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Arran doctors warn of backlash to board plans

'Islanders should be concerned'

REPORT

by HOWARD DRIVER
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locums for covering the out of hours period (Arran Banner 14 May).

'There has been further discussion over the last few days with the Health Board, but, unfortunately, no significant change in their position. They are now prepared to 'begin discussions' about the cut backs, and a meeting has been proposed for Tuesday 24 May.

Funding Withdrawn

In the meantime, the present position is that funding for three GPs who represent one third of Arran's medical staff, is to be withdrawn from 1 July.

'A proposal made to the Health Board's directors in March 2011 noted risks associated with these plans.'

'The risks are: the failure to secure sustainable General Medical Services, Out of Hours, A and E and In-patient services is likely to result in significant public and political backlash.'

'With an increasingly elderly population on Arran, sustainable and safe service provision

is key to avoiding unnecessary transfers to the mainland; failure to secure appropriate governance arrangements and links with the wider organisation may result in poor quality patient care.'

Replying for the Health Board, Jim Crichton, director of primary care and mental health services, said: 'NHS Ayrshire and Arran have not imposed any cut backs – the same amount of money, £1.5million, is still available. We have not withdrawn funding from in-hours services.'

'The GPs withdrew from the part of their contract that involved providing out of hours services. Therefore the funding they received for those services needs to be used to pay for alternatives.'

'We have made a number of offers and suggestions to Arran Health Group, all of which have been rejected.'

The Arran doctors added: 'Despite these warnings it seems that the Health Board may be prepared to push ahead in any event.'

'Islanders should be concerned, and consider making their views known to the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.'



Arran event invades Glasgow

Glasgow was invaded by an army of islanders last weekend as the first 'Arran in the Square' event took place.

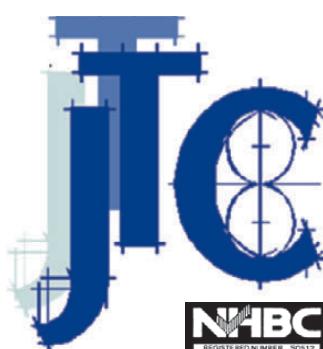
Joining the throngs of Arran folk on George Square was the local Mountain Rescue Team.

David Boal, Neil MacArthur, Ali Hume and

Mark Bunyan were on hand to offer information to potential visitors about the beauty of the island's hills.

Full Report

For the full report and all the pictures from the two-day event see pages 9, 10, 11 and 12. 01_b20arr06



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Police files

Speeding offences

On Tuesday 10 May a 49-year-old Shiskine woman was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding near Shiskine Primary School.

The following day a 66-year-old Corrie Shore woman was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding in Corrie. On Friday 13 May a 42-year-old Leven man was reported for speeding near Shiskine Primary School.

Mobile phone

On Thursday 12 May a 20-year-old Whiting Bay man was given a £60 fine and three penalty points for using a mobile phone while driving.

Breach of the peace

At 2pm on Wednesday 11 May a 44-year-old Whiting Bay man was reported for alleged breach of the peace in Montrose Terrace, Whiting Bay.

Lamlash housebreaking

Two 16-year-old Lamlash youths were arrested and charged with alleged house-breaking at a Lamlash licensed premises over the night of Saturday 14 May.

After protracted police enquiries, the stolen property was recovered the following day. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Pupils explore fizz boom, bang science

'It is hands-on and makes science fun and enjoyable'

Pupils from Brodick Primary School celebrated the International Year of Chemistry with a fizz, a boom and a bang on Tuesday morning!

The pupils had the chance to mix up some powerful concoctions in the lab as part of Generation Science, a touring programme of science shows and workshops delivered by the Edinburgh International Science Festival and sponsored by EDF Energy's Hunterston B Power Station.

Fizz, Boom, Bang is a new chemistry workshop specially developed to celebrate the 2011 International Year of Chemistry where pupils explore how chemicals can make concoctions fizz, smoke and sometimes even go BANG.

Susan Kelly, headteacher at Brodick Primary School, said: 'We are delighted to welcome the Generation Science tour to the school.'

This is an excellent way of engaging our pupils in science using some of the simplest experiments to create spec-

tacular results. It is hands-on and makes science fun and enjoyable.

Stuart McGhie of Hunterston Power Station said: 'It's great that we can bring this show to the school.'

'We are keen to encourage children of all ages to become interested in science subjects and the Fizz, Boom, Bang show introduces pupils to scientific concepts in a hands-on and entertaining way. We hope they all enjoyed the show.'

This is one of 15 shows and workshops provided by Generation Science which are designed to make science fun, exciting and easy to understand and to help teachers cover the school science curriculum.

The Generation Science tour reaches over 60,000 primary school children and over 600 schools annually, it is the largest school science touring programme in the UK and has activities for all ages, from infant classes to upper primary.



Youngsters at Brodick Primary School enjoyed a hands-on approach to science on Tuesday morning.
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Permission sought for Lochranza's 20 year old campsite

Planning permission is being sought for the campsite in Lochranza, more than 20 years after the previous owner Iain Robertson established it.

Nigel Wells and Kathryn Mawson took over the running of the site early last year.

Retrospective

They have now applied for retrospective permission for permanent change of use of land to form campsite/touring caravan site and for the siting of a static caravan and associated buildings.

In a letter to the planners, the

couple said that they bought the campsite business from Iain Robertson in January 2010.

They wrote: 'He had informed us that the seasonal pitches and the static caravan did not have official approval but that he had written to the licensing officer who had no objection if planning gave their approval.'

They added: 'Mr Robertson made no mention that the campsite had not had planning permission since 2001.'

Agreement

The application includes nine seasonal pitches where caravans are also stored throughout the winter, and the agreement to site a static caravan that allows for 24 hours a day presence on site.

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Two very special offers for ferry foot passengers

Two very special offers aim to encourage more people to visit Arran this summer.

For just £20 return, a visitor can board the Arran ferry in Ardrossan, enjoy a complimentary bacon roll and cup of coffee during the crossing, get off in Brodick and take the open top bus to Brodick Castle, then stroll around the gardens and have a tour of the castle itself.

This remarkable offer has been brought about by a combined effort by Caledonian MacBrayne, Stagecoach Buses and the National Trust for Scotland.

Brodick Castle administrator Ken Thorburn said: 'I was the one that initiated this. After discussions with Robbie Brown of CalMac and Stagecoach we have all discounted our lowest prices.'

Interest

'We promoted this offer very strongly at last weekend's Arran in the Square (in George Square, Glasgow). There was an awful lot of interest from people who had never been to Arran before.'

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson added: 'The £20 deal has been agreed by CalMac in conjunction with the National Trust for Scotland and Stagecoach and is indeed a great offer.'

A similar joint offer has also been introduced on the Claonaig to Lochranza run.

For £12, foot passengers can get a return ferry ticket from Claonaig to Lochranza, take a 20-minute stroll to Lochranza distillery, 'passing majestic 16th century castle ruins' and enjoy a guided tour of the distillery.

Tickets are on sale at Tarbert Loch Fyne tourshop.

Both these special offers will be advertised on the mainland and are available until 22 October.

Heating oil theft warning from police

REPORT

by JENNIFER LYON
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Arran's householders have been warned by police to be vigilant after a rise of heating oil thefts from gardens.

Following reports in The Banner in recent months that criminals have been stealing oil from unoccupied houses, Sergeant Bob MacKay said that Arran's residents need to be more vigilant with security.

'Due to the economic climate the force as a whole is seeing a rise in oil thefts,' he said.

'The high cost of oil makes it very attractive to thieves and as a result people should be doing all they can to keep their tanks secure.'

Last week more than 800

litres of oil was stolen from a tank at North Bank in Whiting Bay.

