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# BYE, BYE MRS BARBOUR



Kilmore Primary School pupils say a fond farewell to Mrs Karen Barbour who is retiring after teaching at the school for 33 years.

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## Auchrannie shuts as Covid worries grow

by Hugh Boag  
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There is growing concern on Arran over the spread of the coronavirus after several businesses were forced to close or take alternative measures after Covid-19 scares.

The team at Auchrannie in Brodick has taken the difficult decision to close their two hotels - the main hotel and the spa - until next Friday, July 16, at the earliest, but their lodges and retreats remain open.

This is due to two back of house staff contracting the virus and other associated members of staff self isolating as a result.

Lagg Distillery has also closed to visitors for the next week.

In a statement, VisitArran chief executive Sheila Gilmore said: 'I heard from another three businesses today, about concerns regarding their own staffing situation for the same reasons. These businesses are not closing but have adapted

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Man arrested**

A 31-year-old man has been arrested following a disturbance in the Co-op convenience store in Brodick.

Police were called by staff complaining about disruptive customers who refused to leave the shop in Invercloy on Thursday July 1. The man was arrested for alleged breach of the peace. A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

**KA Leisure closed**

Due to a positive Covid contact, the KA Leisure Campus at Arran High School is closed until further testing results are received. It is hoped the campus will re-open next week.

**Fundraising**

Three local groups have already raised more than £8,000 through members at the Co-op buying Co-op own brand products in the Big Co in Brodick. The Arran Mountain Rescue Team has received £4,363; Arran Youth Foundations £2,014; and Isle of Arran Music School Pipe Band £1,873, with these figures increasing every day.

# A fond farewell to Mrs Barbour from Kilmory



by Hugh Boag  
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Kilmory Primary School said a fond farewell on the last day of term to Mrs Karen Barbour, after 33 years working there as class teacher.

Karen graduated almost 36 years ago to the day and spent her first three years teaching in Glasgow, before returning home to Arran and her new job in Kilmory primary.

Having been used to teaching in the upper school, Karen quickly became at home with the younger children and has spent the rest of her career in the 'wee class'.

Starting as Miss Dobson, before marrying her husband and having her three sons,

Kyle, Jack and Scott, Karen has been teaching the children of former pupils, but not quite grandchildren, and has played a huge part in the lives of so many. From the famous Christmas shows, to trips to the mainland and around the island, summer fayres, Karen has been involved in them all. The school hosted a leavers' event, to say goodbye to the P7s as they move to Arran High School, and to Mrs Barbour.

A cherry tree was planted, now called 'Mrs Barbour's tree' and the children at the school will enjoy watching it flourish as Karen has watched so many flourish under her nurturing care.

Karen was presented with

**How the Arran Banner reported Karen's arrival at the school in 1988.**

many beautiful gifts from the children, staff and parents and even had Andrew Earle piping out all the leavers at 1pm.

Karen has a huge interest in local history and genealogy, as well as rugby, and was left speechless at being presented with a voucher for a metal detector to help her enjoy this further now that she has all this free time on her hands.

Head teacher Mrs Shirley MacLachlan said: 'We will all miss her hugely and wish her all the very best in her next adventures.'

## Auchrannie shuts as Covid worries grow

**Continued from page one.** minute testing we had been promised last year, which didn't materialise. Also, implementation of walk-in testing on Arran and the potential for bringing forward the current second Covid vaccinations due on July 31. At present it seems none of this is possible.'

In better news, the entire adult population on Arran will have had both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine by the end of the month. Saturday July 31 is D-Day when the last two cohorts receive their second jab giving all those over 18

on the island protection from the pandemic. Already more than 90 per cent of the adult population on Arran, who want it, have had at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and the take-up among the younger generation has been solid. The figures put Arran at the top of the league when it comes to roll-out of the vaccination programme, which is just over 60 per cent for Scotland as a whole. However, the recent outbreak of cases on the island shows there is no room for complacency.

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Far left: four generations of the Young family – Ron, with his son Robin, granddaughter Lucy and great-granddaughters Piper and Lexie.

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Left: Ron, with his card from the Queen.

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Below: Piper Alistair Hume plays a few tunes at Ron's birthday party.

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# Centenary celebrations at Cooriedoon

A very special birthday party was held in the gardens at Cooriedoon Care Home this week, writes Hugh Boag.

On Tuesday, resident of four years, Ron Young celebrated his 100th birthday with a party attended by residents, family and friends and, of course, with a card from the Queen.

In the sunshine Ron enjoyed tea and sandwiches and a birthday cake, as well as tunes from Alistair Hume of Arran Pipe Band, with a backdrop of balloons kindly supplied by the Big Co.

Ron, who has lived on Arran for seven years, was born in 1921 in Lancaster, the youngest of six children. When he left school, he trained as a butcher and slaughterman. He moved to Westmorland, now South Cumbria, to be a farm worker which suited him a lot better.

He met and married Rhoda, who was a farmer's daughter, and they got the tenancy of a



Ron with his birthday cake. 01\_B28birthday03

farm at High Colwith, Little Langdale, where they happily farmed and delivered milk for 41 years. They had one child, a son Robin.

When they retired, they moved to Holme near Kendal where they enjoyed their retirement till Rhoda's health deteriorated. They moved to Arran to be nearer Robin and

family, living at the McKelvie Road sheltered housing in Lamlash where Rhoda sadly died. Ron moved into Cooriedoon where he has flourished.

Son Robin and wife Jan, along with their daughter Lucy, her husband Sam and their two children, Piper and Lexie, all live in Whiting Bay.



## Helicopter aids climbers rescue

Two climbers were rescued from Cir Mhor last Saturday evening after they became cragfast in thick clagg.

Arran Mountain Rescue Team was called out around 8.10pm after the climbers became stuck on a crag.

Thanks to the help of HM

Coastguard rescue helicopter, the mountain rescue team was quickly transported to the saddle and from there made its way to the top of Cir Mhor to above the area where the climbers were cragfast.

A rescue team spokesman said: 'A rope was lowered

down and both climbers were then able to make their way safely to the mountain rescue team's location and from there they were assisted down off the hill and back into Glen Rosa.

'Both climbers were thankfully unharmed.'

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# Blue hue confirmed as harmless E.hux variety

by Colin Smeeton  
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A residential field centre on Cumbrae has confirmed that the algal bloom which turned the sea surrounding Arran into a brilliant turquoise colour was the harmless *Emiliania huxleyi* (E.hux) variety.

