleaning schedule in place and are requesting visitor details for Test and Trace, along with a one-way entry and exit system to ensure social distancing.

Any customers not wishing to visit the library can still use the call and collect system.

Bookbug will continue on Friday mornings at 11am, weather permitting, however, there will be limited access to PCs. The printing and photocopying service will still be available and the mobile library van is also anticipated to return to service soon.

Library assistant Nickey Summer said: 'We look forward to seeing all our regular, and maybe some new, borrowers soon.'

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## Surgery doubt

We have considerable sympathy for the former patients of Brodick Health Centre who are concerned for the future of their GP surgery.

They accepted without question when the health centre was closed and converted into the island's Covid testing centre. We were in the middle of a pandemic and at the time, given its central location, it seemed the right thing to do.

But it is its very central location that makes the surgery ideal to serve both Brodick as well as Corrie and increasingly the north end of the island as well.

And we feel sorry for older residents without a car being given appointments in Lamlash and Shiskine and occasionally Whiting Bay – when offered anything more than a telephone call.

It emerged this week health officials on the island still favour an integrated hub which can consolidate all the work of the health and social care partnership into 24/7 staffing.

But where this will be and how long it will take remain unanswered questions.

What should be made clear to patients now is how the Arran Medical Group, and their health partners, intend to redeploy the island's GP practices once the pandemic is over.

It is only fair to everyone who uses the service that they should at least be given a say.

## Thought for the week

'Everyone who makes himself great will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be made great.' Luke 14:11

## Weekly ferry crisis

Sir,  
I am writing this on the 6pm ferry from Ardrossan to Brodick on Friday August 20.

I estimate the boat is less than a third full, but I was unable to book my car on the ferry as the website intimated the sailing was fully booked.

I realise there is a problem at the current time due to crew members and staff testing positive for Covid.

However, I have to ask the question - how many other drivers left their cars at Ardrossan, when they could have been comfortably accommodated on this sailing?

Does CalMac want to make money, or is it happy to just take government (taxpayer) money and carry on?

Every week seems to bring a new crisis. How long can this go on? Only until all the relevant parties take steps to run a decent service.

Yours,  
Alastair Crawford,  
Eaglesham and Lamlash.

## Waverley overjoyed

Sir,  
On Monday August 23, I was aboard the Waverley sailing to Campbeltown from Lochranza. It was an afternoon of pure delight as the ship raced along over calm seas and the sun shone.

Aboard were the happiest group of passengers I have ever witnessed. The crew were friendly, helpful and kind. We were supported as we stepped from the gangway to find the town welcoming and the shops amazing.

My purchases from The Red Cross charity shop were good value and in a back street we sat out enjoying fresh lentil soup.

The sail back to Arran was superb. We sat by

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Reader and regular contributor to the Banner, Allan Napier of Catacol, has once again photographed an unusual sight in Kilbrannan Sound. It is of the Queen Elizabeth, the £400 million, transatlantic cruise ship operated by the Cunard Line, as it makes its way past the north of Arran in the mist. The ship is 964.5 feet in length and carries 2,081 guests and 1,005 crew. It is named after the more famous Queen Elizabeth 2 which retired in 2008 and is now a floating hotel in Dubai.

the rail, sipping refreshments. There was a fresh breeze at our stern and the three attempts we sat through, in order to berth, were enjoyable for us - perhaps not to those on the bridge.

Mighty cheers arose when we were finally about to dock.

Many memories of previous sails came to me as I walked about the boat. Thanks to everyone whose hard work made the day possible for all the passengers.

Yours,  
Anne Hodge,  
Sandbraes.

## New ferry minister misses a trick – or a new menu?

Sir,  
Good to see that CalMac has time to get its priorities right - new menu rather than new boat.

Will this new instant menu mean fewer catering staff or do we need a RMT approved microwave supervisor to ensure no breach of health and safety?

Also impressed with new bins to meet green requirements while new and anticipated vessel - if any ever appear - will still be diesel guzzlers compared to alternatives.

Encouraging to see that Transport Scotland has time to approve a new menu but none to search for competent vessels for the west coast.

I'm surprised no Dundee Cake has been offered as our new ferry minister Graeme Dey is from South Angus, not yet able to influence decisions but probably a foretaste of future influence.

Reliably informed he knows more about the Roads to Dundee than the isles!

Yours,  
John Lamont,  
Whiting Bay.

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# Prime development site is put up for sale in Brodick

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A rare development opportunity in a prime position in Brodick has become available.

At offers over £350,000, there is already said to be lots of initial interest in the large plot of land adjacent to the Douglas Hotel, which is owned by the hotel and previously had planning permission for development.

In 2016, the hotel unveiled plans for 59 self-contained holiday units in a new woodland hotel development which would have seen the 12 Apostles of Catacol replicated in modern form. However, the proposal never went ahead before the death of Douglas Hotel owner Sean Hendry two years ago and planning permission has now lapsed.

The site is now being marketed by estate agents KW Caledonia which, in its sales material, say the 0.8-acre site

‘offers outstanding potential to be developed into several residential units or to be sold as serviced building plots, both of which would be in huge demand.’

‘The land is competitively priced and currently contains the building of a former garden centre,’ it adds.

