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# Brian is Commonwealth Games legacy winner

**REPORT**  
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Inspirational local junior football coach Brian Smith has been chosen as the winner of The Banner's Commonwealth Games legacy competition. Brian got the majority of the vote by our panel of judges which included Susie Wolff, development driver for the Williams Formula One team from Oban, Jeremy Vickers - a Fort William power lifter who will represent Scotland in the British and European Strongest man competition, and Susan Partridge from Oban who will be running in the games marathon this year. As well as two tickets to the games in Glasgow, The Arran Banner is also giving Brian £50 towards his travel expenses. The football coach from Brodick was nominated by his colleague Angus Raeburn, who has recently left the island to live in Canada. Angus said: 'Brian has been involved with the club since

his own children could kick a ball and has organised training with up to the minute training techniques as well as getting the children involved in creating team spirit. 'He has also played football on Arran for more than 45 years with Brodick, Northend and the Over 30s going on to be chairman of the Arran Football Association and a committee member of the Arran Sports Association.' He added: 'Brian has helped young Arran players go on to play with mainland clubs too. 'Recently one girl has won a scholarship to play in America, so you can see from this the effect Brian has had on these children. 'I work with Brian and know what junior football means to him and it would be fantastic to see him get some sort of recognition for all these years of dedication.' When The Banner presented Brian with his prize on Monday night at junior football training he was characteristically modest about his achievements but said he was delighted to have won.



Coach Brian Smith is pictured with his junior footballers at training on Monday night. 20\_b20bri02

## Plan for Lamlash pub to be turned into flats

The Pierhead Tavern will be open for business this summer, but it could be for the last time. Owners Punch Taverns has submitted a planning application to turn the Lamlash pub into flats. However, while the planning process is considered the Shore Road pub will continue to be operated on a temporary basis by the Arran Brewery. And boss Gerald Michaluk has promised it will be fully open for summer business within the next couple of weeks. The brewery took over the pub last November after it was in danger of being shut down for good by Punch Taverns and after the festive season has op-

erated with evening weekend opening hours. Now the brewery is ready to open for a full summer season once the last of the food preparation equipment is installed. Mr Michaluk said: 'All the equipment is in place. All we are waiting for is the electrical work to be completed. Once we can serve food, the bar will be open for full service.' However, it is still operating on a temporary basis with the pub still up for sale and the new planning application for housing. Punch has applied to North Ayrshire Council to convert the pub into three, two-bedroomed flats while also retain-

ing the two upstairs, making five in total. There would not be any major structural alterations to the building. Neighbour notification notices have gone out in the last few days and the application is under consideration by planning officials. Mr Michaluk has not ruled out buying the premises but believes that, rather than turning a going concern into flats, the best solution would be to find a tenant to take over the running of the pub. A Punch Taverns spokeswoman said: 'We can confirm that a planning application has been submitted to determine whether the pub has the potential for conversion. We are currently speaking with interested parties.'

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### New bowling club pavilion

A bowling club has been given planning permission to erect a new pavilion.

Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club can now go ahead with the construction of the new covered seating area for players and spectators along with two storage sheds.

It will replace the existing wooden structures at the club's green.

North Ayrshire Council planning officials approved the development without any additional conditions being imposed.

### Man rescued from Goatfell

Arran Mountain Rescue was called out last Thursday afternoon after reports that a man had found himself in difficulty on Goatfell.

Team members located the un-injured walker and accompanied him off the hill to safety.

# End the parking free for all at ferry terminal

There has been a demand for action over indiscriminate parking at the Brodick Ferry Terminal.

One problem, which has been raised at Arran Community Council, is that drivers are blatantly disregarding signs at the short term car park which limits their stay to half an hour.

They also say the two disabled spaces are being regularly abused as they are not clearly enough marked, despite yellow wheelchair markings on the ground.

Last week a car sat in the short stay car park for days with its back wheel removed and its axle propped up on a slab of concrete. It has now been removed.

There is also concern at the increasing use by the public of parking around the bus terminus, where Caledonian MacBrayne staff are already thought to park.



A car was left for days in the short stay car park last week with its wheel missing. 20\_b20car01

But the problem of policing the car parks is exacerbated by the fact that they are on private land owned by pier owners Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) which shares responsibility with CalMac.

CMAL recently carried out localised surface repairs and repainted the white lining in the car park.

The community council meeting heard it was well known that people left their

cars at the short stay car park and went away for the day or longer. It means that genuine short term users are forced to stop on the double yellow lines to drop off passengers.

Members agreed they should make a request for new signposts for the disabled parking bays and asked that local police officers be vigilant at the pier.

Chairman John Inglis added: 'I think we should also be reminding visitors that they can't

just park where they wish.'

A CalMac spokesman said: 'Car parking at Brodick, and especially the use of the short stay car park, has always been an issue. Our port staff's main responsibility is for the safe management of the car lanes and we rely on car users to behave responsibly and not abuse the rules about short term stays.

'We would expect many of these issues to be addressed when the new terminal is

complete but, in the meantime, we would be happy to meet with relevant parties to see what alternative solutions might be found.'

He added: 'As ever it is the minority who spoil it for the majority and we would urge anyone who is using these spaces to think about the impact their behaviour is having on others.'

Police on the island said they were aware of the issue and were looking into it.

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# Independence debate scheduled for June

Arran's first full public debate on the independence question is to take place next month and will involve speakers with local connections putting across their arguments for both sides.

Gerald Michaluk of Arran Brewery will present the Scottish Conservative Party 'Better Together' position, alongside North Ayrshire Councillor and COSLA president David O'Neil representing Scottish Labour.

The 'YES Scotland' argument will be made by a member of Arran Women for Independence, and a young

person from the Radical Independence Campaign - their names have yet to be confirmed.

Each speaker will start by outlining their case with a short speech.

The audience will then get an opportunity to ask questions and express viewpoints and it is hoped that those who are still undecided about how they will vote on 18 September, will be helped to make their minds up.

The debate is hosted by North Ayrshire UNISON, a trade union with members on the island.

UNISON has no official position on the referendum question and has instead decided to promote widespread debate, particularly around issues concerning public sector jobs and services.

### Service cuts

Chairman Colin Turbett said: 'We know that our own council intends making massive cuts in services that have only been delayed this year due to the referendum and we want to know what difference a vote one way or another will make.'

'We also want to know what hope there is for reducing

widening inequalities in society and rolling back growing youth unemployment and despair.

'The main Westminster parties seem committed to Trident Missile replacement and the same type of foreign policies, so could this all change with independence - these are just some of the things of interest to us as a trade union.'

The Isle of Arran Independence Referendum Debate will take place on Friday 6 June at 7.30pm in the Community Theatre at Arran High School in Lamlash.

# Runners snap up chance to take on Goatfell challenge

Dozens of runners will take on the challenge of the gruelling Goatfell Race which takes place today (Saturday).

With the weather forecast to be dry and bright organisers are hoping to tempt locals to join the 150 mainland runners already signed up, with places sold out for some time.

More than 200 runners took on the challenge of the arduous eight miles to the top of Goatfell and back last year, when the race was part of the Scottish Hill Runners Championship.