The algal bloom which affected the entire Firth of Clyde, and which has now dissipated, was suspected to be an E.hux or *karenia* variety but this was not confirmed until FSC Millport sent a sample to Aberdeen University late last month.

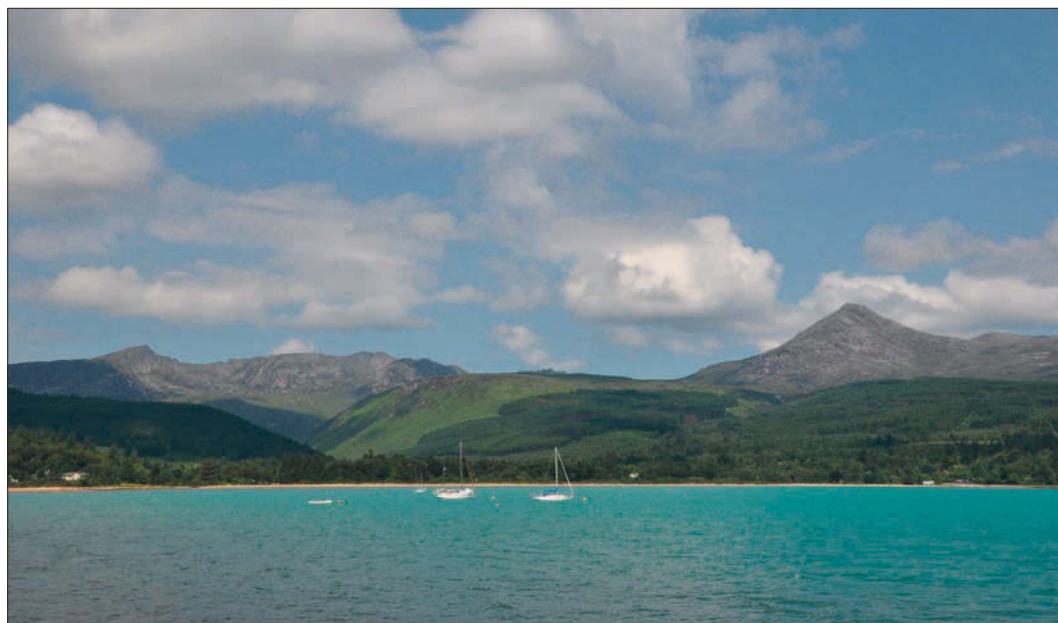
Using an electron microscope, Marine Scotland researchers confirmed the microscopic sea algae as E.hux; a spherical shaped species of coccolithophore which reflect sunlight just below the water's surface.

Dr Peter Miller, an earth observation scientist and an expert on algal blooms, said in a social media post: 'I can confirm that it was coccolithophore E. hux that turned Clyde turquoise; hardly any other phytoplankton there. Non-toxic, 10µm across.'

As predicted by Dr Miller, and as reported in the Banner last month, the bloom was harmless and did little more than change the colour of the sea.

Algal blooms are unusual on the west coast of Scotland.

This one, scientists suspect, was brought in by water from the North Atlantic.



Above: Brodick Bay last month when an algal bloom turned the water a turquoise blue.

In addition to providing stunning vistas, coccolithophore blooms also play an important environmental role in helping to reduce the build up of greenhouse gases by absorbing carbon dioxide from the water.



The extent of the E. hux bloom was captured in satellite imagery. Photograph: NEODAAS.



Researchers used an electron microscope to photograph the coccolithophore. Photograph: Marine Scotland Science.

## Grants for school clothing and meals available

Parents who require financial assistance to buy school clothes for their children for the new term starting in August are being urged to apply for the school clothing grant, which is now open for applications.

The grant has risen to £120 for primary school pupils and £150 for secondary school pupils whose parents are on certain benefits.

The grant is part of a larger North Ayrshire Council scheme to help reduce the costs of the school day.

The scheme has been formulated with the involvement of the council, young people, parents and community planning partners, who are working on a £500,000 scheme to ease the burden for families struggling to meet the costs associated with sending their children to school.

The £500,000 programme, which will be a reoccurring investment, will focus on digital access, food and clothing, including:

- Food: £150,000 to extend the school and community food network across all schools to support children and families;

- Clothing and sustainability: £100,000 for a school and family participatory budget investment fund for educational establishments to respond to local needs in relation to school uniforms, outdoor clothing, sports kit and recycling and reuse equipment; and

- Digital inclusion: £250,000 in a digital families fund to digitally include 1,000 families each year, providing access to devices and connectivity for online learning and activities, enhancing and guaranteeing sustainability of current investment in devices for home use.

Applications are open for both the school clothing grant and free school meals. For more information and to apply, visit [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

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# Arran holidaymaker calls for glass ban on beaches

by Colin Smeeton  
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A holidaymaker from Glasgow is calling for North Ayrshire Council to prohibit glass on Arran's beaches and for serious consequences for offenders so that everyone can safely enjoy the natural amenity.

Craig Primrose and his two children, James, four, and Alana, two, recently enjoyed a long weekend on Arran, but their visit to Brodick beach was marred by the amount of broken glass they discovered during their day out.

Following his family visit, Craig said: 'We had a fantastic long weekend in Arran which was my kids' first visit.

'As always, it didn't disappoint, however, I was horrified at the amount of broken glass

on Brodick beach and how selfish people are to have done this. Along with the glass on the beach itself, we also found glass protruding under the surface which could easily have ripped someone's foot open.

'I hope the council start prohibiting glass on beaches with serious consequences for those who breach the rules, so that everyone can safely enjoy the beautiful beaches on Arran.'

The father of two used the experience to teach his children about the dangers of broken glass.

He continued: 'After discussing the dangers of discarded glass with my son, he wanted to ensure nobody else could potentially hurt themselves so we had a glass clean up and he almost filled his beach bucket

with glass instead of building sandcastles.

