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No room at the inn for folk festival fans

'It seems we have become the victim of our own success'

REPORT
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Folk festival fever swept Arran last week serving up the biggest and best event for a number of years. To mark its 21st year, the festival really came of age this year with terrific concerts and packed audiences at the free events. And it could have been even bigger but there was 'no room at the inn' for travelling folk with most rooms in Brodick already booked up by other visitors trying to come to the festival.

said Jon Hollingsworth of event organisers Arran Events. He said: 'The festival has always been held on the first weekend after the May bank holiday as it was always a quiet weekend and there was plenty of accommodation. This year I know a number of people didn't come because they simply couldn't get anywhere to stay. With RET is seems there are no quiet weekends on Arran any more.' For those who did make it, and the locals who support the popular event every year, it was certainly a weekend to remember.

Visitors came from Norway, France, Germany and even Canada as well as the four corners of the UK to attend the festival. On Saturday night an audience of around 150 packed Brodick Hall, making it the best attended concert the festival has staged in recent years. And they were treated to top folk entertainment from the Scott Wood Band, Emma Sweeney and Pauline Alexander playing with Edwin Gallacher. The night before more than 100 had enjoyed music



A group of mainly local musicians play at a packed session in The Douglas Hotel.

from Little Fire, the Mischa MacPherson Trio and Anna Massie with Mairearad Green at the same venue. Jon said: 'The quality of the music at the concerts this year was really top notch. We did not approach any of the acts, they approached us. 'It seems that word is out in the folk scene that Arran is the festival to play. The Douglas Hotel do a great job putting up the musicians. We meet them at the ferry and make sure they are well looked after. 'A musician with a smile

on their face is all the more pleasant to listen too on stage,' Jon added. The open sessions at The Douglas on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon were all packed to overflowing with local musicians joining visitors in the entertaining sessions from the light hearted to the heartfelt music and song. While it was the local musicians who came to the fore at the final open mic session which rounded off the festival on Sunday night. New this year were late night sessions at the Fiddlers'

Bar and while they were reasonably well attended there will have to be a rethink for next year. Jon said: 'Given the weather on Saturday we had an absolutely terrific weekend. We don't make any money out of this. Our pleasure is bringing terrifically talented musicians to the island for everyone to enjoy. However, given the real problem with accommodation this year we may have to start planning earlier next year so people can get booked up.' More pictures on pages 4 and 5.

Public say ferry body must change

Demands have been made for changes at the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee. At a sometimes angry annual meeting this week, there were calls for the committee to act in a more democratic and transparent manner. There was also a call for a review of the way it operates as it was claimed it has lost the support of the community. There has long been murmured criticism in some quarters of the way in which the ferry committee operates. Much of it caused by the fact they hold their meetings in private. But it boiled over into full and frank criticism of the organisation at the agm held in the AMRT Rescue Centre at Cladach on Monday night. Around 40 members of the public turned up for the meeting, last year there were four.

One of the audience said: 'I think the committee needs to go away and look and see how relevant it is today. There is a huge swell of opinion that the committee is not fit for this day and age.' Another said: 'There has to be a degree of trust in the community and that is in grave danger of imploding.' John Ford said that for the past 18 months the level of service had 'disintegrated'. 'The committee doesn't seem to be working. If it had a more democratic representation it would strengthen its arm.' The meeting heard there were misconceptions about the committee because people 'don't see it in action'.

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Public say ferry body needs to change

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'People have to know who you are,' one member of the audience said.

Another said: 'There is a perception on the island that the group are only interested in getting the best deal for businesses on the island.'

One lady said: 'A lot of people don't come forward because they see it as a closed shop.'

But chairman, Robert Waine, insisted: 'We are not a secret body by any manner of means.' And he said the committee had 'never ever' put business interests ahead of the individual concerns of the travelling public.

Committee member for businesses, Alastair Dobson,

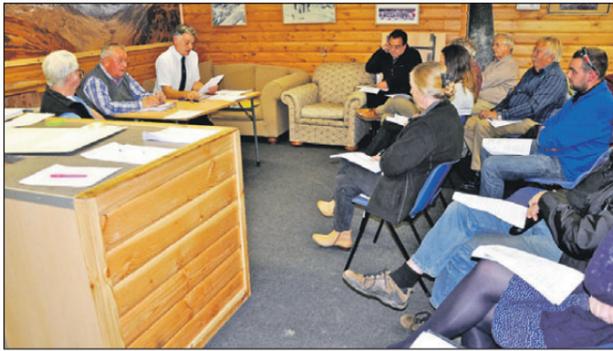
also defended the committee saying that, as a result of their work, Arran had a better ferry service than most of the islands he regularly visited. He said the ferry committee was the 'most representative body on the island'.

But community councillor, Neil Arthur, said he felt there were a couple of 'glaring omissions' in their membership.

Very strange

He said: 'It seems strange to me that, for instance, the National Health Service, small retail and small service sector businesses have no clear relevant representative.'

'Why these particular sectors should be excluded, in preference to the National



Chairman Robert Waine, top table right, conducts the meeting beside Iain Thomson and Jim Henderson. 20_b24ferry01

Trust, seems very strange to me and to others.'

The chairman agreed that this was something which could be looked at.

Mr Arthur later called for a review of the ferry committee. He said: 'I recognise that these matters cannot be resolved tonight so I should like to call for a debate to

start in the next month about the Ferry Committee constitution, its function and make up. There has to be a more democratic and transparent process including opening all their meetings to the public as they do elsewhere.' He said this would take a lot of the suspicion away.

Mr Waine said this would



The Rescue Centre was packed for the agm. 20_b24ferry02

be discussed at a future meeting. One audience member agreed. He said the committee had to have 'transparency and accountability'.

'If you get the community behind you the committee could do so much more, but you don't have the support of the community,' he added.

For the first time this year,

there was the opportunity for a public vote for the independent traveller representative on the committee, but the present incumbent, Mr Waine was re-elected unopposed.

But it was claimed that while some had considered seeking election, there was a 'reluctance' to sit on the present committee.

Theatre company to try and find budding young actors

A theatre company is coming to Arran seeking participants for two professional development workshops.

The Capall Dorcha Theatre Company and Ayrshire Film Company have announced their partnership in delivering the two free workshops for young people aged 11-25 throughout the whole of North Ayrshire.

Partnering with North Ayrshire Council the companies are going

on tour to all secondary schools looking for 40 talented participants for their Acting through Song and Acting on Film workshops.

They will be at Arran High School on Thursday 18 June from 1.45pm to 3.45pm.

For those aged 18-25 the companies will hold a free workshop/audition at the Ardrossan Civic Centre on 27 June from 2pm to 4pm.

Once the tour has finished both companies will contact successful

candidates to inform them that they have been accepted onto the course! Once accepted, participants will work with theatre and film professionals for a week and will showcase their performance on 18 July at the Harbour Arts Centre in Irvine.

Thrilled and excited

Barry Robertson, artistic director of Capall Dorcha Theatre Company, said: 'This is the first time I am aware of that an opportunity

like this has been developed for those living in North Ayrshire. I am thrilled and excited to be the first to provide this opportunity to our local community and bring more arts participation to our area!'

'We really want everyone to get involved with this great opportunity and have allowed participants to audition online. Details can be found on our website CapallDorcha.com'

Taylor McInroy, Director of Ayr-

shire Film Co, said: 'Both of the courses on offer are a really great opportunity for young people to learn and develop new skills in the creative industries.'

'Thanks to the support from North Ayrshire Council we've been able to bring something completely new to the area.'

'I'm really looking forward to seeing how the young people develop their skills and the results they produce.'

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Brodick Castle Gate to Gate fun run is bigger and better

More than 100 entrants have signed up to the second Brodick Castle Gate to Gate fun run with many from the mainland.

The runners already outnumber last year's participants which will ensure this year's race is even bigger and better than last year.

But time is running out for the many locals who are also expected to take part with entries closing next Wednesday 17 June.

