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Wind turbine plans are unveiled for Holy Isle

'The proposed development would transform the island into a zero carbon community'

REPORT
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Proposals have been revealed for a wind turbine development on Holy Isle. The move is likely to cause considerable controversy since it would see the erection of six highly visible wind turbines, three at each end of the island. Although still at its early stages the Holy Isle Community Wind Energy Project has already had a considerable amount of preparatory work undertaken. The plans have just been made public after the project team formally requested a screening opinion from North Ayrshire Council, a pre-planning permission move. Plans show the development would consist of six King-span 15kW wind turbines, with three located at the south end of the island and three at the north end.

The two proposed sites are about 2.7km apart, separated by Holy Isle's 314m peak, Mullach Mor. Cunningham North MSP Kenneth Gibson has already said: 'The Holy Isle is a special place and, in my view, a completely inappropriate location for wind turbines.' The island, which is a Buddhist retreat, is owned by a charity called The Ropka Trust, which is based at Samye Ling Centre in Eskdalemuir, Dumfriesshire. In papers submitted to the council the project team states: 'The island is the home of a thriving community, which serves the needs of day visitors and those who attend short or long-term courses and retreats on the island. 'There are two main groups of buildings on the island. 'The Centre for World Peace and Health is located at the north end and provides courses and retreats to the general public. The Inner Light Re-



Swimming success for Lamlash duo
James Reid and Ciara Wood proudly show their new trophies which they won at the annual primary school swimming gala last week. James won the champions race for boys and Caira won the girls' event. Both are primary 7 pupils at Lamlash Primary School. For James it was his second win in two years. Full report page 10

... treat Centre is located at the south end and is home for long term retreatants. 'Small scale and micro wind developments are becoming more frequent across the UK and are recognised for their contribution to managing climate change and achieving climate change targets. The proposed Holy Isle wind turbine development aims to transform Holy Isle into a zero carbon community, so demonstrating that this is possible to the island's many visitors. The scale of the proposed development has therefore been chosen so that it will generate most or all of the electricity needs of the island's community and visitors. 'The development will also uphold the Buddhist aspiration and principle of 'living

Inverclyde taxi stance removed

An unused island taxi stance is to be removed. North Ayrshire councillors agreed at a meeting of the licensing committee that the taxi-only spaces at Inverclyde should be removed to allow for additional car parking. The taxi stance beside the putting green in Brodick has been the subject of debate for some months as the island only has one registered taxi operator. The move does not affect the taxi stance at Brodick ferry terminal. In March the licensing committee agreed to support a proposal to revoke the appointment of the taxi stance after Brodick Improvements Committee said it believed it to be 'surplus to requirements'. A formal consultation with the sole taxi operator was undertaken and residents also had the chance to share their thoughts on the proposals. A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We can confirm that at a meeting of the licensing committee on Wednesday 20 May, a decision was taken to revoke the appointment of the taxi stance at Inverclyde. We will now arrange for the appropriate alterations to be made to signs or road markings.' At Arran Community Council on Tuesday vice chairman Bill Calderwood said he believed the decision would be 'quite welcome'.



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Owner says no threat to future of Cooriedoon Care Home

The owner of the Cooriedoon Care Home has insisted there are no plans to close the Whiting Bay establishment.

Sandra Butler gave the assurance this week after a Labour MSP claimed the future of the home was under threat due to reductions in council funding, causing stress and alarm to families with relatives in the home.

But in a statement Ms Butler insisted: 'There are no

plans to close Cooriedoon or give notice to council-funded residents.

North Ayrshire is working in partnership with us and has assured us that it needs both Montrose House and Cooriedoon on the island.

'The council and ourselves are still working towards a new island enhancement for care at Cooriedoon. We're hopeful that we'll be receiving a more satisfactory rate

by the end of the week for nursing and residential care.'

MSP Margaret McDougall had called on the council to provide an enhanced funding settlement for Cooriedoon after she uncovered figures which showed that in 2004 the care home received £75 per resident; this was reduced to £35 in 2014, and now has been reduced further to just £14 per resident.

She said: 'Cooriedoon Care

Home structured its business model on receiving £35 per council resident and although £14 is a 2.39 per cent enhanced rate it is simply not enough subsidy for Cooriedoon to remain open, as operating a care home on an island comes with much higher costs than operating one on the mainland.'

A spokeswoman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'The health and wellbeing of our

residents and their families are of the utmost priority to us.

'We entered into a historic agreement to pay an enhanced rate to Cooriedoon Care Home reflecting the market at that time.

'However, a national care home contract has now been in place for a number of years, and one element of this is the national rate of care.

'Despite the national rate for

care we continue to pay a rate in excess of this to the Cooriedoon Care Home.

'We are very aware that this is a stressful situation for residents of Cooriedoon and their families and we will do everything we can to minimise that stress.

'We are committed to securing the best care for individual residents and will continue to work with the owner of Cooriedoon to reach a solution.'

Project would generate most of the island's electricity needs

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lightly on the earth', through the harnessing of the natural wind resource.

'As electricity is the only energy source on Holy Isle, the community's electricity bill is substantial. The proposed project will therefore also contribute to the financial sustainability of the Holy Isle community and to the considerable benefit that it brings to the Isle of Arran local economy.'

The report goes on: 'After a detailed assessment, two wind turbine locations, each with three 15 kW turbines, are proposed. This option is

being pursued, rather than the other main option of a single 100kW wind turbine.

'Each site, considered separately, is less than 50kW capacity and therefore individually may be considered a 'micro renewables' project.

'From the initial assessments it is anticipated that any environmental impacts from the proposed development will be relatively insignificant. However, due to the designation of Holy Isle as a 'Special Landscape Area', it is understood that an environment statement will be required.

'There does not appear to

be any significant ecology, cultural heritage, hydrology, noise or shadow flicker impacts evident, though these will be thoroughly assessed in the full planning application.'

A spokeswoman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We can confirm that an application for an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) Screening was registered on the 15 May 2015 for a wind turbine development on Holy Isle.

'The purpose of the application is to determine if a full EIA is required as part of any future planning application.'



The plans would see three wind turbines at each end of Holy Isle. 20_b22turbine01

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Jazz Cafe Band summer dates

The popular Arran Jazz Cafe Band will be out and about this summer so here are a few dates for diaries.

The band will be playing at the following events: Sunday 28 June, 12 noon onwards at the Isle of Arran Distillery open day in Lochranza; during the afternoon of Saturday 11 July at Kinloch Hotel Beer Festival, Blackwaterfoot and on the evening of Saturday 29 August at the McLellan Festival Ceilidh in Corrie Village Hall.

Lost items

A sentimental signet ring has been lost on the Cnoc na Dail to Lamlash walking route on Sunday.

It is gold and well worn with the date 3.6.50 inscribed on the inside. Anyone who finds the ring should contact Lamlash Police Station who have the owner's details.

An appeal has also been made after a shepherd's crook was lost last Friday between Glenloig and The Rodden. Anyone finding it should contact Tel: 860269.

50-50 Club winner

Congratulations to Sally Campbell of Lamlash who won £100 in the May draw of the Lamlash Improvements 50-50 Club.

The next draw is at the meeting on Thursday 11 June at Lamlash Fire Station. New members are very welcome. Contact Stuart Turner on 808181

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Iain lifts top national young musician prize

A talented young Arran musician has walked off with a top national young musician prize.

Iain Clarke, representing the Isle of Arran Rotary Club, won the prestigious Rotary in Britain and Ireland Young Musician of the Year Award in the instrumental class.

Iain, 18, who will begin studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in September gave an outstanding recital of Beethoven and Rachmaninoff at the UK and Ireland finals in Lancashire on 16 May.

He already holds a Diploma in piano, a Grade 8 in saxophone, Grade 8 in clarinet, both with distinction, and a Grade 6 in flute with merit, plays in the Isle of Arran Pipe Band as well as being organist at several churches on the mainland.