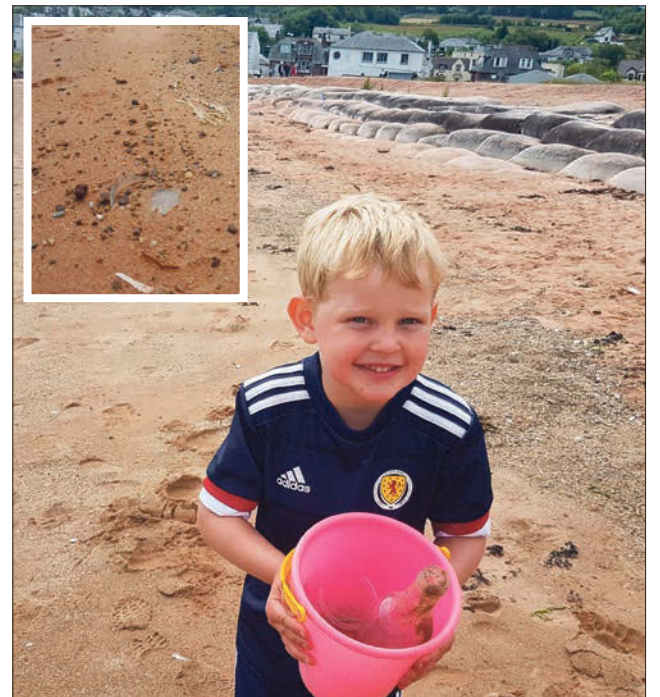
'Needless to say I was very proud of his outlook and we hope we did our bit to clean up a bit of the beautiful beach in Brodick.'

Although a small section of Brodick beach borders a historic coup where Arran residents previously discarded household waste, including broken glass and crockery, the majority of the glass picked up by the Primrose family was modern and showed little sign of age-related wear.

Craig lamented the attitude of some adults who litter, juxtaposing it with the wisdom of youth, by saying: 'It makes me wonder how my four-year-old son, who starts P1 in August, knows how wrong littering and disposing of glass on a beach is, yet grown adults are

incapable of understanding the consequences to marine biology, pets and kids who play on the beach.'

North Ayrshire Council encourages members of the public to report instances of littering and fly tipping, as well as instances of dog fouling, on their website at [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk). Fixed penalties, ranging from £80 up to £200, can be issued and serious offenders can be prosecuted with fines of up to £40,000.



Four-year-old James Primrose with a bucket full of discarded glass and, inset, broken glass lies just beneath the surface of Brodick beach.



Margo McLellan teaches summer club children about bee hives and bee keeping.

## Summer club for busy bees

Arran Library in Brodick is helping to keep boredom at bay during the summer holidays with a number of activities taking place each week in July as part of their children's summer club, writes Colin Smeeton.

Children, aged between five and 12 years old, will join library staff and guests over a six-week period for a number of fun activities which will include a scavenger hunt, fun sports event and various crafts events. However, due to their popularity all are already oversubscribed.

Last week children enjoyed a bee demonstration with



A fun challenge: children design a bee-friendly garden.

Margo McLellan where they took part in a number of bee-related activities, including a design a bee garden competition.

Today (Friday), a mini sports day, also fully booked, will take place, offering physical and fun activities for the children.

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## Wonderful job

We have said it before but, without hesitation, we say it again.

What a wonderful job everyone in the health services has done in getting everyone on the island vaccinated as quickly as possible.

The fact that every adult who resides on the island will have been vaccinated by the end of the month is quite incredible and must break some kind of record as the total for the whole of Scotland, in figures released this week, is just over 60 per cent.

Every single member of staff at the Arran Medical Group played their part in arranging the terrific mass vaccination events which have been held in the gym at Arran High School, from arranging the appointments, managing the sessions and, of course, the professionals administering the jabs.

Of course the fact all island adults will soon be fully vaccinated doesn't mean we should be complacent.

The recent cases, reported in last week's Banner, should be a timely reminder to us all with cases of the Delta variant still rising at the same time of further easing of restrictions in Scotland in the near future.

Immunisation is good but Covid-19 is not going anywhere soon.

## Thought for the week

'Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.'

1 Peter 5:6-7

## Generous act

Sir,  
We were in Brodick on June 26 to view our daughter's memorial bench and leave flowers.

Whilst there, a local lady walking her dog said if we could leave a cut-off plastic bottle attached to flowers she would water them on her daily walks on the shore front. Our bench is opposite the big Co-op. Could you please publish this in your paper and forward our thanks to her for such a kind and generous act? We can trace our family in Arran back to 1756.

Yours,  
Anna Martin,  
Saltcoats.

## Sustainable salmon farming

Sir,  
Last year the Canadian government ordered the closure of 19 fish farms on the Discovery Islands.

Their decision was a result of protests by local chiefs, representing local people, who, for generations, have relied on wild salmon for their livelihood. They believe wild salmon numbers have been decimated over the years due to disease caused by the proximity of the farms.

The companies stated scientific findings had confirmed that there was very little risk to the wild salmon.

However, prior to the closure of the farms last year, an outbreak of sea lice was detected. Measurements of the salmon smolt recorded an average of nine sea lice per fish. Several months after the farms were closed, further checks showed no lice were present on the smolts. In their words, no farms, no lice.

Apparently there have been breaches of the SEPA regulations over recent years regarding waste, pesticides, disease, lice and cages breaking free. Unless the producers can demonstrate

that they are consistently adhering to the regulations and closely monitored by SEPA, salmon fish farms should not be considered a sustainable industry in Scotland.

Yours,  
Robin Gardner,  
Milton of Campsie.

## Supporters urged to make voices heard

Sir,  
I have already written to your columns, Banner May 30, pointing out how unconvincing were the reasons given by North Ayrshire Council planners for refusing the application to create a new fish farm on the north-east coast of Arran.

The proposed fish farm was portrayed as 'visually impacting to discourage visitors' but it would surely just be a point of interest on the Coastal Way from Sannox to Lochranza. 'It would have a negative effect on tourism', yet the present fish farm in Lamlash has had no deleterious effect on tourism and there have been no objections to the new fish farm from VisitArran. 'There would be a loss of wild animals', which animals? and 'a loss of sense of place', but Arran Access Trust recently completed a boardwalk from Cordon to Kingscross in Lamlash Bay immediately adjacent to the present fish farm. 'It would harm the Geopark', yet the rocks have been there since time immemorial. Finally it would not employ locals. But current staff at Lamlash are on the interview panel.

It is therefore essential that anyone supporting the new fish farm and the job opportunities offered by the Scottish Salmon Company write or email, quoting case PPA-310-2033, to the appeals case officer and make their representations known to her.

Her address is Liz Kerr, Planning and Environmental Appeals Division, Scottish

Government, Ground Floor, Hadrian House, Callendar Business Park, Falkirk, FK1 1XR or email [Liz.Kerr@scot.gov.uk](mailto:Liz.Kerr@scot.gov.uk).

The deadline for this is July 20 and anyone can make representation.

Is Arran going to be allowed to develop as a functioning rural community with thriving villages and schools, or is it to be preserved as a garden zoo with the native population reduced to running around servicing the tourists and holiday home owners?