To make it even more family friendly, the entry age has been lowered from 17 to 12 meaning that all secondary school pupils can

now take part. Organised jointly by RunArran and Brodick Castle, the 5k fun run will take place on Saturday 20 June with a 12.30pm start.

Big boost

The event has been given a big boost after it was accepted as part of the Jogscotland Challenge Series and is intended as a family fun day as there will be children's games and activities along with a visit by JogScotty, the official Jogscotland mascot.

Already several local charities have taken up the chance to set up stalls at the event to raise some

money from the big crowd of family and friends expected to be there in support of the runners.

Last year a total of 79 runners took part from as far afield as the US, Wales and Northumberland, and also included many from Glasgow and Ayrshire.

Registration, stalls and family fun events will, this year, be staged in the square outside the main castle door to free up the Visitor Centre car park.

The route takes runners from the castle to the Corrie Road gate and back past the castle to the exit gate

with a uphill return to the finish line. All the running is within the castle grounds and well away from traffic.

Laura Aitcheson of RunArran said: 'We have had a fantastic response to our event with more than 100 so far and many are coming from off the island. We know from last year that more locals sign up during the last few days, but registration is only open for a few more days. It should be a great day with Jogscotty making a visit and, of course, all finishers receive a delicious cream scone and tea.'

Castle property manager, David Cameron, said: 'It is proving a good event to get visitors to come to the island and is helping to build up the profile of both the castle and RunArran. We hope we can continue to make it an annual event.'

Registration is open until 17 June and the entry fee is £12. Limited entries are available on the day.

Details of the event can be found at <http://scottishrunningguide.com/race/gate-to-gate-5km-fun-run>. If your charity is interested in participating by taking a stall, please email: davidcameron@nts.org.uk



The winning Lamlash choir performing. 20_b24choir01



Pirnmill performing Tomorrow during the competition. 20_b24choir03

Lamlash primary take choir prize at music festival

Young musicians, singers, dancers and verse speakers have been put through their paces at the Arran Music Festival which was held in the Lamlash community theatre this week.

Renditions

In the popular choir competition Lamlash Primary came out on top with their renditions of Right to Survive and Children Around

the World winning the Ormidale Cup.

They beat Whiting Bay into second place. Corrie and Pirnmill also took part.

Results

The full result was; Lamlash 178pts, Whiting Bay 174pts, Corrie 173pts and Pirnmill 172pts.

*See next week's Banner for a full report and more pictures.



Lamlash choir members collect the Ormidale Cup from adjudicator, Derek Norval. 20_b24choir02

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It was standing room only in The Douglas on Saturday afternoon.

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Arran musicians and visitors perform in harmony. 20_b24folk11



Compere Jamie McGeechan, aka Little Fire, performs at Brodick Hall. 20_b24folk06



Donal Boyle and Cams Campbell perform some bluegrass at the final Open Mic Session with Goatfell in the background. 20_b24folk13



A packed concert in Brodick Hall. 20_b24folk07

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Arran proves a magnet for travelling folk

The 21st Arran Folk Festival may have come and gone, but it left some great memories. Here are some of the images from the concerts and open sessions held over the week-end.

They came from Europe and the four corners of the UK to join Arran musicians and locals for a weekend of music and fun. Everyone agreed it was one of the best recent festivals, so roll on next year.



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Mischa MacPherson performs with her harp in Brodick Hall. 20_b24folk09



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Lucy's tiring charity trig point challenge success

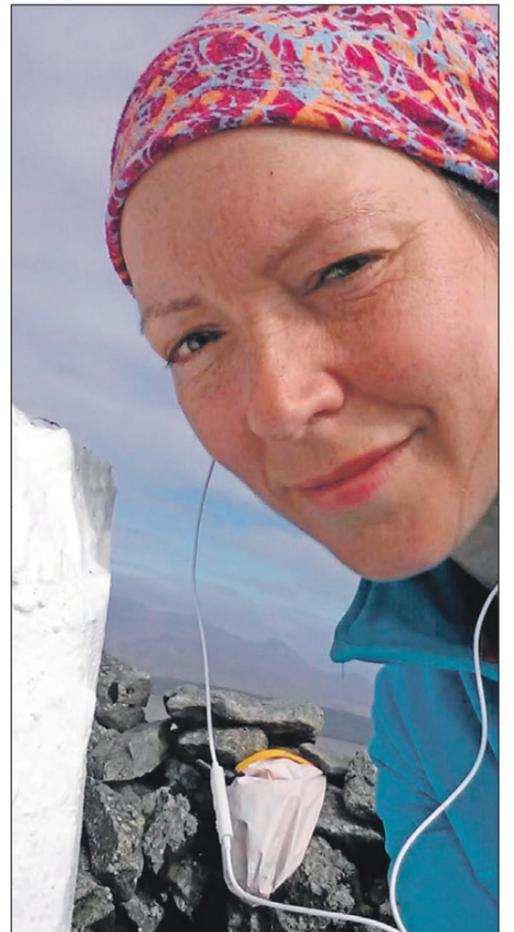
Arran hillwalker Lucy Wallace has raised more than £1,000 by successfully completing a gruelling trig point challenge.

Over four days in May, Lucy undertook the Arran Mulanje Trigpoint Challenge which saw her walk to all 17 pillar trig points on Arran and 23 trig points in total including bolts at Corrie and Caisteal Abhail, plus the destroyed blocks between Laggan and Sannox.

She covered 120kms of moor, mountain, bog and forest in four very tiring days, whilst carrying all her own gear and camping on the way. To date she has raised more than £1,000 for Arran mountain rescue team and the mountain rescue team on Mount Mulanje, Malawi, which she will be visiting with Arran high school next month.

Lucy said: I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported me on the challenge. I couldn't have done it without the generous donations and kind messages of support from friends, family and members of the public and, in particular, my husband Wally who saved my bacon with advice and help on a number of occasions - especially when he came out to meet me when I traipsed late into camp in the rain on night three.

'I'm keeping the funding page open for another couple of weeks before we head to Malawi so there is still time to donate if readers wish: www.gofundme.com/Arran_Trigs



Lucy at one of the trig points.

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A very island parish for Lily

'I had not planned to come to Arran but God had other ideas'

Arran's newest minister is settling in to her island parish life.

The Rev Lily McKinnon took over the joint charge of Lamlash and Kilmory in March and it has been all go ever since.

'I'm getting very used to the Ross Road. I seem to be on it all the time, but it is a lovely drive,' Lily joked.

But her arrival on the island hasn't been all plain sailing.

Just a month into the job her mother died resulting, naturally, in a lot of trips to the mainland.

But Lily is comforted by the fact that her mum, Lily Hawthorn, had a good innings.

'She was 100 when she died and the doctor couldn't find anything wrong with her, so he had to write that the cause of death was old age on the death certificate,' she said.

The Banner finally caught up with Lily this week at the manse in Lamlash and the 66 year-old explained that she had not planned to come to Arran. 'But God had other ideas,' she said.

A regular visitor to the island, she had been asked to take the service at Lochranza by parish assistant Jean Hunter, at Christmas. She was then asked if the vacancy committee could come along.

'Jean can be very persuasive so I said yes, but I still wasn't considering a move.

'I was due to retire last year so I just wasn't looking for a new job' she said.

Lily was offered the charge before she left the island and the rest, as they say, is history. But she is still finding the two Sunday services at Kilmory at 10am and Lamlash at 11.30am can be 'a bit of a rush'.

'Sometimes I cut the service short in Kilmory so I can have a cup of tea with the parishioners before I have to dash off,' she said.

Otherwise she is finding Arran a different pace than she is used to. 'I am used to tenements and an urban environment.

'At my last charge in Kirkintilloch I had an 8,000 strong parish, here I have

1,000 in Lamlash and 200 in Kilmory so it is very different.'

Lily said she was 'looking at ways of relating to the community' and has plans for new groups for senior citizens and young mums. She would also like to start something for dementia sufferers and their carers, which she has successfully run in other parishes.

