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REPORT
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'It has lost its lifeline role,' meeting hears

Arran urgently needs improvements that will give the island a reliable ferry service. That was the loud and clear message islanders gave Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) bosses at a public meeting in Brodick on Monday night. One member of the audience summed up the mood

when he said: 'I just want it to sail. I need to know I can go over to the mainland and get back.' More than 50 residents braved torrential rain to attend the meeting which was held to hear what the travel-

ling public would like to see from the service next year. It came following another weekend of travel disruption after the Isle of Arran sailings were cancelled. It is part of a consultation process ahead of CalMac's

bid for a new contract for Clyde and Hebridean ferry services. 'We are here to listen,' commercial director Cathy Craig told the meeting and they did not have long to wait to hear a whole list of concerns as the audience made their feelings known. One audience member said: 'We have never had such a bad service as now. A lot of people are getting to a tipping point.'

The CalMac bosses were also told that when there were disruptions, communication had to be improved to tell people what was happening. Another matter at the heart of the problem the audience felt was the lack of a port of refuge and most in the room agreed Gourock would be the port of choice. Margie Currie said: 'You have to spend money in Gourock. It has been done in the past so we know it can be done.'

to port owner Peel Ports for 18 months but he was unable to report any progress. But Mr Arthur said more needed to be done. 'Getting in and out of Ardrrossan is 100 per cent the main thrust of all our problems.' A doctor who lives on the island said that the increasing number of cancelled sailings meant that the service had 'lost its lifeline role'. She said as a result patients, including cancer patients, were missing hospital appointments which was having a huge knock-on effect on medical services on the mainland. She also said that doctors



Whiting Bay walks away with school prize

Pupils from Whiting Bay primary school proudly show off their trophies and school shield after winning the first Arran schools orienteering championships held last week. Full report pages 12 and 13. 20_b23win01

Community councillor Colin McKenzie said, that while CalMac had produced figures showing that just seven per cent of sailings had been cancelled last year, 'that means that there are 20 odd days a year when it doesn't sail at all'. Another community councillor, Neil Arthur, got a round of applause when he said the main concern about the service was 'reliability'. He said: 'The fleet is a disgrace and the Isle of Arran is really not fit for purpose and hasn't been since the day it came on.' Another member of the audience agreed saying: 'It is not a reliable service. We need it not to be on amber. The islanders needs are not being met.' Another said: 'We need confidence in the service and that confidence is draining by the day.'

The issues with Ardrrossan harbour were also discussed at length, with head of commercial contracts Eric Smith confirming to the meeting that CalMac had been talking

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Woman airlifted off hills

A woman had to be airlifted off Goatfell after she fell and broke her leg. She was one of two female hillwalkers rescued by the Arran Mountain Rescue Team after they got into difficulty near the summit late on Sunday afternoon. When the team reached the walkers they found one of them had sustained a broken leg and because of the low temperatures and snow showers on the hill it was decided helicopter assistance was needed to uplift the casualty to hospital as quickly as possible. Help came from one of the new Bristow helicopters, Rescue 951 from Inverness, which was diverted from a job on Ben Nevis to assist the team as both Sea Kings at Prestwick were out of action. The second female was uninjured and taken down off the hill in the team's Argo Cat just in time to make the last ferry.



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Commercial director Cathy Craig answers a question during the meeting 20_b23calmac02

New MP claims key powers are missing from Scotland Bill

The new Scotland Bill falls well short of fully implementing the Smith Commission's recommendations as promised, North Ayrshire and Arran's new MP Patricia Gibson has said.

The 76-page document was published the day after The Queen's Speech opening the new parliament. But Mrs Gibson contends that it fails to deliver the Smith proposals in a number of areas identified by the Scottish parliament's cross-party Devolution Committee. These include:

- *Continued vetoes over abolition of the Bedroom Tax;
- *Continued restrictions on who the SNP government can pay carers' benefits to;
- *Failure to devolve the full range of employment support services currently delivered by the Department of Work and Pensions;
- *Missing or restricted powers over consumer protection, energy, and the Crown Estate.

The bill's significant shortfalls will have a detrimental impact on the ability of future Scottish governments to exercise powers, take distinct policy decisions or deliver reform to make Scotland fairer, more equal and more prosperous.

The Westminster government has published a Bill which sells Scotland short and doesn't deliver either the spirit or intent of the Smith Agreement.

'Its shortcomings must be rectified if it is to be seen as a credible reflection of the Smith Agreement and the UK government's commitment to Scotland.'

The bill contains eight separate vetoes where the Scottish parliament must seek the agreement of the Secretary of State before exercising devolved powers.

Mrs Gibson said: 'On May 15, the Prime Minister came to Edinburgh and pledged

We just want ferries to sail, say islanders

continued from page one had to increasingly rely on helicopters in the case of medical emergencies and called on all of the ferries to have a treatment room where ambulance staff could tend to patients enroute to the hospital.

Also taking questions during the evening was non executive director Primrose Stark and among the other items raised were the booking system, with the pledge that a

new electronic system was on the way, a need to extend the times of the services and flexibility of the timetable.

The CalMac directors were also told that islanders would like to see some space left on ferry sailings for emergencies. Mr Smith said it was a complex issue but that staff at the port would usually do their best to accommodate people who found themselves in such a position.

'We are trying to service the

community,' he added. Many in the audience agreed when one lady said: 'Our local staff are very good and very helpful.'

The Lochranza service was also raised during the meeting with representatives from the north of the island calling for the service to be developed more and the season extended. At the end of the meeting, the CalMac representatives pledged they had taken on board all the issues

raised which they would take up with their sister company Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) and Transport Scotland.

CalMac will hear next week if they have passed the first stage of the tender process for the new eight-year contract which is due to be announced next May and start in October 2016.

CalMac are expected to be challenged for the contract by Sodexo.

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Sad day as Salvation Army leaves Arran

The Salvation Army is pulling out of Arran.

But the church and charity has paid tribute to the work of its volunteers as it prepares to close its operations on the island.

It held a special recognition lunch yesterday (Thursday) to thank the local people who have willingly volunteered and helped its lunch club and befriending service.

Salvation Army Envoy Lexie Andrade said: 'The volunteers have given sterling service and asked for nothing in return. They have big hearts and are happy to serve their local community for the greater good.'

Major Russell Wyles, leader of The Salvation Army in the west of Scotland, said he was disappointed to see the church and charity leaving Arran after nine years of faithful service but cited a lack of staffing resources as the main reason for the move.

He said: 'We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed to the success of our programmes on the island. We look forward to formally recognising their service.'

Evening dog class interest

A dog trainer on the island is keen to find out if there is enough interest on the island to start evening dog classes.

Margaret Kay said: 'We have been getting a number of enquiries about evening training classes or one-to-one training and are currently looking at the possibility of running a class in the evening. Whether or not this can go ahead would be determined by the level of support.' 'If it looks as though there will be enough support, we will get one organised,' she added.

Anyone who would be interested in coming to a class should contact Margaret on 600725.

Feis Arainn: a reminder

Registration forms were due to be returned by Friday 29 May, either to the schools or by post to Aileen.

Anyone who has forgotten should send it in as soon as possible.

Extra forms can be obtained from the schools or from Aileen on 700209.

Stunt riders kicking up a storm at farmers' show



One of the stunt riders performing.

Visitors to the Arran Farmers' Show are in for an equestrian treat this year.

Riders of the Storm, Scotland's equestrian stunt display team, will be galloping down from Killiecrankie to perform in the main ring at the show on Wednesday 5 August this year.