Owner Mark Currie, who grew up on the island but has recently returned after years living in Glasgow, said he has been completely shocked by the theft.

Experienced

'It really is the last thing you expect to happen on Arran,' he told The Banner. 'I lived in Glasgow for 15 years and never experienced anything like this.'

'We have been completely shocked that someone would

do such a thing in a small community.'

Mark said that they were now considering installing CCTV cameras at the house to stop thieves striking again.

He said: 'I think it's very important that we warn people about this. Everyone is sympathetic to the fact that fuel is so unbelievably expensive but in many ways that makes the thefts even more worrying.'

Sergeant MacKay added that there can be many different reasons why oil levels may drop rapidly – leaking tanks or owners using more oil than expected, for example – but that the police will be keeping an eye on the situation across the island.



Pictured at Brodick pier, from left, Nicola Swinton-Boyle who plays Rachel Hicks in 'Bad Girls, the Musical', Maureen Chadwick who wrote the script, director Maureen Smith, Kath Gotts who wrote the music and lyrics and Campbell Seaton who plays Jim Fenner.

Bad Girls writers visit Arran rehearsals

Two of the prime movers behind 'Bad Girls, the Musical' travelled to Arran last week to see island rehearsals for themselves.

Scriptwriter Maureen Chadwick and Kath Gotts who wrote the music and lyrics attended rehearsals in Brodick Hall last Thursday evening. The show is this year's annual production by Arran Music and Drama Club and runs for the week commencing Monday 30 May.

Director Maureen Smith said: 'Last Thursday evening these lovely ladies came all the way to Arran to see part of a rehearsal of their show 'Bad Girls the Musical' by Arran Music and Drama Club.

'They spent a couple of hours with the company and were kind enough to bring some costumes for them to borrow if required.

'They had some encouraging words for the cast and before heading back south took the time to stop for a photo at Brodick Pier with three company members.'

Ann McManus, the co-writer, was unable to be there but will be coming to see the complete show on the last night.

The company hopes she will enjoy the Arran production. Tickets are on sale to the general public from Monday 23 May at the Book and Card Centre, Brodick.

Doubts cast over Arran's second summer ferry

Following reports in recent weeks, it had been anticipated that Arran's second extra summer ferry this year would be MV Isle of Arran rather than the smaller streaker MV Saturn which has fulfilled that role for the last five years.

This news was welcomed in all quarters because the Isle of Arran ferry offers many benefits in comfort and capacity over the Saturn.

Now some doubt has been cast upon that happening.

David Cannon, group public affairs manager, David MacBrayne Group, said: 'It has been agreed with the government that Arran will get a second vessel, but we are not in a position to say which one yet.'

'It will be either MV Isle of Arran or MV Saturn, but we are still awaiting the arrival of MV Finlaggan in Islay and the situation regarding Gourock

and Dunoon is also unclear.'

Caledonian MacBrayne's newest vessel, MV Finlaggan, was built over the last two years in Gdansk, Poland and is due to be named at a ceremony in Islay on Wednesday 25 May.

When in service, this ferry should take over the Islay run from MV Isle of Arran, possibly enabling her to be available for the summer season on the Ardrossan to Brodick run.

Kenneth Gibson MSP told the Banner: 'As far as the Government is concerned, the MV Isle of Arran is fully funded and still scheduled for July 1 to August 31 (for Arran).'

Ken Thorburn, chairman of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee, said: 'The ferry committee is concerned that this extra service has been sold on the basis of MV Isle of Arran coming here, but it is now in some doubt.'

'The arrival of the new Islay

ferry (MV Finlaggan) has been delayed, and the second Arran summer ferry service is due to start on July 1.'

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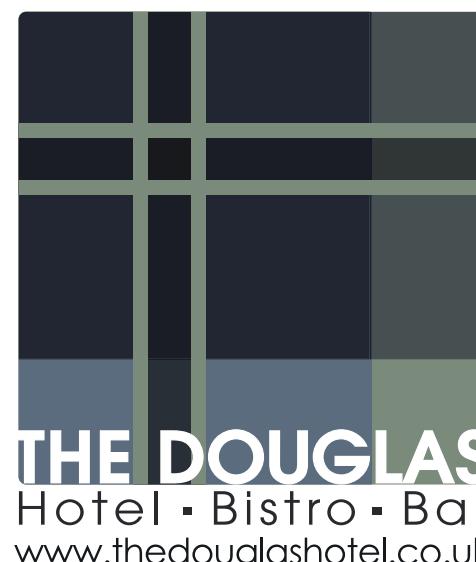
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Garden Club April meeting

The speaker at the April meeting of the Arran Garden Club was club member Jim Jack who spoke about propagation.

Jim entertained and educated members with his extensive knowledge of the ways of propagating plants, gained from his years of experience, including working in Glasgow Parks Department and in his own plant nursery.

Jim's continuing interest in propagating plants was demonstrated by the interesting plant varieties he had brought along, having raised them from seeds and cuttings.

The evening continued with members sampling nettle soup, which was Andrew Stephanuti's soup of the month. The sale of tomato and poppy plants raised funds for the club.

The poppy was a variety called 'Falklands' which can be seen in the national poppy collection at Auchencruive, Ayrshire.

The next meeting of the Arran Garden Club will be on Thursday 26 May at 7.30pm at the Ranger Centre in Brodick Country Park. The guest speakers at this meeting will be Maureen and Keith Robertson who will speak on 'Wonderful Weeds – the health and food secrets of invasive plants'.

Plant sale raises funds for hospital

The annual Hospital Supporters League (HSL) plant sale at Arran High School last Sunday attracted a considerable crowd.

With 10 minutes to go before doors opened, the queue stretched from the community theatre hall right back to the front door.

Armfuls

At 2pm the doors opened and an eager public rushed in. Many people had brought boxes and containers with them, and the cashiers were soon busy dealing with armfuls of bedding plants and shrubs.

On Monday HSL committee member Sheila MacLeod said: 'So far we have made £507 profit but there is still more to come in.'



Committee members of the Hospital Supporters League ready for the onslaught before the plant sale last Sunday; from the left, Maurice Deighton, Ina Burke, Sandra Hall and Sheila MacLeod.

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Arran gardeners snatch up the bedding plants at the HSL plant sale. 02_b20hs102

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nience Store. Pickers and bags will be provided, but please bring your own gloves.

A free lunch awaits the person filling the most bags, courtesy of Arran on a Plate.

Arran children help to break world record

Last Saturday a creative petition in the shape of the world's longest-ever string of handmade bunting was hung from lampposts around Battersea Park in London, to show support for West African cotton farmers and Fairtrade cotton.

Arran primary schoolchildren had designed and made triangular bunting flags for this campaign as part of this year's Arran Fairtrade fortnight in February.

A bunting pack was delivered to each school and the finished flags were collected after Friday 24 February.

Jan McGregor said: 'All Arran primary schoolchildren were given a triangular Fairtrade cotton flag to decorate with paint, pen or material.'

In total, the island has sent off 409 decorated flags to be part of the Guinness world record challenge. When joined together they will measure 69 metres and will contribute to the total bunting hung up in London on Fairtrade day.'

Thank

'We would like to thank everyone who donated plants and who came along to buy on the day. Special thanks to Andy Gents for use of his van to collect plants.'

The Arran contribution helped towards a total of over 130,000 flags last weekend.

Adam Gardner, Campaigns officer of Fairtrade Foundation said: 'Thank you to everyone who participated in decorating bunting in Fairtrade fortnight.'

'We've been absolutely overwhelmed by over 100,000 magnificently adorned flags, enough to break the world record 10 times over.'

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Hazel Tod is a Goatfell Race record breaker

Hazel Tod achieved the remarkable distinction of being first local runner and first lady home in Saturday's Goatfell Race.

She became the first person in the long history of the event to win both the Arran Milk Cup and the Convener's Cup.

