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# Work starts on superfast broadband for the island

The project is by far the most ambitious and challenging rural broadband roll-out BT has undertaken anywhere in the UK

Major works are underway which will finally help deliver superfast broadband to Arran.

Cable laying work is currently being carried out in Corrie which is part of the fibre backbone to deliver the new service.

Later this year a fibre optic undersea cable will be laid to link Arran to the mainland, leading to significant improvements in broadband speed and performance much needed across the island.

And it should finally spell an end to interruptions such as those which hit the island last Thursday. That saw widespread disruption in Brodick where some services were down for nine hours and Lamlash was also badly hit.

Now, contractors working for BT Openreach are laying new fibre optic cable which has led to a series of temporary traffic light stretches the length of the village.

**Subsea cable**  
That work is ahead of the laying of the subsea cable which will link Arran to West Kilbride on the mainland which will be carried out over the next few months as part of a £26.9 million contract by BT to lay 20 such links across

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the Highlands and Islands.

The subsea work will be carried out by Orange Marine's cable ship Rene Descartes using the ship's submersible plough and remotely operated vehicles to bury the double armoured cable in the seabed. The cables will be backed up by dive support vessels, tugs and a shallow water laying vessel.

However, even once the subsea cable is laid it is still estimated in will be the first half of 2016 before superfast broadband is rolled out across Arran.

**Different**  
But Digital Scotland warn that all premises within an area due to receive fibre broadband will not necessarily receive it at the same time due to the different rollout technologies being deployed.

Even then the Skiskine Valley will still miss out as it is still 'under evaluation'.

The massive engineering effort is part of the £146 million investment project launched with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) in March to bring high-speed fibre broad-

band to communities across the north and west of Scotland.

Brendan Dick, director of BT Scotland, said: 'Quite simply, it's the biggest subsea engineering project BT has undertaken in UK territorial waters and is the first ever with so many seabed crossings.'

**Benefit**

'The size of the task presents a massive challenge, not only because of the number of cables involved but also the fact that the work has to be completed within a single, six-month weather window. The pressure is on but we're confident that in just over a year's time, the Highlands and Islands will be set to benefit from its own network of underwater, fibre optic cables.'

The project is by far the most ambitious and challenging rural broadband roll-out BT has undertaken anywhere in the UK. Along with the subsea cables, the company will build more than 800km of new land fibre backbone to complement its existing fibre network, and install hundreds more kilometres of fibre access cable to hundreds of new street cabinets.



Staff at the Co-op were delighted to receive the Community Access Defibrillator they have been fundraising for. 20\_b23def01

## Life saving Co-op funds buy defibrillator

Saving lives isn't necessarily what The Co-operative is known for, but with a new public access defibrillator that could soon be the case.

Staff at The Co-op store in Brodick were presented with the life-saving device on Tuesday; it will be located outside the front door.

**Fundraising**

Ian Pyatt and other staff members at the supermarket have been fundraising for months to buy the lifesaving equipment, of which there are now 14 on the island pro-

vided by the Arran Defibrillator Project.

The Community Access Defibrillators (CAD) can be used by any member of the public in an emergency.

**Chance**

There will be a chance for members of the public to come along to a 'De-fib drop-in event' on Saturday 14 June to learn the basics of CPR and learn how to use a CAD.

The events will be between 10am and 1pm at The Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick and between 2pm and 5pm at The Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot.

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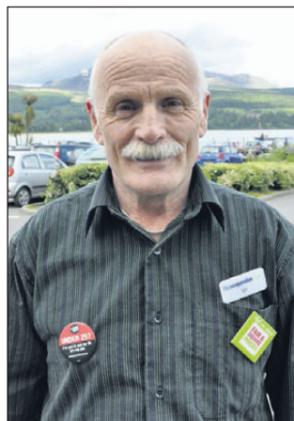
## Close shave for charity

He is one of the most recognisable faces in the Brodick Co-op - but he might not be for long!

Because Ian Pyatt is going to shave off his moustache after 30 years, as part of the supermarket's annual charity fundraising.

The money raised will go towards a public access defibrillator for the Co-op store in Lamlash.

Look out for sponsor forms and donation boxes in both stores.



Ian Pyatt. 20\_b23ian01

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## Survey demand after sinkholes appear in Whiting Bay

Two large sinkholes have appeared on the shore road in Whiting Bay.

The first appeared on Friday and the second on Saturday night when a van got struck in the gaping hole. It was later towed clear.

They have now been cordoned off leaving traffic having to pass them in single file near the Corriedoon Nursing Home.

Both the holes remained uncovered when the site was visited by The Banner. Considerable erosion can be seen under the road leaving pipes exposed and under-

ground steam was escaping.

One worried resident, who asked not to be named, said the road had been dug up at the same spot several years ago and there were concerns it had not been repaired properly then.

### Proper survey

'We want to ensure that a proper survey is carried out this time and that the holes are not just filled in and forgotten about. We are worried about our houses as it could be a disaster waiting to happen.'

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'A



Cones block off the sinkholes in Whiting Bay. 20\_b23sink01

section of the A841 at Whiting Bay has been sectioned off as a result of breaches in the sea wall.

'An inspection of this

has been carried out today (Tuesday) and work to repair the damage will be carried out as soon as possible.'

# National award for Arran Brie cheese

A popular island cheese has won its first ever national award.

Arran Brie from the Bellevue Cheese Company in Blackwaterfoot won a silver medal at the British Cheese Awards last week.

Bellevue make blue, brie and camembert with Arran milk. Calum Chaplin, the main cheesemaker, is assisted by Willie McNally.

Owner Gordon Kinniburgh said: 'Most of the food produce made on Arran is of a

very high standard. At Bellevue we have been making brie, blue and camembert for over 10 years; and whilst the camembert and blue have received several medals at the British and the World Cheese Awards; the poor old brie had won nothing so far.

### Accolade

'This award is a fantastic accolade for what we always knew was a great cheese.'

'It is made with local milk and 10 per cent extra cream which gives it a full creamy

flavour and texture that everyone loves. The silver medal is a testament to the high quality of milk produced by our local farmers, and the superb efforts of Calum and Willie, our cheesemakers.'

The awards, now in their 21st year, were held at their new home, The Royal Bath and West Show in Somerset.

Over 1,000 cheeses from across the country were on show ensuring the awards achieved their goal of highlighting the extraordinary

diversity and quality of British cheese. In addition the 150,000 or so visitors to the four-day show had a chance to see and taste the cheeses in a series of tours and meet some of the producers in the British Cheese Market.

The awards were established in 1994 by Juliet Harbutt, one of the world's leading authorities on cheese, to raise the profile of British cheese and create a recognised symbol of excellence for all British cheese.

## North Ayrshire Council commits to support Arran housing association

North Ayrshire Council has committed to work with Isle of Arran Homes to find solutions to the proposed closure of its Brodick office and the impact on both the island community and staff.

The council has been in discussions with Isle of Arran Homes and will continue to work with them to develop a range of options to ensure the provision of a high quality service for tenants based on the island.

Staff affected by the closure will also be offered employability support from the council's economic development team.

Councillor John Bruce, chairman of the Ardrossan, Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee, said: 'The provision of high quality social housing is absolutely vital, particularly for an island community like Arran.'

'We have had a very encouraging meeting with Isle of Arran Homes and I am confident that we will be able to help them find a suitable arrangement which will ensure that tenants continue to receive a high quality service.'

'We also recognise the importance of island jobs and will offer support to any affected members of staff through our employability service.'

## Man admits attack in caravan

A man has admitted attacking a woman in a caravan on Arran.

Jack Clements, 20, seized his victim's face and tried to kiss her after a drinking session at Park Avenue Caravan Park on March 16.

Mr Clements, of Saltcoats, also admitted an unrelated charge of sending abusive and threatening Facebook messages to another woman in Ardrossan on March 3.

Sentence was deferred until September at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court, when Clements faces being placed on the Sex Offenders Register.

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# Land reform could soon give Arran farmers right-to-buy

**REPORT**

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Recommendations to modify Scotland's land reforms could soon make it easier for Arran's small landholders to buy their land.

The Scottish Government believes the country needs a fairer distribution of land ownership, and is aiming to reduce the dominance of large, traditional sporting estates.

The Land Reform Review Group had been asked to look at how best to enable more people in rural and urban Scotland to have a stake in the ownership, governance, management and use of land.

The wide ranging 260-page report also contains 62 recommendations with a focus on the public interest and making the most of land use in Scotland.