Owner Kirsty McWilliam, together with her riders, has promised two unique acrobatic routines to entertain both the young and the more mature. They take over from the stunt cycle team The Clan which has entertained big crowds for the last two years. Visitors are also encouraged to take their dogs along to

try out the dog agility course, or enter the world famous Murray's Dog Scurry - the day wouldn't be the same without it. As ever, there will be the more serious cattle, sheep and horse judging with the coveted Overhead Champion Trophy, best in show, title up for grabs. Exhibitors are reminded that for entries in the catalogue, the closing date is Friday 12 June. Numerous and varied stances have already secured their spot, which all adds to a great day out. Space is still available for anyone wishing to join in. Anyone interested should contact Christine on 01770 820291.

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Spring clean for Arran's coastline

Arran Coastal Way footpath workers and volunteers have taken a break from building footpaths to clear up the areas around them.

With help from COAST, local farmers and North Ayrshire Council, the coastal way team are determined to restore Arran's pristine coastline for the benefit of the environment and animal and bird life as well as for the enjoyment of local walkers and visitors.

The south coast which is part of the new Marine Protected Area (MPA) is particularly hard hit with rubbish.

COAST fought so hard to get the area designated, .

The tidy can happen with determination and many helping hands. It's amazing how much can be done.

In the first of few days of clearing near Black Cave 18 tonne bags were filled with mainly plastic debris.

The McMaster's of Springfield Farm went above and beyond the call of duty to not only take all the rubbish up to the road for collection by the council, but also doing some extra work to fix the track going down to the shore to make this job easier for everyone.

Eric Dunn from North Ayrshire Council is also to be thanked for his quick response to the project.

If you want to get involved with beach cleaning or our other footpath maintenance volunteer groups, contact Rachel on 303926, arran@coastalway.co.uk or find us on Facebook or Twitter(ArranCoastalWay).



Debris collected from along the shore.



A total of 18 tonne bags were filled with debris from near the Black Cave.

Generous support for Beatson

A coffee morning held last Tuesday 26 May in aid of the Beatson cancer charity was a resounding success.

A great number of people attended and it was a most enjoyable occasion. Many attending had some contact with the Beatson hospital, either as patients or having relatives or friends who have benefited from the wonderful service the hospital provides.

People were hugely generous and the amazing sum of £1,105 was raised. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated.

Morag Hutchison, who organised the coffee morning, gave her sincere thanks to everyone who donated.

She was tremendously encouraged as a number of helpers agreed to form a committee to develop further support for the Beatson clinic on the island.

Help find lost cat Jools

A plea has been made to help find a lost cat.

Ginger tom cat Jools has been missing in Lochranza since last week. Anyone who can help should phone 830395.



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A BBC mock up of Terry Wogan announcing the Arran award.

Children in Need boost for Arran youth project

An Arran youth project is celebrating after it received a £10,000 boost from BBC Children in Need.

The money has been awarded to the Arran Youth Foundations project, which is working to help change the lives of young people on the island. Based in Brodick, the organisation runs youth activities including drop-ins,

a youth forum and active sports.

The one year award will support the aim of increasing their confidence, developing leadership skills and boosting aspirations for the future. The group is also looking to connect with more young people across the island in innovative ways. This has begun with football coaching

for primary children in the Shiskine Valley and will continue with one-off events in different villages and the possible use of a community bus.

Secretary Helen Kerr said: 'The support from BBC Children in Need is vital for the continuation of Arran Youth Foundations.

'Around 150 young people are now involved, with some working on film making and others focussing on restaurant skills and woodcarving, encouraging confidence and potential amongst the secondary pupils.'

Mary Duffy, National Head of BBC Children in Need in Scotland added: 'We are delighted to be awarding funding to the Arran Youth Foundations project, which will go on to make a real difference to the lives of children in the area. We want to give even more of these awards in our next round, so if you have a project that works with disadvantaged young people that could benefit from up to £10,000 then we want to

hear from you! Our eligibility criteria are available online – even if you don't have a lot of experience of applying for funding, please get in touch and we can help.'

Life President, Sir Terry Wogan, added: 'Without the phenomenal fundraising efforts from the public, these grants simply would not be possible, so I hope people across the UK feel incredibly proud of the difference they are making to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people who really do need our help. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you.'

BBC Children in Need relies on the support and creativity of thousands of fundraisers and supporters across the UK who donate their time, money and energy to help raise millions for the Charity.

Whether it's through cake sales or superhero dress up days, every penny of the money raised goes towards supporting projects right here in the UK.

Fundraising day follows foundations awards night

Arran Youth Foundations (AYF) will be holding their annual fundraiser at Strabane House today (Saturday).

The open day will see Lady Jean Fforde open her beautiful Brodick gardens to once again help raise funds for the charity, with teas and coffees, home baking and a raffle among the attractions.

The event will run from 11am to 4pm and visitors will be encouraged to make a small donation to help the group raise funds to support the work they do with the island's youngsters.

Meanwhile, the AYF held their inaugural awards night last week, with ten trophies handed out to the island's young people in categories like 'hardest worker', 'AYF ambassador' and 'best attendance'

The awards presentation wrapped up an evening which saw the youngsters entertain a packed Brodick church hall with the latest clips from their film-making club. The

big premiere of the night, the short film they completed for Arran Medical Group, was received very positively by those in attendance.

Youth worker Graeme Johnston said: 'It was a great night for the island's young people, with trophies recognising their tremendous efforts in the last year and a warm reception for the high-quality films they have produced.'



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Forestry group holds first meeting

A working group set up to look at forestry extraction on the island has held its first meeting.

The group was formed following growing concerns at plans by the Forestry Commission to build a timber transfer station at Machrie to ship wood, felled from forests on the west side of the island, to the mainland. Another site is being sought in the south east of the island.

The Forestry Commission outlined its plans at the April meeting of Arran community council where they made it clear they were pressing ahead with their plans for the Machrie site but said it was not a 'done deal'.

At that meeting it was agreed to set up a community working group. Its remit is: 'To critically review and advise the Forestry Commission on its strategic objectives for timber extraction on Arran and evaluate all proposed options.'

The first meeting was held on 21 May under the chairmanship of Ricky McMaster, chairman of ACC. Other members are Neil Arthur and Liz Evans, both ACC members, Lorna Gunaydi and David Price, local residents, Gus McLeod of North Ayrshire Council and Jim Lauder and Andy Walker of the Forestry Commission.

School reaches awards final with wave energy converter

Pupils at an Arran school are in the running for a prestigious award after creating their own renewable energy device.

The team at Whiting Bay primary have made the final of the Junior Saltire Award after designing and building their own floating wave energy converter, using wave power to create electricity.

The pupils will now get their chance to put their design through its paces when they test their gadgets this Thursday at the University of Edinburgh's FloWave Ocean Energy Research Facility – the world's most sophisticated ocean simulator which can recreate multi-directional waves and fast tidal flows.

Acting head teacher Raye Beggans said: 'The team is thrilled to have reached the final of the competition. A lot of hard work has gone into perfecting the design and then building the device and we can't wait to put it to the test in Edinburgh.'

'The pupils have shown real enthusiasm for the project,

and reaching the final is a great achievement.'

More than 200 teams from around Scotland entered the competition, which is funded by the Scottish Government and delivered by the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) in partnership with Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

Diane Hill, energy partnership manager at SDS, said: 'This is an exciting time for marine renewables which offers good career prospects in a growing sector with a positive image.'

Encourage

'As the demand for renewable energy grows and new technologies emerge we need to encourage more young people to consider this option as they progress through their education.'

'The Junior Saltire Award helps to do that and for the finalists to have earned the chance to test out their inventions in this way and gain an insight into the technology involved is a fantastic achievement.'



Whiting Bay pupils Ryan Jackson, Liam Bremner and Ewan Wilkinson with their wave energy converter.