Starting at 12noon at the Ormidale Park in Brodick, the race is a popular multi-terrain classic, with one and a half miles of tarmac road at either end, then varying to forest track, mountain paths, and the final scramble over granite boulders to the summit and back. Locals, as always, can enter on the day at the sports pavilion, from 10.30am. Iain Keen and Michael Jackson are two locals running for charity, and should get plenty of support. Last year's

winner was Finlay Wild of Lochaber Athletic Club, one of Scotland's top hill runners, who came in a half mile ahead of the field in a time of 1h 15m 56s. The record is held by Andy Peace in 1994 in a time of 1h 13m 40s, albeit on a slightly shorter course. The ladies' record is held by Dr Angela Mudge in a time of 1h 26m 21s in 2001. Both runners have represented Britain internationally.

As usual Isle of Arran Pipe Band, under the direction of pipe major Malcolm Wheeler, will provide musical entertainment during the afternoon.

Between the runners leaving and returning, a 'not too serious' dog show, a welly boot throwing competition, and children's races, will be organised by Brodick Improvement Association with its usual chutzpah and enthusiasm.

Organiser Tommy Gilmore said: 'The weather forecast looks favourable so it should be a good day.'



## Relatives gather at pier to remember HMS Vandal

Relatives of the men who lost their lives on board the submarine *HMS Vandal* gathered at Lochranza Pier on Saturday for the annual memorial service. The U-class submarine sank in the Kilbrannan Sound on February 24 1943 with the loss of all her crew on board. The sinking of *HMS Vandal* went relatively uncommemorated until 1997 when the Submariners Association had a memorial erected beside the ferry slip in Lochranza. 20\_b20van01

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# Leading designer to transform castle's historic walled garden

One of the world's leading landscape garden designers has been hired to help transform Brodick Castle gardens into a 21st century masterpiece.

Brighton-based Andy Sturgeon was recently commissioned to design three unique roof gardens on top of London's iconic Battersea Power Station in the biggest urban landscape in Britain.

Now at the opposite end of the scale he will weave his magic in the lush rural setting of the sprawling castle gardens on Arran.

And he admitted the two projects could not be more different. 'One is for private roof gardens in the middle of the city where the plants won't even touch the ground, the other is for a historic public garden on an iconic Scottish island,' he said.

Mr Sturgeon beat all-comers in an international competition to come up with a new concept design for the gardens. It will be the first major redesign of the gardens since the National Trust for Scotland first opened them to the public in 1958 after the estate

was acquired. And while his main focus will be the walled garden he will consider it within the setting of the wider castle grounds.

The celebrated garden designer, who has been listed among the top 10 in Britain, said he jumped at the chance to work in the Brodick gardens, which he knew from a tour of west coast gardens he undertook several years ago.

He said: 'Lots of competitions come into us but there wasn't the slightest hesitation that we wanted to pitch for work at Brodick Castle.'

It will be a daunting task to merge the history and tradition of the gardens with 21st century designs.

With a history dating back more than 300 years since the upper walled garden was created in 1710, Mr Sturgeon will have his work cut out.

Much of the structured and ornamental garden design today still owes much to the skill and vision of the Duchess of Montrose in the first half of the 20th century and Mr Sturgeon admitted it was a 'massive challenge'.

He said: 'We have to respect

the existing magic of the castle and the grounds but at the same time, like all gardens, there needs to be progress to develop a living garden.'

'We have to find a way to be sensitive to the past yet exciting for the future.'

Mr Sturgeon said, on his second visit to the island to develop the project, that he was still at the fact-finding stage and formulating the brief which he hopes everyone with an interest in the gardens will get behind.

Mr Sturgeon is known for his innovative planting but asked by The Banner if he would bring this to Arran he replied: 'Brodick has always had a history of innovative planting. The gardeners here have always been at the forefront of modern thinking in planting and design.'

But he is in no doubt there will be change.

While Mr Sturgeon is keeping one eye on the history of the gardens he also wants to bring in some contemporary aspects to the new design.

He said: 'The challenge is to bring aspects of the garden into the 21st century while retaining some of the emotional attachments people have to the existing gardens.'

And Mr Sturgeon will have to work round some of the listed aspects of the upper walled garden including some of the terraces and steps.

A design brief for the work should be complete within two months with the 'first phase' due for completion by June 2015.

Mr Sturgeon will have no direct involvement with the award-winning rhododen-



Andy Sturgeon, right, and his assistant David Ravenscroft outside Brodick Castle with the gardens behind them. 20\_b20andy03

dron collections in the garden during the work.

But he said: 'They are such a significant element of the garden that they have to be taken into account even if it is considering paths into the walled garden.'

His previous commissions include large country estates, public spaces and unique rooftop gardens throughout the UK. Internationally, he

has worked on projects in Asia, Russia, Europe and the Middle East. He recently designed a show garden for South Korea's first garden festival - the Suncheon Bay Garden Expo.

He has won numerous awards at the internationally renowned RHS Chelsea Flower Show, including six gold medals and the coveted 'Best in Show' award. He is

also a published author, journalist and broadcaster.

Signature project leader Jonathan Bryant said: 'It is great to have someone of Andy Sturgeon's stature on board. The project so far has been all about broad brush strokes, now we are getting down to the detail of specific projects and trying to raise the money to make them happen.'



Gardeners David Ravenscroft, Andy Sturgeon and the castle's own Jens Neilson view the gardens from the dining room. 20\_b20andy02

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# Belles get to grips with bike maintenance class

Members of the Arran Belles on Bikes proved they are not afraid to get their hands dirty when it comes to those oily problems of punctures and broken chains.

A special bike maintenance and roadside fixes session was held last week at Lamlash fire station, where the ladies-only bike group got to grips with those awkward jobs.

The session was conducted by keen cyclist and Arran Belles supporter Gerard Tattersfield and attracted a strong turnout of 10 members of the group, who took their bikes to bits under his direction.

Belles organiser Janice Small said: 'We have been trying to organise a maintenance class for a while and we are grateful to Gerard for his help.'

'Some of the ladies don't even carry puncture repair kits so I thought it was important everyone has some basic practical knowledge of their bikes.'

The Belles have gone from strength to strength since they were formed in April last year in a bid to get more women cycling.

It was set up with the motto: 'not far, not fast, no pressure' and began when Janice and four others cycled from Brod-



Gerard talks members through a wheel change. 20\_b20bike04

ick to Corrie and back.

Since then members have gradually increased their distances and this week five of the group cycled from Brodick over the String Road round Machrie and back. And the ladies regularly tackle the Boguille and the Ross Road.

#### Planning

In a new venture, the ladies

also now travel away once a month and have been to Cumbrae, Largs and Troon and are planning a five ferries trip in August with an overnight stay in Tighnabruaich.

Members are also competing in the second Cycletta in Perthshire in October.

However, Janice still wants to get more women involved

and has started a new group for beginners.

She said: 'The Belles have helped women's cycling on Arran become very healthy. Friendships have been formed and ladies are going out independently. Three members have even brought new bikes.'

Another maintenance night is planned for later in the year following the success of last week's event.

The new group meets on Thursday at 11am at the Ormisdale Pavilion. The main group meets on Tuesday at 10.30am and Thursday at 5.30pm at various start locations around the island.



Gerard Tattersfield gives the Belles a maintenance lesson. 20\_b20bike01



Shona Hume having trouble with her brakes. 20\_b20bike03

## Successful Easter exhibition for AVA

Arran Visual Arts (AVA) held another very successful Easter exhibition last month which sold more than £1,000 worth of artworks.

The 162 exhibits by 46 artists were exhibited in Arran High School. Jan Macgregor, AVA chairman, said: 'We had 450 visitors over the week, which was less than 2012, but the sunshine kept people outdoors and 2012 was our first exhibition in the High School venue, so perhaps there was a curiosity factor.'

