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Protests begin over 'hump' roadworks

Angry residents in the north-end of Arran have stepped up protests this week over controversial road closure plans.

Many locals have been up in arms since plans to shut the road between Catacol and Pirnmill were announced earlier this year.

The area in question has some severe dips and crests and was identified by the council and Stagecoach as needing treatment in order to allow the safe passage of new buses around the island.

But now locals have written to the council demanding that the work be scrapped as it is considered unnecessary, as well as costly to the local economy.

Campbell Laing of the Pirnmill Village Association explained that they have many concerns.

He said: 'The fire service which covers this area is made up of volunteers, the majority of whom, live in Pirnmill whilst the unit is based in Lochranza.

'We also have a First Responder volunteer service in the north end of Arran and

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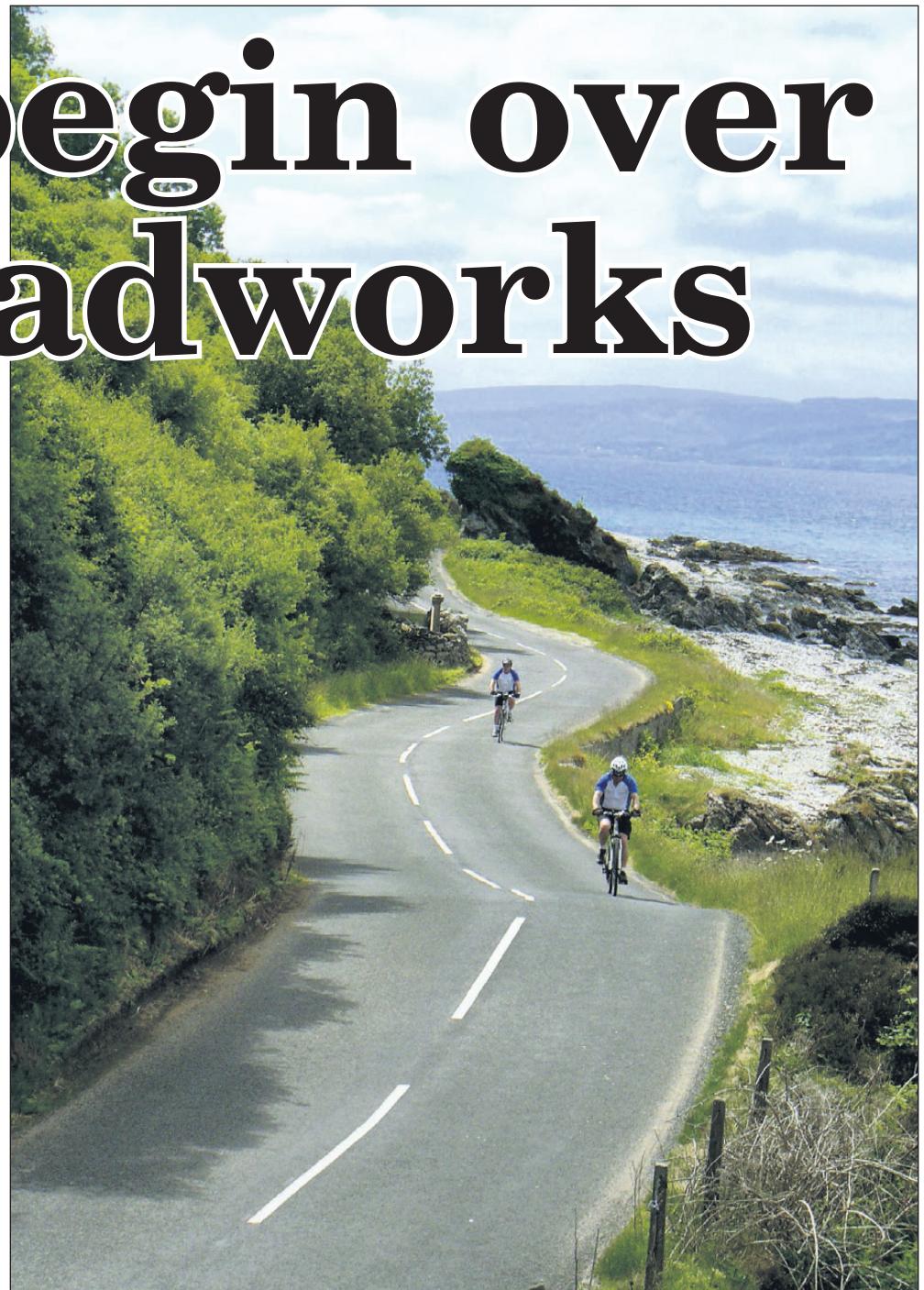
operation of DDA compliant vehicles.

'We are working closely with the local council to make sure school transport is maintained during the works.'

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'This work is vital to the future provision of public transport on the Isle of Arran.

New legislation will require all buses to have low floor access for disabled passengers and will come into effect in 2015. 'This particular section of the road is currently unsuitable for low floor buses, due to a number of severe dips and crests. The roadworks will address this and ensure buses will continue to be able to use the road.'

He added: 'We recognise that there will be difficulties for local people and will continue to discuss how we can mitigate the impact with the local community. 'However, given the narrow road and the type of work being carried out, a closure is required to ensure the safety of our workers and the public.'



The switchbacks - or humps - between Catacol and Pirnmill will be flattened to allow the safe passage of new buses around the island.

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Biomass views sought

Arran's community council are urging locals to contact their village councillor with views on the proposed biomass plant between Whiting Bay and Lamlash.

At present the community council are formulating their response to the planning application by Northern Energy Development Ltd.

A number of objections have already been submitted to the council's planning department.

For information on who your village community councillor is, and help contacting them, go to [www.arrancommunitycouncil.org](http://arrancommunitycouncil.org)

New hill path proposed

Support has been expressed for the formation of a proper hill path between Lochranza and Catacol.

It has been noted by members of the community that the present path is extremely boggy with dangerous exposure in places.

The Arran Access Trust will be contacting the landowner with proposals to create a path higher up the hill which will be drier with better views.

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Marshalling problems force cancellation of Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race

Organisers were forced to cancel the popular Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race on Saturday following problems with insurance for the Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT).

All AMRT members come under Police authority, and this has recently changed, along with all other police matters, from regional authorities to the unitary authority, Police Scotland.

Recent guidelines issued by the new authority state that team members will only be covered under the insurance policy for actual call-outs and for genuine training activities.

The stewarding of events such

as races is no longer being classified as a training exercise, so team members would not be insured in the event of them having an accident.

Paul Emsley of Arran Runners said: For many years, the Arran Mountain Rescue team has been on the hills during the race to man the various checkpoints and to provide on-the-spot first aid cover.

'On the day before this year's race, Police Scotland informed the Arran Mountain Rescue Team that they would not be covered by their insurance policy if they went out onto the hill for the purposes of

stewarding the race.

'Although the individual team members were still willing to do so, Arran Runners felt they could not be asked to go out since any injury to the marshals, particularly the self-employed ones, could leave them unable to work and unable to claim insurance.'

He added: 'Arran Runners has a legal duty of care to those who are taking part in its events.'

'Without adequate marshalling in place on the hills, the club knew it would not be able to provide the required level of care and so had no choice but to cancel the event.'

An email was sent out to all entrants at 7pm on Friday evening but unfortunately, a number of runners were already on the island by this time.

Twelve runners decided that, even without a race, and in the atrocious conditions, they would still go out and run the course.

Six of these ran the full course, with the others taking the sensible option of coming back down Glen Rosa after the descent from Beinn a'Chliabhan.

A further three decided that they would 'just' run up and down Goatfell as they had not done it before.

New Zealand beckons for talented Ewan

A talented young rugby player from Arran has won an extremely coveted scholarship to train and play the sport in New Zealand.

Ewan Bulger of Corrie has been making a name for himself in Scottish rugby circles in recent years.

After being selected as one of five short-listed candidates he was last week named as the winner of the 2013 Coach Logic Rugby Scholarship to New Zealand to join the Inside Running Academy.

Making the final decision was Dan Ward-Smith a former London Wasp and England player and Dr Nic Gill, the current All Blacks head of strength and conditioning.

Looking forward

Speaking about Ewan, Dan said: 'We are really looking forward to Ewan's arrival here at the Inside Running Academy.

'I get a real thrill out of assisting young athletes to reach their potential and we are sure that Ewan will do extremely well here at our academy but also on his return to Scotland. We are confident



Ewan Bulger, right, has been chosen for a coveted rugby scholarship in New Zealand.

that we can help him take his game to the next level.'

Nic Gill was also very complimentary of Ewan's personal attributes.

'I am really excited about working with Ewan when

he arrives here at the Inside Running Academy,' he said.

'Based on his video he seems like a really motivated and determined athlete who will be a real pleasure to work with.'

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SSE to attend community council meeting

Arran Community Council is welcoming the attendance of an SSE customer relations representative to their monthly meeting on Tuesday (June 25) at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.

They will be there to answer any further questions related to the power outage and also provide initial support to the preparation of resilience plans by the community which would be maintained for use in future occasions.

The meeting is open to the public and full details will be available on the website at www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk

Highland Games stances

People interested in booking a stance at this year's Brodick Highland Games should contact the secretary Sheila Gilmore as soon as possible.

The annual event will take place on Saturday 10 August at the Ormidale Park with the usual heavy events, track and field events, solo piping and highland dancing as well as the stances.

Contact Sheila at the earliest opportunity preferably by email - mumandbutton@hotmail.com or by telephone 860403.

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Nine Arran High School pupils will join teacher Mr McEnaney and Mrs Hogg for a trip of a lifetime to Malawi. [20_b25mal01](#)

Fundraising for Malawi trip

A group of enthusiastic Arran High School students are preparing for the trip of a lifetime to help disadvantaged people in Africa.

The nine fourth year students have started fundraising for a trip to Malawi in Southern Africa in 2015 which will include project work and trekking.

This exciting and challenging trip will take place in the summer holidays between their fifth and sixth years at school.

Organised by the school's English teacher Mr James McEnaney, through the company Outlook Expeditions, the youngsters each have to raise a total of £3,500.

Mr McEnaney said: 'Group fundraising will be a big part of the overall picture and is one of the main reasons for a two-year build up rather than one.'

'We intend to help the group organise a number of large events both on the island and on the mainland and would hope that these will contribute a significant amount towards the final cost.'

Some of the projects they will be getting involved with in Malawi include Dzalanyama Primary School where they will be working alongside local tradespeople to help improve

facilities, painting classrooms and offices and helping with some basic building work.

At Fisherman's Rest in Southern Malawi they will be working with the community trust in a very poor deprived area with things such as carpentry, gardening, basic building work and helping to organise sports activities for locals. In addition, they plan to visit the Ministry of Hope Crisis Nursery in Lilongwe, an orphanage established in 1999 to help with the overwhelming number of abandoned or bereaved children in the country ravaged by Aids.