The competition is split into three age groups: P5-P7, S1-S3 and S4-S6, with teams of four in each age group having to submit an initial design brief followed by evidence of their finished model.

Melanie Riddell, project manager at SCDI, said: 'As well as generating electricity, this competition is about generating interest in STEM subjects and the vast range of exciting careers that can lead to.'

The standard of entries shows there is a great deal of talent and enthusiasm in Scotland's schools for cutting edge science and engineering and the finalists have done exceptionally well to rise to the top of that pile.'

Accelerate

The competition is the junior version of the £10million Saltire Prize Challenge, created by the Scottish government to accelerate the commercial development of wave and tidal energy technology.

The winning teams were due to be announced at the Celebration of Science and Engineering at the Glasgow Science Centre later today (Friday) and will receive prizes of up to £750 for their school as well as Junior Saltire medals.

Find out how Whiting Bay school got on next week.

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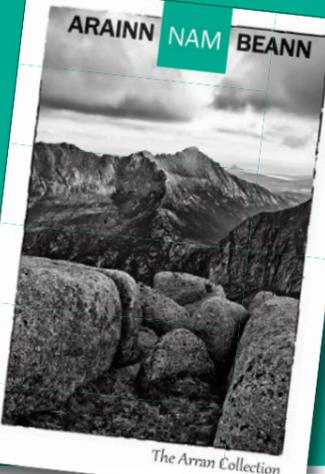
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New garden open day

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Pauline owes her success to her stunning debut on Arran

The Arran Folk Festival gets underway today (Friday) with a host of events on at various venues throughout the weekend but for one performer it is a very welcome return

Singer Pauline Alexander is back at the Arran Folk Festival after having made her debut gig there four years ago and has never looked back.

It was a phenomenal night in which she felt the full warmth of an Arran crowd after giving them a performance which was described as 'simply stunning'. This time around she hopes to repeat some of that magic performing with Edwin Gallacher when they head to Brodick Hall tomorrow night (Saturday).

It is hard to convey how important that those embryonic steps were for Pauline with Arran being her first ever gig as 'Pauline Alexander'. Pauline's first arrival on the island was inspired when a couple of her partner's family members, who live in Lochranza, suggested she should ask the organisers about playing at the festival. Having sent a cd off for consideration no one expected to hear anything more about it. However, when Jon Hollingworth of Arran Events listened to her Dear Sister track and knew that he would have to have her over. When he learned that Pauline had no accompanist he even considered rolling a piano onto the stage and doing the backing himself. In the End, Paul Baird brought his cool bluesy flavoured guitar with Jon joining the stage for a few songs too.

Were it not for the fact that it went so well, she may have abandoned hope of carving out a singing career.

A long spell of unemployment from her normal day job eventually led her to fully commit to music when she figured that she could not be any worse off as a musician. Infact, the experience was reflected upon in her 'Unemployment Blues Song' which was a light hearted poke at her time spent in the job centre. However, despite a lack of gigs and income, from a couch in the East End of Glasgow, Pauline and her partner started the long arduous task of contacting radio stations, clubs and festivals around the UK with aspirations of making music a full time vocation.

Despite working with a number of accompanists, things have really taken off with music since pairing up with Johnstone based guitarist, Edwin Gallacher. After strolling into a music shop one day, Edwin was over-



heard having a jam by an ex band member of Pauline's. Stunned by what he heard, he left a voicemail on her phone telling her she had to get in touch with him. By a strange set of coincidences Pauline's found herself without a musical partner, almost in the same week, and this left the way open for Edwin to join. Since then, they have performed around the UK and been played on a growing list of radio shows.

This year has in some ways been the duo's most successful yet having supported triple platinum selling artist Ru-

mer on her only Scottish date, a debut live TV performance on The Riverside Show and opening for The Pearlfishers at Celtic Connections. However, for all she is incredibly proud of all these things, Pauline has never forgotten how important that night in Arran was to her.

Pauline said: 'That night in Arran was so vivid, I don't think I have had a musical high like it ever since. When I went to bed that night I couldn't sleep as I had experienced such a rush at the gig. I felt it validated my place in music and I lay in bed thinking I can do this.'

As a duo, Pauline and Edwin's music combines pure and velvety vocals that are easy on the ear with simple catchy guitar hooks. Their sets are a stripped back blend of original music and interpretation of song. Drawing inspiration from a time when music was built to last and stunning singers were revered they offer a slightly more contemporary feel with a rustic edge. Unsurprisingly it has led some to suggest that Pauline's vocals have hints of Sandy Denny.

The duo have been working

hard in the studio with new material for a follow up album. Pauline's debut album, Thoughts For The Masses, was a former Iain Anderson album of the week on BBC Radio Scotland and they have high hopes for the new one once its released too. A bit like their live performances, it takes elements of light and shade and gives something upliftingly morose.

Pauline Alexander and Edwin Gallacher are performing at Brodick Hall as part of the Arran Folk Festival on Saturday 6 June at 7.30pm. www.paulinealexander.com. www.facebook.com/palexandersings Also performing are The Scott Wood Band and Emma Sweeney and Jack Rutter. Tickets: £17.50. See www.arranevents.com/arranfolkfestival2015 for more details.



Pauline Alexander and Edwin Gallacher who will be performing at Brodick Hall.

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4647. The Arran Banner has teamed up with Waverley to offer two lucky readers a family trip (for two adults and two children) aboard Paddle Steamer Waverley. The prize may be used on any sailing between Sunday and Friday, before July 31.

For your chance to win, simply answer this easy question, complete the coupon and post it to The Oban Times, Waverley Comp, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB. Entries must be submitted by midday on Wednesday 17 June 2015.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Time for ferry bosses to listen

CalMac ferry bosses told an audience on Arran this week that they had come to listen. But how much of the concerns of the travelling public will they really take on board?

Certainly they had made little effort to tell the public they had come to hear their views.

Apart from an article in The Banner two weeks ago, CalMac made no attempt to advertise the meeting in the paper or even with posters on the ferry and around the island.

Then on the day with stormy weather and ferry disruptions there was uncertainty among those planning to attend if the meeting would be on at all.

The fact that 50 hardy souls turned up in atrocious weather conditions is remarkable in itself.

However, had more people known about the meeting, and it had been a better night, I am sure the hall would have been full. So let's not allow CalMac to assume that only 50 people on the island care about the ferry services.

Those that were there did a good job of telling the CalMac directors about their anxieties and concerns. It is no surprise that the need for a year round reliable service was rammed home time and time again as was the necessity of improvements at Ardrossan and a dedicated port of refuge.

Of course they were quick to point out the complexities of ferry services in which they act as operators with sister company CMAL in charge of the ports - except Ardrossan, of course, which is owned by Peel Ports.

And how it is Transport Scotland who set the fare structure and were the architects of RET.

We get it that the government calls the shots but there are a lot of issues the operator can resolve given the will.

At the meeting it was said that the island had never had such a bad service and that it had lost its lifeline role.

If CalMac are serious about operating these services for the next eight years, they had better start listening to what the people want and need.

If you missed the meeting but would still like to tell CalMac what you think of the service, you can use the feedback form at the following link: <https://www.calmac.co.uk/community-engagement-meetings>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:39)

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Letters to the Editor



Independent traveller

Sir,
I would like to draw your readers attention to an important meeting taking place on Monday June 8 at 7pm in the Arran Mountain Rescue Team base.

It's the AGM of the Ferry Committee. This letter (a bit like the AGM) is after the Calmac consultation meeting held in Brodick Hall this week. The consultation meeting was a one-off event at which Calmac were required to listen to its travelling public. However, the meetings of the Ferry Committee and their consultations with Calmac are more frequent.

