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# Brodick beach fight goes on to get rid of sandbag eyesore

'I think everyone is disappointed that another season will elapse with the beach in a worse state than it was when it was closed in 2010'

Brodick is facing another summer with its landmark beach a sandbag eyesore. Despite recent action, it is too late for anything to be done with Easter just past and the season well underway. Chairman of Brodick Improvements Committee Harry Davidson said: 'I think everyone is disappointed that another season will elapse with the beach in a worse state than it was when it was closed in 2010.'



**Council official Craig Hatton has visited Brodick beach.**

**REPORT**  
by **HUGH BOAG**  
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'It is very frustrating.' However, the disgraceful state of Brodick beach has been seen at first hand by North Ayrshire Council's head of environment Craig Hatton on a visit to the island. Mr Davidson said: 'At least I think something will happen now as it has been recognised that it is unacceptable in its present state.'

**Exchange**  
In a frank exchange of views Mr Davidson, along with secretary Bryce Walker and Bill Calderwood, vice chairman of the community council, told the senior official of their concerns and how to restore and protect the beach area. The geotextile sandbags were brought in as a remedy to shore up the former coup which led to the beach being closed to the public in 2010. But today they lie exposed, with some in tatters, spoiling the beach which for many visitors is their first impression of Arran when they

come off the boat. The committee wants to see urgent action taken to get rid of the sandbag eyesore. It has drawn up an action plan, highlighted by The Banner last month, which includes the construction of a seawall and walkway, a rock-fill embankment and groins to stop the remaining sand shifting. **Urgent action** It has told the council that unless there is urgent action the committee will raise the money and do the work itself. Following the meeting a letter signed by the three men was sent to Mr Hatton. It states: 'We are very conscious of the urgency for preparing and completing the required work in this area which influences many of the island visitors' first impression of Arran. 'Restoring the facilities would once again attract many families to use the area for picnics and barbeques and the like and also help the local traders.' As an immediate priority

the committee wants to see a solid screen built above the existing bags which could then be topped off and faced with rock or other materials which, it believes, would be more aesthetically acceptable for residents and visitors. It also says that restoring the grass area around the seating and children's play area would improve a key facility which the community utilises for many activities over the year. The committee learned that an engineering consultant's report, commissioned by the council from the international AECOM group, into the long term future of the beach has yet to be completed. A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We have met with representatives of Brodick Improvement Committee to discuss options to minimise the impact of erosion and improve the appearance of the beach where the current protection is located. 'We have also discussed the opportunity to develop the coastal path along this stretch of coastline.'



**Castle games in the sun**  
**James Richardson and Lachlan McNicol just about mastered the three-legged race at Brodick Castle on Sunday for a day of fun in the sun. Full story and more photos on pages 10 and 11. 20\_b17castle08**

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# Politicians join fight to save housing office

## Several petitions have been launched

There is growing anger at the decision by Isle of Arran Homes to shut the Brodick office and move all clerical and administration work to Edinburgh.

Politicians are also concerned about the move and this week stepped up pressure on Trust Housing which runs Arran Homes.

One of the petitions launched is in Corrie by Red Quarry Road tenant Linda Armit. Others have been started in Brodick and Lamlash.

Linda has already collected more than 200 signatures in both Corrie and Brodick.

She said: 'There is real anger at this decision and not

just from Arran Homes tenants. The amount of support I have had from home owners and others has been tremendous.

'I think it is an absolute disgrace. The staff on Arran are really good and very helpful. I don't want to talk to someone in Edinburgh if I have a dripping tap or an electrical fault. How long will it take them to fix it?'

The closure will see the loss of four jobs including that of pregnant Gemma Blythe, as highlighted in The Banner last week.

The matter was due to be discussed at the Ardrossan, Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston area committee of North Ayrshire Council on Thursday after Councillor John Bruce put the issue on the agenda.

Councillor Bruce said: 'I trust it is no more than coincidence that the news of closure happened during the council recess period. There must be a frank discussion of the financial facts of the case to see whether, as a council, we are able to influence a better positive outcome to closure of the Arran office.'

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson has also taken up the fight. He said: 'Such a move has,

for the island and tenants, come out of the blue.

'The loss of four jobs has been compounded by uncertainty about just how the service can operate as effectively with such a reduction in staff.

'And how can it possibly be more efficient administering properties from the mainland?'

'Detail is clearly lacking on how service delivery will work on the ground and it is obvious that a decision has been taken without being fully thought through.'

Campaigners also have the backing of North Ayrshire and Arran MP Katy Clark who said: 'I fully appreciate the concern that tenants will have and I am aware of similar situations in other housing associations where the centralisation of support services has led to numerous complaints and problems.

'I understand that tenants are seeking to campaign to retain the services on Arran, and I am fully supportive of this.

'If any tenants wish to express their concerns or require assistance over these proposed closures then I would be happy to discuss this directly with them.'



## Jack up barge to start pier work

A jack up barge which will carry out ground works for the new ferry terminal has finally arrived in Brodick.

Over the next four weeks a number of marine boreholes will be drilled from the barge into the seabed. There will also be trial pits and probes on the foreshore.

It will be the first visible signs of the start of work on the £18 million two-berth pier and new ferry terminal.

As part of the redevelopment project harbour owners Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) awarded the £225,000 contract for ground investigation to Glasgow based Structural Soils Ltd.

The majority of the investigation works will be undertaken from the jack-up barge

positioned at various locations in Brodick bay.

The windy weather and rough seas from late January through to early March meant that it was too unsafe to tow the barge to Brodick. Unfortunately, at the first suitable weather window, the barge developed a serious technical fault.

A spokesman for CMAL said: 'The delay to the ground investigation works will have an effect on the overall project programme, but as yet the full implication of this is not known.'

'CMAL's design team is still progressing with as many aspects of the design as possible, and hopes to minimise any time lost on the overall project.'



Linda Armit with the petition outside her Corrie home. 20\_b17pet02

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Visitors on the ever-popular crazy golf in Brodick while others enjoy alfresco dining in the restaurants nearby. 20\_b17season01

# Busy Easter gets season off to a flying start

The sun shone making the Easter weekend one of the busiest and most bustling for a number of years. And it has got Arran's holiday season off to a flying start.

In a stark contrast to last year, when the island was still recovering from the snow, visitors have poured off the ferries since the start of the school holidays the previous weekend.

Some were so busy that it led to minor delays.

The settled sunny days all weekend attracted many day visitors but also a lot staying longer in hotels, guest houses and self catering accommodation which reported strong occupancy.

Restaurants have been busy and shops too have reported brisk trade with one shopkeeper saying: 'If the sun is shining we are always busy on bank holiday weekends.'

Villages around the island have all had a boost and hotels have had their full signs up, and with the String Road opened for the Easter weekend, the Shiskine Valley also benefited from the early visitor surge.

### Absolutely fantastic

At the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot owner Robbie Crawford said: 'The weekend was absolutely fantastic, one of the best Easters we have had for a number of years.'

'The opening of the String Road

helped tremendously and the number of cars coming over it was incredible. Friday afternoon was especially busy and such a stark contrast to last Easter when we were still clearing up after the snow.'

The Douglas Hotel in Brodick also reported a good weekend, especially at boat times, but otherwise were also 'nice and steady'.

Marketing manager Elaine Campbell said: 'The weather helped, of course, but it was wonderful seeing Brodick, and hopefully other villages too, buzzing again.'

The weather also brought out the crowds at the big weekend events including the Rugby Sevens tour-

namment with the participating teams bringing a large number of supporters with them.

The Easter family day at Brodick Castle attracted more than 700 visitors.

Sheila Gilmore, executive director of VisitArran, said: 'It's lovely to see so many families enjoying our lovely island over the Easter holidays. When the boat's full, of course, there's the whole island for visitors to disappear into, so I think this just highlights how vital it is that we get the second ferry on even earlier, when the summer timetable changes, to maximise potential for the whole island.'