In a section focusing on Arran the review group's view is that there should be major improvements in the position of tenants under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911.

The group recommends that Arran tenants should, like crofters, have a statutory right to buy their holdings.

Stewart Lambie of Brodick, and his father before him, has been farming land on the String Road for nearly 80 years.

For nine years Mr Lambie has been trying to buy that land but with two separate landlords, who are reluctant to sell, the process has been

very difficult.

'Some of the land is owned by Arran Estates the other is controlled by the Earl of Arran, a merchant banker from Switzerland,' he told The Banner.

'What would already be a long drawn out process is made all the more complicated by the fact that I have two landlords.'

He said that his family had paid rent on the land for 80 years but currently there is no way of forcing a sale.

Changes to the land reforms could give him and many others on Arran the right-to-buy.

Environment Minister Paul Wheelhouse said the relationship between the land and the people of Scotland was fundamental to the country's economic, environmental and social success.

He added: 'We will study the report in depth and consider its recommendations. I am sure it will contain recommendations we agree with and some we do not but I welcome the overall vision and proposed direction of travel.'

'I am pleased to read the recommendations on improving the availability of land, both rural and urban, and the need to increase access to rural housing, these are issues that will have a direct impact on many people's lives.'

Scottish Land and Estates, which represents landowners throughout Scotland, said the report had 'missed the opportunity to deliver constructive land reform' and failed to address the real challenges facing rural Scotland.



## TV donation for Kilmory kids

The 'Kilmory Kidz' were jumping for joy this week after the Co-operative store in Brodick presented them with a 32-inch television. The community youth club leader, Isobel Mulholland, was on hand to receive the donation for the youngsters which was given by Co-op staff who have been fundraising for local charities all winter long. 20\_b23kil01

Chief executive Douglas McAdam said: 'This report is extremely disappointing in that it does not reflect the very substantial social, economic and environmental contribution made to Scotland by private landownership of all

scales - something that successive Scottish administrations have recognised.

'Instead, the report contains a very negative view of landowners despite the fact that in its first report the review group acknowledged

and highlighted quite fully the very constructive work private landowners were engaged in.'

He added: 'The Land Reform Review Group has focused far too much on ownership rather than how land

can be used to provide multiple benefits and has missed the opportunity to make more constructive proposals around community planning - which is critical to empowering communities and rural development.'

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## Sailings cancelled after ferry needed for relief

Several sailings of the MV Isle of Arran had to be cancelled on Friday after the ferry was drafted in to help cover another route.

The vessel was part of a complicated reshuffle by Caledonian MacBrayne which stretched from Barra to Campbeltown, after the MV Lord of the Isles had to be taken out of service on the Oban-Coll-Tiree route.

But it returned to service on the Arran route on Saturday morning on what was a busy day on the island and there were no reports of any major inconvenience caused.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'The MV Lord of the Isles came out of service at short notice on Wednesday due to hull damage identified during a routine inspection and had to go to Liverpool to get repaired. MV Hebridean Isles

was drafted in from Islay to cover her runs leaving Islay with a single vessel for a day last Thursday.

'This was a very busy weekend in Islay, so we then had to move the MV Isle of Arran from the Arran/Campbeltown run to provide the needed capacity. Repairs to MV Lord of the Isles were completed by Friday morning and she sailed north to Islay overnight Friday where she picked up the Islay-Colonsay-Oban service on Saturday morning which allowed the MV Isle of Arran to resume the two vessel service on Arran and the Campbeltown service.

'MV Lord of the Isles then resumed normal service Sunday morning on Oban-Coll-Tiree. MV Hebridean Isles returned to Islay on Saturday night for service on Sunday morning.'

## Co-op to hold customer meeting in Brodick Hall

The Co-operative Food is inviting customers on Arran to an open meeting to learn about future plans for its stores on the island, and for a chance to share their thoughts and ideas.

The community retailer has three food stores on the island, two in Brodick and one in Lamlash.

Managers of all three stores, as well as area operations manager Caroline McKenzie and regional operations manager Joe Kerr, will be at the customer panel event at Brodick Hall from 6pm on Wednesday 11 June.

More details about the meeting are available from any of the stores.



Pupils from Whiting Bay Primary School held an outdoor rehearsal on Tuesday morning.

# Children take part in a musical treat

Senior children from all seven primary schools on Arran will be taking part in a special musical treat later this month.

On Wednesday 25 June, as many as 125 primary five to seven pupils will be performing together in the high school theatre in Lamlash at 6.30pm.

During this term they have been working on a musical project, under the guidance of music teacher Lorna Buchanan, funded by the Youth Music Initiative and supported by North Ayrshire Council music services. This is a project that all North Ayrshire Primary Schools have performed during the last term or two.

The short piece of music is called The Emerald Crown and tells the story of the importance in maintaining the rain forests of the Amazon.

Lorna said: 'We hope to have as many of

the 125 children who have been practising very hard this term attending on this evening and would urge parents to please come and support the event. The music is fun and tuneful and all the pupils have very much enjoyed learning the songs and also the message behind it.

'There will be solo performances from our very talented young singers and the music is linked by narration by some of our senior pupils.

'The aim is to have all children involved at the high school for a short practise all together at around 5.30pm on the day of performance, and concert will take place shortly after and will last no more than one hour.

'It would be fantastic to have as many parents, grandparents, and supporters of the continuance of music in our primary schools come and support the event.'

## New logo gives council a more contemporary look

North Ayrshire Council has unveiled a new logo, but it's not totally different, more of a subtle refinement.

Slight changes to the colours have brought the old NAC identity back to life.

The familiar design remains but a fresher, more contemporary look mirrors the style of the newer artwork on business literature.

One major change is that the name of North Ayrshire Council is now shown in both English and Gaelic.

Using them together demonstrates equal respect for the two languages, says the council. It also promotes the shared aim of the council and the Scottish Government to encourage greater awareness of the Gaelic language.



North Ayrshire Council  
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath  
The new council logo.

The new-look logo matches perfectly with the visuals used in all of the material promoting North Ayrshire as 'The place to be' – ensuring that the message being sent out has a common, consistent appearance.

However, the outgoing logo, which has been in use for 18 years, will still be around for some time yet. The plan is to phase it out gradually with branded items being replaced only after stocks run low.

Chief Executive Elma Murray said: 'We wanted a cost-effective way of bringing a fresh look to our logo and the perfect opportunity arose when we were adding the Gaelic translation.

'We were happy that a few tweaks would bring it right into line with our new business development artwork.

'North Ayrshire Council's signature will now be consistent throughout all our products and services.'

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# Lady Jean radiates charm at book signing

Lady Jean Fforde signed copies of her book 'Castles in the Air' and 'Feet on the Ground' last Thursday at her home at Strabane in Brodick.

The event attracted a steady stream of visitors throughout the day and Lady Jean was bright and cheerful and happily signed book after book for visitors, even if her hand did get a little sore, as she admitted.

Both islanders and visitors and friends of Lady Jean attended the event including Sharon Shenhav and her husband Ellie from Jerusalem, who have a holiday house on Arran.

### Musical interlude

A selection of Lady Jean's oil paintings was also on show and a harpist provided a musical interlude.

The book is an amalgamation of her two previously

published memoirs 'Castles in the Air' and 'Feet on the Ground' and has more than 100 photographs of her and her family.

The first was originally published on Arran in 1982 and tells of her early life living in Brodick Castle and is now out of print.

### Debutante

The second, which was not published until nearly 20 years later, tells of Lady Jean's life when she went to London and her days as a debutante as well as her wartime work at Bletchley Park and in India with the Red Cross.

It also tells of her marriage to John Fforde which necessitated her going with her husband to live in Palestine, Sierra Leone and Northern Rhodesia. The loss of Brodick Castle, when Lady Jean's mother the Dutchess of Mon-



Lady Jean signs a copy of her book for Jane Murray. 20\_b231ady08

trose died in 1957, is also described. One reviewer said: 'Despite an abnormally diffi-

cult life, her sense of humour never fails, even in the most trying circumstances. She

shows courage and a huge degree of resilience through all adversity.'

## Claire's 54-mile tribute to mum

A young woman is aiming to complete an epic 54-mile charity run around Arran in one day in aid of Target Ovarian Cancer.

Claire Banks, who has spent many holidays on the island at the family's holiday home, was inspired to do something to raise funds and awareness after her mother Dorothy, a popular music teacher, sadly lost her two-year battle against the deadly disease in 2011, aged 56.

