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Hydro-electric power plants welcomed with open arms

'This form of hydro-power is less disruptive and not visually intrusive'

Hydro-electric power could be the way ahead for Arran. Following local objections to two wind turbine projects at Corriecravie and Shiskine, a proposal for two new hydro-electric plants on the island is meeting with approval by islanders.

The two schemes, one in the Shiskine valley and the other at Pirnmill, will harness the natural power from reliable burns.

They are called 'run of the river electric schemes' and use energy from the natural flow of a watercourse to generate electricity.



Stephen Gibbs of Dougarie Estate. 02_b18hyd01

REPORT
by HOWARD DRIVER
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No major excavation work, such as holding dams, is required.

In response to calls for renewable energy, both Dougarie and Arran Estates considered developing four separate hydro schemes.

Early assessment ruled out the sites at North Glen Sannox and Eascan Biorach, Lochranza.

The two to meet with favour are the Allt Gobhlach burn at Pirnmill and the Garbh Allt burn at Monyquil.

Stephen Gibbs, owner of Dougarie Estate told the Banner: 'We've been trying to find ways of harnessing environmentally-friendly renewable power on the island.

'Wind turbines are not natural. They only have a life of 25 years. This form of hydro-power is less disruptive and not visually intrusive.'

Bill Bateman of Managed Estates and factor for Dougarie said: 'We have been involved in quite a few similar schemes in Perthshire and Argyll. People are beginning to realise what brilliant little

schemes these are. There is no noise disturbance and they just tick away with a life of 60 to 100 years. Compared to wind turbines, this is chalk and cheese.'

Managed Estates, based in Stirling, is overseeing both schemes. The one at Monyquil is on Arran Estates land and is described as vacant land, used primarily for deer stalking. The pipeline will run for 1,300 metres from above Eas Ban waterfalls and down to a small powerhouse next to Monyquil settlement.

'All the water goes back into the burn,' explained Mr Bateman. 'There has already been a preliminary meeting with NAC planning department, SEPA and SNH.'

The Pirnmill pipeline runs for 1,700 metres on land tenanted by farmer John Logan.

Stephen Gibbs said: 'We have had detailed discussion with John and he is generally supportive. There should be an environmental assessment this summer and a formal planning application in autumn.'

Pirnmill resident and former Community Council chairman Campbell Laing, said: 'We had a meeting of the village

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Royal Wedding fever on Arran

Brothers Ronnie and Mark Bunyan enjoyed a right royal knees-up in Lamlash on Friday afternoon to celebrate the marriage of Prince William to Catherine Middleton.

Mark and his partner Tracy Gibson threw an epic Royal Wedding party that was attended by only a collection of distinguished invited guests from the upper echelons of Arran society.

For all the pictures from the island's parties, see pages 11, 12 and 13. 01_b18wed06



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Arran Distillery toasts record results

Plans to expand production by 100,000 litres of alcohol at the distillery

Isle of Arran Distillers, one of Scotland's youngest whisky companies, has posted record results and unveiled plans to expand production by 40 per cent.

The company, which this year celebrates its 16th anniversary, said it planned to invest £350,000 to expand production by 100,000 litres of alcohol at the distillery.

Investment

It said the investment would include the purchase of oak

barrels for the whisky-maturation process.

The move comes on the back of 42 per cent year-on-year growth in brand sales for Isle of Arran.

At the same time, exports were up 45 per cent, compared to the export growth of 10 per cent for the total Scotch whisky market.

Meanwhile, sales of The Arran Malt in France were a notable success, growing 86 per cent.

Other marked gains were made in Canada and Taiwan, and the company said the brand continued to outperform more established rivals in Norway.

Operating profits surged by more than 450 per cent to £173,028 on turnover up 27 per cent on the previous financial year to £2.7 million.

The drinks industry minnow, which has its headquarters in Stirling but produces whisky from the distillery in Lochranza, also reported a 'bottom-line improvement' of £133,670 over 2009.

Delighted

Managing director Euan Mitchell said: 'We are delighted to report record results that are a testament to the strength of the business created and the commitment to a long-term sustainable operation.'

'What is most exciting about the progress we have made is that we now have the platform to create a whisky brand that enjoys outstanding consumer appeal and commercial success.'

The visitor centre at the distillery also posted record numbers, with more than 68,000 people coming through the doors last year.



Ian McAdam from the 1869 restaurant at Auchrannie with his awards. 01_b18res01

Auchrannie celebrates award-winning chef

A young chef from the 1869 restaurant at the Auchrannie resort has picked up one of the country's most prestigious culinary awards.

Ian McAdam, 24, beat off some tough competition from Scotland's top chefs to win a ScotHot 2011 prize for his Gressingham duck.

Ian was asked to cook a hot duck dish in front of a live audience at the SECC in Glasgow in just 40 minutes.

His dish and those of seven others were then sampled and judged by some of the country's top chefs before he was declared the winner.

'It's fantastic to win something like this,' said Ian.

'I was up-against some really fantastic chefs so to win is a great achievement not just for me but for the Auchrannie too.'

ScotHot is the definitive biennial event for the Scottish hospitality, tourism and catering industry.

Established since 1974, the event is now the largest not only in Scotland but in the north of England as well and this year attracted more than 7,000 visitors.

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association last week and everyone seemed generally in favour and wanted to hear more about it. Water power is the natural thing to do; it leaves no residue.'

Shiskine community councillor Charles Currie added: 'I'm very much in favour of these schemes. The more the merrier.'

Both sites are close to overhead power cables and Bill Bate-men says that they have had an offer of connection into the grid from Scottish and Southern Electricity.

If approved, these schemes will take about 10 months to build and will generate electricity for 500 to 700 homes. Local councillor Margie Currie summed up: 'I think that hydro schemes are a marvellous idea because we have the water and the topography, and they will be neither visually intrusive nor detrimental to the environment.'

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First Aid course in High School

The Arran Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is running a first aid course on

May 21, 22 and 28 at Arran High School.

This is a full first aid at work course valid for use in any workplace, with added childhood ailments and outdoor first aid elements.

There are places available; please contact Pauline Robertson (600341) for more details.

Church leaders sharing their stories

'This is my story' is the theme for Thursday Focus next Thursday, 12 May, at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion in Brodick at 7.30pm.

During the evening Angus Adamson, Gillean Maclean, Jean Hunter, Noel Colford and Willie Wright will share something of their stories and give a brief potted history of their life and work.

Local church leaders meet together on a regular basis and work closely together on the island.

The evening should be interesting and informative, and all are welcome. Entrance is free and refreshments are provided.

Cuckoo, cuckoo

Willie and Jan Murchie of Shiskine heard their first cuckoo two weeks ago on April 23. According to the Arran Bird Report, the earliest recorded arrival of the cuckoo on the island was on April 10, 2001.

On Arran they usually target the nests of meadow pipits and dunnocks to lay their eggs.

After wintering in Africa, the plump little birds usually make first landfall in the Scilly Isles in early April. Traditionally, the letters page of The Times newspaper carries protracted correspondence on sightings or hearings of the first cuckoo.

The familiar call of the cuckoo should be widespread around Arran by now.

Arrested

A 20-year-old man was arrested on Sunday night after he refused to leave Mac's Bar in Brodick

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Open evening to be held at rescue base

The Arran Mountain Festival is teaming up with the local Mountain Rescue Team and having an open evening at their team base at Cladach on Tuesday 10 May at 7.30pm. The open evening will be an opportunity for islanders to find out more about the community-run festival, and to explore the workings of the rescue hut with a fully qualified member of the rescue team.

The annual walking festival, running from September 16-19, enables locals and visitors alike to explore Arran's fantastic mountains in the safe hands of experienced guides.

Now in its fifth year, it attracts many repeat visitors to the island.

It is a community-run event, organised by a committee of volunteers and made possible by dedicated volunteer walk leaders donating their time and expertise.

Independent

The open meeting will put forward proposals allowing people to help make the festival a viable Arran event independent of external funding by joining the organising committee, leading a walk, donating competition or raffle prizes or becoming a friend or sponsor.

Corinna Goeckeritz, chairman of the festival organising committee, said: 'Everyone is welcome to come along on Tuesday and find out about the Arran Mountain Festival,

its past successes and future proposals.

'Come and enjoy some home-baking and refreshments, and a guided tour of the Rescue hut.'

She added: 'The festival is honoured to be fully supported by the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, who value the festival's efforts in enabling locals and visitors to get into the hills supported by experienced guides.'

Even if you can't make it along to the open evening, you can help.

If you feel that you can support the Festival in any way or would like more information, please email info@arranmountainfestival.co.uk or phone Corinna on 302462.



Invited guests enjoying an evening in the Douglas Hotel dining room on Saturday night. 02_b18dou01

Local guests enjoy a night at the Douglas

After extensive rebuilding and refurbishment, the Douglas Hotel is almost ready to reopen.