## Award for rescue team

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team has won the Mountain Rescue Team of the Year title at this year's International Fire and Rescue Association (IFRA) Flame awards for their work during the snowstorms of March last year.

IFRA is a UK-based charity set up by firefighters to assist emergency services worldwide. Unfortunately the team was unable to attend the ceremony held in Manchester to collect the award, but it is being sent to them.

It was accepted on the night on their behalf by award sponsor and organiser Eezy Events' director Chris Parry from Emmerdale star Danny Miller.

The award is just the latest recognition for the all volunteer team coming after their nomination for STV's Real Heroes Awards last year.

## Grey heron found dead

A heron has been found dead on the shoreline at Corriegills Point near Brodick.

It was found by a woman who described it as an adult grey heron, but it was not tagged. It appeared to be one of a pair and the other was circling around in the sky above, when she came across it last week.

Arran bird expert Jim Casels says one of the most common causes of death of grey heron is overhead cables, power cables and telephone wires.

He is investigating the death, which is fairly unusual on Arran.

There are two heronries not far way, one in Stronach Wood by Brodick Primary School and the other in Whitehouse Woods near Arran High School in Lamlass.

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The trophy winning Carrick team. 20\_b17rugby02



Carrick halt another Marr attack. 20\_b17rugby18



Above: Arran A in action against Greenock B. 20\_b17rugby23



The Hyndland team. 20\_b17rugby01



Greenock A who won the plate competition. 20\_b17rugby03



A Marr player makes a dart to the line against The Douglas. 20\_b17rugby08



Determination is written all over a Marr player's face as he presses forward. 20\_b17rugby17

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The Arran B team. 20\_b17rugby06



Above: Spectators soak up the sun as they watch the action. 20\_b17rugby24



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An Arran A player tries to pull back



# Carrick are Arran sevens champions

Carrick were crowned the victors at the Arran Rugby Sevens tournament on Saturday.

The hot sunshine brought the crowds out to Ormidale Park in Brodick for a fantastic 10-team tournament, with some suggesting it was the best weather ever for the event.

But when all the rugby had been played it was Carrick Rugby Club from Maybole who took home the trophy after a 19-10 win over Marr College in the final.

The plate trophy final was an all Greenock affair with Greenock A running out winners over their team mates Greenock B 24-14 in a fiercely contested game.

The 10 teams were split into

two groups for the competition but there was an early fixture problem when Mull failed to turn up. They were replaced by the scratch team Blake's 7 - made up mainly of Greenock players.

Arran were the pre-tournament favourites but after the first round of games many predicted a Carrick versus Marr final, although both the Greenock teams, who had arrived from playing in Millport the day before, also looked strong.

Group A was made up of: Arran A, Greenock B, Blake's 7, Carrick and the curiously named Scotch Pie wearing Herriot Watt University strips.

Group B was: Greenock A,

Hyndland, Arran B, Marr College and The Douglas, represented by a team of Londoners.

There were some good contests throughout the afternoon enjoyed by the big and appreciative crowd of both locals and supporters of the various teams who were vocal throughout the day, especially the Marr and Greenock fans.

Unfortunately one player was badly injured during the competition. Carrick's Calum Smith suffered a dislocated elbow and spent the night at the Arran War Memorial Hospital. But one of his team mates collected his winners' medal.

\*See back page for more coverage.



The Arran A team.

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The Scotch Pie team. 20\_b17rugby04



The player on the ground takes a sore one during the plate final between Greenock A and Greenock B.

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# Young voters get the chance to have say on independence

'Any young person at the high school should feel free to come along'

Arran's young people will finally have their chance to join the debate on Scottish independence next month when a rescheduled event takes place.

As reported in The Banner last month, local youth group Arran Youth Foundations had planned to welcome MSP Kenneth Gibson and Katy Clark MP to a debate last month but it had to be cancelled because of problems with the ferry.

The politicians had agreed to a request by the youth group to discuss the subject on everyone's lips and it has now been rescheduled.

With 16 and 17-year-olds granted the opportunity to take part in the historic vote, AYF's youth worker is urging young voters to come along on Friday 2 May.

Graeme Johnston said: 'I'm very grateful to Katy and

Kenneth for kindly agreeing to come along again.

'We run a film-making club and throughout 2014, we plan to film the young people at regular intervals to record their thoughts on the matter of Scottish independence.

'This debate will be a key moment in their year, as they get a unique opportunity to sit down with politicians from each side of the debate and put across their questions and concerns.

'I have fought for and supported votes for young people for years, but it isn't enough that they are just granted a vote. I want to help them become as well-informed as possible, on both sides of the argument, so that they can enter the polling station for the first time feeling confident and engaged.'

Graeme will be promoting the debate in Arran High

School in the coming days and hopes the event is well attended.

'Any young person at the high school should feel free to come along, whether they are eligible to vote or not. We are lucky to have our two local politicians attending, and I'm very keen that there's a good turnout so that it's worth their while.'

The politicians will take questions from their young audience between 4.30pm and 6.30pm at Brodick Church on Friday 2 May, before a post-debate poll will show which side managed to win the argument.

There will be pizzas, snacks and juice for all who attend, and the event will be followed by the group's usual Friday night games and activities between 7pm and 9pm.

Interested parents and other members of the community are more than welcome to attend and spectate, but questions will only be sought from the young people taking part. It would be appreciated if anyone interested could contact Graeme in advance at [graeme@arranyouthfoundations.org](mailto:graeme@arranyouthfoundations.org) so he can estimate numbers



The Walk of Witness made its way through the centre of Brodick on Good Friday.  
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## Walk of Witness brings Christians together from across the island

A solemn procession through Brodick brought home the true meaning of Easter on Friday afternoon.

Around 50 people took part in the annual Walk of Witness, which has become a key feature of the Easter weekend on the island.

The event, organised by Arran Churches Together brings Christians from across the island together for a procession every year along Brodick seafront for the Good Friday event.

People gathered at the Holy Cross Church for a short service at 2pm.

Father Noel Colford welcomed those gathered, telling them: 'This is a solemn day. But it is a good day because on this day, Jesus laid down his life for us.'

He then led the crowd in prayers, and after the singing of two hymns, those assembled began a silent procession down to Shore Road with a large wooden cross carried in front.

The procession then made its way along through the centre of the village to St Brides Church at the opposite end of the village where the Rev Angus Adamson held another short service of forgiveness.

## Award for Wooleys oatcakes

Arran bakers Wooleys have had their oatcakes highly commended at the Scottish Baker of the Year product judging day.

They will now be shortlisted for Scottish Baker Awards of the Year to be held next month in Glasgow.

More than 20,000 customers from across Scotland have voted for their favourite bakery products across six categories and earlier this month, more than 100 bakers delivered 600 of the most popular products for scrutiny

by a panel of 40 expert and independent judges.

With a sea of scones, loaves, savoury items, morning rolls, individual cakes and biscuits, the judges had a hard task tasting, smelling and squishing each and every item to shortlist the best products in the land.

'We took delivery of hundreds of excellent products made by bakers right across Scotland and every single product was anonymously judged by a team of judges, led by head judge Robert Ross. Scottish bakers have once again done us proud.

'We are very impressed with the high standard of the products they produce every

day and to get a highly commended is recognition of the overall quality of the baking provided by the company,' said Scottish Bakers Chief Executive Alan Clarke.

TV judge and celebrity cake designer Mich Turner MBE will be presenting the certificates at the Scottish Baker of the Year Awards in May 2014.

She said: 'The judges are used to hard work I know but 600 products in one day is a lot. Well done to them and good luck to all the bakers who have been shortlisted. I look forward to being surprised and delighted when I announce the winners in Glasgow.'



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# Sailors rescued off Ailsa Craig

## HMS Blyth was about three miles away at the time

Two Arran bound sailors had to be rescued by the Royal Navy warship HMS Blyth after their Wayfarer dinghy capsized off Ailsa Craig late on Tuesday afternoon.