Claire, 31, of Greenock, said: 'I have just smashed through £8,000 in support of my Epic Arran Run this Saturday, (7 June) which is quite overwhelming.'

'I spend a lot of time on Arran, as do all my family, and we have done for over 40 years.'

'Heathdale, opposite the first hole on Brodick golf course, is our traditional Arran home and my mum's ashes are scattered up Glen Rosa.'

'Arran is a lot more than a holiday destination both for me and my family.'

Claire has done much of her training on the island and whilst here has received a great deal of support from locals.

# Final push for Brodick Castle fun run

The final push is on to make the inaugural Brodick Castle 5km race the biggest fun run held on Arran.

Entries are pouring in for the Castle Gate to Gate Fun Run to be held on Saturday 28 June.

But others who have pledged to take part still haven't formally signed up which is why registration has been extended until a week before the race.

The event is being organ-

ised by RunArran, in partnership with the castle, and will be held entirely within the country park grounds.

Although the race itself is only open to men and women over 17, various family events will be taking place throughout the day, including face painting for kids and an appearance by Cyril the Squirrel. So participants are being encouraged to bring their whole family along for support.

The course follows the castle drive from the main entrance gate to the exit gate, starting and finishing at the visitor centre. The road will be closed to traffic through-

out the event. Marion McNicol of RunArran said: 'We are delighted with the support and number of people already registered. To those who haven't yet signed up I

would just say don't leave it too late to register and come and join us at the castle for a fun day out.'

'We are pleased to say the event has been sponsored by local businesses and thank them for making it possible.'

'Remember you can walk, jog or run it!'

Online registration is at [www.q-buster.co.uk](http://www.q-buster.co.uk) and [www.runarran.com](http://www.runarran.com) until Monday June 23.

The race starts at 12.30pm.



RunArran members in training for the fun run.

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Five prizes were up for grabs, worth £30 each, in the contest run by The Arran Banner in association with the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC).

The five winners and their recipes were: Bill Roberts, Whiting Bay with salmon canapes, Diane Goulding, Lancashire with salmon and caper tarty tarts, Pam Pott with smoked salmon oven risotto, Sandie Chandler, Whiting Bay with salmon Spanish pakoras and Calum Chaplin with smoked salmon with minted potato scones and sauce vierge.

All the winning entries can be viewed on The Arran Banner website: [www.arranbanner.co.uk](http://www.arranbanner.co.uk) in the competitions section.

# Arran's unusual world record attempt

A man named after the Isle of Arran is attempting to break an unusual Guinness World Record in support of the National Autistic Society (NAS).

Arran Linton-Smith's parents spent their honeymoon at Brodick Castle in 1954 and when their son was born a year later, they decided to name him after the castle.

Fifty-eight years later, Arran is about to embark on the challenge of a lifetime by trying to smash the world record for the most brand logos on a single piece of sports clothing.

The current world record, held by Australian Mathew Dickerson, stands at 89 but Arran believes he can reach a staggering 200 sponsors.

More than 40 organisations, including a FTSE 250 company, have sponsored Arran so far but he needs more sponsors if he is to reach his

goal.

Arran will advertise all his sponsors by wearing the jersey when he competes in this year's Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 in August.

Arran is one of around 700,000 people in the UK living with autism and hopes his challenge will help to dispel many of the myths surrounding the condition and raise £10,000 for the NAS.

Arran, who is in a senior management role at Interverve Construction and is married with three children, hopes his record attempt, called the 'Logo Lycra Challenge', will show how much people with autism can achieve, in employment and other areas of life, if they are given the right support and opportunities.

Arran's challenge has already created a buzz in Nottingham and led to media coverage on BBC Radio Nottingham, Nottingham Hospitals Radio and the Nottingham Evening Post. Arran is now targeting more sponsors, including a top retailer and a big football club.

Arran said: 'After taking part in a number of fundraising challenges over the past few years, I wanted to mark 2014 by doing something different. But as well as being about fundraising, this world record attempt is also an opportunity to get people talking about autism.'

'People with autism can experience great difficulty in finding and staying in employment, often due to inadequate support and misunderstandings related to their condition. I hope the challenge will increase awareness of autism so that potential employers and colleagues know how to communicate



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with people with the condition and recognise that they can and do make excellent employees.'

Any organisations wishing to sponsor Arran can do so by emailing: [arrangwr@gmail.com](mailto:arrangwr@gmail.com)

## Connor Smith memorial quad race to take place

Top quad racers from across Europe will come together at a special race meeting next week to commemorate the life of Machrie teenager Connor Smith, who was tragically killed in a crash last year.

Connor, 19, died while representing Great Britain in the annual Quad Cross of European Nations event at Cingoli in Italy, which brings together teams of top riders from each country.

Now, several of the riders who raced in the event, including stars from Italy, Sweden and Holland, are making the long trip to Dean Moor in the west of Cumbria to remember the young star.

They will compete in a series of races over the weekend of June 14-15 for a magnificent trophy named in his honour.

The event is being organised by NETT, one of the quad racing clubs that Connor competed with regularly from when he started the sport as a young boy, at what was also one of his favourite racetracks.

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# Summer loving will give you a blast

A rockin' and rollin' musical is on its way to the Community Theatre in Lamlash – and it's going to be electrifyin'.

Arran High School's talented young actors have been perfecting their hand jiving in preparation for their produc-

tion of Grease, with curtain up from June 17 to 20.

The lead role of 'bad boy' Danny Zuko is taken by Robert Ingham, and the wholesome Sandy by Ceile Swinton-Boyle.

'Grease' is a story of teen

romance, fast girls, faster cars and plenty of good old rock 'n' roll.

The year is 1959 and 'girl next door' Sandy Dumbrowski is the new girl at Rydell High School.

She had a romance over the



The sassy and sharp Pink Ladies.



The ultra-cool T-Birds gang.



Robert Ingham and Ceile Swinton-Boyle take on the lead roles in 'Grease'.

summer with a nice young man called Danny – and it turns out that he is here at this very school as the leader of

the ultra-cool T-Birds gang. Tickets are available from the school and Book and Card Centre in Brodick.

## Renoir comes to Corrie Film Club

The June film at Corrie Film Club is a beautiful re-creation of the past and a visually entrancing.

Renoir, directed by Gilles Bourdos, is a French film made last year with English subtitles. Cert 12.

In the setting of the Cote d'Azur of 1915, the great painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir is in his twilight years and tormented by the thought that his son, Jean, has been wounded in the First World War.

When a young girl enters his idyllic Mediterranean world, Pierre-Auguste rejuvenates and becomes newly inspired by her beauty and spirit.

When Jean returns home to convalesce, however, he falls in love with his father's muse in the face of his father's fierce opposition. It is this that begins to shape the battle-shaken Jean into the famous film maker that he was to become.

See this gem of a movie in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall this weekend on Sunday 8 June at 8pm. Everyone is welcome. Entry is free but a small donation to the hall would be appreciated.

## Band on the Run tour visits Brodick

The award winning North Ayrshire Schools' Concert Band will be doing a 'mad dash' around North Ayrshire in a bid to perform in as many towns as possible over the weekend.

And Brodick will be part of their whistle stop tour where they will perform at The Douglas Hotel.

The Concert Band has had an incredible year winning a platinum award at the regional heats of the National Concert Band Festival in October 2013 and a silver award at the

national competition in Birmingham in April this year.

To celebrate their success and to end the school year in true style the Concert Band has decided to take its music out to the public with this 'Band on the Run' tour.

Made up of pupils from eight of the nine North Ayrshire secondary schools, the band members will take the tour to each of their home towns.

Visiting 10 locations, the concert band will arrive at each town, play a few tunes

then pack up and dash off to the next venue.

Concert band member, Fraser Blain, from Arran High School, said: 'We're very excited about Band on the Run. We're all proud of what we've accomplished and the tour will be a great way to end what has been a fantastic year of continued success for us and will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the band around our home of North Ayrshire.'

Cabinet member for community and culture, Councillor Alan Hill said: 'The schools' concert band has certainly had a very successful year thanks to its hard work and commitment for musical excellence.'

'I wish them all the best of luck for the incredibly busy and exciting weekend they have ahead of them.'

The band will play at The Douglas Hotel at 5.35pm today (Saturday).



The schools concert band members who will be playing on Arran.



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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Twenty-first century communication within reach

At last Arran is progressing towards the 21st century in terms of broadband speed.