Three-hundred and sixty-five people voted for their favourite piece and here is the top ten: 1 Wendy Kilroe with Winter Light 27 votes, 2 Patsy Keen with Portrait Laughter 16 votes, 3 Phil Holmes with North Sannox Burn 14 votes, 4 Jennifer Williams with Moonlight on Fallen Stones with 11 votes, 5, 6 and 7 = Angela Brooken's Arran Sunset from Ardrossan with 10 votes, Jane Nichol's preparing for Winter with 10 votes and Phil Holmes' Indigo Peaks with 10 votes, 8 Bobbi Adamson's 'JUMP' with 9 votes, 9 Rodger McDowall's The Old Man of Lagg with 8 votes, 10 Elizabeth Ross's 'Mouse Hall' with 8 votes.

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# Brewery bids to buy new distillery after Rosebank plan scrapped

The Arran Brewery expects to hear in weeks if its bid to take over Scotland's most southerly distillery is to be taken any further.

The brewery and its investor partners are among several groups trying to acquire Bladnoch Distillery near Wigtown, which went into liquidation in March.

The move comes after the brewery scrapped its bid to buy the former Rosebank Distillery in Falkirk.

But it is proceeding with plans to expand its brewery on Arran, launch a new brewery on Loch Earn in Perthshire and acquire a third at a location still to be disclosed.

The firm is also aiming to launch a sake brewery in a former primary school in Dregthorn, North Ayrshire.

It abandoned its bid to purchase the Rosebank site when Falkirk Council decided to classify the site as 'abandoned'. This was despite getting the offer of a £500,000 grant from Scottish Heritage and a likely grant from the lottery commission.

Managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'We were extremely disappointed at the council's decision in Falkirk to classify the site as abandoned. However, our investor partners are willing to support us in the purchase of Bladnoch Distillery.

'We will know in the next few weeks whether our bid is going to be taken any further.'

Administrators Ernst and Young said there had been 'significant interest' in the Galloway distillery.

Meanwhile, Arran Brewery has raised £160,000 from the first round of its funding exercise aimed at raising £4 million. It means that 0.2 per cent of the company has been sold valuing it on paper, at least, at £80m.

All the Arran Brewery's staff, eligible to purchase shares, did so showing internal support for the company's plan is very strong. The second round of the exercise will be in August.

However, Mr Michaluk said that half of the £4m it had earmarked to raise was for the Rosebank project, so the company did not need to raise as much money as originally planned. He added: 'We are upgrading the brewery on Arran as well as being fully funded for phase one of the Loch Earn Development and to enter international markets.'

Two new brands of Arran beer are being launched this year - 'The King's Cave' named after the cave at Machrie and 'Ben Vorlich', inspired by the mountain near the new Loch Earn brewery in Perthshire.



Visitors study the advice available at the information day. 20\_b20hear01



Above: Donna McSwiggan at the Action on Hearing Loss stall. 20\_b20hear02



Left: Joanne Reilly gives advice at the RNIB stand. 20\_b20hear03

# Sensory advice day proves a big success

A successful advice day was held last week by Ayrshire Local Integrated Sensory Services.

The event, at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick, was aimed at anyone with a sight or hearing loss, their families, carers and friends or professionals with an interest in sensory impairment.

During the day a steady stream of visitors viewed the various information stalls, heard about local services and looked at equipment that can support people with sight or hearing loss.

As well as various council services, North Ayrshire Citizens Advice, Arran CV0, Home Energy Scotland, Citrus Energy and the fire service were also represented on the day.

### Delighted

Donna McSwiggan, of Action on Hearing Loss Scotland, which organised the event with the RNIB, said: 'We were delighted with the number of people who turned up at the event and the support we got from local organisations.'

'This gave us the chance to meet people from across Arran to tell them about the services on offer to support them. People with sensory loss often feel isolated and we want them to know that there is local support and information on the island to help them meet the challenges they face in their day to day lives.'

Joanne Reilly, of RNIB Scotland added: 'We appreciate that people can find it difficult to get to the mainland, so we were delighted to be able to bring equipment and information to them.'

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## Mountain Festival to host action adventure film and curry night

Some of the best action and adventure films from around the world will be shown at Altachorvie Island Retreat, Shore Road, Lamblash on Saturday 17 May, as a part of the annual Arran Mountain Festival.

The films, selected from the 'Craghoppers Best of Kendal Film Tour 2014', range from short emotional documentaries to high octane thrillers.

The films showing at the Festival are 'Cascada', 'The Beinn Ghlas Project', 'Cave Unicycling', 'Murakaza', 'The Sensei', and 'A Long Way'.

Doors open at 7pm and the films will start at 7.30pm.

During the interval, film-goers will be able to enjoy home-made curry before being transported back into high action drama.

The film and curry night is being generously supported by Altachorvie Island Retreat in Lamblash.

Tickets will be available on the door, however, the evening is predicted to be a busy one, so do get tickets in advance from Arran Active, Cladach.

The Arran Mountain Festival is a community-run event, organised by a committee of volunteers and only made possible by dedicated volunteer walk leaders donating their time and expertise enabling locals and visitors alike to explore Arran's fantastic mountains.

For last minute walk bookings please check the website [www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk](http://www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk) for availability.

## Jan is cookware competition winner

Jan Anderson from Machrie is the winner of the Arran Banner/Wyvex Media's recent Delimano six-piece cookware competition.

The competition proved very popular with our readers and Jan successfully answered the question: complete the name of this famous TV chef - Jamie \_\_\_\_\_?

a) Oliver b) Ramsay c) Blanc. It was of course Jamie Oliver.

Congratulations to Jan who won a six-piece cookware set, courtesy of Delimano Cookware, including one small frying pan, one large frying pan, one cooking pot, saucepan and two glass lids.

# Baden-Powell prize for Shiskine Guide



**Katie Murchie, left, is presented with her Baden-Powell award by Guide leader Mairi Duff.**

Katie Murchie of 1st Shiskine Guides is celebrating after receiving - rather belatedly - the highest accolade for Girl Guides, the Baden-Powell Challenge Award.

Katie had to complete a variety of challenges that included organising a Hallowe'en party that was shared with the Brownies and Rainbows, completing a variety of badges, holding an International evening with her Patrol for the whole unit to enjoy and much more.

One of the highlights was the unit travelling to Glasgow last year to attend The Tartan Gig - a pop concert for 2,500 screaming Girl Guides.

As Katie was nearing the end of her Baden-Powell she also attended a special adventure overnight in Kilmarnock - no mean feat as she was going to somewhere she did not

know and was meeting girls for the very first time.

To celebrate receiving her award Katie decided to have a hair and nail night on Tuesday 6 May and the Guides were delighted to welcome Alice Anderson who came along and did some hair curling with a super gadget as well as bringing along lots of things to do with nails.

### Commended

Mairi Duff, Guide leader and division commander, said: 'In this day and age it is to be commended when young people 'stick at something' and show a commitment. It is only right that it is recognised, especially when it is not necessarily 'cool' to admit you are involved in Guiding.

'So well done Katie and congratulations from the whole unit.'

**Shiskine Guides enjoyed a hair and nail night to celebrate Katie Murchie's Baden-Powell award.**

## Successful sale for Arran's farmers

United Auctions in Stirling had forward 2,316 store cattle, 191 cast cows and bulls, 266 hoggs and ewes with lambs at foot, and 3,484 prime spring lambs, hoggs, and cast ewes.