Fish farming and tourism can operate successfully together, just look at Lamlash.

Yours,  
Tommy Gilmore,  
Brodick.

## Ellacombe chimes

Sir,  
Living far in the south in the village of Bitton, we are delighted to see from your feature that the 200th anniversary of the invention of the Ellacombe chimes was celebrated in Lamlash on Saturday June 26.

St Mary's Church, where Canon Ellacombe was the vicar, is just along the road from us and as you can imagine we had our own special event with Covid-spaced picnic parties spread around the large churchyard.

Now we are looking forward to September when we will be at Blackwaterfoot where we have spent our summer holidays for more than 50 years.

Yours,  
Jill and Ken Gibson,  
Bitton.

## Powers that be

Sir,  
Would it be too much to ask the powers that be just why the MV Pentalina was withdrawn from potential service on the Brodick-Ardrossan route?

Yours,  
Brian Grindall,  
Shiskine.

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# Fundraiser paves the way for 2022 Pride parade

A number of small Pride events held recently will help pave the way for Arran's inaugural Pride parade which is being planned for next year by a group called Arran Pride.

The group held an information and fundraising stall outside the big Co-op in Brodick which was well received and supported by islanders and visitors.

Local businesses provided raffle prizes which, along with generous donations, helped to raise £371.91 towards the cost of next year's planned Arran Pride parade.

Organisers hope this will take place on June 4 2022, nearly 50 years since the first Pride event on July 1 1972 in London.

With volunteers from Arran Youth Foundation, Arran Pride undertook a survey with 98 per cent of participants supporting the idea of having a Pride event on Arran. Suggestions, including a parade with floats, music, food and family entertainment, all received top scores.

The Pride stall, working with management and staff from the Co-op, raised additional funds with a tombola in aid of The Scottish Association for Mental Health.



Arran residents Michael and Julia Bovee dressed up as the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts and joined Michael Gettins, chairman of Arran Pride, and Alice Kinniburgh of Arran Youth Foundation, in a walk along the seafront where they stopped for photographs with visi-

tors and provided rainbow flags for children. Further fundraising events are planned in the run-up to Arran Pride next year and volunteers and sponsors who would like to support the initiative are requested to contact Arran Pride chairman Michael Gettins on 01770 601313.

**Pride organisers, supporters and Co-op staff at the Arran Pride stall held over the weekend.**



MV Hebridean Princess at Brodick Pier prior to the pandemic.

## Hebridean Princess relocates south for summer season

Familiar and regular visitor to Arran, the Hebridean Princess, will not be visiting the island this summer as she has been relocated to the south coast of England for the 2021 summer season.

The luxury, 50-passenger Scottish cruise ship, which is operated by Hebridean Island Cruises, will offer a number of cruises during July and August before returning to Oban, her home port, in September.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the ban on cruising currently in place in Scotland, the vessel will instead visit a number of destinations in Wales, as well as Lundy Island, the Isles of Scilly, the Isle of Wight and smaller southern coastal ports.

Hebridean Princess will return to Scotland to pick up her planned cruise itineraries from Friday September 3.

Hebridean's managing director Ken Charleson, said: 'With the ban on domestic cruising still in place in Scotland, we made the decision to temporarily relocate Hebridean Princess to the south coast of England, where cruising is currently allowed under certain restrictions.'

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# Lochranza growing it for themselves



Vegetables being cultivated in the polytunnel.



Left: The vegetable patch which has been created without any digging.

by Hugh Boag  
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A community farm has been created in Lochranza to encourage people to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

The community farm is tenanted by Scott Murdoch and the transfer of the land from Charles Fforde of Arran Estates was facilitated by the Arran Pioneer Project Community Interest Company.

A planning application has been made to formalise the farm project across the road from Lochranza distillery.

In a statement supporting the application, Mr Murdoch states: 'With the help of the Pioneer Project, I have reinstalled an old fence around an area that was previously used for sheep grazing.

'The objective of the farm is to engage the community in growing fruit and vegetables for themselves. We are doing this in an ecologically sensitive fashion, without the use of chemicals. We have a no dig

agricultural policy wherein we build our own soil using green and brown compost along with seaweed.

'We have created raised beds to grow vegetables, erected a polytunnel for accelerated growing and planted a fruit tree orchard with children. This was all done safely during lockdown and was a key factor in the mental wellbeing of our community. We were aided by the elderly population who shared their knowledge and those with young children were able to meet outside socially through the work we carried out on the farm together.

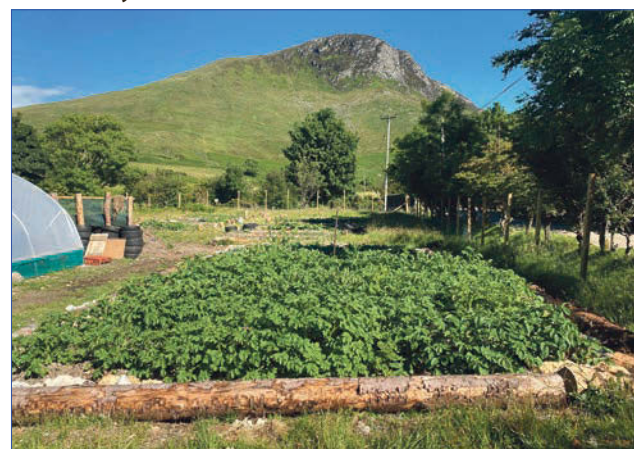
'The principal objective is for me to run this farm for the community with those helping out being able to grow their own food. Any glut in food production will be offered for sale by way of an honesty box. Local businesses have also approached me asking for good quality vegetables that have low food miles. Although this is not a priority we, as a growing community, are open to these ideas too. So far the project has been funded by the Arran Pioneer Project and all work has been on a voluntary basis.'

The Pioneer Project is an island-wide scheme which works on the lease/donation of areas of land on Arran to cultivate and grow food with the support of local commercial producers and members of the community. Sites at Lamlash, Kilpatrick, Cladach, Pirnmill, Corrie and Whiting Bay have already been created.

The aim is to help ensure the provision of fresh fruit



Poppy and Flora Murdoch help plant fruit trees at Lochranza community farm.



Potatoes growing at the community farm.

and vegetables in case of any issues regarding food security for island residents due to the Covid-19 situation and beyond.

The sites are to be used for community resilience farming with the aim of a long-term

successful partnership between producers and islanders for the benefit of the entire.