Bill Campbell, district governor elect for district 1230, who attended the finals, said:

'In 35 years of teaching I have never come across such talent and dedication. Remarkable for someone so young and well done to Arran Rotary Club for sponsoring Iain.'

The winner of the vocal section was 17-year-old Nick Garland sponsored by the Rotary Club of Warrington.

Incredible

Peter King president of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland said: 'The talent displayed by these young performers was incredible. I'm sure Iain and Nick will have very successful future.'

The winners received a trophy and a £500 shopping voucher.

The national finals, held at Darwen Vale High School in Lancashire, saw performers aged 14-18 from across Great Britain and Ireland take to the stage to show off their musical talents.

Audiences were treated to vocal and instrumental per-



Iain (back row, second left) with the other finalists.

formances from 16 youngsters as they competed for the prestigious award. Each performer had 10 minutes to impress the three judges and the standard was exceptionally high.

There were two categories in the competition including solo vocal and solo instru-

mental, which included pieces on the piano, cello, recorder, saxophone and violin.

As previously reported in The Banner, Iain won the Scotland and North East regional final earlier this year to earn the right to represent Rotary district 1230 in the final.



Iain performing at the finals.

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Corrie seal is back on his rock

The famous Corrie seal is back on his favourite rock.

As reported in The Banner earlier this month, the seal was washed from his perch by rough seas.

Fourteen months ago a similar misfortune saw him recovered 30 miles away at Turnberry, but this time he only made the short swim to Corrie shore where he was recovered and taken to the workshop of his creator, Marvin Elliot, for repair.

Last week he was returned to his rock by Marvin and a band of helpers.

One couple, Bob and Patricia Gibb, who were staying in the village, were delighted to see him returned and contacted The Banner.

Patricia said: 'We were staying in one of the self-catering cottages in Corrie and were fortunate to see the Corrie seal going back on to his rock.'

'This was another case of the community spirit that we have seen so often when visiting Arran.'

'We were so pleased to see the seal restored to his favourite rock during our stay.'



The seal is carried to the rock at low tide.

Photos courtesy of Bob Gibb



He is carefully winched up on to the rock.



Work starts on securing him after he makes it to the top.



Nearly done and the seal is almost secure.



The waves lap around him again at high tide.

New bunkhouse plan for Brodick

A new bunkhouse is being proposed for the former Isle of Arran Homes office in Brodick.

The Douglas Hotel has bought the offices in Alma Road and applied for planning permission to convert them into a 20-bed hostel to be called The Brodick Bunkhouse.

They say this would offer budget priced accommodation for visitors, primarily for the outdoor enthusiasts, such as walkers, cyclists and golfers.

The bunkhouse would have five four-bed rooms including one with disabled access.

Hotel marketing manager Elaine Campbell said: 'We think this level of accommodation is missing in Brodick and this would have a beneficial effect on many of the surrounding food and drink providers and hopefully the Douglas Hotel too.'

The building was formerly part of the hotel operating as the Douglas Bar until the 1980s, but the new bunkhouse would be operated and marketed separately from the hotel.

The application is presently being considered by North Ayrshire Council planning officials.

Places limited for Lamlash Splash

The Lamlash Splash will take place this year on Saturday 19 September at 11.30am. As usual, for safety reasons, numbers are limited to 40 swimmers of which 10 places are held for local swimmers.

This is an extremely popular event and places go very quickly - there were three paid up entries within five minutes of emailing the entry form to previous swimmers - so if anyone would like to swim this year, please contact Ann Hart at anngartconner@yahoo.co.uk

Swimmers should be able to swim at least 2,200 metres in a pool, preferably front crawl. Swimming in the sea is a completely different experience so it is essential that swimmers have open water practise in order to acclimatise to swimming in a wetsuit and also to the cold water and waves. Local training sessions will take place from June to September in both Brodick and Lamlash bays.

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Mrs Treble accepts a gift from one of the youngsters.

Kids sing a fond farewell to retiring head teacher

After many years of teaching, culminating in 10 years as head teacher of Whiting Bay Primary School, Annette Treble has retired.

During her time at Whiting Bay Primary School, she made many improvements, including developing the existing school grounds to include seating areas, flower beds, playground fitness trail and a colourful mural. The schools Green Flag is the result of a lot of hard work by

Mrs Treble and the school Eco Committee.

At a small informal presentation ceremony, attended by all the pupils, she was given gifts and flowers in the appreciation of her dedication to the school. The children then sang a farewell song.

Mrs Treble, who lives in Lochranza, is planning to stay on the island.

Raye Beggans, who teaches primary 6 and 7 stages, is the acting head.

Transport grants boost to Arran roads infrastructure

'It would also help to reduce our carbon footprint'

A number of exciting projects aimed at improving public transport links throughout North Ayrshire have been given the green light.

This week the council cabinet formally accept £1.18 million in grant offers from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to invest in a number of improvement works over the coming year.

The proposed works would include £700,000 worth of upgrades to a section of the A841 bus route between the Brodick and Lochranza ferry terminals.

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This would include the widening of sections of the carriageway to accommodate two way flow of buses and other large vehicles and the construction of separate pedestrian/cycle facilities.

Two new bus lay-bys at

Claddach with raised kerbs and increased shelter capacity would also be built along with the construction of an off-road multi-user pathway which would link to the pedestrian gate at Brodick Castle.

Improvements totalling £100,000 would also be carried out at key points on Arran's roads to warn drivers of the presence of oncoming vehicles at sites where approaching vehicles are not visible to each other.

Councillor Marie Burns, cabinet member for economy and employment, said: 'This is a significant investment aimed at enabling us to make some real and lasting improvements to a variety of different aspects of the area's transport routes.'

'Many people rely on public transport to remain independ-

ent and active in their communities and these proposed works would not only benefit them, but also the other people who live, work and visit in North Ayrshire.

Congestion

'It would also help to reduce congestion throughout North Ayrshire and contribute to reducing our carbon footprint.'

An SPT spokesperson said: 'SPT is very pleased to be able to support its member councils who have a proactive approach towards the development of active travel and public transport solutions, which assist in encouraging people to use alternatives to car travel.'

'The benefits of investing in these projects not only enhance road safety for all users, they are furthermore intended to see growth in public transport use.'

Annette Treble with one of her bouquets and some of the schoolchildren.



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Garden party aids earthquake victims in Nepal

There was a good turnout at a fundraising garden party for Nepal in Brodick last weekend.

All of the money will go to people and groups known personally by Arran artist Gordon Davidson and who have been left devastated by the recent earthquakes.

The weather stayed mainly dry for the event as those attending enjoyed browsing the stalls and trying their luck at the various games. A dog show and other entertainment took place throughout the day.

The party was held in the

gardens of Lady Jean Fforde at Strabane. She offered the venue after being impressed when she read about Gordon's work in The Banner earlier this year.

Lady Jean also signed copies of her book 'Castles and Catastrophies', and sold several paintings on the day, donating all proceeds to the charity event. Visitors enjoyed some splendid rhododendron displays on a walk through the gardens.

All of the money raised will go to the Kalaa Jyoti project which Gordon helped to set up with the



Visitors enjoy the Stranbane gardens. 20_b22garden08

Gurkas in 2012 for a group of war orphans east of Kathmandu. The project takes art skills to the orphans including painting, puppets, jewellery making, film making and photography. But now the project buildings lie in ruins with the children living in tents.

At the garden party some of top Nepal photographer

Kama Surestha's beautiful pictures of Nepal, which were exhibited on Arran last year, were on sale with every penny going to help him get back on his feet. He lost his home in the earthquake.

At the garden party there was a silent auction for some very special items including two original paintings by the late James Gorman.



A man tries his lucky on the tombola. 20_b22garden01



The dog show gets underway in the sun. 20_b22garden04



Lady Jean with garden party organiser Gordon Davidson. 20_b22garden09



Gordon explains the work he supports in Nepal. 20_22garden02

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Five in a row sees Kinloch inducted into 'hall of fame'

An Arran hotel has been inducted into the TripAdvisor 'hall of fame' after it was awarded a certificate of excellence for five consecutive years. The Best Western Kinloch Hotel was given the award by the world's largest travel website.