### Cattle

Heifers: Hillhead (Simmental) £765, 179p/kg; Hillhead (Aberdeen Angus) £760, 197p/kg; Bloomfield (Saler) £500, 214p/kg.

Bullocks: Bloomfield (Saler) £670, 232p/kg.

Cows: Springfield (Limousin) £695 125p/kg; Hillhead (Limousin) £775, 134p/kg.

### Sheep:

Mule gimmers with single lambs £147 Craigraineach.

Hoggs: Glenkiln (Cheviot) £70.

Ewes: Burican (Texel) £96.50; Kilpatrick (Texel) £87.50; Glenkiln (Texel) £77.50; Auchenhew (Mule) £76.50; Sheddock (Mule) £72.50; Bellvue £70.50; Craigraineach (Suffolk) £96.50; Glenkiln (Black Face) £66.50; Craigraineach (Black Face) £58.50; Sheddock (Black Face) £56.50.

Tups: North Sannox (Black Face) £71.50.

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## Short-term parking has become a long-term inconvenience

Haphazard and indiscriminate parking at the Brodick Ferry Terminal has long been a problem.

Drivers are blatantly disregarding signs at the short term car park which limits their stay to half an hour - sometimes vehicles are left for weeks at a time.

There is also a problem with the disabled spaces being abused as the two spaces are not clearly marked.

Last week a car was spotted parked in the short stay car park for days with its back tyre removed and its wheel axle propped on a slab of concrete.

There is also concern at the increasing use by the public parking around the bus terminus, where CalMac staff are thought to park.

The lack of suitable parking at the pier has long been a problem.

There aren't enough spaces at the Tourist Information Office for people to leave their cars there when they use the ferry - and yet people do, often leaving the vehicles there for days not just hours.

Sadly when the new double yellow lines are finally installed along Market Road it is going to be even worse.

Throughout the summer it can also be difficult to find a space along the seafront in Brodick.

Cars are often abandoned in the car park outside The Banner office much to the chagrin of The Douglas Centre customers and those that work here.

Double yellow lines in the centre of Brodick have made the village much safer to navigate for drivers and pedestrians but it has limited the amount of parking available.

Increasing number of visitors are bringing their cars to the island for holidays and there have certainly been more campervans on the roads over the past few weeks. With the introduction of RET in September it is inevitable that there will be more vehicles here than ever before.

The plans for the new Brodick Pier Terminal do incorporate much-needed car parks and drop-off areas.

But throughout the year-long construction process it is likely that the pier parking situation is going to go from bad to worse.

So next time you find it convenient to park in the short-term car park while in a hurry to catch the boat, think about the long-term inconvenience you may be causing to other drivers.

### 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



### Beautiful hedges

Sir,  
After the dreadful way in which the Arran hedgerows were butchered last year, I wish to compliment the people responsible for this year's trim.

In my opinion, the hedgerows at the moment are an absolute picture, perfectly even and a riot of colour and to drive around our lovely island is an absolute joy, despite road closures and pot holes!

Yours,  
Kate Hesp  
Slidery

### Says it all

Sir,  
Comment passed by a recent visitor on the state of Brodick Beach and Fisherman's Walk: 'The Cladach end - well that's nature. The village end - that's vandalism!'

Says it all really don't you think?

Yours,  
Helen Knight  
Glen Road  
Brodick

### Missing photograph

Sir,  
I bought a book from ArCaS recently and inside it was a wedding photograph of four handsome men in kilts.

I would very much like to be able to return it to its owner.

Please telephone 860784 if it belongs to you,  
Yours,  
Audrey Allan  
Blackwaterfoot

### Zero tolerance to pupil violence

Sir,  
The very sad death of Ann McGuire, while the first incident of this type in a UK classroom, is I believe a wakeup call to head teachers and education authorities.

When last month I saw the statistics quoted for almost 400 incidents annually of violence and aggression in North Ayrshire schools I was concerned that there was potential for a really serious incident.

In the last three years 800 pupils have been caught with weapons and police attend-

ed almost 11,000 incidents in Scottish schools! - while in the last year only 1 incident was reported to police in the whole of last year in North Ayrshire Schools - are our children so well behaved?

From my experience I believe that there is massive under-reporting of these figures.

As a former member of the Scottish Teachers Association, I agree with their comment that many 'councils and head teachers do not want adverse publicity and teachers report they are put off complaining by those who want to protect the reputation of the school rather than the safety of the staff'.

In my view safety of staff is, as we have now seen, paramount.

There must be a zero tolerance attitude to pupils who bring weapons to school - with pupils being instantly removed to another school.

For pupils who assault staff there must be a similarly swift action to remove the pupil for a suitable time - unlike what happened recently in South Ayrshire when a pupil left a member of staff with broken ribs, the pupil returned to the school the next day.

Yours,  
Cllr Tom Marshall  
North Coast and  
Cumbraes  
North Ayrshire Council

### Island poem

Sir,  
This lovely wee poem was written by my friend's late father, Adam Humphries Senior, and I thought it might be appreciated by my island neighbours.

*There's something in the Arran air  
Or isn't the folks that's living there  
That gars us aye gang back again  
In spite o' mist and drizzling rain.  
'Is it Brodick wi' its castle brow  
Sae snug and bein' mang birk and shaw  
Or the towerin' hills and lofty bens  
Deep scarred wi' wild and rugged glens  
'There's Whiting Bay wi' its*

*bracing air*

*The Holy Isle sae bleak and bare*

*Where hermit cheils the lee lang day*

*Done nocht but meditate and prey*

*'Lamlash secure frae wind and sea*

*Is unco pleasant to the e'e*

*While Corrie, Sannox, Pirmill*

*Are grand for folk wi' nervous ill*

*'Kildonan hamely clean*

*and sweet*

*Has aye the waves aroon her feet*

*And Lagg deep sheltered in the vale*

*Leg weary travellers glad-some hail*

*'Lochranza, Dougrie,*

*Thundergay,*

*Will sooth and chase your cares away*

*But I maun soon 'a warnin' note,*

*To Arran's Isle aye tak'yer coat'*

Yours,

Carol King  
Kildonan

### Majority win

Sir,  
Regarding last week's article on Arran's youngsters engaging in the independence debate I would suggest a majority of nine to six constitutes more than a 'narrow win' for 'yes'.

Even playing by the same convoluted rules as in the last referendum ('don't know' counts as 'no') it's still a majority for 'yes'.

Yours  
Andy Surridge  
Whiting Bay

### We were ignored

Sir,  
I refer to the recent closure of the String Road.

How much easier life would have been if Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) had given a little thought to the shuttle service running from Balmichael to Blackwaterfoot. The morning shuttle missed the north end bus by six minutes.

This was the same situation during the previous closure and I assume will be the same for the next.

Numerous telephone calls

to SPT, local councillors, the bus ombudsman and a letter to the Minister for Transport over at Holyrood accomplished nothing.

Indeed we were all ignored. Anyone thinking of voting 'yes' in the forthcoming referendum should realise that Edinburgh seems to be as far from the island as London.

Next time I'll try Santa Claus.

Yours,  
Pat King  
Shiskine

### Croft remembered

Sir,  
In the article on the Arran Outdoor Centre last week it was important that it highlighted the hard work put in by Nigel Marshall in the years when it was a struggle to convince local authorities that there was much to be gained from residential outdoor educational experiences.

However, it is slightly inaccurate to say that Nigel was instrumental in setting up the Croft.

The person who had the vision to start local authority outdoor education on Arran was Alastair Aitkenhead, advisor in physical education for Ayrshire.