Major works have begun which will finally help deliver superfast broadband to the island.

Currently the east of the island doesn't suffer too badly from this problem but when you venture west it's like going back in a time-war to the age-old days of dial-up internet.

In Catacol, for example, it is almost impossible to download a film in less than two days and even basic tasks like watching a YouTube video become a long drawn out affair.

Homebuyers now apparently rank a fast broadband connection above off-street parking and local amenities when considering a new property.

Modern movers rely on the internet so much for work and leisure that a good connection speed can even add five per cent to a property's value.

That adds a staggering £15,000 to the value of a typical £300,000 house. Indeed, 19 per cent ensure broadband is the first new service they activate when moving in - placing it ahead of gas, 10 per cent, and TV, eight per cent.

It's logical that the Highlands and Islands don't have quite the same speed as centre of London, but is it acceptable in 2014?

In Scandanavia the 3G network was rolled out to all rural areas before the city centres in a bid to help those in the countryside.

It is rare to get a 3G signal here - very occasionally in Corrie it pops up but quickly disappears again.

Cable laying work is currently being carried out in Corrie which is part of the fibre backbone which will deliver the new service.

Later this year a fibre optic undersea cable will be laid to link Arran to the mainland leading to significant improvements in broadband speed and performance much needed across the island. However, even once the subsea cable is laid it is still estimated it will be the first half of 2016 before superfast broadband is rolled out across Arran.

And even then, the Shiskine Valley will still miss out as it is still 'under evaluation'. But any developments have to be a good thing. Superfast broadband may still be a year away but at least Arran is one-step closer to the modern world of internet communication.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moths and rust destroy. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moths and rust do not destroy.' (Matthew 6:19-20)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Positive energy plans

Sir,  
I entirely agree that the scrapping of the proposed biomass plant in Lamlash should not deter any future renewable energy plans - especially those proposed by the community.

Northern Energy Development Ltd (NEDL) missed the mark with this application because it offered very little in the way of benefits for the island's community.

Apart from the creation of a few jobs, all the energy produced and money made would be going to the mainland.

What Arran needs is a community energy scheme that gives back to the people who invest in it.

The article that you featured on February 1 about Arran learning from a renewable energy island in Denmark is definitely the way forward and I hope these plans will be embraced by the community.

The Arran Community Energy Scheme is definitely one to watch.

Yours,  
**Stuart Grisdale  
Coniston.**

### Important garden

Sir,  
I write in response to the letter in last week's Arran Banner from Steve Benham, New Zealand.

In it he refers to your recent report about the National Trust for Scotland's possible reworking of the upper Walled Garden at Brodick Castle, in partnership with award-winning international garden designer Andy Sturgeon.

Brodick Castle Garden does indeed have many layers upon its landscape, both important and significant; some created by its owners and others by invitation to the recognised designers of the day.

The NTS is seeking to continue that long and proud legacy - while respecting what has gone before - as Andy explained in your piece. Nothing has yet been decided however, with design options

not yet received nor explored, let alone a final concept worked up.

Your readers will already be aware of the Signature Project the trust has put in place for the Brodick estate, with its purpose of attracting more visitors to the Brodick estate - and Arran overall - to help secure the financial future of the property.

The upper Walled Garden can play a very important part in bringing in new and repeat audiences, whether to see the garden and its important plant collections, to enjoy an event or even to attend a wedding on other occasion.

We aim to make Brodick Castle Garden a 'must-see' destination - the better to conserve its rich landscape for the long term.

Yours,  
**David Cameron  
NTS Property Manager  
Brodick Castle.**

### School fundraising thanks

Sir,  
I would like to take the opportunity through your newspaper to thank everyone for their support at the annual fundraising events on Saturday May 24.

In these difficult financial times, it is heart-warming to receive so much money for such small school numbers: you obviously value the roll of the school in the community. Many thanks.

Yours,  
**Irene Markham  
Head Teacher for  
Kilmory and Shiskine  
Primary Schools.**

### Police praise

Sir,  
As an avid reader of *The Banner* I was pleased to see your front page story about the police officers being stationed on the island for the summer.

As a frequent visitor, it is always reassuring to know that the island has a dedicated police force, especially during the summer months when Arran can be visited by a few people of ill-repute.

It is rare nowadays on the mainland to recognise a local police officer, let alone know

their name. So I think it is a credit to the island's police force that they are happy to have their names and photographs printed in *The Banner* each summer.

My experience of the police on Arran has always been a positive one and I look forward to seeing the new 'summer cops' at the pier when we arrive for our summer-long stay next week.

Yours,  
**Donald Craig  
Bearsden.**

### Kind postman

Sir,  
After spending a lovely week's holiday on your beautiful island, we were appalled to discover that the postcards we had written and addressed to our friends and family had gone missing just as we were about to depart.

I blamed my husband at first! But I soon realised that I must have left them either in the restaurant where we had lunch in Whiting Bay or in our hotel room in Brodick.

So imagine my surprise and delight when my daughter rang me last night (Tuesday) to say thank you for her postcard.

It would seem that a kindly Samaritan must have put stamps on my cards and sent them out for me, how lovely.

So to whoever that kindly postman or woman is, thank you. It was the perfect ending to a truly wonderful holiday on your magical isle.

Yours,  
**Brenda McGovern  
Stirling.**

### Well received posters

Sir,  
Douglas Hamilton commented on the 'Yes' posters staked on the island's road verges on Bank Holiday Monday.

We should be careful when making assumptions about what people visit 'our beautiful island' for.

Scenery is only one aspect of Arran. Comments on social media suggest that the 'Yes' posters were well received by visitors and islanders. Some found them inspirational.

In general, visitors are not

distressed by the democratic process. Douglas doesn't mention the 'No' tank at Strathwhillan, which has been quietly breaking our planning laws for some months.

It is tolerated by North Ayrshire Council, I'm sure, because no one has complained. Visual pollution?

It may not be pretty, but it is an expression of the Better Together vision for Scotland and, as such, a legitimate contribution to the referendum debate.

Yours,  
**Malcolm Kerr  
Cairndale  
Brodick.**

### Up in the saddle and out on the water

Twenty-six cyclists got on their bikes last Saturday as they took part in a Five Ferries Challenge to raise funds for Ocean Youth Trust (OYT) Scotland.

The five ferries in question are those linking the mainland to Arran, Kintyre, Cowal and Bute and the challenge is to link them all up in one day by completing the 52 land miles in between by bike.

OYT Scotland's four sail training vessels are well-known in Arran's waters and sailed regularly by 150 staff and volunteers to provide adventure under sail for hundreds of young people.

Some of these volunteers jumped up in the saddle for Saturday's fundraiser, including Barry Fisher, originally from Whiting Bay.

Barry, a volunteer First Mate and former chairman of OYT Scotland said: 'I had a blast and loved raising money for the trust.'

### Ross road to close for four days

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The NSPCC show garden. Photo David Stefanuti.

# Sun shone for gardeners' day out

All the Beechgrove Garden team were there to provide their expert knowledge and last week the whole TV programme was devoted to the show

The Arran Horticultural Society held its annual coach trip to Gardening Scotland 2014 at the Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh last Friday. The sun shone and it was lovely and warm, shirt sleeve and ice cream weather.

Gardening Scotland is the biggest flower show north of the border. This year the outside layout had been altered from previous years, which enabled more exhibits to be displayed.

There were many different garden display layouts in the section called 'Inspirational Show Gardens'. One was based on a jungle theme sponsored by National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Children (NSPCC) Scotland called 'NSPCC Scotland's Garden of Childhood Adventure'.

This display won a silver gilt award, but all the displays were excellent and members were glad they weren't the judges having to decide the awards.

All the Beechgrove Garden team were there to provide their expert knowledge and last week the whole TV programme was devoted to the show.

In the main floral hall many of the flower displays had come straight from the Chelsea Show. The flower and vegetable displays were fantastic, a plant paradise. Top nurseries from all over the UK came to sell and display flowers, bulbs, shrubs and alpine species and many of the plants had been specially raised to cope with the Scottish climate.

The growers were willing to share their expert advice and tell visitors where to plant them and how to grow them too.

The show also included a plant fair, an entire marquee dedicated to advice and demonstrations, a fabulous food fayre and a cookery theatre where top chefs created seasonal dishes with fresh produce. Alongside were more than 400 exhibitors selling all the gardening

essentials and accessories anyone would need. This year more seating was provided around the show ground so it was easy to find a place to have a picnic lunch.