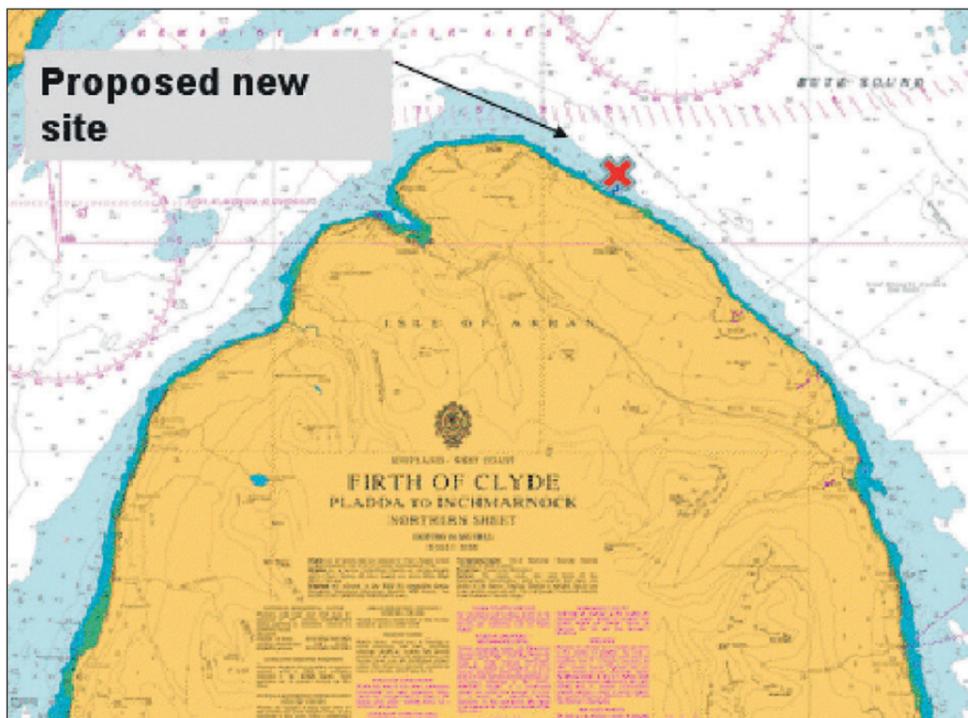
This iconic Brodick landmark has undergone a total renovation from top to bottom over the last 20 months and now just requires the finishing touches.

The new team of staff were able to experience a dress rehearsal last Sunday when 33 invited local guests sat down to an à la carte meal in the magnificent dining room – the first people to dine in there for over five years.

The company were given a tour of the new bedrooms and public rooms and enjoyed a leisurely meal in convivial surroundings. Most of the guests knew the building from former glory years and showed great interest in the imaginative fittings and furnishings.

Manager Pascal van den Broek said that he expects the hotel to be fully open in a couple of weeks.

A formal official opening will be held on Tuesday June 21.



A map showing the proposed site of the new fish farm just off the Cock of Arran.

Salmon fish farm plans for north Arran

Five new jobs could be created on the island if plans to set up a salmon fish farm just off the Cock of Arran get the go-ahead.

The Scottish Salmon Company is looking at a number of possible sites across the country for development including Arran.

They are one of the largest salmon farming companies in Scotland with 40 sites from Loch Fyne to the west coast of Lewis.

Contributor

Mark Edmonds, environmental development manager for the Scottish Salmon Company, said: 'The salmon

fishing industry is a significant contributor to the local businesses such as shops, accommodation, ferry services and regional delivery networks.

Generate

'In addition we would anticipate any new development would generate three full time and two part-time jobs – these would be sourced locally where possible.'

If the development were to go-ahead, he said that it would take 12-18 months before full planning permission was granted.

The company are now hoping to gauge public reaction to the plans with a proposed

visit to the next Community Council meeting.

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Brodick Castle joins Scotland's Gardens Scheme

With the beautiful summer weather we've been experiencing on Arran, it's the perfect time to get out and see the best that local gardens have to offer; as well as supporting charity.

With this in mind, the Brodick Castle gardens are devoting two days to supporting Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

Featuring a walled garden and woodlands, with plenty of exotic plants and shrubs on display, the gardens at Brodick Castle have something that will excite every level of horticultural interest.

The first event will take place this Sunday (May 8) from 10am to 5pm.

Dog show fun at Goat Fell race

A dog show will be taking place this year during the Goat Fell race on Saturday 14 May.

Organisers of the race thought it would be a novel way of entertaining the crowds while they wait the return of the runners.

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Crystal and Noreen - two more very Bad Girls



Crystal Gordon; doing 12 months for shoplifting.

Arran Music and Drama Club's summer production this year will be Bad Girls - The Musical.

This stage adaptation of the popular television series Bad Girls will open in Brodick Hall on Monday 30 May.

This controversial but humorous drama about life behind bars in a women's prison ran for eight series over eight years on national television. Now the musical is coming to Arran.

Notorious

Rehearsals are going apace every Thursday night in the village hall, and this week

we feature another two of the notorious inmates, Crystal Gordon played by Lauren Davidson and Noreen Biggs played by Mary Crawford.

Crystal is doing 12 months for persistent shoplifting. As a bible-bashing Christian, Crystal often takes a critical view of her fellow inmates and believes that prison regime is too soft, especially where drugs are concerned.

She can be self-righteous and totally blind to her own self-contradictions and often comical as a result. But at heart she's a kind and caring person who does believe in

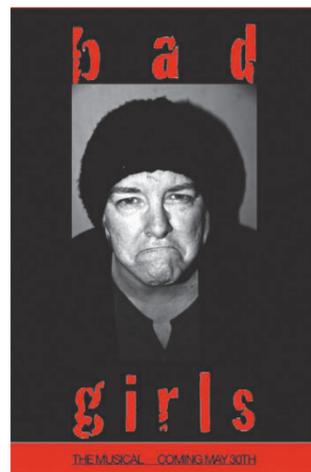
standing up for what's right.

Noreen is serving three months for shoplifting ties from a department store. As a recidivist old-timer Noreen regularly gets itchy fingers in the shops and can't resist the thrill of picking up a few treats.

Exactly

As time has gone on, she is more at home in prison than anywhere else. She has been round the system so many times she knows exactly how to play it to her advantage.

Noreen loves a bit of bother, and is always ready to stoke a fight from the sidelines.



Noreen Biggs; shoplifter with itchy fingers.

Lifeboat coffee morning

The coffee morning held in the Ormidale Pavilion on Saturday 30 April raised £361 for the RNLI charity.

Thanks go to all the people who gave their time and worked so hard on the day. We also thank those who kindly baked such a wonderful selection of cakes for the stall and those who gave generously to the tombola.

A special mention goes to James's Chocolates for their generous donation of the Easter egg decorated with an RNLI flag, Arran Aromatics for their His and Hers box, Bilands for their gift voucher, Arran Graphics for a Monopoly Set and Ormidale Hotel for the whisky.

We also thank those of you who came on such a lovely day to support a good cause. You never know when they might be needed.

Family

treasure trail

Whiting Bay and District Improvements Association has launched a project designed to attract and entertain families to the area.

A special family pack is on sale in local shops and is full of ideas to keep the youngsters and oldies occupied. There is a Glenashdale Family Treasure Trail with 60 quiz questions, a scavenger list, word search and pictures to colour. A pen and crayons are included. There are also leaflets on enjoying the outdoors and a return envelope for completed quizzes.

The trail takes families round the Iron Age Fort, the Giants Graves and Glenashdale Falls.

Arran High School shines after inspection

Arran High School has young people who are engaged, enjoy learning and contribute well to their school community, according to her Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIE).

Staff were also commended for their high level of commitment and for providing a wide range of opportunities following an inspection earlier

this year. The Inspection of Standards and Quality, which took place in February 2011, was part of a national sample of secondary education.

Evaluated

The inspection covered key aspects of the work of the school at all stages, evaluated young people's learning and achievement, and took account of how active staff and

young people were in their community. Inspectors examined pupils' work, interviewed staff and young people and assessed whether the school had a clear sense of direction.

Members of the inspection team also analysed responses to questionnaires issued to sample parents and young people, and to staff.

Inspectors noted that the headteacher, Douglas Auld, had a clear vision for the

school and had a high profile around the school.

Mr Auld said: 'I am delighted with the report, which highlights the good practice that currently exists within the school.'

High Quality

'It's pleasing to see inspectors recognised the high quality of experience offered by Arran High both in the school curriculum and in wider opportunities.'

Inspectors also met the chairperson of the Parent Council, representatives of the community and a group of parents.

They identified a number of particular strengths of the school, including: motivated young people enthusiastic about their learning, highly committed staff who provide young people with a wide range of opportunities for achievement in and outwith the classroom and the willingness of the headteacher and staff to introduce new approaches to learning and teaching.

HMIE did say that teachers needed to continue to develop the school in line with national advice on Curriculum for Excellence.

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Easter celebrated by Montrose House residents

Each resident was given a small posy of flowers to enjoy over the weekend

Ena Nelson, one of the residents at Montrose House in Brodick, was the winner of the floral display basket at the residential care homes Easter celebrations last week.

Easter at Montrose was a very colourful occasion with a vibrant display of tulips, daffodils and other spring bulbs outside in the garden as well as an indoor display of beautifully decorated baskets created by the residents.

Ann Lauder of the Friends of Montrose House Association (FOMHA), gave each resident a small posy of flowers which they were able to take to their rooms to enjoy over the festive weekend.

An Easter raffle was drawn by Liz Lawrie also of FOMHA

and Penny Albrich won an Easter bunny and Cathy Burns an Easter chick raising £72 for Hesselhead Wildlife Centre.

A spokesman for FOMHA said: 'Despite the recent publicity about the acquisition of land for a new Montrose House further up Glen Cloy, financial restraints imposed on local councils make it difficult to predict just when this will take place - probably several years.

Essential

'Meanwhile the present establishment must continue to provide essential services and facilities for a progressively ageing population and it is our mission to continue to provide additional facilities for the benefit of residents and



Ena Nelson, one of the residents at Montrose House in Brodick, was the winner of the floral display basket at the residential care homes Easter celebrations last week.

those who attend the day-care centre.'