### Sailing trip

The two men, thought to be in their late 20s, had set out from Largs earlier in the day for a two-day sailing trip and planned to sail around Ailsa Craig in the 16ft dinghy before staying the night in Lamash.

They got into difficulties a

mile and a half off the famous maritime landmark in moderate seas and capsized, before their aft locker compartment flooded and they were unable to right the boat. One of the men used his mobile phone to call a friend who is a member of the Campbeltown RNLi crew, who in turn alerted Belfast's Coastguard station.

They were able to identify shipping in the vicinity and contacted HMS Blyth, which was about three miles away at the time of the call. The

mine-hunter was first on the scene and launched her sea boat to recover the two men who were cold but otherwise uninjured.

### Change of clothes

After providing hot showers and a change of clothes, the men were handed over to Girvan lifeboat 'Sylvia Burrell' for transport back to the mainland.

The warship had just left her base port at Faslane for a three-month NATO deployment to the Mediterranean.

## Eco Savvy shop is open for business

A new shop where unwanted goods are given a second chance has opened in Whiting Bay.

The Arran Eco Savvy Community opened the doors of the Waste Not Want Not Shop in the former Post Office on Saturday, thanks entirely to the efforts of a band of volunteers.

The shop sells second hand items in good working order and items that are tired or damaged and in need of upcycling. This offers people the chance to repair, improve or completely reinvent items and then bring them back to the shop and



**Ecco Savvy champions Barbara l'Anson and Esther Brown behind the counter of the new shop.** 20\_b17eco01

resell them upcycled.

One early upcycling couple involved have been John and Janet Baraclough who have already been hard at

work making new from old, including a chair and a bird box.

As well as accepting donations the shop is acting as a second chance helping people to receive a share of the final selling price. This will enable anyone to sell items in the shop and make money back for themselves.

As a not for profit group all surplus funds raised go towards Arran Eco Savvy Community projects to progress self sufficiency and waste reduction on Arran for the benefit of the community.

Anyone interested in being a shop volunteer, upcycler or second chancer can pop in to fill out a membership form and help make Arran a greener cleaner place.



**Some early customers in the new recycling shop.** 20\_b17eco02

## Brewery announces £80,000 investment

Several new jobs are to be created with the announcement that the Arran Brewery to invest up to £80,000 pounds in its brewery on the island. A further £80,000 is to be spent on entering new international markets.

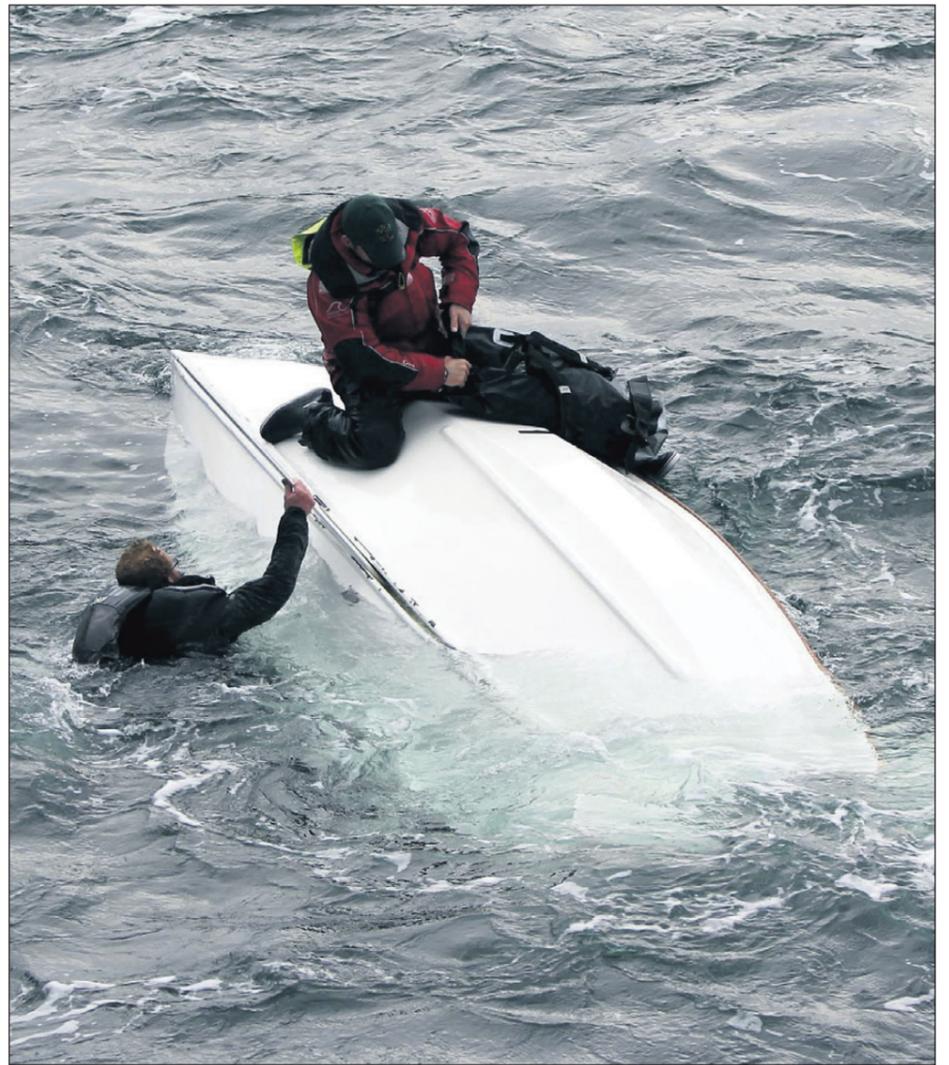
Veronica Michaluk the brewery's international marketing manager said: 'This is great news and will see the brewery enter new markets around the world, currently we only export to Spain, France and Japan.'

The investment on Arran which it is hoped will attract grant support will see production

capacity increase three fold and costs substantially reduced. More fermenting capacity will be added along with an increase in storage tanks and a mill and associated grain storage and handing equipment.

The expansion has created the need to recruits and train several new brewers and applications form can be found on the Arran Brewery website [www.arranbrewery.com](http://www.arranbrewery.com).

The expansion comes close no the heels of the Arran Breweries announcement to open Scotland's first sake brewery in Dreghorn.



**The men are rescued from their upturned dinghy**

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Need to save an island lifeline

There are honest and genuine concerns over the decision by Isle of Arran Homes to close their Brodick office.

The office is, for many, a lifeline to the essential services they need in relation to their rented homes and many have praised the dedicated and helpful staff who run it.

What a pity then that the Trust Housing Association, the parent body of Arran Homes, wants to shut it to save money with the loss of four jobs. This move will see all administrative and clerical support functions transferred to Edinburgh.

That will leave just three remaining staff - a housing and property officer, and two care and repair staff - who will be moved to one or both of the sheltered housing developments, though the details on this are not yet clear.

But while the trust chief executive Bob McDougall states that the two care and repair staff will keep their posts, these are, in fact, funded by North Ayrshire Council and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board exclusively to assist the over 60s.

This leaves the housing officer to deal with the tenants of nearly 300 homes.

MP Katy Clark has warned that similar centralisation at other housing associations has led to numerous complaints and problems.

With the added difficulty of a stretch of water between the tenants and mainland services, the outcome could be very bad indeed.

The lack of consultation before taking the decision has also led to anger, but Arran Homes insists that the move is a strategic decision and not a housing management issue.

But the tenancy agreement clearly states that the trust will consult on policies that are likely to 'significantly affect you' - closing the Arran office sounds a pretty significant change.

It is not just the office that is to close. Somewhere under the radar the trust has dropped the bombshell that the island sub-committee will no longer exist in its current format - which was news to some of the members.

