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# Crowd-funding sought to keep Folk Festival going

'We could do with a little extra help to ensure the festival continues to be the best it can' - Robin Fisher

The venues are booked, a superb line-up has been finalised, but there's still a cloud of uncertainty over the upcoming Arran Folk Festival.

Ticket sales have failed to take off as expected for the 19th folk festival and as a result, organisers are looking for a little funding boost from the people of Arran and beyond.

Robin Fisher, coordinator of the festival, said: 'To help ensure future success for the Festival we have decided to try crowd-funding.'

'We are asking for a little help this year from friends of the Arran Folk Festival.'

'It is a non-profit making venture, staffed and organized entirely by volunteers and while tickets are already selling well, showing the existing level of support we have, we could do with a little extra help to ensure the festival continues to be the best it can.'

The Isle of Arran Folk Festival, now in its 19th year, has become one of Scotland's most popular annual folk events.

This year's festival, which takes place from Thursday 6

to Sunday 9 June, will feature three evening concerts, a family ceilidh, plus the opportunity to join in at one of the many open sessions taking place throughout the weekend, including the traditional 'Survivors' Session' on the Sunday night.

Fans of the Arran Folk Festival can show their support by making a pledge from as little as £2 in return for rewards ranging from signed artist CDs to festival t-shirts - or even a hug from one of the organising team.

'First week down in our crowd-funding project and we're 44 per cent of the way there,' added Robin.

'It's a great start and we've had some lovely comments and very welcome promises from very generous friends, including some from people who have already bought tickets for the festival itself which was not expected, and very humbling.'

For more information on crowd-funding for the Arran Folk Festival, please visit:

<http://bloomvc.com/project/Arran-Folk-Festival-2013-1>



### Geoff hands over to Bill at lifeboat station

Geoff Norris has stood down after almost 40 years service with the RNLI on Arran.

Geoff first joined the local lifeboat crew as a shore helper in 1973 and in 1978 he took on the role of Lifeboat Operations Manager. He has also held the post of Station Honorary Secretary.

Last year he was honoured with an MBE for his many years of voluntary service with the RNLI.

Now he has handed over to Bill Barr who has been with the local lifeboat team for seven years.

Bill Barr, left, receiving the keys to Lamlash Lifeboat Station from Geoff Norris who is standing down as Operations Manager. 02\_b20life01

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# Market garden caravan approved

The permanent siting of a residential caravan for use by the proprietors of a market garden at Osprey Cottage, Kildonan has been approved subject to conditions related to restrictions of residence by the council.

A council spokesman said: 'The siting of a residential static caravan would not normally be acceptable in this location and is dependent and acceptable only by its use by the operators of the market garden business or by a worker and his, her or their immediate family employed in the operation of a market garden.'

The caravan was granted a 10 year limited approval, after which removal is required unless NAC have granted extension.

If the market garden ceases to operate the caravan must be removed.

## CMAL bending over backwards

At Monday night's meeting of the Arran Ferry Committee it was agreed that Cal-edonian Marine Assets Ltd (CMAL) were 'bending over backwards' to accommodate the points raised by islanders at the two recent public meetings about the future developments at Brodick pier.

Chairman Ken Thorburn said: 'CMAL will be holding another follow-up public meeting. There is a feeling that they are engaging with the community as much as possible and taking on board positive suggestions.'

## Free whisky on Arran this Saturday

Get into the spirit on World Whisky Day this Saturday.

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## Woman died after falling into gorge

A 55-year-old woman has died after falling from a path on a cliff into a gorge at Merkland Bridge, Brodick on Saturday afternoon.

The woman was holidaying on the island with a group of friends.

Police have said that appear to be no suspicious circumstances and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.



Archie Anderson is swimming two miles for charity. 01\_b20and01

## Swim challenge for Archie

A keen young swimmer from Lamash is swimming two miles in the Auchrannie pool next month to raise money for charity.

Nine-year-old Archie Anderson recently lost his grandmother Liz Paul to complications related to kidney disease, and he has decided to swim in her memory.

He said: 'Last October my granny passed away and I would like to get sponsored to swim two miles, which is 161 lengths, on June 1 to raise money for the kidney unit at Crosshouse Hospital who helped my granny and many other people.'

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**Forest road plans given green light**

The formation of a new forestry road in the Stronach Wood, Brodick has been given the go ahead by council planners.

The new loop access from the A841 to Stronach Wood opposite Rosaburn Lodge will incorporate a loading bay for forestry vehicles.

It was approved this week but the applicant Sannox Estate must provide a condition survey of the public road at the start of the work and also on an annual basis with the applicant also being responsible for repairs to the area.

Other conditions include providing details of alterations to the external wall and ensuring it is retained at a height of 0.8m and adhering to a tree protection order for the large mature Larch trees.

After two years the access must either be blocked up and returned to its former condition or used to establish public recreational facilities within the site.

**Looking for a passenger gangway**

Caledonian MacBrayne are reported to be 'searching around' for a passenger gangway for the MV Isle of Arran ferry.

Arran's second summer ferry is now operating a full service between Ardrossan and Brodick, but foot passengers have to disembark via the car deck because the gangway for the regular vessel MV Caledonian Isles does not fit on to the Isle of Arran.

But the ferry company is trying to locate a suitable gangway from somewhere within the fleet system.

Apparently passengers with mobility impairment can use the CalMac van to disembark the vessel, and luggage can be taken off the ship on the trolley.

# Pete could be young butcher of the year

Apprentice Peter MacKay from The Arran Butcher came second in the Final of Young Scottish Butcher of the Year on Sunday.

Held every two years, the Meat Skills competition is run by the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders concentrating on knife skills, display and product development.

**Working**

Twenty-one-year-old Peter, who is originally from Sutherland but now lives in Lochranza, has been working

at the butchers in Blackwaterfoot since 2011.

Peter was up against some tough competition from butchers throughout Scotland and went on to demonstrate his skills in the final at the Dewar's Centre in Perth on May 12, going head to head with the other three finalists.

Despite missing out on the top spot, just one year since starting his butchery apprenticeship, he was named runner up was also awarded his SVQ level2 certificate.



Peter MacKay from Lochranza came second in the Young Scottish Butcher of the Year.

## Free wi-fi access to be introduced to 25 of the busiest railway stations

Free wi-fi access is to be introduced at 25 of Scotland's busiest railway stations by the middle of next year.

Among the 25 stations are Glasgow Central, Glasgow Queen Street, Paisley Gilmour Street and Ayr, all of which are frequently used by travellers from Arran.

The move is the latest stage in the Scottish Government's plan to ensure travellers have free wireless internet access across the rail network by 2019.

ScotRail began introducing free access on

the Glasgow to Edinburgh route last year.

Internet access will also be introduced on board all 38 of ScotRail's class 380 trains running throughout Ayrshire, Inverclyde, Lanarkshire and the Lothians by March 2014.

Steve Montgomery, ScotRail managing director, said: 'We considered several factors when selecting stations to receive wi-fi, such as footfall, how long people stay in the station, number of services and the impact of major events, such as the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup.'

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# Vandal dead remembered 70 years on

## 'Memorial service held at Lochranza Pier to remember the 37 men that died that fateful day'

One hundred metres below the surface of the water, lying in pitch darkness just a mile from Arran, is the undisturbed wreck of the submarine HMS Vandal which sank during the Second World War.

Seventy years after the sinking, a memorial service was held at Lochranza Pier on Saturday to remember the 37 men that died on board that fateful day.

Members of the Subma-

riners Association from all across the UK arrived at the pier at 11.30am to pay their respects.

Family members of those lost on board, some not born when relatives died, also attended to remember loved ones lost at sea.

The submarine, under the command of Lieutenant James S Bridger, was lost whilst carrying out a three-day long working up exercise following commissioning.

The submarine was last seen leaving her anchorage on 24



Standard bearers pay their respects at the HMS Vandal memorial in Lochranza.

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February 1943 at Lochranza before her rediscovery in December 1994.

She had only just joined the Third Submarine Flotilla in Holy Loch, a major submarine base during the Second World War used extensively for trials and exercises.

In his address to the gathered crowd Commander Bob Seaward of the Submariners Association said: '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.'

**Concluded**

He added: 'An inquiry at the time of her loss ignored the report from the spotter plane and concluded that the submarine had sunk during the deep dive she was scheduled to perform on that day,

somewhere north of Inchmarnock.'

At the time Prime Minister Winston Churchill demanded a full report on the loss of the Vandal and asked if the submarine had been recovered.

The reply from Flag Officer Submarines repeated the mistaken assumption that the submarine lay in deep waters off Inchmarnock, where salvage would be impossible.

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 finally located the wreck in June 1994, 300 feet below the surface just 1.5 miles northwest of Lochranza, roughly where the spotter plane had first reported the presence of an oil slick.

The wreck lies in pitch darkness on a muddy slope 100 metres down with a 35 degree list to port.

Her 12-pounder forward gun remains covered with a trawler's net, and the brass letters VANDAL are clearly visible.

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Family of those who died joined members of the Submariners Association for the HMS Vandal memorial service in Lochranza. 01\_b20van01

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## Arran Avoids Accidents hailed a success

Arran Avoids Accidents was held later this year due to the unforeseen bad weather in March, which saw all emergency services and local people working together in the power crisis brought about by unusually heavy snowfalls.

This same partnership working and enthusiasm was shown again last week when the organisations met for the annual Arran Avoids Accidents experiential learning event in Lamlash.

This is a multi-agency two day event held for all primary 7 pupils and S2 High School pupils.

The pupils take part in different safety scenarios getting first-hand experience from local agencies and volunteers.

Liz Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator, said: 'Taking part this year we had Heart Start, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, RNLI, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, National Trust for Scotland Countryside Ranger Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, Arran Mountain Rescue, Police Scotland Traffic Division, Headway Ayrshire and Stagecoach who helped to ensure the safe transit of pupils to and from the event.'

'On behalf of Scottish Fire & Rescue Service who co-ordinate the event, we would like to express our thanks once again to all who took part and for their continuing support.'

'We would also like to wish Geoff Norris well in his retirement from RNLI. Geoff was a founder member of Arran Avoids Accidents and he has supported and attended the event every year since it began in the late 1990's.'

## Arran lifeboat away for refit

Arran's trusty lifeboat The Boys Brigade is away for what is described as 'a fairly substantial refit'. She came into service in Lamlash in June 2001 and is now enjoying a complete overhaul.

Her temporary replacement is Leicester Challenge II B777, an Atlantic 75 vessel almost identical to The Boys Brigade and capable of 34 knots.