The group are particularly

keen to attract new members so please come along to their

AGM at Montrose House on

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HMS Vandal is remembered 68 years later

Family gathered for the service

'Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'

The simple words of the well-known prayer sounded out over Loch Ranza on Saturday morning as Commander Bob Seaward of the Submariners' Association paid tribute to the men lost on HMS Vandal.

On February 24, 1943 at about 8.30am, HMS Vandal was seen leaving her anchorage at Lochranza in the North of the Isle of Arran.

After that she disappeared without trace.

The board of enquiry concluded that HMS Vandal was lost somewhere north of Inchmarnock whilst on a deep dive, a dive she was programmed to do on day three of her exercise.

The ceremony held at Lochranza Pier on Saturday takes place each year to remember the 37 crew members who perished on the submarine.

Family of those lost in the incident gathered for the memorial service led by the Rev Angus Adamson.

Fateful Day

Colin and Donald Menzies were there to remember their older brother Charles who died that fateful day almost 70 years ago.

Commander Bob Seaward said: 'The sacrifice of these men must never be forgotten.'

'As the years have passed the tragedy of this incident has not lessened and we must make every effort to keep it to the forefront of the nation's collective memory.'

There were initially conflicting reports over the possible position of the lost submarine, one submarine reported seeing a smoke candle two and a half miles north of Inchmarnock, and another reported hearing hull tapping in a similar area.

However a spotter plane reported a large oil slick about two miles north of Arran.

In 1994 the Scottish Branch of the Submariners Association finally persuaded the Navy to search the area north of Arran where a number of trawlers had reported their nets being snagged by an underwater object.

A Royal Navy expedition aboard HMS Hurworth finally located the wreck in June 1994, 300 feet below the surface, 1.5 miles northwest of Loch Ranza, roughly where the spotter plane had first reported the presence of an oil slick.



Colin and Donald Menzies were there to remember their brother, Charles; just one of the 37 crewmembers lost on HMS Vandal. 01_b18van01



Alan Milligan of the Arran branch of the Royal British Legion placing a wreath at the HMS Vandal memorial at Lochranza pier. 01_b18van03



Above:
The line of standard bearers at the pier included Ted Godfrey, centre, from the Arran branch of Royal British Legion. 01_b18van04

Left:
Joe Rooney was a submariner for 22 years. 01_b18van02

Duck Derby thanks

On behalf of the 'Kilmory Kidz', Isobel and Kirstin would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought duck eggs and helped us out with the Duck Derby on Easter Sunday.

A special thank you to the lads in the burn.

The grand total of £545 was made and this will all go towards the Kilmory Path Fund.

Bowling club quiz night

The committee of Blackwaterfoot bowling club would like to thank all the people who took part in their Quiz Night at the Kinloch Hotel.

Those who came enjoyed had a great time and £163 was raised towards their new carpet.

Secretary Jenny Harper said: 'We are hoping that the money can be raised to put the work in hand in the closed season.'

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Simon Laxton, left, and Charlie Carpenter, centre, with other club members and two of the 80-year-old Austin Sevens. 02_b17car01

Grand old ladies of the highway grace Arran roads

Among the arrivals on busy ferry crossings on Good Friday were 16 rather old cars.

All members of the Scottish Austin Seven Club, they were repeating a trip made to Arran last Easter.

Once again, they were staying at Kildonan Hotel for the weekend, and looking forward

to touring Arran's picturesque roads and visiting Brodick Castle.

Two cars came up from Yorkshire and one from the Isle of Man, but tour leader Charlie Carpenter had a shorter trip from Milngavie.

He said: 'The oldest car here was built in 1927 and

the youngest 1938. We try to get away for a trip every other weekend in summer. It was Inveraray last week, then Angus, Fife and Galloway over the next few weekends. We are delighted with the good weather, and Anne and Rod always look after us so well at Kildonan.'

Simon Laxton from Leeds was driving his open top 1930 Austin Seven. He said: 'She runs on ordinary unleaded petrol and I can get 40 miles to the gallon. We can cruise comfortably at about 50 miles per hour. The suspension on these roads is a bit basic, but you just hang on!'

Arran in the Square

Island champions sought for George Square event

The preparations for Arran in the Square, an exciting weekend long celebration of all things *Arran* in Glasgow's George Square, are nearly complete.

The event, which is part of Scotland's year of Food and Drink, will take place on May 14 and 15 and will be VisitArran's biggest ever promotion on the mainland.

John Boyd, the event organiser, said: 'There's still time to get involved with the event. We've got opportunities for stand holders and for activities around the square.'

'If you can spare time to be an 'Arran Champion' at the event we'd be delighted to hear from you.'

He added: 'We want everyone on Arran to spread the word - if you've got friends

and relations on the mainland, tell them to come and support us.'

'If you can make it yourself, please bring the family and have a great day out.'

Arran in the Square is a huge platform for Arran businesses to show the public of Glasgow and the west of Scotland the reason to visit Arran.

Food and Drink

There will be a restaurant and bar open each day featuring food and drink from Arran.

Ten bands from the island will also be playing throughout the event and the Radio Clyde roadshow will broadcast live from the square.

There will also be lots of competitions with prizes for travel, accommodation and activities all over Arran.

Generate up to 11 percent financial return from the sun

Many householders are realising the benefit of renewable technologies thanks to a special discounted offer from Solar and Wind Applications in association with the Energy Saving Trust.

In the current financial climate ISAs and other investment options are not yielding a significant return. Renewable technologies are increasingly becoming a viable alternative for individuals looking to invest.

The Government's Feed-in-Tariff scheme requires energy suppliers to pay customers for generating their own electricity. As well as generating income, customers also save money as they do not require energy from the national grid.



Drimlabarra Herb Farm, Kildonan, Arran

Feed-in-Tariffs achieved from solar photovoltaic panels can accrue up to an 11 percent (tax free) return which is fixed for 25 years and index linked. That's more than the best ISA on the market given the current financial climate.

Rod Macneal, Director of Solar and Wind Applications, said "we are proud to serve Arran. The response has been great and the people of Arran are keen to make the most of their natural resources."

The company is offering Arran residents a discounted offer on solar photovoltaic panels. With over 80 installations completed across Scotland to date, the company are well placed to serve Arran residents. Many islanders have now taken up the offer and are

reaping the benefits of generating their own energy.

The Robertson family of Drimlabarra Farm, Kildonan have just had their solar photovoltaic panels installed. They were keen to install solar panels and wanted to generate their own power. The family attended one of the Arran Energy

Saving Week events and met with Rod Macneal of Solar and Wind Applications.

The solar panels were installed a fortnight ago and they are delighted with the result.

Keith Robertson said, "we are very happy with the system and the work that was carried out." Keith is happy for people to view the panels at his home. If you would like to arrange this please contact him on 01770 820338.

Another household in Shiskine has also benefited. They said, "the tradesmen were first class and

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Shiskine, Arran

professional. They turned up on time and finished the work on schedule. Our system has generated well over a 100 units already!"

Bob Baillie, advice centre manager for the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre, said, "Arran has fantastic natural resources that can be used to generate heat and power. There is a great interest in renewable technologies due to the island being off

the mains gas network. Solar photovoltaic panels are a great way to access the Feed-in-Tariff funds available."

To find out more about generating your own energy, contact Solar and Wind Applications for a free, no obligation quote on 01292 591000.



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THE ARRAN BANNER

Let's focus on the Scottish election

Four years ago the Scottish parliamentary election in Cunninghame North was exciting, acrimonious, and the result went right to the wire.

The SNP's Kenneth Gibson defeated former sitting member Allan Wilson of Labour by the tightest of margins - just 48 votes separated the two candidates.

It was the closest run race of all the Holyrood constituencies but far from being the smoothest.

Arran's residents went to the polls yesterday to elect the country's next government.

Unlike 2007, this major political decision has been greatly overshadowed by the Alternative Vote (AV) referendum.

At the time of writing this (Wednesday morning) we don't know what the outcome is but we have been told that Scots are apparently much more enthusiastic about the proposed changes than the English.

Similar patterns are likely to be seen in Wales and Northern Ireland, also holding elections to their national assemblies the same day. Of course here in Scotland we already have proportional representation.

Under AV, the constituency link remains, but voters rank candidates in order of preference.

If one gets more than 50 per cent of first-preference votes he or she is elected. If no-one gets 50 per cent, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and their backers' second choices re-allocated. This continues until one candidate gets more than 50 per cent.

The argument against the system is more complicated and a candidate who gets most first choices can lose if the re-allocated votes go against him or her. The idea that it is too complicated does not carry much weight in Scotland.

We have the two votes for Holyrood, first-past-the-post and a top-up list, the Additional Member System and the Single Transferable Vote for local government. Voters could have mastered it, but the variety of systems might have caused confusion. More important is what AV is and is not, and what it achieves, if anything.

So the question is whether it is worth changing an established system.

We do not feel as passionately as Mr Huhne and Mr Clegg, or Mr Cameron and Mr Osborne, but on balance a change to AV seems rather pointless.

So it's a marginal no to AV and let's get on with the Scottish election.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.' (Isaiah 55:)

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Letters to the Editor



Compensation not an issue

Sir,
Having read the report on the Community Council meeting earlier this week, I note that although my comments were correctly reported, no mention was made of the fact that I was speaking on behalf of the Sliderry community members opposed to the proposed wind farm application in the village, and there were actually four of us from this group present at the meeting.