Hazel, formerly of Kilmory, completed the 15.5km course, climbing 870 metres to the summit of Arran's highest hill and back down to Ormidale Park in 1 hour, 48 minutes and 42 seconds. Her proud father, Willie, was there to meet her as she crossed the finishing line, still looking as fresh as a daisy.

Hazel said: 'I'm not really a runner and this is the first time

that I have entered the race. I just happened to be home this weekend and thought I would give it a go.'

Hazel lives in Shawlands and is a PE teacher at Cumnock Academy.

She was very sporty at Kilmory Primary School

and Arran High School and

now plays rugby for Cartha Queens Park and does a lot of mountain biking and hill-walking.

She added: 'I think I'll come back for the Glenrosa Horseshoe Race on June 18.'

The second Arran person home was 60-year-old Colin Guthrie in 81st place, in 2 hours 15 minutes, beating 12 other much younger runners.

First man over the line was Andrew Fallas of Edinburgh in

1 hour, 19 minutes and 42 seconds. It was his first attempt at Goatfell and he said: 'I do fell races every other weekend, but I'm not usually terribly good at this kind of event.'

'The descent is very tricky. You have to hop from boulder to boulder and struggle to keep your footing.'

Brian Marshall of Haddington came second, having won the race four times in the past, most recently in 2008.

Race organiser Mike Mellor

said: 'I would like to thank all those involved in the organisation and support for the race, in particular Arran Mountain Rescue, Neil Gillies for first aid and Jim Young, Kenny Phillips and Trisha Sloss for timekeeping and recording.'



First woman and first local runner, Hazel Tod.

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Hazel Tod, first woman and first local runner, with dad Willie.

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The field stretches out past Brodick Primary School.

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2011 Goatfell race winner Andrew Fallas crossing the line.

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Sixty-year-old Colin Guthrie was the second Arran runner home.

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Brian Marshall of Haddington came second.

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Shep wins 'Not too Serious' dog show

A new feature at this year's Goatfell Race was the 'Not too serious Dog Show'.

Organised by Tommy Gilmore, it was designed to keep the public entertained while the runners were away for a couple of hours sprinting up the hill and back down to the Ormidale Park.

Light-hearted

Around 20 dogs and their owners were put through their paces in a variety of generally light-hearted classes, such as dog most like its owner, dog least like its owner, sit and stay

obedience and dog with the most waggy tail.

The overall winner of the dog show was Shep from Crewe, one of Banner dog Archie's pals. Shep is a 13-year-old Collie and he was here on holiday with his humans, Stuart and Judith Whiston, and enjoying his stay at Shannochie Farm Cottages.

The dog most like its owner was decreed to be Susanna Talbot's Norwich terrier, Jinks.

Humorous commentary was provided by Tommy Gilmore and the expert judge was Linnie Scott.



Robert Earle's Alaskan Malamutes gave a display of husky dog sled driving at Ormidale Park. 02_b20dog03



Susanna Talbot and Jinks, the dog most like its owner. 02_b20dog02



Judith and Stuart Whiston from Crewe and their overall dog champion, Shep. 02_b20dog01

The humble potato from Peru, Arran and onwards

On a wild and wet Monday afternoon, 83 Arran Antiquarians and visitors gathered in Brodick Hall to hear a fascinating talk on potatoes by John Marshall of Auchtermuchty, ably assisted by this wife, Rhona.

This talk had a special interest for Arran, with the Arran Banner newspaper being named after a potato.

The potato, originally from Peru, made its way to Elizabethan Britain, possibly via Sir Walter Raleigh. The crop was introduced into Ireland and the Hebrides where it was grown in lazy beds which were top dressed with seaweed or the spoil from black houses. Historians quote a consumption of seven pounds of potatoes per head per day.

In 1845 the Irish crop was infected with Potato Blight, a fungal infection which spread from Mexico to Europe where it became rampant. During the potato famine one million Irish died and 1.25 million emigrated to the UK and the New World.

In the early 20th century Donald McKelvie of Arran, Findlay of Auchtermuchty, Patterson of Dundee, and Jack Dunnett all began cross-breeding potatoes to find new varieties with different properties of storage life, taste, aesthetic appearance and most of all, disease resistance.

Donald McKelvie's father was a sea captain from Kildonan. Donald went to Glasgow to study, but came home to Arran to become a Lamlash shopkeeper.

Arran Victory was named to celebrate the end of World War, but maybe his most famous potato was the Arran Pilot, named after his cousin, William McKelvie, captain of the City of Madras and later a Clyde pilot.

John showed slides of old harvesting equipment, sack-closing techniques and potato sales. Scottish seed potatoes are exported world wide, for example to Russia, Saudi Arabia and Romania.



John and Rhona Marshall with a potato plant and some Arran Victory potatoes.

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Committee members of the Arran Mountain Festival; from left, Jo Totty, secretary; Corinna Goerckeritz, chairman; David Scott, treasurer; and Jo Hastings, walks sub-committee. 02_b20adv01

Mountain festival launched at Cladach base

Over 35 people attended an open evening in the Arran Mountain Rescue team base at Cladach on Tuesday.

They heard about plans for the fifth Arran Mountain Festival, to be held from Friday 16 September to Monday 19 September.

Corinna Goerckeritz, chairman of the festival organising committee, explained how the Mountain Festival had evolved from the earlier Arran Outdoor and Walking event. This was the first such meeting in the five years that the festival has been running, and the organising committee is keen to reduce costs.

Funding

Corinna said: 'The earlier events were funded by SNH, NAC and other public bodies. That source of funding has dried up, so since 2010 it has

been entirely organised by a committee of volunteers.

'We no longer have a paid co-ordinator. But we are fortunate to have been supported by Arran Adventure Company for a number of years, and in 2011 they are our main sponsors. All walks will start from the Arran Adventure cabin and they are dealing with bookings and transport to the start of walks.'

She explained that over the years participants had shown most interest in higher level mountain walks. 'It means that we can concentrate on Arran's fantastic ridge walks,' she added.

The aims of the festival are to extend the tourist season by holding it in a shoulder month, and to promote health and responsible access to the outdoors. Local volunteer

leaders are qualified and able to pass on local knowledge about wildlife and natural history.

The walks are classified into four different categories of difficulty, ranging from a fairly leisurely stroll round the Cock of Arran to the challenging A Chir traverse.

Sponsor

The committee is offering businesses and individuals the opportunity to sponsor each of the 18 walks over four days at costs from £20 to £100.

Corinna said afterwards: 'So far Arran Active, Arran Dairies, Lochranza Campsite and Mike and June Taylor of Dippenhead farm have signed up as sponsors. And the festival is delighted to be supported by the Mountain Rescue team.'

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Promoting the island as the perfect holiday destination has become one of the biggest concerns of Arran's businesses in recent years.

The 'Arran in the Square' event in Glasgow last weekend was in many ways the culmination of these efforts.

The idea behind the event was of course to try and sell the island to people that live in Glasgow.

Afterall Glasgow isn't very far away and Arran is the ideal place for Glaswegians to come for a long weekend or even a week-long holiday.

The event was a roaring success and the square was packed out on Saturday but it was difficult not to feel that the event hadn't necessarily attracted the hordes of possible island visitors the organisers had hoped for.

Looking around George Square it appeared as though half the people there either already live on the island or have direct links to Arran.

This means that even if 8,000 people attended the two-day event we've not necessarily attracted great hordes of first time visitors.

Arran has always attracted a very specific kind of visitor that tends to be middle class and appreciates the beauty of the island whilst also spending money in the shops, restaurants and attractions.

Those at the event on Saturday didn't really equate to that image.

The 'Arran in the Square' event will certainly encourage more people to visit the island but if they don't come here and spend money it won't really benefit the island in the long term.