‘The land is accessed via the car park and ancillary areas of the Douglas Hotel as well as Shore Road and there are walled boundaries to Shore Road.’

‘To give an idea of previous development plans for the site, the land has previously been granted planning permission for 59 self-contained holiday units, however, this permission has now lapsed.’

‘New planning permission would need to be sought with local authorities for the new owner’s plans for the site.’

‘It should also be noted the site has a number of trees with Preservation Orders and we hold a report on file which is



Above: The entrance to the development site and the former garden centre.

Left: An aerial view of the site near Brodick ferry terminal.

available to prospective buyers to view if required.

‘Development land is currently in high demand on the island, therefore this plot offers an enticing, truly unique proposition for budding or ex-

perienced developers to tackle a new project.’

The sales material adds: ‘The

plot is very well connected as it is situated just off the A841, Arran’s primary transport

route, ensuring swift travel across the island and links to nearby amenities.’

## Glamping pods get go ahead at Machrie

Revised plans for a new glamping pod site at Machrie have been approved, despite local objections.

The original proposal was for a motorhome short-stay park (Aire) plus six luxury glamping pods which was later withdrawn after the application attracted more than 30 objections.

In a supporting statement for his new application for 10 glamping pods and associated facilities at Tormore Cottage, applicant Angus Smith told planners: ‘This received a relatively high degree of just and unjust objections which generally concerned themselves with the visual intrusiveness of parked motorhomes in this location and the interruption of the scenic views from the elevated walk to the Kings Caves.’

‘Some objections suggested the proposal would somehow directly spoil the Machrie Moor Standing Stones or the Machrie Low Moss Hen Harrier breeding area, but both

are absurd straw-clutching suggestions. The developers have clearly and commensurably altered their plans to take into consideration all sensible and relevant comments made and re-submitted their proposals accordingly. This has resulted in a very practical and sympathetic plan for 10 well-spaced wooden glamping pods, with associated reception hut and vehicle parking.’

‘The revised proposal now has all motorhome and camper van facilities removed. It displays a structure with mono-pitch green living roof (turf roof), wood chipping path surfaces and similar visual and ecologically considered measures, precisely to satisfy such meaningful and relevant objections as put forward by local people and the wealthy second-home owners in the area.’

‘With specific reference to the North Ayrshire Local Development Plan (adopted in 2019) I would consider the current glamping park pro-

posal for Tormore in Machrie to be extremely well aligned and firmly in accordance with the relevant policies and conditions

‘In conclusion, with all the serious objection comments addressed in the modified proposal using advice and guidance obtained from the above professional bodies detailed consultations, it can be safely assumed this proposal is fully compliant with the North Ayrshire local development plan and, in my view, planning permission should be granted without hesitation.’

‘This business will be an excellent contributor to the Arran local green economic recovery, provide employment opportunities for young people on Arran and provide the Arran tourism portfolio with an inexpensive, well-designed Covid-19 compliant facility for the new generation of ‘staycation’ visitors.’

The application was granted by North Ayrshire Council planners with nine conditions.

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# Head injury victim evacuated by rescue helicopter

A woman with a serious head injury had to be evacuated from the blue pools in Glen Rosa last Wednesday after Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) was sent to help.

The team was called out around 12.50pm and upon arrival at the scene they treated the casualty and prepared her for a medical evacuation due to the seriousness of the injuries.

Rescue 199, the HM Coastguard rescue helicopter from Prestwick, arrived shortly after and the casualty was taken to a mainland hospital for further treatment.

An AMRT spokesperson said: 'We wish the casualty a speedy recovery. Thanks to everyone for their assistance.'

Rescuers package up the casualty before transporting her to the awaiting helicopter. Inset: Team members return to base following the successful evacuation of the casualty.



## Island health and wellbeing groups invited to apply for funding

Community groups and organisations that promote health, social care and wellbeing on Arran are being invited to apply for funding from the Scottish Government's Healthy Islands Fund.

The £1.3 million fund is open to groups focusing on health and wellbeing projects on Scottish islands with applicants able to receive up to £100,000 for capital projects or up to £5,000 of revenue funding.

The fund is being delivered on behalf of the Scottish Government by Inspiring Scotland which also delivered the Islands Green Recovery Programme in 2020 and the Island Communities fund in 2021, both support developing sustainable island economies.

Cabinet secretary for rural affairs and islands Mairi Gougeon said: 'I am pleased to see this new fund open to support the delivery of our National Islands Plan. The Healthy Islands Fund, which is being delivered on behalf of the Scottish Government by Inspiring Scotland, aims to provide islanders with opportunities and services to support their health and wellbeing in a post-pandemic recovery. This might include, for example, the provision of sporting equipment, training for clubs or the delivery of much needed mental health services.'

Celia Tennant, chief executive officer of Inspiring Scotland, added: 'The Scottish Government's new Healthy Islands Fund will support our island communities in engaging in healthy lifestyle choices, in turn supporting their physical and mental wellbeing. This new funding stream will build on the work of the Scottish Government's Island Communities Fund helping our islands to build back greener, healthier and happier post Covid-19.'