She is also keen to get her husband involved in drama and music for the children on the island.

Licensed in 1991, Lily's first charge was Shawlands South in Glasgow when she was also chaplain to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. She later taught at the divinity faculty at Glasgow University she has also taught RE at Govanhill High School. She has twice been in charge at Hillhead Church in Kirkintilloch, latterly for three and a half years.

A mother of four and grandmother of four, and she is looking forward to her husband, Graeme, retiring from his job as a music teacher at St Ninian's High School in Giffnock later this month and joining her on Arran full time. 'I think family is very im-



The Rev Lily McKinnon, centre, and her husband, Graeme, with Mrs Jean Hunter, taken after her induction at Lamlash Church. Photo Vic Shaw

portant and they have all loved love coming here for years.' Lily herself grew up in Dalry and first came with the youth fellowship when she was still a teenager.

'I still love it, she said, 'I feel blessed to be here.'

In their spare time, she and her husband have joined Lamlash Golf Club. 'I'm not very good but I like to get out and about.'



The Rev Lily McKinnon in the garden of the manse.

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A spokesman for CalMac said they had only just begun talks with the RMT and were concerned a strike may prevent both sides reaching an agreement.

The RMT said its members voted by 92 per cent for strike action and by 98 per cent for action short of a strike in a turnout of 60 per cent. Overall, 55 per cent of the total number eligible to vote backed strike action and 58

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Come join students in song

As usual at this year's McLellan Arts Festival in September, students from The Royal Northern College of Music and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland will be joining for a summer school.

And, as usual, they will be joining with singers from Arran in an oratorio to be performed on Sunday 6 September. This year the piece will be Haydn's Nelson Mass, which has been hailed by some as his greatest composition. It is, at any rate, melodic and beautiful and you are invited to join the chorus to sing along with the talented young people of the summer school.

Do not be put off if you have not sung the piece before – the scores are available now on the island and there is help available on the internet as well as a few rehearsals nearer the time. In addition, singing with the students makes it all possible whatever your level of expertise and it will be an inspirational experience as all previous oratorios have been!

If you wish to take part you should phone Margaret Wright on 700384 to register and obtain a score.

Also at the festival this year will be two adult workshops for instrumentalists at any level – beginner to confident!

The first will be a mixed instrumental workshop which will be on Tuesday 1 September from 2pm to 4pm and will focus on improvisation.

This promises to be fun and instructive and any instrument at any level of expertise is welcomed.

The second will be a strings workshop on Thursday 3 September from 2pm to 4.15 pm for strings at all levels of ability and will be a useful, enjoyable and productive session for the players.

If you wish to take part in either or both of these workshops you should contact Diana Hamilton on 601322.

Draw winners

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club draw for May are: 1st prize Alan Grassick and 2nd prize Jean Warren.

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Arran has a brand new beer which has been created just for the island.

Uisge Dubh Ale, which when translated from Gaelic simply means Black Water Ale, has been produced exclusively for The Kinloch Hotel.

In a partnership with the Ayr Brewing Company, the family-run hotel has created their very own beer which from today (Friday) is available in the bar. Food and drink manager, Fraser Hendrie, explained why the hotel decided to produce its own beer.

He said: 'Real ale has really taken off in recent years. We are selling more and more and that was why the idea of having our own ale came up.'

'We have a good relationship with the Ayr Brewing Company which is why we chose to go to them and they were delighted to get involved. Owner Anthony Valenti said it was just the sort of project they were keen to develop.'

Fraser has been hands-on in creating what he believes to be the perfect beer for Arran and, in particular, Blackwaterfoot. Uisge Dubh uses Admiral hops and the tasting notes say: 'The nose has citrus hops with floral notes.'

The palate is of orange zest and light lemon with a long creamy refreshing finish. It has a 3.8 per cent alcohol volume.

Fraser said: 'I am very conscious that we are promoting Arran and Blackwaterfoot even ahead of the hotel.'

That's why the bottle will carry the legend: 'On the west coast of Arran, where the Clachan water meets the



Fraser with a pint of the new ale which has its own branded glasses. 20_b24beer01
Inset: The label of the new Uisge Dubh Ale.

sea, here you will find one of Scotland's most beautiful and tranquil villages, Blackwaterfoot. At the heart of the village is the Kinloch Hotel, home of the Uisge Dubh Ale, the Black Water Ale.'

As well as being on draft in the hotel it will soon also be available in bottles, five litre take-home kegs and a presentation pack.

Fraser said: 'The Black

Grouse restaurant and a couple of the village shops have already agreed to stock it. We will see how that goes and take it from there.'

The new ale will also be available at the Isle of Arran Food and Drink Festival at the hotel on Saturday 11 July.

'It is exciting to have our own beer and we hope it goes down a treat with visitors and locals alike,' Fraser added.

Apprentices wanted by local fun park

The Balmichael Centre and Arran Family Fun Park have just launched a modern apprenticeship programme under the Skills Development Scotland framework.

Selected applicants will be given full-time paid employment leading to industry recognised credentials in outdoor recreation and leadership, with some specialised training in climbing, first aid, mixed martial arts coaching, and more.

Callum Ford, a director of the Balmichael Centre said: 'We're excited about providing this wonderful opportunity to island residents aged 16 to 24. The specific training and qualifications some lucky candidates will receive will be truly unique to Arran.'

Balmichael is now accepting applications and will look to select the first apprentices within the next month. Managing director James L Clark added: 'As an instructor in a number of disciplines, I know how invaluable training like this can be in one's life. I'll be working hand-in-hand with whoever we hire to help them develop their leadership ability and life-skills that will positively impact them throughout their working career in ways they can only imagine.'

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Time for change at the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee

Change has to come at the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee. The mood of those who attended the committee agm shows that it has lost the confidence of sections of the community.

The constitution states that the object of the committee is to be a consultative body to influence ferry operators on all matters related to the timetable and on the development of the service.

And let us state from the outset that we believe all the representatives on it work extremely hard in trying to bring about improvements. Indeed, it was said that chairman Robert Waine deserves a medal.

But it is not just what they do, but what they are seen to do that matters, if they are to regain the trust of the people. Perceptions have built up over the years that the committee puts business first and, in effect, a closed shop and these really need to be addressed.

The fact that the committee hold their meetings in private does nothing to assist accountability and transparency.

And for the committee to argue that they publish the minutes of their meetings that does not really resolve the issue. It took a year to see the minutes of the last agm.

The vast majority of public bodies hold their meetings in public and have a closed session to discuss commercially sensitive information and the like.

Why can the ferry committee not do the same?

Also for the first time this year there was the opportunity for a public vote to elect the independent traveller to the committee.

But the only advance notice of this was in a tiny advert in The Banner a month before the meeting calling for nominations. The question has to be asked why they did not make more effort to make this known.

Questions have also been asked as to the make-up of the committee with what seems to me the glaring omission of an NHS representative among others.

A call has now been made for a complete review of the ferry committee and its workings.

It cannot come soon enough.

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



Old banger

Sir,
As a recent arrival on the island, I was intrigued by your recent article on the buses.

Without noting the registration number, I took a bus from the ferry to Whiting Bay. 'That was a right rattly old banger,' I said to my Arran bred and schooled son-in-law. 'What are you talking about?', quoth he. 'They're brand new!' You wouldn't know it. All have noisy gearboxes and at least two which I have been on have their final drive (back axle) reduction boxes howling like banshees. Does anyone ever check transmission oil levels?

Now, I know that Stagecoach are pretty ruthless operators, but I have been told that, should the drivers be attacked or robbed, it's their fault due to their request for the 'bandit screens' to be removed since visibility of the nearside mirror was compromised.

As a retired HGV driver, I know the vital importance of that mirror, particularly with the preponderance of sweaty cyclists, on the island's much degraded roads. Unbelievable.

Very good service though, although the timetables seem to be purely advisory!