In its heyday, Rothesay was Arran's biggest competitor for the tens of thousands of Scots travelling 'doon the watter' for their annual summer holiday.

Changing holiday habits took the shine off the seaside spot and in recent years dereliction and demolition has left prominent gap sites, raw gable ends and tatty frontages.

This week it was announced that the island is hoping to regain its popularity thanks to a £1.5 million cash boost.

This money is desperately needed to turn what has become a rather depressing place into a desirable holiday destination once again.

Having said that it will take more than a cash injection to encourage people to visit. And for that reason, despite what I've said above, we can look proudly on at VisitArran who work tirelessly to promote our island as Scotland's number one holiday destination.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.' (Colossians 3:17)

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Letters to the Editor



Threatened with water charges

Sir

Many self-catering owners on Arran will be unaware that they could suddenly be hit with water charges amounting to hundreds or even thousands of pounds.

When we returned from our Easter holidays we were greeted with three bills amounting to £928 for water charges dating back to August 2009 from a company called Business Stream.

This was the first we were aware that this company was our provider and had assumed we were still paying water charges through our rates and council tax, as had previously been the case.

When I queried the bill I found the company's response unhelpful, and we have since been threatened with additional administration charges of £75 if we do not pay.

I have no objection to paying for services that we receive but believe it is unreasonable to backdate charges for services we were not officially notified of at the time. In my own business I would certainly never dream of invoicing somebody retrospectively.

On enquiring if we had a choice of supplier I was informed that we did not, which leads me to believe that this company is abusing its monopoly position to intimidate small customers. I would be interested to know if anyone else has had similar experiences.

Yours,
Susanna Talbot and
Alistair Paul
Balmore
Alma Road
Brodick

Turbine confusion

Sir,

Having only just got round to reading Coral Smith's letter in this week's Banner I am somewhat confused.

There seems to be a contradiction between 'no amount of compensation' and 'community owned turbines' surely both are compensating the community for exactly the same 'losses' by a different name!

There are many of us who are very much in favour of the turbines and find them a much more acceptable alternative to Hunterston on our doorstep.

The objectors are not representing the views of 'the community' as people were sounded out prior to the meeting and were neither invited nor told about it if they were pro-turbines.

Perhaps Councillor Currie could produce figures to demonstrate the profitability of nuclear power particularly whether or not we subsidise commissioning new/decommissioning old reactors etc.

How would that compare with the subsidies to wind power?

I don't think any of us wish to see anything on the scale of some of the wind farms on the mainland (that is impossible here in any case due to lack of capacity in the national grid, the ones Charles McAllister is applying for are 12kw – those in Ardrossan are over 2000kw - but groups of two or three in sites off the road (which both the proposals are) does not seem to be an unreasonable compromise.

Yours,
Name and address supplied

Discontented youth

Sir,

Brodick was recently gifted several hundred trees by the Woodland Trust, which members of the Brodick Improvements Committee painstakingly planted at the margins of the low green and at other strategic locations around the village.

Within hours of carefully staking each sapling in a protective tube, some young miscreants stole the supporting canes.

Disappointed, but undeterred, our members returned to hammer in fresh canes, this time more securely. Now, only a few weeks later, our work has again been undone by youngsters who seem hell-bent on destroying this welcome future shelter.

If Arran's youngsters can find nothing constructive to occupy their time and if our law enforcers continue to ignore such destructive behaviour, what will the is-

land of the future be like?

Yours,
Chris Atkins
Secretary
Brodick Improvements
Committee

Arran Mountain Festival

Sir,

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the first open meeting of the Arran Mountain Festival (AMF) on May 10 such a great success.

Firstly thanks to the Arran Mountain Rescue Team for allowing the AMF to use their base as a venue; thanks to all those in the AMRT, and Ali Hume in particular, who took people on a tour of their base after the main business was complete.

Thanks to Corinna Goeckritz, AMF chairman, for heading up the evening and giving a fun and informative presentation, where the need and importance for islanders to get behind the festival, was expressed with clarity.

Thanks also to all the home-bakers – you know who you are (the waistline is still suffering).

Thank you everyone that turned out for the evening, I hope you enjoyed it as much as the committee did, and that you learned something about the festival, its aims, objectives and aspirations.

And very importantly a thank you to everyone who signed up as committee members, walk leaders and sponsors alongside our main sponsor Arran Adventure Company.

However, there is room for more volunteers, 'Friends of the 2011 Arran Mountain Festival' and sponsors.

Please e-mail info@arranmountainfestival.co.uk or phone Corinna on 302462 for more information.

In 2011, the festival is from September 16-19.

Yours,
Jo Totty
AMF Secretary
Cladach
Holidaying
elsewhere

Sir,
My wife and I wanted to book

a quiet holiday in Arran.

However after selecting and sending seven emails not one has replied. We are disappointed that this is the service for tourists. So it will have to be option two.

Yours,
Martin Brown
74 Main Street
Dalry
Castle Douglas

Alive and well

Sir,
I am pleased the 'This is my Story' evening went so well last week at the Ormidale Pavilion. Just in case anybody is interested, the Scottish Episcopal Church of St Margaret of Scotland is alive and well in Whiting Bay. All hail the power of Jesus' name. All good wishes.

Yours,
Janis Gallagher
Lay Leader
Ivy Cottage
Whiting Bay

Phoenix Choir thanks

Sir,
We would like to thank every one who helped to make the concert in Whiting Bay Village Hall a great success.

This includes our thanks to members of The Rowan Singers, Whiting Bay Thursday Club and the Wee Blether and many other friends who made gallons of soup, mountains of sandwiches and cakes to feed the choir at lunch time and again after the concert.

We would also thank the Whiting Bay Hall Committee for their support, and Kildonan Hall for lending us the additional chairs for the stage and County Carpets for the use of one of their vans to transport the chairs.

Thanks also goes to the Book and Card Shop and Bay News and our many friends for selling tickets all round the island. Last of all our very sincere thanks to all who bought tickets and came along to the concert. We hope you enjoyed it and found something in the very varied programme to suit your taste.

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There was an almighty Arran invasion of Glasgow at the weekend when hoteliers, retailers, outdoor enthusiasts, food producers, emergency volunteers, friends and supporters descended on the city's George Square.

This was the first 'Arran in the Square' event and it is hoped that it will be repeated annually in years to come.

'I am delighted that 'Arran in the Square' was such a tremendous success, which is a tribute to those who worked so hard to make it so, committing time, money and believing in it,' said Kenneth Gibson, Arran's MSP and the man who first mooted the idea.

'I enjoyed the event and have no doubt that raising awareness of what Arran has to offer, not just in scenery but in the quality of its food, drink, accommodation, entertainment and places to see and things



The Isle of Arran Pipe Band proved to be one of the biggest attractions of the weekend. 01_b20arr25



Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson with his wife Patricia. 01_b20arr21

to do will bring many extra visitors to Arran - who may never have thought of coming before - to the island in the weeks and months ahead.' He added: 'I hope 'Arran in the Square' will not only be repeated next year but grow in stature, with even more exhibitors and visitors.'

Most of Arran's large businesses were represented at the event including the Isle of Arran Distillery, Arran

Brewery, Arran Aromatics, Arran Dairies, Caledonian MacBrayne and the Island Cheese Company.

Large Hotels

Also there were the three large hotels; Auchrannie Resort, The Kinloch Hotel and The Douglas Hotel as well as retailers like Arran Asia, Jolly Molly and The Farmer's Wife.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (Coast) were

there as were the Rangers from Brodick Castle.

Throughout the two days entertainment was provided by local bands and musicians as well as the Radio Clyde roadshow.

VisitArran Chairman Robert Waine said he was delighted that the event was such a resounding success.