There was also outdoor entertainment with the traditional pipe band playing favourite tunes and accompanying dances.

'We all came home with something we had bought - it's too hard to resist the temptation,' said Andrew Stefanuti.

The next annual trip for the society will be on Friday 22 August 2014 to Ayr Flower Show. This trip is usually very popular so the advice is do not delay in booking a place on the coach.

Tickets can be obtained from The Book & Card Centre, Brodick. The ticket for the coach costs £10 each whereas the showground ticket needs to be purchased separately at the gate on arrival.

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## Goldie signs the pledge

Annabel Goldie MSP signed the Epilepsy Consortium Scotland's pledge for equal access to care.

The west of Scotland MSP, now Baroness Goldie, said: 'Many of my constituents have or will develop epilepsy. It is important to ensure that when people need to access epilepsy care there is parity in what's available to them.'

Epilepsy Consortium Scotland (ECS) chairwoman Allana Parker was encouraged that so many MSPs, including those on the cross-party group on epilepsy headed by convener Kenneth Gibson, came by the ECS exhibition at the Garden Lobby in the Scottish Parliament to find out more about patchy services in parts of Scotland.

Allana said: 'Eight people are newly diagnosed with epilepsy each and every day. For some, access to specialist clinicians and nurses is still a geographical lottery. This is why our members are currently mapping epilepsy services run by health, education, social care providers, and the third sector. Details of post-code gaps will be passed to the Scottish Government and joint working agencies so that we can assist them to redress this situation.'



Baroness Goldie with the epilepsy pledge.

# Eco Savvy inspires Duke of Edinburgh group

Arran's green champion 'Eco Savvy' is proving to be a big hit with the island's school children. In the past few weeks the energy conscious green man has been working with Arran High School's Duke of Edinburgh group to 're-purpose' old copies of The Banner.

A member of the Eco Savvy group has sent this report of the activities:

'As I sat next to a founding member of Eco Savvy who

was explaining the project to the young people in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme I had a moment of clarity.

The explanation made the point that it is our generation that has created the waste problem that the planet now deals with on a daily basis.

However, the true cost may only be felt by the next generation as the planet struggles to cope with so much waste.

This is the start of an emerging relationship between the

Eco Savvy project and the young people that spend much of their spare time working for their various awards.

Since that meeting I have been back several times and worked with the young people on ideas for dealing constructively with waste products.

One way is to up-cycle. Up-cycling is using something that might be considered waste or surplus to requirements and changing it into

something that is of use or of greater value. Upcycling is at the heart of Eco Savvy as part of a strategy for zero waste.

As an island we want to find more ways to constructively deal with our waste and we are delighted that the young people from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme are joining us.

To date they have made paper carrier and gift bags from old Banner newspapers that we can give to customers in place of plastic carrier bags.

The young people have also made bracelets to sell in the Eco Savvy shop made from old t-shirts - a rug might well be next.

All proceeds from these bracelets go back to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme on the island.

We are proud to be working with the young people on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and I have a feeling we have much to learn from them.

Several of them are also volunteering in the shop while others work behind the schemes building web resources for Eco Savvy.

Next time you are passing pop into the shop in Whiting Bay and have a look at their work. It represents a very positive start and continues to strengthen the Eco Savvy project.'



Ross Kerr and Abbie McKelvie create bags from old copies of The Arran Banner.



Upcycling is at the heart of Eco Savvy as part of a strategy for zero waste.

For the next few weeks I'm going to be focusing on 're-purposing'. I want to find alternative uses for those unloved, broken or out-dated items. So don't throw out those old leaky wellies, plant them up and show your support for Eco Savvy.



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## Exclusive Reader Shopping Survey

**THE ARRAN BANNER**

As a valued reader, we would like to invite you to take part in this short survey on your supermarket shopping habits. We are keen to find out where you shop, and the reasons why you choose specific supermarkets. You are simply required to tick (or click if answering online) the box(es) that refers to your answer. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes of your time. All completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw to win one of five £25 Marks & Spencer Vouchers. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and used for analysis purposes only.

You can either complete the survey here, or alternatively you can go online and complete the survey at [www.tinyurl.com/scotloc](http://www.tinyurl.com/scotloc) The closing date for entries is midnight, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Q1 Which of the following most closely describes the extent to which you are involved in the grocery shopping in your household?**

I do all or most of the shopping  I have little or no involvement  
 I share the responsibility for the shopping with someone else in the household

**Q2 In which of the following supermarkets do you a) do your MAIN grocery shopping, and b) any top up shopping during the week? (please tick all that apply)**

	MAIN grocery shopping	Top Up Shopping
Aldi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budgens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Co-Operative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Costcutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmfoods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iceland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lidl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marks & Spencer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morrisons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sainsburys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tesco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waitrose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q3 Please indicate which other shop (s) you use for your MAIN grocery shopping?**

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**Q4 And which other shop(s) do you use for your top up shopping?**

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**Q5 If you were to choose just ONE supermarket, which would you say is your favourite?**

- |                                  |                                     |  |   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aldi    | <input type="checkbox"/> Costcutter | <input type="checkbox"/> Marks & Spencer | <input type="checkbox"/> Tesco            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asda    | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmfoods  | <input type="checkbox"/> Morrisons       | <input type="checkbox"/> Waitrose         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgens | <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sainsburys      | <input type="checkbox"/> The Co-Operative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lidl    | <input type="checkbox"/> Spar       |  |   |

Other (please state)

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**Q6 Which of the following factors are most likely to influence your choice of supermarket? (please tick all that apply)**

- |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising              | <input type="checkbox"/> Location                | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Parking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of products      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty scheme          | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Range of products        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh food counters      | <input type="checkbox"/> Online delivery service | <input type="checkbox"/> Habit           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other local shops nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helpfulness of staff     | <input type="checkbox"/> Opening Hours           | <input type="checkbox"/> Low prices      |   |

Other (please specify)

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**Q7 And which ONE of the following factors would you say is THE most important in deciding which supermarket to shop at? (please tick ONE only)**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Experience                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stock ethically sourced products | <input type="checkbox"/> Habit                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh food counters              | <input type="checkbox"/> Low prices                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helpfulness of staff             | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of products              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Locally sourced products         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty scheme                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Range of products                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online delivery service          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to use money off coupons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opening Hours                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other local shops nearby         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car Parking                      |   |

Other (please specify)

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**Q8 In addition to your main grocery shopping, which of the following do you also shop at?**

- |   |                                      |                                       |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A local independent grocer | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishmonger  | <input type="checkbox"/> Butcher      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market             | <input type="checkbox"/> Greengrocer | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baker                      |                                      |                                       |

**Q9 Would you say that you do the majority of your shopping?**

- Online  In-Store

**We would now like to understand your attitudes towards how your local newspaper(s) influence your decision on where to shop, and any purchasing decisions you make?**

**Q10 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

	Agree Strongly	Agree Slightly	No opinion	Disagree Slightly	Disagree Strongly
I rely on my local newspaper to keep me up to date with the latest offers from local shops	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I trust what I read in my local newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I know that if something is advertised in my local newspaper, then it will be available in my area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I enjoy shopping for groceries	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Online shopping makes my life easier	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Supermarket's own brands are as good as major brands	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**Q11 Which of the following have you personally done (when shopping for groceries) as a result of seeing something advertised in your local newspaper? (tick all that apply)**

- Decided which supermarket/store to shop at  Redeemed a coupon/voucher  
 Made a note of a special offer or promotion  Talked about something you have seen with friends and family

**About you. In order for us to analyse the information, please tell us a little bit about yourself?**

**Q12 Are you**

- Male  Female

**Q13 And which of the following age groups do you fall into?**

- Under 18  19 - 24  25 - 34  35 - 44  
 45 - 54  55 - 64  65+

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**Q14 Please provide us with the following details:**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

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- If you'd like to receive our emails, please tick here

**Thank you for your time. We value your comments.**  
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\*The prize draw is also open to readers completing the survey in other Wyvex Media Publications.



The Friends of Brodick Castle at the David Livingstone Centre at Blantyre.

# Following in the footsteps of David Livingstone

The Friends of Brodick Castle enjoyed beautiful weather on their recent trip to the David Livingstone Centre at Blantyre.

The group first visited Shuttle Row, the stark tenement style building in which David was born and brought up, one of a family of seven living in one smallish room.

This housing for the mill workers was in close proximity to the mill situated on the river behind.