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# Mark prepares for Arran challenge

The round the world cyclist, broadcaster and adventurer, Mark Beaumont, surprised an Arran cyclist last week when she bumped into him at Blackwaterfoot.

Janice Small of Brodick told The Banner that she was cycling near Blackwaterfoot last week when a car drew alongside her and the driver said: 'Hello Janice'.

'I nearly fell off my bike as it was Mark Beaumont, the Round the World Cyclist, adventurer and broadcaster,' said Janice. 'I first met Mark in January of this year when I was cycling, with a group, from Bangkok to Singapore.'

'We were following the SE Asia section of Mark's world route and he joined us for the second week.'

'Mark is a committed athlete and I found him genuine and very encouraging.'

Janice cycled more than 1,000 miles through Thailand and Malaysia, in temperatures reaching 41 degrees centigrade with daily distances of over 100 miles.

Mark was on Arran doing a recce for his next challenge; running and swimming the Highland Boundary Fault Line from Arran to Aberdeen, which will take 10 days, starting on Saturday 1 June.

This massive challenge is in aid of the STV Appeal, Scottish Children living in Poverty and the televised documentary will be screened in August this year.

This daunting event involves four open water swims which have never been attempted before, the toughest being from Arran to Bute, six



Janice Small of Brodick first met Mark Beaumont, the round the world cyclist, in January when cycling with a group from Bangkok to Singapore.

miles.

Mark is the first to admit 'that swimming is the hardest sport he has had to learn' and he has had 'big moments of doubt'.

He will run from Blackwaterfoot on Saturday 1 June and on Sunday 2 June will swim from Millstone Point, north of Fallen Rocks at Sannox to Bute.

From there he will swim and run to Aberdeen.

He is hoping for local

communicaties to turn out support him, it is a massive and encourage him, please challenge.

## Second defibrillator for Whiting Bay

At the recent annual general meeting of Whiting Bay and District Improvements Association it was agreed that the Association will meet the remaining cost of the village's second defibrillator which should be sited at the golf club.

The first machine will be in the centre of the village and should be there in early June.

Association chairperson Liz Kennedy said: 'We are also pleased to be able to donate funds to the village hall to assist with their planned new heating system.'

'Funds have been allocated for ongoing repairs to the jetty which will be carried out when tide conditions permit.'

Whiting Bay Fun Week will commence on Friday 19 July, starting with the Whiting Bay Masters Putting Competition, followed by the Fun Day on Saturday and continuing with entertainment and fun right through to the Duck Derby on Friday 26 July.

Liz added: 'Our next meeting on Sunday 19 May at 4pm in the lesser hall will be to discuss and further arrange Fun Week. Please come along with your ideas and suggestions.'

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# Pupils get insight into construction industry at St Molio Park

John Thomson Construction welcomed pupils from Arran High School to Irvine Housing Association's new affordable housing development site in Lamlash last Friday afternoon, 10 May.

### Guided tour

The fourth year pupils who are completing their SQA Skills for Work course in construction skills were given a

guided tour of the St Molio Park construction site where 56 new homes are currently being built for the Association.

Site Manager Donald Bannatyne gave the group of five youngsters, aged 15 to 16, an introductory talk about the day to day running of a site, guiding them through workplace safety and some of the

technical details of the work being completed on site.

Donald said: 'We are pleased to support the pupils with some practical experience to help with their construction skills course.'

'John Thomson Construction is committed to helping educate and encourage the next generation of workers to ensure the long-term prosperity of the construction industry. The pupils were really enthusiastic and were keen to learn.'

### Monitor

Class teacher Steve Garraway said: 'We've been able to monitor the progress of the development from the classroom window, so for the pupils to actually get on site and see it first-hand has been great.'

'Our pupils have gained a real insight into the construction process of a housing development.'

'The visit will enable us to make their learning even more relevant and rooted in real life experience.'



The fourth year pupils who are completing their SQA Skills for Work course in construction skills.



The High School pupils at St Molio Park housing development with site manager Donald Bannatyne, left, and teacher Steve Garraway, right.

High School pupil Sercan Simsek said: 'I found the site really interesting.'

'I definitely want to work in construction when I leave school and today I've been able to get a proper insight into the industry and find out

what it's really like to work on a site.'

Nicola Thom, Executive Director (Operations) at Irvine Housing Association said: 'We are really pleased to have the opportunity to give the pupils a first-hand experience

of the construction industry.

'We've built up good relationships with the primary and high school throughout the development and are particularly grateful to JTC for their on-going support for the next generation.'



Site manager Donald Bannatyne explains the day to day running of the site.

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# Megan and Harvey are swimming champions

Two of Arran's primary seven pupils were named champions for 2013 at the annual swimming gala last Thursday night.

Megan Hamill from Shiskine Primary School and Harvey Anderson of Lamlash

both won their respective champions races.

Children from all seven of the island's primary schools took part in the gala at the Auchrannie pool.

The full results are as follows:

P1 one width. Girls: 1 Imogen Allison, 2 Ruby Wright, 3 Maggie Anderson. Boys: 1 Kieran Geraghty, 2 Ross Currie, 3= Harris McNicol and Eliot Ulivi.

P2 one width. Girls: 1 Lily Currie, 2 Emma Girbow, 3



Megan Hamill and Harvey Anderson are the 2013 Arran swimming champions.

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Beth McCartney. Boys: 1 Oscar Ingles, 2 Patryk Gwidowski.

P3 one length. Girls: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Kirsty Morrison, 3= Isla McKelvie and Megan McCartney. Boys: 1 Oliver Ulivi, 2 Connah Wright, 3 Samuel Brobson.

P4 one length. Girls: 1 Freya McNicol, 2 Hannah Kemp, 3 Zara Wilson. Boys: 1 Lucas Allan, 2 James McCarthy, 3 Harvey Kemp.

Champions race. Girls: 1 Megan Hamill, 2 Kirstie Kerr, 3 Emily Armitage. Boys: 1 Harvey Anderson.

P5 two lengths back crawl. Girls: 1 Naomi Provan, 2 Abbie Mulholland, 3 Erin Mulholland. Boys: 1 Archie Anderson, 2 Kirk Ingles, 3 Louie Urquart-Dixon.

P6 two lengths back crawl. Girls: 1 Eilidh Hamill, 2

Maisy Townsend, 3 Daisy Urquart-Dixon.

P7 two lengths back crawl. Girls: 1 Eilidh McPherson, 2 Stella Riddell, 3 Ellie Bonnar. Boys: 1 Harvey Anderson, 2 Jaden Simpson.

P5 two lengths breast stroke: 1 Ameila Kemp, 2 Abbie Mulholland, 3 Daisy Amsing. Boys: 1 Archie Anderson, 2 James Reid, 3 Louie Urquart-Dixon.

P6 two lengths breast stroke. Girls: 1 Elaine Davidge, 2 Eilidh Hamill, 3 Maisy Townsend.

P7 two lengths breast stroke. Girls: 1 Megan Hamill, 2 Kirstie Kerr. Boys: 1 Harvey Anderson, 2 David Copperwheat, 3 Jaden Simpson.

P5 two lengths front crawl. Girls: 1 Charlie McKillop, 2 Amelia Kemp, 3 Erin Mulholland. Boys: 1 James Reid, 2 Archie Anderson, 3 Jordan Rogers.

P6 two lengths front crawl. Girls: 1 Elaine Davidge, 2 Cara Crawford, 3 Eilidh Hamill. Boys: 1 Aiken Adam, 2 Darren Hewie, 3 Dylan Smith.

P7 two lengths front crawl. Girls: 1 Megan Hamill, 2 Emily Armitage, 3 Sophie Andrew. Boys: 1 Harvey Anderson, 2 Innis Thorburn, 3 Rory Morrison.

Medley relay: 1 Lamlash, 2 Brodick, 3 combined.

Freestyle relay: 1 combined, 2 Whiting Bay, 3 Lamlash.



Children from all seven of the island's primary schools took part in the swimming gala at the Auchrannie pool. 01\_b20gal02

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## A brave new world

I vividly remember as a child growing up in the early 1990s my friends and I discussing what the world would be like in the year 2000.

At that young age the millennium seemed light years away, not just a mere eight years, and we all had wild ideas about driving flying cars and eating little pills for dinner instead of a proper meal.

This week, 13 years after the start of the 21st century, I came across a fascinating article from an American magazine of the early 20th century, 'The Ladies Home Journal', written in 1913 which imagines what life would be like in the year 2013.

'These prophecies will seem strange, almost impossible... To the wisest and most careful men in our greatest institutions of science and learning I have gone, asking each in his turn to forecast for me what, in his opinion, will have been wrought in his own field of investigation by the dawn of a new age.'

It is interesting that this introduction makes it clear that the 'wisest' people of the generation are first and foremost men!

In fact most of their predictions are true - travel will become easier, they think Americans will be able to reach England in two days; homes will have spigots emitting hot and cold air to regulate temperature; the world will have aerial warships and guns which can fire hundreds of miles; ready-cooked meals will be available for purchase in establishments similar to bakeries; coal will no longer be readily available and alternative fuels will have to be found; cameras will allow man to see the world from inside his own home and wireless telephones will span the world.

Sadly some of the forecasts are not so accurate, such as man walking 10 miles a day because each person will be fitter and healthier than ever before.

Life on Arran has changed almost imperceptibly in the past 100 years, but it has changed.

We are still a rural island but life here can now be very similar to the centre of Glasgow if you so choose it to be, as technology means living in remote areas no longer sees us cut off from the rest of the world.

Arran is connected to the globe through internet and telephone so that living here is no longer an escape from the wider world.

I wonder what Arran will be like in 2113 - sadly I don't think I'll be around to see it.

### 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



## Full explanation would have helped

Sir,  
There has been a number of letters recently regarding the proposed license for Lochranza Hostel.

The locals have been portrayed as reactionary and temporary.

Having spoken to a number of locals and business owners most are not opposed to the hostel providing drinks for their own guests in the evening.

However this is not what SYHA have applied for.

Had they published the notification in the Banner all your readers would have seen: Hours from 10am - 1am / Catering for a full range of functions / indoor and outdoor coverage and off sales to members of the public.

At a recent congenial meeting between members of the Lochranza and Catacol community and SYHA it was explained that this was the easiest way to apply. However their plans are limited to local beers and wine miniatures stored in the manager's office. Had this been explained prior to the notification some objections may not have been submitted.

The full terms of the license do however provide much scope for change in the future and this is the significant issue for objection.