'This was due in no small part to the spirit of collaboration displayed by everyone



who attended and worked so hard to showcase the very many aspects of the island, and succeeded in giving visitors a real flavour of what Arran has to offer,' he said.

'The event was extremely well attended and the initial feedback from exhibitors is very positive: a number of businesses have already reported new bookings as a direct result of their presence at the event. We will continue to evaluate longer-term benefits of the promotion.'

He added: 'We very much feel that this kind of creative marketing activity will be crucial in attracting new visitors and keeping Arran at the forefront of the Scottish Tourism Industry.'

Mike Cantlay, Chairman of VisitScotland, said: 'Arran is an awe-inspiring destination and a real asset to Scotland pulling in thousands of visitors every year.'

'In the current climate it is ever more important that we work with businesses to encourage them to work together, and it's great to see this kind of proactive promotion of Arran in Glasgow, capitalising on the staycation market.'

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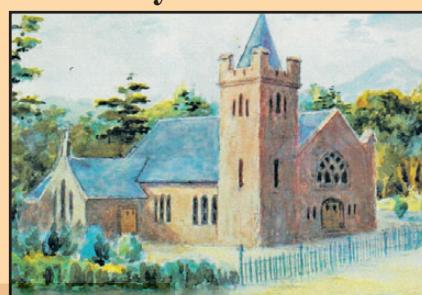
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On board CalMac's model MV Clansman were Kirstie Smith from Lamlash and her mainland colleague Kirsteen Duggan. 01_b20arr04



Ken Thorburn, Brodick Castle administrator with his wife Hellen, left, and local Councillor Margie Currie, right. 01_b20arr05



The Arran Outdoor Education Services were there with a huge climbing wall for both adults and children to scale. 01_b20arr08

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Jenny Meade, Elspeth Cheshire, Jim Henderson and Sally Campbell of COAST. 01_b20arr01



The Auchranie's Richard Small and Claire Richardson. 01_b20arr10



Marvin Elliott of Corrie, the internationally renowned sculptor, was creating a huge pig from a large piece of wood throughout the weekend. 01_b20arr09

was a huge success



Charlotte Cameron and Marie Gray of Arran Asia. 01_b20arr15



Kenny Gilroy and Gina Thorborn of The Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot. 01_b20arr18



Iain Hamilton from the Auchrannie Resort handing out goodie bags to visitors while Billy Richardson looks on. 01_b20arr12



Eric Dunn of Sannox Cricket Club looks on in wonder as a very tall new recruit to the team makes his opening bowl on George Square. 01_b20arr14



Pascal van de Broek, right, manager of the newly refurbished Douglas Hotel in Brodick with Amy Hume and Paul Archibald. 01_b20arr17

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Stuart Gough discussing Arran's nature and wildlife with some interested visitors. 01_b20arr13

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Many of the pubs and restaurants nearby joined in with the Arran themed weekend. 01_b20arr26



Robin Fisher and Jon Hollingworth. 01_b20arr28



Sally Gandon, owner of Jolly Molly in Brodick, with her helper for the day Maz Heppell. 01_b20arr23



Irene Reid and Larisa Hampton of Arran Aromatics. 01_b20arr20



Brodick's Iain Hendry from Stagecoach joined Annette Watson on the VisitScotland stand. 01_b20arr24



James McTaggart and Campbell Laing from the Isle of Arran Distillery. 01_b20arr27



Findlay Napier and the Bar Room Mountaineers entertaining the crowds. His wife Gillian Frame, right, is originally from Brodick. 01_b20arr22



Left: Marie Park, VisitArran's operations manager said the event had gone better than expected. 01_b20arr19

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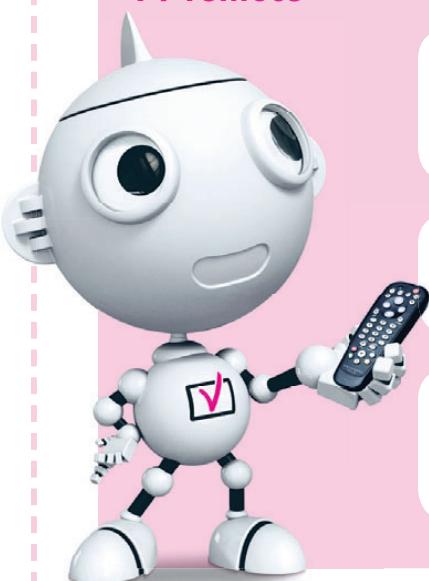
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The scout camp at Glenkiln.



Some of the Scouts enjoying power boating in Lamlash Bay.

Island Adventure Scout Camp at Glenkiln

As reported in last week's Banner, a host of Scouts descended on the island at the beginning of May.

A total of 450 Scouts from 44 different scout troops joined with local Scouts from Shiskine and Lamlash troops for a weekend of fun and activities at the annual Island Adventure Scout Camp.

They were based at Glenkiln,

Lamlash and the camp was organised by Bishopston Scout Group. Its purpose was to give the 11 to 14 year-olds a chance to take part in activities such as abseiling, quad biking, power boating, gorge walking and grass sledging.

The Scouts also had to cook and camp with their friends for three nights.

One of the leaders of the

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Phoenix Choir in Whiting Bay

The Glasgow Phoenix Choir performed to a packed house in Whiting Bay Hall last Sunday afternoon.

Former choir members, Hugh and Isobel Thomson of Whiting Bay, had been striving for some time to bring the choir across the water to Arran, and were delighted when they agreed to come.

Hugh said: 'When we lived in Milngavie we were both in the choir for 12 and 15 years respectively. They have a very busy schedule and it was always a pipe dream to get them here.'

Wonderful Concert

'With 65 people on stage it was a wonderful concert – no-one would have left without feeling uplifted.'

Hugh added; 'We are grate-

ful to our friends, the Rowan Singers, Whiting Bay Thursday Club and the Wee Blether members for helping to feed the choir and look after them.'

Banner music correspondent Harry Ross gives an appreciation of the Glasgow Phoenix Choir:

'As a former chorister from the 1940s, this wonderful concert took me on a musical journey of many memorable times and I wallowed in sheer nostalgia.'

'This was entertainment of great variety, full of pathos, drama, light touches and good humour, liberally displayed by the conductor Marilyn Smith who had a rare sense of occasion sprinkled with anecdotes.'

'Not one sheet of music was used during the concert and all six soloists, Elspeth Shearer, Elizabeth Dingwall, Julie Taylor, Janette Walker, Bill Forrest and Billy Hillan, who had voices of great quality, sang with obvious enjoyment. Cameron Murdoch accompanied on piano and organ, with Robert Shearer on drums.'

Highlights

'Concert highlights were in abundance, such as Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana, You Raise Me Up, Eternity, a lovely piece from Denmark, We Rise Again, the choir's signature tune, and a rousing climax with The Battle Hymn of the Republic.'

'It was a fitting end to a show of beauty, quality and precision singing.'

Dumfries House outing cancelled

Would members of Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club please note that due to insufficient numbers the planned trip to Dumfries House on Wednesday May 25 has been cancelled. Isla Blair.

Animal welfare funds raised

Valerie from the Arran branch of the Animal Protection and Welfare Society (APAWS) would like to thank the Brodick Co-op store for allowing the charity's volunteers to hold a bag pack last weekend.

Due to the kind generosity of customers they raised £469 which will support the care of animals at APAWS on the island.

The very, very large lion was won by Ales McKelvie. She would also like to thank Colette, David, Jean and Marilyn for helping.

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Watch out, there are some very, very bad girls about!

Arran Music and Drama Club's summer production this year is Bad Girls – The Musical; and this stage adaptation of the popular television series Bad Girls will open in Brodick Hall on Monday 30 May.

Controversial

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.

Rehearsals are going apace every Thursday night in the village hall, and this week we feature two more of the notorious inmates.