Visit the Pioneer Project website to find out more, as well as how to take part in their volunteer days. <https://pioneerproject.scot/>

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Proud Auchrannie staff with a cheque for the Arran Trust marking the £181,495, which has been donated by visitors.

## Auchrannie Resort donations to Arran Trust top £181,000

Visitors to Auchrannie Resort have donated an incredible £181,495 to the Arran Trust since 2010.

This is an amazing amount and the trustees thank all the visitors who have offered support. Huge appreciation also goes to Auchrannie management and staff for so positively promoting the island's visitor gifting scheme to their guests. Funds from the Arran Trust help community groups develop community-led environment and

conservation projects on the island, helping to look after the places on Arran that people love. Funding from Auchrannie has directly supported projects including the Arran Coastal Way, reintroduction of the Black Grouse and heritage and educational projects. If your business would like to get involved with the Arran Trust or if you'd just like to find out more visit [www.arrantrust.org](http://www.arrantrust.org), email [info@arrantrust.org](mailto:info@arrantrust.org) or phone 01770 302043.

# Coastal Way record set

Largs adventurer Jamie Frost has completed the 71.8 miles of the Arran Coastal Way in a new record time of 28 hours and 51 minutes.

The record-breaking attempt, as previously reported in the Banner, was in aid of charity Mind Over Mountains whose trained counsellors offers guided hill-walking, mindfulness and time to anyone experiencing financial hardship, long-term illness, abusive circumstances or who have suffered loss. The charity also offers its services to long-term carers.

Speaking after the challenge, Jamie told the Banner: 'I am very pleased that on June 22 I became the first person to complete the Arran Coastal Way in under 30 hours.

'With hugely varied and challenging terrain and sun exposure on the longest day of the year, combined with tricky night navigation on no sleep, this pushed me to my physical and mental limits.

'As someone whose young son relies on outdoor space to effectively learn, explore and be happy, pushing



Record breaker Jamie Frost at the official start and end point of the Arran Coastal Way.

through this endeavor to raise as much money and awareness for the Mind Over Mountains charity was hugely

important and personal to me.' Jamie's record breaking accomplishment has, through his JustGiving page at //

[justgiving.com/fundraising/sleepingwarriorchallenge/](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sleepingwarriorchallenge/) raised more than £1,029 for Mind Over Mountains.

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Visitors enjoy exploring the lush surroundings. 01\_B28Dougarie05



A visitor browses through the books at a book stall. 01\_B28Dougarie11



Views of the surrounding countryside from the top of the terraced gardens. 01\_B28Dougarie02

# Dougarie del

An open day at Dougarie gardens on Saturday July 3 attracted hundreds of visitors.

Part of the Scotland's Gardens initiative, the event was the busiest gathering of the year so far at the venue.

Dougarie Estate has played host to horticultural and inquisitive visitors for a number of years in support of Scotland's Gardens charity which raises funds for the Queen's Nursing Institute, Maggies Centres and Perennial.

In addition to supporting the charities nominated by Scotland's Gardens, the initiative sees 60 per cent of the takings at open garden events donated to a charity of the owner's choice. This year, Dougarie Estate selected Pirnmill Village Association.

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

Despite Covid restrictions, and thanks in part to brilliant sunshine, the event attracted

a large number of visitors with more than 180 people arriving within the first hour of opening.

On display for visitors was a good selection of tender and rare plants and a small woodland area with trees, including nothofagus, hoheria and abutilons.

Visitors were also allowed a pre-opening look at the Boathouse, a listed building which is being refurbished. Set on the seafront, it is due to open in August as a wedding venue.

Cream teas and scones, usually part of the annual attraction, were not available this year owing to Covid restrictions, however, the plant stall went ahead and did a roaring trade.

Scotland's Gardens scheme was founded in 1931 to raise money for the Queen's Nursing Institute, Scotland, to help support the Queen's nurses, before the creation of the NHS. Their charitable support has expanded over the years and this year it is celebrating 90 years of supporting charities.



# ights at open garden day



Visitors and their canine companions explore some of the interesting buildings on the estate. 01\_B28Dougarie08

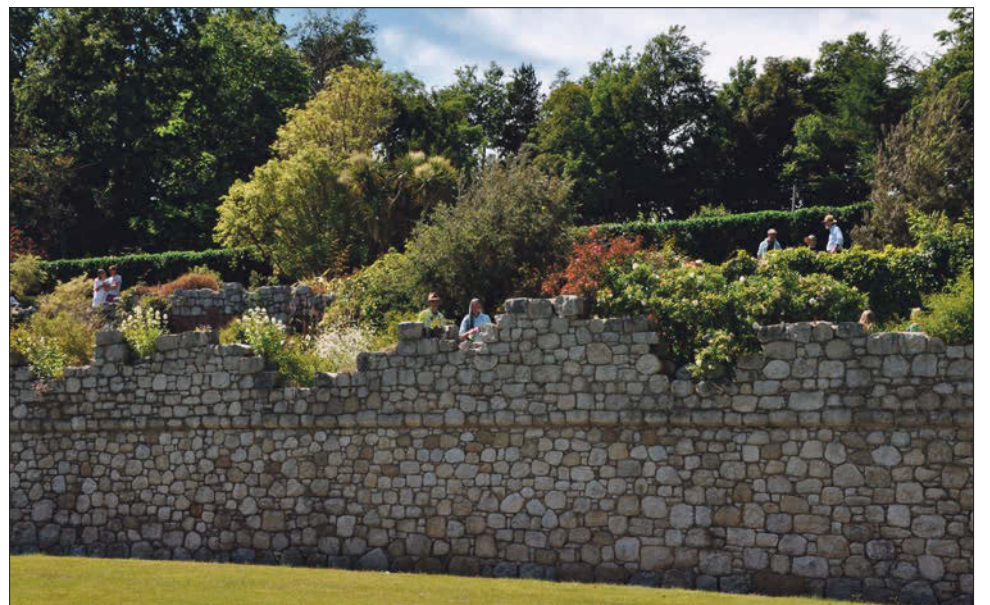


Expansive manicured lawns provided the visitors with a place to enjoy the afternoon sunshine. 01\_B28Dougarie09



Dougarie Estate's manicured lawn was transformed into a makeshift car park for visitors. 01\_B28Dougarie01

Left: A visitor enjoys the fragrant smell of a tree in the terraced garden. 01\_B28Dougarie04



Each terrace of the garden provided visitors with new and varied plants and shrubs to discover. 01\_B28Dougarie10



The plant stall does a roaring trade at the entrance to the castellated folly gardens. 01\_B28Dougarie06



The Boathouse at Dougarie is to open as a wedding venue in August. 01\_B28Dougarie03

# Charity pals go 'hole way round' Arran in one day



The early morning start of the challenge at Whiting Bay.