The deadline to apply is noon on Friday September 17 and further information, including application material and resources to support applicants, is available on the Inspiring Scotland website at [www.inspiringscotland.org.uk](http://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk)

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# Lynn finds Arran solutions to create pure island piece

by Colin Smeeton  
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Hampered by being unable to source materials for her artwork during the pandemic, artist Lynn Jones has kept it local and found materials close to home to create a pure Arran piece of felt art.

Operating from her studio in Whiting Bay, Lynn from Lynn's Art On Arran, created the felt picture of an Arran landscape, using Arran wool, which is dyed with organic ingredients from the island.

The project started last year when the pandemic struck and Lynn found it difficult to get hold of the merino fleeces which are mostly imported from Australia and New Zealand.

With help from a small grant from Creative Scotland - which offered support for artists during the pandemic - Lynn set about creating her pure Arran piece with a carding machine purchased with the grant funds.

Next, she sourced some fleeces from local farms, Bellevue farm in Blackwaterfoot and Creagraineach farm in Kildonan, as well as some alpaca fleece from Arran Alpacas at Balmichael.

After washing and carding the fleece, she began looking



The results of Lynn's fleece dyeing experiments using organic natural dyes.

for natural dyes on the island. 'I wanted everything that went in the dye pot to be from Arran,' said Lynn.

Foxglove flowers, cow parsley leaves and nettles were found in the fields and hedgerows around the island while local businesses and organisations helped support the project.

### Ingredients

Robin Gray's Island Gourmet farm donated blackcurrants and carrot tops and volunteers and allotment holders at the Arran Community Land Initiative donated interesting ingredients, from marigolds to comfrey.

They even allocated Lynn a

small plot where she has been growing plants for the project, including woad which she hopes will give her the elusive blue dye she is still looking for.

Lynn said: 'It has been a steep learning curve and I am no expert but I have learnt so much about the dyeing process and the colours that our island nurtures.'

'Thank you so much to everyone that has helped support the project.'

The finished picture of Goatfell hangs from a piece of driftwood that Lynn found on Kildonan beach but, unfortunately, for those eager buyers like those who snapped up her art during the recent

## Lockdown left artist with only the resources on her doorstep to rely on



Lynn Jones with her 'Pure Arran' felt picture. 01\_B35PureArran01

Arran Open Studios weekend, it won't be for sale as it will be treasured by Lynn as a reminder of the difficult times during the pandemic.

More of Lynn's work can be

found on her website at [www.lynnartonarran.co.uk](http://www.lynnartonarran.co.uk) and details of how you can visit her studio can be found on the Arran Art Trail's website at [www.arranarttrail.com](http://www.arranarttrail.com)

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Lynn at the Arran Community Land Initiative where she is growing ingredients for her dyes.

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# Arran High hosts annual awards

## But no parents, grandparents or friends are there to watch

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The annual Arran High School awards went ahead this year with organisers hosting the event outside, in small groups, and without an audience of proud parents, grandparents and other family.

Last year's ceremony was held with masks and social distancing inside, but at least this year we can all see the prizewinners beaming with joy.

The message was still clear: it was to congratulate all of the award recipients for their hard work over

the last year despite the difficulties that pupils, and teachers, have had to face during the pandemic.

Head teacher Susan Foster opened the proceedings by thanking all of the pupils for their efforts and commended them for their achievements.

She also thanked the faculty members for their hard work and contributions during the extended period of educational disruption.

Mrs Foster then took some time to thank depute

head Suzie Dick for her huge contribution over the last four years, before she leaves next week.

Mrs Dick will be taking some time off from education to spend with her children in Whiting Bay.

Michelle Bunting, Mrs Dick and Mrs Foster then awarded the pupils with their trophies and awards before Mrs Dick took to the podium to say a final goodbye to the pupils whom she wished every success in the future.



Depute head Suzie Dick addresses the pupils for the last time before officially leaving next week. 01\_B35AH501



Head teacher Susan Foster heaped praise on the pupils for their hard work over the last year. 01\_B35AH502



Returning pupil Liam Green was awarded the JD MacKinnon award for entering further education or apprenticeship. 01\_B35AH505



Louis Gray and Sam Reid were awarded the Arran Society of Glasgow Endeavour Award. 01\_B35AH506



Grant Coyne received the Arran Dairies Hospitality Trophy for attainment in home economics. 01\_B35AH509



Samuel Gaber Hamednor and Isla McKelvie won the Arran Federation SWI School Sports Champions Awards. 01\_B35AH514



Emma Henderson and Annie West received the Arran Society of Glasgow Endeavour Award. 01\_B35AH516



Winners of the Margaret Wright Award for attainment were Julie Hamill and Andrew Bunting. 01\_B35AH504



Avery Russell received the AR Humphreys Award for attainment in S5 English. 01\_B35AH508

# Awards ceremony in the sun



Olivia McNeice won the Arran Society of Glasgow Trophy for poetry. 01\_B35AHS15



Jemma Totty was awarded the Andrew J Johnson Award for attainment in S2 mathematics. 01\_B35AHS18



Joint Dux Milo Godwin also received the Andrew J Johnson award for attainment in S5 mathematics. 01\_B35AHS07



Thomas Learmonth was awarded the Ceitidh Anderson Quach for succeeding through adversity. 01\_B35AHS12



Sam Reid received the Brian Miller Trophy for attainment in S5/S6 social subjects. 01\_B35AHS10



Alec Fraser won the Heather Gough Trophy for speech and drama. 01\_B35AHS17



Cerys Herapath received the Nicola McConnell Trophy for her contribution to the music department. 01\_B35AHS13



Megan McCartney received the Buchanan Prize for essay writing in S4 English. 01\_B35AHS11



# The larder of Scotland in miniature

The range of fine foods and drink that is produced here on Arran is as varied and diverse as the wonderful island landscapes.