Yours,
David Scott
Waterstone
Whiting Bay

An inspiration

Sir,
About two years ago whilst I was out running, I came across a guy who was cycling up the Ross Road hill from Lamlash (the steepest side). This is no easy task for any cyclist, but this guy was 72 years old at the time. I was so impressed with his determination that I intended to write to The Banner about him at the time, but time ran away from me and I didn't get around to it. I was talking to a guy yesterday who is staying this week in a holiday house next door to me. I'd been talking to him for a while when we both realised that we had met two years earlier on the Ross Road

- quite by chance it was the very same guy from the Ross Road two years previously. His name is Tom Carslaw and I asked him how his health and fitness are now at 74 years old. He told me that he still makes a point of always cycling up the Ross Road every year. Additionally, he said that he took up the challenge of attempting to cycle the 18,000 miles around the world that a famous cyclist had done, and that he has done 12,000 miles of it in the last three years already - that's 4,000 miles a year. Remember, this man is 74 years old and additionally has had a triple heart bypass operation. I offer this story as a salute to the 'old' guy's efforts, but also hopefully, as inspiration for the Ironmen and Ironwomen who are taking up the Arran Man Challenge in Lamlash on Saturday and Sunday.

If this guy can do it, then you can too.

Best of luck!

Yours,
Dave Black
Blairbeg House
Whiting Bay

Nasty taste

Sir,
A few months ago the Little Rock Cafe kindly encouraged a few artists and amateurs to display some of their work for sale, alongside wonderful displays of pupils' work from the high school.

Amongst many items was a small machine embroidery, Distant Hills, which is now missing. I'm not sure if I should be flattered that someone wanted it, but clearly not enough to pay for it!

I hope someone will get pleasure from it but perhaps their enjoyment will be tempered by twinges of conscience.

It is sad when trust is abused and leaves a nasty taste for myself and Little Rock Cafe.

We all like to think that people on Arran are very honest - locals and our appreciative visitors. Indeed we are frequently told in The Banner by people who had had their lost belongings returned!

Sadly not all of them are. However, I do hope this is a rare occurrence.

Yours,
Ruth Yates
Pirnmill

Very constructive

Sir,
Senior managers and non-executive directors of Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) recently completed a series of meetings across its network as part of our preparations for the next tender, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to attend and share their views on ferry services in the future.

It is very important to us that the bid we submit has taken account of the views of the communities which will use the ferry services. Some of the things that people are seeking, such as major timetable changes or new ships, are not within our gift as these will be covered by Transport Scotland in the Invitation to Tender (ITT), but it is nonetheless helpful for us to get as complete a picture of the views of ferry users as possible.

The information we gleaned

was very constructive and helpful, but as it is likely to inform part of our bid, it would not be appropriate to disclose details at this stage. However, we will in due course provide feedback to the communities on whether and how their ideas have been included in the bid.

We tried to cover as many areas and communities as possible in the time available and hope that any we have missed will appreciate the challenge we faced in doing so. We have not ruled out further meetings at a later stage in the tender process, but in the meantime we would encourage as many people as possible to fill in an on-line feedback form if they haven't already done so. We are grateful to those who have submitted forms on the day or on-line, and if they have any further thoughts they should feel free to submit more. The form can be found at <https://www.calmac.co.uk/community-engagement-meetings/feedback>

Yours
Robbie Drummond
Group financial director
and bid director
David MacBrayne Ltd



Good triathlon third for Ciara

Ciara Wood from Lamlash Primary School P7 competed in the Yorkshire Triathlon Series and came 3rd overall in the under 12 age group. This included a 300m swim a 4km bike ride and 1.8km run finishing in 20m 2s. Next up for her is the Scottish Nationals.

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Preacher returns after 30 years

Arran Free Church of Scotland is to welcome the return of the Rev Robert M Walker as preacher after a gap of more than 30 years since he last preached on Arran.

Mr Walker, who served as minister of Shiskine, Pirmill and Lochranza from 1977 to 1982, is now a minister in the Free Church and an elder in Bishopbriggs Free Church.

Since leaving Arran, he has

served as a minister in Nigeria, the north east of Scotland, and Springfield, Illinois, before returning to Scotland and working in education as a support for learning teacher in Bishopbriggs Academy.

Now semi-retired, Mr Walker speaks fondly of his time in Arran. 'I enjoyed five wonderful years serving as a minister on Arran. My two oldest children were born and baptised here and we have since had the pleasure of short visits to Arran for holidays, but never to preach. I'm looking forward to renewing associations and hope some of my former members and parishioners will be able to join us for one of the two services.'

Mr Walker will be taking services on Sunday 14 June in Shiskine at 11am and Brodick at 7pm.



The Rev Robert M Walker.

Skipper is fined

A skipper who pleaded guilty to charges, including failing to keep a proper look-out, has been fined more than £5,000.

Malcolm Edmund, who is skipper of the fishing vessel *Sapphire Stone*, was charged following a collision with another fishing vessel, *Karen*, causing its loss.

On 22 January 2014, the *Karen* was coming to the end of a four-hour tow to the south east of Arran when she was struck astern by the *Sapphire Stone*.

Sapphire Stone had just brought its final haul for the day aboard and was bound for Campbeltown for the night.

Skipper of the *Karen*, John Muir, said she went down by the stern so quickly that the crew did not have time to get their lifejackets from the cabin.

The crew managed to launch the life raft, but in the choppy seas it over-

turned and all three found themselves in the water. Mr Muir managed to right the raft and they all got in.

Meanwhile, the *Sapphire Stone* had managed to get alongside the life raft and recovered all the men safely onboard. She then continued to Campbeltown where they were met by the emergency services.

During an investigation by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, it transpired that one of the crew employed onboard the *Sapphire Stone* had not completed the required safety training courses and that Edmund had been issued with an improvement notice the previous September for a similar offence.

At Newtonards Magistrates Court on Monday, the judge, his worship Mr Mark Hamill said that the case came down to Edmund not looking where he was going. He fined him a total of £5,500.

Group round off summer meetings with visit from MSP

The Arran Women for Independence group welcomed Linda Fabiani MSP to its meeting on Friday 29 May in Ormidale pavilion, Brodick.

Linda, who had a previous background in housing administration and management, became a list MSP for the SNP at the inception of the Scottish Parliament in 1999. She subsequently gained a constituency seat for East Kilbride in 2007 when she ousted the previous incumbent, Andy Kerr, who was health minister in the Labour/Lib Dem coalition government.

Linda spoke engagingly of the reasons she had entered politics and her life as an MSP, at one time as a minister in the SNP government, and more recently as a member of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee and one of two SNP representatives on the Smith Commission.

With humour and a sprinkling of anecdote, she gave the inside story of current



MSP Linda Fabiani.

political developments. This was followed by a lively discussion on the way forward for Scotland in light of the recent general election result.

The WFI meetings now draw to a close for the summer and the autumn programme of events will be announced later.

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Alison and Andy Pattison



Aileen Kelso, who opened the fayre, received a bunch of flowers and is pictured with her family and friends. 20_b24shiskine02



Alison McNeice and dad Ronnie examining the old school records. 20_b24shiskine18



Barbara Crawford shares her school memories. 20_b24shiskine10



It got emotional at times. 20_b24shiskine14



Anxious youngsters wait for the raffle draw numbers. 20_b24shiskine08



A group photograph was taken in the hall of all those attending on the day. 20_b24shiskine03

Memories of this at 150

Former pupils remember past at special annivers

A day of nostalgia and memories was created as Shiskine Primary School celebrated its 150th Anniversary by holding a summer fayre.

Everyone, young and old, who has ever been connected to the school was invited and there was a great turnout - despite the unseasonal weather.

Retiring

The fayre was officially opened by Aileen Kelso, who has been the janitor/cleaner for 36 years and is retiring at the end of this school year, together with musical accompaniment by some of the current pupils playing whistles and brass instruments

There was a display of photographs and information about events that happened over the last 150 years to-

gether with a leaflet compiled by Charles Currie focussing on the lives and works of the headteachers from the beginning to the present day.