You may be extremely happy with our ferry operator. On the other hand, you may feel that the we could do with boats that break down a little less, have space to book on for important appointments that don't require four week's notice, can sail more often through the winter to a suitable port of refuge despite climate change and the removal of a hotel in Gourrock and can get into the designated harbour without a handbrake turn worthy of a 17-year-old driver in an old Ford Fiesta.

You may wish to see our new Brodick facility designed as a ferry terminal rather than an airport departure hall. You might wonder why we spent the winter walking through a darkened building site in Ardrossan to create a restaurant and office building which no one wants to let, conveniently located next to another restaurant and a street full of empty offices which no one wants to let. This facility can be built by selling off land but any improvements to the harbour itself and indeed the car park (where you run the risk of returning after a storm to find the contents of Ardrossan beach on your bonnet) are not on the agenda.

In the north, we also have a few issues with the service provided between Arran and Kintyre, as illustrated by the recent fight between drivers of 'queue jumping' camp-

ervans. If you do have some concerns and would like to see our representatives consist of more people pushing trolleys than driving lorries then you have opportunity to elect the 'independent' traveller onto the committee. I am sure a big turnout would be warmly welcomed.

Yours,
Chris Traill
Chairman
Lochranza and Catacol
Community Association

Nepal bonanza

Sir,
I wanted to write to thank a lot of people for all their help over the past two weeks in support of the Nepal orphan project called 'Kalaa Jyoti' I set up with the Gurkhas.

First of all I wanted to thank The Banner itself for the great article in the week of the Garden Party for it brought so many people along to our special day. It also raised the plight of our kids and friends.

Secondly, I must say a very special thank you to Lady Jean Fforde for her wonderful invitation to use her garden to raise money for the kids. I also want to say thank you to all her family and friends who supported our event. Dr Michael Grant was pivotal in all the arrangements, and even helped us put up the tents.

The event was put together by Rona and Jackie who worked so hard to make things happen. We were donated four marquees which was fantastic, as we needed them when it rained.

The event would not have been possible without our stall staff selling homemade cakes, drinks, Nepalese goods, toys, jewellery and those running the tombola, raffles and treasure hunt. We also had bands, singers, a dog show and art and book signings. Young Tenzing from Corrie Primary made money from guessing the dog's birthday. We even had poets and dancers and fairies.

And I can only thank the brilliant tent team who had so many laughs putting up and taking down the tents.

I also need to say a massive thank you to all the business owners on Arran who donated the most amazing things to help raise money for our orphans, from bags, to glass panels, whisky to photographs.

When we added all the money we make on the day we couldn't believe it. I wanted £200 to buy paint for the kids. We made over £3,600 and there are still several cheques to come for silent auction items and painting sales.

The delightful thing about the the Kalaa Jyoti project is that every penny gets there and the Gurkhas ensure there is no corruption so all the money will be used properly. We will let you know how we use this money.

My last big thank you is to Campbell Laing who organised a fantastic music night on 22 May in the distillery. The distillery staff gave their time and we had superb singers, drummers and bagpipe players who provided a good audience with a great night of entertainment. I had no idea Campbell was organising this event to help our wee earthquake orphans. This was such a kind gesture, and again, everything raised will get to where it should go.

The kindness of the people of Arran has been astonishing. I am sure it will take a generation to fix Nepal and billions of pounds, but at least all of us on the island can hold our heads up high and know we have helped fix a small part of it.

My most sincere thanks to everyone.

Yours,
Gordon Davidson
Prospect
Corrie

Fabulous fayre

Sir,
We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who attended our spring fayre on Saturday 23 May. Also special thanks to all the people that donated raffles, baking, tombola etc and of course many thanks to our helpers. The sun shone for us and we raised a massive £700

which for our small school is a fabulous amount. Many thanks again.

Yours,
Kilmory Parent Council
Fake animals

Sir,
The 30mph signs are now in place, but now there is also fake animals being put on the verge of the grass opposite Kirkend farm, which is extremely dangerous for locals, never mind tourists.

How long will it be before an accident happens there?

Yours,
Deborah Anne
Whiting Bay

Huge success

Sir,
Corrie Primary School and Early Years Class would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make last Tuesday's open day/spring fayre such a huge success.

We are very grateful to all the support from parents, pupils, teachers, the parent council, members of the local community and visitors who all helped to raise a whopping £915.20 on the day.

Yours,
Susan Kelly
Head Teacher
Corrie Primary School



Lost toy cat

Sir,
Kayla, my little girl's well-loved toy cat has gone AWOL whilst we were enjoying a fantastic holiday last week on Arran. I can completely understand why she would want to stay, but she is dreadfully missed and in big trouble with her six-year-old owner. Please let me know if you find her on your travels. Thanks.

Yours
Raychel Thomas

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James makes Nepal mercy mission

'It's events like this where my faith in humanity is restored'

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Few though were able to drop everything and actually go to Nepal.

Only days after the disaster had killed more than 8,000 people and injured more than 19,000 more, James L Clark, packed his medical and rescue gear and boarded a plane to Kathmandu.

James runs the Arran Family Fun Park at Balmichael with his wife Cherie, son Jamie, and their business partners Callum and Lisa Ford.

It's not the first time James has left his family to go and help others. After serving as a combat medic in the armed forces, he founded Boots on the Ground, a charity dedicated to providing in-field emergency and primary medical care and other assistance required to sustain life in under served areas of the world.

He said: 'When hurricane Katrina decimated the Gulf Coast in 2005, I went and worked with ad hoc teams to conduct rescue operations, provide care, evacuate the sick and wounded, and even rescued animals.'

'I was shocked by the poor response by the government.'

'I learned small teams are far more mobile, effective, and efficient directly after a disaster.'

'We fill a serious gap while waiting for the larger and more logistically heavy groups to show up. That experience was a sort of 'proof of concept' for what would later become our model.'

'We saves lives. We've done so in places like Haiti, Japan, and now Nepal.'

When James landed in Kathmandu, a colleague from the Military College in Shrivenham, England, where James had completed post-graduate work, had already linked him up with locals. They assembled a team and began providing care and delivering food and other supplies in areas that hadn't yet seen relief efforts.

After a few exhausting days, James met up with a group that conducts anti-human-trafficking missions. It's believed 200,000 young girls have been sold into slavery



James with a fellow rescue worker in Nepal.

in India alone. They had lost contact with an outpost, and conditions were considered too dangerous to send in a team - so James volunteered. It took him two days by himself on an off-road motorcycle, and a 30-plus kilometre walk through destroyed villages in treacherous terrain where landslides regularly kill travellers, to reach them. They had all survived but

were cut off from supplies.

While in Nepal, James worked with both official and unofficial groups. He believes the small groups with no affiliation are the ones doing the most good.

James said: 'It's always hard to go because there's so much bad you can't un-see.'

'It will stay with me forever. But, the truth is, it's events like this where my faith in

humanity is restored where I also see real selflessness.

When I see 100 per cent of donations reach those in need, as opposed to going to admin costs it's truly amazing.

But there's still so much that needs to be done there. I really hope to go back soon.'

Last month the fun park held a fundraising event in the Old Mill Coffee Shop.

James' wife Cherie said: 'We would like to thank the many islanders who came along to help at the fundraiser.'

'Amongst many fundraisers Brendan Perking jumping from the 50ft pole three times in a row to raise £50 stood out.'

'Many people donated generously.'

Further donations to the charity can be made through the groups website, using the following link: www.bootsontheground.org/donate.



The devastation James witnessed in Nepal.



Some of the musicians who took part in the fundraising day at Balmichael.