We did not hear any statement made, to the effect that councillors agreed that 'lack of community compensation' was 'grounds for objection'.

Community compensation was mentioned once, by a councillor, during their discussion.

I'd like to make it quite clear however, on behalf of those objecting to the Sliderry application, that at no time have we ever considered, or discussed, any compensation to be paid to the community, in order that our objections to the proposed turbines be removed.

Our objection to them has been solely on the basis that the site was unsuitable. We have raised a number of points of objection, amongst these, that they would be far too close to village properties, they could cause noise and flicker problems, and that they could also be detrimental to the local economy, ecology, and tourism in the area.

No financial inducements would compensate us for the loss of the above.

Yours,
E Coral Smith
Heathcote,
Sliderry.

Turbines not wanted

Sir,
Mr Ken Walker's letter is significant: 'Wind Turbines not for Arran'.

We still have an opportunity (in the face of challenge) to resist the encroachment of wind farms on Arran.

It isn't necessary to rely on wind farming with its poor

output figures as the principle source of renewable energy.

Scotland has many other opportunities such as hydro, tidal, gas (low carbon emission!) and perhaps even offshore wind turbines.

Speculators have latched on quickly to the easiest but not the most efficient form of energy generation sadly to the detriment of the countryside.

We are not going to 'save the planet' (nor reduce electricity bills nationally) by wind farming on Arran but we will spoil the legacy of our natural environment and jeopardise our main generator of income - tourism.

Farmers, traditionally the 'custodians of the countryside' are being tempted by commercial operators seeking to exploit their land because EU grants are readily available for an industry which, without the grants would be economically unsustainable.

I hope that they will consider the real cost to Arran which would be a radical change to our island environment and not for the better.

Yours,
Margie Currie
Eastland
Shiskine

Hospice aims explained

Sir,
Thank you for your headline coverage of the Hospice story. This did contain some inaccuracies that I am anxious to correct.

The proposal is to convert a four-bed ward into two separate single rooms for palliative care, when required.

Secondly, I must point out that at no time did any of the directors say that Mr McFaull 'had cast a deep shadow on the credibility' of the charity, nor did Janet Redfearn say that the reputation of the Arran hospice had been tainted by Mr McFaull.

What was actually said was that John had kept many things close to his chest and the directors had been lax in keeping the public informed.

Because John resigned minutes before the meeting in January it put us on the back foot, but we have since had time to regroup and are now

trying to keep everyone informed as to our goals and future fundraising.

I feel that the meeting demonstrated our principal objective is to see that the project that John McFaull started is now completed in Judy's memory for the benefit of anyone on Arran in need of palliative care and their families.

Derek Wenham
Chairman
Arran Hospice Ltd

COAST objectives

Sir,
I refer to last week's letter in the Banner regarding overfishing in the Clyde (letter from Mr Duncan McIntosh, skipper of the prawn trawler Angus Rose 111).

He asserts that the Community of Arran Seabed Trust, COAST wants to shut down Clyde prawn trawling and close the Clyde to his boats.

What COAST and numerous other organisations, including sea anglers, creelers and river trusts, which are all part of the Firth of Clyde marine community are calling for is a three-mile coastal zone within which there is no dredging and bottom trawling. This will be good news for the fishing industry and a new generation of fishing families in the long term and that is what we all want.

In Scotland we need a strategy for real sustainability in securing our marine resources for the long term.

The vital first step is to return the Firth of Clyde to its once championed biodiversity and productivity through protecting habitats for nursery areas.

Unregulated dredging and bottom trawling for short-term gain continues to damage the sands, gravels and other substrates in and on which delicate plants and animals provide nursery beds for fish and a wide variety of marine life.

Right now we have strong scientific evidence from studies in temperate waters, that several years of closure to bottom trawling and dredging has promoted the necessary increase in fish biomass.

The most powerful and convincing example is in the

Western Atlantic at George Bank in Maine, USA where the biomass increased by as much as eight fold in a six-year period into the early part of the last decade.

A number of commercially important species there has sharply increased: haddock populations rebounded dramatically with a fivefold increase, cod biomass by about 50 per cent by 2001; scallop biomass 14-fold by 2001, all this represented an extra benefit of the establishment of closed areas primarily intended to protect groundfish. Similar results have been demonstrated in New Zealand, Australia and other locations around the world.

Unless plans are put in place now to arrest the spiral of decline in biodiversity in the Clyde it could eventually justly deserve the epithet of the 'Newfoundland of Scotland'.

There is still hope that the Clyde can be recovered and support once again a rich and this time sustainable commercial fishery for the benefit of the region.

COAST has witnessed firsthand a decade of inactivity by successive fishery ministers who have allowed sections of the fishing industry a veto over the many proposals by Clyde communities which have included commercial creel fishermen, sea anglers and COAST.

COAST looks forward to the Environment and Fisheries Minister of the next Scottish government being willing to acknowledge the science already available and finding the political will to start making decisions for the benefit of us all in this region of Scotland.

Figures from a Scottish government published report on Sea Angling in Scotland said the Clyde area was losing out on a potential £12 million per year in revenue due entirely to the lack of fish.

In a breakdown of raw data it is estimated that Arran alone was losing a potential £2 million per year.

Yours
Howard Wood
Chair
Community of Arran
Seabed Trust

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Bruce fought snow, sleet, wind and waves in fundraising feat

Voyage covered 300 miles in tribute to cancer victim friend

A local kayaker who braved the elements to paddle more than 300 miles up the west coast of Scotland in memory of a Stornoway friend who died of cancer, has completed his journey.

Kayaking coach Bruce Jolliffe, 36, who is originally from Arran, battled snow, sleet, heavy winds and tidal waves as he made his way from Largs to Stornoway in his 17ft sea kayak.

The father-of-one launched his solo voyage of a lifetime on Monday 28 February, and completed the trip in just over three weeks.

Jeopardised

As well as battling the elements, his expedition was jeopardised after a stomach bug left him stranded in Oban for five days.

It was all worthwhile as the super-fit instructor has raised more than £12,000 for

there were definitely difficult days. Lots of people kayak in the area, but I am not sure if anyone has taken this journey on at the tail-end of winter. There was snow, hail and strong winds and tides. The journey was 313 miles all together and my biggest paddle in one day was about 30 miles.

'I thought crossing the Minch would be one of the most difficult parts, but I waited for winds to die down and it wasn't as daunting as I thought it would be.

'It was a bit of a lonely experience and I missed my family, but I had lots of time to think.

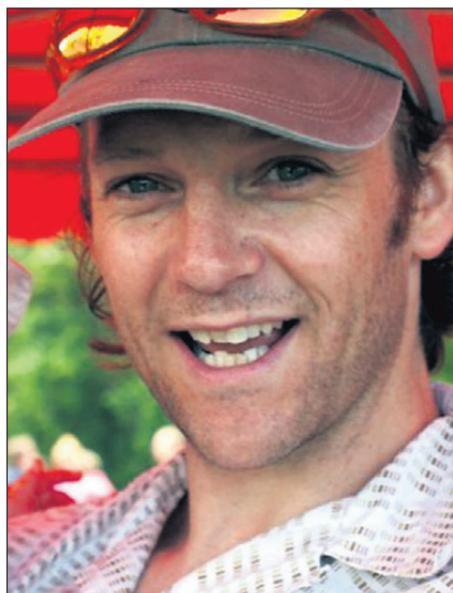
'Andy crossed my mind, as did other friends and family members who have been affected by cancer. It gave me time to think of all the reasons why I was doing it, and that's why I was successful.'

Bruce would like to thank all those readers who have shown an interest in his trip and to those who kindly donated to the cause and has been overwhelmed with the generous words of support and encouragement.

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Bruce Jolliffe completed the epic journey from the Clyde to Stornoway in memory of his friend.

Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign, Beatson Oncology Centre Fund and the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

The cancer causes are close to his heart after his friend Andy Edwards died after losing a three-year battle with the disease in June 2006.

The Stornoway man died of bone cancer, aged 33.

Mr Jolliffe said: 'It was long, wet, cold and tiring and

Marine life flourishing in Lamlash Bay

The marine reserve set up in Lamlash Bay three years ago is already flourishing with wildlife and commercially-valuable scallops, according to researchers.

The small area of seabed in the bay became the first protected site of its kind in Scotland.

A study by York University and a local seabed trust has found significantly more juvenile scallops inside the reserve than outside and there were also high levels of kelp and other marine life.

The 2.7square kilometre (one square mile) area, representing about a third of Lamlash Bay, is conserved from any fishing and other potentially damaging activities.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), which was formed to improve protection of marine life around the islands, said they were delighted at the findings.

COAST chairman Howard Wood said studies had shown 'a lot more' juvenile scallops

in specific areas of the reserve, which boded well for the future.

'What we are delighted in is there have been closed reserves like this throughout the world, including the Isle of Man and the United States, but I don't think there has ever been such evidence of improvement in less than two years,' he said.

Mr Wood added: 'I am very confident that within two or three years we will see even better results.'

The trust said that as scallop stocks built up, they could start to breed at higher levels and provide stock for surrounding fishing grounds.

The community marine reserve was set up in an attempt to strike a balance between fishing and marine conservation.

A complete fishing ban was put in place to help protect local fish and shellfish populations and maerl seaweed beds.

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Royal Wedding celebrations

People from all across Arran enjoyed a knees-up fit for royalty on Friday as the nation went wedding crazy for Prince William and his new bride Kate.