Many people enjoyed finding photos and information about themselves and family members amongst the memorabilia.

The Memory Wall allowed people to post their own memories of their time at Shiskine Primary. Past pupils can still send in memories to the school as it is hoped to make up a book once they have all been collected.

A lasting tribute to commemorate the anniversary is a tree that has been painted on a corridor wall to which leaves have been added, making a school family tree.

Each leaf has the names and, where possible, the dates of the family members who attended the school and once again additional leaves can still be added if people wish to send in family details.

An oak tree was also planted by Jamie Crawford, a past pupil, who is on a mission to plant a tree for every month of his life. He was helped in this by the oldest living former pupil, Alister McAlister, and the youngest pupil, Alyssa McMillan-O'Neil.

Memorabilia

Some people have mentioned that they would like another opportunity to spend more time perusing the memorabilia, the log books, photographs, etc. These displays will be available on show on



All photographs by Christopher Hogge



Retiring Aileen Kelso with headteacher Irene Markham and school staff. 20_b24shiskine19



A girl reads the comments on the Memory Wall. 20_b24shiskine17



One man studies the photos of yesteryear. 20_b24shiskine12

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Monday 22 and Wednesday 24 June from 2pm to 4pm and on Tuesday 23 June from 2pm to 6.00pm. All are welcome to come along, pop in and look through the memories at your leisure.

Thanks

Headteacher, Irene Markham, said: 'Many thanks go to the local businesses, parents, friends, family and members of the community, for their continued support, without which we would not have raised, on the day, the magnificent sum of £1,583.75.'

'We thank you and hope that everybody who attended, enjoyed themselves by meeting old friends, sharing memories and reliving some of their school days at Shiskine Primary.'



Oldest living former pupil, Alister McAlister, and the youngest pupil, Alyssa McMillan-O'Neil, plant a tree. 20_b24shiskine06

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Pupils pick up prizes at all Ayrshire orienteering event

A big team of 43 children from Arran's schools took part in the Ayrshire Schools Orienteering competition last week.

The event was held at Eglinton Park in Kilwinning.

The primary 4/5 course was 1.5 kms long, with seven controls to navigate. The p6/7 course was 2.1kms, with 10 controls and the secondary 1,2/3 was

3.4 kms with 15 controls. Both the two longer courses included a testing section in the woods surrounding the old folly in the park.

Children who took part in the inaugural Arran Schools Orienteering Championships in Brodick Country Park were well prepared as they all found their way round.

The Arran prizewinners were: Whiting Bay won the P6,7 boys class with Charlie Bonner, Joe McHugh, Finn McArthur, Gregor Chrichton and Harvey Kemp. Joe and Gregor were third overall. Daisy McNamara won the P4,5 girls class. Finlay Elliot and Patryk Dybalski came third in the S1,2,3 class, an impressive performance considering they are S1s.

Whiting Bay sent their team which did so well at the Ayrshire Schools competition to the Scottish Schools Championships at Linlithgow on Friday.

They competed against 300 other children from schools



Arran prizewinners after the all Ayrshire competition.



The whole team of Arran pupils who travelled to Eglinton Park to represent their schools.

all over Scotland, and ran a more involved course, but they still did very well.

The P7 boys team were runners up, with Gregor Chrichton just missing an individual medal in fourth place and Daisy McNamara came second overall in the large P5/6 class.

Thanks go to all involved in arranging for the kids to go and use their skills.



Rosie McNamara at the finish.

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Members hear Arran SWI Federation is in good heart

The Glen Cloy suite was the venue for the June meeting of the SWI Arran Federation.

Anne Pringle vice chair, standing in for chair Mairi Duff, welcomed those pres-

ent and apologies from delegates unable to attend were recorded.



Condition of cars is a minor miracle

A row of gleaming Morris Minors, which have been lovingly restored by their owners, line up in front of Lochranza Castle. The cars all belong to members of the Scottish Morris Minor Club who visited to the island last month.

Organiser Ewan Cameron from Inverkip

said: 'We had a lovely weekend staying at The Auchrannie Hotel. We toured the island and stopped off at Lochranza Castle, the whisky distillery and Arran Aromatics on the Saturday. On the Sunday we spent the day at Brodick Castle. It was a great weekend and we were made very welcome.'

Kaspar Hauser at Corrie Film Club

Kaspar Hauser (Germany 1974 Cert. PG)

Corrie Film Club's viewing this month is Kaspar Hauser, directed by the famed German director, Werner Herzog.

This intriguing film is based on the true story of Kaspar Hauser, a young man who suddenly appeared on the market square in the German town of Nuremberg in 1828.

This strange occurrence has become one of the most enduring tales in German history, literature and science, with well over a thousand

books written on the case.

When Kaspar Hauser was found, he could barely grunt, let alone speak and caused a minor sensation among the locals. After living in a cellar for years with only a pet rocking horse, he was abandoned by his protector and provider, the mysterious 'Man in Black'. Having been isolated from all humans except his mysterious protector, Kaspar was suddenly thrust into civilization, and expected to adapt to 19th-century society.

He became a public spectacle and everyone in town lined up to catch a glimpse of him. Then he was turned over to a circus ringmaster, where he was added to the local carnival freak show.

Finally, when Hauser came under the tutelage of a sympathetic professor, he gradually acquired an impressive degree of socialisation and learned to express himself with a reasonable degree of clarity. See the film in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Sunday at 8pm. All welcome.

A business meeting followed covering a variety of topics which will be reported to the local institutes when they restart in the autumn.

The item on the agenda which will have taken place before then is the replacing of the book tokens with perpetual trophies to be presented to Arran High School senior sports champions.

This was at the request of the school keeping sports awards in line with other awards for a wide variety of achievement.

The Isle of Arran Federation SWI trophies will be presented for the first time at this year's annual prize giving.

This section of the afternoon business finished with the setting of the date for the next federation meeting. This will take place in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Thursday 3 September at 2pm to which all members are welcome to attend. The AGM followed.

The minutes of last year's AGM were read, proposed and seconded. This year, new office bearers were being sought. They are as follows:

Anne Pringle president, Jerry Arthur vice-president, Mairi Duff secretary, Angela Cassels treasurer, Kathleen Sowden central councillor, after the November meeting, and Janet Mair press secretary. Vivienne Haigh will stay on as housewives and handcraft secretary which she had previously combined with her role as central councillor.

Mairi suggested that she stay in post as federation secretary for only two years to avoid seeking to refill all posts in the same year.

The treasurer's accounts and the reports of the secretary and president were then presented. The retiring office bearers were warmly thanked for all their hard work over the past three years. We are all very grateful indeed that Angela volunteered to stay

in post as treasurer for another three years as with all the changes in banking rules and other red tape it is not the easiest of tasks.

Vivienne's willingness to continue for yet another term in her previous role is also equally appreciated. The federation show sub-committee is busy with the arrangements for the annual show to be held in AHS on Wednesday 5 August. Please support your local institute by looking at your schedule and making sure that your entry form is returned to the receiver of work in good time.

The Arran Federation is in good heart with five institutes and 140 members. We would very much like to build on this number so any new members thinking of joining in the autumn will be very warmly welcomed. Look out for each institute's winter programme which we hope to have on display at the agricultural show. *Janet Mair*

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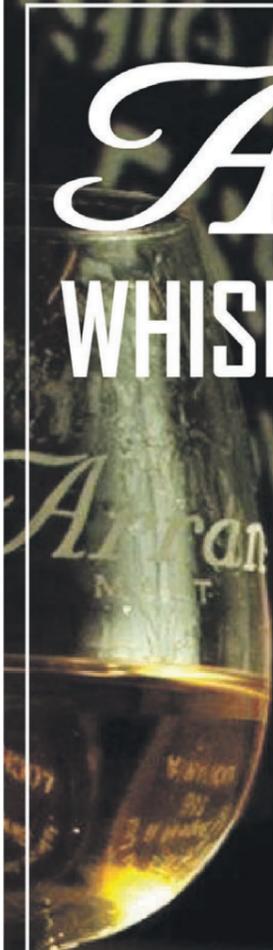
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It's a first: Sighting of rare spotted sandpiper recorded



Stonechat by Dennis Morrison showing signs of breeding recovery after the two consecutive cold winters.