Adam McNicol from Brodick said: 'We've all started fundraising already. We want to raise the money, not with help from our parents because we want to do this for ourselves to show that we can go out there and help people.' Katie Morrison from Corrie added: 'We are very excited about this once in a lifetime opportunity and we are also looking forward to starting to prepare our fundraising programme of events, both in small groups and as part of the whole team.'

Look out for more information in the coming months about events being organised across the island to raise funds for the Malawi expedition.

Brodick Castle welcomes new collections manager

Brodick Castle has recently appointed a new collections manager.

The National Trust for Scotland property has employed 23-year-old Francesca Hollow from Cornwall to lead its conservation team.

Francesca, who studied at Exeter University and has previous experience working with the National Trust in England, is hoping to be able to exhibit art works and items from the castle's immense collection that haven't been seen for many years. [01_b23cas01](#)



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AYF prepare for open day fundraiser

'The local community have always been supportive'

The young members of Arran Youth Foundations are holding an open day fundraiser at Strabane House on Saturday 6 July; and are hoping for better weather than last year's event!

Having organised the event by themselves, they will also run it on the day, greeting visitors, selling tickets, running their raffle and serving teas, coffees and their own home baking.

They also plan to host games and activities for any children attending.

The open day will be an ideal chance for visitors to have a look around the gardens of Strabane House, home to Lady Jean Fforde, who is a great supporter of AYF.

However, the youngsters involved are relying on nicer

conditions than last time they held such an open day in 2012, when storms saw two ferries from Ardrossan cancelled and the gardens subject to a downpour!

Graeme Johnston, the organisation's youth worker, said: 'The young people have done themselves proud again by organising this and I'm sure it will be an excellent day. They were very unlucky last year with poor weather but even so they raised about £500, which was remarkable.'

'It's great for young folk to be involved in the running and fundraising of an organisation that cares for them, so they are not simply getting something for nothing, but feel very much a part of their community.'

'The money we raised last

year funded a trip to Kilmarnock for football as well as new equipment and local activities. They can feel a great deal of pride in knowing that they were responsible for all of that and I've no doubt this year's event will be a great success too.'

The local community have always been very supportive of what we are trying to do for the island's young people so I hope they turn out in numbers for this. We owe a huge deal of thanks to Lady Jean for opening her beautiful gardens for us once again.'

AYF's open day at Strabane House will run from 11am-4pm on Saturday 6 July. Refreshments and baking will be included in the price of entry, £5 for adults with children getting in for free.

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Arran Tandoori opens for business

A new Indian restaurant is adding a touch of spice to Brodick's village centre.

Arran Tandoori has opened its doors at The McLaren Hotel in Brodick and the owners are promising a meal to remember.

After a major refurbishment and beautiful renovations, the island's newest Indian restaurant offers diners the best quality tandoori cooking while enjoying one of the best views on the island.

Top class chefs

Owner Mamoud and his top-class chefs offer speciality tandoori dishes as well as chef's specials and much loved Indian items.

The mouth-watering menu features an incredible array of spicy dishes and hot Indian

food as well as milder dishes for those with a different palate.

Special dishes only on offer at Arran Tandoori include Chicken Shalimar - a classic dish created by Moghuls cooked with secret spices only known to Tawa, Lamb Tabah - cooked with ginger, chilli and mint, and Hiduquich Achari - chicken or lamb cooked with ginger, chillies and kaffir lime.

The menu is crammed with delicious dishes guaranteed to ensure you have a meal to remember.

With the new Seabreeze seafood restaurant and grill also opening its doors on the premises, The McLaren Hotel is well worth a visit this summer.



Some of the delicious food on offer. 20_b24tan01

Council's austerity agenda criticised

Local trade union members have expressed concern about plans to create 4,000 jobs in North Ayrshire in the coming year, urging the council to put the strategy into perspective.

A recent meeting of the North Ayrshire UNISON branch coincided with a report by the Scottish Government showing that 24,000 jobs are required in North Ayrshire to bring the area up to the Scottish average.

Colin Turbett from Shiskine is the UNISON chairman.

He told The Banner after the

meeting: 'Our members are dismayed that when it comes to jobs the council do not see it as their responsibility to provide them in meaningful quantity themselves.'

'NAC have shed 800 reasonably paid full time equivalent jobs in recent years – reducing services, increasing unemployment and taking out spending power in the area.'

'Councillor Willie Gibson has told us that we and others should not talk the area down but the reality faced by our members and the communi-

ties they serve is a grim one.'

He added: 'Austerity is driving the council's agenda and there is little evidence that it is working.'

'We are fed up hearing that efficient council services must be delivered by a smaller workforce with services outsourced to the private sector.'

'Council workers spend 52p out of every pound they earn in their local area so higher pay for us will benefit the community as a whole and will create other jobs.'



Fun filled day out for Cub Scouts



The Cub's enjoyed pond dipping, shelter building, rock pooling and woodland exploration.

Cub Scouts from all across the region gathered on the island recently for a fun-packed District Fun Day.

Arran's Cubs joined other packs for a superb day of activities organised by the Rangers at Brodick Castle.

One of Arran's Cub leaders, Rachel Armitage, said: 'A huge thank you has to go to all who helped organise the day and were willing to get so involved - even down to being pelted with wet sponges! 'The Cubs who travelled from the mainland certainly had a wonderful taste of Arran that they will not forget in a hurry!'

There were 80 cubs in all

- with a few Beavers from Shiskine thrown in for good measure - and they enjoyed pond dipping, shelter building, rock pooling and woodland exploration.

The highlight of the day definitely had to be the amazing treasure hunt, which saw the Cubs having to slide down an embankment, swing across 'piranha' infested pools, collect bones to give to Hannibal the Cannibal, clamber through the bamboo forest while avoiding hungry pandas, solve Sammy Squirrel's riddle, collect coins for the ferryman and solve the final puzzles to get to the treasure!

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Time for a spot of lunch!



Some of Arran's Cub Scouts enjoying the woodland exploration at Brodick Castle.



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Region given money to heat and insulate homes

Householders on Arran are set to benefit from £978,253 of funding to make their homes warmer, more environmentally friendly and easier and cheaper to heat.

The Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland means that investment has been targeted at fuel poor households and will be used for the installation of energy efficiency measures such as solid wall, cavity and loft insulation.

It is also expected to help lever around £2.5 million of investment from major utility companies into North Ayrshire to deliver the projects, creating employment in the process.

Commenting on the announcement, Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'This investment from the SNP Government is very much welcome at a time of rising energy prices and strained household budgets.'

'Even basic energy efficiency measures can

make a huge difference to families who are struggling to make ends meet, allowing them to heat their homes more cost effectively.'

'This funding will see Arran homes receive new measures like solid wall insulation - helping to drive down the number of islanders living in fuel poverty. This investment will also help generate work and support jobs - providing a much needed boost to the island and wider North Ayrshire economy.'

He added: 'It will help to reduce fuel bills by as much as £500 per year and reduce energy consumption and assist in meeting our climate change targets.'

North Ayrshire Council will now be expected to target areas of fuel poverty and work with Housing Associations, energy companies, installers, owner-occupiers and private rented landlords to ensure all households receive an offer to have the energy efficiency of their home improved.

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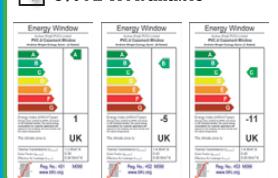
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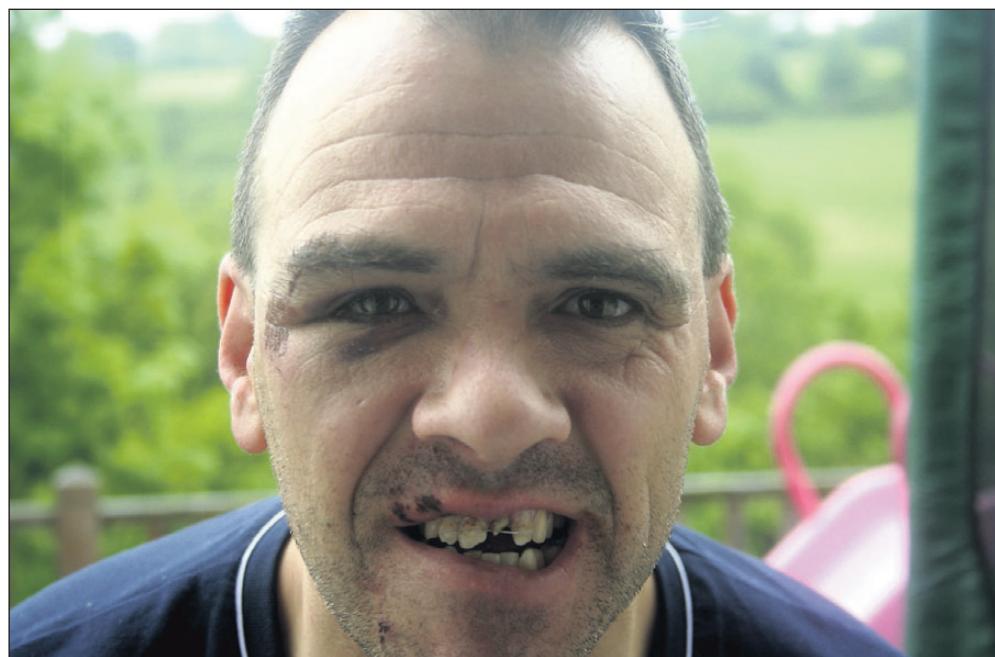
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Jamie Harris suffered extensive injuries to his face after falling from his bike on the Boguille last Friday.

End of term treat for Shiskine P7s

Shiskine Primary School's oldest pupils enjoyed an incredible end of term treat this week.

The primary sevens spent the afternoon with Alex Dickinson and his impressive Mogabout 4x4 offroad vehicle.

This was their end of primary school treat before they move onto Arran High School. There were just five of them - Innis Thorborn, Rachel Brown, Megan Hamill, Sophie Andrew and Alice Kinniburgh - and their two specially invited guests, Nursery Nurse Barbara Crawford and their class teacher Cathy Davidson.

They were picked up at the school and taken down to Blackwaterfoot beach then over the String Road to Lamlash before heading up the Clauchlands forestry track and then onto the Glenashdale Falls and the Giants Graves.

A great afternoon was rounded off with fish and chips from the Hooked and Cooked Chippie in Brodick.



Innis Thorborn, Rachel Brown, Megan Hamill, Sophie Andrew and Alice Kinniburgh enjoyed a fantastic afternoon on the Mogabout.

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Walk for Arran's military heroes

A sponsored walk across the hills and moors of Arran will take place today (Saturday) to raise funds for the military charity Help for Heroes.