Julie Saunders and her partner-in-crime Julie Johnston stole money from clients whilst working as hotel prostitutes.

As a result they have each

been sentenced to two years behind bars.

The Julies have taken the same name and styled themselves as a sisterly double act.

Lifeline

They'll always be there for each other and that's their lifeline for surviving prison.

Both are mums, and it was trying to make ends meet for their children that drove them

into prostitution in the first place.

Julie Saunders has a son, David, whose private education is paid for with the proceeds from her life of crime, but he has never been told the truth of his mother's whereabouts and believes she is working abroad as a travel rep. The Julies have hearts of gold and will always help a friend in need.



Linda Davidson is playing Julie Saunders – a prostitute serving two years in prison.

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In recent years organisations such as North Ayrshire Council, the police, fire service, NHS and local community groups have worked closely together to improve the lives of local people.

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (NACPP) has brought a wide range of organisations together in a successful working relationship.

North Ayrshire Council is the lead organisation in the NACPP and as part of Community Planning Week (May 23-30); Council leader David O'Neill is keen to make people aware of the hard work that goes on between the various partners to improve the lives of North Ayrshire's communities.

He said: 'Our vision is for 'A Better Life' for the people of North Ayrshire. Community planning is about us all working together to plan and deliver better services for the people in North Ayrshire.'

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Rosie Cook plays good-time girl Julie Johnston.

A Walk Around Arran hits the shelves

In May last year Colin Mills from Shiskine, a septuagenarian with arthritis, walked the full 55 miles around Arran to raise money for charity.

He raised £1,900 for Arthritis Care and held another sponsored walk earlier this month.

Now a year later he is celebrating the launch of his book 'A Walk Around Arran with Colin Mills' which is on sale across the island.

The actress Jane Asher who is the president of the Arthritis Care charity was very impressed with Colin's book.

Impressive

In her foreword she writes: 'His walk would be impressive enough in its own right but the fact that Colin, a man in his seventies, has had numerous medical problems in his life and was by no means fit when the idea first occurred to him makes it even more of a triumph.'

The book explores the entire island through Colin's eyes as he made his way along the main roads.

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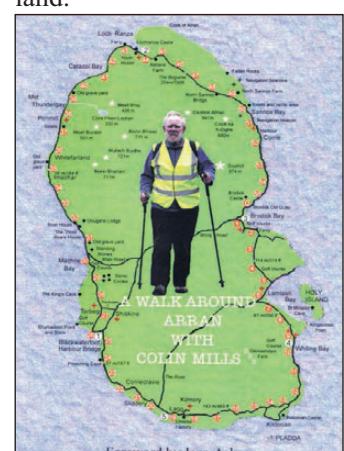
and people he meets along the way.

'In the weeks before my intended walk I had a number of offers from certain ladies to walk part of the way with me,' said Colin.

'One even offered not to talk, that would have been a forlorn hope!'

'However, I am inviting you, dear reader who is mute, to join me on the walk where I alone do the talking along with my two other companions – tic and tac, my walking poles!'

Colin's book is available from outlets across the island.



'A Walk Around Arran with Colin Mills' recounts his walk around Arran to raise money for charity.

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 1,514 store cattle, 2,722 prime sheep and 294 ewes with lambs at foot at their Stirling Agricultural Centre on Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

Cattle prices: Charolais bullocks £820, 197p Craigdu, Simmental cross bullocks £650, 209p Clachaig, Aberdeen Angus cross bullocks £740, 194p Moor, Charolais cross heifers £650, 168p Craigdu, Simmental heifers £650, 182p Clachaig, Aberdeen Angus cross heifers £630, 171p Moor.

Cast cows £865, 136p Kilpatrick, £665, 126p Springfield, £645, 115p Craigreich.

Sheep prices: Texel cross hoggs £126 Craigdu, £125 Cnoc, £108 Springfield, £94 Ardbeinn, Suffolk cross hoggs £107 Sheddock, Mule hoggs £89 Springfield, Blackface hoggs £80 Glenkiln, £79 Glenree, Texel cross ewes £126.50 Craigdu and Springfield, £100 Kilpatrick, £93.50 Bridge, £88.50 Sheddock, Mule ewes £89.50 Springfield, £86.50 Cnoc, £79.50 Drumnaghinier, Blackface ewes £65.50 Drumnaghinier, £60.50 Glenkiln £60.50.

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, May 18, 1991

Request stop

Arran High school board wants a ban on smoking on all school buses.

Thus far their efforts have not with success but they intend to keep trying.

The board has written to Arran Coaches asking them to make the coaches 'no smoking'.

They replied to say that because they are also service buses, they couldn't enforce a ban.

Need for sludge site

Two sludge vehicles have been on the island this week emptying septic tanks.

They dump their load in a hole at Brodick coup and their have been complaints about this seeping into the sea.

Both the sewerage department and environmental health say this is not so but they have had problems with people walking near infilled holes.

As a result the area has this week been fenced off.

Nearly swimming

We had hoped to bring you a picture this week of Mr Iain Johnston swimming in his new pool at the Auchrannie

Hotel – after all he did tell us people would be using it by Monday.

But with a suspected leak the pool has not yet been declared safe for use while the leak is investigated.

Despite the delay, bathers should be using it within three weeks.



The Corrie Hotel re-opened this week after being closed for three months while the relatively new owner Joe Bulger renovated the place. He runs the business with his wife Eleanor, son Neil and daughter-in-law Margaret. b20twe03



Iain Johnston proudly sits next to the Auchrannie Hotel's new swimming pool that will be open to the public within weeks. b20twe04

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Official opening

The new visitor centre at Brodick Castle is to be officially opened on Friday 7 June by Mr Roger Carr, chairman of the countryside commission for Scotland.

Memorial money

Money is being raised to erect a memorial seat and stone to Richard Beattie, the 19-year-old tree feller who was killed in an accident in Glen Rosa last week.

The proceeds of tonight's Shiski Diski will go towards the memorial.

Board's choice

Mrs Ann Bruce has been appointed assistant head teacher at Arran High School, replacing Mr George Strachura who left at Christmas.

This is the first appointment in which the school board has had a hand.

Walkies

Two 12-year-old Brodick girls have found a novel way of earning money – dog walking.

Lynn Farquhar and Judith Ross have started a dog walking business and each evening – after they've done their homework – they head out to collect the dogs they've been asked to walk.

Hockey success

Arran ladies hockey team must be the sporting success of the year after finishing their first season playing league hockey they will be promoted next year after finishing joint top on equal points with Kilmarnock.



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Professor Higgins (Bob Fisher) with his three charming Eliza Dolittle's (Janice Hunter, Heather Johnston and Helen Todd) are preparing for the opening night of 'My Fair Lady' next week. b20twe02

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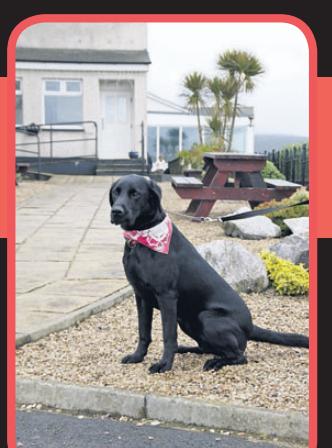
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Last week Archie was waiting outside Machrie Bay hall and tearoom. Among the many correct answers were Christine from Warrington, Brian from Sowerby Bridge, Flick of East Sussex, Bob from Perth, Kirsten from Bathgate, Millie from Milngavie and Chester the Labrador from Ellesmere Port. This week he is in a car park, but where are those palm trees?