May was cooler and wetter than recent ones. In comparison with the previous six Mays, this month was the coolest with a mean temperature of 9 degrees and a highest temperature of 14.9. The mean was two degrees cooler than last May and three degrees cooler than both 2011 and 2012. The highest temperature was five degrees less than last May and in the five years before that the highest temperatures were all in the 20s with 2012 reaching 27.8.

Again in comparison with the previous six Mays, it is the wettest. For example it had more than 40 per cent more rain than May 2014. From the previous six Mays only 2011 was comparable.

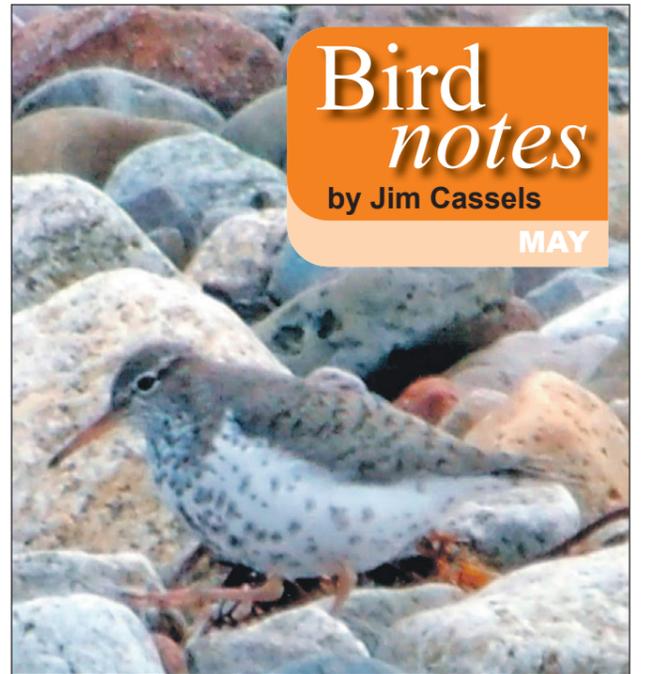
Having said that, May was a remarkable birding month with over 110 species recorded including one which had never been recorded on Arran before, a spotted sandpiper.

This species breeds in North America. With only two or three UK records each year,

it is a rare accidental visitor. It was photographed on the shore at Claulchlands on Tuesday 19 May and was last seen on the evening of Thursday 21 May. A future article will give more information on this record.

Our more regular summer visitors continued to arrive. Here are May 'firsts' with the 2014 arrival date in brackets for comparison: Lesser whitethroat in Auchenhew Bay on 4th (28 April), swift in Shiskine on 8th (6 May), garden warbler in Merkland on 12th (13 April), spotted flycatcher in Glen Rosa on 13th (16 May), nightjar by the Narachan on 20th and wood warbler in Glen Rosa on 23rd. Neither nightjar nor wood warbler had been reported in 2014. In addition, throughout the month the numbers of familiar summer visitors like swallow, house martin, willow warbler and cuckoo continued to build up; perhaps more slowly than in recent years because of the cool wet weather. To date there have been no reports this year of redstart, corn-crake or common tern.

Species who breed further north continued to pass through including: 20 dunlin, four purple sandpiper and 12 white wagtail at Drumadoon Point on 3rd, 16 whimbrel in Auchenhew Bay on 4th, 21 turnstone in breeding plumage at Drumadoon Point on 6th, a great skua in Brodick Bay on 10th, two black-throated divers off Cosyden on 14th, six sandwich tern at Machriewaterfoot also on 14th, two great northern divers off the Fallen Rocks on 24th and 12 sanderling at Drumadoon Point on 28th.



Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

MAY

Spotted sandpiper by Colin Cowley who did a great job getting a photo of this rare bird, the first ever Arran report.

Occasionally this northward migration could be seen at the same time as local breeding. For example on 14th on the shore at Blackwaterfoot, groups of up to 20 ringed plover were heading north while 'local' ringed plover were sitting on eggs.

In May, breeding was well underway for many species. Perhaps because of the cooler weather it was a little bit later for birds relying on flying insects but encouraging signs included more reports of ring ouzel, short-eared owl and hen harrier holding breeding territories. In addition, breeding stonechat were reported from widespread areas including Shannochie, Auchenhew, Machrie, Glen Rosa, Holy Isle, Claulchlands and Newton. Perhaps these delightful birds are beginning

to recover after the two consecutive very cold winters.

Other breeding records included: recently fledged starling in Whiting Bay on the 15th, shelduck with seven young in Auchenhew Bay on the 20th, 20 arctic tern at their colony on Pladda on the 27th and 10 pairs of fulmar at Cleiteadh Buidhe on the 23rd. Towards the end of the month, there were lots of reports of garden birds carrying food and feeding recently fledged young.

With the long daylight hours it is a great time of year to be birding. Most birds are getting on with the business of breeding. Please take a moment to report any signs of breeding birds to me, but please also remember that under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.

Do not hesitate to report any criminal activity to the local police. Take care on our shores and please keep dogs on leads at this time of year.

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Wood warbler by Angus Hogg reported this year on Arran after an absence last year.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 17 June, 1995

Final deposit

The Bank of Scotland in Lamlash will close its doors for good in two weeks time. The stated reason for this is that the building which houses it is in a very poor condition.

It seems likely, however, that this closure is part of a rationalisation with a bigger and better bank now on stream in Brodick coinciding with the closure of the branch office.

Manager Jim Hill said the Lamlash closure had been envisaged for some time, but an announcement had been held back until the work at Brodick had been completed.

As well as a rationalisation it is also a reflection of changing social patterns. More people have cars and are prepared to drive to Brodick. At the same time the bank recognises that some people do need the service on their doorstep and both the Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank have a full mobile service.

It is three years since the Royal Bank closed its branch in Whiting Bay and while historically there were around a dozen banks on Arran soon there will be only two.

Mind your head

Stagecoach Western's new open top bus has

started operating between Brodick and Whiting Bay but it has not all been plain sailing. Passengers on the top deck are having to duck to avoid low trees, as a result Stagecoach personnel have been going around lopping off branches which overhang the route.

One lady who is upset at the way things have turned out lives between Lamlash and Whiting Bay. She said: 'This is the worst time of the year to be lopping trees. Birds are nesting and it disturbs them and lets in infection.'

'If you do it in winter it gives them time for regrowth.' She feels this should have been realised before the bus arrived.

Unlikely accident

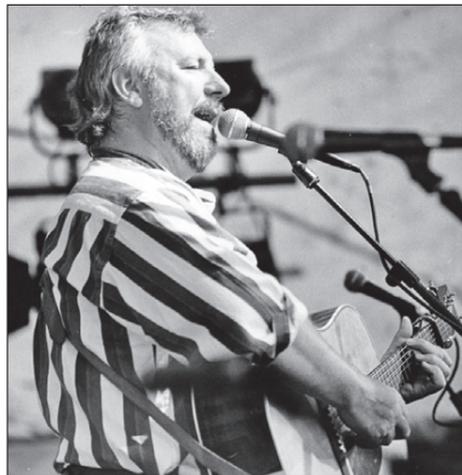
A Whiting Bay man is unwell following the most unlikely of accidents. His son fell off his junior motorcycle and cut himself.

His father then took him to hospital and while watching, or assisting, the doctor stitch his son's cut, he fainted suffering concussion and damaged his teeth and had to be kept in hospital himself.

His son has now made a good recovery, unfortunately the father is not yet completely better.