David started working in the mill at the age of 10 but continued to educate himself from books propped on the machinery.

By working all hours and constantly learning he was able to enrol at Glasgow for medicine.

This was followed by a London training in surgery and then as a missionary.

The poor mill worker thus achieved his ambition by landing in Africa in 1841.

He walked many thousands of kilometres over the next 30 years, taking his family with him, and dispensed medicine, worked to eradicate the slave trade and named the Victoria Falls and other geographical features.

He died in 1871 in Africa, his heart remaining there buried under a tree. He was famous in his lifetime and remains so and it was lovely for the members to see the beautiful park and gardens which

now surround Shuttle Row being used by local families to enjoy leisure time which he never had.

An explorer's garden has been created which emulates the rain forest and is full of birdsong.

A riverside walk and excellent tea room can also be enjoyed and the famous lion incident is depicted in the large statue pictured above with the Friends of Brodick Castle in front.

## Health promotion day to be held

Every 45 minutes someone in Scotland has a heart attack or a stroke. In Arran and Ayrshire alone more than 5,500 people are living with the affects of stroke, and more than 13,000 with heart conditions.

In a bid to cut these numbers Scotland's Health Charity, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland are holding a free health promotion day at the Bilslands in Brodick on Monday 23 June between 10am and 3pm.

Anyone can drop in for a free blood pressure check and free health advice on the simple changes they can make towards a healthy future. There will also be a chance to find out more about the brand new communication support service for people who have had a stroke which is available in Arran, and its great volunteering opportunities.

Local coordinator Hollie Wilson explained: 'The service will be tailored to the needs of the individual in a one-to-one setting. Volunteers help people overcome their communication difficul-

ties following their stroke so that they can participate fully in activities and support them to achieve their individual goals, either around the home or in the community - for example a shopping trip or attending a local event. Activities like these help to rebuild confidence after a stroke and make a huge difference to people's quality of life. As a volunteer, you have the power to change lives.'

### Fully trained

Any expenses are reimbursed and all volunteers are fully trained to feel comfortable and confident in their role. CHSS has been awarded the 'Investing in Volunteers' status in recognition of its volunteer programme, so anyone knows they will be reliably supported along the way.

If anyone can spare the time to join the friendly volunteer team, please go along to the open day to find out more or contact Hollie Wilson, Outreach Coordinator for Ayrshire and Arran, on 07918 690651 or email [hollie.wilson@chss.org.uk](mailto:hollie.wilson@chss.org.uk)

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**Muppets Most Wanted** (U) 113 mins  
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**Fri 6th June:**  
**Welcome Session** The Douglas Hotel 12-5pm **FREE**  
**Concert** Brodick Village Hall 7:30pm **£17**  
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**Sat 7th June:**  
**Open Session** The Douglas Hotel 12-5pm **FREE**  
**Singing Workshop** Brodick Church Hall 2-3.30pm **£5**  
Informal singing workshop for all ages & abilities with Gillian Frame  
**Concert** Brodick Village Hall 7:30pm **£17**  
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**Sun 8th June:**  
**Survivors' Session** The Douglas Hotel 12-5pm **FREE**  
**Open Mic Night** The Douglas Hotel 8 - 11pm **FREE**  
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## SSPCA hosts successful bingo night

A successful bingo night was held in Whiting Bay Golf Club recently in aid of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA).

Sarah Cowan and her very intelligent dogs, Dazle, Corrie and Limmie started the evening by giving a demonstration of their many skills, such as netball and skateboarding - which most were unaware dogs could do.

This was followed by a 'nearest the target' competition for one of Rory Cowan's beautiful hand-made wooden pens.

Then it was on to the serious, if light-hearted, part of the night, and it was eyes down for the bingo.

The impressive sum of £460 was raised to support the work of the society both here and on the mainland.

# School team brings back first orienteering trophy

Pupils at Whiting Bay Primary School have proved they know their map reading.

The school orienteering team returned home victorious last Friday after they won the trophy for the best performance by a small school at the Ayrshire Schools Orienteering Championships held at Rozelle Park in Ayr.

Fourteen pupils from primary 4, 5 and 6 put in a great deal of effort both in training and at the competition to do their very best as the first ever team from Arran to attend the annual event, where there were more than 200 competitors.

Everybody enjoyed their courses, which involved finding their way round the park using the map, choosing the

best way from control to control, and making sure each control was punched to prove that they had visited each specified place in the correct order.

Electronic punching was used, so runners received a print out of their times instantly at the finish, including current placing, causing much excitement.

Daisy McNamara and Hannah Kemp found their 10 controls in 10 minutes and 43 seconds, winning the girls' P4/5 section.

Charlie Bonner came second in the boys' P6/7 category, and Amelia Kemp finished second in the P6/7 girls' section, both running as individuals and both beating pairs of older children.



The winning Whiting Bay team.

Stuart McFarlane and Albin Robin just missed a medal, coming fourth in the P4/5 boys.

When the scores were added up, Whiting Bay had come second overall, as well as taking the small schools' trophy.

A school spokeswoman said: 'This was no mean feat for our small team. We are all looking forward to going back next year to defend our title.'



Orienteering medal winners Daisy McNamara, Charlie Bonner, Amelia Kemp and Hannah Kemp.

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## A family tradition

The owners of the Kingsley Hotel today celebrate 50 years of running the hotel.

It was on June 4 1944 that Dick and Christine Duncan took over the Brodick seafront hotel on the same day their son Russell was born.

The Kingsley is now run by Russell and his brother Robbie and their wives Jan and Elaine.

Russell puts their long success down to the fact that the hotel is 'family run'. He said: 'We don't employ any professional staff whatsoever. Every meal that is cooked in here is cooked by Robbie in the hotel or Jan in Duncan's Bar.'

But there wasn't always a bar, for although built as a hotel, the Kingsley spent most of its early years housing soldiers during the Second World War.

Dick Duncan, who was brought up in the licensed trade in Coatbridge, first came to Arran and bought the Healthfield in 1939 before he met and married Christine Heggie.

## Hall makeover

The Shiskine village hall has re-opened after being under threat of closure. A year ago a small group of dedicated hall lovers managed to secure grants of £27,000 and with the money, and volunteer help, they have transformed the hall.

The biggest job was the removal of the tower of the old United Free Church as this was letting in water.

Now with replastering, paint, wood paneling, sealed floors and an enlarged small hall, the inside looks brand new.

## Spate of thefts

There has been a spate of thefts and break-ins on the island. Curries of Brodick was broken into after thieves removed boarding covering a previously broken window. A quantity of alcohol and cigarettes were stolen. The previous day a fire door was forced open at the rear of the Lamlash Co-op and a quantity of alcohol stolen.

An East Kilbride man had his tent and its entire contents stolen while camping in the Whitehouse woods in Lamlash last weekend.

## New fishery opens

A new fishery will open next week in Kilpatrick. The Port-na-Lochan Fishery is the first 'put and take' fishery on the island.

The lochan was constructed in October last year and is fed by natural clear spring water. The policy is to provide good quality sporting rainbow trout of varying sizes from about a pound to about five pounds.

To allow proper stocking levels to be maintained it is important that all returns are provided, the owners say. Based on these the fishery will be stocked at least once a week to maintain numbers.

## Hillwalker rescued

Arran Mountain Rescue Team was called out on Sunday evening after a man arrived at the Glen Rosa campsite to report an injured hillwalker on the A'Chir Ridge. A helicopter from HMS Gannet was scrambled to airlift the man, who had a broken ankle, to Crosshouse Hospital.

Team leader Alistair Hume said that, except for two very minor incidents, this was the first call out of the year and that, despite more people walking on the hills, fewer seemed to be getting into trouble.