Those taking part will walk around 15 miles from Brodick over the hills and moors to Kilmory via the Windmill, Tighvein and Carn Ban.

Neil Gillies, whose son Stuart is currently serving with the Royal Highland Fusiliers in Afghanistan, said: 'There are several Arran lads currently on tour in Afghanistan and I know that they will appreciate it if you could support this very worthwhile cause.'

Starting at the Mountain Rescue Base at Cladach at 11am, the group aim to reach Kilmory Village Hall by 6pm.

After the walk, there will be a night of entertainment at Kilmory Hall's new social Club to which all are invited.

During the night a raffle will be held to raise more money for Help for Heroes.

The charity provides practical direct support for servicemen and women who have sustained life-changing injuries in the line of duty.

Anyone wishing to participate without being sponsored can simply make a donation on the day.

Donations can also be made via www.helpforheroes.org.

Cyclist blames potholed roads for accident

'My accident may have been caused by a pot hole, as there were quite a few'

A cyclist who was thrown from his bike on the Boguille last Friday is blaming the state of Arran's roads for his accident.

Jamie Harris from Gwent was on a cycling holiday with five friends when he came off his bike at 4pm on Friday at the 'Witches Corner' on the downward hill towards Lochranza.

Extensive injuries

After suffering extensive injuries to his head and face, Jamie was forced to return home to Wales the next day.

He told The Banner: 'Since returning home I have thought about the road conditions and

the importance of wearing a helmet as mine saved me from a much more serious injury.'

'During my brief visit, the islanders and ferry passengers with whom I spoke were unanimous in their disgust of the general road conditions on your island.

'We did notice the roads were not great, and my accident may have been caused by a pot hole, as there were quite a few.'

'I was probably going too fast, and maybe carrying too much luggage - so I am partly to blame but the road conditions did not help.'

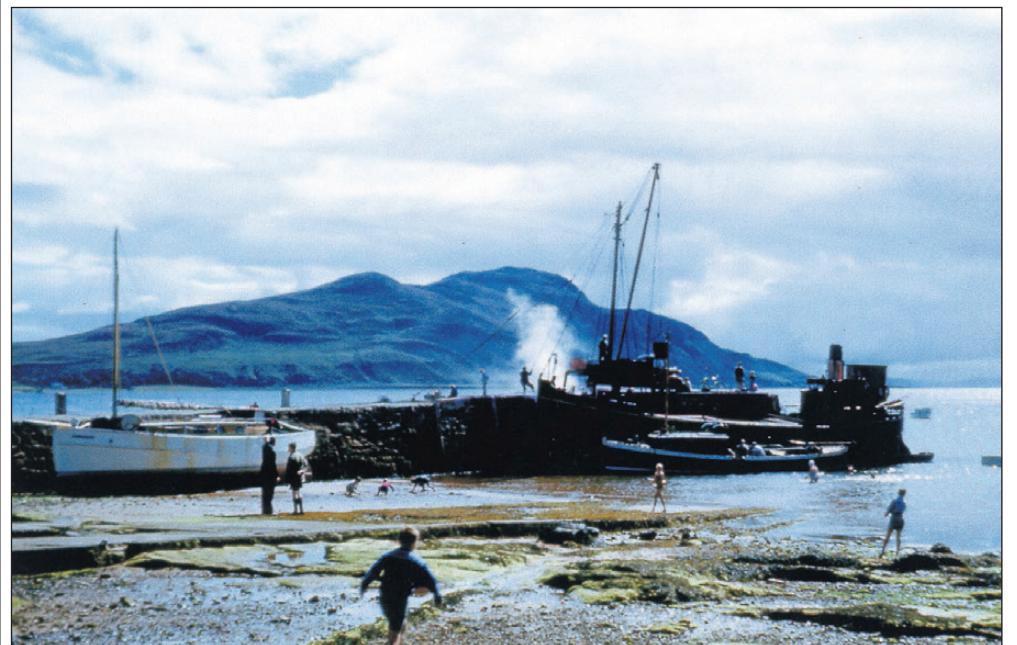
Jamie's injuries were numerous but have proved to be mainly superficial thanks to the kindness of locals and the medical staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital.

Circumstances

He added: 'Numerous people were quickly on hand to help but under the circumstances I was not aware of who they were.'

'A mention in your newspaper may at least make them feel appreciated.'

'I certainly hope to return to Arran as my visit was a bit too brief. I thought it was beautiful, even in the morning rain.'



Looking back at Lamlash Pier

This evocative scene of a 'Puffer' discharging coals at Lamlash Pier in August 1960 was sent to us by Stephen Leather of West Yorkshire.

Holiday
He said: 'It was taken by my

late father Bob. We were on holiday in Whiting Bay, I was ten years old at the time and the highlights for me were a trip to Campbeltown on the Duchess of Hamilton and around the Kyles of Bute on

PS Caledonian.

'We fished off Whiting Bay pier each evening with little success - and when I returned to Arran some years later imagine my surprise to find it gone!'

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Successful summer fayre at Brodick



The crowds eagerly await the raffle.

The summer sunshine may have failed to make an appearance on Saturday but that didn't stop Brodick Primary School hosting a very successful summer fayre.

More than £1,000 was raised on the day by pupils, teachers and parents for the school funds.

Headteacher Mrs Susan Kelly said:

'I would like to thank everyone who donated, helped in any way or turned up on such a wet summer day to make Brodick Primary School Summer Fayre a great success.

ccess.

Thank you
‘Over £1000 was raised on the day so
thank you from all at Brodick Primary
School.’

Stalls selling 'Bric a Brac', books and toys were busy throughout the day as were the Tombola stand, guess the weight of the cake, and the Treasure Hunt.

Bill and Ben's Burger Stall was manned throughout the fayre by Mike Bailey and Alan Kelly and was a big hit with the crowds.



Yesho Gautier and Mia Walker



Sheila Gilmore paints Kirsty Hume's face.



Mike Bailey and Alan Kelly manned the 'Bill and Ben Burger Stall'.



Ross Dobson was in charge of the Treasure Hunt



The school was full of stalls selling 'bric a brac' and toys.



The Tombola stall is always a favourite.

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Access at the cost of beauty

It's always great to see money being spent on Arran's roads, goodness knows they need it.

In the same week that we are reporting the horrific injuries sustained by a cyclist thrown from his bike after a collision with a pothole, we have news that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport is providing funding in the region of £240,000 to make sure the road network on Arran is suitable for the operation of Disability Discrimination Act compliant vehicles.

From 2015 new EU legislation will require all buses to have low floor access for disabled passengers.

This means the iconic 'humps' between Catacol and Pirnmill, an island landmark enjoyed by generations of visitors, have to be flattened to make them accessible to new low-level buses.

The road will be closed for weeks after the summer to allow this work to be carried out and the children that attend Pirnmill Primary but live in Catacol and Lochranza will have to go to school elsewhere for the duration.

Pirnmill school currently only has 12 pupils so this could actually see the school roll being halved.

Locals are up-in-arms at the plans which they deem unnecessary and costly to the local economy. As one local pointed out the buses are usually almost empty by the time they reach the humps so who is this hugely expensive operation actually going to benefit in the long run.

The delays and disruptions that this work is going to cause are immense, particularly to the local volunteer emergency services in the north of Arran.

And also there is the loss of trade that will be suffered by Catacol Bay Hotel, Pirnmill Shop and the Lighthouse Restaurant from the lack of passing trade.

We absolutely must make things on Arran more accessible for disabled people. The Arran Access Trust has worked tirelessly to open up viewpoints and paths to people who struggle with walking.

Shops, restaurants and accommodation providers all have excellent facilities for those in wheelchairs and the ferry is very accessible. It is crucial that people who cannot walk or have problems with mobility see Arran as a welcoming place to enjoy a holiday.

But should a natural landmark be destroyed simply to make access easier for large buses which already struggle to make their way around Arran's winding roads.

Perhaps the money from SPT could be used to fill in a few of the worst potholes to make a bus journey around Arran a little more bearable on the behind.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.' (Psalm 46:1)

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Letters to the Editor

Roadworks not needed

Below is a copy of a letter sent by the Pirnmill Village Association to the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

Sir,

It is with great concern that we have learned that in September 2013 it is proposed to close the main road on the island between Catacol and Pirnmill for a considerable period, to allow alteration to the switchback, commonly known as the 'humps'.

We are informed that this alteration is to allow low level buses to travel the road.

We have been led to believe that this is to comply with European legislation in regard to disabled access on public transport and is mandatory.

The framework directive on Vehicle Type Approval (10 May 2007) relative to this states that it is mandatory that all new urban buses must ensure accessibility for disabled people.

We are certainly not an urban area, and whilst we certainly do not wish to show lack of concern for disabled people, we also feel that we have to take a common sense and practical approach to what is proposed.

The concerns we have are many and varied.

The fire service which covers this areas is made up of volunteers, the majority of whom, live in Pirnmill whilst the unit is based in Lochranza.

Therefore if there is an emergency call for the fire service the members of the unit will not be able to gain access to the vehicle. - the nearest other available unit is 20 miles away.

We also have a First Responder volunteer service in the north end of Arran. This unit was founded to save lives should there be an instance of sudden illness or collapse in any of the three villages - Pirnmill, Catacol and Lochranza.

The ambulance service is stationed in Lamlash, some 40 minutes away so in an emergency these volunteers can

be on scene rapidly, trained to give resuscitation and also trained to use defibrillators and administer oxygen.

They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If this road closure goes ahead there is the possibility that it may cost lives!

If the volunteer on call happened to live in a village on the other side of the closure from the emergency, they would not be able to access the call.

School children who attend Pirnmill Primary School from Lochranza and Catacol will be unable to attend school or at least will be put to great inconvenience in continuing their education.

Local traders, builders, joiners, shop owners, restaurant owners, who rely on trade from passing visitors and local trade will be severely affected in going about their business.

The Post Office within the local shop in Pirnmill, is the only Post Office and shop situated in the north of the island.

The next nearest being either in Blackwaterfoot or Brodick - both some considerable distance away.

For all those reasons and the fact that in a rural area it is not mandatory to supply low level buses we consider this proposal to be non-cost-effective, as 99 per cent of disabled people coming to, or living on, Arran have their own transport.

We would therefore ask that you seriously consider reversing your decision on this project.

Yours,
Campbell Lain
Chairman
Pirnmill Village Association

Malawi plans

Sir,

We are Jack Ewing of Sannox and Katie Morrison of Corrie - part of a group of eight from Arran High School who will be taking part in an expedition to Southern Africa in the summer of 2015. This exciting and challenging trip will take place between our fifth and sixth years at school.

We are being encouraged both by the leaders of Outlook Expeditions and the school to undertake a series of fundraising activities between now and our departure for Malawi.