## Pair aim to play every golf course in Scotland

Two keen golfers have completed a charity challenge by playing all the golf courses on Arran in a day.

Graeme Mack from Renfrew and George Beaton from Paisley completed the 95-hole challenge last month, raising more than £575 for their chosen cancer charities, ArCaS and Calum's Cabin on the Isle of Bute.

The two pals have created a video blog called 'The Hole Way Round' and plan to play every course in Scotland over the next 20 years.

On Thursday June 17, they played all seven courses on the island, starting at 3.45am at

Whiting Bay before heading north to Lamrash, Brodick and on to Corrie.

The nine holes at Lochranza was next, followed by Machrie and ending with the 12 holes at Shiskine.

Graeme said: 'We would love for anyone who can to support us to raise as much as we can as most small charities have really suffered during the pandemic as normal fundraising activities couldn't happen.'

If you would like to donate go to [www.justgiving.com/team/theholewayround](http://www.justgiving.com/team/theholewayround) where you can choose to donate to ArCaS or Calum's Cabin.



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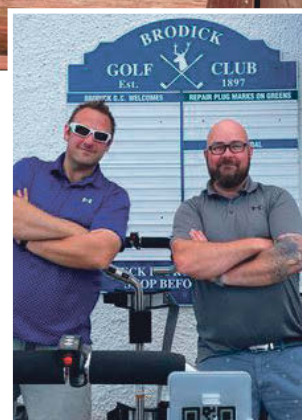
Lamlash.



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Above: Machrie Bay.



Right: Brodick.



Graeme and George completed the challenge at Shiskine.

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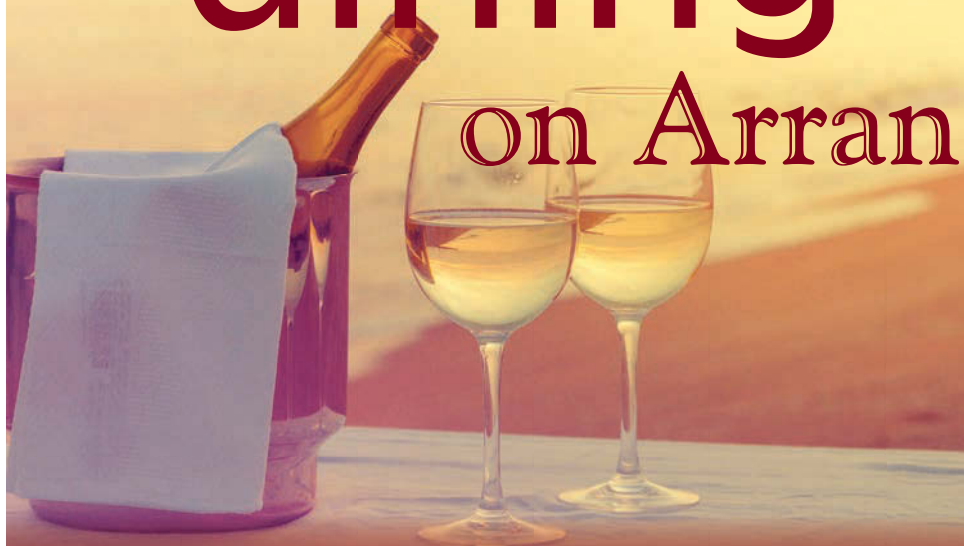
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### Café Thyme

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Also at the Visitor Centre is the Old Byre Showroom shop offering knitwear, sustainable clothing, wool throws and accessories. There is also a new shop "The Shoe Bothy", Arran's new exclusive shoe shop where there are shoes for children, ladies and gents from pre-walkers, school shoes, trainers, boots, walking shoes, sheepskin slippers and more. Be sure to have a browse while you're there. The Old Byre Visitor Centre is well worth a visit, open 7 days a week 10am-5pm with lunches served 12-3.30pm. There's no need to book, just turn up and if the café is full you'll get given a pager for inside tables, you can browse the shops until a table becomes available.

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Following the retirement of Ardrossan port manager Frank Shackle, Robbie Brown has been promoted to the new post of route manager, overseeing Brodick, Ardrossan and Lochranza. He is shown here with Ardrossan staff Wilma McCallum and Maxine Taylor. 01\_B28ABTYA02



Councillor John Reid officially opens Brodick Primary School which was completed almost a year ago. Holding the ribbon are the youngest and oldest boy and girl in the school as head teacher Muriel Argo looks on. 01\_B28ABTYA03



Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot has opened its new beauty room next door to hairdresser Alice Anderson's popular Brae Salon. It offers a range of treatments provided by Alice Anderson, Michele McGhee, Tina Robertson and Jamie Crawford. 01\_B28ABTYA04



Attending the official opening ceremony of Lamlash Church Hall was Captain Iain Davidson, locum minister Margaret Robb, youngest Sunday school member Nicole Crawford and interim moderator Bill Johnston. 01\_B28ABTYA01



Overall Champion at Arran Riding Club's annual show Tracy Warwick, left, and reserve champion Faye Anderson, right, with judge Janet McNaught of Darvel. 01\_B28ABTYA05



Left: All the winners at Arran High School's annual prizegiving at Lamlash Community Centre. 01\_B28ABTYA06

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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 11th July

T in the Garden, in aid of the RNLI,  
Westwood, Cordon, 11am – 5pm  
Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm  
RNLI Shop, Open, Lamlash, 2pm – 4pm  
What's Happening On Arran,  
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## Monday 12th July

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am - 4pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamalsh, 2pm  
Shiskine Tennis Club,  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 4pm  
JogScotlandArran@gmail.com,  
Whiting Bay, Venue varies, 5.30pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 7pm

## Tuesday 13th July

Healthy Outdoor Team,  
Brodick Castle, 10am – 1pm  
Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am - 4pm  
Rink Games (Social distancing observed),  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Shiskine Tennis Club,  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 11am  
Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to14 yrs),  
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 6pm – 7pm

## Wednesday 14th July

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Brodick Bowling Club, Brodick, 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 7pm

## Thursday 15th July

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

## Friday 16th July

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

## Saturday 17th July

Brodick Castle, Brodick, 11am – 4pm  
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21/00633/PP; Mount Pleasant Farm, Mount Pleasant, Lamash, Brodick; Redevelopment of farmstead to provide three detached dwellinghouses and garage including demolition of existing attached dwellinghouses and agricultural buildings.