Tourists are vital to the economy of our community but they are not permanent, they are seasonal as indeed is the hostel.

Our current licensed premises provide a year round focus for much social activity.

We are indeed lucky to have two such fine establishments within staggering distance apart.

It is the nature of Arran that they require to make money in the summer to stay open in the winter. As a registered charity the hostel is not subject to the same tax and VAT regulations as other licensed premises.

A licensed hostel will not permit guests to con-

sume brought in alcohol on the premises I would imagine.

The license is an attempt to maximise profit from guests, it is not a service provision. If SYHA ever choose to implement the full extent of the license it will be to the detriment of the Lochranza both visitors and locals enjoy.

I choose to live in here because it is a welcoming and friendly community to both new residents and tourists.

If we are God's waiting room its nice to see the man upstairs thinks likewise; he might even join us after surgery in Lochranza or Catacol Bay Hotel.

I hear 5pm is a good time.

Yours,  
**Chris Traill**  
**Lochranza**

## Village politics

Sir,  
After a brief perusal of your letters page in the previous issue regarding the issuing of a license for the Lochranza Youth Hostel, I find myself in the unenviable position of having to both navigate the hornets nest of 'village politics' as well as the pragmatic implications of what the issuing of a new license would mean to a decent, God-fearing community as we are blessed to have in our small, perfectly formed community here in Lochranza.

Whilst no-one thus far has proven capable of assuming the role of Solomon on this matter, I find the self-serving diatribe of a certain Brian Miller to be completely counter to anything pertaining to common sense, and proves only that there is an inherent air of one-upmanship floating through the ether like a pestilence of vapour in the village between the haves and the have-nots.

Does Mr Miller not consider the prospect of an added influx of lager-louts drawn here by the prospect of cheap drink and cheap accommodation only a flight of stairs away? What does Mr Miller expect to happen to Lochran-

za Hotel in the face of such competition?

The weekly meetings of the Philosophical Society cannot continue to pay the barman's wages indefinitely; indeed, I would wager the rancour Mr Miller currently experiences is due to nothing more than sour grapes at not being invited to join the aforementioned group of upstanding gentlemen. How would he reply, I wonder?

Yours,  
**Fernando Partridge**  
**PT Lochranza**

## Reality of the war in Afghanistan

Sir,  
As you say in your editorial, many of us on Arran can hardly imagine the reality of the war that is being fought in Afghanistan.

Like others, I am distressed by the thought of the terrible experiences undergone both by our British soldiers, and by the Afghan people themselves.

I too would wish to support those who return with injuries both physical and psychological, and have indeed worked in this field.

Yet I believe there is a wider viewpoint from that which your leader assumes is shared by all your readers.

Your claim that our forces are fighting for democracy in Afghanistan is certainly arguable; the original invasion was for different reasons, to eliminate Al Qaeda.

It is difficult to see how continuing this war furthers the interests of our country - how would we expect to react if an invading force had marched into Scotland and tried to impose its views and values upon us by power of weapons? If our villages were subject to bombings that killed civilians?

There is a good argument to say that making war rarely creates peace, and that in this instance the war in Afghanistan serves to create more resistance and more enemies.

Yours,  
**Sue Weaver**  
**Belle Vue Farm**  
**Slidery**

## Unacceptable language

Sir,  
The Arran Elderly Forum have requested me to write to you concerning the tone of language used in your editorial in the Banner of March 9 reporting the meeting of CMAL in Brodick village hall on March 4.

I myself attended this meeting and although I would admit that one belligerent and vocal man made several lengthy comments (often on issues not pertinent to the evening's agenda), many of the comments of others were extremely valid, and articulately expressed the deep concerns of the elderly and incapacitated as to how future travel for them would be possible without a great deal of distress.

Such language as 'The four from CMAL were almost lynched...' is hyperbole in extreme.

The final insults to the elderly came with the unnecessary and false comment that 'one thing that was made clear is that many of Arran's elderly residents obviously really don't enjoy living on Arran' and the impertinence to suggest that because so many valid comments were made at a public meeting convened for the express purpose of allowing residents to voice their grave concerns, that 'just because Arran has a predominantly elderly population does not mean that all our public areas should be transformed into care homes with stair lifts and mechanical ramps'.

All public services should be accessible and safe for all.

Please note that your writer will also grow old and may find mobility limitations. Respect for all members of a community should not be too much to ask.

Yours,  
**Helen Kerr**  
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## Ardrossan ferry terminal parking needs to be extended

Parking at Ardrossan could be a problem when RET comes in.

That was the opinion of Kenneth Gibson MSP at Monday night's meeting of Arran Ferry Committee.

He said: 'At the Easter weekend the car park at Ardrossan ferry terminal was completely full.'

'I am asking if Clydeport could reconfigure the parking better to accommodate more vehicles.'

Mr Gibson and Councillor John Bruce reported that they are also involved in negotiations with SPT about the availability of trains and buses to meet the extra summer sailings, especially buses to meet the 10pm sailing from Ardrossan on a Saturday night.

The Ferry Committee heard that the new 7am sailing of the MV Isle of Arran from Brodick has been very well supported.

Chairman Ken Thorburn said: 'Without this extra sailing, the Caledonian Isles would not have coped with the volume of traffic. We have been told that these extra sailings will start in the first week of May next year.'

## Charity plant sale raises funds

More than £900 was raised for the Arran Hospital Supporters League at the recent charity plant sale.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who helped at and supported the sale on the day. Thanks to Andy of Lamash Post Office who made the bird table which was raffled and now has pride of place at Viewbank Guest House.

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Darren Ferguson and Andrew Sneddon at the coconut shy. 01\_b20cor01

## Rain showers fail to dampen spirits at school spring fair

It may seem a little more like winter out there but Corrie Primary School held their annual Spring Fair on Saturday.

Forced inside by the showers of rain, the pupils and teachers didn't allow the weather to stop them raising much needed money for the school funds.

There were bric a brac stalls, face painting, a coconut shy and beat the goalie as well as the usual fantastic barbeque.

Headteacher Mrs Susan Kelly said: 'Corrie Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to all who made our Spring Fair such a success.'

'Many thanks must go to staff, parents, friends and visitors.'

'We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did and you have all helped us raise the fantastic total of £1012.88.'

'We would also especially like to thank everyone who donated prizes to our raffle. We hope to see you all again next year!'



Ellie Ewing, Ellie Wood (a pupil at Brodick Primary School) Eilidh Swandells and Kayleigh Murchie manning the book stall. 01\_20cor02



Above: Abbi Traill, a pupil from Pirnmill Primary School, and Lewis Swandells try to beat the goalie, Andrew Sneddon, centre. 01\_b20cor03

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Arran's Coastguard team after their water training last week.

## Flood training for Arran Coastguard team

Members of the Arran Coastguard team took part in an eight-hour water training exercise last week to prepare them for emergencies during floods. Leader Bill Currie explained that with new legislation

resulting in the Coastguard taking more responsibility for inland emergencies, the water training was essential. 'The number of flood incidents has increased in recent years, and the coastguard must be in a

position to respond to these by providing a rescue capability, including to inland incidents,' he said. 'The training currently being undertaken means there will be a demonstrated and assessed level of competence to an agreed standard in water rescue.'

He added: 'We have been fully rope trained for two years now so we can be called to anyone stuck down a manhole for example but the water training now gives our skills an extra dimension.' Currently the local Coastguard has 10 members but they are keen to recruit new people. Bill said: 'It's a great team to be a part of, we work really well together. 'Really there is no restriction as long as you are over 18 and reasonably fit. 'If anyone is keen to join us please come along to our training night on Wednesday at 7pm in the Coastguard Station, Lamlash.'

## Island's returning local hero at Mountain Festival

The 2013 Arran Mountain Festival runs from today, Friday 17 May to Monday 20 May. And a talk by Atlantic rower Calum McNicol will be one of the highlights.

Festival organisers report a record number of bookings this year, from both new and returning visitors. To go with the busy days on the hill, there is also an exciting programme of evening entertainment, which is open to everyone.

The highlight will be the illustrated talk given by local hero Calum McNicol on Saturday 18 May at Corrie Hall.

Find out about his record breaking attempt when rowing across the Atlantic Ocean earlier this year. Doors open at 7pm and your chilli and rice dinner is included in your ticket price. Fifty percent of each ticket sale will be donated to Calum's charity, the Ayrshire Hospice.

### Sponsored

The night has been generously sponsored by Arran Active, the Outdoor Specialist shop found at the Cladach Visitor Centre, a longterm and faithful supporter of the Festival.

Please be generous and back this fabulous evening; tickets are available at Arran Active or online.

Returning by popular demand is the Friday night (17 May) social gathering, this year at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick from 5.30pm.

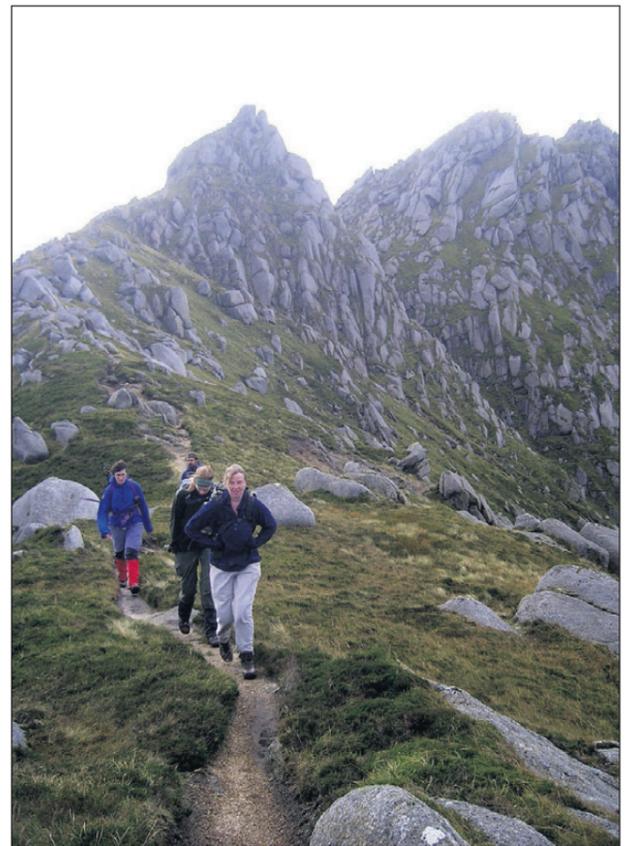
On the Sunday night, 19 May, there will be the mountain pub quiz, again at the Ormidale, starting at 8.30pm.