The award celebrates excellence in hospitality and is given only to establishments that consistently achieve great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor. The 'hall of fame' was created to honour those businesses that have earned a certificate of excellence for five consecutive years. Winners include accommodations, eateries and attractions, located all over the world that have continually delivered a superior customer experience.

Kinloch Hotel owner Robbie Crawford said: 'We'd like

to thank all of our past guests who took the time to complete a review on TripAdvisor, there is no greater seal of approval than being recognised by our customers. With the TripAdvisor certificate of excellence based on customer reviews, the accolade is a remarkable vote of confidence to our business and our continued commitment to excellence.'

Remarkable feat

'Winning the TripAdvisor certificate of excellence for five consecutive years is a remarkable feat. TripAdvisor is pleased to induct five-time award winners into the 'hall of fame', said Marc Charon president, TripAdvisor for Business. 'By putting a spotlight on businesses that are focused on consistently delivering great service to customers, TripAdvisor not

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When selecting certificate of excellence winners, TripAdvisor uses a proprietary algorithm to determine the honourees that takes into account the quality, quantity and recency of reviews and opinions submitted by travellers on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period as well as business's tenure and ranking on the popularity index on the site. To qualify, a business must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, have a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.

Taste of Arran MD honoured for his business acumen

Alastair Dobson, managing director of Taste of Arran, has been recognised for his 'inspiring innovation and business acumen' at a glittering awards ceremony hosted by industry body, Hospitality Industry Trust Scotland (HIT).

The annual award, presented by Arlene Bonomi, sales director for Brakes, recognised Alastair's considerable achievements and boundless energy that has seen his business grow from a single van enterprise to a collaboration of 10 food and drink premier producers on Arran.

Paying homage to Alastair's success, James Stagg from The Caterer magazine spoke of the 'marketing brilliance' of the Taste of Arran that has boosted the island's economy and provided producers with a sustainable and successful business platform from which to grow.

James said: 'Alastair's flair for marketing and innovation led him to diversify the business without ever losing sight of his drive for quality and innovation: his Isle of Arran Dairies ice cream is synony-

mous with the island he operates from.'

Accepting the award, Alastair paid tribute to the quality, innovation and hard work of fellow producers as well as acknowledging the HIT's achievements in developing the skills and ambitions of young people working in the hospitality industry.

The dinner, to celebrate HIT's 21st anniversary, was attended by more than 500 industry representatives. The event raised a staggering £67,000 for HIT, a registered charity that delivers scholarships and bursaries for those working in the industry.

Sponsored by Diageo, guests were served up a sumptuous dinner of local produce and enjoyed glittering entertainment from Edward Reid, Britain's Got Talent, who emerged from a giant cake.

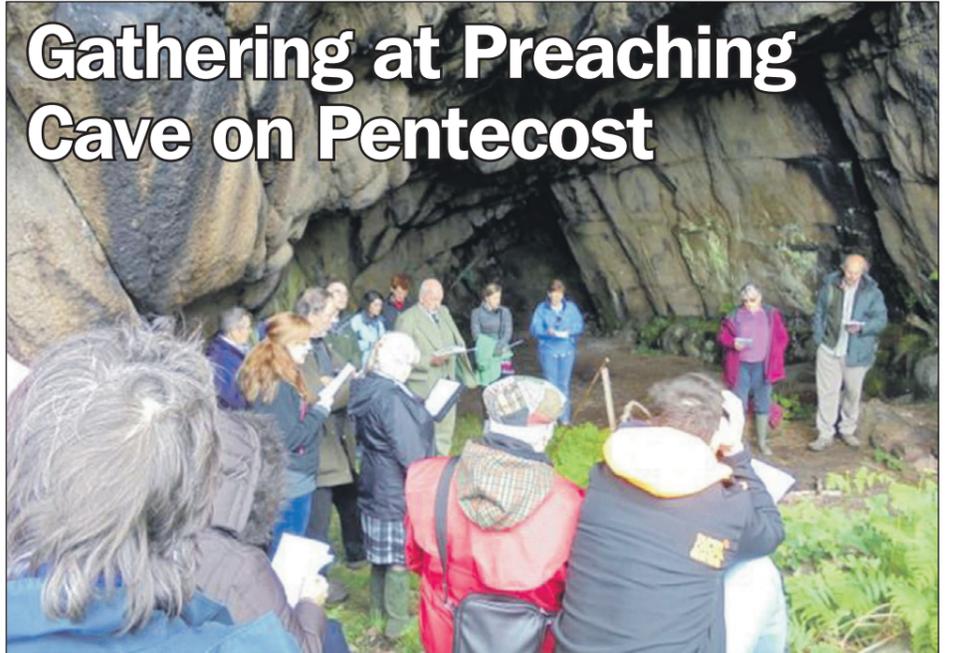
Summing up the night, HIT's chief executive David Cochrane said: 'This generous and fun-loving industry partied like never before and dug deep to secure the future for many of our next generation of industry leaders.'

'I am hugely proud to be part of a sector which contributes so much to Scotland.'



Reflecting on his success Alastair with his award.

Gathering at Preaching Cave on Pentecost



As the global Christian community celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit, 35 people gathered at the historic Preaching Cave on Kilpatrick Shore on Pentecost Sunday 24 May, writes Helen Kerr.

With stout shoes and a number with walking sticks and poles they wended their way along the stony path, as did their forefathers on Arran for a number of years, more than 200 years ago. A service in English and Gaelic was enjoyed by those present, remembering that in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago peo-

ple from many ethnic and language backgrounds were amazed to hear the gospel in their own tongue at the event which marked the birth of the church.

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Winds of change on Holy Isle

The subject of wind turbines has always been a touchy one on Arran.

Even a proposal last year for more and higher turbines on Kintyre sparked concern on the west side of the island.

So one can only imagine the prospect of wind turbines on Holy Isle is going to split opinion on the island.

The proposals may have just made it into the public domain but clearly a lot of work has already been carried out into the feasibility of the Holy Isle community wind energy project. Sites have clearly been investigated and identified with plans showing three 15kw wind turbines at each end of the island which, at their blade tip, would be nearly 20ms high.

The project team even admits it considered a single 100kw turbine which would have reached almost twice that height, but don't say where it could have been sited.

Lamlash Bay is an important area for a number of reasons and Holy Isle is at the very centre of it.

The impacts on tourism, the landscape, ecology, cultural heritage, noise and telecommunications are just some of the issues which need to be considered and, to be fair, the Holy Isle project team insists it will all be addressed if, and when, the time comes to consider a planning application.

The Buddhist community has clearly not considered this lightly. It says one of the main benefits will be to drastically cut its hefty bill for electricity, which it relies on almost exclusively at the moment.

It says the wind turbines could generate most, if not all, of its electricity needs, and turn Holy Isle into a zero carbon community.

It also says the development upholds the Buddhist aspiration of 'living lightly on the earth' through the harnessing of the natural wind resource.

It could be argued though that the physical siting of six wind turbines to do this rather negates the naturalness of the wind capture.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. What this proposal needs is a sensible debate on the pros and cons of such a development on what was described this week as a 'special place'.

That must not be lost, whatever the outcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

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Letters to the Editor



Weather is not entirely to blame

Sir,
A recent report which stated that the wrong kind of weather was to blame for the rise in ferry disruption (The Herald 18 May) will have raised some eyebrows in the communities served by CalMac Ferries Limited.

There will, of course, be days when for weather reasons boats cannot sail. Yet while the weather 'experts' appear to be at odds about the validity and implications of the reported data, there will be little disagreement among those dependent on ferry services throughout the Hebridean and Clyde network that the reduction in service reliability is certainly not entirely weather related.

For instance, the wrong kind of weather was not responsible for the recent dubious procurement process by CMAL (Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd) of the £42m MV Loch Seaforth which subsequently required an additional spend of £26m on Ullapool and Stornoway harbours to accommodate the new vessel. Consequently the allegedly unscheduled extended works resulted in delays, inconvenience and a shortage of vessels elsewhere.