The cheese, whisky, gin, beer, meat, fish, chocolates, bread, coffee and even ice cream and dog biscuits are all handmade on this tiny island and every single one of these locally created products are available all year long.

The producers are united by a common commitment to quality and taste and all share a passion

for their craft, as well as this beautiful island. From internationally renowned companies, to small artisan producers, the main aim of each one is to delight you with the true taste of Arran. Most of the restaurants on the island serve a selection of local produce, Thursday 2nd September sees Crofters Arran offering a Taster and Wine Pairing Evening and on Sunday 5th September why not visit Bellevue farm for the Farmers' Market showcasing some of the best the island has to offer!

## The Arran Butcher

Anyone looking for top quality meats their first stop should be The Arran Butcher shop in Blackwaterfoot. Run by David McKinnon, the family butchers has been supplying homes and businesses on the Arran for over 55 years.

As well as their extensive selection of quality meats including traditional cuts of naturally reared beef, pork and lamb and wild Arran venison they have some delicious homemade speciality sausages, burgers, chicken kiev, pies, black pudding and haggis.

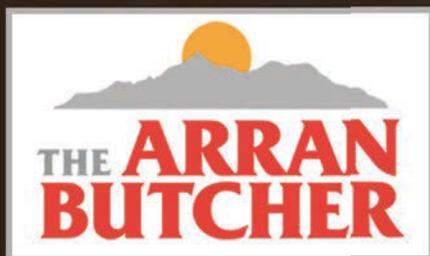
What is not so well known is that they also stock a fantastic selection of fresh fish and can pretty much get anything you ask for such as tuna steak, sea bream, sea bass, salmon (fillets and whole sides), trout, lemon sole, haddock, smoked haddock, kippers, scallops and even skate wings!

The shop also stocks a range of products, cold meats, cheese and ice cream. If you can't get to the shop on the west coast they also have a mobile shop which can come to you and they deliver free of charge across the island. Look out too for the fortnightly Facebook specials. You can also find their products in the Co-op stores and at local shops around the island. And when you're out for a bite to eat, why not look out for their products on the menu.

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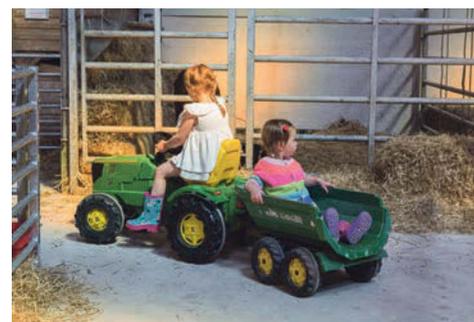
'On Sunday the 5th of September we will be holding a farmers market at Bellevue Farm to celebrate the best of local and seasonal produce! Working with Arran Eco Savvy and Arran's Food Journey we are showcasing some of the island's fantastic food and drink offerings as part of Scotland Food and Drinks, Food Fortnight.

'We welcome all to attend the market which will run from 11am - 3pm at the farm. You can expect to buy delicious fresh produce, locally reared meats, island crafted beers, preserves and more as well as hot food from The French

Fox. We will be holding a raffle with some exciting prizes and there is a picnic area for folk to enjoy their purchases!

There will also be the opportunity to explore Bellevue Farm and see the animals through self guided tours as well as checking out the Kilpatrick Pioneer Project site. Down the road our friends at Arran Alpacas (Balmicheal Glamping) are holding an open day so why not combine the two and have a great day out on the west coast?

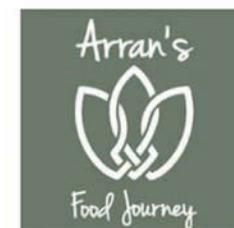
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**Wooleys of Arran**

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even late breakfast.

However, they are probably most famous of course for their oatcakes, but never a company to rest on their laurels, Wooleys also has another biscuit range for you to enjoy. The three varieties are punchy ginger, seriously coconut and raspberry infused cranberry. They are available from both Wooleys shops and from various outlets round the island.



The Coffee Lab is open to the public (6 days a week) and we look forward to welcoming you. Each day we have three to four coffees for you to sample. So why not come on by?