Millions of people across the UK marked the royal wedding with street parties, picnics and other festivities.

Flags could be seen hanging from the windows of homes on Auchrannie Road as well as in Lamlash, Whiting Bay and at Dougarie Lodge.

In Lamlash the Third Earl of Corrie and his partner the Marchioness of Margnaheglisk aka Mark Bunyan and Tracy Gibson threw a magnificent party at their home.

Only distinguished friends and family made it onto the exclusive invite list to enjoy an afternoon of celebrations under the clear blue sky.

'I just wanted to do something to mark this great occasion,' said Tracy. 'The idea really was just to hold a small party here at the house to celebrate the wedding.'

'I told all the girls not to go out and buy anything new to wear but I'm absolutely delighted with the effort they've all gone to. Everyone looks



The ladies of Lamlash dressed up for the Royal occasion. 01_b18wed02

absolutely fantastic.'

At Montrose House residential care home in Brodick, residents and staff watched

history in the making as the royal wedding was shown on their big screen television.

They then celebrated the

occasion with a champagne reception followed by a three-course wedding luncheon that included a champagne sorbet

to cleanse the pallet.

A staff member told The Banner: 'All of the residents were resplendent wearing

hats and buttonholes and the building was decorated with bunting, fresh flowers and several occasion dresses including a wedding dress on some mannequins.

'The whole day was a wonderful experience enjoyed by everybody.'

Amanda Ozisikoglu, the daughter of Shona Marsden of Slidery, sent us some photographs of her Royal Wedding street party held in Altinkum, Turkey. Amanda and her business partner Claire Kahraman, arranged the party, decorating and catering for 200 people in one of their local bars,

Amanda said: 'The wedding was shown on three large screen TVs and we also had the local mayor and the head of the British Consulate, William Buttigieg attending. 'We also had Turkish press from ATV, NTV, CNN to name but a few, there as well - very nerve wracking and completely out of the blue!' They also had all the expats sign a wedding party book, which William Buttigieg has taken to send to the palace passing on all of our best wishes to Prince William & Kate Middleton.



Ian and Irene McLellan at the Montrose House party.



Residents at Montrose House in Brodick enjoyed a special celebratory Royal Wedding lunch.

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Tracy Gibson and Mark Bunyan held a Royal Wedding party at their home in Lamlash. 01_b18wed01



Claire Kharaman with Amanda Ozisikoglu and her husband Cem at a street party in Turkey.

all over the island



Amanda Ozisikoglu, the daughter of Shona Marsden of Sliddery, right, at her Royal Wedding party in Turkey with her business partner Kharaman and some fellow expats.



The party in Lamlash was attended by distinguished island guests. 01_b18wed03



Under clear blue skies, the guests enjoyed an afternoon and evening of celebrations in Lamlash. 01_b18wed05



Mattie Bannatyne enjoying the celebrations at Montrose House.



Ruth Russell, one of Montrose House's oldest residents, enjoying the Royal Wedding party.



Staff members Fiona Dwyer and Nina Morgan with Montrose House resident May Dunn.



PJ and Willie Currie with the special sentry box Willie built for the Royal Wedding party in Lamlash.

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The Modern Grocers

Barry and Ruth Miggin arrived on Arran four years ago, and took on the challenge of Bay Stores in Whiting Bay – a thriving grocers, in a climate where there were fewer family-run stores around the island. They operate a traditional licensed grocers, and over the years have tried to get the most of their business by satisfying the customers' needs, and offering new products and services. Over the past few months they have looked at their business and pondered what should they do next. Taking example from the big boys in their industry, they decided to focus on service and the tradition of small stores such as theirs – and the need to signpost their business to ensure that people actually know where they are. Their next approach was to Business Gateway for help with marketing, and our view on their Business Planning and

Marketing Strategy. We helped them make their decisions, and offered support through the Enterprise Growth Fund. After some deliberation, Barry and Ruth decided that their way forward was to have a virtual shop, offering customers the facility to order and pay online, then either collect their shopping in person, or have it delivered, and also that they should improve their signage, and make their business more visible to the passing trade. The website, created by Richard Fletcher, launched on Monday 18th April, and Bay Stores looks forward to serving all parts of the community by offering traditional grocery services at its best. In Barry's words "We're using new technology to bring genuine customer service into your home. As you will all have seen in our business focus of 1st April, Business

Gateway is really keen to support existing businesses on Arran and Cumbrae and has been successful in winning funding from Leader to support businesses in their endeavours to expand and sustain their growth or ensure continuing viability. The funding is available to support up to 50% of your needs. The application process is really simple and the approval time is very quick, so take the challenge. Take a long look at your business from the outside as a customer and see exactly what you need to make your business more efficient and more importantly more visible to potential customers. If you would like to take the challenge of growing your business and would like our help then please phone Derek Shand at Business Gateway Arran and Cumbrae on 01770 302676, he looks forward to your call.



Business Gateway Enterprise Growth Fund

Leader is part of the Scottish Rural development Programme and is a bottom-up method of delivering support for rural development through implementation of the new local strategies.

Sheila McLean and her team in Leader Argyll are proud to support Arran and Cumbrae businesses through the Business Gateway Enterprise Growth Fund. The purpose of this fund is to increase the capacity of the local rural community by encouraging innovation, staff capability and efficient signposting of businesses.

Ayrshire Chamber and the farmer's wife

Christine McDonald a farmers wife from Auchenhew Kildonan was looking for a challenge, she liked quality natural soaps and was attracted to the idea of making her own and selling her products at farmers markets. One of her first stops was to talk to Business Gateway to find out all the technical details of becoming a business, how to market her product and how to become a legal and insurable business.

Her product range is now in place and as market research, she has attended several farmers markets both off and on the island. Her soap in all its many guises, from cupcakes to truffles, sells well and is in demand.



Leader Argyll and the islands

Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a huge benefit to all the businesses of Ayrshire whether you're just starting out or looking to use one of the many benefits, from Health Care to Free Banking, Legal Expenses Insurance to 24/7 Legal Advice Line, Business Mentoring to Preferential Rates on Merchant Services. We have regular network meetings on the island where you can come along and catch up with everyone else or hear one of the talks where you are sure to learn something new. Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce is a valuable asset to anyone's business, so please feel free to call for a chat. The best number to get Lisbeth (your local representative) is on 07760769412 to find out more

Get in touch

Are you interested in starting up your own business and what Business Gateway could do to help? For further information contact Derek Shand on 07833 755684 or 01770 302676

Business Focus Bank Service Charge

This month's Banking Focus is all about Business Service Charge. When I talk to Business Gateway Clients, Business Service Charge is always an issue and is perceived as an additional tax on their business. In this issue I hope to help you reduce your charges by looking at how you perform your day-to-day talks in business. At the end of the day, banks are businesses as well and have to pay staff and maintain systems to look after the day-to-day transactions on your behalf, engaging with the worldwide banking system.

My challenge to you is that you should take a long look at what you do on a daily basis with your income and also how you deal with your payments to your customers, please take time to look at your bank's monthly service charge statement, what they are charging you and how much they are charging. First, are their figures right? The biggest cost is when they pay in cash or take change. As a wee exercise, take a note of the change you get over a month and the cash you pay in to your account and see if the sums tally

with what the bank has charged, and if they don't, send a letter and get a refund. If you are a cash rich business, also look at the bank's discounted fast cash options saving you time at the bank and giving a reduction in the percentage charged. As you will all know by now, cheques are disappearing shortly and you must make an effort to engage with internet banking so you can make payment direct to your customers and staff. These automated payments carry a lower charge than cheques. For business start-ups,



Derek Shand Gateway, Sheila McLean Leader, Kerry McGuire NAC Gateway, Martin Kemp Invermay

you should look at what's available on the marketplace. With nearly all of the bank's offering either free or discounted service charge for a period, also look at organisations like

Ayrshire Chamber who have negotiated a three year discount for their start up members with Royal Bank. Next month's focus will be all about Facility Fees.

Life After Redundancy

What happens when you are made redundant or your employer ceases trading? John (Chico) Kerr, a well-known islander and joiner and glazier sadly found himself in that position in August 2010 and was keen to ensure that he didn't remain unemployed for any length of time. His next step was to contact

Business Gateway and find out what was involved with being self-employed and what assistance was available to him. Unfortunately there were no grants or funding available to assist him with setting up his own business but Derek Shand at Business Gateway was able to help with establishing a business bank account

and assist with public liability insurance and all other aspects of setting up a business. It was important to John that his business had a good foundation and was legal and insured. John engaged in Business Gateway business planning process looking at the necessities to ensure that his business worked

and satisfied his income requirements. He also looked at the marketing efforts that he would require to undertake to ensure that he was registered as self-employed and would have a good data base of customers to ensure that he actually had a business. Now, nearly a year later, John's smartly liveried

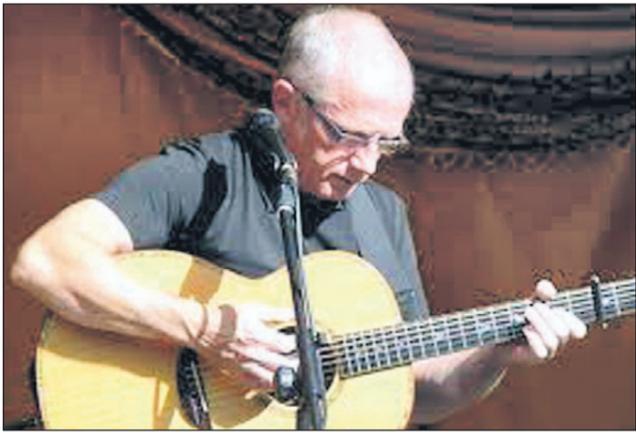
van can be seen all round the island, his database of satisfied customers grows every day and in his own words he "would like to thank all my customers for the continued support and custom that they have given to me and would also like to thank Derek Shand for his continued help and support"

Easter feast of music at Whiting Bay

Whiting Bay Hall was the venue for a feast of music last weekend.