Weather has not been responsible for long-term under-investment resulting in a fleet and ports which are becoming unfit for purpose with no spare vessels to relieve others in the event of increasing sudden breakdowns. Many vessels suffer breakdowns within days of leaving the docks after their annual refit and lack of service for 'technical reasons' has never been more prevalent.

Neither is weather responsible for the total lack of political will to resolve the inefficiencies in the privately owned harbour at Ardrossan resulting in the worst service Arran has ever had with no usable alternative 'port of refuge' available on most occasions. It is hard to see how the recorded wave height of almost 47ft off the Western Isles is relevant to a harbour

in the comparative shelter of the Clyde Estuary.

One might think that a remedy for inconvenienced communities, residents, businesses and visiting tourists may be found in Holyrood but, of course, Holyrood is the source of the problem.

Transport Scotland, CMAL (the asset owners) and CalMac (the operators) are effectively authorised, funded and subsidised by Holyrood which chooses to blame Europe for enforcing the current look-a-like commercial model. So where can one go to resolve this?

The Isle of Arran is commonly referred to as 'Scotland in miniature' and as Holyrood has a sizeable SNP majority; the local authority (North Ayrshire Council) is under SNP control and our resident councillor, MSP and MP all represent the SNP one could be forgiven for wondering that if a powerful SNP administration can't provide the necessary ferry infrastructure and services for Arran - what chance is there for the rest of Scotland?

For the sake of the economy, service reliability and connectivity of the islands referred to, particularly if the much vaunted and heavily subsidised Road Equivalent Tariff system is to prove its worth to the tourist industry as intended, then blaming the weather while ignoring obvious inefficiencies in the present business model with its operational, maintenance and procurement shortcomings will not do.

Yours,
Neil Arthur Broombrae Kilpatrick

Hole in one

Sir,
On our Rearo Laminates golf weekend at Whiting Bay golf course earlier this month, Saltcoats golfer Colin Massie hit a hole in one at the notorious 17th.

We had a great weekend of golf on the best course on Arran.

Many thanks to Mary, Ian and John. John makes the

best curry on the island. Also to the Kinloch Hotel for looking after us as well.

Yours,
T Bryan Sempill Avenue Erskine

Mary's Meals thanks

Sir,
Through your pages, may I please take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in Weighing In for Mary's Meals at Lamlash and Brodick Church each Thursday between January and April this year.

Well done folks, our Donate a £: Lose a lb campaign raised the magnificent sum of £526.41.

Just £12.20 feeds and educates a child for a whole school year and last week Mary's Meals announced it is now reaching more than a million children in 14 countries.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, the founder and chief executive officer of this 'no frills' charity, has just published a book *The Shed That Fed A Million Children*. Magnus has kindly signed two copies of his book for me; one will be raffled at the Tearoom Charity Tea Party at Sannox on the 11 June and the other at a coffee morning to be held in Lamlash Church on the 25 July.

Yours,
Alison Page Mary's Meals Volunteer Lamlash

Duck Derby delay

Sir,
Whiting Bay and District Improvements Committee has decided to postpone its planned duck derby until July. It will now take place on Saturday 25 July, at the end of its fun week, instead of 30 May. Anyone who has already purchased a duck, need not worry as their duck will be entered with hundreds more into the Sandbraes burn on 25 July. More details later. All Whiting Bay residents are also invited to the annual general meeting of the improvements group on Tuesday 2

June at 7pm in the village hall.

Yours,
Jan MacGregor Secretary

Childhood memories

Sir,
While clearing out my mum's loft after her funeral last November, I came across a large amount of Kodak slides taken by my dad.

There are wonderful ones over the years of Corrie and Sannox where we spent every childhood holiday. This one is from summer of 1971 of me aged 12 and my sister, Serena, aged 8.

I know Marvin's seal is now on this rock, but at the time it made a perfect photo op. My parents, Ian and Barbara Binnie, now are both buried in Sannox cemetery.

Really enjoy your digital paper which I read every week in Olympia, Washington, USA.

Yours,
Shelley Pedersen (Binnie) Black Lake Blvd Olympia, WA USA



Shelley and Serena on a rock at Corrie.

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Scots author is to make his home on Arran

New grisly novel will have island as its backdrop

A leading Scottish crime author is starting a new chapter and not just in his writing but in his whole way of life.

Tony Black's love of Arran has brought him and his family to live permanently on the island, where he plans to set his next detective novel.

Tony, a six-times CWA Dagger nominee, took the keys to his new home in Kildonan earlier this month, where he is already at work on a murder mystery called *A Taste of Ashes*.

Tony, 43, who has taken holidays on the island for decades says the book will feature a few place names and locations that Arran's residents will find familiar.

'The novel opens on the mainland, where there's a nasty murder in Ayrshire, but the police end up trailing the murderer to Arran,' said Tony.

'I liked the idea of the more rugged parts of the scenery being used for the chase and, of course, it's the last place you'd expect a murderer to head.

'There's great drama to be drawn from bad things happening in nice places, it adds an extra layer of tension. I don't think there's a nicer part of the country, so a serial killer on the loose on Arran is about as tense as you can get.'

Tony started the novel whilst visiting Kildonan and staying at Whin House on the coast in February.

'I thought I wasn't going to get any work done at all because the views are just so spectacular. I imagined I'd spend my days staring out the window,' he said. 'But I flew through the early chapters and found it a really inspiring spot to write.'

The author, who Irvine Welsh describes as his favourite British crime writer, returned home after completing a large chunk of the book to discuss a move to the island with wife Cheryl. The couple have a two-year-old son, Conner.

Love the island

'She didn't take much persuading, it has to be said.

'We love the island, the outstanding environment and the friendly people, so it was a no brainer to come here permanently,' he said.

And for them it was just a short hop across the Firth of Clyde from their previous home in the village of Mossblown in South Ayrshire.

Tony said: 'With my writing going so well here, it feels like home. I could end up setting more stories on the island but I'll see how my detective Bob Valentine gets on first. I did have another character, Doug Michie, heading off to live here at the end of *The Inglorious Dead* so perhaps he was trying to tell me something.'

Tony was born in Australia but grew up in Scotland and

Ireland and is the author of 12 books which are mainly crime fiction and he has a popular following.

On his move to Arran Tony added: 'I've been coming to the island for years, since I was a kid actually, and it's always called me back. My first visit was a school trip in primary seven and we went to all the touristy spots. I can remember visiting the castle, especially and the ferry trip. It seemed a very special place to me.

'Arran is such a beautiful island and has a completely different vibe to anywhere else I've been. There's a great quality of life here which has been lost on the mainland a little. My son's a bit young to appreciate the benefits but it's a great place to bring up children.

'I find it really easy to write here, perhaps because it's such a quiet spot we have - there's a few writers in the city I know who would love it here too - it can be hard to shut out the background noise and it finds its way into the work. If the writing isn't going to well, I just go for a stroll along the shore which is great for blowing away the cobwebs, and when I get back to my desk I'm raring to go.'

Tony's latest book, *The Last Tiger*, was inspired by a very different island - Tasmania - and it's just become an Australian bestseller, breaking into the Top 50.

'The Last Tiger is set on Tasmania, formerly known as Van Diemen's Land - a prison colony of the British Empire.

'It's a jaw-droppingly beautiful spot too, but with a very tragic past. I visited Tasmania in December but it's perhaps just a bit too isolated for me to move there,' he joked.

A Taste of Ashes will be published by Black & White Publishing in paperback and eBook later this year. For more information, and his latest news visit his website at: www.tonyblack.net or his blog: www.pulppusher.blogspot.com



Tony Black and son Conner with Goatfell behind them. 20_b22crime01



Tony Black will set his next novel 'A Taste of Ashes' on Arran. 20_b22crime02

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Combined schools take both relay prizes in night of swim competition

Nearly 100 children last week took part in the annual primary school swimming gala.

Pupils from all seven primary schools on the island took part in the event at the Auchrannie swimming pool, cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of parents, family and friends.