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**Sunday 11th July 2021**  
Lochranza & Pirnmill Churches-

Service at Lochranza Church 10:15am Morning worship. Shiskine Church 12noon. Morning worship. Brodict Church 10.30am Morning worship. Corrie Church at 12noon. Morning worship. The Food Bank continues from Brodict Church

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Charity Number: SC014005

**Sunday 11th July**

Worship will be conducted at 10.30am

As our capacity is greatly reduced due to the two metre social distancing, we have a booking system.

You are asked, please, to phone Mrs Janet Redfearn on 700244 by the Friday lunchtime if you wish to attend Sunday worship.

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**DEATH**

**BRYCE** - Lesley. Peacefully at home in Lamlash, Isle of Arran on 3 July, aged 86 years. Beloved wife of Joe, a much loved mum to Joe W and Amanda, and sister-in-law to Morag. Loved by all the family. Funeral hearse will leave Murray Crescent at 11.10am on Wednesday 14 July. Flowers welcome or, if preferred, donations invited to Arran Cancer Support Trust, Charity No. SC02734

**RESIDE** - Muriel Elizabeth. Peacefully at Cooriedoon Nursing home on Friday, 25th June 2021, aged 93 years. Beloved daughter of the late David and Elizabeth Reside, very close sister to Ruth Smith and a fond cousin to Evelyn. There will be a service for Muriel at Clachan cemetery Shiskine on Friday, 16th July at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to attend the service please phone Clair at Hendry Funeral Services, 01770302233, and leave your name and telephone number for track and trace.

**SMITH** - Jane. Peacefully at Cooriedoon Nursing Home on Thursday, 1st July 2021. Janey, aged 82 years, beloved wife of the late John and mother of the late Willie, Rosie and Gordon. Cremation service at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium on Friday, 16th July at 11:00am. Anyone wishing to attend the service please contact Hendry Funeral Services, 01770302233 and leave your name and number for track and trace.

**BANNER  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# James' double ace almost too good to be true

by Colin Smeeton  
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Seemingly unbelievable but certainly confirmed by witnesses, Shiskine Golf Club member James Toogood, has achieved the rarest of accomplishments by scoring two hole in ones on the same day...and at the same hole.

The remarkable occurrence took place on the morning of Tuesday June 29, when James scored his first ever hole in one on the 11th hole, after a fantastic six iron shot. During his second round in the afternoon, incredibly, he did it again with an almost identical tee shot.

Following his good fortune on the golf course, James promptly purchased a lottery ticket and his luck continued through to the next morning when he received an email saying he'd won. Unfortunately for the lucky golfer that was the end of his run of good luck, as his winnings only turned out to be the princely sum of £3.20.

In 2015 the Arran Banner featured a story of another double ace by Sannox golfer, Ewan McKinnon, who hit two



Lucky golfer James Toogood shows the hole where he defied the odds to score two hole in ones.

holes in one in one round at Corrie Golf Club. In that report we described the odds of a double ace as 67 million to one,

statistically five times higher than the chances of winning the lottery, which has odds of 14 million to one.



The Arran team on a picturesque stretch of the Crinan Canal.

## Crinan Canal challenge for rowing club

On Friday July 2 Arran Coastal Rowing Club began a two-leg row from Lochranza to Ardrishaig as part of Row Around Scotland, a celebration of 10 years of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association.

Arran was handed the baton, which is making its way around Scotland by skiff, from Troon CRC the week before. Arran then met Isle of Seil CRC in Ardrishaig and joined them as they rowed the Crinan Canal.

The 35km (21.7 mile) trip took the club members five a half hours with a crew change at Ardrishaig. The 14.5 km (nine miles) and 15 locks of the Crinan Canal took the club nine hours.

# Rory at ju



## Shiskine Golf Club

Saturday and Sunday July 3 and 4, Junior Club Championship. On a lovely weekend the championship was run by junior convener Clare Buchanan. The Handicap Trophy was won by Jack Dunn with a nett 32. He also won the Scratch Trophy with a 49. The Club Championship was won by Rory Currie on the 11th after a very close match. They were presented with their trophies by club captain Fiona Henderson.

Congratulations to Rory and Jack. Special thanks go to Clare Buchanan for taking the time to organise this event, without her input the junior championship wouldn't take place. She puts her heart and soul into making it a success.

Thursday July 1, ladies 12-hole medal. Silver: 1 Alice Anderson 56-12=44, 2 Fiona Crawford scratch 54. Bronze: 1 Mary Jo Tod 56-19=37, 2 Yvonne Brothers 56-15=41 BIH.

Saturday July 3, gents vice captains prize. First class: 1 A Howie 43-3=40, 2 T Gowan 46-5=41 BIH, 3 S Miller 43-2=41. Scratch G Hay. 2nd class: 1 B Sherwood 53-10=43, 2 P Bryceland 58-14=44, 3 K Littlejohn 56-11=45. Magic twos, J Gowan, S Miller, G Hay x2, A Miller, A Howie x2.

Sunday July 4, Victory Shield and Kay Maxwell Trophy. 1 J Morrison 42-5=37, 2 A Gallagher 43-5=38, 3 C Watson 43-4=39 BIH. Scratch, S Miller. 2nd class: 1 C Rutterford 53-15=38, 2 B Sherwood 50-10=40, 3 A Bannatyne 56-15=41 BIH. Magic twos, F Malcolm, J Gowan, E Bryceland, J Salton, A Gallagher, S Gowan x2, S Sparked, G Hay, D Pilkington, C McGlone, J Cleat, A Howie. Lynda Howie leads the Kay Maxwell Trophy with nett 41,

# ... and Jack lift trophies ... junior championship

J Morrison leads the Victory Shield with nett 37.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 30, Cancer Relief Stableford. A field of 24 players took advantage of yet another fine day to return some very impressive scores. The top nine players equalled or bettered par and 20 managed 30 points or more. Morning starter John Pennycott posted the number to beat on 40 points and Nicol Auld did exactly that, coming in on 41 points from the evening players.

Result: 1 Nicol Auld (4)41pts, 2 John Pennycott (11)40, 3 Neil Lucas (13) 39, 4 Gavin Mains (7) 38. Magic twos Sandy Kelso @1st, John Pennycott @2nd, David Mair @14th, Jamie Stewart @16th, Nicol Auld, Gavin Mains, Ronnie Mann and Jamie Stewart @17th.