If you are still hoping to get onto one of the Mountain Festival walks, please urgently book as many of the routes are now full.

Bookings can be made online via [www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk](http://www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk) or phone 01770 302244.



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Trekking on the Casteals.

## Summer bridge tournament

The results of the tournament on Monday 13 May were as follows: N/S 1 Roddie Thompson and Eendy McNiven +1250, 2 Alison Bilsland and Tricia Martin +1140, 3 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner +700.

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# Rugby player who lost legs in accident surges to victory in swimming pool

Daniel Gallagher was fighting for his life 12 months ago.

Now he is making a splash in international sport and aspiring to grab a place in the British team at the 2016 Paralympics.

The 23-year-old Peterhead rugby player suffered terrible injuries after being struck by a police van in Brodick, which was responding to an emergency situation, whilst Gallagher was at the Arran Sevens tournament in April 2012.

For a few days, it seemed as if there was little hope.

But gradually, the north-east man rallied and, although he lost both his legs, he never relinquished any of his spirit.

A year later and Gallagher has just returned from the Stoke Mandeville Games, where he became the Best Male Paraplegic Swimmer.

Bolstered by the help and support of his family and his coach, Joyce Summers, he has made a recovery which few thought possible.

He said: 'I didn't know what to expect when I went down to England, but I worked as hard as I could and I came out on top.'

'I was the only person there (of the swimmers) who had no legs, but I love being in the pool, and I have received so much help and support from people in Peterhead that I really want to repay the faith they have shown in me by going to Rio in 2016.'

'It's a long way in the distance, but I am training at Pe-

terhead Community Centre with my coach, Joyce Summers, and I am determined to keep pushing myself forward.

'Swimming is my main priority at the moment, but I love tennis as well, and would fancy getting involved with that. But you need a special wheelchair for that and I don't have one.'

On the evidence of the progress he has made in the last year, nobody should write this tenacious character off.



## Torrents of rain fill Arran's burns

A huge volume of rain fell on Arran this week flooding the rivers with torrents of water. This picture of the North Sannox burn was taken on Tuesday morning showing just how full of water the rivers were. 01\_b20wat01

## Parents get fit with 'active buggies'

It can be tough to fit in exercise when you have young children so RunArran have announced the launch of a new 'active buggies' session.

The local running group will start the buggy class tonight (Friday 17 May) at 9.30am at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick.

Laura Aitcheson the group leader said: 'It is tough to fit in exercise when you have a baby to look after, active buggies is a great way for mums (and dads are very welcome) with young children to incorporate exercise into their busy schedule - bring along your baby and their buggy.'

### Exercises

Classes consist of walking, light aerobics and exercises to gently tone, improve your fitness, strengthen core muscles and feel great!

Sessions are held outside and if it is raining lightly it will still go ahead so bring a rain cover.

There may be exercises on the grass so bring a towel or better still a mat to do ab work etc.

For further details you can contact Laura Aitcheson or Marion McNicol on the RunArran facebook page.



Daniel Gallagher has just won the Best Male Swimmer award at the Stoke Mandeville Games.

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Arran's products are now exported and enjoyed by food-lovers all over the world and they have quickly become one of the many reasons why tourists decide to visit.

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### Arran Dairies

Rich grasslands in the south of the island are grazing for dairy cattle that produce milk for Arran Dairies Ice Cream. By modern standards this is a small dairy operation, which has been pasteurising and bottling milk and cream for around 30 years on this site in Brodick. But unlike

most processed milk from large dairy plants, this milk has not been homogenised. It still has an old-fashioned 'cream line' so the milk retains its creamy taste. It's this special Arran milk churned in batches of 200 litres into ice cream, which makes the Italian-type ice cream, refreshingly cold yet with a satisfying creaminess. The scrumptious flavourings range from pistachio and praline to a classic strawberry made with the crushed fruit.

### The Island Cheese Company

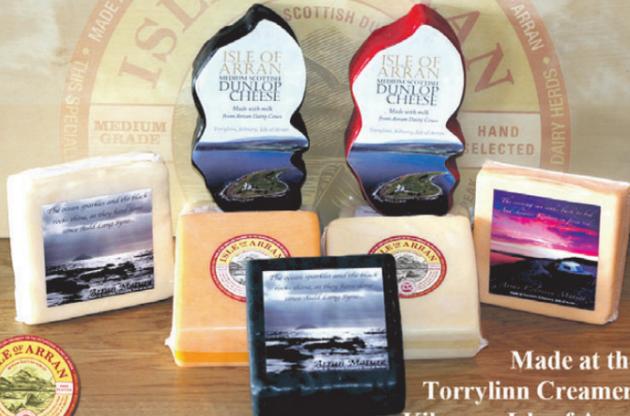
The Island Cheese Company has been producing their range of tasty cheeses in a small creamery at Home Farm for nearly 18 years. In that time the business and its reputation for quality, has grown, and their cheeses have proved very popular with tourists and locals alike. A commitment to quality is the principle motivation of the company where cheese is made in the traditional way, and you will find no artificial flavours, colours or preservatives. As well as their own Arran Blue, Camembert and Brie made in Blackwaterfoot and soft cheeses and a range of flavoured cheddars, the shop also stocks an extensive range of high quality British farmhouse cheeses.

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For 27 years Wooleys of Arran have been tantalising the tastebuds of island residents with their delicious rolls, scrumptious oatcakes and mouth-watering homebaked cakes and biscuits. Lindsay Keir and his son Matt have worked hard to expand the range of goods in his bakery and the famous oatcakes are now legendary around the world. In an average week the bakery will produce around 80,000 oatcakes in the bakery and there are rolls, breads, cakes and other baked goods to produce on top of that. Lovely new packaging was launched this year for the award-winning oatcakes which are now on sale at high-end mainland supermarkets. Late last year they also opened an outlet in

Lamlash which sells all the same items as the Brodick shop.

**Kirkend Nursery**

There is nothing quite like the taste of fresh, locally grown, hand reared products and at Kirkend Nursery in Whiting Bay you never know what delights you might uncover. From meat and eggs to strawberries, raspberries, home baking and curries, there are lots of delicious foods waiting to be eaten at Kirkend. Colin and Diane rear their own pigs and now supply the Arran butcher with fresh pork. Colin also produces several varieties of homemade Indian curries and Diane is famous for over 15 flavours of jams that are all made using fresh produce from their own land. They have four different varieties of eggs and the quail, duck and geese eggs are available in the Co-op in season. With its old fashioned sweet shop, garden centre and nursery there really is something for everyone at Kirkend.

**Isle of Arran Distillery**

In 1995 the Isle of Arran Distillery opened in Lochranza and since then it has started to produce one of Scotland's finest range of malt whiskies. Using only traditional methods of distilling with wooden wash backs and copper stills designed to an exact specification, the distillery produces a whisky that is now distributed all over the world. The distillery uses no peat in the production process and no caramel for artificial colouring - unlike most other whisky companies and as a result the products are rightly described as 'the true spirit of nature'. The products now range from the incredible Single Malts, speciality cask bottlings as well as the Arran Gold whisky liqueur and the distillery has forged close ties with other food producers on the island to develop mustard, ice cream and chocolates all flavoured with its wonderful whisky.

**The Arran Butcher**

The Arran Butcher specialises in supplying customers with meat that is so tender and delicious that you will always come back for more. Using traditional time honoured techniques, they ensure that the products will be the best that you ever taste.

With an extensive selection of quality meats including traditional cuts of naturally reared local/scotch beef, lamb, venison and pork, they also have a fantastic selection of fresh fish and an ever growing range of homemade produce. The Arran Butcher buy beef, pork and lamb from local farmers when possible and all the venison is locally sourced on the island. The sausages, burgers, haggis, black pudding, cooked meats, steak pies and sausage rolls are made in the shops in Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza and they supply all three Co-ops and several other shops along with a majority of hotels and B&Bs on Arran. They also have a mobile shop serving the north and south of the island.

**Torrylinn Creamery**

Grazing on lush southern grasslands are the herds of black and white Friesian cows which supply the Torrylinn Creamery in Kilmory. The island's three dairy farms supply milk to the Creamery which has been on this site since the 1940s when it was built by the Milk Marketing Board to make a cheddar type of cheese known as Arran Dunlop. Today, it has survived the demise of the MMB and is now owned by Scottish Milk Products, yet it continues to make the same creamy tasting Dunlop type cheese with the old hands on creamery methods. Its Dunlop-type characteristics make it a creamier, more subtly flavoured, less acidic cheese than a traditional cheddar. Its

particular character is created, not just by the people who make it, but also by the island's volcanic soil, its high rainfall and the dairy cows who convert the prolific grasslands into rich Arran milk. The cheese can be bought on the island at the Creamery shop but they also supply many of the Arran hotels as well as mainland supermarkets.



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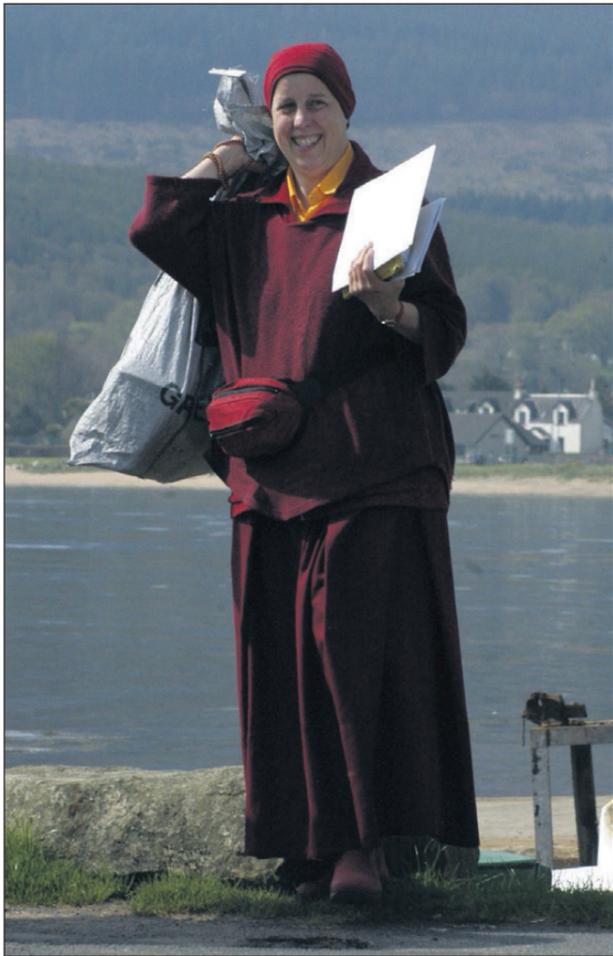


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# Messages for the Buddhists

The Royal Mail always gets through. And sometimes it comes in a variety of guises. This lady was pictured on Lamlash pier last Tuesday, carrying a sack of mail for the Buddhists on Holy Isle. She was heading for the Holy Isle ferry with a smile on her face and a load of messages. 02\_b20post01



The youngsters from Kilmory dressed up as what they would like to be when they grow up and learned a little about the world of work.