Some of the projects we will be getting involved with there include Dzalanyama Primary School, Central Malawi where we will be working alongside local tradespeople to help improve facilities, painting classrooms and offices and helping with some basic building work.

We will also help to organise games for the pupils. At Fisherman's Rest, Southern Malawi we will be working with the community trust in this very poor deprived area and we will be helping at the local community centre with things such as carpentry, gardening, basic building work and helping to organise sports activities for locals.

In addition, we hope to visit the Ministry of Hope Crisis Nursery in Lilongwe. This is an orphanage established in 1999 to help with the overwhelming number of abandoned or bereaved children in the country, mostly babies with Aids.

We are very excited about this once in a lifetime opportunity and we are also looking forward to starting to prepare our fundraising programme of events, both in small groups and as part of the whole team. Katie and I will be attempting to walk round Arran during the first week of July, starting from Lochranza.

It is also planned to do a short presentation to both Lochranza and Corrie coffee mornings in the next couple of weeks.

Please feel free to join us on any part of our walk, and when we knock on your door with sponsor forms ... please don't hide behind the couch!

We also are planning a dinner and concert in Lochranza some time in August.

Yours,
Jack and Katie
Arran High School

Island generosity

Sir,

This year the Sixth Year



Charity Committee of Jordanhill School in Glasgow have been fundraising in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Care Charity.

We have been involved in organising and hosting fundraising events in our community such as primary school discos, bag packing and running in the Glasgow Women's 10K.

The main event of the year was our annual Gala Dinner which took place in May in our school hall.

The evening consisted of a wonderful three course meal, entertaining speeches, a raffle and an auction.

On behalf of the school community I would like to express my extreme gratitude to James of Arran, Arran Aromatics, Arran Cheese Shop, Arran Graphics and Caledonian MacBrayne who generously donated prizes for our auction. To date we have raised over £21,000 which we hope will contribute to the amazing services that Marie Curie provides.

It is fantastic that these businesses were so willing to contribute to our fundraising endeavours and help us to raise this fantastic sum of money.

Yours,
Rosie Thompson
School captain of
Jordanhill School
Glasgow

Lost penknife

Sir,

My friend recently visited the island for the weekend and unfortunately lost her penknife which was of great sentimental value to her.

It had accompanied her on many of her worldwide travels helped to open many thousands of beers!

I am appealing to the readers of *The Banner*, if anyone has found a penknife with a camouflage pattern on it (lost on Sunday 9 June) to get in touch with *The Banner*. It was most probably dropped somewhere in Lamlash, on the bus, or possibly on the ferry. Thank you.

Yours,
Lynsey Mackintosh
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Iona Flewitt is presented with her Rising Star award by Carol Kirk of North Ayrshire Council.

Arran's 'Rising Stars' celebrated

Two Arran youngsters were recognised at a celebration of some of the most talented, dedicated and inspiring young people in North Ayrshire at the Greenwood Centre, Dreghorn on Friday 7 June.

The academic and creative achievements of Iona Flewitt and Finlay Murchie were recognised with Rising Star awards which celebrate the many and varied ways young people help to enrich the lives of others and support their community and recognises young talent.

Seventeen-year-old Iona moved from New Zealand to Arran, and quickly adapted to a very different educational system.

She has always been exceptionally hard working in school, setting herself the highest standards and striving to attain them. Iona has demonstrated that she is an 'all-rounder' performing well in language, science and the creative arts.

In addition to her school achievements, Iona has also enjoyed a high level of success in the Royal Academy of Music exams in both theory and piano.

She has also received numerous accolades for her contributions to community-based drama.

Iona achieved five As (at Band 1 level) in her Higher exams in 2012.

This is an exceptional achievement and led to Iona being joint dux of the school. In addition, Iona is School Captain and a role model for younger pupils displaying a combination of high academic and social skills. She is only the second person to be both Dux and School Captain at Arran High School.

Finlay Murchie, age 15, was given a creative achievement award after he won the Robert Burns World Federation Verse Speaking Competition, coming first in Scotland in the S3/4 group.

Finlay plays in Arran High School and North Ayrshire woodwind bands and

last year he played along with the RSNO at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow. A member of his local junior and senior drama groups, he has won awards both on and off the island and supports, guides and tutors younger cast members.

North Ayrshire's Youth Champion, Councillor Ruth Maguire said: 'It is a privilege to be involved in the Rising Stars awards this year.'

'We have wonderful young people throughout North Ayrshire making a real difference to not just their own lives but their wider communities.'

'It's only right their hard work and dedication has been recognised and celebrated.'

She added: 'The standard of applications this year has been exceptionally high, and brilliantly diverse. Every young person nominated should be absolutely bursting with pride, really well done!'

Horticultural show plans agreed

The Arran Horticultural Society has finalised plans for the summer show. At a committee meeting held last week it was agreed to hold the event on Wednesday 14 August and schedules will be going out to schools before their summer holidays, and will be widely available in July.

John Sillars, secretary of the society, said: 'We are hoping for a bigger and better show this year and appeal to gardeners, bakers, handcrafters and children to plan now for this annual spectacle. This really is an opportunity to share your skills with the wider community.'

The theme for the floral art this year is 'Highland Games', and the flower arrangement is 'Bee Friendly'.

Offers of help with baking and raffles will be very much appreciated.

The Society's garden club is organising a coach trip on Thursday 25 July to the Sunnyside and McLaren nurseries.

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The coach for Ayr show is full at present, but a standby list is being made up in the event of cancellations.

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Since 'The Banner on Holiday' feature started five years ago, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of fantastic photographs of our readers that have come through the doors.

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will try to feature some of the wonderful pictures we have on file.

Over the water

This week we have a great photo rather closer to home than last week - it's Shona Cannon of Lamlash pictured

with her Banner just over the water in Holy Isle.

Please keep sending us your photographs of The Arran Banner on holiday - it can be from Cumbernauld or Christchurch, it doesn't matter - we'd love to see them.

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The Dougarie Dog Trials committee, which includes John Lammie the Honorary President, who has served on the committee for 64 years.

Dog trial committee celebrate 125 years

The committee of the Dougarie Dog Trials held a celebration dinner at the Kinloch Hotel last Wednesday (June 12) to celebrate the 125th year of the events - the second oldest in the country.

The oldest is the New Cumnock Trial, the first of which was held on 12 October 1888 at Dalgig, New Cumnock.

The 12th Duke of Hamilton was a spectator at that sheep dog trial and on returning to Arran he organised the first sheep dog trial here on the island at 'Dugarie' for the following year, 1889.

Both the Dougarie Trials and those in New Cumnock have taken place every year since then, except for the war years.

Arran Banner Photo Competition 2013

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North Ayrshire to broaden the scope of Gaelic

North Ayrshire Council is to develop plans to secure, promote and broaden the scope of Gaelic culture and language in the area.

Gaelic has been a growing part of North Ayrshire's cultural landscape over the last 20 years and the council has provided significant support for a wide range of activities over that period.

While the number of native Gaelic speakers in North Ayrshire is relatively small, there is a considerable uptake of the various Gaelic classes and events in the area.

Around 400 people - from young children to adults - par-

icipate in the annual musical feis, on clarsach, accordion and fiddle, poetry, Celtic art, song, storytelling and historic events.

The council is now developing the way it will promote Gaelic in the future - in line with the Scottish Government's vision for Gaelic in Scotland.

Separate review

At the same time a separate review of existing Gaelic culture and learning provision in North Ayrshire is taking place as the Council looks to make the best use of its resources.

Discussions with staff have already started, with further

consultation with those who use Gaelic services set to take place over the summer.

A number of options will be considered - including greater involvement from the community - with any decision made by the cabinet later in the year. The report will include feedback from the discussions.

North Ayrshire Council currently works with East Ayrshire Council to deliver Gaelic education and helps Ayrshire Gaelic Forum to provide community language classes. There is also a number Gaelic books available from North Ayrshire libraries.

Book signing to benefit museum

A well respected author and illustrator who has written about Arran is holding a book signing at the Arran Heritage Museum on Sunday 7 July.

Elisabeth Davis, author and illustrator of 'Brae Visits Arran', will sign and personalize her books from 1pm until 3pm, as well as demonstrate some watercolour techniques. All author proceeds from sales of 'Brae Visits Arran' on that day will be donated to the Museum's ongoing work.

Frequent visitor

Davis is a frequent visitor to Arran, and her search for a children's book about the island led her to create the popular 'Brae Visits Arran', the story of a border collie and family who holiday on Arran.

The Banner's September 2011 review called it a 'charming little book ...illustrated with beautiful watercolours of Arran scenes. There is a charming twist at the end of the book, leaving the reader with a warm glow.'

Author Elisabeth Davis is the granddaughter of Annie Mackie Cordiner, former schoolmistress at Sliddery School from 1921 to its closing in 1949.

Her mother,

Nan Cordiner Williams, grew up on the island, as did her aunts Beattie and Marty.

Elisabeth resides in North Carolina, where she is a children's book author and pet portrait artist.



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Distillery celebrates 18th birthday with malt, music and mayhem



The Isle of Arran Distillery is set to rock the island this summer with a three-day celebration as the business celebrates 'coming of age'.

The main event, taking place on Saturday 29 June, marks a landmark anniversary for business as it falls exactly 18 years since the first spirit

flowed through the distillery.

A weekend dedicated to malt and music, one of the key attractions is five different whisky master

classes on offer giving people the chance to experience first-hand the delights of Arran.

Ranging from introductory tastings to

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11am-5pm.

Euan Mitchell, managing director at Isle of Arran Distillers, said: 'Our Malt and Music festival is always a highlight of the year and this year expectations are very high. We're all excited about our 18th birthday and we're inviting everyone to come and celebrate with us.'