Mr McDougall told board members that he hoped to use former sub-committee members to create a new tenant/resident forum. But why the need for change?

MSP Kenneth Gibson is of the view that the abrupt termination of the sub-committee is 'a worry'.

With petitions gaining widespread public support and political moves to get trust bosses round the table in a bid to thrash out a compromise, maybe it is not too late to save this vital service.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Because Jesus has Himself passed through the test of suffering, He is able to help those who are in the midst of their test.' (Hebrews 2:18)

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## Letters to the Editor

### Important lifeline

Sir,  
I am a regular visitor to the island and have an elderly relative who rents from Isle of Arran Homes.

Like her, I am disturbed by the news that the office of Arran Homes is to close.

The staff at the office are an important lifeline in cases of emergency.

For example, when electrical power to Arran was disrupted the staff made personal visits to ensure that vulnerable tenants were safe.

It does not make sense that in future the administration will be undertaken from the mainland.

I am not a resident and therefore I am unable to vote.

However, it seems to me that if elected councillors allow this closure to happen then they might expect their present term of office to be their last.

Three hundred voters could make a big difference.

Yours,  
**Albert Edward**  
By email

### Saving the day

Sir,  
Thank you, the piece in The Banner about the lack of a Lamlash base for the 31st Scottish Islands Peaks Race has saved the day!

In addition to a very generous offer from the RNLI lifeboat station to use their facilities at Lamlash pier, we also had an offer of assistance from Arran Outdoor Education Centre for which we were also grateful.

Our race marshals and competitors are a pretty self-sufficient lot so it's unusual for us to need outside assistance but the people of Arran and The Arran Banner certainly came up trumps for us.

Thanks again.  
Yours,  
**Nick Macdonald**  
Chief Marshal  
Scottish Islands Peak Race

### The Song of Shiskine

Sir,  
A poem entitled The Song of Shiskine, 1929, was given

to me by Joyce Aitken a few years ago and I thought it may appeal to the descendants of the people mentioned.

I was also interested in their identities where there are only initials, and with Arran being a generational island, it may stir some memories.

The poem to the tune The Judges Song by Sullivan begins:

*'In Arran's isle there is a spot,  
A very fine spot indeed, oh,  
And whether they're right  
or whether they're not  
They call it the Glasgow Lido.*

*It's down on the map as  
Blackwaterfoot,  
You reach it by boat from  
Ardrrossan;*

*You're so glad to get back  
that you don't give a hoot,  
Though you've lost some  
weight in the crossing.'*

Here are a few extracts from the golfing part of the poem:

*'George Steedman is the  
captain bold  
And a very hard man to  
beat, sir  
He took 14 once to the Shelf,  
I'm told  
But his mashie shots are a  
treat, sir.*

*And Mrs Steedman does her  
bit  
When competitions are won,  
oh.*

*In extending a really gra-  
cious mitt  
She is excelled by none, oh.'  
'But A.E.L. lays down the  
law*

*And leaves but little to  
chance, sir;  
'Tis said in Foursomes he  
swicks the draw*

*As an aid to true romance,  
sir.  
But who is versed in weath-  
er lore,*

*Is never perturbed unduly,  
But says 'it ain't goin' to  
rain no more',  
Why that's our Mr Woolley.'*

*'A man from the East shall  
next command  
Our very best attention.*

*For years he has led a  
youthful band  
To numerous to mention.  
A left-hand push is his golf-  
ing stroke*

*Less accurate than speedy.  
He'll appreciate any kind of  
joke:*

*Hats off to Richard Tweed-  
ie.'*

The poem is signed off by A.T. and H.E.

Yours,  
**Margaret Godfrey**  
Creg-ny-Baa  
Shiskine

### Big thank you

Sir,  
Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to their very successful Daffodil Tea held last Saturday.

A very big thank you to all who attended and helped to raise more than £1,000.

Yours,  
**Tony Baboolal**  
Lochranza

### Easter service

Sir,  
Forty one people and six dogs gathered to welcome Easter Sunday morning at the Vi-

king Fort, Kingscross.

All ages and all breeds watched a beautiful red sun rise over the Ayrshire coast and heard the glorious news that Easter is God's promise of a new day.

As we sang our praises we gave thanks that Easter is God's promise of a new life.

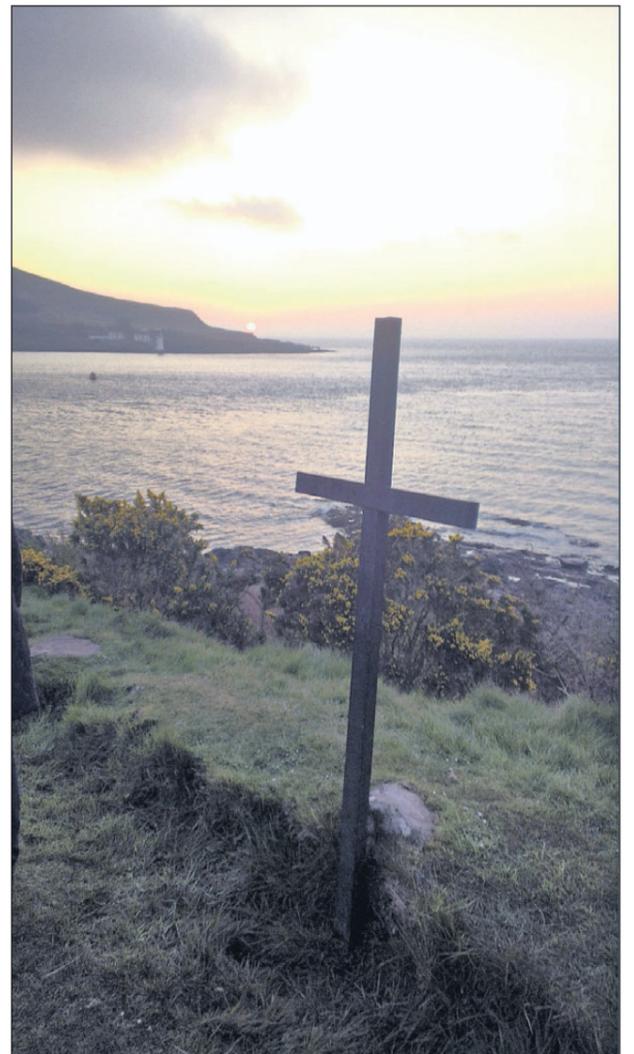
It is God's promise of a new world coming to pass in our midst. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

From the youngest, James at 5 years old, to the oldest, no names mentioned, all rejoiced to celebrate this special day.

For the 32nd year, worship without a break has been celebrated at this ancient site and we look forward to 5 April 2015 to celebrate again.

Maybe we will see you there!

Yours,  
**Elizabeth Watson**



The red sun rises over the Ayrshire coast.

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# Trains display raises money for charity

An open garden day and train display raised £520 for a children's charity.

Ruth and Alan Thompson held their first event of 2014 at the weekend and the sunshine brought a steady stream of visitors to their home in Murray Crescent in Lamlash.

In the front garden Alan had his newly repaired model train track running with The Flying Scotsman and other trains.

In the lovely back garden tea, coffee and cakes were served in

the surrounding of several Marvin Elliot carvings and water features.

## Thank you

Ruth said: 'We were so busy I had to bake again on Saturday, but thank you to the many folk who gave so generously over the weekend.'

A cheque for the money raised has been sent to Smile Train charity which will be enough for three children to have a life changing cleft palate repair operation.



Alan Thompson with his restored train set. 20\_b17train02



Hannah and Andrew Roxburgh admire the trains during the open day. 20\_b17train01

## Superior line-up announced for 20th Arran Folk Festival

The 20th Arran Folk Festival line-up has been announced and it includes an enticing mix of established and emerging talents.

This year, all events are based in Brodick with concerts in Brodick Hall and sessions in The Douglas Hotel.