He and a number of teachers from Ayrshire, John Shaw and Robert Stevenson to name but two, built North High Corrie Croft from a shell to a working centre which opened for pupils in August 1971.

The first principal was John Orr who was in post until 1975. He was succeeded by David Butcher and then Alistair Pratt.

There is no doubt that without Nigel's commitment and dedication to outdoor education through the difficult years after the closure of the Croft, the young people of North Ayrshire would not have the wonderful facility they have now.

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# Trust trip takes in new village

Last Sunday, a group of members and friends of Arran Civic Trust enjoyed a most interesting visit to the new village of Knockroon, which is a development on the Dumfries House estate near Cumnock, and Auchinleck House, the host of the Boswell Book Festival.

At Knockroon, new houses

are being built in the style of traditional Scottish houses of the 18th and 19th centuries, maintaining a traditional exterior but internally with all mod cons.

Most of the party were extremely impressed with these new homes, particularly that there was no mono building and each phase of the devel-



Some of the Arran visitors being shown round Knockroon.



Trust members in the library at Auchinleck House.

opment contains a deliberately mixed style of housing.

The interesting thing to many was that these houses, though individually designed and built, are not more expensive than a more conventional modern house. Food for thought.

Also at Knockroon, visitors can see an example of what is known as The Wee House

– homes designed by a company on which are timber clad with corrugated steel roofs, well insulated and beautifully fitted inside.

#### Modest price

The beauty of these interesting buildings is that they can be transported and built for a very modest price, anywhere that there is planning permission. An impressive idea.

The group then moved on to Auchinleck House where they enjoyed lunch, an interesting tour of James Boswell's Georgian home and a talk by broadcaster and writer James Naughtie on his first novel, the political thriller 'The Madness of July'.

One member said: 'All in all it was a fascinating, varied and enjoyable day.'

## Free dementia training

An awareness training day for dementia is being held on Thursday 22 May in the Cooriedoon Care Home in Whiting Bay from 2pm to 4pm.

The training is free and is open to anyone who may come into contact with a person with dementia.

According to the Alzheimer's Society there are around 800,000 people in the UK with dementia. One in three people over 65 will develop dementia, and two-thirds of people with dementia are women.

It is estimated that by 2021, the number of people with dementia in the UK will have increased to around one million. This represents an increase in Scotland from 86,000 to 189,000.

The day is being organised by North Ayrshire Council and training officer Sandra Allan said: 'This learning event will give you an overview of dementia along with the symptoms and signs that you may need to be aware of either from a work or a personal perspective.'

## Malt and music on offer at distillery festival of fun

There is a chance for everyone to enjoy music and merriment, along with the odd dram, as Isle of Arran Distillers is gearing up to host the 5th Malt and Music Festival next month.

Taking place over the last weekend in June, the island will come alive to the sound of bands from Arran and the mainland, which can be enjoyed with the distillery's finest single malt.

#### Broad schedule

The main event takes place on Saturday 28 June, but there is a broad schedule of events throughout the weekend, from an exclusive White Stag Dinner on the Friday to

the Texas Scramble golf tournament at Lochranza Golf Course on Sunday.

Doors at the distillery site open on Saturday at 11am and the £5 entry fee includes a spey dram glass, a drink token and the opportunity for a guided tour of the distillery.

Throughout the day the team will be hosting a range of expert masterclasses, including sessions ideal for whisky novices such as the 'Whisky is Fun Masterclass'. More avid whisky fans can enjoy workshops such as 'A Foray into Finishes', which looks at the influences different wood types have on the spirit.

For the evening festivities, the team will be hosting an night to remember in The Grand Marquee in the distillery grounds, including ceilidh dancing and music. Tickets for the evening event cost £10.

Distillery managing director Euan Mitchell said: 'We really look forward to our Malt and Music Festival each summer as

the event is a celebration of everything we love about Arran and whisky.

'As well as being a great party, the festival gives people the opportunity to really get to know the team behind Arran Distillers, which is something that not many distilleries offer.

'For nearly two decades we've been producing unique malt whiskies for discerning drinkers around the world. We are delighted to again welcome people to enjoy the stunning location that is our home, some great music and the Arran Malt.'

#### 'Survivors'

The fun continues on the Sunday with the 'Survivors' Lunch and Masterclass' where Euan will host a traditional meal of haggis, neeps and tatties, accompanied by a selection of drams chosen by the man himself.

The unique and collectable Arran Malt and Music Festival Bottling 2014, which has become a key souvenir of the weekend for many, will be on sale on the Saturday only from the visitor centre priced at around £130.

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One of the longest running and extreme adventure races will literally sail into Lamlash over the weekend.

Now in its 31st year, the Scottish Islands Peaks Race is an exciting sailing and hill running race for adult and youth teams which is held annually on and around some of the most beautiful parts of the west coast of Scotland.

The Race starts in Oban at midday on Friday with a brisk hill run over Dun Ua-bairtich and along the length of Aorbhan Heights.

With a fleet of around 50 yachts of all sizes and descriptions, and more than 150 runners, old and young, the race is always an amazing event.

Before arriving on Arran today (Saturday) the teams will have done the Oban run, sailed to and run over Mull and up Ben More, sailed to and run over Jura and its rocky Paps and sailed the long haul all the way round the difficult seas of the Mull of Kintyre.

Arriving at Lamlash is just the beginning of their Arran adventure as they then have to run to Brodick and beyond to ascend Goat Fell before running back to the boats with running legs finished in more ways than one for the final sail to the welcome finish at Troon.

### Battle bus

Thanks to the combined efforts of The Arran Banner, Arran Yacht Club and Lamlash Lifeboat Station the mobile race team has been provided with a base at the station and electrical hook-up for their battle bus.

This gruelling and demanding race takes three to four days (including nights as the race is non-stop) with over 120 miles of sailing and over 60 miles of running which, with the hill ascents, equates to running three uphill marathons in a weekend.

The race can be followed on Facebook and Twitter #sipr2014 and on the Scottish Islands Peaks Race website.



Elspeth and Russell Cheshire gave the group a fascinating insight into the ecology of the bay. 20\_b20cst03



The Lamlash Fish Farm was one of the stops on the tour. 20\_b20cst04

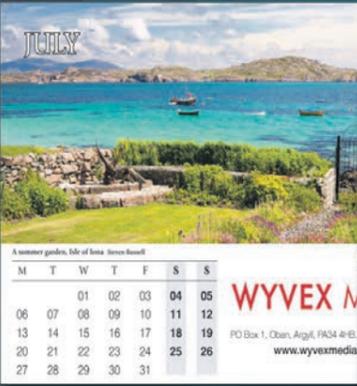


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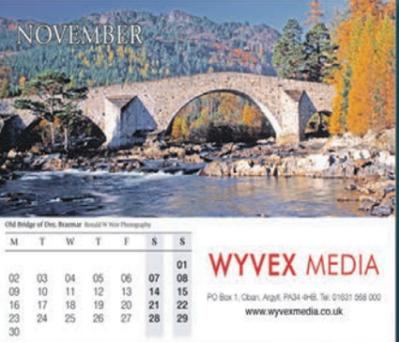
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# Winning young thrilling tour o

A group of lucky youngsters from the island's primary schools were given a rare treat last weekend - an exciting boat tour of Lamlash Bay.

Through a British Ecological Society-funded competition draw, run in the island's primary schools in collaboration with the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), around 60 Arran residents (children and their parents) won trips with Ocean Breeze RiB Tours to learn more about marine life and conservation in the bay.