Sunday July 4, The Morton Quaich. A field of 25 (including a few visitors - more of that later) took to the course for the Morton Quaich and thoroughly enjoyed a course in forgiving mood with plenty of run on the fairways and putts running straight and true on the greens.

The result was a clutch of good scores with net par being good enough only for 7th place. Captain Stan Rainey, returning from a short forced absence, clearly enjoyed his new found freedom starting with five threes on the front nine and finally returning a net 56, to win the trophy by six shots. Congratulations Captain. Superb golf.

Result: 1 Stan Rainey (12)56, 2 Andy Martin (15)62, 3 Kerr Drummond (5)63 acb, 4 Ronnie Mann (14)63 acb.

Of the three visitors who played, former WBG member Frazer Barr, playing off seven, returned the best gross score of the day (probably of the year) with an astonishing gross 60, which included a front nine consisting of seven threes, one four and one two for a gross 27. That's level threes!

As a non-member Frazer was not eligible to win the



Shiskine captain Fiona Henderson presents the Handicap and Scratch Trophies to, left, Jack Dunn and the Club Championship Trophy to Rory Currie at the Shiskine Junior Club Championship.

trophy but needless to say he won (plundered might be a better word) first place in the cash sweep. A fine display of golf. Well played Frazer.

Fixtures: Wednesday July 7, Summer Trophy. Sunday July 18, Raymond Curtis Salver Stableford (Open). Until further notice there will be no draws for partners and players should arrange their own groupings.

## Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 1, Summer Cup and Tom Graham Cup. 1 Willie Currie 71-11=60, 2 Norrie MacIntyre 72-9=63, 3 Graeme Andrew 75-12=63, 4 Colin Richardson 80-16=64, BIH. Best scratch, Jamie Murchie 65. Winner of Tom Graham Trophy, Willie Currie 60, runner up, Norrie

MacIntyre 63. Magic twos, Willie Currie, Barry Lind and Stuart Campbell, all @16th hole. Hole 14 drawn, rollover.

Saturday July 3, Club Championship qualifier round one. 1 Euan Bone 71-12=59, 2 Serge El Adm 75-12=63, 3 Paul Jameson 76-11=65, 4 Stuart Campbell 71-5=66. Best scratch, Stuart Campbell 71, BIH over Euan Bone. Magic twos, Euan Bone @2nd and 16th, Serge El Adm @17th, Todd Jameson @13th and 17th, Iain Murchie @16th, Ian Bremner @5th. Hole 14 drawn again, rollover.

Sunday July 4, Club Championship qualifier round two and Jamieson Cup. 1 Barry Lind 70-5=65, BIH, 2 Rob Niven 81-16=65, 3 Stuart McLaren 77-11=66, BIH, 4 Todd Jameson 71-5=66, BIH.

Best scratch, Barry Lind 70. Magic twos, Euan Bone @5th, Barry Lind @4th, Rob Niven @2nd, Scott Campbell @16th, Iain Murchie @2nd and 16th. Winner of Net Qualifiers Cup, Euan Bone 59+67=126, runner up, Stuart Campbell 66+66=132. Congratulations to Euan on his first senior trophy at Lamlash.

Saturday July 10, Club Championship quarter finals. Draw as follows: Scott Campbell v Ian Bremner at 4.30pm, Euan Bone v Iain Murchie at 4.40pm, Todd Jameson v Jack McNally at 4.50pm, Paul Cowan v Neil Young at 5pm. Sunday July 11, Club Championship semi-finals, noon start.

Other fixtures: Friday July 9, Junior Open, draw at noon. Sunday July 11, Medal Shield,

12.30pm draw. Thursday July 15, Summer Cup. Make up own groups and see starter for times.

Ladies section: Wednesday June 30, Fleet round four. 1 Sheridan Walker 98-36=62, 2 Yvonne Brothers 87-21=66. Scratch, Sheena Murchie 84.

Fixture: Wednesday July 21, Ladies Open (15 holes). Spaces still available, contact: alison.heron8@btinternet.com

## Corrie Golf Club

Saturday July 3, 18-hole medal. 1 M McDonald 78-18-60 2nd equal J McGovern 76-13-63, A Napier 73-10-63 and scratch.

Fixtures: Saturday July 10, Commemoration Shield and Scratch Rosebowl. Wednesday July 14, 18-hole medal. Please arrange your own pairings

and adhere to the current Covid guidance.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 29, Peter Sutton. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 60 BIH, 2 John Milesi 60, 3 Alex Morrison-Cowan 64.

Fixtures: Tuesday June 13, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, tee off noon. Anyone intending to play in the evening please contact Brian by Monday.

## Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 30, Summer Cup, 43 played. Finlay Sillars 69-14=55, Neil Duncan 83-25=58, Robert Waine 77-18=59. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 65. Fixture: Sunday July 11, Graham Putter.

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# Arran get off to a flying start with six of the best

by Colin Smeeton  
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**Summer Challenge  
Tournament  
Isle of Arran AFC 6  
Troon Town AFC 2**

Isle of Arran AFC has taken its first tentative step to a return to competitive football with a decisive win over Troon Town AFC in the Summer Challenge Tournament hosted by the Ayrshire Sunday Amateur Football Association (ASAFA).

The first match in more than a year took place at Ardeer Stadium last Sunday (July 4). And Arran got off to a flying start with a hat-trick from Archie McNicol and goals from Nick Emsley and Gregor Chricton, as well as an own goal, proving the team is still in top form despite the extended period of competi-

tive inactivity. Aidan Hessey was nominated as man of the match with a spokesman for the club saying: 'Aidan Hessey is the man of the match for his brilliant performance in midfield. We wish Troon all the best for the rest of the season.'

'Today's match was sponsored by Arran Accountants and the goal scoring sponsors were: Douglas Hotel, The Parlour and Sandy Kelso.'

The Summer Challenge Tournament is divided into four groups of three teams. Each team will play each other once, with the winner of each group playing in the semi-finals which will start on Sunday July 25.

The final will be held on Sunday August 1.

Arran AFC's next fixture will be against Killie United on Sunday July 18 which, if they win, will secure them a place in the semi-finals.

Aidan Hessey was nominated as man of the match for his midfield performance against Troon Town.



Far left: Nick Emsley blasts the ball into the opposition's goal. Left: Archie McNicol outwits the Troon goalkeeper to secure one of his three goals for Arran.

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