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Question: What type of music is used during the Kelta Fit workout?
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The Isle of Arran Scotland's Food

The range of fine food and drink that is produced here on Arran is as varied and diverse as the wonderful island landscapes. The cheese, whisky, fish, meat, chocolates and even ice cream are all hand made on this tiny island. Every single one of these locally created products are available to us all-year long. The people who make these products are united by a common commitment to quality and taste and all share a passion for their craft, as well as this beautiful island. From internationally renowned companies, to small artisan producers, the main aim of each one is to delight you with the true taste of Arran.

produces whisky which is now distributed all over the globe. Arran Distillery uses no peat in the production process and no caramel for artificial colouring - unlike most other distilleries - and as a result the malt produced can rightly be described as 'the true spirit of nature'. Today the distillery is producing whisky day and night to make single malts that range from a 10-year-old to a delectable new 17-year-old, speciality cask bottlings, as well as Arran Gold whisky liqueur. The distillery has also forged close ties with other food producers on the island to develop mustard, ice cream and chocolates all flavoured with this wonderful whisky.

Camembert and Arran Brie cheeses winning Golds and Silvers at the World and the British Cheese Award and the Cheese Shop's Mustard Flavoured Cheddar being voted Best Scottish Retail Product a commitment to quality has to be the principal motivation. As well as their own soft cheeses made in Blackwaterfoot, they produce a range of flavoured cheddars that are available at the Home Farm shop and at various outlets on Arran and throughout Scotland.

Arran Chocolate Factory



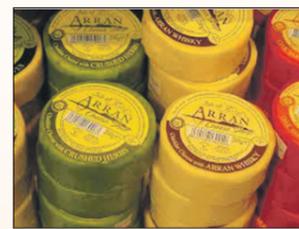
The Arran Chocolate Factory and its mouth-watering array of handmade truffles, fudges and chocolates has become one of the island's great food experiences. James McChery first began making chocolates about 15 years ago and since then he has continued to experiment with flavours and fillings to create one of the country's

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Arran Butcher products can also be bought from the Co-operative stores in Brodick and Lamlash, Wooleys of Brodick and Bay Stores and The Village Shop in Whiting

Bay. Home deliveries are also available.

Arran Haggis and Arran Black Pudding is now available to order online (www.thearranbutcher.com)

Arran Fine Foods



Originally a family business producing a range of mustards for local gift shops and businesses, Arran Fine Foods is now part of the Paterson family and prides itself on the use of great ingredients to make delicious condiments.

Today around 20 employees make a selection of preserves, mustards, chutneys and salad dressings at the 'mustard factory' - as it's locally known - in Lamlash. In another fantastic example of the island's food producers developing a close relationship, with both the Isle of Arran Distillery and Arran Brewery, they have created an Arran provenance range. These delicious, award-winning products include Apple and Arran Ale Chutney, Vintage Marmalade with Arran Malt Whisky and elephant garlic and beetroot chutney, locally grown by Robin Gray to create the true taste of the island in a jar!

Arran Dairies



Rich grasslands in the south of the island are the perfect grazing ground for the cattle that produce milk for Arran Dairy ice cream.

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Arran Dairies chocolate ice cream was the winner of a Great Taste Award 2009, ICA Bronze Medal 2009 and 2010.

Wooleys



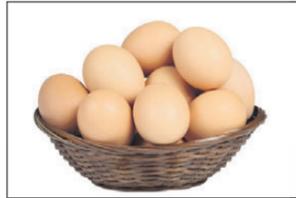
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A fantastic achievement for this family run island business

Co-op backs local produce



The Co-operative Food prides itself on supporting local produce and that is no exception on Arran.

A wide range of island produce is available and this has recently been expanded with the introduction of Arran cheese from the Torrylinn Creamery.

The main Brodick store has a whole display cabinet of Arran Butcher products including their award winning black pudding and haggis, and it is also available in the other Co-op stores.

There is also a wide selection of Wooleys bread, rolls and oatcakes, a freezer full of Arran Dairies ice cream and a wide range of products from the Kirkend Nursery from currie to pickles and eggs as well as logs and kindling.

While in the dirnks isle there is a wide selection of beers from the Arran Brewery and whisky from the Isle of Arran Distillery. So your never far from Arran produce in the stores.

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The P6/7 girls winners and runners-up 20_b23orient03



The S1 winning girls with their certificates



The S1 open winners with their certificates b23orient09NO



The first and third place winners in the P4/5 open event 20_b23orient04



The majority of the competitors who took part in the inaugural event 20_b23orient01

Pupils finding their way in orienteering championships

A total of 177 pupils took part in the first ever Arran Schools Orienteering Championships last week.

The inaugural event was a partnership project between the Arran Outdoor Centre, Active Schools and Brodick Castle and Country Park.

As well as enjoying the day's competition it is hoped that many of the students will take up orienteering. The age categories in this year's Scottish six-day series in August start at under 10s and go up to over 85s, so it really is a sport for life.

There were three different courses on the day ranging from to 1,100 to 1,800 meters around the beautiful country park, all starting and finishing at the ranger station. The ages

went from primary four to secondary one.

Andy McNamara, of the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, said: 'I would like to thank all the staff from the country park for hosting this event, the teaching staff from the schools and a special thank you to volunteer helpers at the event, Adam McNicol, James Mutch, Asha Simpson and Elanor McNamara.'

Fantastic

'The winning times were fantastic in each age category,' he added.

The results were as follows: P4/5 girls: 1 Rosie McKelvie and Roisin Ballantyne 17.01, 2 Mary Smith and Izzi Buckley 39.38, 3 Iona Miggin, 15/16 correct, 21.26.

P4/5 open: Aidan Stone and

Daisy McNamara 17.09, 2 Alfie Robertson and Aidan Hewie 25.05, 3 Catie MacArthur and Patryk Gwizdowski 28.58.

P6/7 girls: Erin Macpherson and Amelia Kemp 20.53, 2 Gen Inglis and Caira Wood 26.15, 3 Zara Wilson and Freya McNicol 31.00. P6/7 open 1 Joe McHugh and Gregor Crichton 15.16, 2 James Reid and James Currie 18.33, 3 Finn MacArthur and Charlie Bonner 18.39.

S1 girls: 1 Lori Miller and Caoimhe McCallum 20.19, 2 Ellie Wood and Elaine Davidge 34.44, 3 Hannah McCartney and Eva Young 36.37. S1 open: Robbie Milton and Finlay Eliot 21.18, 2 James Smith and William Downing 22.35, 3 Patryk Dybalski and Maisy Townsend 24.15.



The P6/7 open winners with their trophy and certificates
20_b23orient02



One competitor studies his map at a checkpoint



The P4/5 girls winners with third placed Iona Migglin between them 20_b23orient05



Two pupils in a dash to the next checkpoint



Two competitors working out where to go next

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	Concert.	Brodick Hall.	7:30pm.	£17.50
	Mairearad & Anna, Mischa MacPherson Trio, Little Fire			
	Late Night Session	Fiddlers Bar.	11:00pm.	FREE
Sat. 6th June	Open Session.	Douglas Hotel.	12-5pm.	FREE
	Concert.	Brodick Hall.	7:30pm.	£17.50
	Scott Wood Band, Emma Sweeney, Pauline Alexander			
	Late Night Session	Fiddlers Bar.	11:00pm.	FREE
Sun. 7th June	Open Session.	Douglas Hotel.	12-5pm.	FREE
	Open Mic Night.	Douglas Hotel.	8pm.	FREE

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Saturday 10 June, 1995



The 7th Arran Folk Festival is underway with events taking place all round the island earlier in the week, included school visits by the Music Men band. The event culminates at the marquee by Brodick beach with an evening concert last night (Friday) and events throughout Saturday and Sunday. Our picture shows the band with pupils at Shiskine Primary. b23twe01