The weekend kicks off with a welcoming session on Friday 6 June from 12-5pm and closes with an inaugural open mic event on the Sunday at 8pm which festival organisers hope will become a regular feature of the weekend.

The traditional Sunday afternoon Survivor's Session is from 12-5pm. Both sessions and the open mic are free admission.

This year for the first time the sessions will be broadcast live by web-based Celtic Music Radio bringing the event into the digital age.

Friday night's concert features Carradale piper and BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year finalist Lorne MacDougall in his trio, Arran's own Gillian Frame and fellow Bar Room Mountaineer Findlay Napier, plus renowned Glasgow-born Gaelic songstress and harp player Mary Ann Kennedy's trio.

Saturday sees the established talents of Kent-born virtuoso guitarist and box squeezer Tim Edey in a solo show, and singer-songwriter Scott MacDonald – a well kent face on the circuit – plus two of the rising stars of the Scottish folk scene, Jenn Butterworth and Laura-Beth Salter.

In addition to this musical feast, there will be an opportunity to get involved at the 'Really Big Sing' workshop led by local singer and fiddler

Gillian Frame in the Brodick Hall from 2-3.30pm.

Festival director Jon Hollingworth told The Banner: 'We are delighted that the line-up for the 20th Arran Folk Festival is complete and quietly proud that we are in some small way responsible for helping steer the festival to this milestone and helping it adhere to its two main aims – a love of live music, and a love for this island.'

'In this anniversary year, we have tried to move forward while acknowledging the past with acts playing both traditional and new folk music.'

'And we are thrilled to welcome home Arran's own Gillian Frame.'

The festival runs from Friday 6 June to Sunday 8 June.

See [www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com) for full details including ticket ordering information.

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Youngsters show off their homemade hats during the bonnet parade. 20\_b17castle09



The three-legged race is always tricky. 20\_b17castle07

# Easter fun at Brodick

## Hundreds flock to 'eggstravangza'

Crowds flocked to Brodick Castle on Sunday for a day of fun in the sun.

More than 700 visitors and locals alike came with their children and grandchildren to the grounds of the castle for a day of Easter enjoyment.

Most took part in the Cadbury-sponsored Easter Egg Trail searching for clues around the castle grounds to win an Easter egg.

There were wacky races for the young and not so young, egg painting, mask making

and some splendid home-made designs on show during the Easter bonnet parade.

**Lack of water**  
The activities concluded with the 'duck' derby, but a lack of water in the burn saw the balls thrown down the steps of the castle - but they didn't go as far as everyone was expecting!

Administration manager Chris Mills said: 'The sun really brought out the crowds and we had a superb day. I think everyone enjoyed it.'



Dads and kids take part in the wheelbarrow race. 20\_b17castle06



David Cameron throws the balls at the start of 'duck' derby. 20\_b17castle13



Alison and Naomi Provan from W on the Easter Egg Trail. 20\_b17castle01



James and Jack Houston enjoy the egg painting. 20\_b17castle02



# in the sun Castle

All smiles from one of the winners of the Easter bonnet parade at the Brodick Castle family day which attracted hundreds of visitors. 20\_b17bonnet01



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One of the winning bonnets. 20\_b17castle11



Adults had a go at bonnet making too. 20\_b17castle12

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# Beach scavengers learn about marine life

Dozens of children took part in a beach scavenger hunt held by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) in Lamlash on Saturday.

The event was to give youngsters and their families the chance to learn more about the amazing

marine life on the Arran shore. But as well as having to find all the items on a list, there were also some surprise Easter eggs hidden in the undergrowth.

A tank containing marine life which youngsters could hold also proved popular.



A COAST worker explains what's in the marine life tank. 20\_b17scav04



Scavengers get to work. 20\_b17scav03

## Nominate an unsung hero to be gifted two tickets to a Commonwealth Games event



The Arran Banner is asking readers to nominate someone in their local community who deserves to experience the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games first hand. The Scottish Government's Legacy Ticket scheme recognises the achievement and contribution of people across Scotland who are helping to create this legacy by offering them tickets to watch one of the 17 sports at the games.

The Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this summer is set to be the biggest sporting event in Scotland's history – and they promise to be a fantastic spectacle to enjoy. These games are a once-in-a-generation opportunity to secure a legacy for communities across Scotland.

Readers of The Arran Banner will know the unsung heroes who are already making a difference – whether it's a young person involved in sport, someone helping to make sport happen by volunteering or someone simply making your community a better place.

### HOW TO NOMINATE

If you know someone who deserves this once in a lifetime opportunity then fill in the nomination form provided below or online at [www.arranbanner.co.uk/legacy](http://www.arranbanner.co.uk/legacy) and let us know. Please see the nomination criteria in the right hand box. All nominations must be received by midnight, Tuesday 29th April, 2014. Nominations will be shortlisted by a Wyvex Media judging panel, including a Wyvex Media Director, and the winner chosen by an external panel of judges who will be announced in a future issue.

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### Nominate today! Do you know an unsung hero who fulfils one or more of the following criteria?

1. Young person, including Team Scotland supporters, and those involved in sport at school, community or club level.
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3. Those who make a contribution to their communities, through volunteering or other means.
4. People without the opportunity to experience the games, and those from disadvantaged groups or those with a disability.



Lucy Cartledge holds a starfish. 20\_b17scav01



Five-year-old Ava Lorimer finds an Easter egg. 20\_b17scav02

## Cash available for elderly groups

Elderly groups on Arran will have the chance to apply for more than £3,000 of council cash in the next financial year.

Arran has nearly 1,500 residents over the age of 65, it has been revealed.

That is around 32 per cent of the population after the 2011 Census revealed last year that the Arran population had fallen to 4,660.

The latest figure on the number of pensioners on the island came in a North Ayrshire Council report into grant allocation for elderly groups in the next financial year.

Based on a pro-rata allocation Arran will get £3,236 from a £16,194 pot for the island and the three towns, as Arran has a 5.44 per cent share of North Ayrshire's elderly population.

The exact number of Arran residents over 65 is 1,472.

In a report to the council's area committee Audrey Sutton, head of service (community and culture) outlined the funding available for elderly groups to apply for.

The report said: 'Traditionally grants are paid to elderly groups to fund social events such as summer outings and Christmas lunches.

**Support**  
 'Grants may also be used to support other activities for the benefit of the elderly population in the area, including running costs of centres.

'Each recipient group is required to complete an application form setting out how they intend to utilise the funding and financial monitoring is undertaken to ensure funds are used appropriately.'

Terms and conditions: Nominees must live on the Isle of Arran. The identified beneficiary of the Commonwealth Games ticket will be gifted a pair of tickets so that they may be accompanied by a loved one, friend or carer. Travel, accommodation and other associated expenses are not included in the prize package. Staff employed by Wyvex Media and relatives of staff are ineligible to be a recipient of a ticket. The names and addresses of the ticket recipient and their companion will be supplied to the Scottish Government and the Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee. Legacy Tickets are a gift and not for resale. It is illegal for tickets to the Commonwealth Games to be sold on. A Legacy Ticket needs to be used by the named ticket beneficiary and their companion. The following Glasgow 2014 terms & conditions set out the rights and obligations in relation to the use of tickets. Please familiarise yourself with these in advance of attending the sporting session/ceremony: <http://www.glasgow2014packages.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Glasgow-2014-Ticketing-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf>. Nominations must be received by midnight, Tuesday 29th April. Nominations will be shortlisted by a Wyvex Media judging panel, including a Wyvex Media Director, and the winner chosen by an external panel.

# Artists shine at spring show

Artists from all over the island exhibited at the Arran Visual Arts Easter Exhibition last weekend.

More than 160 individual works of art were on display at the six-day exhibition in the Arran High School Community Theatre.

### Snow storms

Last year's event was forced to be cancelled because of the snow storms, but a bright spring night last Wednesday brought out the crowds for the opening.