Staff at the new look Bank of Scotland in Brodick. b24twe01



The 7th Arran Folk Festival was held last week and seen here performing is Arran's own Bobby Watt. b24twe03



Action from the Arran High School sports day in the high jump and the long jump. b24twe04 and b24twe05



Rehearsals at in full swing at Arran High School for next week's production of Bugsy Malone. Pictured are principals Catherine McBain, Shona Frame, Angie Yates, Laura McKenzie, David Hedley and Kevin Aston seen in costume. b24twe02

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,

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

Saturday 13th June

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Live music
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Brodick Market
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Live music with Tony McDowall

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Brodick bowling club, 2pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 The Douglas Hotel Bar, 9pm

Sunday 14th June

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

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm

Monday 15th 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
 Lunchclub
 Brodick Early years AGM

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
 Brodick Sheltered Housing, 12.30pm
 Brodick library, 7.30pm

Tuesday 16th June

Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Live music
 Garden Walk
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 RunArran

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 2pm - 3pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash, 5.30pm

Scottish Country Dancing
 Metafit
 Open Cricket Session

All Stages, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm
 Brodick Atsro Turf 7pm-9pm

Wednesday 17th 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
 Coffee Morning
 Arran Elderly Forum

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
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 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
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 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
 Brodick Church Hall, 10.30 - 12noon
 Ormidale Pavilion, 10.40am

Thursday 18th June

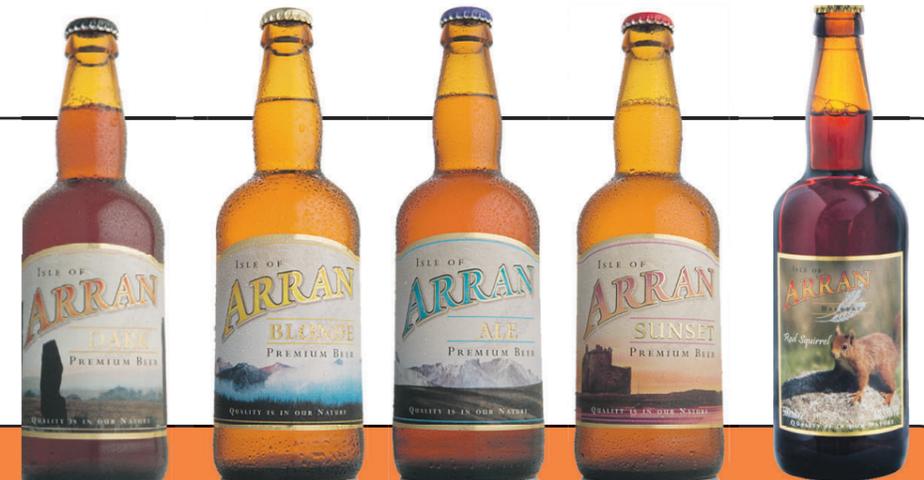
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 Body & Mind
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 Senior Tennis
 Garden Tour with the Head Gardener

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
 Brodick Castle, 7pm

Friday 19th 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
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 14th June
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Rev Canon Simon Mackenzie, Priest-in-Charge.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 17th June
"Pop-up church" in Corrie Hotel, 12.00 noon.
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 14th June
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirnmill 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.

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Sunday 14th June
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
Rev. Lily McKinnon
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(continuing)
Sunday 14th June
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 17th June, at 7pm
5 Glen Road.
All welcome

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)
Sunday 14th June
Worship 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: Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 14th June
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

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Sunday 14th June
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
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Brodick Golf Club

The Arran Open was held last weekend, 110 played, CSS visitors 66 and for home players 65.

The weather, for the second year, disrupted play. The Saturday round had to be cancelled and, as a consequence, the competition was played over one round on Sunday.

A number of visitors managed golf on the practice day, Friday, and quite a few stayed for the free round on Monday. Next year however, the club have offered a reduction on the entry fee for those who played this year of £20 as a direct result of losing one round on each of the last two years. This offer was well received but many visitors said they would come anyway, but thanked the club for the gesture.

The course, which was still very wet but playable on Sunday, did make the scoring difficult.

The Taste of Arran Trophy, best gross score. 1 George McKay (West Kilbride) 70 BIH, 2 Matthew Keir (Brodick) 70, 3 Nicolas Clark (Barton-on-Sea) 71 BIH, 4 Garry Motherwell (Kilsyth) 71 BIH, 5 Ewan McKinnon (Brodick) 71.

The Douglas Hotel Trophy, best nett score. 1 Alex Strathearn (Bellshill) 73-10=63 BIH, 2 William Turner (Kilsyth) 75-12=63, 3 Greg Messer (Barrasie) 80-16=64 BIH, 4 Billy Armit (Brodick) 73-9=64, 5 Ronald Meldrum (Cathcart Castle) 73-8=65.

The Bo Wallace Trophy for the best nett score by Brodick member goes to Billy Armit with a 64.

There were a number of other prizes for longest drives and nearest the hole together with the sweeps paid out over the three handicap groups and with only one day's play possible the enhanced amounts being played for were well worth winning.

The Arran Open now in it's 62nd year is still very popular proved by the fact that seven different golf clubs are represented on the two main prize lists.

Brodick Golf Club would like to thank their two main sponsors Taste of Arran and The Douglas Hotel for their continued support and also The Arran Distillery for their help. The club would also like to thank all the members, in particular John Beattie, who made the day go so well also Dougie, Bobby, Trish and Jimmy in the clubhouse and the head greenkeeper, Keith and his green staff, who got the course playable on the Sunday. Thank you all.

Wednesday 3 June, Summer Cup, 39 played CSS 65. 1 Gordon Hendry 65-5=60, 2 Findlay Silars 73-10=63, 3 Nicol Hume 78-



Manager Jim Reid presenting the Douglas Hotel Trophy to Alexander Strathearn.

14=64. Another very good round from Gordon and very good to see Findlay back who is one of the increasing number of young members now playing golf at Brodick. Great to see and it all helps to bring the average age down.

Ladies: Tuesday 2 June, Medal Final, four played, CSS 70 RO. 1 Gege Kroner, 98(22)76, 2 Isobel Macdonald, 95(17)78. June Medal. six played, CSS 68 Div. 1: 1 Isobel Macdonald, 95(17)78, 2 Susan Butchard, 91(10)76. Div.2: 1 Lesley Murray, 97(26)71, 2 Gege Kroner, 98(22)76
Fixtures: Tuesday 16 June, 4.30 pm, Captain's Prize, 12 hole Stableford, 6 holes for beginners, 4.30pm. Tuesday 23 June, Wilkie Trophy.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 3 June, Summer Trophy Rd 8, 28 played. Scoring from the leaders was good with the top six all matching or bettering the CSS which remained at 63. 1 Sandy Pringle(12)58, 2 David Morrison(10)59 acb, 3 Stan Rainey(10)59 acb, 4 Jamie MacPherson(6)63 and lowest gross. Magic twos went to Sandy at the 2nd and 4th, Jamie at the 2nd, Stan at the 4th, Ryan Armstrong at the 5th and Steve Fenton at the 7th

Sunday 7 June, J C Reid Trophy final. Preceding the final of the club championship, John Penny-cott and Graeme Crichton played in the final of the J C Reid trophy with Graeme eventually prevailing by a margin of 4 and 3

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Ladies Championship final did not go ahead on Sunday 7 June. Lesley Wood and Lynn Walker will play at 11am next Saturday 13 - do come along and support if you can.

The final of the Club Championship for 2015 was contested by Jamie MacPherson and Danny Head on a day that brightened as it progressed, but with a persistent chill wind that made shot selection difficult. In the morning round, Jamie seemed to be heading for a substantial lead until Danny pegged the match back to 1 hole after 18 holes.

The afternoon round started off evenly until Jamie managed to win the 3rd and 4th to go 3 up. Then Danny came roaring back to win the 8th and the 9th, cutting the

deficit to a single shot. The back nine started with two holes going to Jamie to restore a three hole cushion, but magnificent 3s from Danny at the 12th and the 13th again brought the match back to 1 hole.