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EVERYDAY

- Arran Brewery
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- Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank
9am - dusk
- Rosaburn Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 21st MAY

- Karate
- Family Games
- Fun In The Pool
- Over 21's Disco
- Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
- Rink Game
- Rink Game
- Rink Game
- Spring Fair & BBQ
- Book Sale and Coffees

- 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
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm
Corrie Primary 12pm - 2pm
Brodick Hall, 11am - 2pm

SUNDAY 22nd MAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
- Family Games
- Fun In The Pool
- Quiz
- Open Gardens
- Seniors Day
- Open Music Session

- Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Library Annex, 1.45pm
- 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
- Strabane, Brodick, 11am - 5.30pm
Heritage Museum, 1.30pm - 4pm
Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm

MONDAY 23rd 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
- Quiz

- 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
- Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
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Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm

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- Pop Quiz
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Citizens Advice
- Youth Club
- Rotary Club
- Junior Hockey Club
- Melody Movemenet. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
- Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
- Scottish Country Dancing
- Brodick Castle Gardens Guided Walk
- Youth Club
- Rink Game
- Zumba Fitness
- Whiting Bay Improvements AGM
- Music Session, Chalk and Cheese

- Kinloch 11am - 12pm
- Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
- Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
- Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
- Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
- Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
- Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
- Ormidale Pavilion, 6pm-7pm
- Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
- Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
- Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Meet at shop, 2pm
- Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
- Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
- High School, 6pm - 7pm
- Coast, 7pm
- Bar Eden, 9pm - 12am

WEDNESDAY 25th MAY

- Hockey
- Tae Kwonko
- 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
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- Arran Open Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group
- Coffee Morning
- Windcrofting on Arran, Public Meeting

- 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
- Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
- Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
- Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
- Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
- High School, 3.45pm
- Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
- Kilmory Hall, 7.30pm

THURSDAY 26th MAY

- General Knowledge Quiz
- Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
- Lochranza Craft Club
- Coffee Morning
- Table Tennis
- Youth Club
- Senior Fitness
- Pilates
- Pub Quiz
- Arran Youth Foundations
- Swimming Gala
- General Knowledge Quiz
- Coffee Morning

- Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
- Brodick 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
- Behind Library, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
- Auchrannie, 7pm
- Kinloch Bar, 9pm
- Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, From 10am

FRIDAY 27th MAY

- Arran Pipe Band Practice
- Quiz
- Aquafizz
- Yogalates
- Over 21's Disco
- Arran Youth Foundations
- Live music with DJ

- Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
- Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
- 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
- 10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
- The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
- Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm
- Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am

SATURDAY 28th MAY

- RNLI Shop Open
- Plant Sale
- Exhibition of Arran Paintings by Bob Lees

- Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
- Bridge Farm Shiskine, 12pm
- Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm

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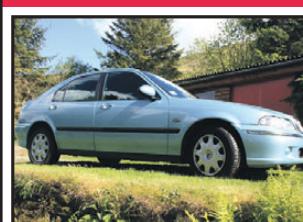


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Application No: 11/00297/PP Address: Site To The South West Of New Forest Access Road, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran. Proposed Development: Erection of new wood fuel production and storage facility.

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Brodick 7pm

Rev David Karoon

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(in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 22 May

Holy Communion 11am.

Mr John Roberts

Coffee after service

Wednesday 25 May

Holy Communion 12.15pm

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(SCO15072)

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Sunday 22 May

Rev Gillean Maclean

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30am

In both churches

All welcome, including

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Sunday 22 May

Morning Service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 7pm

13 Glen Avenue, Brodick

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Mr G Furzer

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 25th 7pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

Rev D. Macleod

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Sunday 22 May

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11.00am - Morning Worship

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Sunday 22 May

Brodick Church, 10.30am,

Corrie Church, 12noon,

Lochranza, 9.30am,



Golf

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 10 May, Club Trophy, CSS 70. 1 Aileen Latona (19)63, 2 Fiona Crawford (11)71 BIH, 3 Lesley Murray (24)71. Scratch Fiona Crawford 82 BIH.

Tuesday 17 May, Club Trophy 2, CSS 68. 1 Fiona Crawford (11)69 BIH, 2 Brenda Livingstone (9)69, 3 Ann Hart (30)70. Scratch Brenda Livingstone 78. Jan Beattie had the only two.

Club Trophy results: winner Aileen Latona 135 and runner-up Fiona Crawford 139.

Gents: Wednesday 11 May, Summer Cup, 42 played, CSS 66. 1 R McCrae (7)61 BIH, 2 T Raeside (6)61, 3 I MacDonald (7)64, Scratch T Raeside 67. There were seven twos; John Dick (Whiting Bay) got two.

Sunday 15 May, Belhaven Medal, 14 played, CSS 64. For a variety of reasons (Arran in the Square, call offs from fair-weather golfers, a couple of obscure football matches etc) a very poor turnout. 1 Iain Sillars (13)65 BIH, 2 RI Macmillan (14)65 BIH, 3 L Keir (11)65. Scratch L Keir 76 BIH from I McDonald. Not a great winning scratch score, but the best of a bad lot on the day! A good day for Lindsay, as he also got the only two.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 May, Graham Putter (greensome) draw for partners at 12pm on Saturday 21 May. Saturday 28 May, Bridge Trophy (mixed foursomes medal) choose your own partner. Sunday 29 May, Navy Shield.

Lamalsh Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 4 May, Fleet 2, 10 played. CSS 63. 1 Rachel Wren 92-26=66, 2 Ellie Jones 79-13=66; scratch Ellie Jones 79.

Friday 6 May, Grace Cannon (foursome). 1 Gay MacKay and Rachel Wren, 66, 2 Ellie Jones and Jennifer McArthur 68, 3 Elizabeth Sinclair and Catherine McAdam 68.5. Monday 9 May, Josie Sanderson Island Stableford, 19 players from across the island played. The standard was very high, but Gay MacKay won with a magnificent 43 stableford points, CSS 64. 1 Gay MacKay 43, 2 Rachel Wren 39, 3 Jean Barclay 39. Wednesday 11 May, SLGU Medal

BIRTHS



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Janet and John Baraclough are delighted to congratulate Dan and Kristina on the safe arrival of Oliver and Freya, beautiful twins born on



12th May.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCKINNON - JAMES

Sine and all the family would like to express their thanks to the Island doctors, nurses, medical staff, and more recently the team of home carers, for their unstinting care of James throughout his long illness. Thanks to Claire and David Hendry for funeral arrangements and Sannox Bay Hotel for catering facilities. We are grateful to David Karoon for the uplifting service and his spiritual support, and our heartfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours who attended the funeral, sent cards, letters and tributes and contributed to the £816 collected for Leukaemia Research.

PERSONALS

Mrs Thelma Bell

Late of Bridgend Cottages, Shiskine who sadly passed away 10th December 2010.

On Monday 30th May at 11.00am the Reverend Angus Adamson will conduct the spreading of the ashes at the Clachan (old church) at Bridgend, Shiskine.

Anyone wishing to join the family and friends will be most welcome.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all friends and family for good wishes, cards and visits following my recent hospital stay.

Thanks also to all at Shiskine Surgery and to all staff in the Ballochmyle Suite, HDU and Station 4, Ayr Hospital for their exceptional care over the last few months.

Jimmy Turnbull

PS Big thanks to the boys on the Lochranza ferry for looking after Jenni on 5 May.'



Fiona Crawford and Alice Anderson won the Arran SWRI federation golf competition and will go on to represent the island at the national finals for the second year.

two Anne Cook Tray, 10 played, CSS 64. 1 Catherine McAdam 84-19=65, 2 Sheena Murchie 79-14=65, scratch Sheena Murchie 79.

Gents: Thursday 12 May, Summer Cup, 28 played CSS 64. 1 Norrie MacIntyre 67-7=60, 2 Crawford Duncan 79-17=62, 3 Ian Bremner 69-6=63, 4 Dougie Macfarlane 66-1=65. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 65. Twos from Norrie MacIntyre, Ian Bremner and Neil Young.