Robbie and Russell Duncan with their mother Christine outside The Kingsley Hotel - now the McLaren Hotel - which they have run for 50 years. b23twe01



Broadcaster Kirsty Wark officially opened the community workshop in Lamlash which collects unwanted household goods and redistributes them to those in need. b23twe02



Not all it seems as this Salvation Army mission band are actually members of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society's production of Guys and Dolls drumming up support for the show. b23twe04



Joseph l'Anson of Whiting Bay was named Arran junior champion at the 34th Lamlash Sea Angling Festival with the best catch over two days, He is seen here with a specimen 1lb dogfish. b23twe03

# What's on

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## Everyday

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

Loch Garbad, boat & bank fishing  
9am-Dusk  
Open Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10 - 5pm  
Open Tue, Thu & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm  
2pm  
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Jnr Badminton  
Metafit  
Junior Hockey  
Streetly Dance pre-school  
Garden walk  
RunArran Beginners  
Arran Food & Craft market  
Chest, Heart & Stroke open day

KA Campus, Arran High School, 7pm - 8pm  
KA Campus, Arran High School, 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 6-7pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Brodick Castle 2pm-3pm  
Drift Inn car park, Lamlash, 5.15pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 3pm  
ACVS, Lamlash 11-1pm

## Saturday 7th June

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
RNLI Shop  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club  
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game  
Hill Billy Golf  
Open Session  
Singing workshop  
Folk Festival concert

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Green, 2pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Kilmory, 12.30pm  
Douglas Hotel, 12.-5pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2-3.30pm  
Brodick Village Hall, 7.30pm

## Wednesday 11th June

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

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
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

## Sunday 8th June

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

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 2-3.30pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 4pm - 6pm  
Kinloch Bar, 5pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm  
Douglas Hotel, 12-5pm  
Douglas Hotel, 8-11pm

## Thursday 12th June

Quiz  
Morning Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Weight Watchers  
Yoga  
Bridge Club  
QuiltArran  
Garden Club  
Open Music session  
Ladies Hockey  
Cubs  
Pilates  
Paintings tour  
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game  
Lunchbox  
Drama Night  
Kilbride Parish Church Update

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, Lamlash High School, 6.15pm - 8pm  
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm  
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 12.30 - 2.30pm  
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Church Hall, 7.30pm

## Monday 9th June

Quiz  
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  
Lunch Club

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm  
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  
Glen Estate, Brodick, 12.30pm

## Friday 13th June

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Castle Secrets Tour  
Family fun night

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Brodick Castle, 11.30 - 1pm  
Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm

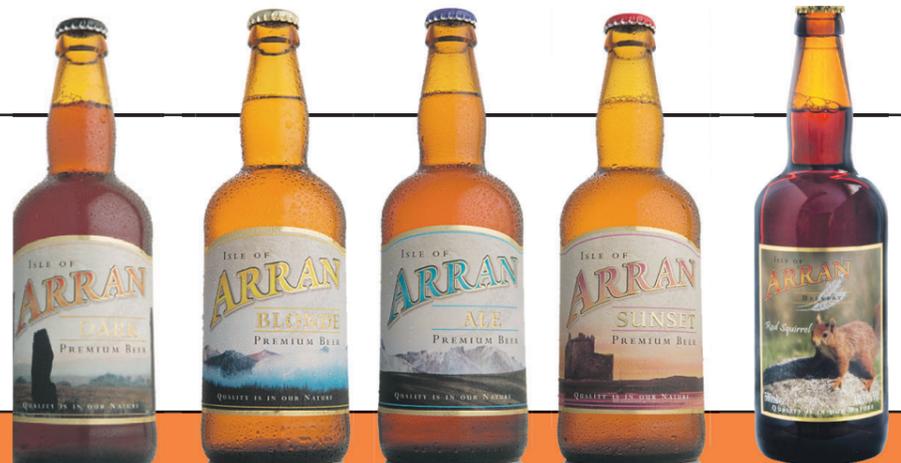
## Tuesday 10th June

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Healthy Outdoors  
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game  
SFA Mini Kickers  
SFA Early Touch Football

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm  
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<b>Monday 9 June</b>	
Whiting Bay Village Hall	11.15-12.15
Kilmory Village Hall	13.00-14.00
Brodict Health Centre	15.00-16.00

**No appointment necessary**

To contact Kenneth outside these times, please contact his constituency office:  
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Email: [Kenneth.gibson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:Kenneth.gibson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk)

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**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 8th June**  
Holy Communion 11.00am Mrs Janis Gallagher  
Coffee after service  
Wednesday, 11th June  
Holy Communion, 12.15pm  
ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
Parishes of North Arran Brodick, 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 following times to which all are invited.  
**Sunday 8th June**  
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 11.50am Tea & Coffee & Fellowship, 12noon Morning Worship.  
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.  
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am, Morning Worship.  
Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.  
3.30pm Pentecost Service at Preaching Cave, Kilpatrick.

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Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30am  
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**Sunday 8th June**  
Worship for Pentecost will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am  
Tea and coffee will be served after the service.  
All most welcome.

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
Sunday morning masses 11am

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**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 8th June**  
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.  
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(continuing)  
**Sunday 8th June**  
Morning Service, 11am  
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Evening Service 6.30pm  
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Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday 11th June at 7pm  
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**Sunday 8th June**  
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**DEVLIN** - Ian Devlin age 84, died peacefully on Tuesday the 27th of May at Arran War Memorial Hospital on the island that he loved. I would like to thank all medical and nursing staff for their care and kindness. I would also like to thank everyone who made Monday bearable for myself and family. Ruth D

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**Shiskine Golf Club**  
Wednesday 28 May, Dr Adam Cup, 19 played. First Class 1 G Andrew 48-6=42, 2 W Kelso 48-5=43, 3 and Scratch H Bannatyne 47-3=44. Second Class 1 C Rutterford 54-9=45 BIH, 2 M Hesp 56-11=45, 3 W Robertson 65-11=54. Congratulations to Graeme Andrew on winning the Dr Adam Cup on a tricky evening.  
Thursday 29 May, Mary Craig Trophy. 1 Mary Jo Tod 60-16=44, 2 Fiona Crawford 53-7=46, 3 Alice Anderson 56-8=48 BIH. Scratch Fiona Crawford 53.  
Saturday 31 May, Club Championship Qualifier Round 1, 35 played. 1st Class 1 G Andrew 71-9=62, 2 W Paton 69-6=63, 3 D K Henderson 71-7=64 BIH. Scratch W Paton 69 BIH. Second Class 1 L Jones 76-14=62, 2 W McNally 84-20=64, 3 J McNally 87-20=67 BIH. G Andrew wins Medal with BIH over L Jones.  
Sunday 1 June, Club Championship Qualifier Round 2, 35 played. First Class 1 T Gowan 71-8=63, 2 W Paton 71-6=65 BIH, 3 C Allison 72-7=65.



**Kema Genda won the Shiskine Ladies Club Trophy. This is presented to the lady with the best net score in the Club Championship Qualifying.**

Scratch M Sherwood 71 BIH. Second Class 1 Q Oliver 87-18=69, 2 L Jones 85-14=71, 3 A Bannatyne 92-20=72 BIH. Magic Twos W Kelso, A Gray, P Bryceland and D Logan. G Andrew wins the jackpot with his hole in one at the 3rd.  
Draw for Club Championship 1st Round: W Paton v M Adams, D K Henderson v G Andrew, R McCrae v R Crawford, W Kelso v T Gowan, C Allison v D Tod, I Maclean v I Murchie, H Bannatyne v T Mitchell and A Gray v M Sherwood. Good luck to all the players. Please come along and support the matches on Tuesday 3 June.  
Fixtures: Sunday 8 June, Finals Day, course closes 12noon. Wednesday 11 June, Gents 12 Hole Medal. Thursday 12 June, Ladies 18 Hole Medal Winners and Flag Competition.



**Brodick Golf Club's 2014 champions proudly display their haul of silver, from left: Fiona Crawford, ladies champion, club champion Ewan McKinnon and Adam McNicol the junior champion.**

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**  
Wednesday 28 May, 26 played in the 6th round of the Summer Trophy. SSS 63, CSS 63. 1 Nicol Auld (3)61 acb, 2 Ryan Armstrong (7)61, 3 Alan Kay (19)64 acb, 4 Jamie MacPherson (5)64 acb. Nicol Auld won scratch with 64 and there were Magic twos by Jack Simmons and Eddie Hope.  
Sunday 1 June, 14 played in the gents medal. CSS 63. 1 Bob Hastings (16)59, 2 Gordon Provan (10)64, 3 Jamie McKechnie (6)65 acb. Jamie McKechnie won scratch with 71 and there were Magic twos by Wolfi Kroner and Andy Martin.  
Fixtures: Sunday 8 June, Finals of JC Reid, Club Championship and Ladies Crystal. Wednesday 11 June, Summer Trophy.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**  
Tuesday 27 May, Club Championship Sweep. 1 Mike Hesp 66 BIH, 2 Campbell Laining 66, 3 Mark Sherwood 67. Scratch Mark Sherwood 72, magic twos Donald Logan, Mark Sherwood (2).  
Fixtures: Saturday 7 June, Duncan Sillars and 2nd Round of the Gents Club Championship qualifier, tee off 1pm. Monday 9 June, Quarter Finals of the Gents Club Championship, tee off 5.30pm. Tuesday 10 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Thursday 12 June, Quarter Finals of the President's Cup, tee off 5.30pm.