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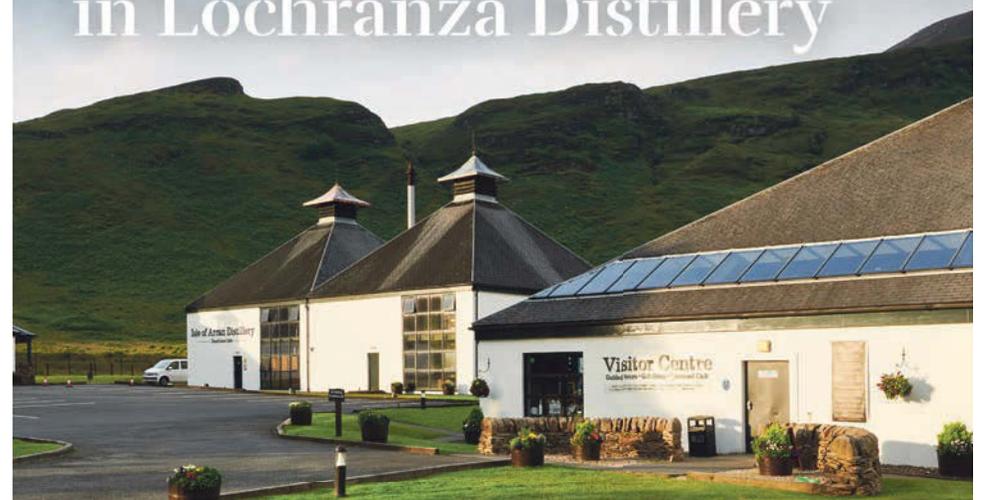
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# Arran politicians show soft side with Dogs Trust visit

Dog enthusiasts and politicians Patricia and Kenneth Gibson showed their softer side recently with a visit to the Dogs Trust in Glasgow.

While there were many opportunities for petting the rescue dogs and meeting canine carers the Gibsons' were also there to discuss the charity's recommendations for improving dog welfare in Scotland.

These include a ban on aversive training devices used on dogs, further restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks, and the introduction of a robust registration and licensing system for the breeding and sale of dogs.

North Ayrshire and Arran MP Mrs Gibson is part of the parliamentary puppy smuggling taskforce which is calling on the government to stop the illegal importation of puppies into the UK while Cunningham North MSP Mr Gibson played a large role

## Gibsons discuss ways of improving dog welfare

in helping to effectively ban shock collars in Scotland after campaigning for it since 2011.

Mrs Gibson said: 'We really enjoyed visiting Dogs Trust Glasgow and we would like to thank the team for spending some time with us and showcasing the amazing work they do.'

'It is clear to see how passionate the staff at Dogs Trust are about their work, which really shone through when we got the chance to meet everyone.'

'We look forward to exploring ways in which we can continue to work together in the future.'

Following the visit, Dogs Trust Glasgow manager, Sandra Downie, said: 'We were delighted to welcome Patricia

and Kenneth to our rehoming centre to show them the work we do for the dogs in our care.'

'Like all of us at Dogs Trust, it is wonderful that they both also care so deeply about animal welfare, and it was a fantastic opportunity to show them the hard work and dedication that goes on behind the scenes to prepare dogs for their forever homes.'

Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity and normally cares for around 14,000 dogs across its network of 21 rehoming centres in the UK and one in Dublin.

Along with rehoming services the charity also campaigns for animal welfare improvements and provides advice on dog training, behaviour and care.



Patricia and Kenneth Gibson with Holly the poodle at the Dogs Trust in Glasgow.

## Extended timetable offers more sailings on Waverley

People on Arran will have a few more opportunities to sail on the paddle steamer Waverley as the ship's operator, Waverley Excursions Ltd, announces an extension to the Clyde summer timetable for the season.

Originally scheduled to fin-

ish the Firth of Clyde sailings on Sunday August 29, the historic vessel will now remain in the Clyde until Sunday September 19, owing to crew availability issues south of the border.

Waverley's general manager Paul Semple said: 'Waverley

has shown herself to be a popular attraction on the Clyde coast with many sailings sold out this season.'

'Given the level of support and positive feedback we have taken the decision to keep the paddles turning for a few weeks longer.'

'I hope locals and visitors who are looking for a day or afternoon out will take this opportunity to step aboard the last seagoing paddle steamer in the world.'

'Waverley has now carried over 30,000 passengers this year on her home waters, a great result given the restrictions due to Covid.'

'We look forward to welcoming those who have yet to enjoy a cruise aboard the Clyde's famous steamship before the season closes.'

'The last trips of the year often prove popular before Waverley is laid up for the winter months.'

The additional sailings programme, including those with stopovers at Brodick Pier, can be viewed at [waverleyexcursions.co.uk](http://waverleyexcursions.co.uk) where tickets can also be booked in advance.

■ See also letters page six.

PS Waverley last year at Lochranza.



## Arran artist receives Covid micro grant

Moving image artist Jim Boxall is one of 14 North Ayrshire artists to have been selected to receive a £1,000 micro grant from the North Ayrshire Place Partnership.

The micro grants awardees were chosen by an independent selection panel who prioritised applications of artists who were impacted by Covid, those that test out ideas and foster new relationships within the community, and those requiring professional development for creative practitioners.

Jim Boxall of Brodick produces a range of moving image works including live visuals, audio visual performances, short films, music promos, installations, optical contraptions and art objects.

Councillor Louise McPhater, cabinet member for participatory democracy said: 'After what we know has been a really difficult time for the creative industry in North Ayrshire, we are absolutely delighted to be able to offer support to our creative community via the Micro Grants Programme.'

'The applications for the

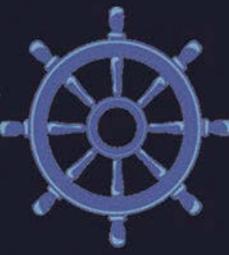


Artist Jim Boxall

programme really highlighted to us the wealth of artistic talent right on our doorstep and during a time when so many of us have needed to be uplifted, the artwork and crafts being created by this diverse group of creative practitioners is offering the perfect antidote to beat the blues of the pandemic after such a challenging year for us all.