Sunday 15 May, Club Championship Qualifiers second round. 1 Craig MacEachen 70-10=60, 2 Iain Murchie 64-3=61, 3 Lee Girbow 68-6=62. Best scratch Iain Murchie 64. Twos from Iain Murchie, Lee Girbow, Neil Young, Graeme Handley, Ian Bremner, Euan Evans and Norrie MacIntyre.

Eight Club Champion Qualifiers: 1 Iain Murchie, 2 Euan Evans, 3 Andy Barclay, 4 Craig MacEachen, 5 Lee Girbow 6 Neil Young, 7 Graeme Handley, 8 Ian Bremner.

Fixtures: Saturday 21 May, Quarter-finals of Club Championship from 5pm. Sunday 22 May, Summer Stableford, 9.30am and 1pm starts. Thursday 26 May, Summer Cup and Medal Shield, make up own groups.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Wednesday 11 May, 29 hardy souls braved the heavy showers for the latest round of the Summer Trophy, CSS 63. 1 Gus MacLeod (10)59, 2 Gordon Provan (10)61, 3 Richard Fletcher (26)63 BIH, 4 Nicol Auld (2)63. Nicol won scratch with 65 and there were magic twos from Nicol and David Morrison.

Sunday 15 May, despite non-stop drizzle 16 rather wet souls competed for the Eric Wood Memorial Stableford. Scoring was very tricky resulting in a CSS of 66 (33 points). 1 David Brookens with 34 points, 2 Sandy Pringle with 33 points, 3 Frazer Barr with 31 points. Sandy Pringle had the only Magic two and Jamie MacPherson won scratch. Many thanks to Howard and Lesley Shiskine for the generous prizes.

Well done to the Whiting Bay Seniors Team on reaching the final of the Seniors Crystal Bowl.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 May, McKelvie Cup first round. (Club Cham-

pionship Qualifier.) Wednesday 25 May, Summer Trophy.

ALGU

Very blustery conditions on Saturday 14 May at Machrie made an extremely challenging round for this final competition of the ALGU 2010/11 season - the Flockhart. A good turnout of 24 ladies endured higher wind speeds than forecast, soggy fairways (for May!) and difficult greens. The course was in good condition given the weather. Although scores were higher than normal for most. Winner of the Flockhart trophy was Viv Parks with a great score of 67. Second place went to Elizabeth Sinclair with 73. Scratch also went to Viv (85) - well done to both and to all ladies who took part.

Much needed and appreciated refreshments as usual, great soup (courtesy of MBGC) and thanks to the Tea Room for the sandwiches. With the exception of the Island Champion knockout rounds, which will take place over the summer months, the DM was held on Monday 16 May at Shiskine marking the end of the playing year. The start of the 2011/12 season will commence with the Cir Mhor in September.

To keep up to date with ALGU information, check your club notice boards or the ALGU website www.algu.org.uk. From all in the committee, have a great golfing summer.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 12 May, Ladies Club Championship, Qualifier Round one, 12 played,

CSS 70.

Silver: 1 Liz Kerr 87-17=70 BIH, 2 Sheila Gray 87-17=70, Scratch Liz Kerr 87 BIH.

Bronze: 1 Jessie Hutton 104-34=70, 2 Mary Tod 113-35=79.

Fixtures: Ladies - Thursday 26 May, Club Championship Qualifier Round three at 1pm/5.30pm. Gents - Club Championship Qualifying weekend, Saturday 4 and 5 June.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 10 May Lady Mary/Peter Sutton. 1 Mark Sherwood 63, 2 Ron Woods 67, 3 Elizabeth Ross 70. Scratch Mark Sherwood 68. Twos Mark Sherwood.

Congratulations to the Seniors for getting to the final of the Seniors Bowl on Friday 20 May at Machrie, 5pm tee off where they will play Whiting Bay. **Fixtures:** Tuesday 24 May, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton 12.30/5.30pm tee off.

Arran Golfers Association

Friday 13 May, Senior Bowl semi-final at Machrie. First Match Machrie Bay v Brodick. First game David

Price and Mike Hesp v Jimmy Armit and Don Rudge. With Mike using his strokes early on Machrie went 4up after five holes. Brodick lost by 7.

Second game Brian Sherwood and David Wilkinson v Bobby McRae and Lindsey Keir. This was a close game but Brodick just edging it were 2up. Machrie Bay won 5 & 3 over all.

Second Match Lamlash v Whiting Bay. First game Drew Wales and Jim Henderson v Gus McLeod and Ronnie Mann with Lamlash winning 5up.

Second game Bob Hastings and Andy Smith v John Dick and Eddie Hope. With Whiting Bay winning the 17th to go 5 up. Match all square going down the last which both teams parred. Whiting Bay finally won the match on the 3rd extra hole.

Fixtures: The final will be played on Friday 20 May at Machrie, tee-off 5pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 14 May, first round of C/Championship

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Brodick's Gordon Robertson, right, scores the late winning goal through a packed Southend goalmouth. 02_b20cup02

Brodick lift trophy with late winner

Archie McNicol named man of the match

Arran Haulage Cup Final
Brodick 2
Southend 1

Brodick lifted the first trophy of the Arran 2011 football season last Saturday.

They defeated Southend, last season's triple champions, by two goals to one to win the Arran Haulage Cup in a tight game at the Ormidale Park. The team actually collected a commemorative shield that was bought to replace the original battered Haulage Cup last year.

There was little to choose between the two sides until the 35th minute when Southend's star forward Euan Ingram was involved in an accidental full-on collision with Brodick keeper, Gordon Hendry. Both players stayed down for several minutes until Gordon got back to his feet, but Euan had to be helped off after medical attention.

He was immediately replaced by Lewis Kennedy, who along with Donnie Park continued to chase down the Brodick

defenders. But Southend had lost their most potent aerial power.

Just five minutes later referee Sandy Kerr pointed to the spot after Brodick's Gavin Dunn was adjudged to have brought down Donnie Park inside the area. Nicky Emsley stepped up and just managed to slot the ball between Gordon Hendry and the post.

The teams went in at half time with Southend one goal to the good.

In the second half Brodick

began to dominate possession and on the hour Archie McNicol executed a perfect turn and shot past Alec McDonald in the Southend goal.

The final looked to be heading for extra time until Sandy Kelso made a risky back-pass on 88 minutes that Southend keeper Alec McDonald had to pick up. Sandy Kerr had no option but to award a direct free kick just 10 metres out.

The entire Southend team lined up across the goalmouth, but Gordon Robertson blasted the free kick through the mass of bodies. A couple of minutes later the final whistle blew, and Brodick prepared to celebrate their victory. Freddie Galbraith deserves special mention for putting in a full shift in midfield after the trauma of celebrating the birth of his son, young Archie.

But man of the match was Archie McNicol who led the line for Brodick and was a constant thorn in the Southend defence.

Fixtures for Monday 23 May. All matches kick off between 6.30pm and 7pm. Bay FC v Shiskine, Brodick v Lamlash, Southend v Northend.



Referee Sandy Kerr presents the Arran Haulage Cup/Shield to Brodick. 02_b20cup01

Brodick Bowling Club results

Saturday 30 April: Robert Crawford and Paul Milligan. Monday 2 May: Robert Crawford and Iain Hendry. Wednesday 4 May: John Robinson, Lavinia Hendry, Peter Lee and Paul Milligan. Saturday 7 May: Peter Lee, Lavinia Hendry and Tony Wooden. Monday 9 May: Robert Crawford and Lavinia Hendry. Saturday 14 May: Robert Crawford and Tony Wooden.

Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 16 May were as follows: N/S 1 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul; 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce; 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson.

E/W 1 Eendie McNiven and Roddie Thompson; 2 Isobel McArthur and Liz McKellar; 3 Linda Trickett and Jennifer Wales.

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