**Lamlash Golf Club**  
Ladies: Medal 3, CSS 64, par 65. 1 E Sinclair 81(17)64, 2 J Hastings 88(21)67. Scratch E Sinclair 81.  
Gents: Thursday 29 May, Summer Cup and Medal Shield, CSS 66. 1 Andy Smith 82-16=66 BIH, 2 Stuart Campbell 72-6=66, 3 Neil Young 71-4=67. Best Scratch Neil Young 71. Twos Paul Jameson at the 4th, Ian Bremner at the 13th, Jim Young and Colin Richardson both at the 16th. Yellow Medal, CSS63. 1 Jim Gibson 79-12=67.

**Arran Golfers Association**  
Fixtures: Friday 13 June, Kelso Cup Final at Shiskine Golf Club, Lamlash v Brodick at 4.45pm.  
Saturday 14 June, Thomson Matchplay at Brodick. The semi-final and final on will both be played on the day at 1pm and 6pm.

**Arran Ladies Golf Union**  
A number of ALGU members took part in the Carradale Ladies Open on Sunday 1 June. In their own Arran Sweep Liz Kerr was first 84-16=68 BIH and Carole Stewart was a close second with 84-16=68. Sheena Murchie won the scratch with an 83. Sheena also won third scratch in the overall competition and Susan Butchard had an Eagle at a par 4 to win a magic two. The next ALGU outing will be to Tarbert later this month.

**Brodick Golf Club**  
Ladies: Susan Butchard took

Sunday 1 June, Hamilton Bowl, CSS 64 - level to bogey. 1 Lee Dutton +5, 2 Andy Smith +1. Best Scratch Ian Bremner 8 down to bogey.  
Fixtures: Sunday 8 June, Jamieson Cup 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday 12 June, Summer Cup. Friday 13 June, Junior Kelso Cup Final at Shiskine Lamlash v Brodick.

**Corrie Golf Club**  
Wednesday 28 May, Medal, 18 played, CSS 62. 1 A Burke 36+33=69-12=57, 2 R Logan 35+33=68-6=62, 3 D Logan 38+35=73-9=64 BIH over H B McKinnon. Best scratch R Logan 68. Magic twos J McConachie (2) and D Logan.  
Saturday 31 May, 1st round qualifier for Championship, 17 played, CSS 62. 1 Mathew McDonald 78-19=59, 2 Rob Logan 67-6=61, 3 C Patten 74-12=62. Best scratch E McKinnon 62. Magic twos E McKinnon(2), A McDonald and S Beardsley.  
Fixtures: Names on sheet in clubhouse for Crawford Cup matchplay in July.

on Fiona Crawford in the ladies championship final last week. It was an exciting game and both ladies had their share of good shots. Susan took the lead initially but Fiona soon caught up and showing a remarkable ability to pluck victory from the jaws of defeat, eventually won at the 16th. This is the fifth time Fiona has won, her first time being nearly 40 years ago in 1976.  
In the Ladies Bronze Championship Final Gege Kroner played Tricia Martin. Tricia was on her game and, surprisingly, took the lead and led all the way round until Gege drew level at the 17th. Gege's steadiness and an excellent drive at the eighteenth secured her the victory.  
Gents: Wednesday 28 May, Summer Cup, 32 played, CSS 67. 1 L Keir (14)64 acb, 2 M Keir (6)64, 3 E McKinnon (+1)66 acb, Scratch E McKinnon 65. There were seven twos. Sunday 1 June, Brandon, 19 played, CSS 64. 1 A Dobson (9)59, 2 K McMillan (13)61 acb, 3 G Hendry (6)61. Scratch E McKinnon 64. There were eight twos. First Class Brandon: A Dobson, Second Class Brandon: K McMillan.  
Fixtures: Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June, Arran Open, see clubhouse and website for full draw from Thursday 5 June. Sunday 15 June, Club Trophy, draw on Saturday 14 June at 12noon.



**Graeme Andrew with the Dr Adam Cup at Shiskine Golf Club.**

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# Elaine and James make a splash in swimming contest

Nearly 100 children from primary schools across Arran took part in the annual swimming gala held last week.

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

In the champions race Elaine Davidge of P7 at Kilmory Primary and James Reid of P6 at Lamlash Primary came out on top.

### Thanks

Organisers would like to thank the Auchrannie Hotel for the use of the pool.

The full results were as follows:

P1 one width, Girls: 1 Rhea Webster, 2 Jenny Currie, 3 Lily Keir. Boys 1 Innes McNicol, 2 Havvey Dale, 3 Oscar Urquhart Dixon.

P2 one width, Girls: 1 Annie West, 2 Imogen Allison, 3 Ruby Wright, Boys: 1 Kieren Geraghty, 2 Jash Matusiak, 3 Jack Poplewell.

Champions race, Girls: 1 Elaine Davidge, 2 Eilidh Hamill, 3 Cara Crawford. Boys: 1 James Reid, Rory Currie, 3 Andrew Milton.

P3 one length, Girls: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Abbie Stewart, 3 Isabella Reid. Boys: 1 Ben Worthington.

P4 one length, Girls: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Islay McKelvie, 3 Yeshe Gautier. Boys: 1 Samuel Brobson, 2 Connor Wright, 3 Aiden Hewie.

P5 two lengths back crawl, Girls: 1 Hannah Kemp, 2 Freya Campbell. Boys: Andrew Sneddon, 2 Sam Reid.

P6 two lengths back crawl, Girls: 1 Amelia Kemp, 2 Naomi Provan, 3 Abbie Mulholland. Boys: 1 James Reid, 2 Louie Urquhart Dixon.

P7 two lengths back crawl, Girls: 1 Cara Crawford, 2 Eilidh Hamill, 3 Lois Ashley. Boys: 1 Darren Hewie.

P5 two lengths breast stroke, Girls: 1 Lori Prescott. Boys: 1 Andrew Sneddon, 2 Andrew Milton, 3 Thomas Copperwheat.

P6 two lengths breast stroke, Girls: 1 Charli McKillop, 2 Amelia Kemp, 3 Daisy Am-singe. Boys: 1 James Reid, 2 Rory Currie, 3 Louie Urquhart Dixon.

P7 two lengths breast stroke, Girls: 1 Elaine Davidge, 2 Eilidh Hamill.

### Front Crawl

P5 two lengths front crawl, Girls: 1 Hannah Kemp, 2 Jessica Reid, 3 Freya Campbell. Boys: 1 James McCarthy, 2 Andrew Milton, 3 Andrew Sneddon.

P6 two lengths front crawl, Girls: 1 Naomi Provan, 2 Abbie Mulholland, 3 Charli McKillop. Boys: James Reid, Rory Currie, 3 Euan Gordon Wilkinson.

P7 two lengths front crawl, Girls: 1 Elaine Davidge, 2 Eilidh Hamill, 3 Cara Crawford. Boys: 1 Darren Hewie.

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

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



In the champions race Elaine Davidge of Kilmory Primary and James Reid of Lamlash Primary came out on top. 20\_b23swim01



Goalmouth action from Southend v Northend at Sandbraes on Monday night.

## Lamlash and Southend win first football league games

Lamlash beat Brodick 3-0 on Monday night in one of the first league games of the football season.

### Three goals

James Todd scored the first of the three goals at the Lamlash pitch, Danny Currie the second and the third was an own goal.

On the same night Southend beat Northend 7-0 at Sandbraes with three goals from Dean Scott and subsequent ones from Donny Park, Fraser Barr, Sandy Kelso and Jack Simons.

On Monday night Shiskine play Lamlash and Brodick take on Southend, both at 6pm.

## Arran Bridge Club results

The results of the bridge tournament on Monday 2 June were as follows: N/S

1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Janette McBride and John Baraclough.

E/W 1 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 2 Margaret McGill and Jan Beattie, 3 Jessmay and Jim Peacock.

The Arran Bridge Club is hoping to run bridge evening classes for beginners and improvers during winter to try and increase membership.

If you are interested please telephone 700386 to express interest and for details.

## Lamlash Bowling Club opens for the season

Marion Spence, last year's ladies champion, had the honour of bowling the first ball of the season at Lamlash Bowling Club recently.

Rink games are held every Monday evening at 7pm.



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