Arran Quilers this week handed over a cheque for £2,000 to Brenda Johnston, the area representative for the Marie Curie Foundation the money raised by a recent quilt raffle. b23twe03



Married in Lamlash Church last Saturday were Emma Louise Turner and David Ingham who both come from Leeds where David is a fireman and Emma a personal assistant. Emma is also a cousin of Helen Todd who lives in Lamlash and her two daughters Rachel and Katie were both bridesmaids. The horsedrawn carriage seen in the photograph took the newly married couple to the reception at the Lagg Hotel. b23twe04



Last term P1 pupils Brodick Primary undertook a space project and closely followed the exploits of the first Briton to walk in space Dr Michael Foale. They decided to write to him and to the delight of the teacher Mrs Christine Cargill and the pupils got in reply a specially autographed photograph of Dr Foale and the astronaut team which the pupils can be seen holding. b23twe02



The annual Arran Primary School sports day took place this week and determination is etched on the faces of these youngsters taking part. b23twe05 and b23twe06

What's on

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Everyday

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

Loch Garbad, bank & boat fishing
9am-Dusk
Mon - Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 12.30 - 5pm
2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
Open all day
10.30am to 4.30pm

Live music
Garden Walk
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
RunArran
Scottish Country Dancing
Metafit
Open Cricket Session

Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
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

Saturday 6th June

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Open Session
Folk festival Concert
Live music
Late night Session
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Brodick Market
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Shiskine Primary summer fayre
AYF Fundraise event
Castle - Castle Scooter Rally

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Douglas Hotel, 2pm - 5pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 11pm
Brodick bowling club, 2pm
Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Shiskine, 1pm - 4pm
Strabine, Brodick, 11am - 4pm
Brodick Castle, 11am

Wednesday 10th June

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

Lamlash Church Hall 10.15am-12noon
Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9am-10am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
Brodick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
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
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm

Sunday 7th June

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
Open Session - Folk Festival
Open mic night - Folk festival
Open Garden

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
Douglas Hotel, 12-5pm
Douglas Hotel, 8pm
The Glades, Whiting Bay, 2pm - 5pm

Thursday 11th June

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Yoga
Ladies Hockey
RunArran
RunArran
Paintings Tour
Live music
Cardiac Rehab
Body & Mind
QuiltArran
Senior Tennis

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Brodick, 6pm
Blackwaterfoot, 7.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6-7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm

Monday 8th June

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

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
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
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
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

Friday 12th 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

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
Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm

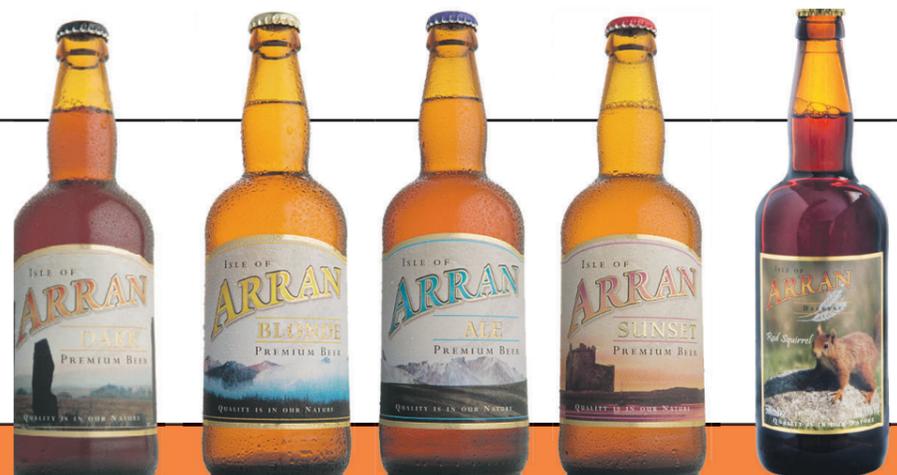
Tuesday 9th June

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm



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TAXI FARE REVIEW

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council, having consulted with taxi operators and organisations appearing to it to be representative of operators, has reviewed the existing scales and proposes to make the new scales below. The proposed scales, and any written representations, will be considered by the Licensing Committee on 12 August 2015, and the Committee will then or later fix the new scales. These will come into force as below, subject to any Appeal to the Traffic Commissioner. The proposed new scales increase fares slightly and simplify the existing scales; The scales also remove the previous use of zones within North Ayrshire. Any person may make written representations concerning these proposals by writing to Christine Andrew, Clerk to the Licensing Committee, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE no later than 3 July 2015.

SCALES PROPOSED BY LICENSING COMMITTEE ON 20 MAY 2015

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- starting or ending at any time on Sundays

Charges (Initial and Additional): Tariff 1 plus 10 per cent

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- between 21.00 on 31 December and 06.00 a.m. on 2 January

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Extra Charges

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2. Soiling Charge - £35.

Notes

1. The fare scale applies only to journeys which end within North Ayrshire. Fares for journeys beyond the Council area should be agreed between the passenger and the driver before the start of the journey.

2. Luggage shall be carried free if it is of a size which can reasonably be accommodated in the car.

3. The metered charge is the maximum which can be charged. The driver can always charge less.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
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Whiting Bay (04960)	55 29.395'N 55 29.368'N 55 29.341'N	05 05.398'W 05 05.398'W 05 05.398'W
Pirmill (04961)	55 38.637'N 55 38.609'N	05 23.202'W 05 23.215'W

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OVER £30

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CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 7th June
Holy Communion, 11.00 am. Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 10th June
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 7th June
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting,
12 noon Morning worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Lamlash 11.30 am
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(continuing)
Sunday 7th June
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 10th June
at 7pm
5 Glen Road.
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 7th June
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Mr Ernest Brown

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)
Sunday 7th June
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
The service will include the sacrament of baptism - Hazel Chloe, daughter of Kelly Price and Wayne Phillips.
Tea and coffee will be served after the service.
All most welcome.
There will be service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass: Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 7th 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.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

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DEATH

LILY 'GRANDMA' DUNCAN
- George and family are sad to announce the passing of Lily 'Grandma' Duncan who died peacefully at her home on Monday the 5th of May aged 93. All who knew her will miss her and remember her fondly. A service will be held at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh at 12 noon on Tuesday the 9th of June.

JANETTE MCBRIDE - It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Janette McBride of Kilbride Road, Lamlash who passed away at Crosshouse Hospital on 30th May after a short but brave battle with cancer. Beloved mother and grandmother, Janette is survived by her son Niall, daughter Audrey and granddaughter Caitlin. At Janette's request, her body will be donated to the University of Glasgow for the advancement of science. Memorial donations may be made in Janette's name to Myeloma UK.

JANET MCQUEEN - Peacefully, at Arran War Memorial hospital on Monday, 1st June 2015. Interment at Clachan Cemetery on Monday, 8th June at 11:45am to which all friends are respectfully invited.

Arran Bike Fest is coming next month

A mini cycling festival is to be held on the island next month.

The Arran Bike Fest will be held on Sunday 21 June in support of national 'Bike Week'.

It is being organised by cyclists on the island including Arran Bike Club, Belles on Bikes, road cyclists, mountain bikers and Arran High School MTB Club. From hardened cyclists to novices with racing bikes or kiddies trikes, the event is open to anyone on the island with the emphasis on having fun and enjoying all things bike related.

The day will start with getting to the festival venue which is Arran High School playing field in Lamlash. This could involve joining one of the island's usual Sunday morning group rides to simply cycling through the village, with the aim of meeting at the field about midday.

One of the organisers, Gerard Tattersfield of the Arran Bike Club, said: 'The idea is that after we all meet we'll just have fun with a few enjoyable cycling activities, bike swap and skills sharing areas to try out and learn about all types of cycling, bike checks and set ups to

keep us safe and comfortable.