Arran Events had arranged two nights of very contrasting musical styles. On Saturday live rock music came from the group Broken Records featuring Arran's Andrew Keeney on drums, plus support group Hot Jupiter.

On Sunday night it was music with a traditional Irish theme. Northern Ireland's Maurice Dickson has been writing and performing his songs for almost 30 years. He made memorable appearances at the Arran Folk Festival in 1996 and 1997.



Maurice Dickson.

Church centenary celebrations continue

Since July last year Brodick Church of Scotland has been celebrating the centenary of the building of the church in Knowe Road.

Every month a special event has taken place to commemorate this major milestone in Arran church life.

Alongside these celebrations, Rev Angus Adamson has been busy writing the church's history and 'St Brides Church, Brodick: A Centenary History' was finally published just before Easter.

This is a fascinating read for anyone with Arran connections.

Copies are now on sale at all church events and from the Book and Card Centre in Brodick.

There are three final events in this busy year still to come.

The first is the visit of the Govan Salvation Army Band on Sunday 8 May at 11am – note the changed service time.

In June the church is holding an art and craft exhibition from the 2nd to the 5th where local artists and crafts people from all over the island will be showing their works, many of which, will be for sale.

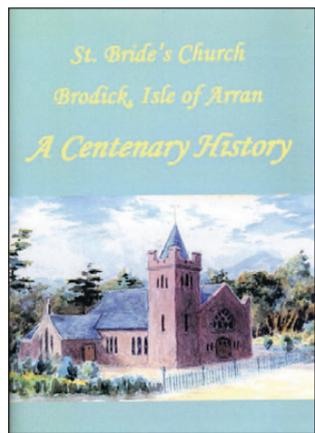
Entry forms are available from Mrs Nancy Macleod, Cromla Cottage, Corrie on 810237 and must be returned by Monday 9 May.

The grand finale is a flower festival in the church from July 1 to 3, which leads to the service of Rededication of the church at 10.30am on Sunday 3 July when the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rev David Arnott, will preach.

A reunion gathering will immediately follow this with buffet lunch in Brodick Public Hall.

Tickets for the gathering, priced £10, are now on sale and early application is recommended as numbers will be restricted.

They are available from Alex Lawrie, session clerk 302782.



The church's history 'St Brides Church, Brodick: A Centenary History' was finally published just before Easter.

Koffee for Kalimpong

The splendid sum of £565.30p was raised last Saturday at the annual Koffee for Kalimpong coffee morning in aid of Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong.

Sincere thanks are due to Lamlash Church for the use of their well-equipped hall and to all helpers who provided wonderful baking and raffle prizes. All monies will go directly to the children of Dr Graham's Homes.

On Sunday Maurice was joined by Catherine Ashcroft who started playing traditional Irish music on the whistle at an early age before moving on to the Uilleann Pipes. Under the name of Mochara, they have done two European tours.

The evening started with a performance from local group 'The Saggies' formerly known as 'The Saggy Bottom Boys', featuring Mike Bailey, Cams Campbell, Donal Boyle, Nicola Swinton and Jon Hollingworth.

Banner music correspondent Harry Ross thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.

'The Saggies, who surprisingly seem to have lost their bottoms since last playing, started the show with a bright and breezy performance; sharp, full of vigour and a much better all-round sound than before. The addition of Nicola on bodhran was a great improvement and it proved to be an excellent opener for the show.

'Maurice Dickson and Catherine Ashcroft took to the stage as Mochara. If this is a precursor of things to come from Arran

Events, I for one am absolutely delighted and cannot wait to hear their next performance.

'Words are hardly adequate to describe the skill, quality and sheer class of interpretation this duo brought to some of the finest musical entertainment I have had the pleasure to enjoy for a very long time.

'Maurice Dickson's virtuoso performances on guitars and the singing of folk ballads were astounding. At times it sounded as if he was playing three or more tracks at once, such was his total command of the instruments; huge chords, high single notes, long runs, and always, always aware of and based on the melody played – breathtaking!

'Equally brilliant was Catherine Ashcroft on the Uilleann pipes. She was so uncannily together with Maurice, they sounded almost welded together in their music with lightning fingering and timing.

'This was folk music at its ultimate in every sense of the word.'

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The Soccer Sevens were organised by northend to help raise funds for the team. 01_b18soc04

Southend celebrate Soccer Sevens win

The Ewe Camp was buzzing as the six teams gathered for the tournament



Lamlash beat Cechini's in the second semi-final 2-1 to go through to the final. 01_b18soc03

Southend celebrated yet another footballing victory at the weekend when they retained their Northend 'Soccer Sevens' title.

The Ewe Camp Stadium in Lochranza was buzzing with activity on Saturday morning as six teams gathered for the tournament.

Split in to two groups of three – the top two teams from each went through to the semi-finals.

In Group A Cecchini's beat Northend 0-0, Southend beat

Northend 2-0 and also Cecchini's of Ardrossan 2-0 to see Southend and Cecchini's go through to the semi-finals.

In Group B, Lamlash beat Paisley 3-0, Shiskine defeated Lamlash 5-0 and Paisley beat Shiskine 4-2.

So Lamlash and Paisley went through to the semi-finals.

After beating Paisley 2-0, Southend made it through to the final.

Meanwhile Lamlash secured their place after beating Cecchini's 2-1.

An exciting final then took place in which Southend beat Lamlash 2-1 to take the Soccer Sevens trophy for the second year in a row.

Northend played Paisley and won the 'Second Chance trophy' after a 2-1 victory – a rare occasion in Northend's recent history.

At night the players and spectators enjoyed a dance in Lochranza Hall featuring local band The Queeves which helped to raise more funds for the Northend team.

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Southend's Frazer Barr tries to tackle the Paisley players. 01_b18soc09



Southend's Jamie Picken tackles a Paisley player in the semi-final that Southend won 2-0. 01_b18soc02

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Jenni Logan and Lindsay Patrick kept the crowds fed and watered throughout the day. 01_b18soc07



Southend managed to retain the BT Trophy after they won the final against Lamlash. 01_b18soc06



Lamlash beat Cecchini's in the semi-finals but the game could have gone either way. 01_b18soc08



Southend's Sandy Kelso takes on one of Paisley's female team members in the first semi-final. 01_b18soc01



Northend's newest signing, Connor Percy of Brodick. 01_b18soc05

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Arran's Jazz Café Band on tour

The Jazz Café Band is embarking on a summer tour of the island.

After a winter season at their home venue of Whiting Bay Hall, they are on the road for the next few months.

Performing

Tonight, (Friday May 6), they are performing a free gig in Kildonan Hotel from 8pm to 11pm.

On Friday June 10, another gig will be in Corrie Hall from 8pm to 11pm and visitors are

invited to bring their own liquid refreshments.

There is a provisional booking on Thursday July 7 for the Arran Maritime Festival in Lamlash, and a cruise planned on paddle steamer Waverley on Tuesday July 19 from 11am.

On Easter Saturday the band played a free gig outside Lamlash Co-op for an hour in aid of the Co-op's charity of the year, Enable Scotland and raised £146.



The Jazz Café Band playing outside Lamlash Co-op.

Corrie Film Club

City of Life and Death (China 2009 Cert 18)

This month's Corrie Film Club showing is a stunning and powerful film made in black and white by Chinese director Lu Chuan.

Made in 2009 to great international acclaim, it tells the stark and brutal story of the Japanese invasion of Nanjing in 1937 which became known throughout China and the rest of the world as the 'Rape of Nanking'.

The horrifying story is told through several figures, including a conscience-stricken Japanese soldier and John Rabe, a Nazi businessman who would ultimately save thousands of Chinese civilians.

This film is moving and hauntingly profound - a story that should be told and remembered - but it is disturbing, detailing as it does the brutality of what happened during six weeks of violence and murder and carries an 18 certificate.

This film is being shown in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Sunday 8 May at 8pm.

Fairtrade Arran leaflet almost ready

The new Arran Fairtrade leaflet will be going to press in mid-May.

Could any businesses regularly selling Fairtrade produce or using it in their catering, which wish to be included in the leaflet, and are not already on it, please e-mail Graham Tinto as soon as possible at richardgraham-tinto@yahoo.co.uk

No Arran Open Gardens this year

Arran Open Gardens has been a regular and popular feature on the island, but will not take place this year. The event is listed in Holiday Arran as running from June 25 to July 3, but will not be going ahead.

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David is 'people's choice' at exhibition

Local artist David Penn won the people's choice award at The Arran Visual Arts (AVA) Easter Art Exhibition in Kilmory last week.

Visitors to the exhibition choose the prize each year and David was named this year's winner after his wonderful painting of Skipness received 17 votes.

Second prize this year went to Kathleen Sowden's 'Twilight' with 13 votes and joint third with seven points each was awarded to Andy Surridge

for 'Dunskey Castle', George Christie with 'Cleats Shore' and Ruth Mae for her bowl made from cherry.

Joint sixth prize was given to David Samuel for his shaker armchair and Len Hartley for his photograph of a Lochranza sunset.