Chairwoman Jan MacGregor welcomed guests and thanked those who had helped to set up the displays in the Lamlash hall, only the second exhibition to be staged there.

Art lovers were entertained



Visitors study the exhibits with interest. 20\_b17art01

by the flute and saxophone of Lucy Cartledge as they browsed the exhibits.

As well as paintings and drawings the show featured photography and prints, sculpture and pottery, textiles, woodwork and basketry and other crafts.

Nearly 450 visitors attended the exhibition over the week-

end and 34 pieces of work were sold.

A total of 365 people voted for their favourite exhibit in show and the winner was Wendy Kilroe with Winter Light, 27 votes, runner up was Patsy Keen with Portrait Laughter, 16 votes and third Phil Holmes with North Sannox Burn, 14 votes.



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Two ladies examine some of the paintings on show. 20\_b17art02

## Arran tops requests list

VisitScotland has discovered the appetite for Scotland's stunning islands is greater than ever thanks to an overwhelming interest in the tourism organisation's latest competition.

More than 63,000 people from the UK entered the Brilliant Island Moments prize draw to win one of the 8,000 free tickets to Scotland's islands as part of a joint promotional campaign between VisitScotland, Caledonian MacBrayne and Serco NorthLink Ferries.

The total number of entries is nearly double that of last year's Big April Adventures Campaign (35,000).

Brodick was the most popular destination choice with 9,470 requests. In second place was Lerwick (8,989) and Stornoway (7,048), Craignure (6,710) and Kirkwall (6,204) took third, fourth and fifth respectively.

Mike Cantlay, chairman of VisitScotland, said: 'Whether you won tickets or missed out, there are so many reasons to visit the islands during the Year of Homecoming Scotland.'

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# Easter events held across the island

## Montrose House ladies have fun making baskets



The ladies of Montrose House took advantage of the spring sunshine last Wednesday as they enjoyed a lovely afternoon arranging their annual Easter flower baskets.



Easter baskets were created by the ladies of Montrose House.

Helpers Liz, Ann, Mirna, Ellie and Margaret helped 10 ladies to arrange their baskets full of beautiful seasonal blooms.

The winning basket was created by Joyce Orr, and second was Louise Stachniewska - both ladies live at Montrose House.

Third equal were Sheila Roberts and Sadie Ritchie from Stronach Daycare.

Thanks go to Mrs McLellan from Glen Estate who presented chocolate Easter eggs to all the ladies.

After clearing up everyone enjoyed afternoon tea and Easter goodies - a lovely end to a very happy and successful day.



The children who enjoyed the Easter fun day

## Kids take part in Lamlash fun day

Youngsters enjoyed an Easter fun day held by KA Leisure in Arran High School last Friday.

A full day of kids activities saw them making Easter cards, baskets, chicks on a paper plate, decorate eggs, taking part in a balloon hunt and enjoying a mini disco with games.

Nearly 30 children took part and prizes were given for the various categories. Helen and



Some of the decorated eggs they produced.

Maureen from KA Leisure provided Easter nest cakes for all the children to take home with all their craft makes.

A big 'thank you' was given to the two mums, Alison and

Lee, who stayed for most of the day to help them.

They are also grateful to Brodick Co-op for donating all the eggs for the children to decorate.

## Mountain Festival ceilidh success

The Arran Mountain Festival began its programme of activities for the next month with a hugely successful Easter Ceilidh.

The evening saw a lovely mix of locals and visitors dance the night away with music from the wonderful Arranach Ceilidh Band.

This year the Easter bon-



Rowan, Kayleigh and Jemma show off their Easter bonnets.

net competition was won by Jemma Totty and Friederike Lorenzen - each winning a massive James' Chocolate egg.

The stovies were a great hit, so a big 'thank you' went to Sherie Walker and Friederike Lorenzen for their great cooking skills, and to Trish Martin for the amazing meringues.

A huge 'thanks' was given to everyone for helping to set up and clear up and to the committee (and partners) for all their organising help.

Money raised from the evening will help fund the

Arran Mountain Festival which is managed and organised by a team of volunteers, and to which all the qualified and experienced walk leaders give their time and expertise for free.

The festival has steadily grown from year to year since its beginning in 2007 and has helped to put Arran firmly on the map as one of the best hill walking destinations in the UK.

For details about this year's Arran Mountain Festival, see [www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk](http://www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk).



Friederike Lorenzen, the winner of the adult Easter bonnet competition.

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Terms and conditions: Entrants must live in the UK. The winner's cookware set will be dispatched within 28 days of the competition closing date. The prize is as stated. No cash alternative. The Editor's decision is final. Photocopied entry coupons will not be accepted. The winner may be asked to take part in publicity and may appear in a Wyvex Media publication and website. This competition is not open to Wyvex Media and associated company employees and their families.

**THE ARRAN**

**BANNER**

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**

**Saturday 23 April, 1994**

**Hill fire drama**

Firemen and forestry workers were called out when a controlled burning on Dougarie Estate got out of hand.

Gamekeepers were burning heather on Beinn Lochan to allow the grass to grow, when a strong westerly wind blew up which began to drive the fire towards the forestry plantation.

Forest ranger Bob Logan, who was on fire duty, called the fire brigade when he realised by late afternoon that the blaze was out of control. The firemen had to walk for almost half an hour to get to the fire and once there found they had to beat the flames as there was no water available.

The fire was only half a mile from the plantation when the wind direction changed and by 9pm the fire was extinguished.

**Turning the tables**

Sculptor Marvin Elliot had the tables turned on him this week when he found himself being sculpted in wood.

Per Ost, a picture cutter from Sweden, whose works grace many public buildings, had come to Arran for a few days with Jonas Noren of Upsalla, who has a house in Shiskine. He wanted Per and Marvin, whose work he also admires, to meet.

The unusual thing about Per is that he works with only an axe and scarcely any other tool to chip the wood into the picture he is seeing.

Marvin said of the finished sculpture. 'It is very humbling'.

**Giant slate roof**

The roof of a new house in Corrie is being constructed using giant Westmorland slates.



**Frank Langley carries one of the giant slates on to the roof.** b17twe04



**The ladies of Pirnmill performed the play Mrs Meadowsweet at the Whiting Bay Dramafest this week. The play won last February's drama festival.** b17twe03

Frank and Barbara Langley brought the entire load of slates with them when they moved from the Lake District five years ago.

Now the huge green and beige slates are being used for the roof of the six bedroomed house they are building which is to be called Fermemris.

**Swings anger**

The two Brodick representatives on Arran Community Council have both expressed their disapproval of the site chosen for the new swings in Brodick.

Stuart Walls and John Sillars said they had been informed that the money for the project would be lost if it was not used before the end of the financial year, so it was not possible to alter the plans.

The council agreed that all plans of this nature should be submitted to the community council before being finalised.

It is hoped that the swing site will be fenced as soon as possible to make it a dog free area.

**School exchange**

Nineteen third year pupils from Arran High School have just returned from an exchange visit to France.

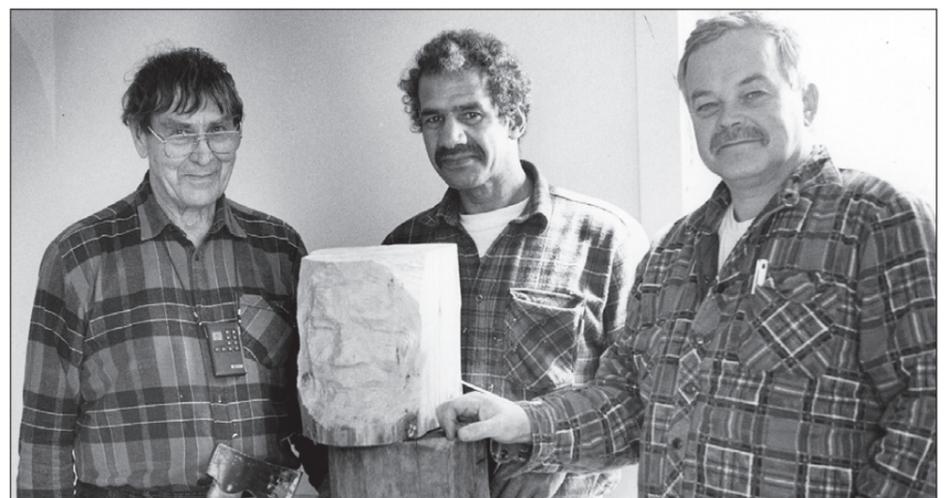
They were accompanied by Mrs Pattenden and Mr Matheus and lived with French families and attended a French school.