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

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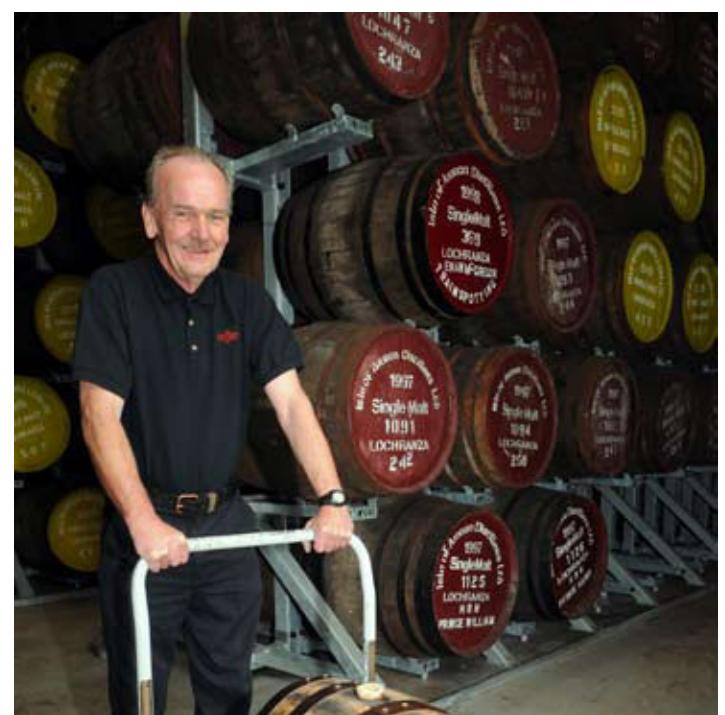
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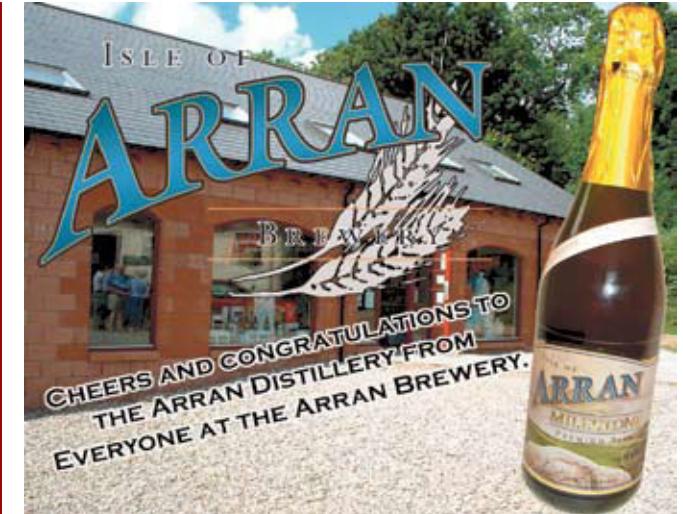
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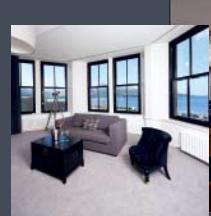
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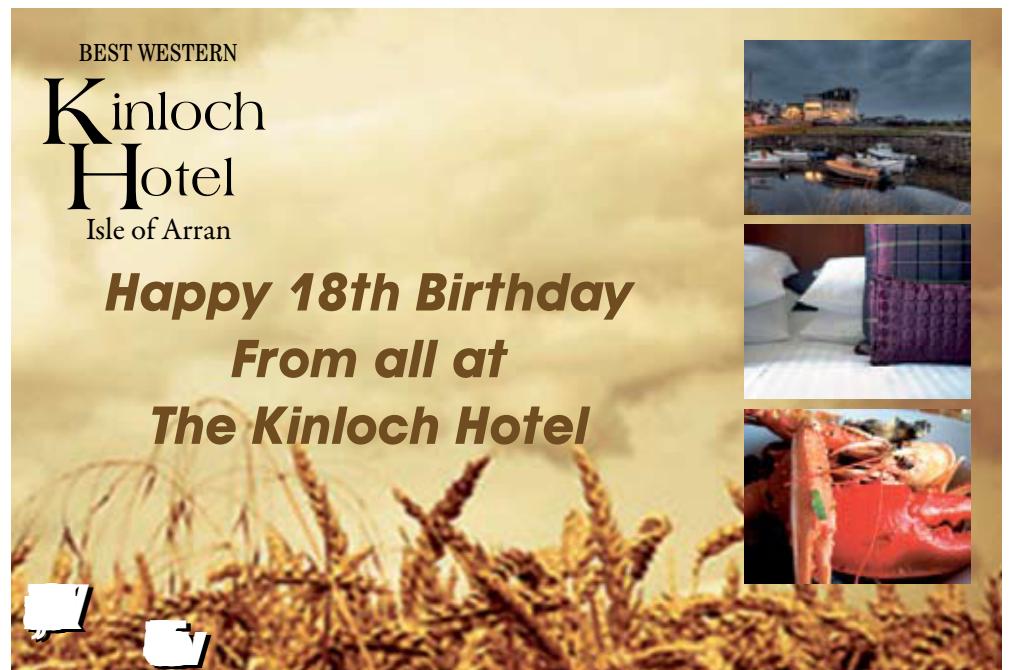
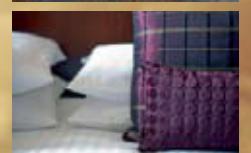
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On to the big day itself - The festival will open at 11am and we are looking forward to seeing all of our friends from far and wide and spending the day celebrating the very best of Arran Malt and Music.

Tickets are £5 which includes entrance, Spey Dram glass, dram token and opportunity to take a guided tour and enjoy the day's festivities. As usual, there will be a variety of specialist Masterclasses to suit all our visitors. We will also be presenting the annual

Arran Malt and Music Festival Bottling which has become an important part of the event every year and something which our regular visitors have come to look forward to collecting every year. Of course, the music will also play a major part of the day and we will be hosting some brilliant local bands from Arran and the mainland. Local

acts include talented husband and wife duo Andy and Nikki. We will be serenaded by The Arran Pipe Band and are delighted to welcome the Rowan Brothers from Islay and the incredible Scott Cowie from Ayrshire. Finally, the Edinburgh based Reel Time Ceilidh band take centre stage at the Saturday night ceilidh in Lochranza Village Hall. Tickets £10, also available from Arran Events.

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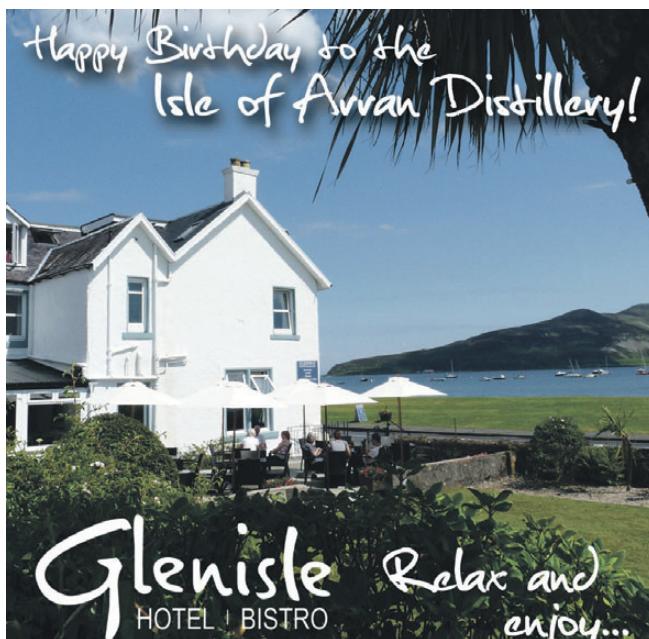
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The Texas Scramble and Survivor's BBQ

As if that isn't enough, on Sunday 30 June we are sponsoring The Arran Malt and Music Festival Texas Scramble held at Lochranza Golf Course.

Each team must consist of three members, with the entry fee £10 for the team.

This competition must be booked in advance from The Lochranza Golf Course on 830273. The prize giving will take place at the distillery where the music and whisky will continue at the Survivors BBQ starting at midday. The tone of the music changes to a more relaxed pace when the Arran Jazz Café Band and the haunting voice of Aime Hume will serenade us until 4pm.

Please note: The entry fee for the Texas Scramble Golf Competition is £10 per team not £10 per person as stated on our posters. We apologise for this mistake.

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Derelict Barking Houses criticised

Concerns have been once again voiced about the derelict state of the old Barking Houses in Catacol and Lochranza.

At a meeting of the Lochranza and Catacol Community Association last month, Robert Cumming said that the condition of these historic buildings was unacceptable as they had been left to fall into disrepair.

Mr Cumming reported that he had spoken to the owner of the Lochranza site and they wish to continue with their interest in the property. They stated that they had applied for planning permission some years ago but at that point had been frustrated when the building had been listed for commercial use.

The family wish to progress with the matter and they would be very grateful for any help and advice.

The community association agreed to contact North Ayrshire Council, Historic Scotland, Scottish National Heritage and the Arran Trust to find out what could be done.

Concern over rise in number of Payday Loans

Recent investigations by the government have shown a rise in the number of people in North Ayrshire seeking help with payday loans.

The report states that 26 per cent of people questioned in North Ayrshire had payday loans in 2012, and that this rose to 29 per cent in the first three months of 2013.

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'It is deeply worrying that an increasing number of people in North Ayrshire are turning to short term payday loan companies to make ends meet.'

'Unfortunately the powers to deal with this have not been devolved to Scotland. It is vital therefore - as happens in so many other countries around the world - that the UK Government act to prevent these companies exploiting people by regulating them more effectively and capping the rate of interest they can charge.'

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Arran Riding Club host junior show

Ten of Arran's young horse riders enjoyed the fun and games of the Riding Club's Junior Show on Sunday.

Ellie Miller and her wonderful pony Pearl managed to accumulate the most points throughout the afternoon to take the title of Junior Champion.

Meanwhile Millie Young, on Katelyn's trusty steed Tilly, was placed Reserve Champion even though it was her very first show.

Eleanor and Hannah Bone's 'Handy Pony Course' provided plenty of entertainment with ponies having to walk through Eleanor's shimmer-

ing curtains, as well as jockeys dressing up and putting on their make-up.

Jen McNeish was on hand to ensure everyone managed to negotiate the jumping course one way or another and the bending race saw some clever ponies, and riders, weaving in and out of stands.

This was followed by the 'sweetie in the flour' race where jockeys have to retrieve a jelly baby from a plate full of flour (icing sugar has been suggested for next time). The 'Walk, trot, canter, walk' provided a great display of control with few penalties, very well done everyone.

Finally, musical cups had some of the helpers strutting their dance moves in the field, while riders had to find an empty block to place their cup on when the music stopped. Congratulations to both the winners and to everyone else who took part - great fun all round!

Many thanks to all our helpers both before and on the day.

The next event is Showing Show on Sunday 7 July.

Schedules are available from Liz (700552) or e-mail secretary@arranridingclub.com Entries close Wednesday 3 July.

Full Results: Handy pony - 1st Rosie McNamara (Beauty) and Ellie Miller (Pearl), 2nd Millie Young (Tilly) and Daisy May McNamara (Georgie), 3rd Lizanne Dixon (Bolt), 4th Lori Young (Cleo).

Jumping - (minis) 1 Millie Young (Tilly), 2 Lily Currie (Missy), 3 Daisy May McNamara (Georgie), 4 Lois Ashley (Timmy). (midis) 1 Lori Young (Cleo), 2 Ellie Miller (Pearl), 3 Emily Armitage (Iorsa Chantilly Lace), 4 Lizanne Dixon (Bolt).