And in eighth place were Nikki Surridge for 'Old Cart Wheel', Viv Parks for her 'Danish vase and flowers' and Roger McDowall for his path to tranquil waters.

Jan McGregor, secretary

of the AVA, said: 'We are always grateful to everyone who votes, as it generates interest, and the winner, David Penn, this year will receive a small prize.'

'We sold 20 pieces of work during the six day exhibition so look out for our next exhibition in Lochranza at the end of July.'

The AVA, which was started in 2001 by local artists Ken McGregor and Alison Bell, now holds monthly art classes as well as bi-annual exhibi-

tions of Arran artists' work.

Forty-six local artists had exhibits on show in the village hall all last week - ranging from traditional acrylic and watercolour paintings to abstract landscapes, photographs, embroidery, ceramics and furniture.

If you are interested in Arran Visual Arts workshops, there are still some places on the Bill Lees workshop this weekend. Phone Alison on 303607 or check out www.arranvisualarts.co.uk

Where can I see?

Red deer, red squirrels, seals, adders, otters; this island holds a wealth of wildlife but where is the best place to see these animals on Arran?

What is the best time of year to see basking sharks?

How can I tell a buzzard from a golden eagle?

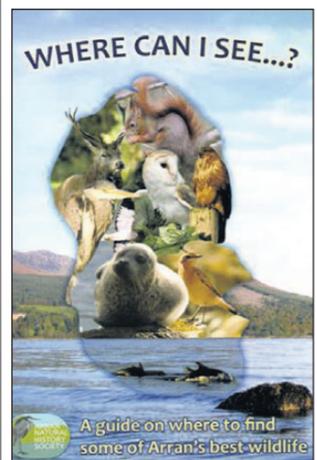
What are the best months for wild flowers on Arran?

What is the best weather to look out for common lizards?

Where can I see...? is the latest publication from the Arran Natural History Society and has the answer to these questions and many more.

This definitive guide produced by members of the society on where to find some of Arran's best wildlife, is a must for anyone interested in responsible wildlife watching.

This excellent booklet, replacing the earlier leaflet with the same name, is available from many outlets throughout the island.



Where can I see...? has been published by the Arran Natural History Society.

Adventure boss promotes island's outdoors

Calum McNicol of the Arran Adventure Company helped to promote the island when he attended The Scotsman Outdoor Pursuits Exhibition in Edinburgh last month.

Bringing together a line-up of expert speakers, demonstrations, exhibitors, competitions and activities for all ages and skill levels, the exhibition is the first show of its kind to be solely dedicated to bringing the best of our outdoor action indoors, all under the one roof at the Royal Highland Centre.

Calum said: 'This was a

great opportunity showcase Arran - The Island to a national audience.'

'The show was a great success and as well as promoting the special natural resources the island has to offer for outdoor pursuit activities, we proudly promoted the island as a world class destination for tourism.' The show was divided into five distinct sections - from cycling and offroading, snow, rock and adrenaline; camping and walking, water sports and xtra - dedicated to those activities which aren't an obvious fit in the other categories.

Other attractions included a climbing wall and a snowboard simulator.



Calum McNicol and his staff at The Scotsman Outdoor Pursuits Exhibition in Edinburgh last month.

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In the right gear

Arran High School pupils have a new school uniform and are no longer able to wear their own styles of clothing.

The debate has raged for years about the pros and cons of a uniform but now, for the next session at least, pupils will have the chance to wear a distinctive school sweatshirt.

The sweatshirt is a compromise for those who did not want to see a uniform introduced but it will be school policy for pupils to wear it.

No more safe beaches

MEP Hugh McMahon who has been campaigning for cleaner beaches has been informed by the Scottish Office that no more Ayrshire beaches are to be designated as safe bathing waters.

Mr McMahon had asked that beaches on Arran be added to those listed annually as part of the European safe bathing campaign.

New library

We note from Community Council minutes that CDC architects will visit the island this month to lay plans for the proposed new library.

Guide dog praised

Jackie Cooper is a familiar sight in Brodick with his guide dog guiding him around parked cars and across the road.

So helpful does he find his dog that he wants another blind person to benefit too.

So he is running an appeal to raise much needed funds and the first part will be a champion of champions darts competition at the Anchor in Brodick this Friday.

Police checks

A Lochranza man driving in Corrie last Saturday was stopped by police for not displaying a current tax disc.

In another incident on the same day, a Paisley man was stopped between Blackwaterfoot and Corriecravie for the

same offence. He also supplied police with a positive breath test.

Not 'sensible'

Cunninghame District Council should have made a public announcement of Dr Malcolm Kerr's application for a new surgery, according to Councillor Evelyn Sillars.

She said it was not 'sensible' as there has been much surprise at his plans.

But according to CDC they had no obligation to publicise the application but admitted that as it was a 'sensitive' location it would have been wise to do so.

Folk star comes to Arran

Performing at Lochranza Hall this Saturday is well-known folk musician Bert Jansch. A Glaswegian, he has been a big name since the 60s and according to promoter Dave Ashcroft 'the biggest name to come to Arran for many years'.



Mike and Yvonne Bailey were the only horse drawn carriage that turned out for a parade at the weekend but they still made a picturesque sight as they drove to Whiting Bay from Lamlash. b18twe02



Olive Raymond is pictured with the new Brodick Castle Visitor's Centre behind her. b18twe03



Head teacher David Oakes chats with Kirstin Henry and Barry Fisher about their new Arran High School sweatshirts. b18twe01



This gannet had to be rescued from the Hydro Electric transformer station at the pier on Tuesday after it injured itself and was unable to fly. Ranger Derrick Warner was called and was able to take it to the vets. b18twe05



The Arran Banner's Jenni Turnbull practices CPR on a dummy while other members of the newspaper staff look on. b18twe04

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Last week Archie was sitting next to a boatful of flowers by Whiting Bay putting green. First correct answer came from Karen of Motherwell. This week he is going for a paddle in the sea, but where is that beautiful beach? 02_b18arc01

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2pm
Loch Garbad, Bank
9am - dusk
Rosaburn Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 7th MAY

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Rink Game
RNLI Shop Open
Cllr Currie Surgery
Spring Fayre

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash pier, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict Library, 1pm - 2pm
Kilmory Primary, 12pm - 1.30pm

SUNDAY 8th MAY

Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Quiz
RNLI Shop Open
Corrie Film Club "City of Life and Death" (Cert 18)

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Lamlash pier, 2pm - 4pm
Corrie Village Hall, 8pm

MONDAY 9th MAY

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
BreathWalk Class
Circuit Training
Table Tennis
Badminton
Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons
Hatha Yoga
Summer Bridge
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game
Zumba Fitness
Ken Gibson MSP Surgery

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
High School Cafe, 6.30pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Brodict Hall, 6pm - 7pm
See ad page 21

TUESDAY 10th MAY

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
Scottish Country Dancing
Indoor Bowls
Youth Club
Rink Game
Zumba Fitness
Arran Mountain Festival Open Meeting

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
High School, 6pm - 7pm
Mountain rescue Team Base, Cladach, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 11th MAY

Hockey
Tae KwonDo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Yoga for Every Body
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Circuit Training
Rink Game
Coffee Morning
Rink Game
Rink Game

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10am - 11.30am
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm

THURSDAY 12th MAY

General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Table Tennis
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Pilates
Pub Quiz
Brodict Embroidery Group
Arran Youth Foundations
The Wee Blether - soup & sandwiches
Thursday Focus - This is My Story

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Behind Library, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 13th MAY

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Seniors Badminton (Over 50)
Over 21's Disco
Arran Youth Foundations

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm

SATURDAY 14th MAY

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Brodict 7pm
Rev David Karoon
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(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 8 May
Holy Communion 11am.
Rev Dr Hector Soga, Dollar
Coffee after service
Wednesday 11 May
Holy Communion 12.15pm
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SCO15072)
Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 8 May
Rev Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches
Sacrament of the Lords Supper
All welcome, including families; children's area

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Sunday 8 May
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodict
Evening Service 7pm
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Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 11th 7pm
5 Glen Road, Brodict
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Army Band
Corrie Church 12pm
Pirmill 10.15am
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Shiskine Church 12pm
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm
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WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SCO14005)
Sunday 8 May
Worship will be conducted by Rev John Webster at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.
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Morning Mass 11am

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Garth and family would like to thank the staff at Corriedoon, David and Clair Hendry, Rev Elizabeth Watson, Vera Ransone and all medical staff for the care given to Meg. Special thanks to friends and family for kind words and support at this sad time.

BIRTHS



MCDONALD

Neil and Yvonne are delighted to announce the arrival of their son Finlay Donnie on 24/4/2011 weighing 7lb 2oz born in St John's Hospital Livingstone.
First grandchild for Mandy McDonald and the late Donnie McDonald.

DEATHS

MCKINNON - JAMES

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Murette kick-starts Whiting Bay's bowls season

Last year's lady champion threw the first jack of the season at Whiting Bay Bowling Club on Saturday afternoon. Murette Pringle bowled the first jack under clear blue skies.

The sunny afternoon brought a good turnout for the start of the bowling season at Whiting Bay.

Photo by Richard Fletcher.



Golf

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 27 April, 27 played for this year's Richard Parfitt Stableford Trophy, with some excellent scoring. 1 Gus MacLeod 43, 2 Robin Young 39, 3 Nicol Auld 38, 4 Richard Fletcher 37. There were magic twos from Bob Hastings, Nicol Auld, Robin Young, Dave Hackett and David Morrison. Nicol had the best scratch score with 62.