In the champions race James Reid of P7 at Lamlash Primary made it two in a row after picking up the boys' award last year. Ciara Wood who is also in P7 at Lamlash won the girls' event.

Organisers would like to thank the Auchrannie for hosting the event.

The full results were: P2 girls, one width: 1 Rhea Webster, 2 Lily Keir, 3 Niamh Gosman. Boys' race 1: Andrew McKelvie, 2 Innes

McNicol, 3 Harvey Boner. Boys' race 2: 1 Miles Smith, 2 Michael McNicol, 3 Oscar Urquhart-Dixon.

Champions race, girls: 1 Ciara Wood, 2 Abbey Mulholland, 3 Amelia Kemp. Boys: 1 James Reid, 2 Rory Currie, 3 Andrew Sneddon.

P3 girls, one length, race 1: 1 Annie West, 2 Imogen Allison, 3 Jemma Totty. race 2: 1 Kailin Haddow, 2 Ruby Wright, 3 Heather Beatan. Boys: 1 Kieran Gerachty, 2 Jack Popplewell, 3 Jan Matusiak.

P4 girls, one length, race 1: 1 Isobella Reid, 2 Daisy Innes, 3 Abbey Stewart. Race 2: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Rhiannon Gardener, 3 Kayleigh Easton. Boys: 1 Ruairdh Lindsay-Smith, 2 Oscar Ingles, 3 Patryk Gwizdowski.

P5 girls, two lengths, back crawl: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Laila Webster, 3 Megan McCartney. Boys: 1 Aidan Hewie, 2 Andrew Sneddon, 3 Harry Millar. P7 girls, two lengths, back crawl: 1 Caira Wood, 2 Amelia Kemp, 3 Malley Robertson. Boys: 1 James Reid, 2 Rory Currie, 3 Louie Urquhart-Dixon.

P5 girls, two lengths, breast stroke: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Daisy McNamara, 3 Isla McKelvie. P6 boys, two lengths, breast stroke: 1 Tenzin Gautier, 2 Andrew Sneddon.

P7 girls, two lengths, breast stroke: 1 Caira Wood, 2 Charlotte McKillop, 3 Amelia Kemp. Boys: 1 James Reid, 2 Rory Currie, 3 Louie Urquhart-Dixon.

P5 girls, two lengths, front crawl: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Megan McCartney, 3 Lily Webster. Boys: 1 Connor White, 2 Aidan Hewie, 3 Gordon MacIntyre. P6 girls, two lengths, front crawl: 1 Freya McNicol, 2 Hannah Kemp, 3 Jessica Reid. Boys: 1 James McCarthy, 2 Andrew Sneddon.

P7 girls, two lengths, front crawl, race 1: 1 Molly McNiven, 2 Caira Wood, 3 Abbey Mulholland. Race 2: 1 Erin Mulholland, 2 Amelia Kemp, 3 Charlotte McKillop. Boys: 1 James Reid, 2 Rory Currie, 3 Euan Gordon Wilkinson.

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



The winning team of the combined schools who lifted the medley relay trophy. 20_b22gala01



Parents and friends watch the gala action. 20_b22gala04



The combined schools team who won the freestyle relay. 20_b22gala02



Making a splash as the swimmers enter the water. 20_b22gala06



The swimmers prepare to take to the pool. 20_b22gala07

Exciting event from vibrant new young opera company

'This will be a musical treat'

Ayrshire Opera Experience is a new young opera company which is touring in Ayrshire this month and islanders are lucky enough to have it coming to Arran this weekend.

In association with the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum it is presenting an exciting reworking of the Charpentier opera Acteon and is titled Acteon meets Tam O Shanter.

Illicit

This ground-breaking piece merges Scots language with French Baroque Opera and

Greek mythology, re-telling the story of a young hunter who, like Tam O Shanter, stumbles across an illicit vision.

This fascinating piece will be performed alongside a first half of music entitled Burns to Bernstein, a mixture of opera, musical theatre and Burns.

The programme will include works by Monteverdi, Handel, Bizet, Bernstein, Noel Coward and Irving Berlin and will showcase some of

Scotland's rising opera stars including some familiar faces to Arran audiences from previous opera galas during the McLellan Arts Festival.

'This will be a musical treat of the highest quality so please don't miss it,' one of the organisers said.

The performance is tomorrow (Saturday) at 2.30pm in the Community Theatre, Arran High School and tickets can be purchased at The Book and Card Shop or at the door.



Members of the young opera company which is performing in Lamlash.

New website giving chance for everybody to get active

Sports clubs and physical activity groups on Arran are being invited to join one of the country's most comprehensive directories for local organisations.

'Everybody' in North Ayrshire is a physical activity and sports programme which aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and to improve the well being of residents.

The programme is hosted by KA Leisure, supported by North Ayrshire Council, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, SportScotland, Active North Ayrshire and Young Scot.

Through its online directory, one of the largest in Scotland, it offers the chance to search for and get involved, regardless of age, in one of more than 240 activities at dozens of North Ayrshire venues.

Submit

There are around 11 events/clubs listed at the moment on Arran and the idea is to encourage more sports clubs and activity groups to submit their details to the directory.

They can also update and remove their club if anything changes.

From archery to yoga, the

directory lists a vast array of local sports and physical activities available to the public. Using the Everybody website - <http://events.kaleisure.com/> - is quick and easy.

Users can specify age group, town and type of activity to find the local sport or physical activity of their choice.

The Everybody website also offers useful links and information on a variety of sports activities across North Ayrshire.

For details on how to join the Everybody directory go to <http://events.kaleisure.com/>

Prices higher than last year at Ayr sale

Messrs Craig Wilson Ltd at Ayr Auction Mart concluded their spring sales of Arran consigned stock where 275 cattle and 313 sheep were offered new homes within the various island and mainland collective sales.

The superb quality of the animals consigned without question reflects on what sellers receive for their stock and despite the doom and gloom surrounding the finished cattle trade, eye-catching types are still fetching a premium at prices generally higher than last year.

Principle Prices: Bullock Stirks (per head): Charolais: £1105 £1060 £1000 £980 Auchenhew £1050 £940 £935 £850 £835 Creagraineach £950 Moor £900 Glenree Limousin: £1220 Craigview £1175 Cairnhouse £1010 & £880 Springfield Hereford: £1210 & £1110 Altgolath Simmental: £1065 £1020 £890 Bellview

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Heifers Stirks (per head): Charolais: £1005 £965 Auchenhew £855 £780 Springfield £830 Creagraineach & Moor £780 Creagraineach £735 Glenree & Ceithir Gaoithe Limousin: £1295 £1220 £940 Craigview £1180 £1090 Bellview Salar: £1010 Bellview Blonde: £1000 (x2) Heathcote £935 £895 £880 Heathcote Simmental: £880 £730 Birchburn A/Angus: £780 Birchburn Limousin: £830 £690 Springfield

Heifer Stirks (per kilo): Charolais: 253.9p 233.7p Auchenhew 255.7p & 233.7p Creagraineach 237.0p Glenree 233.3p Ceithir Gaoithe 230.5p Moor 229.4p

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The group make their way on the Three Beinns walk. Photo James Margeson



Safety ropes were used during the A'Chir scramble. Photo Steven Richardson



Reaching the top after A'Chir scramble



A magnificent view on the Beinn Bharrain walk. Photo Corinna Goeckeritz

Arran Mount reaches new

'Here's hoping for an equally brilliant event

Arran's annual hill walking festival was more popular than ever this year with more than 120 walk spaces filled over the weekend.

Festival chairwoman Corinna Goeckeritz said: 'We are extremely pleased with how the festival has gone. The weather turned out much better than forecast, and walkers were treated to spectacular views. 'The atmosphere was great

during the walks and the evening events.

'The walks I led felt more like hikes with old friends, and I am sure other leaders will say the same. Everyone involved has done a great job, from the hard working organising committee to Arran Adventure which provided the booking system and transport, to our dedicated walk leaders volunteering their time.