Special rosettes - Rosie McNamara (Beauty) and Danni Mutch (Hip Hop).

Bending - 1 Emily Armitage (Iorsa), 2 Ellie Miller (Pearl), 3 Millie Young (Tilly), 4 Lily Currie (Missy).

Sweet in Flour - 1 Ellie Miller (Pearl), 2 Daisy May McNamara (Georgie), 3 Emily Armitage (Iorsa), 4 Millie Young (Tilly).

Walk, trot, canter, walk - 1 Lori Young (Cleo), 2 Ellie Miller (Pearl), 3 Emily Armitage (Iorsa), 4 Lily Currie (Missy).

Musical Cups - 1 Millie Young (Tilly), 2 Ellie Miller (Pearl), 3 Lori Young (Cleo), 4 Lily Currie (Missy).



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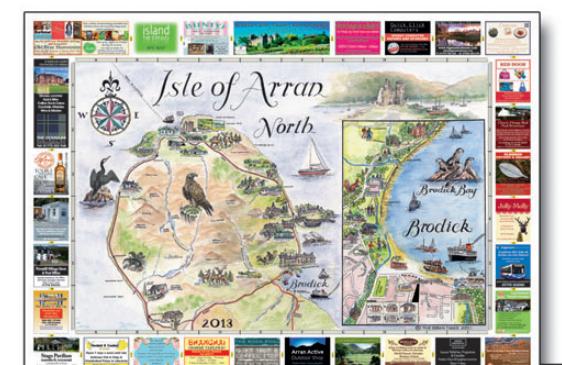
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Antiquarians get insight into German military might

A talk by Dr Ben Shepherd

The June meeting of the Arran Antiquarians saw 55 members welcome back Dr Ben Shepherd of Glasgow Caledonian University.

Ben spoke previously to the group in 2010 on the subject of the Eastern Front in World War II, 1939 to 1945.

This time he chose as his title 'The German Army under the Third Reich'.

Dr Shepherd gained his Doctorate in German History at Birmingham University in 2000.

He then moved to University posts in Glasgow, and since 2009 has been a Reader at Glasgow Caledonian.

Most of his researches and publications are on the history of the German Army from social, military and medical angles.

He began by telling us that he was going to burst the myth of the unstoppable, efficient German military machine which persists to this day.

He would concentrate on the period of 1939 to December 1941, during which Denmark, Norway, France, the Benelux countries, Greece and Crete were all invaded.

The assault on Moscow was to be their first defeat and coincidentally the USA entered the war at that moment.

He showed us a humorous video clip of a sketch demonstrating five stereotypes of German General.

Interestingly, the term 'Blitzkrieg' was never used by them – it was an Allied invention.

Although Germany had a modern Navy, Air Force and Army, they still used basically 300 year old Prussian tactics.

As in the 1914-18 war, they failed to plan adequate supplies for their front line troops and this ensured their ultimate downfall.

Hitler had a non-aggression pact with Russia and did not wish to go to war with



Norma Davidson from Arran Antiquarians with Dr Ben Shepherd.

Britain. Their Navy and Air Force were smaller than ours and their three services were constantly vying with each other for resources.

Indeed, horse drawn transport was still used! Although German tanks were inferior to the Allied ones, the Panzer Divisions were very effective because they attacked en masse with the support of the Stuka dive bombers.

The attack method was that the Panzer tanks forged a way through and then the artillery followed with shellfire and finally the infantry followed.

The German Army had 100,000 men who were regulars from World War I, plus conscripts. Some also had experienced battle in the Spanish Civil War.

Generals had a flexible type of command. Some were impetuous and forged ahead, some were more circumspect.

The Poles, Yugoslavians and Greeks were poorly equipped and fell quickly, Poland in barely a week.

Better equipped

The British and French were better equipped but nevertheless France fell and the British Army had to be evacuated from Dunkirk.

Although Germany had paratroopers who were very effective at times, Hermann Goering was guilty of inefficiency by making cargo drops and parachute drops in the wrong places and failing to destroy the retreating army at Dunkirk.

By June 1941, three German armies with a total of three million men invaded Russia, with the aim of conquest within six months.

The advance started strongly, with 665,000 Soviet prisoners taken in one area. Although the soldiers on the ground fought well and bravely, their intelligence was very poor and logistical planning woeful.

The Red Army responded to the brutality of the Germans to its people by fighting ferociously.

The Artillery and Infantry could not keep up with the Panzer advance and were exhausted.

Tanks were running out of spare parts. Eventually, the whole front was reduced to horse transport and poor equipment with little food to feed themselves and none for the hundreds of thousands of prisoners of war.

The sixth Army were frozen, starved and rotted to death.

The German Generals were never able to admit their shortcomings and that the war was lost, not by the fighting men or the Russian winter but by inadequate planning and bad military tactics.

Ben certainly gave us much to ponder, and cleared up many of our misconceptions. After many questions by the members, the chairman, Tom McLeod, thanked Dr Shepherd on the group's behalf.

The next speaker on Monday 15 July, will be George Geddes who is a field investigator with the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments and who spent two years on St Kilda working as an archaeologist for the National Trust Scotland.

His talk is entitled 'A Rough Guide to St Kilda and North Rona'.

Visitors are very welcome to join us then.

Submissions sought for snow inquiry

The Scottish Affairs Committee has reopened an inquiry into the electricity grid in Scotland, after severe snowfalls in March left parts of Arran and Kintyre without power for days.

The aim of the inquiry is to find out what lessons were learnt and what progress, if any, was made to enable the power companies, local authorities and consumers to cope better with this latest round of adverse conditions.

The Committee is calling on Arran's residents and businesses who were affected to email them with their experiences, to feed into the lines of questioning in the Committee's inquiry.

Alan Reid MP, the committee member leading this inquiry, said: 'Extreme weather is no rarity in Scotland and power companies and local authorities must be fully prepared for the adverse effects of severe weather on homes, businesses and emergency services.'

'In the snowfall in March of this year, the three areas worst affected were Kintyre, Arran and Wigtownshire, areas covered by two separate power companies, SSE and Scottish Power.'

'However one of the major problems this time was the inability of Argyll & Bute Council to re-open the A83, which prevented SSE engineers getting to those parts of Kintyre which had lost power.'

He added: 'We are calling on residents and businesspeople in the affected areas to tell us about their experiences during this time, to inform our questioning in this inquiry. Please email us with details of your experiences with the council and with the power companies, to scotaffc-com@parliament.uk'

The first evidence session will be with Argyll and Bute Council on Wednesday 26 June at 2.30pm, in the House of Commons.

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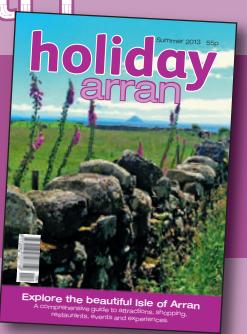
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The Wood Warbler gets its name from the trilling song performed by the male with gusto. Photo by Angus Hogg

Wood Warbler

The Wood Warbler is an increasingly rare summer visitor to Arran.

Last year there were records from only three areas on the island.

Willow Warbler and Chiffchaff are much more widespread.

At one stage all three warblers, which are similar looking, were considered to be the same species.

It was Gilbert White, curate of the Hampshire village of Selborne, who first distinguished them as three separate species.

Gilbert White was one of the first English naturalists to make careful observations of his surroundings and record these observations in a systematic way.

He believed in studying living birds and animals in their natural habitat which was an unusual approach at that time, as most naturalists preferred to carry out detailed examinations of dead specimens in the comfort of their studies.

The result of all his detailed observations was the publication in 1789 of his book

called 'The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne' and since that time it has never been out of print.

It is one of the most published books in the English language.

Within it he distinguished the 'willow wren' as three species - Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler and Wood Warbler, largely on the basis of their songs.

Indeed the Wood Warbler gets its name from the trilling song performed by the male with gusto, head raised, bright yellow throat puffed out and body all aquiver.

The scientific name 'sibilatrix' means the whistler.

In Scotland, as well as Arran, it is a local summer breeding visitor mostly found in central and western areas of Scotland where it is associated with closed canopy oakwoods, beech, birch and ashwoods.

A relatively sparse understory is essential. Although it feeds and sings in the canopy, it nests on the ground requiring low and open vegetation.

This is the kind of habitat to

visit if you are hoping to hear Wood Warbler.

Over 200 years ago Gilbert White described the song as 'sibilous shivering'.

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After breeding all European Wood Warblers migrate to Africa for the winter.

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For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2012' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

Century old picture found of Lochranza school

This incredible photograph of the pupils at Lochranza School 100 years ago was brought into The Banner this week.

Stumbled

Kitty Milne from Lochranza stumbled across the incredible old print from 1913 which features her mother Cissie Gillan and her three brothers Jimmy, Jackie and Tommy.

Written across the envelope which contains

it are lost of names but Kerr is the predominant surname.

Duncan Kerr, John Kerr, Robert Kerr and Jimmy Kerr from Catacol are just some of the names as are Charlie Bridgend, Baldy McMillan, Bell McKie (gamekeeper), and Cathy McAllister.

Please let us know if there is anyone in this photograph related to you.



Christian Aid thanks

Grateful thanks to all the villagers from Corrieavie to Bennan for their donations which totalled £388.88 for Christian Aid week.