This weekend saw the completion of the discovery tours with 22 adults and children being

treated to a tour of Hamilton Rock, around Holy Isle, down to Whiting Bay and back to Lamlash Bay.

### Celebrated

Skippers Russell and Elspeth Cheshire showed everyone on board where Scotland's first No Take Zone was established in 2008 and which celebrated its fifth birthday in 2013.

Everyone on board was then invited to view the recovering seabed through bathyscopes. The skippers also explained the geology of Holy Isle and took the participants past the Lamlash Bay fish farm.



A tiny baby seal was spotted on Hamilton Rock. 20\_b20cst02



Smiling youngsters and their parents for the tour on Saturday morning. 20\_b20cst01

# Youngsters enjoy trip around Lamlash Bay



The Pillar Box lighthouse on Holy Isle. 20\_b20cst05



The group thoroughly enjoyed the trip around Lamlash Bay. 20\_b20cst06

## Flower arranging at Kilmory WRI

On Monday 14 April, the ladies of Kilmory Rural were delighted to welcome Vicki Milne as the guest speaker for the evening.

Vicki gave a most informative talk and demonstration on making a flower arrangement.

All members were then given the opportunity of making their own arrangement. Thank you Vicki was thanked for supplying all the materials used and for her patience.

The Kilmory Rural sale of work will be on Friday 27 June at 2pm in Kilmory hall.

All money raised goes towards the Children's Christmas Party.

## Important information about Euro postal votes

Postal voting packs have been issued to people who have registered for a postal vote in this month's European Parliament Elections.

Within these packs is a ballot form and return envelope which should be used for casting votes in the election which takes place on Thursday 22 May.

The ballot paper, once completed, should be placed inside the envelope with the address of North Ayrshire Council clearly visible on the front.

Voters should check that the ballot form has been inserted the right way round – with the address correctly positioned in the window of the envelope – before posting.

Postal votes can also be handed in at any polling station in North Ayrshire on the day of the election.

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### Coffee morning raises £548

The record sum of £548 was raised at the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's coffee morning in Brodick on Saturday. Grateful thanks were given to everyone who contributed to its success, in particular businesses and others who donated prizes and items for the raffle, tombola and home baking. Lady Jean Forde, honorary president of Arran RNLI and Trish Martin, branch secretary, are pictured on the day.

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# Phileas Dogg's Arran trip features in new book

## 'Rover reporter' writes about his adventures

Jane Common's holidays with her dog Attlee brought her to Arran back in 2012 and now they have inspired a book: Phileas Dogg's Guide To Dog-Friendly Holidays In Britain.

Attlee Common, aka Phileas Dogg, came to the island in his role as a 'rover reporter' writing about his adventures as he travels to dog-friendly destinations up and down the country.

#### Exotic island

Pages 40-43 of the book cover Arran and it is written from Attlee's point of view. 'Where am I?' he writes. 'The temperature is 25 degrees; there is not a rain cloud in the sky; I am racing up and down a beach of golden sand on an exotic island and sitting at a beach

bar, eating haggis and drinking whisky.

'The answer is; this paradise island is Arran, the ninth largest island off the British coast.'

Owner and co-author Jane said: 'In the four years since I adopted Attlee we have traversed the length and breadth of Britain by train, bus, taxi, ferry, canal boat and car, staying in five-star hotels and in a trailer on a pig farm.

'Recognising the need for an independent guide to dog-friendly accommodation, we've created our website phileasdogg.com and now our book, Phileas Dogg's Guide To Dog-Friendly Holidays In Britain.'

The book is published by Constable.



Jane Common and her dog Attlee came to Arran in May 2012. 01\_b22dog01

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## Tranquil Glenisle inspires writer to finish book

Peter Hutchinson was sitting in the Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash in December last year when he finally finished writing a story he had been working on for 37 years.

The Whiting Bay-based author has written 'The Kivattar Bridge', a fantasy divided into four books.

Peter has lived in Whiting Bay since 2010 and the fourth and last book was written here on Arran, mostly over coffee in the Glenisle, the perfect haven for undisturbed concentration.

Now that the story is complete Peter has started to publish and the first book 'The Tears of Sisme' is already available for Kindle and in several other e-reader formats.

The other three books will be published later this year.

Having spent so long writing the story Peter now hopes to have it read and enjoyed and the Glenisle Hotel has kindly offered to make this first book available as a free download from its website.

## Dog found

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# Youngsters' wood carvings go on show at Brodick Castle



Abbie Jackson from Brodick working on her animal head carving. 20\_b20ayf06

If you go into the woods today you may be in for a surprise, as there is an intriguing new sculpture hidden in the forest at Brodick Castle.

A huge cedar tree stump next to the adventure playground has been creatively carved by the youngsters from the Arran Youth Foundations (AYF).

With help from local wood carver and sculptor Marvin Elliott, the talented kids have created an eye-catching piece that features the heads of animals native to the island.

Well, almost all of them are native apart from the bear, but you never know what you might see in the country park.

Ross Kerr one of the AYF members said that they had been working on the carving since May last year but the midges had forced them to down their tools in late July.

'So we're just getting around to finishing it off now,' he told The Banner. 'With help from Marvin we chose which animals we wanted to carve and designed them our selves.'

'It was quite a tricky proc-



The intricate animal head carvings were created by the youngsters from Arran Youth Foundations. 20\_b20ayf01

ess and it makes you realise how much work goes into Marvin's carvings.'

The carvings feature the faces of various animals including a red deer, dolphin, owl, mouse and eagle and they can be seen by all visitors to the castle grounds.



A very realistic-looking dolphin. 20\_b20ayf05



The brown bear is the only animal not native to Arran. 20\_b20ayf04



The eagle carving. 20\_b20ayf03

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The talented cast at Arran High School is now hard at work on rehearsals for this year's school production of the much-loved musical 'Grease'. This ever-popular show promises to be great fun for both the actors and the audiences. Performances will take place on Tuesday 17 June until Friday 20 June, so put those dates in your diaries now and get ready to hand-jive!




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## Lamlash Primary School news

*These reports were written by Lamlash Primary School's 'Banner reporting group' - Hannah Glendinning, Laura MacVicar, Kirk Inglis and Isabella Reid.*

### Generation science

Recently Walter and Wilma came from Generation Science to teach us about weather. They put on an amazing play about the weather and water cycle.

The play was extremely good and they needed lots of volunteers to help out with the play. Both of the presenters had very good acting skills.

The play taught us about the water cycle and how it works. and they also did a lot of experiments and the audience was very amused. For one of the experiments they put dry ice into water to demonstrate how clouds are made.

### Lepra visit

Two people from Lepra visited the school. They handed out envelopes for us to put some donations in. If we raised £25 we would receive a Lepra alarm clock. They

showed us pictures of how bad it is living with Leprosy. We found it very interesting. On Wednesday 12 March the whole school did a workout with representatives from Lepra.

### Playground toys

A woman called Claire O'Neill came to Lamlash Primary School to look at and study how we play.

As a result we have a new fort, chalkboard, toy boxes and a den. We are hoping to get more new toys. We are all excited about the new toys.

### Poetry competition

On Thursday 13 March Lamlash Primary School had a Scottish poetry competition. The winners were Niamh Gosman, Andrew Rojan, Emma Girbow, Connah Wright, Gen Inglis, James Reid and Dylan Smith. They all received certificates during a recent assembly.