'Thanks are also due to the businesses supporting the event and, most importantly, the fabulous festival participants.'

One of the most popular festival walks over the years has been the Witch's Step and Castles horseshoe, but for the first time this year, participants could experience the thrill of climbing the entire Witch's Step, secured with ropes.



The Old Man of Tarsuinn on the Three Beinns walk. Photo James Margeson

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Photo Steven Richardson



A dangerous drop on the A'Chir scramble. Photo Steven Richardson



The group on the Witch's Step and Castles walk. Photo Andy McNamara



The group on their Beinn Bharrain walk. Photo Corinna Goeckeritz.

Mountain Festival highlights

...ent in 2016,' says Corinna Goeckeritz

The exhilarating Witch's Step climb and A'Chir ridge scramble were fully booked months before the event, and are very likely to feature again next year.

Mountain talks

On Saturday evening, more than 60 folk flocked to the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, where they were treated to two fascinating mountain talks.

John Murray explored the

wealth of information contained in Gaelic placenames in the landscape, whilst Alan Rowan's lively talk about walking the munros by moonlight was full of stunning images and hilarious anecdotes.

Festival organisers have received very positive feedback from participants. Walkers praised the excellent organisation of the event and how the small groups made for a very

friendly and personable atmosphere. As in previous years, many walkers were repeat visitors to the festival.

'Here's hoping for an equally brilliant event in 2016,' Corinna added. The dates for next year's festival are 13 - 16 May 2016.

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Antiquarians hear of the Border Reivers and the last defensive houses in Britain

Sixty Arran Antiquarians welcomed Tam Ward of Biggar Archaeology Group to speak at the May meeting where he gave an illustrated talk on The Border Reivers and Bastle Houses, writes *Norma Davidson*.

Tam first spoke to the group in 2001. He next intended to speak in 2004 but he was stormbound in Ardrossan and the talk was unfortunately postponed.

However, he came again in 2005 and then in 2010 he delivered the Hugh McKerrell Memorial Lecture.

Tam Ward was instrumental in setting up the Biggar Museums Trust which incorporated three museums, and in 2004 more than 60 Antiquarians on two coaches spent a lovely sunny day in Biggar with Tom and his colleagues.

He describes himself as an amateur archaeologist, but

anyone who studies the work he has done on field archaeology, museum work, research and lecturing would refute that. He is a very accomplished archaeologist indeed.

His lecture had a joint theme of Border Reivers and Bastle Houses in the 16th and 17th century. Bastle Houses were the last defensive houses in Britain.

The Scottish border stretched from the Solway in the west to the North Sea in the east. As far back as the second century Emperor Hadrian established a formal border, but from then on the area suffered non-stop conflict. Massacres and major battles were not unusual in the area. Edward I committed genocide in Berwick, James IV and the flower of Scottish manhood were killed at Flodden, and the calamitous defeat of James V at

the Battle of Solway Moss to name but a few.

Running North of Gretna in a north-easterly direction was a rectangle of land which was a 'no-man's land', not governed by the Scots or the English. This was known as the Debatable Lands and was a maelstrom of feuding and lawlessness. Foes were not always Scots attacking the English or vice versa but were often raids on neighbours or nearby families with whom there was an ongoing feud.

In 1593 near Lockerbie the Maxwells and the Johnstons had an altercation which resulted in the slaughter of 700 Maxwells.

The ever-present dangers from the 'nation over the border' and neighbours meant that fortified houses or Bastle Houses were built in Northern England and fewer in Scotland, where they were of-



Speaker Tam Ward, left, with his partner Sandra and Antiquarians secretary Colin Mackenzie.

ten wrongly described as Peel or Peel Towers.

Lords had their castles, Lairds their Tower Houses and the tenant farmers built Bastle Houses. These were stone built with very thick walls. There was a vaulted basement for the stock and a floor above for the family. They had tiny windows which were often barred and access to the upper chamber was by means of a ladder. The ladder would be pulled up after people and the door secured by drawbars. There was also a door access to the basement which again had drawbars. The name Bastle was a corruption of the French word Bastille whose exact meaning was 'a strong defensive place'.

The Border Reivers in their raids drove away the sheep and cattle and stole everything they could use, even the clothes of the victims, causing many deaths from exposure, particularly of children in the Scottish winter nights. They were well armed with crossbows, lances and swords, and rode small, nimble sure footed horses – Galloway nags – a species that died out in the 19th century. This area saw some of the most despicable and bestial behaviour of any period of British history.

In 1525 Gavin Dunbar, Archbishop of Glasgow, pronounced the Great Monition of Cursing. This was a long and most comprehensive curse which meant excommunication to all offenders. It was greeted with great hilarity and no heed was paid to it.

The Borders were divided into East, Mid and West Marches. Each had a Warden

– men of great power. The Duke of Buccleuch was one such Warden. Tam gave many entertaining anecdotes; truce says were held from time to time, when the Wardens and representatives from each March could meet and theoretically resolve their differences and settle debts. It never really worked out that way as copious amounts of alcohol were always consumed.

In 16th century Scotland 'the fitbaw' was already popular, and in one game an English player was disembowelled – a rather extreme foul which certainly would evoke more of a reaction than a red card.

When Elizabeth I died in 1603 and James VI became King, one Robert Carey rode from London to Holyrood in three days to present the Queen's ring to James to tell him of his succession. James VI and I of England slowly progressed to London as King of a united country. The Border was dissolved and the Borders became the Shires.

The same Robert Carey tried to make a difference in the area. Every castle had to dismantle their gates and turn them into ploughshares. By 1610 the most infamous families of which the Grahams were the foremost were almost eradicated by genocide and clearance.

Tam and Biggar Archaeology Group have completed digs, including Windgate House which stands in a secluded glen. Articles found were all of the 17th century. There were horseshoes, coins, bones and a midden.

It was assumed to have been a 16th century Tower House, but was probably a Bastle

House. Nearby byres and house byres were excavated. They had stone foundations, turf walls and cruck framed roof with turf.

Biggar Museum Trust made a Heritage Trail around their excavations at Glenochar at Elvanfoot. Artefacts dating back to the 18th century show quite sophisticated pottery and wine bottles.

Many tobacco pipes were also discovered. As a matter of interest, the Grahams were beginning to creep back into the area and a will of a James Graham dated 1633 is in existence.

Biggar, Peebles and Jedburgh had Bastle Houses on their main streets for protection against raiders. Kin feud was not confined to the Borders though as it was recorded as far north as Edinburgh that Bastle Houses existed.

There are 200 such houses recorded in England, but the ones in Scotland are fewer in number and are usually now found on heritage trails but are not normally named as Bastle Houses.

Lawlessness was so rife that some fortified churches were built and still exist. The church in Biggar is an excellent example, a conventional church built on the cruciform pattern, topped by a tower with gun slits and a door that could be barred in case of attack. Fortunately people can now go unmolested to Biggar to see its church and museums and can drive through Dumfries and Galloway to the Border without fear for their lives.

The next meeting is on Monday 15 June at Brodick Hall, when Alistair Dinsmore will talk about the History of the Glasgow Police.

Members and visitors of the Arran Antiquarians were told at the meeting the annual outing this year on Friday, 26 June, was being run to Drumlanrig Castle, the seat of the Duke of Buccleuch in Dumfriesshire where a special guided tour of the Castle will be made, with a stop on the return journey at Dobbies Garden Centre in Ayr, and returning to Brodick on the 6 pm. ferry from Ardrossan. Anyone wishing to take part should phone chairman, Harry Davidson, on 01770 302036 to book their place.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 3 June, 1995

New proposals

There are a number of changes to the new plans for a controversial building project in Brodick which have been submitted to the planning department.

The most surprising element is that the new plans for the Charters Towers/Cora Lynn development offer living accommodation for no fewer than 92 people in 34 houses.

The proposal also differs in appearance from the previous plan in having no clock tower, although there does appear to be a vestige of this in a clock under an oriel window.