'We'll spend about two fun filled hours here depending on the weather and then cycle through the village to the Drift Inn garden where Euan and his team will have a Bike Fest barbecue up and running to tuck into, everyone can then depart in their own time depending on personal travel arrangements.

'Keeping it simple means everyone can enjoy themselves without organising too much beforehand, and even on the day it's just a few volunteers leading the various activities where everyone else can then get involved too.

The only costs involved will be paying for food and drink at the Drift Inn individually. If you'd like to volunteer to lead an activity please contact us.'

'The Arran Bike Club will be the lead organiser, having CTC club membership with insurance to run cycling events, but as always with any sort of cycling, accidents can happen and individuals participate at their own risk. Qualified first aiders and equipment will be on hand during the day.

'We look forward to seeing everyone interested on 21 June,' Gerard added.

The season so far at Brodick Bowling Club

On a lovely sunny day, albeit with a cool breeze, Brodick Bowling Club opened their new season on 25 April with a rink game. It was good to welcome a number of players from other island clubs joining us for the game, which culminated in a very welcome cuppa in the clubhouse. Despite May being a month of disappointing weather, we were able to play every rink game bar one, with some heavy scoring, and on a sur-

face which from day one has been very playable thanks to Stevie and his colleagues.

The results of the season so far are: 25 April, John Kerr and Sid Allen (+29); 29 April, Andy McCrindle, Kate Nicholls, and Robert Crawford (+12); 2 May, Tony Wooden and Andy McCrindle (+18), 4 May, John Robinson and Charlie Weir (+8), 6th May, equal - Lavinia Hendry, Charlie Weir and Robert Crawford, and Jim Gourlay with Andy McCrindle (+4 each); 9 May, Tony Wooden, Robert Crawford and John Kerr (+12); 11 May, Charles Hendry, Tony Wooden and Jim Gourlay (+7), 13 May, John Robinson and John Lauder (+18), 16 May, Lavinia Hendry, John McConnachie and Charles Hendry (+15); 18 May, John McConnachie and Geoff Rhodes (+21); 20 May, Charlie Weir, Robert Crawford and Vera Ransome (+24); 23 May, Tony Wooden, John McConnachie and John Lauder (+27); 25 May, Charlie Weir and Colin Haggerty (+16); 30 May, Tony Wooden and Jim Gourlay (+11).

Castle to castle scooter rally on this weekend

The first ever castle to castle scooter run will take place on Arran this weekend organised by The Rock Scooter Club.

Clubs from all over Scotland will start arriving today (Friday) for the two day event.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the scooters will meet at Brodick Castle at 11am to then start the ride out to Lochranza Castle at noon arriving about 1pm. While there the visitors will visit the Isle of Arran Distillery.

Most of the clubs are camping at Corrie Hall and there will be a DJ at both The Corrie Hotel and The Ormidale Hotel in Brodick on

both Friday and Saturday. Lots of local businesses have shown their support by offering discounts to our guests. Organiser Brian Deary said: 'Please come to the side of the road to wave as they pass your village and make them see that Arran welcomes everyone.'

Welcome

'Anyone interested in seeing these classic and custom Vespa and Lambretta scooters or love 60's, 80's ska and Northern Soul music are welcome to join us.'

For information contact Brian and Kate Deary 01770 810294 or find them on Facebook.

Summer bridge results

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



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Jean Lammie would like to thank her family and friends for all their caring help and support in so many ways over the past weeks. Also doctors and nurses in Arran and at Crosshouse Hospital.

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Nan Meteyard would like to thank family and friends for their T.L.C, cards and good wishes during her recent illness. Your kindness is so much appreciated.



Brodict Golf Club

The club championship finals day was held on Saturday 30 May when the finals of the ladies, juniors and men's events were all played.

The junior final was played between Glen Mlotek and Alistair McMillan, which Glen won at the 17th in a close match.

The semi-finals of the men's championship were played on Friday when Ewan McKinnon beat Jimmy Armit and Gordon Hendry beat Ian MacDonald in a tight contest.

This set up a final between the two best players in the club. The final was as usual played in the most sporting manner, although Gordon could be forgiven for thinking there was nothing sporting in his opponent's blistering start.

Ewan started with a birdie, birdie, par to go three up. Gordon won the fourth with a birdie. That score remained to the turn with Ewan three up and two under par and Gordon one over - very good golf. Gordon lost the 12th and after a superb chip from Ewan, lost the 13th, and although Gordon pitched well at the 14th, Ewan birdied the hole to win the match. Ewan was three under par for the holes played, but it was excellent golf by both players.

Ladies Section: The final of the ladies championship was between Fiona Henderson and Susan Butchard. The two have played before in a final and the match was played in good spirit.

Fiona won the first hole and Susan the next and thereafter it was up and down for both, until Susan pulled away by the end of the 9th. The match finished at the 14th with Susan a worthy winner. Bronze Championship. The final of this competition was also played on Saturday and the winner was Lesley Murray with Gege Kroner runner up.



The ladies who took part in the Mary Craig Trophy on a bitterly cold night at Shiskine.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 27 May, Summer Trophy Rd 7, 19 played on a day that was bitterly cold by November standards, let alone late May. The early morning players had by far the best of it with heavy rain arriving around lunchtime and persisting through to the early evening. SSS remained at 63. 1 Andrew Martin (13) 63, 2 Corey Allan (7) 64 (acb) and lowest gross, 3 Stan Rainey (10) 64 (acb), 4 Wolfi Kroner (13) 66 There were a couple of magic twos: Corey at the 4th and Danny Head at the 7th.

Sunday 31 May, Gents Medal. Showing a touching faith in the BBC weather forecast, six hardy souls ventured out and despite very heavy showers, all returned scores. Their reward for such courageous endeavour was a reduction to 62 in the CSS. 1 Colin Nisbet (10) 64, 2 Stan Rainey (10) 65, 3 John Pennycott (13) 66 (acb), 4 Jamie MacPherson (5) 66 and lowest gross. There were no magic twos.

Fixtures: Sunday 7 June, all day, Gents and Ladies club championship finals and final of the JC Reid Trophy. Wednesday 10 June, Summer Trophy.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 28 May, Summer Cup/Medal Sheild, CSS 66. 1 Todd Jameson 67-5=62, 2 Willie Currie 72-9=63, 3 Stuart Campbell 71-6=65, 4 Norrie Macintyre 75-8=67 BIH.

Scratch Todd Jameson 67. Magic twos Graeme Andrew at the 13th and Norrie Macintyre at the 16th.

Sunday 31 May, Hastings Mug. 1 Alan Smith 83-11=72, 2 Andrew Smith 90-15=75. Magic two Alan Smith at the 16th.

Fixtures: Thursday 4 June, Summer Cup, see starter for times. Sunday 7 June, Hamilton Bowl, two tee times 9.30am and 1pm Tuesdays are now £10 a round.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 27 May, Dr Adam Cup, 11 played. 1 Alan MacKay 49-7=42, 2 and scratch Angus Pollock 47-4=43, 3 Phil Betley 54-9=45 BIH. Congratulations Phil Betley (resident on island) on winning the Dr Adam Cup.

Thursday 28 May, Mary Craig Trophy, 15 played, CSS 47. Silver, 1 and Scratch Fiona Henderson 55-7=48 BIH, 2 Alice Anderson 56-8=48. Bronze, 1 Fiona Scott

65-14=51 BIH, 2 Mary Jo Tod 66-15=51. Congratulations Fiona Henderson on winning the Mary Craig Trophy.