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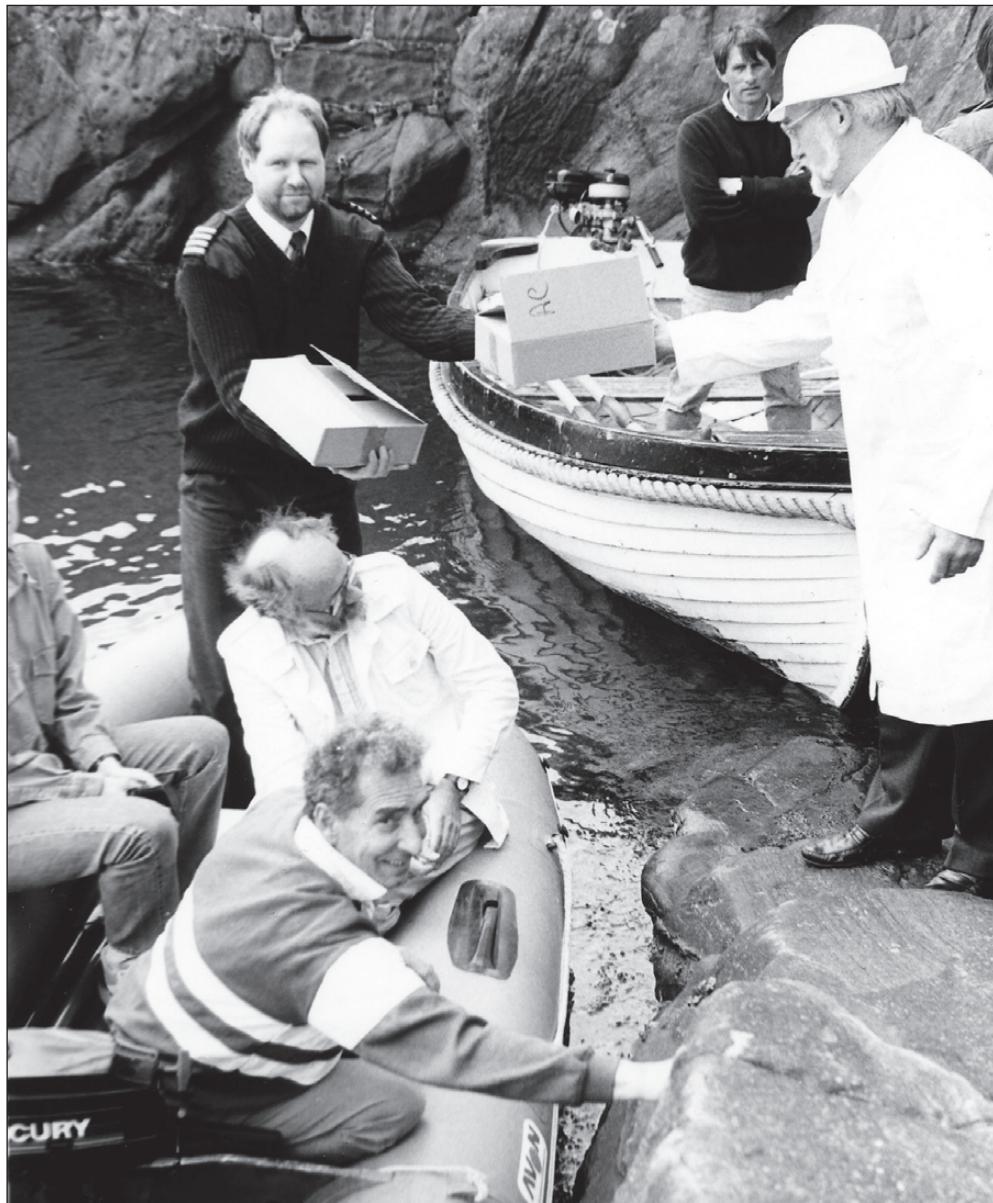
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Up tae nae good? The exciseman finds Ian McChlery offloading contraband? No, he's just helping Ian load cheese onto a seaplane. b25twe02



Shepherds Jimmy MacNeil and George Tod with dog Belle give all their concentration to the dog trials last Friday. b25twe04



The Arran senior water polo team played their second competitive game against Kilbirnie at the Auchrannie pool on Sunday. b25twe01

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Links with past

Arran is a golfers paradise with seven unique courses, and the island could soon have a new golf club - at Kildonan.

There once was a Kildonan Golf Club on ground which belonged to Donald McLeod of Kildonan Farm and it is on the same ground that Donald plans to open this new course.

It will stand above the village, just off High Kildonan road and will have magnificent views over Pladda to Ailsa Craig.

Back from Bosnia

Back on the island for the weekend was Robert Haddow Junior who has just finished a seventh month tour serving in Bosnia with the REME.

Promoted to Captain during his stint there, he left that uncertain country on May 26 to return to his unit near Hanover.

Last post

One of Arran's best known landmarks was lost - temporarily - last week when a car being driven by a member of staff from the Kinloch skidded at the Machrie Moor road end and demolished the elaborately carved mail box.

Farewell Charles Napier

The death occurred last week of Charles Napier at the age of 75.

He had retired to Lochranza in 1968 and, although involved in many village concerns including being a founding member of the Lochranza Castle Golf Club, he was best known on the island as the HIDB's first development officer on Arran.

From Fife originally, he was a coal miner for a short while before joining the police where he rose to the rank of Greenock's deputy chief constable.



Robert Haddow Junior has just returned from a seven month tour of Bosnia with the REME. b25twe03

Doctor in distress

Despite a Land Tribunal scuppering plans to build a new doctors surgery in front of Brodick Bowling Green six months ago, Dr Malcolm Kerr has not given up.

New plans had been mooted to use a corner of the Ormidale Park but Dr Kerr told us this week that the Golf Club (who own the park) are not quite so keen.

His search continues.

Orienteering champ

Natalie Broadis of Lamlash won honours for herself and Arran High School after taking part in the Scottish Schools Orienteering Championships at Drumlanrig in Dumfriesshire.

The sixth year pupil won the female section of the senior group after running a 3.5 mile orienteering course in 58.52 minutes.

Drug arrests

Two men, one from Lamlash, were arrested by police last Thursday at Ardrossan pier as they disembarked from the ferry from Brodick.

The men were searched and a quantity of drugs and money was found on them so they were taken into custody.

Birth

Paul and Lesley Jameson are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Shauna.

What's on

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Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Lawn Bowls
RNLI shop
Koffee for DGH, Kalimpang
Jazz Cafe Band

Sunday 23rd June

Alcoholics Anonymous
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Folk Music Session
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
RNLI shop
Craft Day

Monday 24th June

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Senior Fitness
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis
Badminton
Volleyball Club
Arran Junior Football Club
Summer Bridge Tournament
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay rink games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Paintings tour
Lunch Club
Yoga
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Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodick, 2pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
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Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 1.30pm

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm
Brodick Castle 2pm-3.30pm
Brodick Sheltered Housing, 12.30pm
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Tuesday 25th June
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm
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Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Ormidale Park, 7pm-9pm
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm-3.30pm
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Wednesday 26th June

Hockey
Tae Kwonodo
Coffee Morning
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Run Arran (Advanced)
Northend Football Training
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Shiskine Tennis Club
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
AYF Film-making club

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15 - 12noon
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm
Lochranza,7pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7
Whiting Bay bowling club 2pm
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm
The Cabin 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 27th June

Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Live Country/Folk music
Weight Watchers
Lawn Bowls
Shiskine Tennis Club
Lunchbox
Yoga

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Adults 6pm onwards
Ormidale Pavilion 12.30pm-2.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm

Friday 28th June

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Brodick Farmers Market
Active Buggies (Parents & buggies)
Castle Secrets Tour
Arran Youth Foundations
Coffee Morning

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion 10am
Brodick Castle, 11.30am - 1pm
The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10.15am

Saturday 29th June

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Lawn Bowls
RNLI shop
Annual Over 30s Disco
Summer Ceilidh

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodick, 2pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm



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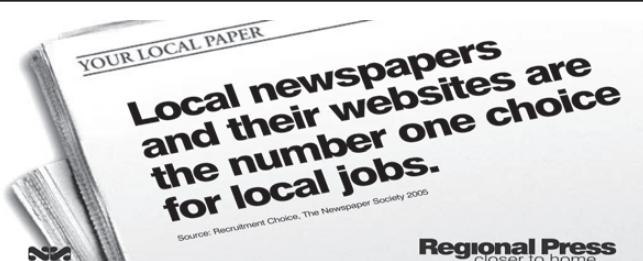
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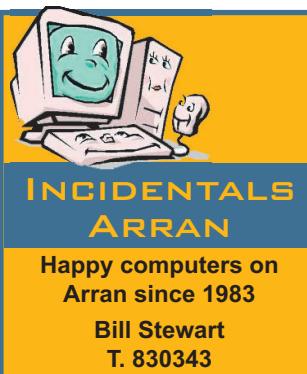
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ArCaS AGM

**Wednesday 10th July
7.00pm**

Glen Cloy Suite, Auchrannie Spa

HOSPITAL SUPPORTERS LEAGUE

SCO17553

A.G.M

2.30pm

Monday 1st July

Meeting Room 1, Modular Building

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Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
13/00329/PP; Site To South West Of Seaside, Kings Cross, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Amendment to planning permission N/11/00856/PP to amend the house type and modification of the Section 75 Agreement (change in ownership of the business).

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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 23rd June
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.
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 23rd June
Brodick Church, 10.30am,
Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 12noon,
Morning Worship.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am
Morning Worship
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am
Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon
A Service of Worship will also
be held in Montrose House
at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a
fellowship to share"
Sunday 23rd June
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
In both Churches:
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Sunday 23rd June
Sunday Morning Mass 11am
Vigil Mass 7.30pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)

Sunday 23rd June

Family Worship will be
conducted by the minister, Rev
Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
This service, the closing service
for the Sunday School, will be
an all age service with family
Communion.

All ages are most welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served
after the service.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Golf

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 11 June, Centenary Quaich, 7 played. Winner Ann Hart (24)62, runner-up and Scratch Susan Butchard (12)67. Nine-hole Stabelford, 4 played. 1 Margaret Bryce 14pts, 2 Elizabeth Lawrie 12 pts.

Wednesday 12 June, Summer Cup, 40 played, CSS 64. 1 R Butchard (22)60, 2 M Keir (7)61, 3 N Hume (13)62. Scratch G Hendry 67. There were 14 twos. Bruce Jenkins and Matthew Keir got two each.

Sunday 16 June, Club Trophy, 21 played, CSS 64. 1 J McKean (10)61, 2 C Pattenden (10)62, 3 D McKinnie (9)63. Scratch E McKinnon 67. There was only one two – I Macmillan.

Fixtures: Sunday 23 June, Marchioness of Graham Trophy (Bogey Competition), draw at 12noon on Saturday 22 June. Sunday 30 June, McCrae Trophy Round 1 and Brandon.

Fixtures: Tuesday 25 June, Stabelford and Wilkie Trophy.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 12 June, Gents 12 Hole Medal, 7 played. 1 and Scratch W Paton 42-3=39, 2 J Culpan 53-8=45 BIH. Magic Two at the 10th - John Culpan.

Fixtures: Sunday 23 June, 18 Hole Medal (Gents). Thursday 27 June, 18 Hole Medal (Ladies).

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Please note that there are still spaces available for the Lamlash Ladies Open on Wednesday 17 July. Please contact Jo Hastings on 302843 for a time.

Wednesday 12 June, Medal 4 and third Championship Qualifier, 14 played, CSS 63. 1 Rachel Wren 85-22=63, 2 Ellie Jones 78-15=63, 3 Catherine McAdam 85-20=65, scratch Ellie Jones 78. Twos, Ellie Jones and Yvonne Brothers, both at the 16th.

Gents: Thursday 13 June, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Dougie Macfarlane 62-1=61, 2 Mark Wren 71-9=62, 3 Neil Young 67-5=62. Best Scratch D Macfarlane 62. Twos from D Macfarlane at the 16th, Mark Wren at the 16th, Alan Smith at the 14th, Ian Bremner at the 4th and 14th and Paul Jameson at the 16th. Seniors Medal CSS 61, 1 Stan Brothers 72-10=62.