The new plans show three blocks. Block A is three storeys and stands on the old Co-op site, Block B, which is joined to it, has two levels and runs up Police Road, while Block C consists of six terraced houses.

The plans for Charters Towers have caused considerable anxiety in the village on a number of counts, the greatest being the large number of people it is anticipated would be living in a very small area.

New film shows

From the end of June, Cunninghame Leisure Services is to show films in Brodick Hall on several nights a week.

This is likely to be warmly greeted, particularly by young people, but not everyone is pleased. The displeasure comes from Lochranza where Frank and Peggy Bromley have been showing films on behalf of the hall committee, for a long time and were neither told nor asked about the development.

In total films have been shown there for 60 years and while, not at all like a posh cinema,



At a recent presentation ceremony in Kilmarnock College 23 members of the Arran Duke of Edinburgh award scheme received their certificates. b22twe03

the hall films have a charm and have become something of an institution.

But Brodick Hall also has a history of showing films, the most recent being only half a dozen years ago when a man from Rothesay visited Arran a couple of nights a week.

Since then few films have been shown there since home videos became more widely available.

Hospital review

Surgical services at Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash could have a question mark over them following a review by the Royal College of Surgeons.

Commissioned by the Scottish Office the review is aimed at maintaining a uniform standard of treatment across the country. To do this the RCS is calling for two consultant surgeons and two consultant anaesthetists at the smallest hospitals.

Arran has one of each and is one of four hospitals with only one consultant surgeon.

Jim Donaldson, chairman of Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, said they had not yet seen a copy of the review but added: 'We would want to see what evidence they have used in the preparation of the review, to analyse it and then we would comment.'

'The implications are that if a requirement is laid down then the health board, as purchasers, would have to address it,' he added.

Fewer fish

Once again anglers gathered in Lamlash last weekend to fish the seas. Setting out in the morning, boats tend to go south toward Pladda, but each year there is a feeling that the fish are not as plentiful as the year before. One boat returned on Saturday with only one plaice, but others were more fortunate. Of the 72 anglers taking part, nine were from Arran, four of them juniors.



All this week the Arran Gilbert and Sullivan Society have been bringing a tropical flavour of South Pacific to Brodick Hall. Here we see on the right Peter Chappell as Luther Billis and in front George Watson as Stewpot with some of the chorus of G's and sailors. b22twe01



Organiser Calum Allison (right) with local winner John Carpenter of Lamlash with a pollack he caught. b22twe02



Lamlash Lifeboat Station held an open day on Sunday. Here youngsters Craig Ingham and Gavin and Angela Leach take a closer look at Arran's C class inshore lifeboat. b22twe04

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Trout Fly Fishing
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open
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 Arran Brewery tour
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green
 Arran Heritage Museum,

Saturday 30th May

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Live music
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Brodick Market
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 Live Music - Amie & Andy

Sunday 31st May

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome

Monday 1st June

Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
 Badminton
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Yoga
 Circuit Training
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 10/10 Total Body workout
 Citizens advice
 Lamlash Aerobix
 RunArran
 Summer Bridge
 Lunch Club

Tuesday 2nd June

Pop Quiz
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Garden Walk
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 RunArran
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Metafit
 Open Cricket Session

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 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Brodick bowling club, 2pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 7pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm
 Whiting Bay 5.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm
 Brodick Sheltered Housing, 12.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Auchrannie 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 2pm - 3pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash, 5.30pm
 All Stages, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm
 Brodick Atsro Turf 7pm-9pm

Wednesday 3rd June

Coffee morning (every Wednesday)
 Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran
 Yoga-Arran
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog classes
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Knitting & Crochet drop in group
 Roundhouse Open
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 Coffee Morning
 Parkinson's Support Group

Lamlash Church Hall 10.15am-12noon
 Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
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 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
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 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
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 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
 Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
 Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 10.30 - 12noon
 Lamlash fire Station, 2pm - 4pm

Thursday 4th June

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Folk, Country, Bluesy Night with Cams & Friends
 Yoga
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran
 RunArran
 Paintings Tour
 Cardiac Rehab
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 Auchrannie Winter Bowls

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Brodick, 6pm
 Blackwaterfoot, 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6-7pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm

Friday 5th June

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 Family fun night
 Brodick Market
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo
 Arran Folk Festival - Open Session
 Arran Folk Festival Concert
 Arran Folk Festival late night session

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9am - 10am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
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(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 31st May
Holy Communion 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.

Wednesday 3rd June
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on

Thursday 4th June
at 7.30 pm, in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran
Brodict, Corrie, Lochranza,
Pirnmill 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 fol-
lowing times to which
all are invited.

Sunday 31st May
Lochranza Church, 9.30am
Morning Worship.

Pirnmill Church, 10.45am
Morning Worship.

Shiskine Church, 12noon
Morning Worship.

Brodict Church, 10.30am
Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am
Prayer Meeting

12noon Morning Worship.
There will also be a Service of
Worship in Montrose House
at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a
fellowship to share"

Sunday 31st May
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
Rev. Lily McKinnon
In Lamlash:
Sacrament of Baptism
All welcome, including
families; children's area
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 31st May
Morning Service, 11am
Trust Housing Lounge,
Glen Estate, Brodict

Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodict
Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 3rd June
at 7pm
5 Glen Road.
All welcome

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)
Sunday 31st 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 most welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass: Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 31st May
11am Morning worship
in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion,
Brodict

Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for
Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 31st May
Shiskine 11am (Church on road
between Blackwaterfoot and
Machrie)

Brodict 7pm (Church behind
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Mr Ernest Brown

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

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Golf

SWI Golf

The 18-hole Greensome was
played at Shiskine Golf Club
on Monday 11 May. Twelve
ladies played on a dry but very
windy evening, followed by a
lovely supper made by Sarah
and Simon, the new caterers.

The winners were Piet John-
ston and Carole Stewart
69.2pts, 2 Elizabeth Kelso and
Ellie Jones 71.8pts, 3 Alice An-
derson and Esther Henderson
74.6pts.

Piet and Carole will now go to
Dunnikier Park, Kirkcaldy to
represent Arran in the national
finals in September.

Brodict Golf Club

It was a busy week at Bro-
dict Golf Club, not only for the
members but also with visiting
parties and visitors. The weath-
er proved to be reasonable for
once this month giving every-
one a chance to play golf with-
out getting soaked.

Wednesday 20 May, Sum-
mer Cup, CSS 65, 39 played.
1 Ian Sillars 77-14= 63, 2 Jim
Reid 80-16=64, 3 Matt Keir
71-6=65. Scratch Ewan McK-
innon 67. There were 13 magic
twos; Gordon Hendry got three
and Matt Keir two.

Thursday 21 May, McCarfrae
2nd round Club Championship
qualifier, CSS 64, 18 played. 1
Ewan McKinnon 70, 2 Gordon
Hendry 72, 3rd James Armit
74. The sweep was one by Da-
vid Hendry 77-15=62.

Sunday 24 May, McCarfrae
3rd round Club Championship
qualifier, CSS 64, 18 played. 1
Matt Keir 68, 2 Gordon Hen-
dry 70, 3 Terry Raeside 71.
Sunday 24 May, sweep, CSS
64, 18 played. 1 Terry Raeside
71-10=61, 2 Matt Keir 68-
6=62, 3 Douglas Robertson
82-17=65 BIH. There were
three magic twos.

Fixtures: The Club Champi-
onship qualifying is over and
12 players have qualified. The
top four are Ewan McKinnon,
Gordon Hendry, Matt Keir and
Terry Raeside. The final will
played on Saturday 30 May at
4pm, but before that the junior
final will be played on that day
at 2pm and at 3pm the ladies'
final. The presentation of the

trophies will be at 7pm. This
will be followed by Trish's
American buffet and to finish
the Captain's intellectual quiz.