It was part of a link established three years ago between Arran High and the College Gaston Baty in Pelussin.

**Right: Per Ost, Marvin Elliot and Jonas Noren with the finished sculpture.** b17twe02



**Marvin Elliot poses as Per Ost creates the wood sculpture.** b17twe01



# What's on

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## Every day

Trout Fly Fishing  
Brodick Castle, Garden Open  
Arran Brewery  
Arran Brewery  
Arran Brewery tour  
Arran Heritage Museum

Loch Garbad, boat & bank fishing  
9am-Dusk  
Open Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10 - 5pm  
Open Tue, Thu & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm  
2pm  
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

SFA Early Touch Football  
Jnr Badminton  
Metafit  
Lamlash moorings AGM  
Junior Hockey  
Streetly Dance pre-school  
Garden walk

KA Campus, Lamlash High School, 6pm - 7pm  
KA Campus, Lamlash High School, 7pm - 8pm  
KA Campus, Lamlash High School, 6pm  
Glenisle Hotel, 8pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 6-7pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Brodick Castle 2pm-3pm

## Saturday 26th April

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Brodick Bowling Club Open Day  
Pirnmill Spring Fair  
Andante choir

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm  
Brodick Bowling Green 2pm  
Prinmill Primary School, 12 - 2pm  
Corrie church, 7.30pm

## Wednesday 30th April

Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Yogalates  
Aquafizz  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
RunArran mixed ability  
Running Coaching  
Yoga-Arran  
Drift Inn Quiz  
Beavers  
Back to the Bronze age  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Mixed Hockey

Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie car Park, 5pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
Lamlash, 9pm  
KA Campus, Arran High School, 6.15 - 7.15pm  
Brodick Castle, 2.4pm  
Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7.30-8.30pm

## Sunday 27th April

Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
AA Meeting  
Mackerel Lottery  
Open folk session  
Arran 10k  
Open Folk Session

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Brodick church hall, 4pm - 6pm  
Kinloch Bar, 5pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, from 11am (Race starts 12noon)  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

## Thursday 1st May

Morning Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Live music  
Weight Watchers  
Yoga  
Bridge Club  
QuiltArran  
Garden Club  
Open Music session  
Ladies Hockey  
Cubs  
Lunchbox  
Pilates

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-11.00pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm  
Fire Station, Lamlash, 2-4pm  
Brodick Ranger Centre, 7.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
KA Campus, Lamlash High School, 6.15pm - 8pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30 - 2.30pm  
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm

## Monday 28th April

Quiz  
Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Morning Fitness  
Table Tennis  
Aerobics (low impact)  
Badminton  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Yoga  
Summer Bridge  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Lunch Club  
Circuit Training  
Save the Children lunch

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Shiskine Hall 6pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon  
Arran High School, 6.30pm  
Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm  
Brodick Sheltered housing, 12.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 12 noon - 2pm

## Friday 2nd May

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Castle Secrets Tour  
Arran Women for Independence  
Disco

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Brodick Castle, 11.30 - 1pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

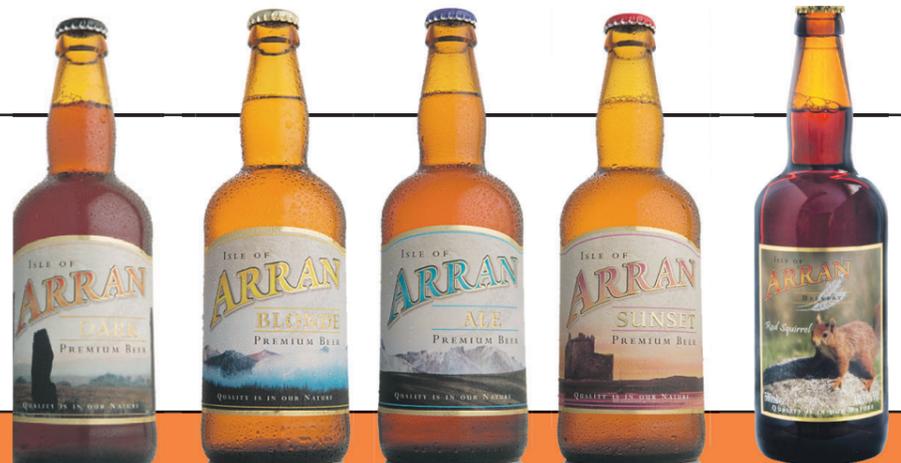
## Tuesday 29th April

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Healthy Outdoors  
Scottish Country Dancing  
SFA Mini Kickers

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
KA Campus, Lamlash High School, 5pm - 5.45pm



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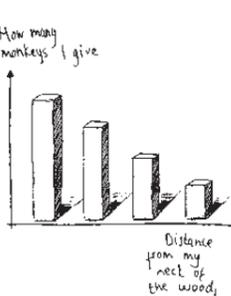
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Elma Murray  
 Chief Executive  
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# AGM

**Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 8.00pm**  
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 27th April**  
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
Mr John Roberts.  
Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday 30th April**  
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
ALL WELCOME

**ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER**

There will be Taizé worship on  
**Thursday 1st May**  
at 7.30 pm  
in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.  
ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine  
Independent but working together  
Minister:  
Rev Angus Adamson,  
Parish Assistant:  
Mrs Jean Hunter:  
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited  
**Sunday 27th April**  
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship including Sacrament of Baptism.  
Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.  
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.  
Pirmill Church, 10.45am, Morning Worship.  
Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.  
**Wednesday 30th April**  
Brodick Church, 12noon Service of Prayers for Health and Healing.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 27th April**  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
Both Churches:  
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**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
(Charity Number: SC014005)  
**Sunday 27th April**  
Worship will be conducted by Mrs Sharon MacLeod at 10.30am.  
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.  
All most welcome.

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
Sunday morning mass 11am

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 27th April**  
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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)  
**Sunday 27th April**  
Morning Service, 11am  
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Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday 30th April**  
at 7pm  
5 Glen Road,  
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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 27th April**  
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
Rev Jim McClatchey

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family of Jean Rore would like to thank all friends and relations for cards and sympathy, parish assistant Mrs Jean Hunter for the moving service, Clair and David Hendry for the funeral service arrangements, Doctors and staff at Lamlash medical centre and especially staff at Corriedoon Nursing Home for their much appreciated care of mother during her 9 year stay.



**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

On Wednesday 16 April, 31 played in the second round of the Summer Trophy, SSS 63, CSS 64. Results: 1 Adam Burke (12)60, 2 Stephen Judge (12)61, 3 John Taylor (15)63 acb, 4 Wolfi Kroner (14)63. Jamie MacPherson won scratch with 72 and Kevin Jackson had the only magic two of the day.

On Sunday 20 April, 25 played in the rearranged Roy Ure Tankard Stableford in glorious conditions. The sun shone and the course was in excellent condition. CSS 36 pts. Results: 1 David Rankin with 42 pts, 2 Jamie Stewart 37 pts(acb), 3 Stan Rainey 37 pts and 4 Alan Foggo 35 pts (acb). Alan Foggo won scratch with 67 and there were magic twos from Scott Adair and Alan Foggo.

Fixtures: Sunday 27 April, Wolfi and Gege Kroner Stableford; Yellow tees, rolling start from 10am; Wednesday 30 April, Richard Parfitt Stableford.