PERSONAL

The McAlister family from Torbeg would like to thank everybody who has given so generously to Duncan's Air Ambulance Appeal. We raised £971 at the Rugby 7's and with other donations from the island and literally all round the world be have now hit the target! A special mention is also due to the many people who helped make the tombola & raffle (including Stud's substitute gazebo ☺) such a great success - thank you one and all.

Sunday 1 May, 14 played for the Tor Alvey Greensome trophy on a spectacular spring morning and some spectacular scoring! The winners were Sid Allen and Ian Burke with 54.8 with Danny Head and John Pennycott second with 59.6. Danny and John also won scratch with 67.

Fixtures: Sunday 8 May, AGA Spring Handicap at Shiskine. Wednesday 11 May, Summer Trophy. Sunday 15 May, Eric Wood Memorial.

Brodict Golf Club

Wednesday 27 April, Summer Cup, 52 played, CSS 64. 1 C O'Neill (19)59, 2 J Dick (15)60, 3 J Armit (5)60, Scratch E McKinnon 62. There were 11 twos, Ewan McKinnon and Matt Keir got two each. Sunday 1 May, Brandon, 21 played, CSS 64. 1 G Hendry (8)63, 2 I Macmillan (13)64, 3 D Robertson (15)64. Scratch E McKinnon 67. First Class Brandon G Hendry. Second Class Brandon I Macmillan.

Fixtures: Sunday 8 May, AGA Spring Meeting at Shiskine. Sunday 15 May, Belhaven Medal.

Arran Golfers Association

Monday 2 May, Junior Handicap, Shiskine Golf Club.

This year's Junior Handicap was held at Shiskine Golf Club on Monday 2nd May, weather was kind for us with dry warm sunshine all night although the usual strong wind to make things tricky for the boys, thanks to Shiskine for hosting and to Peter McCalla for his continued support with the boys prizes.

1 Stephen Judge 51-10=41 BIH, 2 Ryan Armstrong 50-9=41, Best Scratch was mark Sherwood with a great 45. Draw for Junior Match-play: Stephen Judge v Michael Macfarlane, Donald Park v Adam McNicol (winners play in first semi) Mark Sherwood v Scott Macfarlane, Ryan Armstrong v

Jack Simmons (winners play in second semi). First round ties by Sunday 8 May, semi finals by 15 May and the final the following Monday 23 May at a time to suit Shiskine, first round and semi final ties can be played at a venue to suit the two players but if an agreement cannot be reached then it will be Shiskine, final must be at Shiskine.

Fixtures: Friday 6 May, first round of the Seniors Bowl, Machrie Bay Golf Club from 5pm. The Draw is as follows: Brodict v Lochranza (winners play Machrie)

Corrie v Lamlash, Whiting Bay v Shiskine.

Sunday 8 May, the Guy Spiers Trophy, Spring Handicap at Shiskine Golf Club draw will take place at the AGM sheets on notice boards (late entries accepted, phone Shiskine or Dougie).

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 26 April, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Alice Anderson 64, 2 David Wilkinson 66 BIH, 3 Alastair Chalmers 66. Scratch Mark Sherwood 71. **Fixtures:** Saturday 7 May, Hugh Steel Cup, nine holes o/60 tee off, 2pm. Tuesday 10 April, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off at 12.30/5.30pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 27 April, medal, 17 played, CSS 61. 1 81-22=59 BIH, 2 A McDonald 70-11=59, 3 HB McKinnon 71-10=61. Best scratch A McDonald 70. There was one two from A McDonald.

Saturday 30 April, Stableford, CSS 37 pts, 22 played. 1 A Cummings 40, 2 A Napier 39, 3 E McKinnon 36. Best scratch E McKinnon 61. There were magic twos from A Napier, D Price, A Cummings, A McDonald and E McKinnon.

Fixtures: Saturday 7 May, first round Summer Cup, 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm. Sunday 8 May, AGM Guy Spiers and Thomson (Match-

play at Shiskine). Wednesday 11 May, medal round, approx 5pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 1 May, Gents 12 Hole Medal, 27 played. First class: 1 S Black 45-5=40,

2 C Watson 47-6=41 BIH, 3 J Faulkner 45-4=41. Scratch S Black 45 BIH.

Second Class: 1 J Reside 58-11=47, 2 Q Oliver 63-15=48 BIH, 3 P Bryceland 58-10=48. Magic twos from G Martlew, D Price, D Logan and M Hesp.

Fixtures: Gents - Sunday 8 May, Spring Handicap. Friday night games continue, 5.30pm. Ladies - Thursday 12 May, Club Championship Qualifying Round one.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 28 April, Summer Cup, 27 played, CSS 64. 1 Alan Smith 70-10=60, 2 Steven Heaney 76-16=60, 3 Neil Young 64-3=61, 4 Graeme Andrew 74-11=63.

Best Scratch Neil Young 64. Seniors' Medal 1 Peter Mackay 88-19=69, 2 Hamish McArthur 86-17=69. Saturday 30 April, Grouse Foursomes. 1 Lee Girbow and Drew Wales 67-6=61, 2 Todd Jameson and Norrie MacIntyre 75-7.5=68.5.

There were twos from Andy Barclay, Sam Handley, Todd Jameson and Norrie MacIntyre.

To play in Island Grouse Lee Girbow and Drew Wales, Todd Jameson and Norrie MacIntyre. Sunday 1 May, Hamilton Bowl-Bogey, 19 played, CSS 64. 1 Euan Evans +1, 2 Graham Tinto Level, 3 Todd Jameson -1. Best Scratch Euan Evans 67. William O'Connor Hole in One at the 16th!!

Fixtures: Saturday 7 May, Club Champion Qualifier also Jamie-son Cup at 9.30am, 1pm and 5pm. Sunday 8 May, AGA Spring Handicap at Shiskine, names to be added to sheet. Thursday 12 May, Summer Cup Saturday.

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Southend, in yellow, made it look so easy as they crushed Northend 5-1. 01_b18ba01

Haulage Cup preliminaries

Brodick and Southend made it through the preliminary round of the Arran Haulage Cup on Monday night.

Brodick took on Arran's newest team, Bay FC, at the Ormidale Park and won 4-0 to go through.

The Brodick team have brought back Iain 'Keeno' Keen from Australia specifically for the coming football season and it was clear his teammates were relishing his return.

Brodick are clearly keen to loosen Southend's hold on the big prizes.

Distracted

The first goal of the night was from Archie McNicol who managed to slip the ball past the distracted Bay keeper Mark Nelson.

At the opposite end of the pitch there was some acro-

batics as Brodick's keeper Gordon Hendry successfully stopped Bay from scoring.

This was Bay FC's first proper match and it was clear they were trying to shirk their former Northend associations by fighting hard for a win.

But three more goals from Brodick's Greg 'Maldini' McRae, Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil and Tony McDowall secured Brodick's place in the semi-finals.

Meanwhile in Whiting Bay, Southend were playing Northend in the other preliminary match.

Northend have several new players this year and were hoping to start of the season with a much-sought-after win.

When Lewis Kennedy scored within seconds it looked like Northend were back to their

old selves but Andy Pattison managed to level the scores giving the Lochranza team a bit of hope.

Southend looked determined to repeat last year's Haulage Cup victory as they continually thwarted any Northend attempts at goal.

Scored

Southend's Donnie Park, Danny Head, Allan McLeod and Frazer Barr all scored to take them to the semis.

The semi-finals of the Arran Haulage Cup will be played today (May 7) at 3pm.

Brodick will play Shiskine and Southend play Lamlash.

The final will then take place at the Ormidale Park on Saturday 14 May at 3pm.

The league fixtures will follow as soon as Bay FC and Lamlash confirm that they can use the same pitch.

Arran Bowling Federation dates and venues

The draw for the Arran Bowling Federation and Laidler-Gardiner inter-club matches has been made and the matches will be played as follows. All matches start at 7 pm.

Laidler-Gardiner trophy:

Tuesday 10 May: Brodick v Lamlash, Blackwaterfoot v Whiting Bay.

Thursday 12 May: Lamlash v Brodick, Whiting Bay v Blackwaterfoot.

Tuesday 17 May: Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot, Whiting Bay v Brodick.

Thursday 19 May: Blackwaterfoot v Lamlash, Brodick v Whiting Bay.

Tuesday 24 May: Brodick v Blackwaterfoot, Lamlash v Whiting Bay.

Thursday 26 May: Blackwaterfoot v Brodick, Whiting Bay v Lamlash.

The draw has also been made for the Federation Matches all to be held at Blackwaterfoot.

Monday 6 June: Ladies Singles, Whiting Bay v Blackwaterfoot, Brodick v Lamlash. Rinks, Brodick v Whiting Bay.

Tuesday 7 June: Gents Singles, Whiting Bay v Whiting Bay, Blackwaterfoot v Lamlash. Rinks, Blackwaterfoot v Lamlash.

Wednesday 8 June: Pairs, Brodick v Whiting Bay, Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot. Ladies Singles Final.

Thursday 9 June: Pairs Final, Gents Singles Final and Rinks Final.

Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 2 May were as follows: N/S 1 D Bruce and M Bruce, 2 T Martin and B Livingstone, 3 R Thompson and E McNiven.

E/W 1 J Beattie and J McBride, 2 I McMillan and C McMillan, 3 M McGill and E Sillars.



Bay FC, in orange, found themselves in a few tricky situations as they took on Brodick on Monday night.

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