## Kilmory pupils raise money for charity

Deciding what you want to be when you grow up can be a daunting task for any teenager but imagine having to decide before you've even turned 10! Well the pupils in Kilmory Primary School's early years class and P1-4 made it look easy as they took part in the 'I want to be....' challenge to raise money for Save the Children on Thursday 9 May. The children dressed up as what they would like to be when they grow up and learned a little about the world of work.

A huge variety of occupations were chosen including a ballerina, a scientist, a farmer and a princess. - there were even a few superheroes! At maths time the children had fun finding out some of the ways they would need to use maths skills in their chosen occupation. **Donation** The children each brought a donation and managed to raise a significant sum for the charity. This money will go towards helping to save children's lives around the world.

\*The school would like to thank all the people who are contributing and helping with their Spring Fayre on Saturday 18 May. Headteacher Irene Markham said: 'I realise that with the road closure at Kilpatrick we might not have as big a turn out as expected. 'Therefore, I would urge readers from further afield to take a trip south and enjoy an Arran reared burger from our barbeque and enjoy all the fun of the fayre, thereby helping Kilmory Parent Council boost school funds.'

  
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Tuesday 21st May **GARDEN WALK**  
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Tuesday 21st May **BRONZE AGE ROUNDHOUSE EXPERIENCE**  
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Friday 24th May **CASTLE SECRETS TOUR**  
11.30am-1pm  
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## 'Painting into Light' with ED Hunter

Local amateur artist Jan Young has sent The Banner a report of the latest Arran Visual Arts (AVA) workshop, 'Painting into the Light' with Ed Hunter. 'It was with trepidation that I attended Ed Hunter's oil painting workshop. I decided that as a non-painter it would be good to try something new. I need not have worried Ed was an excellent tutor who soon put my fears to rest. **Informative** His demonstration was informative and he gave us many ideas to work with, along with a number of idea sheets and photographs for people, like me who needed them. He constantly moved about the group giving individual attention and lots of encouragement, this was a real confidence booster. I learnt a lot about mixing colours and using different brushes, There was a buzz around the room with everyone produc-

ing such versatile pieces of work. I will defiantly be looking out for another of his workshops as he has fired my enthusiasm for oil painting especially as his parting words to me were 'you should be proud of that'.



A number of budding local artists attended Ed Hunter's painting workshop.

# Top international artists announced for folk festival

The Isle of Arran Folk Festival, now in its 19th year, has become one of Scotland's most popular annual folk events.

This year's Festival, which takes place from Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 June, will fea-

ture three evening concerts, a family ceilidh, plus the opportunity to join in at one of the many open sessions taking place throughout the weekend, including the traditional 'Survivors' Session' on the Sunday night.

The Festival will kick off on the Thursday evening in toe-tapping style with the Angus Nicolson Trio from Skye - one of the freshest and most energetic acts on the folk scene - with support from Caitlin McNeill and Alana MacInnes, a young up-and-coming singer-songwriter duo from the Outer Hebrides, and the wonderful Jim Hunter and Graham Flett.

Jim will also be MC for the Festival.

Cera Impala, described as a 'banjo-wielding mama from Arizona' promises to be another highlight of the weekend and will be joined on the Friday evening by the multi-talented Linzi Murphy Trio and Ireland-based singer-songwriter Ronnie Costley.

Ross Ainslie, a recent Musician of the Year nominee at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, and his Trio will headline the Saturday concert. Also featured that evening will be Alan Frew and Mark Rafferty, two names with bright futures ahead of them.



**Tyde, a talented young act from the northeast of England and the Scottish Borders, will perform at the family ceilidh.**



**The Folk Festival will kick off in toe-tapping style with the Angus Nicolson Trio from Skye.**

Sunday sees the Festival welcome Tyde, a talented young act from the northeast of England and the Scottish Borders, who will be joined at our family ceilidh by Arran's very own Kilbride Ceilidh Band.



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## A handbag, a manuscript, and a baby

This year, the pupils of Arran High School will present *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Oscar Wilde's theatrical masterpiece, first performed in 1895, is widely-acknowledged as one of the greatest comedies in the English Language.

Wonderful characters, sparkling dialogue, gloriously improbable plot twists, a sprinkling of romance and identity theft - *The Importance of Being Earnest* has it all.

Jack is in love with Gwendolen; Algernon is in love with Cecily; Gwendolen and Cecily are both in love with Ernest.

But who IS Ernest? Does

he actually exist? And why is everyone obsessed with that handbag??

The crisis spirals out of control when the previously separate worlds of town and country collide and delicious mayhem ensues.

### Happy ending

Thoughts of marriage and a happy ending must be put on hold until the monstrous Lady Bracknell can be convinced that the young men are worthy suitors.

Performances are from Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 June and feature many of the wonderful actors who have appeared in the recent productions of *The Wizard of*

*Oz* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Tickets will be available from Arran High School of-

rice from Monday 10 June. Call in person 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday or phone 600341 to reserve.



**Some of the High School cast of *The Importance of Being Earnest*.**



**Gwendolen, Jacy and Cecily.**

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# Importance of village halls highlighted after snowstorms

## 'We must sustain our village hall infrastructure'

The key role played by Arran's village halls during the recent snowstorms was used in an article this week to demonstrate the importance of maintaining such community buildings in the 21st century.

Writing for the website ThirdSector, columnist Kevin Curley explains that he was 'sheltering on the east side of the island, keeping warm keeping warm with a log fire and cooking on an anthracite stove in the village of Kildo-

nan' during the snow storms at the end of March.

He highlights how difficult the situation was on Arran but praises the response of the community.

He said: 'Life for a week without electricity in freezing temperatures tests individuals, families and communities.'

'On Arran, the village halls and the villagers who run them proved a crucial part of the response.

'It was the members of village hall committees who identified people at severe risk and got them evacuated to the mainland.

'It was to the village hall that people went in search of information and the chance to get warm in a room heated by a mobile gas heater and to have a hot drink prepared on a camping gas stove.

'On the west side of the island, where the snow drifts closed the roads for three days, the Mountain Rescue team took donated food in and village hall volunteers distributed it to people stuck in their houses.'

Arran has ten village halls that all form an important part of each community they serve.

Twenty years ago there were fears that Shiskine Hall would have to close but it is now a thriving part of village life.

In Kilmory the community have used the hall to fill the voids left by the closure of the village shop and post office and public bar at Lagg Hotel.

They now have their very own social club within the hall building and the bunk house brings in much needed cash.

There was initial fury when the community centre in Lamlash was closed and then demolished to make way for new facilities within the new secondary school.

But today the community theatre is used to stage all kinds of events from



Kilmory Hall opened the 1934 Club in March. It has quickly become a favourite place for the community to spend an evening. 01\_b12bar01



Whiting Bay Hall was one of the island's many village centres that offered hot food and shelter to those without heat and power. 02\_b13sno06

art shows, music festivals, plays and pantomimes to the SWRI's annual show and it has proved to be a wonderful facility for the island.

At Machrie the village hall is also the golf clubhouse and houses a popular tearoom run by Claire Richardson.

And in the island's smaller villages too, the halls are often the only meeting place for elderly people and provide a much-needed lifeline to the outside world.

In his article Kevin adds: 'I have been to Arran many times in the past 20 years but, as a hill walker, I had never really been aware of village halls before.'

'I live in a large Derbyshire village where there are many meeting places - church halls, cafes, a library, youth centres - and no village hall.'

'If the great Arran storm of 2013 teaches us anything, it's that we must sustain our village hall infrastructure. Those living in rural communities could find themselves grateful for it if a major storm or natural disaster strikes.'



Lamlash's much loved community centre was replaced by new facilities within the Arran High School. 02\_b20hal01

19th ARRAN FOLK festival 6th -9th June A weekend of Sessions, Concerts & Ceilidhs.

Thur. 6th June - Welcome Concert Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £14  
Jim Hunter/Graham Flett, Alana & Caitlin, Angus Nicolson Trio

Fri. 7th June - Open Session. Douglas Hotel. 12-5pm. FREE  
- Evening Concert. Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £16  
Linzi Murphy Trio, Ronnie Costley/Alasdair Kennedy, Cera Impala

Sat. 8th June - Open Session. Ormidale Hotel. 12-5pm. FREE  
- Evening Concert. Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £16  
Alan Frew/Mark Rafferty, Ross Ainslie Trio

Sun. 9th June - Open Session. Douglas Hotel. 12-5pm. FREE  
- Ceilidh Concert. Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £8  
Kilbride Ceilidh Band, Tyde  
- Final Session. Ormidale Hotel. 9:30pm FREE

Brochures and further info available from local shops.  
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Tues 28th: Arran Wildlife Tour 10:15am - 4:15pm £30

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## Co-op staff raise funds for Carers Trust

Lamlash Co-op staff dressed 'up and down' last Saturday in aid of The Co-operative Group charity of the year 2013, The Carers Trust.

Thea Stein, chief Executive of The Carers Trust said: 'The money raised will make a huge difference to the lives of Young Adult Carers across the UK.'

'The enthusiasm, energy and creativity colleagues and our volunteer network have encountered so far from Co-operative employees has been staggering; so many people are working really hard to help raise money and this huge achievement is proof that the hard work is really starting to pay off.'



## Website support for those in social care

People on Arran are about to have more choice and control over the social care and support they receive with changes to social services known as 'Personalisation'.

North Ayrshire Council has been working with an online specialist to develop an informative website ahead of the changes which will come into effect in the autumn.

Care and Support North Ayrshire is a website aimed at connecting care providers with people who need to access care services.

People will soon be able to choose to allocate all or some of their agreed budget on services they choose, providing they meet their needs, through Self-Directed Support.

North Ayrshire Council social services development manager Isabel McKnight

said: 'This is a real opportunity for social care providers to let people across North Ayrshire know who they are and what they do.'

'The feedback on the website from social care providers and service users has been encouraging.'

Community information about events and leisure opportunities will also be available on the site.

Organisations will be able to upload their information and contact details safely and securely, up-dating them whenever required.