Saturday 30 May, Club Championship qualifier Rnd 1, 31 played. 1st Class: 1 J Salton 76-12=64 BIH, 2 M Sherwood 69-5=64, 3 T Gowan 74-7=67. Scratch M Sherwood 69. 2nd Class: 1 J McNally 79-16=63, 2 A Liddell 83-13=70, 3 A Bannatyne 91-20=71. Magic twos H Bannatyne, M Adams and R Crawford.

Sunday May 31, Club Championship qualifier round 2, 30 played. 1st Class: 1 H Bannatyne 70-6=64, 2 M Ker 68-2=66, 3 A Napier 74-7=67. Scratch M Ker 68.

2nd Class: 1 J McNally 87-16=71, 2 A Bannatyne 93-20=73, 3 P Betley 94-15=79 BIH. Magic twos: M Ker, T Mitchell. G Stewart and J McNally.

Fixtures: Sunday June 7, Club Championship finals, course closed from 11am. Wednesday June 10, 12 Hole Medal. Thursday June 11, 18 hole Medal Winners (ladies).

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 27 May, medal, 9 holes only, 6 played. Sweep 1 B Lewis 30-5, 2 A Napier 31-5. Magic twos A Napier.

Saturday May 30, medal round, 11 played. Sweep 1 Len Hartley 39+36=75-7=58, 2 Euan McKinnon 28+33=61+1=62, 3 John Innes 41+32=73-9=64. Best scratch Euan McKinnon 62. Magic twos E McKinnon at the 5th, J Innes at the 10th, J McConnachie at the 13th.

Well done to Greg Mlotek on winning the junior matchplay at Brodict.

Fixtures: Saturday 6 June, Summer Cup 4th rnd, 8.30am and 1pm starts. Saturday 13 June, AGA Thiomson Cup semi final at 1pm and final at 5pm. Club championship, 1st qualifying round on Saturday 4 July, 2nd round Saturday 11 July.

Machie Golf Club

Tuesday 26 May, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, 20 played. 1 Phil Betley 80-15=65, 2 David Price 79-13=66, 3 Mike Hesp BIH 86-

18=68. There were two magic twos: Hamish Bannatyne at the 5th and Willie Kelso (his first ever at Machrie in a medal) at the 2nd.

Tuesday 2 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary and first round of club championships, 19 played. 1 Sandy Murray 72-6=66, 2 Ron Woods 86-18=68 BIH, 3 David Price 81-13=68.

Fixtures: Round 2 for the men's club championship and the Duncan Sillars Trophy is Saturday June 6 at 12.30pm. Round 2 of ladies championship is on Tuesday June 9 12.30pm and 5.30pm. The draw for the mixed Lawson Cameron h/c knockout is to be made on Saturday 6 June. Places available.



Phil Betley with the Dr Adam Cup he won at Shiskine.

Arran Golfers Association Kelso Cup first round at Brodict Golf Club Friday 12 June at 4.30pm. Only one semi final as Whiting Bay don't have a team so Brodict v Shiskine, winners play Lamlash on Friday 19 June at 4.30pm.

Thomson Cup, semi and finals day on Saturday 13 June 1pm and 6pm.

Hope Cup 2015 at Brodict Golf Club First round Saturday 20 June from 4pm.

Draw: Shiskine v Machrie Bay (winners play Brodict), Lamlash v Corrie, Whiting Bay v Lochranza.

Magnificent seven for Brodict

Shiskine 1 Brodict 7

Alistair McMillan continued his good start to his Brodict career with a composed finish from the middle of the box into the bottom corner to put Brodict 1-0 up in their away tie to Shiskine on Monday night.

Tony McDowall then scored a brace to put Brodict up 3-0. Joel Small scored with a fine strike to give Shiskine a glimmer of hope with 20 seconds of the first half remaining.

But in the second half a further two goals from Tony followed by a wind assisted Archie McNicol cross finding the top corner put Brodict 6-1 up. Iain 'Keeno' Keen rounded off the scoring with a fine strike from 25 yards to complete the scoring. Referee Jamie Sillars gave the man of the match award to Tony McDowall with a faultless performance in the centre of Brodict's midfield and adding four goals to his tally.

The game between Northend and Southend was postponed after the weather got the better of the Ewe Camp pitch in Lochranza. The match is yet to be rescheduled.

Monday's fixtures are Southend vs Lamlash and Brodict vs Northend.

Geoff cleans up at dog trials

The 127th Dougairie Sheep Dog Trials were held at Glenloig on Friday 22 May.

A record 56 dogs competed of which 12 were 'confined' - run by Arran handlers.

Star of the day in the open class was Stuart Davidson from Dunoon, who was in first place with his dog Queen and second place with his dog Harley.

In the confined class Geoff Brookes was first with Shona 2, Jack Murchie second with Meg and Wullie Stevenson was third and fourth with Arran Glen and Wallace respectively. Geoff Brookes also cleaned up on the silverware winning four of the six confined trophies while Jack Murchie won the Harbourview Cup for the best drive and Liz Robertson won the Chairman's Shield for the female competitor with the most points.

The judge for the day was Neil McEachern from Argyll who was resident on Arran for a long number of years. The prizes were presented by Kirsty Henderson, the daughter the chairman.



The Brodict club champions with their trophies.

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Kayaking their way to Duke of Edinburgh success



The group in their kayaks with instructor Andy McNamara. 20_b23kayak02

A group of young award seekers will today (Friday) attempt to kayak half way round Arran.

For the first time the silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) group has been handed the challenge of circumnavigating Arran in kayaks over six days.

Over the weekend six youngsters will paddle from Lamlash to Pirnmill taking all their clothes and provisions to camp for two nights.

The second leg later this month will see them paddle

from Dougarie back to Lamlash. Three of these days will count as their practice expedition and the following three as their assessed expedition.

This year's silver Group participants are: Lizzie Mowatt, Ben Downing, Alison Proven, Katie Mowatt, Abbie McKelvie and Ross Kerr, who are all aged 15 and 16. The DofE leader/supervisor is Beth Mowatt and the kayaking instructor is Andy McNamara.

They have been meeting every Sunday evening at the

Arran Kayak Club, held at the Auchrannie swimming pool, to learn all the skills necessary before taking to the open water. In order to take part in the expedition the six of them had to first complete their kayaking one and two star to prove their competence on the water.

This has involved not only learning all the many strokes but learning how to do sea rescues, on their own and in groups, towing casualties in all water conditions and two participants, Ben and Katie,



Abbie McKelvie gets to grips with her kayak. 20_b23kayak03

have even successfully managed to master the 'Eskimo Roll' - which is a self rescue, full roll technique, using your paddle or hands to right the kayak in the event of a capsize.

The second part of the training programme has been a number of kayaking sessions at sea. They have learnt how to cope with different sea and weather conditions, practice capsizes that are a lot colder in the sea compared to the swimming pool even, with the proper kit on, which is a good reason to stay dry.

The group, which is now ready for its challenge, will be setting off from Arran Outdoor Education Centre later today for the first leg of its voyage.

They will be taking photos and recording the journey to produce pieces of work relat-

ing to the photographs using different mixed media techniques.

The concept of the Duke of Edinburgh is simple. Anyone aged between 14 and 24 can do a programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, lead to a bronze, silver or gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The children and young adults taking part all participate in four sections, volunteering, physical, skills and expedition each for a spe-

cific length of time to gain the award. Arran Open Duke of Edinburgh Award Group run a group in the Youth Centre, behind the high school, every Wednesday from 3.45pm during team time.

The weekly group concentrates on completing training for their expeditions, for instance first-aid, camp craft and map reading. Over the autumn they make crafts for fundraising at the various Christmas markets on the island.



Kayaking their way to success are: Lizzie Mowatt, Ben Downing, Alison Proven, Katie Mowatt, Abbie McKelvie and Ross Kerr. 20_b23kayak01

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