**Brodick Golf Club**

On Wednesday 16 April, 45 played in the Summer Cup, CSS 67. 1 J Armit (8)65, 2 D Robertson (15)66 acb, 3 R Duncan (11)66 acb. Scratch E McKinnon 65. There were four magic twos.

On Sunday 20 April 20 played for the British Legion Cup, CSS 64. Results: 1 K McMillan (13)38 pts, 2 W Armit (8)37 pts acb, 3 J Armit (7)37 pts acb. Kenny McMillan had the only magic two.  
Fixtures: Sunday 27 April Belhaven Medal, draw Saturday 26 April 12 noon. Sunday 4 May AGA Spring Handicap at Brodick, draw Wednesday 30 April.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

First Bubba Watson, now David Jeffrey - both have slipped on the coveted green jacket. David won the Daniel Ferguson Trophy at Shiskine

Golf and Tennis Club, despite starting with a double bogey at the first hole and then amazingly following up with 11 straight pars to hoist the trophy. Sunday 20 April AGA Grouse Foursomes Qualifier, nine teams played. The two teams who have qualified and will go to Corrie on 13 September are: 1M Hesp and C Rutterford 50-10=40. 2 J Salton and W McNally 53-12=41. Congratulations to both.  
Fixture: Thursday 1 May, Rock Plate.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

On Tuesday 15 April was the Grouse Qualifier. Results: 1 William Kelso and Brian Sherwood 66.5, 2 John Penncott and David Brookens 69, 3 Campbell Laing and Ian Buchannan 72.

Fixtures: Tuesday 29 April, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Saturday 3 May, Hugh Steel Cup 9 hole O/50 with an open sweep, tee off 2pm.

**Corrie Golf Club**

On Wednesday 16 April the Wednesday medal ws played for. Sweep 1 D Jeffrey 69-10=59, 2 M Elliot 74-13=61 BIH, 3 J McConnachie 67-6=61. Best scratch, J McConnachie 67. Magic twos, J McConnachie with three and J McGovern, R Burke and D Jeffrey with one each.

Saturday 19 April saw the Grouse AGA qualifying round and Leatherby Trophy with 10 pairs playing. Results: 1 J McGovern and B Rooney 78-10.5=67.5, 2 J McConnachie and M Elliot 83-9=74. Both pairs go forward to the Grouse finals at Corrie on Saturday 13 September.

Fixtures: Saturday 26 April. No medal at Corrie as Arran Ladies have the final of the Kiscadale competition at 1pm.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

On Thursday 17 April 25 played in the Summer Cup, CSS 65, Par 64. Results: 1 Iain Murchie 65-5=60, 2 Jon Smith 77-14=63, 3 Paul Jameson 75-12=63, 4 Graeme Handley 68-5=63.

Magic twos Neil Young at the 13th, Jon Smith at the 17th, Paul Jameson at the 16th.

On Saturday 19 April, 32 played in the Glenisle Cup. Results: 1 Colin and June Richardson 82-19=63, 2 Alistair and Val Crawford 75-11=64 BIH, 3 Ian and Morag Gillan 78-14=64. BIH over Andy Mith and Lesley Murray. Only magic two by Mark and Rachel Wren at the 16th. Fixtures: Sunday 27 April, Drift Inn Quaich (Stableford) 9.30am and 12.30pm ballots. Thursday 1 May, Summer Cup, make up own groups.



**David Jeffrey with the Daniel Ferguson Trophy he won at Shiskine Golf Club.**

**Arran Ladies Golf Union**

Week one of the 42nd Kiscadale match play competition started on Tuesday 15 April in spectacular conditions both on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The backdrop of the mountains at Corrie was truly amazing as the teams battled against each other in beautiful sunny weather but with a chilly and strong breeze.

The first night saw Shiskine vs Lamlash and Machrie vs Brodick. First night nerves had many of the ladies playing tricky shots. No-one likes to be the first to drive off with the rest of the teams and spectators gathering.

However, after a few holes, everyone settled in to their game. Shiskine's first game saw them take an early lead going two up after the first three holes. It was all square at the 10th and Lamlash then took the lead. The game went all the way to the 18th with Lamlash finally winning.

The second match went to the 15th, resulting in a Shiskine win.  
In the other game, Machrie vs Brodick, the two games were very close with both going to the 18th. A jubilant Brodick team won both their games resulting in a four-point lead.

On the second night the games were Brodick vs Whiting Bay and Lamlash vs Machrie Bay and Brodick won both their matches again. The first match was very close and went to the 18th and the second match finished on the 15th. Machrie

took the lead in the first game and although Lamlash came back, Machrie were the winners on the 18th. The second match went to the 15th where it was won by Lamlash.

At the time of going to print, the scores after the second evening of play were: Brodick eight points, Lamlash four points, Machrie and Shiskine with two and Whiting Bay 0.

Full results available on www.algu.org.uk. The final is on Saturday 26 April at Corrie from 12.45pm and spectators are welcome.

**Arran Golfers Association**

The AGM of the Arran Golfers Association will be held at Lamlash Golf Club on Wednesday 30 April at 8.30pm.

Fixtures: Seniors Bowl at Whiting Bay Golf Club, first round on Friday 2 May from 5pm. Draw: Shiskine v Machrie, (winners play Whiting Bay), Lochranza v Lamlash, Corrie v Brodick.

Guy Spiers Spring Handicap at Brodick Golf Club, Sunday 4 May. Sheets on notice boards in clubs (late entries accepted).

Junior Handicap at Brodick Golf Club on Monday 5 May from 4pm. Junior Match Play (top eight scores qualify from the Junior Handicap) at Brodick Golf Club, First round by Sunday 11 May, Semi Finals by 18 May and Final on 26 May at 5pm. First round and semi finals can be played at an agreed course if no agreement then play at Brodick, Final has to be played at Brodick.

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# Carrick power to victory to lift sevens trophy

Arran Rugby Sevens  
Carrick 19

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Carrick won the Arran Rugby Sevens tournament final after a closely fought encounter with Marr College.

Marr playing with firsts, seconds and thirds in their team took early advantage in the game and looked the stronger side.

But as the 10-minute half went on Carrick began to look strong and while both sides scored a try in the first half Carrick went in ahead at the break after Marr missed their conversion.

The second half was more of the same with both sides looking determined in the attack but Carrick's two tries to Marr's one was enough to seal a 19-10 victory, with the Maybole team showing power and passion throughout the day.

The earlier plate trophy final was an all-Greenock affair with Greenock A running out winners over their team mates Greenock B 24-14 in a fiercely contested game

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Liusaidh McMaster presents the Arran Sevens Trophy to the victorious Carrick team. 20\_b17win01



Above: Some of the plate winning Greenock A team collecting their 'prize' from Liusaidh. 20\_b17win02

Left: The Marr College team who were runners up. 20\_b17win03

## Runners under starters orders for Arran 10K

A new influx of runners is expected to take part in the Isle of Arran 10K race tomorrow (Sunday).

Now in its 16th year it is hoped a major bid to get more people involved in the fun run has paid off after numbers had dropped in recent years.

As well as local entrants, participants are expected from the mainland.

Runners register on the day and the same route has been used since 1989. Starting at the Ormidale Park the run heads out to Merkland Point and back, with a diversion up the Knowe Road to make it the precise 10,000 metres.

These are the last days of training before the race and if you have followed the 12-week training programme in The Banner, you should be fit for the course, whether you intend to walk it or race it.

Your muscles should have more oomph in them and the body should be raring to go at the start, because your glycogen stores should be brim full.

But today (Saturday), the day before the race you should take it easy.

Organiser Tommy Gilmore said: 'We are hoping for a good turnout for the race to turn it back into a major calendar event.'

Registration starts at 11am at the Ormidale Pavilion with the race starting at 12noon.

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