'This is a great opportunity for creative practitioners in the area and we're really excited to promote this talented group of North Ayrshire artists and put their creative prowess on the map,' she added.



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# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday August 25 2001



Above: Laura Hemming is interviewed by hypnotist Alex Zanda who visited Brodick hall for an evening of magic and hypnosis. 01\_B35TYAAB03



Left: Mrs Susan Kelly at Corrie Primary School with new pupil John Lyle. 01\_B35TYAAB05



Below: Mrs Mairi Farquhar with Pirmill Primary pupil Ceitidh Anderson. 01\_B35TYAAB06



Above: Gillian Frame and her band Back of the Moon celebrate the release of their first CD, Back of the Moon. The band performed at the Ormidale glass house with Gillian's parents Iain and Maggie to mark the occasion. 01\_B35TYAAB01



Farmer's wife Sheila Gray - Brodick ladies' open champion - with three blind mice at the August Texas Scramble at Shiskine. 01\_B35TYAAB02



New P1s joining Mrs Catriona Smith at Whiting Bay Primary are: Debbie and Ryan Armstrong, Fraser Gilbert, Neil Hamilton, Katrina McKinnon, Mairi MacLeod, Sophie Marriott, Susie Mowatt, Rory Satterley and Calum Stewart. 01\_B35TYAAB04

# What's on

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TOURS AND TASTINGS BY APPOINTMENT



## Every Day

Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, Open daily, 10.30am – 4.30pm  
Arran Brewery, Shop Open – Monday to Saturday 10am – 4.30pm, Sunday, 12noon - 4pm

Brodick Castle & Gardens Brodick, Open daily, 10am – 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)

Brodick Mini Golf, Open seven days, 10am - 5pm-ish, ALL weather  
COAST Discovery Centre, Lamlash, Open 7 days a week, 10am – 4pm

Lamlash Putting Green, Open daily, 10am -4pm

Lamlash Tennis Courts, Open All hours

Trout Fly Fishing, Loch Garbad, bank fishing

Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Open to book call 01770 700636

## Saturday 28th August

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Rink Games, Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm

## Sunday 29th August

RNLI Shop, Open, Lamlash, 2pm – 4pm

The Last Waltz – grief circle, Banner Lodge (left of Heather Lodge), Brodick, 2pm

Lamlash Forest Trail Race, LamlashGreen, 2.30pm

What's Happening On Arran, <http://www.arranmedia.co.uk>, 4pm

## Monday 30th August

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm

Waverley Excursions, Steam down to Campbeltown, 1.40pm – 6.35pm

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

Rink Games, Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 6.30pm

## Tuesday 31st August

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

Arran Chess Club – new members welcome, Crofters', Brodick, 10.30am

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

"Stroll with it Arran!", Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 11.15am

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

Arran Fiddle Club, High School Classes

Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to 14 yrs), Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 6pm – 7pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Whiting Bay Club presents "A Night of Nonsense", Whiting Bay Hall, Doors open – 7pm

Bible Meetings, Shiskine Village Hall, 7.30pm

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

## Wednesday 1st September

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Arran Well-Being Cafe, Lamlash Church Hall, Lamlash, 2pm- 4pm

Bible Meetings, Kilmory Bunkhouse (rural room), 3pm.

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

Rink Games, Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 6.30pm

Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 7pm

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

## Thursday 2nd September

Arran Chess Club – new members welcome, Crofters', Brodick, 10.30am

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

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

Waverley Excursions, Cruise south to Pladda & round Holy Isle, 2.30pm – 4.50pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Arran Skinnymalinks Weigh-in, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 6pm

An Evening of Fine Food and Tutored Wine pairing, Crofters Arran, Brodick, 7pm

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

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

## Friday 3rd September

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

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

Fish Frydays, Lochranza Centre CIC, order before 5pm for collection 6pm – 7.30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Whiting Bay Hall, Whiting Bay, 7.30pm

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

## Saturday 4th September

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Rink Games, Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm

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Notice is hereby given that, in terms of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire, Arran Community Council is calling for nominations of persons to stand for election to serve as Community Councillors. The term of office is four years and it should also be noted that Community Councillors, who must be local residents aged over 16, serve in a voluntary capacity.

A total of 12 nominations are sought, as follows:

| Extended Village                      | Number to be Elected |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Brodick                               | 2                    |
| Corrie (including Sannox)             | 1                    |
| Kilmory (including Kildonan)          | 1                    |
| Lamlash                               | 2                    |
| Lochranza                             | 1                    |
| Pirnmill                              | 1                    |
| Shiskine Valley (inc. Blackwaterfoot) | 2                    |
| Whiting Bay                           | 2                    |

Nomination papers can be obtained from Committee and Member Services by contacting Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services) by telephoning 01294 324131/07385 417274 during office hours or emailing [committeeservices@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:committeeservices@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Completed nomination papers must arrive with Committee and Member Services by 12 noon on Monday 27 September 2021. Nominations must contain the name and address of the person nominated and the names and addresses of two proposers, each of whom should be a local government elector for the area. Each nomination paper must be signed by the person nominated and the two proposers.