Social care providers can register their interest in the site by visiting [www.carena.org.uk](http://www.carena.org.uk) and leaving their email address.

Social care and support providers can find out more by contacting North Ayrshire Council on 01294 317700.

# Sand Martin

Sand Martin is a member of the hirundine family that includes Swallow and House Martin.

It is the smallest European hirundine with dark brown upper parts and dark under wings contrasting with otherwise pale under parts divided by a distinctive dark chest bar. Agile fliers, feeding on flying insects mainly over or close to water, it is normally the first hirundine to return in the spring and is one of our earliest migrants.

The first birds arrive in Scotland in mid to late March, exceptionally in early March.

The earliest recent Arran record was 18 March in 2009, while in 2012 the first bird was reported on 25 March.

The European Sand Martin winters south of the Sahara in the Sahel region and over the past 50 years the European population has crashed on two occasions as a result of drought in the birds' African wintering grounds.

### Gregarious

They are gregarious both in the winter and in the breeding season.

Their arrival here is very dependent on the weather during their lengthy journey

north. Unlike the Swallow and House Martin, the Sand Martin does not build a nest. Instead, it excavates holes in sand banks, creating small, busy colonies.

On Arran, the larger colonies are associated with our sand and gravel quarries but there are a number of smaller widespread colonies in a range of natural sand banks spread throughout the island by the side of burns, coastal cliffs and on golf courses.

The Sand Martin is sociable in its nesting habits; from a dozen to many hundred pairs will nest close together, according to available space.

The nests are at the end of tunnels which are from a few inches to three or four feet in length, bored in sand or gravel. New burrows are dug each year but birds arriving early can renovate old ones.

The actual nest is a litter of straw and feathers in a chamber at the end of the burrow. It soon becomes a hotbed of parasites.

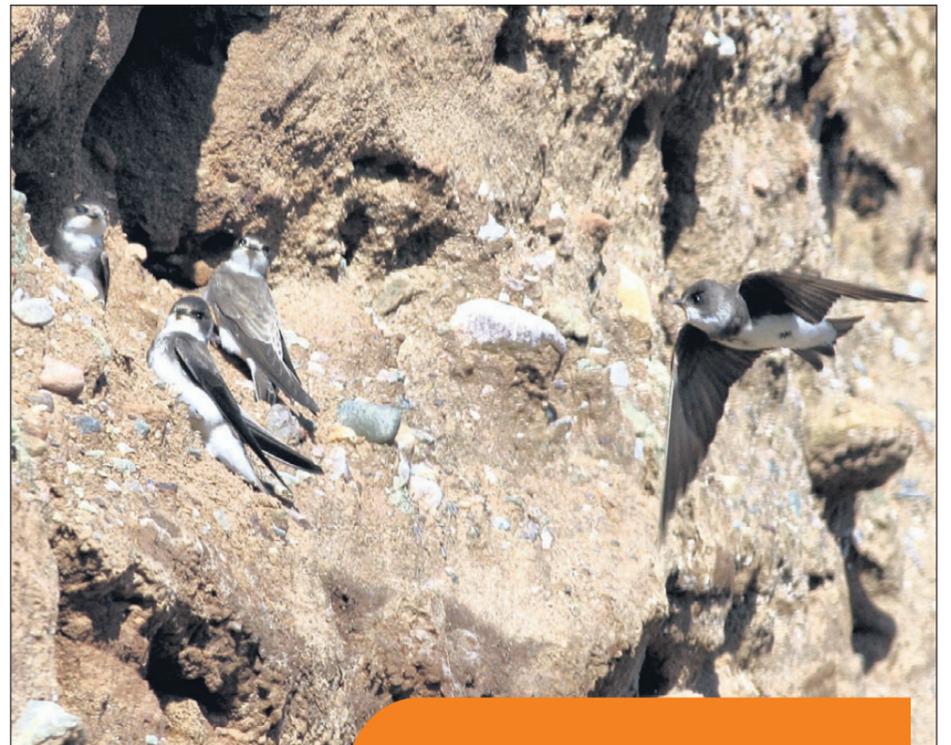
Both parents help with the construction of the nest and take turns incubating the eggs and feeding the young.

Usually four or five white eggs are laid about mid to late May.

Incubation lasts about a fortnight with fledging around three weeks later.

If the weather conditions are good, with plenty of flying insects to be caught, a second brood is attempted.

After the very wet summer of 2012, raising young was



**Sandmartin nests are at the end of tunnels which are from a few inches to three or four feet in length, bored in sand or gravel.**

Picture by Carl Reavey

even more of a challenge than normal and there were few reports of young Sand Martin.

Let's hope that the weather in 2013 proves to be more conducive for the Sand Martin and for the humans.

### Long journey

After breeding, Sand Martins depart Arran earlier than Swallow and House Martin and by September most have set out on their long journey south.

Finally remember that under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is a



**A young Sandmartin.** Picture by Angela Cassels

# Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

criminal offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.

If you notice any disturbance to nesting birds please report it to the local police as soon as possible.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes

with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at [james.cassels@virgin.net](mailto:james.cassels@virgin.net). I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2012' and visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 22 May, 1993

**The devil you know**

There has been much talk this week about the possibility of Caledonian MacBrayne being privatised - in fact some are already reporting that it is a fait accompli.

The topic was raised at a Strathclyde Regional Council meeting this week but Councillor Tom Knox said: 'I think it's more kite flying. But I've no doubt it will be discussed at the council meeting next week.'

**Ticket office work begins**

Work is due to start on the new ticket office at Brodick Pier very soon so that, with the Tourist Office extension under construction, parking will be almost impossible.

The work is expected to rake about 20 weeks.

**Police station closes**

Brodick Police Station officially closed on Monday although the building remains a police house.

The only difference it should make, we are told, are that the public will no longer be able to call there and that the policemen who live in Brodick must now start and end their duties in Lamlash.

**Foreign exchange**

A party of second year pupils from Arran High School left the island on Wednesday on a foreign language trip.

The pupils are spending 10 days in Dieppe, Normandy.

**Below: The junior Goatfell race winners were James Harrison and Judy Keir.**

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**Still standing**

The Rock Hotel is still standing despite full authorisation being given for its demolition three weeks ago.

It is still very likely that the owner Mr Thomson will go ahead with the demolition and that the delay is simply due to the uncertainty of how to go about it.

**Swimming gala**

The primary schools annual swimming gala was once again held at the Kinloch hotel on Tuesday.

The champion swimmers were David Hamilton of Lamlash and Hazel Tod of Kilmory.

**Spreading the word**

Tourism manager Charles Currie is to continue his Arran Tourist Board work in Australia for two weeks next month.

Representing the Scottish Tourist Board he will man a British Tourist Authority exhibition at Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney.

'The raison d'être is to persuade them to come to Scotland, because most Australian visitors stay in London' said Charles.

**Return of The Fanatic**

The 1993 football season has started with a shock for two of the island's Cinderella teams (both of them rarely get to the ball).

Firstly, Northend Stags packed their antler cases and retired to the Lochranza Deer Park, and secondly, Southend United intimated that they would be concentrating their efforts on league fixtures only and (c) pursuing the youth policy that should give the club a brighter future.



The Arran Girls Football Team are pictures relaxing in the sun outside the Inverclyde National Sports Centre in Largs after taking place in the Regional Finals of the Scottish Health Cup as Cunninghame Champions. b20twe02



Above: Helen Thomson and Iain Murchie, two locals taking part in the Goatfell race. b20twe04



Right: Swimming champions for 1993 are David Hamilton from Lamlash and Hazel Tod of Kilmory.

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# What's on

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## Everyday

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

Loch Garbad, Boat and Bank fishing  
Daily 9am-Dusk  
10.30am – 4.30pm  
Open mon-sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12.30pm-4.30pm  
2pm

Healthy Outdoors  
Cricket Practise  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Run Arran (intermediate)  
Lawn Bowls  
Quiz  
Food and craft market  
Garden Walk  
Bronze age experience

10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm  
Brodick Castle, 2pm-3.30pm  
Brodick Castle 10.30am-12noon & 2-3.30pm

## Saturday 18th May

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Lawn Bowls  
Lamlash Bowling rink games  
Whiting Bay rink games  
Goatfell Race  
Robyn & Amie  
Calum McNicol Atlantic Row Talk  
Cup final Lamlash vs Southend

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm  
Whiting Bay bowling club 2pm  
Ormidale park, Brodick 12noon  
Drift Inn, Lamlash 7-9pm  
Corrie Hall 7pm  
Lamlash, 3pm

## Wednesday 22nd May

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Coffee Morning  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Senior Badminton  
Yogalates  
Aquafizz  
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
Run Arran (Advanced)  
Northend Football Training  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Shiskine Tennis Club  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lamlash Bowling rink games

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15 - 12noon  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm  
Arran High School, 8-9pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm  
Lochranza, 7pm  
Brodick, 6.45pm  
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7  
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm

## Sunday 19th May

Alcoholics Anonymous  
New Al-Anon Meeting  
Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Folk Music Session  
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
Pub Quiz  
Strabane Open Garden  
Northend festival of football  
Cafe church  
Tae KwonDo Competition

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
Call 601206 for details  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm – 3.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm  
Brodick, 2pm-5pm  
Lochranza, 10am  
Brodick Church hall 2pm  
Arran High School 12 noon

## Thursday 23rd May

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Youth Club  
Live Country/Folk music  
Auchrannie Winter Bowls  
Ladies Netball  
Weight Watchers  
Lawn Bowls  
Shiskine Tennis Club  
Lunchbox  
Quilt Arran  
Kilmory Hall AGM

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm  
High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Adults 6pm onwards  
Ormidale pavillon, 12.30-2.30pm  
Fire Station, Lamlash 2-4.30pm  
Kilmory Hall, 7pm

## Monday 20th May

Quiz  
Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Senior Fitness  
Breathe Walk Class  
Table Tennis  
Badminton  
Volleyball Club  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Summer Bridge Tournament  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Whiting Bay rink games  
Lamlash Bowling rink games  
Paintings tour  
Lunch Club

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm  
Brodick, 6.45pm  
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm  
Brodick Castle 2pm-3.30pm  
Lamlash sheltered housing, 12 noon

## Friday 24th May

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Disco  
Brodick Farmers Market

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm

## Tuesday 21st May

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Streetly Dance pre school  
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7  
Youth Club  
Rowan Singers  
Weight Watchers  
Junior Hockey Club

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm  
Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm  
Lamlash church hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm

## Saturday 25th May

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lamlash Bowling rink games  
Marvins Sculpture Course

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Brodick, 2pm  
Whiting Bay bowling club 2pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm  
Brodick Castle, 10-4pm



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## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development  
13/00269/PP; St Donan, Kildonan, Broddick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of one and a half storey extension to side of detached dwelling house

Elma Murray  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
IRVINE KA12 8EE



## Arran Ferry Committee AGM

Monday 10th June at 7pm  
in the tearoom at  
Broddick Castle

## ISLE OF ARRAN RUGBY CLUB AGM

Wednesday 22nd May 7.30pm  
Ormidale Sports Pavilion  
Preceded by a committee meeting  
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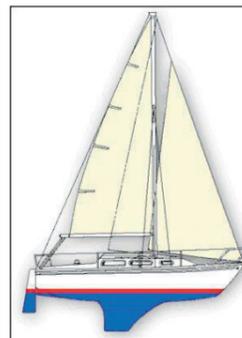
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# Goat Fell Race 2013 could attract the biggest entry ever

## The race has taken place in Brodick every year since 1953

This year's Goat Fell Race on Saturday 18 May will be the biggest ever.