### Science fair

On Thursday 20 March Lamlash Primary School had a science fair. There were lots

of exhibits and some of them were Cartesian divers, the water cycle and lots more. One of our exhibits was to taste test our ice cream. P6/7 made lots of ice creams and got to choose the flavours that they used. Some of the ice cream tasted great some didn't taste so good.

### STEM competition

P5, 6 and 7 had to come up with an invention for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). P5,6 and 7 were split into groups of three. Only one group got shortlisted.

The group had Aleena Rojan, Ethan Sillars and Lucy Welch in it. It was a public vote and you had to vote on Facebook. Lucy Aleena and Ethan got 365 votes. Their group won the public vote and they get to go to the Science Centre in Glasgow.

Their invention was a singing vacuum cleaner. They thought they could reduce the noise of the vacuum by playing music. Ethan was very excited and happy that he won. Aleena was very surprised and Lucy was overwhelmed.



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**Store gets go ahead**

The new Co-op supermarket is poised to go ahead at the site of the Island Hotel in Brodick.

However, a second application for a Presto supermarket on the site of the gift shop and mini golf is likely to be rejected.

Consideration of the Co-op application, first announced last January, has been delayed so that both applications could be considered together.

A sub group of the Cunninghame District Council planning committee has visited both sites and they will recommend to the full committee that the Morrison application for the Co-op should be approved while the Dawn Construction application for Presto should be rejected.

They backed the smaller of the two stores which will be 9,000sq ft.

Councillor Tom Knox said: 'We considered the impact on the economy of the island and considered there was only room for one supermarket without it affecting the well being of all the village shops and local retailers.'

**Arran Triathlon**

Sixty entrants of all ages and abilities took part in the Arran Triathlon which was held on Sunday in bright and breezy conditions.

The first stage was 20 lengths of the Auchrannie pool where many supporters cheered the competitors on. Next they had to walk or run to the triathlon HQ to collect their bikes for

a cycle to Corrie and back, before the final leg of a run to Brodick Castle returning for a final lap finish at the Auchrannie.

**New restaurant**

A new restaurant has opened at Cladach in Brodick.

Fred Wood and Colin Davidson have joined forces to reopen the Argyll Restaurant which has been for sale for some time.

Formerly the Arran Nature Centre and Cladach Restaurant the two men have been working hard for the past two months to get it ready for the season.

Fred, who has owned the Glenisle Hotel in Lamlash for a year, where he was previously the manager, has teamed up with solicitor Colin who has recently moved to Arran with his family.

**Housing site**

Cunninghame District Council has identified a site for eight to 10 dwellings behind the houses at Ladeside Place in Shiskine.

The council have made up proposals for the land, which is partly in its ownership, and partly belongs to a local farmer, as a suitable place to build, indicating the house style and number of houses.

It is part of the Replacement Local Plan and local officer Iain Thompson said the decision had been made as the council generally found it difficult to get tenants for houses in Shiskine or Kilmory.



Runner Corrie Black is handed a medal as she completes the triathlon. b19twe01



Ian Lambert starts Jon Hill off on his triathlon swim. b19twe02



Head gardener Nigel Price holds two cups which Brodick Castle won at the Scottish Rhododendron Society Show held in Helensburgh. b19twe03



The finishing touches are being put to the outdoor seating at the Argyll Restaurant by chef Andy Murray and Karen Swindale as owner Fred Wood looks on. b19twe04

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 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Junior Hockey  
 Streetly Dance pre-school  
 Garden walk  
 RunArran Beginners  
 Arran Food & Craft market

Ormidale Pavilion, 6-7pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
 Brodick Castle 2pm-3pm  
 Drift Inn Lamlash, 5.15pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 3pm

### Saturday 17th May

Army Cadets  
 Over 21s Disco  
 Family Games  
 Fun in the pool  
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club  
 Goatfell race

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.  
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm  
 Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Green, 2pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 12noon

### Wednesday 21st May

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

Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
 Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm  
 Auchrannie car Park, 5pm  
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
 Lamlash, 9pm  
 KA Campus, Arran High School, 6.15 - 7.15pm  
 Brodick Castle, 2.4pm  
 Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall 7.30-8.30pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall 10.15 - 12noon  
 Arran High School, 7.30pm

### Sunday 18th May

Family Games  
 Fun in the pool  
 Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
 AA Meeting  
 Mackerel Lottery  
 Open music session

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
 Ormidale sports pavilion, 2-3.30pm  
 Brodick church hall, 4pm - 6pm  
 Kinloch Bar, 5pm  
 Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm

### Thursday 22nd May

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

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

### Monday 19th May

Over 50s Badminton  
 Badminton  
 Citizens Advice  
 Morning Fitness  
 Table Tennis  
 Aerobics (low impact)  
 Badminton  
 Arran Junior Football Club  
 Yoga  
 Summer Bridge  
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Circuit Training  
 Kilmory Hall & bunkhouse AGM  
 WBay Improvements AGM

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

### Friday 23rd May

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 Castle Secrets Tour  
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Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
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 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm  
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### Tuesday 20th May

Pop Quiz  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Youth Club  
 Rotary club  
 Healthy Outdoors  
 Scottish Country Dancing  
 SFA Mini Kickers  
 SFA Early Touch Football  
 Jnr Badminton  
 Metafit

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
 10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 KA Campus, Arran High School, 5pm - 5.45pm  
 KA Campus, Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm  
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**Lamlash Golf Club**  
 Thursday 8 May, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Willie Currie 69-1=58, 2 Matt Harvey 81- 19=62 BIH, 3 Norrie MacIntyre 69-7=62. Magic twos Dougie Macfarlane at the 2nd, Stuart Campbell and Paul Jameson at the 16th. Best Scratch Dougie Macfarlane 65.  
 Sunday 11 May, Hamilton Bow, CSS 64, Par 64, level to bogey. 1 Lee Dutton +3 to bogey, 2 Alan Smith -1 to bogey BIH, 3 Mark Wren -1 to bogey. Best Scratch Todd Jameson -7 to bogey.  
 Well done to Lamlash Senior Team who reached the final of the AGA Senior Bowl by beating Brodick in the semi-final.



**Alice Anderson won the first qualifying round of the ladies championship at Shiskine.**

Brian Sherwood 48-6=42, 2 and Scratch Robbie Crawford 47-4=43 BIH, 3 David McKinnon 49-6=43. Second class: 1 David Price 48-8=40, 2 John Salton 52-8=44, 3 Willie Robertson 56-11=45. Magic twos Gator at the 4th and 12th, Quintin Oliver at the 10th. Congratulations David Price on winning the monthly Medal!  
 Fixtures: Thursday 22 May, Ladies Club Championship Qualifying, 1pm and 5.30pm. Sunday 18 Gents 18 Hole Medal, 3pm tee off.

(12), 2 Lesley Wood 28pts (21), 3 Celia Butler 27pts (36).

Fixtures: Sunday 18 May, May Medal. Would anyone wishing to play in the Crystal Competition (the Ladies Championship) please contact Susan on 600555 by Sunday 18 May at noon when the draw will be done.

Gents: Sunday 11 May, 20 played in the Eric Wood Memorial Stableford in showery conditions. Although there were some spectacular scores (at both ends of the scoring spectrum!) the CSS remained at 36 points. 1 Adam Kelso 44 points, 2 Jack Simmons 43 points, 3 Neil McKelchie with 36 points acb. Jamie Stewart won scratch with 71 and Adam Kelso had the only magic two of the day.

Many thanks to Howard and Lesley Wood for supporting the competition with their generous prizes.