In the event of nominations exceeding the number of vacancies to be filled for any Extended Village, an election will take place via postal ballot. Postal ballots will be available to local electors on request, from Monday 4 October 2021 by contacting the above-mentioned officer of the Council.

The deadline for the return of any postal ballots will be Friday 29 October 2021. Arrangements will be made to allow completed ballots to be returned by post or placed in a ballot box locally.

An Election Results meeting will then be convened by the community council (via Zoom) in the week commencing 1 November 2021 (further details to be advised).

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT  
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21/00410/PP; Site To South Of Marchfield, Lamlash, Brodick, Ayrshire; Amendment of planning permission 18/00903/PP to include the erection of a detached garage.

21/00799/PP; Site To South Of, Glen Cottage, Lochranza, Brodick; Upgrading of existing telecommunications site including: removal of existing 4m pole; installation of a replacement 20m tower including: three antennae at a height of 16.8m; one antennae at a height of 7m; and two dishes at 20m; erection of weather cabin enclosure; standby generator; one electricity meter cabinet on concrete bases; a VSAT dish on a 3m support pole; and additional ancillary equipment gantry and cabling within an extended compound area.

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## CHURCH NOTICES

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

*Independent but working together*  
There is a booking system at Brodick & Shiskine churches.  
Liz Lawrie 302782 & John Kerr 860 498  
There will be a streamed service fortnightly, this can be found on the three Church websites.

**Sunday 29th 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

Charity Number: SC014005  
Sunday 29th August  
Worship will be conducted at 10.30am  
We are now able to socially distance at one metre. Booking not required still need contact details.  
*All welcome.*

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Kilmory linked with Lamlash

*"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"*  
Scottish Charity SC015072  
**Sunday 29th August**  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash Church 11.30am  
To comply with 'Trace and Protect' regulations, name and contact details will be asked for, on entering.  
*All welcome*  
We will be observing all socially distancing procedures

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 29th August**  
**13th Sunday after Trinity**  
Holy Communion at 11 am.  
Revd Adrian Fallows  
*ALL WELCOME*  
Coffee after service  
We follow strict SEC guidelines

### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister - Rev. Vince Jennings  
Tel: 01770 600222  
www.arranbaptistchurch.org.uk  
**Sunday 29th August**  
Services will be held in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick at 11 am.  
All welcome but current Covid restrictions are in place. Sermons will be on our webpage following the Sunday.

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Saturday Vigil at 5pm  
Sunday Morning at 11am  
Booking for mass is essential. Please email peterdwilko@gmail.com or telephone 600595 to check availability and confirm your place. Please be aware we are still maintaining social distancing and capacity remains restricted. In accordance with Scottish Government requirements face coverings must be worn in church and NHS test and protect details will be kept.

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

### BIBLE MEETINGS Tuesday 31st August

Shiskine Village Hall at 7.30pm  
**Wednesday 1st September**  
Kilmory Bunkhouse (rural room) at 3pm.  
Conducted by W Craigs and R Hughes  
Contact 07756836670.  
*All are welcome to attend.*

## DEATHS

**DRAKE** - Tony. It is with great sadness I need to let you know Tony Drake, formerly of Lamlash and of Arran Sweetie Kitchen fame peacefully passed away on 19th August. We were fortunate to have him live with us since February 2019. He will be greatly missed but is now with his beloved wife Anne.

**SCHOUP** - Joan (nee Erskine). Formerly of Cordon and Lamlash, died peacefully, aged 95, at Cooriedoon Care Home, Whiting Bay on 11th August 2021. Beloved wife of the late Henri and much loved sister of the late Dorothy Erskine. Funeral service on Friday, 27th August 2021, 2:00pm at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley crematorium.

## ARRAN BANNER GOLF



The winner of the 37th Lamlash Open Cup, reported in last week's Banner, was Serge El Adm with a score of 120 for the two rounds seen here smiling with his trophy.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Wednesday August 18, Stroke five: 1 Gay Mackay 88-26=62, 2 Sheena Murchie 83-13=70. Scratch, Sheena Murchie 83.

Thursday August 19, Summer Cup: 1 John O'Sullivan 91-31=60, 2 Billy O'Connor 94-32=62, 3 Paul Jameson 71-9=62, 4 Colin Richardson 78-15=63 BIH.

Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 65. Magic twos Dougie Macfarlane @2nd and 13th, Willie Currie @16th, Paul Cowan @14th, Derek Harrison @5th.

Hole 12 drawn - rollover continues.

Sunday August 22, Medal Shield: 1 Graeme Andrew 72-11=61, 2 Hugh McLelland 85-22=63, 3 Ian Bremner 72-7=65. Best Scratch Ian Bremner 72 BIH over Graeme Andrew @16th. Hole five drawn - rollover.

Fixtures: Sunday August 29, final of Hastings Cup, noon draw. Thursday September 2, Summer Cup and Commando Cup, make up own groups and see starter for times. Saturday September 18, E I Cannon Charity Day rearranged from August 21 due to bad weather.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 17, Peter Sutton: 1 John Pennycott 66, 2 Reuben Betley 68, 3 Brian Sherwood 72. Results of the Peter Sutton, 1 Hamish Bannatyne 374, 2 Alex Morrison-Cowan 375. Results of The Lady Mary, 1 Jenni Turnbull 25, 2 Piet Johnson 27. Fixtures: Tuesday August 31, Sweep, tee off 12.30pm.