However Jamie responded with 3s at 14 and 15 leaving Danny needing to win 16 to keep the tie alive. Into the wind, both players hit splendid tee shots. Jamie, from just off the green, chipped dead for a 3 leaving Danny with a putt for 2 to keep the match alive. Unfortunately, his fine effort tipped out leaving Jamie champion, for the second time, by a 3 and 2 margin.

The match, watched by a sizeable group of spectators, was played in an exemplary manner in the finest traditions of golf. Danny's time as champion will surely come, but for 2015 it's congratulations to Jamie MacPherson.

Thanks go to both players for providing a fine spectacle, George McKechnie for refereeing the match so expertly, as always to Stuart and Struan for the excellent condition of the course and to John and Corey for the fine food and refreshments laid on in the clubhouse.

Fixtures: Sunday 14 June, Gents Stableford, usual draws at 9am and 10.30am. Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 June Gents Seniors Open, see website for details. Times still available on both days. Telephone 700487 to reserve your times. Wednesday 17 June, Summer Trophy, all day with draw at 5.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 4 June, Summer Cup, CSS 64, 30 played. 1 Willie Currie 69-9=60, 2 Alan Smith 73-11=62, 3 Ian Taylor 83-20=63, 4 Alan Colquhoun 75-11=64. Scratch Willie Currie 69. Magic twos Bill Young @ 4th, Iain Murchie @ 13th and 16th Sunday 7 June, Hamilton Bowl (Bogey), CSS level to bogey. 1 Drew Wales +1 to bogey, 2 Gordon Boyle level to bogey. Scratch Drew Wales 5 down to bogey. No magic twos recorded.

Fixtures: Sunday 14 June, Fleet Cup, 36 holes, tee times 8.30am and 3pm. Entry sheet in locker room. Summer special £10 a round on Tuesdays.

Ladies section: Wednesday 3 June, Fleet and Championship qualifying round 1,

CSS 67, par 65. 1 Liz Sinclair 82(17)65, 2 Kate McAdam 87(19) 68, 3 Sheena Murchie 84(14)70. Scratch Liz Sinclair 82. Fixtures Ladies Open, Wednesday 22 July. Entries to Sheena on 600820 asap.

Machrie Golf Club

Saturday 6 June, Duncan Sillars trophy and 2nd round of men's Club Championship, 12 played. 1 Phil Betley 79-15=64, 2 Brian Sherwood 79-12=67, 3. David Price 81-13=68. There were three magic two's by Sandy Murray, Brian Sherwood and Donald Logan.

Monday 8 June, men's Club Championship, quarter final, through to the semi finals are Mark Sherwood, Sandy Murray, David Jeffrey and Willie Kelso. Ladies Club Championship, through to the semi finals are Jenni Turnbull, Alice Anderson, Elizabeth Kelso and Sally Brookes.

Tuesday 9 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, 15 played. 1 Campbell Laing 83-19=64, 2 Pietre Johnston 88-23=65, 3 David Price 82-13=69. Magic two from P Betley

The draw for the Lawson Cameron trophy has been made. First round to be played by 7 July. Semi finals of mens, ladies and President's cup to be played on Monday 15 June at 5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 4 June, ladies 12 Hole Medal, 13 played, CSS 44. Silver: 1 Kema Genda 51-6=45, 2 Mairi Pollock 51-5=46. Scratch: Kema 51 BIH. Bronze: 1 Piet Johnson 58-13=45, 2 Lesley Murray 65-15=50. Well done Kema!

Arran Golfers Association

Kelso Golf first round at Brodick Golf Club Friday 12 June at 4.30pm. Only one semi final as Whiting Bay don't have a team so Brodick 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 Brodick Golf Club, first round Saturday 20 June from 4pm.

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

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Southend scrape narrow win as Brodick go on the rampage

Lamlash 0 Southend 2
Southend overcame their toughest challenge so far this season with a battling 2-0 win away to Lamlash in the Arran football league.

The home side had a solid team out while a couple of Southend's key players including talisman, Donnie Park, were missing. Lamlash dominated the first half and had majority of the chances.

There were a number of goal-mouth scrambles in the Southend box and, unbelievably, the ball never crossed the line for Lamlash. One shot was even blocked unintentionally by midfielder, Jamie Sillars. Grant Adamson also missed a couple of headers from close range.

In the second half, Southend began to find their feet and were rewarded with Lewis Kennedy getting on the end of a great bit of play from Fraser Gilbert down the wing. A good battle was going on between former Lamlash player, Davie Currie, and young Johnny Sloss which resulted

in a yellow for Davie. Danny 'Heider' Head lived up to his name after getting on the end of a corner from Corey 'Sid' Allen making it 2-0. Danny was also given man of the match by referee, Matthew Clark.

Brodick 12 Northend 1
Brodick played Northend in the other game, but it was a far more one-sided affair. The home team come out on top in a 12-1 rout. Archie McNicol took pole position in the golden boot competition by scoring five of Brodick's goals. One of them was a thumping strike from outside the box straight into the top corner.

However, it was trumped by a wonder goal straight from kick off all the way from the half-way line. Young Alistair McMillan kept up his 100 per cent record of scoring in every game he has played in by scoring another two.

Iain 'Keeno' Keen also got a brace and he had tried what is vastly becoming a trademark



The Lamlash team pictured at the start of the season. 20_b24footy01

'hand of God' attempt.

Referee, John Murchie, was wise to it though and he was given a warning. Keeno later picked up a booking along with Alan Murray and Bab-

bies MacNeil. Matthew Dobson and Alan also scored and Brodick's scoring was completed by an own goal.

Jean Demazeux got Northend's only goal after the

ball trickled into the net during a collision with Jean and Gregor Adamson. John gave the man of the match to Archie for his five goals, but said that Adam McNicol ran him close with another top drawer performance!

This Monday sees the two unbeaten teams, Southend and Brodick meet at Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay while Shiskine are at home to Lamlash. Both games kick off at 6.30pm.

Bike rides planned for cycling festival

More details have emerged about the Arran Bike Fest to be held on Sunday 21 June.

Volunteers from the local cycling groups have offered to lead various rides starting at 10am in the high school car park. These will be open for anyone to join depending on individual fitness and ability levels.

There will be a short road ride to Claulands Point and back aimed at novice cyclists.

The medium distance road ride is to Kildonan and back

with the option of turning back sooner to shorten the ride and there will be a longer road ride around the south end and over the Ross road.

There will also be a short off-road mountain bike ride into Dyemill and back aimed at kids and beginners. A medium distance off-road mountain ride through Dyemill and up into the forest beyond and a longer and more technical mountain bike ride onto Claulands Hill.

Anyone wishing to take part

in any of these rides, simply meet in the car park at 10am and join the relevant ride.

Helmets must be worn and bikes in good working order when participating in group rides.

Activities

All rides will return and finish at the high school playing field at about midday, where everyone can get involved in the various activities.

There will be a bike swap area for trying out different styles of bikes, skills sharing

areas including bike checks and maintenance, riding skills, bike set ups, etc.

The new school MTB Club will be showing off its new fleet of mountain bikes and kit. There will also be fun events to take part in on the field, using the grass track, a slalom course and fun challenges.

All this will then be followed at about 2pm with a ride through Lamlash village to the Drift Inn garden for a celebratory BBQ.

Arran RFC turn down promotion

Arran Rugby Club have decided not to take promotion.

By finishing second in the BT West Division 3, they had found themselves with an automatic promotion place into the West Division 2.

However, the management and players decided at the club AGM to stay in Division 3.

The mood of the players was one of disappointment, but they voted with their heads rather than their hearts.

While it is believed a full squad could have competed in Division 2, with some of the players already at university on the mainland and others uncertain they would be able to give their full commitment, it was decided it was unviable.

One senior player said: 'The lads are really disappointed, but we voted not to accept promotion. We will use next season to build up the squad and hopefully we will be fighting for promotion and be in a better position at the end of the season to accept it.'

Manager, Chris Marriott, confirmed the decision and said the players had the full backing of the club.



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