Ladies' section: Tuesday 26
May, Medal, 13 played, CSS
68. 1st Div, 1 Margaret Bryce,
89(20)69, 2 Yvonne Broth-
ers, 85(16)69, 3 Brenda Liv-
ingstone, 89(13)76. 2nd Div,
1 Lesley Murray, 99(26)73,
2 Gege Kroner, 95 (22)73, 3
Janette McVicar, 109(33)76.
Nine Hole Stableford, 1 Mairi
Thompson 12 pts.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 21 May, Summer
Cup and Jamieson Cup, CSS
64, par 64, 26 played. 1 Wil-
lie Currie 71-10=61, 2 Paul
Jameson 74-11=63, 3 Iain Mur-
chie 67-4=63, 4 Todd Jameson
68-5=63. Best Scratch Dougie
Macfarlane 67 BIH over Iain
Murchie. There were magic
twos from Scott Macfarlane
at the 5th, Paul Jameson at
the 16th, Andrew Wales at the
13th.

Sunday 24 May, Scratch
Cup, CSS 64. 1 Drew Wales
71-8=63, 2 Allan Winship 77-
13=64 BIH, 3 Paul Jameson
75-11=64. Best Scratch Drew
Wales 71. There were no mag-
ic twos.

Fixtures: Sunday 31 May,
Hastings Cup Rnd 1, 9.30am
and 12.30pm starts. Thursday
4 June, Summer Cup, make up
own groups.

Ladies' section: Wednesday
20 May, Stroke, 10 played,
CSS 66 par 65. 1 Sheena
Murchie 80(14) 66, 2 Jenny
Pattenden 98(30)68. Scratch:
Sheena Murchie 80.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 20 May, medal,
CSS 64. Sweep 1 D K Hen-
derson 38+33=71-7=64, 2 B
Lewis 38+40=78-10=68, 3 D



Greensome winners at Shiskine Golf Club Carole Stewart and Piet Johnston who will represent Arran at the national SWI finals.

Logan 41+38=79-0=70. Best
scratch D K Henderson 71.
Magic two J Innes.

Saturday 23 May, Summer
Cup, CSS 63. Sweep 1 E McK-
innon 32+29=61+1=62 BIH, 2
J Innes 35+36=71-9=62 BIH, 3
A Napier 34-35=69-7=62. Best
scratch E McKinnon 62. Magic
twos A McDonald at the eighth,
E McKinnon at the 10th, D K
Henderson at the first.

Fixture: Saturday 30 May,
sweep, 8.30am and 1pm starts.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 24 May, McKelvie Cup
Rd 2, 15 played in the second
round of the McKelvie Cup,
which also served as a qualifier
for the club championship. 1
Markus Kroner (10)60, 2 Ki-
eran Aherne (28)61, 3 Graeme
Crichton (13)62, 4 Danny
Head (5)64. Alasdair Kelly
and Stan Rainey had the only
magic twos at the fourth and at
the 14th respectively.

The winner of the McKelvie
Cup with the lowest nett score
over two rounds is Markus
Kroner on 124, second place
goes to Graeme Crichton on

128 edging Jamie Macpherson,
also on 128, into third place by
virtue of a lower second round
score. The quarter final Club
Championship draw is: Danny
Head v David Morrison, Mark-
us Kroner v Gordon Provan,
Nicol Auld v Jamie Stew-
art and Corey Allan v Jamie
MacPherson. Ties to be played
on Thursday 28 May.

Fixtures: Sunday 31 May,
Medal. Wednesday 3 June,
Summer Trophy and JC Reid
semi finals, Thursday 4 June,
Club Championship semi fi-
nals. Sunday 7 June, Club
Championship and JC Reid
Finals.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 24 May, Sunday Sta-
bleford, 15 played. 1 K Sinclair
26 pts, 2 P Betley 25 pts BIH,
3 W McNally 25 pts. Magic
twos, D Tod and W Paton.

Fixtures: Saturday 30 May,
Club Championships (qualify-
ing), course closes 11.30am.
Sunday 31 Club Champion-
ships (qualifying), course clos-
es 11.30am. Thursday 4 May,
12 Hole Medal (ladies).



The RunArran members who took part in the MOK events.

RunArran takes part in MOK

Around a dozen members of RunArran made
the trip across the water to Campbeltown last
weekend to take part in the Mull of Kintyre -
known as the MOK -half marathon and 10K
events.

They were joined by a couple of old friends

from down south including Rachel Hodson,
who completed the half marathon in a per-
sonal best time.

RunArran leader Laura Aitcheson said:
'Everyone who took part did really well and
we all had a good weekend.'

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Debut goal for Alistair as youngsters get a chance

Brodick 4 Lamlash 0
Monday night saw champions Brodick begin their title defence at home to old rivals Lamlash. Both teams had some big players missing which paved the way for a couple of youngsters getting their chance to shine.

The first chance of the match came when a wind-assisted corner from Sean 'Higgy' Higgins almost flew

straight in but only the post kept it out. Brodick pounced first after Gregor Small got on the end of a cutback from Archie McNicol. The score could have been more to Brodick at half-time if it hadn't been for a good performance from the Currie (Chuckle) brothers playing alongside each other at centre-back.
Referee Danny Head

awarded Brodick a penalty soon after the restart after Gary McCall took out Babbies MacNeil while he was attempting a header on goal. Archie scored the resulting penalty to make it 2-0. John Drummond made it 3-0 not long after with a cool finish. John then picked up a booking for a bad challenge on Johnny 'Tom Daly' Sloss. This was his third booking of the season which means he receives a one-match ban.

Brodick brought on young Alistair McMillan for his debut and he immediately made an impact by scoring with his first ever touch in Arran football, following in the footsteps of Gavin McCrae. Thankfully Alistair looks 10 times the footballer that Gavin is.

Danny gave the man of the match to Gregor for his goal and a solid display at the back.

Monday's games are Northend vs Southend 7pm, and Shiskine vs Brodick 6.30pm.



Scott Currie clears the danger from a Brodick corner. 20_b22footy02



Jamie Sillars gets his shot away despite pressure from the Brodick defence. 20_b22footy01

Mixed fortunes for Shiskine in opening games

Southend 5 Shiskine 1
Southend played host to Shiskine in their first games of the season last Thursday.

Robbie Rhead turned out for Shiskine instead of his native Southend. He had vowed he wouldn't celebrate if he scored against his old team, but thankfully for him he never made it out of his own half before being hooked at half-time.

Southend took an early lead through Dean Scott after a great run and cross from Lewis Kennedy. Fraser Gilbert then made it two for the home team before Shiskine

replied with a well-struck volley from youngster Jack McNally.

Meanwhile Shiskiner Brian Amsing received a yellow card for angrily throwing the ball at Sandy Kelso who had been doing his best to wind him up. Donnie Park rifled home a shot from the edge of the box to make it 3-1 going into half-time.

Fraser scored his second and Southend's fourth early in the second half after a well-placed finish. Referee Greg McCrae then booked Southend goalie Stephen Judge for dissent after getting

angry over a penalty claim 100 yards away.

Donnie completed the scoring and took his tally to seven for the season. Greg also gave Donnie his third man of the match in four games after another top drawer performance.

Northend 4 Shiskine 7

In the other game on Monday, Shiskine travelled to Northend to play what has become a feisty encounter over the past couple of years.

Shiskine came out on top 7-4 in a high scoring battle. Brian 'the Flying Dutch-

man' Amsing scored a hat-trick and was given referee Stevie Judge's man of the match. Andy Thomson got a brace while John Murchie and Jordan Crawford completed Shiskine's scoring.

Young Iain Logan scored two for the home side. Lennon Deary scored for the second game in a row as well and the other scorer was Danny.

Without a second name, it was presumed he was Northend's new Brazilian signing.

Manager Chris Traill's in-depth scouting techniques are obviously starting to pay dividends.

Summer bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer bridge competition at Lamlash on Monday 25 May were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 3 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone. E/W 1 Jennifer Wales and Douglas Chase, 2 Margaret McGill and Jan Beattie, 3 Eendy McNiven and John Baraclough.

The results from the meeting on Monday 18 May were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 3 Linda Trickett and Elizabeth McKellar. E/W 1 Margaret McGill and Libby Alexander, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson.

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