Entrance numbers vary dramatically from year to year, with an average of 100. However, this year promises to be a bumper year as the race is part of the Scottish Hill Runners Championship series. Due to this, the entry limit, capped at 250, has been full up for months

Extra marshals will be covering the route which starts out from the Ormidale Park in Brodick.

Members of Arran Mountain Rescue Team will provide cover on the hill itself, and the Scottish Ambulance Service will be offering first aid cover at the finish back in Brodick.

The Goat Fell Race has taken place in Brodick every year since 1953 when the

present winner's cup was first presented. Although, interestingly, Arran Runners have documentary evidence suggesting the race was run in the 1930s.

Goat Fell being about eight miles long is the first of the medium length races in the championship.

### Records

The current records are held by the Bingley Harrier and English International Andy Peace in a time of one hour 13 minutes and 40 seconds in 1994 and Angela Mudge of Carnethy Hill Runners, five times British Fell Running Champion and former World Mountain Running champion in a time of one hour, 26 minutes and 21 seconds in 2001.

The local record is held by Brodick's

own Brian Robertson of Arran Runners in one hour, 21 minutes and 37 seconds.

The race starts this Saturday at 12noon at the Sports Pavilion in Brodick. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Isle of Arran Pipe Band and in the interlude between the runners setting off and arriving back there will be a Fun Dog Show—all pet dogs of all 'breeds' welcome!

So please come along and show your support for this 60-year-standing village event that is the annual Goat Fell Race.

The race takes competitors from the centre of Brodick to the summit of Goatfell, a distance of 13 km and height of 870 metres.

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay  
**Sunday 19th May**  
(Whitsunday)  
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
Mr John Roberts.  
Coffee after service.  
ALL WELCOME

#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran:  
Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza,  
Pirmill and Shiskine  
Independent but working  
together  
Minister: Rev Angus Adamson,  
Parish Assistant:  
Mrs Jean Hunter.

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited.

**Sunday 19th May**  
Brodick Church, 10.30am,  
Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church, 12noon,  
Morning Worship.  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am  
Morning Worship  
Pirmill Church, 10.45am  
Morning Worship  
Shiskine Church, 12noon  
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 19th May**  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
In both churches:  
Mr Tony Butcher  
All welcome, including families; children's area  
Scottish Charity SC015072

#### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday 19th May**  
Sunday Morning Mass 11am  
Vigil Mass 7.30pm

#### WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
(Charity Number: SC014005)  
**Sunday 19th May**  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.  
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.  
All very welcome.  
Traidcraft goods will be on sale after the service.

#### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 19th May**  
11 a.m. Morning Worship in The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick  
Tea & coffee after the service.  
Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.  
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.  
Contact phone no. 600222.  
Everyone warmly invited.

#### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Services as follows  
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
Mr Suraj Kasula  
All welcome

#### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 19th May**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge  
Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday 22nd May**  
at 7pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
All welcome

#### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakes meet every Sunday at 11am.  
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#### SALVATION ARMY

House Group/Bible study.  
Monday 2.30pm.  
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### DEATH

**APPLEBY** - Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital on Friday 10th May 2013. Maurice Appleby aged 61 years of Seaford Court Ardrossan, formerly of Murray Crescent, Lamlash. Beloved husband of Janet Osborne. A loving father of Elizabeth and Thomas a devoted Papa of Paige, Morgan, Emma and bump. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept to treasure to love and never forget.

### THANK YOU

Rorie, Gavin and Ewan thank everyone who attended Sheena's funeral, sent cards, texts and phoned, all were a great comfort. Thanks to all the family, Clair & David Hendry, all at Brodick Bar. Thanks to Doctors, nurses and staff at the hospital for their help and kindness over the last few. A special to Angus and all of Brodick Church.

### THANK YOU

Pip and John would like to thank all their friends who joined them at Stags Pavilion to celebrate their 70th birthday. Special thanks to Chris and Anita for organising, Ethne for a magnificent cake, Alan for his 'ingenuity' in designing the cards and, of course, the entertainers. Thanks also to Rino and Val. Your hospitality and excellent fayre never fails. It was, most certainly, an unforgettable evening.

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### Broddick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 7 May, May Medal (CCQ1), 22 played. Silver 1 Susan Butchard 81 (13) 68, 2 Gwen McNicol 85 (14) 71. Bronze 1 Gege Kroner 94 (23) 71, 2 Janette McVicar 109 (32) 77. Scratch Susan Burchard 81

Nine Hole Stableford 1 Janette McBride 33pts, 2 Pam Holmes 31pts.

Fixtures: Tuesday 21 May, St Elmo Cup (CCQ2).

Gents: Wednesday 1 May, Summer Cup, 41 played, CSS 67. 1 B Smith (12)63, 2 J Hartley (23)66 acb, 3 C O'Neill (18)66 There were five twos.

Sunday 5 May, No competition at Broddick.

Wednesday 8 May, Summer Cup, 28 played, CSS 67. 1 I Sillars (14)63, 2 N Hume (65), 3 F Sillars (1)67. There were 10 twos. Brian Smith got 2.

Sunday 12 May, Brandon, 12 played, CSS 67. 1 G Hendry (5)65, 2 T Raeside (9)68, 3 I Sillars (103)69. Scratch G Hendry 70. First Class Brandon G Hendry. Second Class Brandon I Sillars. There were five twos. Bruce Jenkins got two.

Fixtures: Sunday 19 May, Graham Putter (Greensomes). Draw at 12noon on Saturday 18 May. Sunday 26 May, Navy Shield, Stableford. Draw at 12noon on Saturday 25 May.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 1 May. An excellent turnout of 38 played in the second round of this year's Summer

Trophy, with the best six scores from each player to count for their overall total. CSS 64. 1 David Morrison (9)62, 2 Donnie Park (17)63 acb, 3 Ronnie Mann (11)63, 4 Dave Hackett (13)64. There were magic twos by Jamie Stewart, Danny Head and Nicol Auld, and scratch was won by Nicol Auld with 68.

Sunday 5 May, AGA Guy Spiers Spring Handicap. First class and scratch was won by Jamie Stewart with 60 and second class by Stephen Judge, who was also the overall winner of the Guy Spiers Trophy with 58. Ian Bremner won the over 55 prize.

Wednesday 8 May, 28 played in the third round of the Summer Trophy, CSS 63. 1 Ryan Armstrong (9)60, 2 Wolfi Kroner (15)63, 3 Jamie Stewart (5)64 acb, 4 John Dick (14)64. Nicol Auld won scratch with 67 and there were magic twos from David Brookens, Nicol Auld and Jamie MacPherson.

Fixtures: Sunday 19 May, McKelvie Cup, first round. (Club Championship Qualifier). Wednesday 22 May, Summer Trophy.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 1 May, Fleet 2, 11 played, CSS 66. 1 June Richardson 92-27=65, 2 Jackie Winship 100-30=70, 3 Elizabeth Sinclair 89-16=73, scratch Ellie Jones 87.

Friday 6 May, Josie Sanderson Island Stableford: 17 players from across the island turned up on a surprisingly dry evening to take part in the annual Josie Sanderson competition and eat the wonderful home-baking that is such a feature of this fixture. The cakes this year were accompanied by a free drink, courtesy of Jo Hastings who achieved a magnificent hole-in-one on the 5th. Well done Jo! Her excellent playing continued despite the excitement of this achievement, and Jo went on to win the competition

with a wonderful 41 points. Second was Jackie Winship with a magnificent 38 points and a long overdue handicap reduction. Third was Rachel Wren with 35 points. CSS was 64. Wednesday 8 May, Medal 2 and Ann Cook Tray, four 4 played (2 on the alternate day), CSS 64. 1 Catherine McAdam 83-21=62, 2 Clair Barclay 79-11=68, scratch Clair Barclay 79.

Fixtures: Lamlash Ladies nine hole competitions - Please be aware that, with immediate effect, there will now be a nine hole competition running alongside the normal Wednesday game, for any members who wish to take part.

Gents: Thursday 2 May, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Iain Murchie 65-5=60, 2 Douglas Macfarlane 64-1=63, 3 Alan Smith 74-8=66, 4 Stuart Campbell 72-6=66. Best Scratch D Macfarlane. Twos from Paul Jameson at the 11th, Iain Murchie at the 16th, Graeme Andrew at the 16th, Douglas Macfarlane at the 16th, Scott Campbell at the 17th and Jim Young at the 14th.

Seniors Medal, CSS 61. 1 Allan Martin 75-15=60, 2 Bill Paul 88-22=66.

Saturday 4 May, Club Championship Qualifier R1, CSS 65. 1 Douglas Macfarlane 66-1=65, 2 Ian Bremner 72-6=66, 3 Todd Jameson 70-4=66. Best Scratch D Macfarlane 66. Twos from Todd Jameson at the 2nd and Iain Murchie at the 2nd.

Lamlash Golf Club Results Thursday 9 May, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 W O'Connor 82-20=62, 2 Jim Young 75-13=62, 3 Douglas Macfarlane 64-1=63. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 64. One two from Lee Dutton at the 16th. Sunday 12 May, Club Championship Qualifying Round 2. 1 Paul Jameson 75-11=64, 2 Dougie Macfarlane 66-1=65, 3 Neil Young 72-5=67. Best Scratch D Macfarlane 66. One two from Neil Young at the 16th. Winner of Net Qualifiers Cup - Dougie Macfarlane total 130. Runner up - Paul Jameson - total 131.