Sunday 16 June, Fleet Cup, Round 1, CSS 65. 1 Andy Smith 79-17=62, 2 Jamie Murchie 65-0=65. Twos from Paul Bremner at the 12th and Ian Bremner at the 16th.

Round 2, CSS 66. 1 Ian Bremner 73-6=67, 2 Andy Smith 87-17=70 BIH over Alan Smith. Best Scratch Ian Bremner 73. Two from Paul Bremner at the 16th.

Overall winner of Fleet Cup Andy Smith 62-70=132. Runner-up Ian Bremner 68-67=135.

Fixtures: Saturday 22 June, Hope Cup from 4pm. Sunday 23 June, Scratch Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Monday 24 June, Junior Medal at 5pm. Thursday 27 June, Summer Cup - make up own groups.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Thursday 6 June, Whiting Bay. An excellent turn out of...er... four ladies for our medal, where are you all? 1 Gege 'very happy' Kroener 88-22=66, 2 Margaret Auld 95-19=76.

Fixtures: Saturday 11 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Ron Woods 72, 2 Brian Sherwood 76. Scratch Brian Sherwood 85. Monday 17 June, Finals Day. The President's cup was the first match out and was played between Hamish Bannatyne and John Pennycott. There was good golf played by both before Hamish eventually won at the 17th. The standard of golf in both the Ladies and Gents finals was excellent. The ladies final was between Viv Parks and Jenni Turnbull. It was a very close game and was still all square going down the 17th with Jenni winning that hole and going on to take the 18th as well. The gents final was played between Sandy Murray and Ian Bremner 68-67=135.

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MCKINNON/WILLIAMSON

Jamie and Michelle are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Tia, on Wednesday 12th June, 8lb 12ozs. A sister for Zara and Isla, Granddaughter for Barrie and Lyn (N.Z) and Sine and the late James (Sannox). Great-granddaughter for Peter (Lamlash) and Richard (N.Z).

BIH. Magic Two at the 10th John Culpan.

Thursday 13 June, Ladies 18 Hole Medal Winners and Flag Comp, 13 played. Silver

1 E Kelso 88-19=69, 2 and Scratch F Crawford 86-14=72. Bronze 1 S Brookes 93-24=69, 2 L Murray 101-25=76. Sally wins the medal and Elizabeth got the flag furthest - congratulations to both!

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RANKIN, NESTOR, Clyde

View, Whiting Bay.

Very peacefully at Clinton

House Care Home, Shawsburn, on

06.06.13, after a long illness.

Sadie and the family would

like to thank all those who

were able to attend the

funeral, and to express our

regret that we were not able

to meet everyone personally.

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Hamish Bannatyne, Jenni Turnbull and Sandy Murray all triumphed on Machrie Bay's Finals Day.

ray and Brian Sherwood with Sandy playing excellent golf before winning at the 14th. Thanks go to David and his team for the great condition of the course.

Fixtures: Tuesday 25 June, Gleneagles Medal in aid of Clic Sargent Cancer Care, £3 entry plus normal sweep.

Arran Golfers Association

Kelso Cup Final: The final of this year's competition was played at Lamlash on Friday 7 June. Conditions were perfect and the boys seemed to thoroughly enjoy the big stage, one or two seniors showed up to witness golf of a really good standard. Brodick entered the competition for the first time due to their bye and Whiting Bay led from the off. Despite receiving strokes in both matches the Brodick lads couldn't get to grips with the course or their games and the match ended with Whiting Bay winning for the fourth year in a row! Thanks to Lamlash for hosting and special thanks to Drew and Jim for refereeing both weeks.

The final of the AGA Thomson Cup was played at Whiting Bay on Saturday 8 June in glorious conditions between Ian Murchie of Lamlash and Ryan Armstrong of Whiting Bay. In the semi finals played earlier in the day Ian beat Donnie Park of Whiting Bay while Ryan got a bye through to the final as his opponent was unable to play.

Scoring was very good throughout but Ryan's local knowledge helped him to a 3 hole lead at the turn, and although Ian hit back with a birdie at the 10th to reduce the deficit, Ryan moved further ahead with an eagle at the 12th! Holes were exchanged over the next 2 holes before Ryan sealed his win at the 15th when Ian's tee shot ran through the 16th tee into deep trouble. Well done to both players for the high standard of golf and sportsmanship, and to Stuart and Donnie for presenting the course in such excellent condition.

Fixtures: Hope Cup 2013 at Lamlash Golf Club. First round on Saturday 22 June from 4pm, draw: Corrie v Whiting Bay (winners play Lamlash) Shiskine v Lochranza, Machrie v Brodick.



Glen Mlotek won the AGA Kelso Cup for the fourth year in a row.

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Glen Rosa Horseshoe race celebrates 25 years

'It's a classic route in a magnificent setting'

The Glen Rosa Horseshoe Scottish hill racing calendar. Race has become one of the most popular events in the

25th anniversary but sadly marshalling problems forced organisers to cancel it the night before.

Before the cancellation had been announced Dave Freeman, one of the race's original founders and organisers, sent us a history of the contest.

Dave said: 'It's a classic route in a magnificent setting but what keeps it going is the dedication and continued hard work of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team who year after year in all weathers have provided first rate marshalling and safety cover.'

The classic race starts and finishes at the Brodick Castle Ranger Centre and includes the summits of Beinn a Chliabhain, Cir Mhor and Goat Fell.

a Chliabhain, Cir Mhor and Goat Fell.

Dave said: 'I moved to Arran from Islay in the summer of 1986.

'My move was announced to my hill running acquaintances in rather a public manner after I was awarded a prize at the 1987 Jura race for the first Islay or Jura resident.

'I soon started getting encouragements to start a 'classic style' hill race on Arran.'

Prominent amongst these was John Blair-Fish of Carnethy Runners.

John informed Dave that George Broderick, the founder of the Jura race had tried to start a race on Arran in the 1970s.

He had planned one in Glen Sannox but it failed due to lack of local support.

Dave continued: 'With weekly hill running on Arran I was soon aware of possible race routes.

'By 1988 I started to gauge the opinion of key local contacts and the National Trust, Arran Mountain Rescue Team and tourist board were all supportive. So was Joe Trickett of Arran Active who sponsored the race in the early years.'

he added: 'In November of that year we had a meeting



Dave Freeman, left, with one of the course's record-breaking participants, Ian Ferguson.

in the Tourist office. Present were Charles Currie, Stewart Lambie, David Oakes and myself.

'We agreed on a suitable route and having the support of the NTS and mountain rescue team I decided to go for it in 1989.'

The first race in June 1989

was started next to the castle and Dave himself ran in the event, allowing him to thank all the marshals on his way round.

The start of the race was moved to Glen Rosa campsite in 1991, where it remained until 1999 when it changed to the NTS ranger centre.



Jennifer Emsley, centre, with runners-up Michelle Sandison and Donna Finlayson.

Jennifer defends title

Jennifer Emsley from Whiting Bay successfully defended her Scottish National 10,000 Metre Track Championship title at Grangemouth Athletics Stadium on Sunday.

Jennifer knocked 23 seconds off last year's time, which Scottish Athletics described as 'a decent effort on a warm day and without too much competition'.

The time of 36m 45s was much slower than her road running time at the same dis-

tance of 35m 16s. In second place was Springburn Harriers' Michelle Sandison, who hails from Lerwick.

The island connection was completed by Donna Finlayson of Victoria Park – City of Glasgow who finished third and has relatives in Blackwaterfoot.

Jennifer's name appears with an illustrious list of champions which includes Yvonne Murray and Liz McColgan.



The classic race starts and finishes at the Brodick Castle Ranger Centre and includes the summits of Beinn a Chliabhain, Cir Mhor and Goat Fell.



The Glen Rosa Horseshoe should have celebrated 25 years on Saturday.

Brodick bowlers retain centenary trophy

The bowlers from Brodick managed to retain the club's Centenary Trophy on Saturday 8 June after beating the island's other teams.

On one of those memorable warm sunny days in June, teams from Lamlash, Blackwaterfoot, Whiting Bay and Brodick played

a hard-fought series of ends, resulting in a win for one of the Brodick rinks by a useful margin.

The whole afternoon was played in a wonderfully happy atmosphere, ending up with refreshments and a raffle.



The winning Brodick rink, left to right, Iain Hendry, Tony Wooden and Peter Lee.

Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 17 June were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland +2010, 2 Roddie Thompson and Eandy McNiven +1230, 3 John and Mary Dick +1130.

E/W 1 Janie McClure and Anne McKelvie +1210, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner +210, 3 Craig and Irene McMillan -320.



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Brodick come out top after Southend clash



Monday night saw the island's first football league 'top of the table' clash of the season with Southend hosting Brodick at Sandbrae park.

It was clear from the off that Brodick were a different side from the previous week and were hungry to beat their main rivals.

Archie McNicol struck a free kick early on which was heading for the corner but Southend's young keeper Stevie Judge managed to force it onto the bar.

Jamie Stewart then had a one-on-one with Brodick keeper Gregor Adamson but the committed shot stopper prevented an open'er.

Babbies MacNeil was then given a yellow card for a series of fouls which was shortly followed by one for Sandy Kelso for the same offence.

After half an hour the teams were very even with both defences looking strong.

The deadlock was finally broken 10 minutes before half time when a well executed move from Brodick resulted in a quality finish from Iain 'Keeno' Keen.

Five minutes later Keeno bagged another after a goalmouth scramble ended with the ball in the Southend net once more.

The second half kicked off and Brodick's tails were up and looked the superior team but Southend scored against the run of play after a long range shot from Sandy was

parried only as far as Nick Emsley who tapped the ball in.

Referee Iain McDonald then laid down the law on Brodick midfielder Jason Drury and showed him a yellow for a bad tackle.

Keeno then turned provider for Brodick's third with a flick on to Archie who rounded the keeper to score on his 21st birthday.

Referee, Iain, gave the man of the match

award to Matthew Dobson of Brodick.

After the 3-1 win Brodick now sit a point above Southend after the first round of games.

In the other game of the night Northend pulled off a shock 2-2 draw away to Lamlash. Grant Adamson of Lamlash bagged two penalties to take his goal tally up to

eight for the season taking him one ahead of Archie McNicol.

Northend's goals were scored by Jamesy and Griazude Simonas.

Todd Jameson was yellow carded for the home team and the referee Stevie Crawford's man of the match went to young Peter Gilson of Northend after a solid performance at left back for the visitors.

League
Table after
first round
of games:

	P	W	L	D	GD	Pts
Brodick	4	3	0	1	+11	10
Southend	4	3	1	0	+14	9
Shiskine	4	1	1	2	+2	5
Lamlash	4	0	2	2	-8	2
Northend	4	0	3	1	-19	1

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