Machrie Bay club captain Brian Sherwood presenting The Lady Mary trophy to Jenni Turnbull who won the ladies' summer eclectic competition.

### Whiting Bay Club

Wednesday August 18, Summer Trophy, 26 played.

1 Duncan Heenan (11) 61, 2 Finlay Aherne (25) 62, 3 Dave Hackett (13) 63 acb, 4 Jamie Macpherson (5) 63 and lowest gross. Magic twos Jamie Macpherson @ 2nd, Finlay Aherne @ 11th, Jamie Macpherson and Gavin Mains @16th.

Sunday August 22, The McKelvie Cup round two; 18 played in the second round of The McKelvie Cup which also counts as the third and final qualifying round for the club championship.

Jamie Stewart stormed home with the lowest gross score of the day of 63 to win by 2 shots from Graeme Crichton.

Result: 1 Jamie Stewart (4) 59 and lowest gross, 2nd Graeme Crichton (11) 61, 3 Neil McKechnie (11) 62 acb, 4 Stan Rainey (10) 62 acb.

As with the first round there was only one magic two score and again it came from Neil McKechnie, this time at the fourth.

Congratulations to Graeme whose second place score was enough to give him overall victory in the McKelvie with a net aggregate score of 124.

Fixtures: Sunday August 29, finals day, Club Championship and JC Reid Trophy. Wednesday September 1, Summer Trophy.

Saturday September 4, Wolf's Open Stableford (contact clubhouse for start times). Sunday September 5, AGA Autumn Handicap at Corrie GC.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday August 19, ladies' 12-hole medal. Silver: 1 and

scratch Fiona Henderson 53-11=42, 2 Sandra Myles 61-11=50. Bronze: 1 and medal winner Jerry Arthur 62-22=40, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 55-15=40.

Saturday August 21, gents' Open Day. 1st class: 1 and winner of Open Craig Watson 26pts, 2 J Salton 25pts BIH, 3 J Faulkner 25pts BIH. 2nd Class: 1 R Hailstones 25pts, 2 C Rutterford 24pts, 3 J King 24pts. Magic twos John King, D Scott, D Galbraith.

Nearest pin/longest drives: 1 Daniel Bailey, 2 Stevie Crawford, 3 Alan Ker, 4 Laurie McLeod, 5 Fred Galbraith, 6 Sandy Kerr, 7 Colin Rutterford, 8 Paul Crandles, 9 Sandy Kerr, 10 Fred Galbraith, 11 Harry Rowe, 12 Gary Campbell.

### Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday August 18, Summer Cup, 37 played: 1 Bruce Jenkins 65-8=57, 2 David Hendry 77-14=63, 3 Matt Dobson 68-4=64. Scratch Bruce Jenkins 65.

Fixture: Sunday August 29, Brandon Cup Final and sweep.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday August 18, medal: 1 A MacDonald 74-17-57, 2 A Napier 72-11-61 scratch, 3 P McMillan 85-21-64.

Saturday August 21, Joe McKenzie Memorial: 1 J Quigley 71-17-54 scratch, 2 D Logan 77-13-64. Congratulations to John on winning his first trophy since retiring to the island. The club suspects there will be many more.

Fixtures: Saturday August 28, 18 hole medal. Wednesday September 1, 18-hole medal.

## PERSONAL

**GRANDY SANDY MUM**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY & THANK YOU LOTS OF LOVE FROM US ALL**

## GRADUATION

**HANNAH MAY BONE**  
Graduated recently from Heriot Watt University with a Master of Arts in Business and Finance with Honours of the First Class



# Alright for Jack as he picks up AGA champions' trophy

Jack McNally of Shiskine Golf Club is the AGA Champion of Champions, as reported in the Banner last week.

He beat last year's champion Ewan McKinnon two and one in a tight final held on his home course.

The game was played in the best of spirit with a good crowd enjoying the fine golf they were treated to.

Jack got himself three up after seven, but Ewan fought back to level.

Jack then won the 14th and the 16th to go two up and at the 17th they both parred, so that Jack eventually won two and one.

Donald Logan (AGA) and Andy Gray, the new Shiskine

captain, both spoke well and Jack then could celebrate with family and friends.

Ewan's quest to better his tally of 10 continues, with Ewan and Dougie Macfarlane currently tied on 10 titles each.

#### Fixtures

AGA fixtures: AGM will be held at Machrie Hall on Monday August 30 at 7.30pm.

AGA Autumn Handicap is being played at Corrie GC on Sunday September 5. AGA Seniors Handicap will be played at Brodick GC on Saturday September 11 at 1pm (yellow tees).

Here are a selection of photographs from the prize-giving which space prevented us from using last week.



Above: Jack McNally with his trophy with runner-up Ewan McKinnon.



Above: A happy Jack with his dad Willie and girlfriend Hannah Bone.



Left: Jim Henderson presents Ewan McKinnon with the runner-up shield.



Right: Andy Gray, the new captain at Shiskine, prepares to present the trophy to Jack McNally



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