Fixtures: Saturday 18 May, Club Championship Quarter Finals from 5pm. Sunday 19 May, Scratch Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Monday 20 May, Junior Medal, 5pm start. Tuesday 21 May, Club Championship semi finals from 5.30pm. Thursday 23 May, Summer Cup - make own arrangements.

### Arran Golfers Association

Guy Spiers Spring Handicap 2013 at Whiting Bay Golf Club.

This year's competition took place on Sunday 5 May at Whiting Bay Golf Club; conditions were breezy with a few showers for the early birds but settling down for the afternoon starters. Thanks to Whiting Bay for running the competition and the quality of the course, to John Pennycott for the scoring and sorting the sweep, also to John Simmons for the catering which was superb as usual and to Jamie behind the bar for keeping the golfers refreshed.

First Class: 1 Jamie Stewart 65 less 5, 60, 2 Ryan Armstrong 70 less 10, 60, 3 Corey Allan 71 less 10, 61. Second Class: 1 Stephen Judge 71 less 13, 58, 2 Donald Park 79 less 17, 62, 3 Sandy Pringle 76 less 13, 63. Best scratch Jamie Stewart with a superb 65. There were two magic twos from Pidgeon (3rd) and Corey (4th). JC Reid trophy for over 55s Iain Bremner net 65.

The best 16 scores qualify for the Thomson Cup, first round to be played by 19th May, if an agreement on course can't be reached



The winners of Shiskine Golf Club's Rock Plate were presented with their prize by past captain Liz Kerr - from left to right, Sally Brookes, Hamish Bannatyne and Sandy Kerr.

then the tie will be played at Whiting Bay, semi and finals will be played at Whiting Bay also.

Draw: 1 Donald Park v Wolfi Kroner, 2 Jamie Ainsworth v Gordon Provan, 3 Davy Morrison v Jimmy Morrison, 4 Iain Murchie v John Dick, 5 John Pennycott v Sandy Pringle, 6 Gus McLeod v Jamie Stewart, 7 Graham Andrew v Stephen Judge, 8 Ryan Armstrong v Iain Bremner. No redraw after each round, winner of 1 plays 2, 3 plays 4 etc.

Junior Medal 2013: This year's competition took place at Lamlash Golf Club on Monday 6 May, weather was great for a change and course looking great for the 13 boys who turned out; thanks to Lamlash GC for the chips and refreshments and to Holly and Stewart, also a big thanks to Stewart Smith and James Browning at Broddick Golf Club for the generous sponsoring of this year's prizes.

1 Michael Macfarlane 41 points, 2 Stephen Judge 36 points BIH, 3 Glen Mlotek 36 points. Scratch Stephen with a 73, winner of the trophy Michael Macfarlane.

Top eight qualify for the match-play, Draw:

Michael Macfarlane v Scott Macfarlane, Ryan Armstrong v Donald Park, Glen Mlotek v Dylan Smith, Stephen Judge v Matthew MacDonald, first round to be played by 12 May.

Friday 10 May, Senior Bowl at Corrie. First Match Machrie Bay v Whiting Bay, Whiting Bay won 6 and 4. Second match Lochranza v Broddick. With the first game all square Lochranza won the second game 1 up. Third Match Shiskine v Lamlash Shiskine won both games.

Fixtures: Seniors Bowl, semi finals night on Friday 15 May at 5pm. Corrie v Whiting Bay, Shiskine v Lochranza. Junior Match Play at Lamlash semi finals: Scott Macfarlane v Donald Park and Stephen Judge v Glen Mlotek, ties to be played by May 19. Final will be played on May 27 at 5pm.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 1 May Wednesday Medal, CSS 64. Sweep 1 R Burke 71-12=59, 2 E McKinnon 61+1=62, 3 P Bremner 70-6=64. Best scratch E McKinnon 61. Saturday 4 May First round Summer Cup. Sweep 1 A Napier 65-5=60, 2 D Logan 70-9=61, 3 J Adams 69-7=62. Best scratch A Napier 65. Magic twos J Adams, A Na-

pier, E Cannon.

Wednesday 8 May, 9 played, CSS 62. 1 P Bremner 67-6=61, 2 R Burke 76-12=64, 3 M Elliot 72-13=64. Saturday 11 May, first round of club championship, sweep, 15 played. 1 P Bremner 69-6=63, 2 M Elliot 77-13=64 BIH, 3 B Sherwood 73-9=64. Best Scratch P Bremner 69. Magic twos from P Bremner and D Logan.

Fixtures AGA Seniors Bowl, semi final 17 May 5pm, final 24 May 5pm. Saturday 18 May, Club Championship second round qualifying. Monday 20 May day out to Carradale, 8.15am boat from Lochranza.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 30 April, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Mike Hesp 68, 2 Mary Wilkinson 70, 3 Brian Sherwood 71 BIH. Scratch Hamish Bannatyne 76. Saturday 4 May, Fun Open and Hugh Steel Cup.

Ladies: 1 Joyce Wright 35, 2 Alison Burnett 36. Best Scratch Elizabeth Ross 47.

Gents: 1 Mike Hesp 30, 2 Brian Sherwood 31. Best Scratch Brian Sherwood 35.

Ladies nearest the pin at the 5th: Sally Brooks. Longest drive at the 6th: Sally Brooks. Gents longest drive at the 7th: Richard Wright. Twos from Mike Hesp.

Thanks to Claire and her staff in the tearoom, Elizabeth Ross and to all those who donated prizes and raffle prizes.

Tuesday 7 May, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 67 BIH, 2 Willie Kelso 67, 3 Sally Brooks 69. Scratch Hamish Bannatyne 72.



The Shiskine ladies Rock Plate winners for 2013 are Sally Brookes and Kema Genda.

Fixtures: Tuesday 21 May, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off 12.30/5.30pm.

### Lochranza Golf Course

Nigel Wells at Lochranza Golf Course is giving 20 percent off day and round tickets to all Arran club members, (proof of membership may be needed).

### Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 12 May, 12 hole Medal. 1 J Faulkner 47-5=42, 2 W Paton 49-4=45, 3 R Crawford 51-4=47. Scratch J Faulkner 47. Magic twos J Faulkner and B Paton. Ladies Rock Plate, 19 played. 1 Sally Brookes 29pts, 2 Sylvia Money 24pts BIH, 3 Susie Murchie 24pts. Gents Rock Plate, 9 played. 1 Quintin Oliver 22pts, 2 Sandy Kerr 21pts.

The ladies and gents winning pairs for the Rock Plate were randomly drawn out of a hat. The ladies winning pair were Sally Brookes and Kema Genda with a total of 50 points. Gents winners were Hamish Bannatyne and Sandy Kerr with a total of 41 points. Kema played at lunchtime and therefore was not there at the presentation in the evening.

Thursday 9 May, Ladies Club Championship Qualifier Round 1, 13 Played Reductions Only. Silver: 1 Alice Anderson 89-16=73, 2 and Scratch Kema Genda 87-13=74. Bronze: 1 Esther Henderson 114-35=79, 2 Sally Brooks 102-23=79 BIH.

Fixtures: Sunday 19 May, Gents 18 Hole Medal, 3pm tee-off. Thursday 23 May, Ladies Club Championship Qualifying, 1pm and 5.30pm tee-times.

## Arran boys compete in Ayrshire Sevens



The Arran team competing at the Ayrshire Rugby Sevens. b20rug01no

Last week ten Arran High School pupils, trained and accompanied by senior pupil Robbie Bayne, travelled to the Ayrshire Rugby Sevens Competition, held annually at Irvine Rugby Club.

Although the group consisted of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year boys they were put into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year section, which didn't help the cause.

In the first competitive game that they had ever played together, they were outplayed by eventual finalists Cumnock.

The team fared much better in the second match, dispatching Grange B with relative ease.

The final match came too soon and the boys were narrowly beaten by St. Margaret's.

Tries were scored by Lee Smith (3), Cameron Ross-Bain (2), Euan Raines (2) and John Mulholland with one.

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# Football cup final beckons for Lamlash and Southend



**Brodick's Iain Keen and Southend's Ryan Armstrong tussle for the ball.** 01\_b20ba101

Lamlash and Brodick will go head to head this Saturday in the final of the Arran Haulage Cup after victories in the semi-finals on Monday night.

League champions Brodick took on the reigning cup champions but both teams were missing notable players.

Among those left on the sidelines were last season's top goal scorer Archie McNicol due to a broken wrist and Southend's talisman Nick Emsley.

The first half remained goalless with Brodick's defence proving too hard for Southend to break through.

However straight after the restart the ball fell to Frazer



**Brodick were outplayed by Southend.** 01\_b20ba102

Barr's chest from about 30 yards and he volleyed it over Gordon Hendry into the goal - already a contender for goal of the season.

Five minutes later Ryan Armstrong took the visitors further ahead.

### Midfield

Brodick then pushed Kyle Barbour up into midfield and he turned provider for John Drummond to make the score 2-1.

With Brodick upping the pressure and pushing forward they were caught on the counter attack and Donnie Park made it 3-1.

Lewis Kennedy then added another one giving Southend a good cushion heading into the last 15 minutes.

Brodick brought Archie on and he was brought down by Southend goalie Corey Allen.

Archie struck the penalty convincingly but Southend held on to progress to the final. Man of the match, which was chosen by the referee Alan Johnson, was Danny Head.

Meanwhile in Lochranza, Northend took on Lamlash in the second semi-final which saw the visitors progress to the final with a 6-2 win.

Northend's scorers were Andy Mac and Giazude Simonas.

Grant Adamson scored an incredible four goals for Lamlash and Johnny Sloss and Martin Ross got one each.

Referee John Murchie gave the man of the match to Grant Adamson. The cup final takes place this Saturday in Lamlash at 3pm and the first league games of the season will be played on Monday night as Northend play Brodick and Shiskine take on Lamlash, both at 7pm.

## Rugby players recognised

Arran Rugby Club celebrated the end of another successful season on Saturday night with their annual prize giving and dinner.

The club's members gathered at the Drift Inn and voted on who should receive the prizes for 2013.

This year player of the season went to Jamie Picken and the club voted Liam Boal as Young Player of the Year with Most Improved player's trophy going to Scott Currie.

A special award recognising the person who has done the most for the club this year went to Stuart McMaster.

There were also a number of nominations for the arse of year!

### Regaled

The speaker for the evening was Chris Marriott who regaled the audience with anecdotes about specific club members whilst fondly remembering his time playing for the club.



**The rugby club's prize-winners pictured with president Murray Boal.**

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