Fixtures: Sunday 18 May, McKelvie Cup round 1. Wednesday 21 May, Summer Trophy. Sunday 25 May, McKelvie Cup round 2. These three games are all qualifiers for this year's Club Championship and JC Reid Trophy, with the best two scores out of a possible three to count.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Saturday 10 May, first round of the summer cup, 18 played, CSS 62. 1 C Pattenden 70-13=57, 2 S Beardsley 65-7=58, 3 D Logan 69-9=60. Magic twos from D Logan and C Pattenden. Best scratch S Beardsley 65.

Fixtures: Saturday 17 May, Jubilee Trophy, open, 8.30am and 1pm.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 6 May, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Brian Sherwood 66, 2 Alastair MacDonald 67, 3 David Price 69. Scratch Brian Sherwood 76.

Fixtures: Tuesday 20 May, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary 12.30pm and 5.30pm tee off.

Tuesday 27 May, first round of the Gents and Ladies Club Championship 12.30pm 5.30pm tee-off.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday 7 May, Summer Cup cancelled due to bad weather. Sunday 11 May, Brandon 20 played, CSS 64. 1 A Dobson (8)64, 2 B Jenkins (6)65 acb, 3 G Hendry (5)65 acb. Scratch E McKinnon 66. 1st Class Brandon A Dobson, 2nd class Brandon K McMillan. There were nine magic twos.

Fixtures: Sunday 18 May McCarrfrae Trophy (Club Championship Qualifier) Round 1, draw Saturday 17 May 12noon. Thursday 22 May McCarrfrae Trophy round two, draw Wednesday 21 May 9pm. Sunday 25 May, McCarrfrae Trophy round three, draw Saturday 24 May, 12noon.

Ladies: Tuesday 13 May, Club Trophy Round 1, 15 played, CSS 69. 1 Gege Kroner, 91(23)68, 2 Ann Hart, 93(23)70, 3 Susan Butchard, 83(12)71.

Nine hole Stableford, three played. 1 Liz Robertson, 16pts.

Fixtures: Tuesday 20 May, Club Trophy second round, Tuesday 27 May, second Medal.

**Arran Ladies Golf Union**

The final competition of the ALGU season, the Flockhart was held on Saturday 10 May. In all 23 ladies took part in what turned out to be lovely weather conditions despite the torrential rain the day and night before.

We were all thankful that the rain held off to allow play with the resulting winners having just one point between them! 1 Jenni Turnbull 70(16), 2 Carole Stewart 71(16), 3 Lesley Murray 72(25) BIH over Kema Genda. Scratch of 84 went to Kema Genda.

Thank you to James Browning who kindly donated a golf lesson and some golf balls as part of the prizes. Thank you to all the ladies who have taken part over the ALGU season. Have a great golfing summer!

Fixtures: ADM is on Monday 19 May 7.30pm at Brodick Golf Club. The outgoing President's Prize competition will be a stableford held at Whiting Bay on Saturday 14 June from 11am.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

(in full communion with the Church of England)  
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay  
**Sunday, 18th May**  
 Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
 Mrs Janis Gallagher.  
 Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday, 21st May**  
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
 ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Parishes of North Arran  
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 Independent but working together  
 Minister:  
 Rev Angus Adamson,  
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 Mrs Jean Hunter:  
 Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

**Sunday 18th May**  
 Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.  
 Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.  
 A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.  
 Lochranza Church. 9.30am Morning Worship.  
 Pirmill Church, 10.45am, Morning Worship.  
 Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(Charity Number: SC014005)  
**Sunday 18th 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.

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
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**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 18th May**  
 11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick  
 Tea & Coffee after the service.  
 Wednesday at 7.30pm  
 Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.  
 Contact phone no 600222  
 Everyone warmly invited

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(continuing)  
**Sunday 18th May**  
 Morning Service, 11am  
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
 Evening Service 6-30pm  
 5 Glen Road, Brodick  
 Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday 21st May**  
 at 7pm  
 5 Glen Road,  
 All welcome

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 18th May**  
 Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
 Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
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**Sheena Murchie, right, winner of the Josie Sanderson Stableford at Lamlash Golf Club with ladies' captain Jackie Winship.**

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The winning Lamlash team of James Reid, James Currie, captain Dylan Smith, Louis Urquhart-Dixon and Ian McAdam.

## Hockey trip to Helensburgh

Members of the Arran Junior Hockey Club enjoyed a day trip to Helensburgh last Saturday.

In all 24 children took part in the trip which involved three hours coaching before playing a series of friendly games.

All the Arran age categories won or drew their games with the highest scoring 11-0 and it proved to be a fabulous day out for all the kids and the coaches.

A stop at McDonalds for tea on the way home finished off a wonderful day.

The next friendly match is against Uddingston at home on Sunday 8 June at the Ormidale astro turf pitch.

Children aged from age 5 to 13 years are welcome to training every Tuesday night from 6pm to 7pm.

## Lewis takes first at motocross event

Nine members of the Arran Motocross Club made the trip to Drumclog earlier this month to take part in the second round of the Scottish Motocross Championship.

There was success in the adult races for Lewis Kennedy who came first in the Clubman Class and is just

getting better and better after returning to the sport.

While in the youth races Thomas Gilmore came 6th out of 11 riders in only his second 65cc motorbike race.

The third round is at Duns motocross track on 22 June, when the team hopes to bring home some more silverware.

# Funky Monkeys lift junior trophy

Lamlash were the winners of the Lochranza Junior Football tournament at the 'Ewe Camp' on Sunday 11 May in very mixed weather conditions.

More than 40 P4 to P7 children took part in a five-a-side competition organised by Chris Traill of Northend This-

tle and his crew, who did a great job and much thanks and credit must go to them.

Lots of support and encouragement from friends and parents helped to make this a great day for all those who played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanlike

behaviour. Lamlash Team, The Funky Monkeys were the winners beating Brodick A team 5-1 in the final. Too bad the burgers ran out but this was probably because of the unexpectedly high number of youngsters taking part.

## Draw made for Arran's annual inter-club bowling competitions

The draw was recently made for this year's annual inter-club bowling competitions, which are as follows.

Laidler Gardner trophy (two teams of triples each), all 7pm starts:

Tuesday 27 May - Brodick v Whiting Bay, Blackwaterfoot v Lamlash.

Thursday 29 May - Whiting Bay v Brodick, Lamlash

v Blackwaterfoot.

Tuesday 3 June - Whiting Bay v Lamlash, Brodick v Blackwaterfoot.

Thursday 5 June - Lamlash v Whiting Bay, Blackwaterfoot v Brodick.

Tuesday 10 June - Brodick v Lamlash, Whiting Bay v Blackwaterfoot.

Thursday 12 June - Lamlash v Brodick, Blackwaterfoot v

Whiting Bay.

Arran Bowling Federation competitions, all to be played at Brodick Bowling Green, with a 7pm start:

Monday 23 June - Ladies' singles Lamlash v Whiting Bay, Brodick v Blackwaterfoot.

Gents' singles Brodick v Whiting Bay, Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot.

Tuesday 24 June - Pairs Blackwaterfoot v Whiting Bay, Brodick v Lamlash.

Rinks Blackwaterfoot v Lamlash, Brodick v Whiting Bay.

Thursday 26 June - all finals are followed by the presentation of prizes in Brodick Public Hall.

Spectators are very welcome.



Thomas Gilmore on his 65cc motorbike with the trophy he won at Drumclog and his little brother Alfie who is a big fan.

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