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A run in the sun for fun - nearly 100 runners took part in the second Gate to Gate fun run as the sun shone at Brodick Castle last weekend. They can all be seen here before the start with the jogscotland mascot JogScotty. Full report and more pictures pages 10 and 11. Photo Christopher Hogge

All ferries cancelled as strike leaves islanders high and dry

REPORT

by HUGH BOAG

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Lochranza route is the only way off island

A call has been made for a strike ban on lifeline ferry services.

Strike action by RMT union members of the Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) staff today (Friday) halted all sailings on the main Ardrossan to Brodick route.

Coming as it does on the first day of the school summer holidays, the island's business community was bracing itself for a significant downturn in trade.

Three weddings, several coach parties, a TV show and the Malt and Music Festival at the distillery are just some of the events which have

been severely affected. The industrial action which began on Wednesday with an overtime ban, saw the last ferry cancelled in each direction for the last two days. The single day of strike action today has led to all Brodick ferries cancelled.

However, the Lochranza to Clonaig route will be operating normally and in an enterprising move the Ocean Breeze Rib Tours will be running an emergency service to Ardrossan.

Now the Isle of Arran Community Council have waded into the debate by calling for a strike ban.

In a statement this week, the council said: 'We would ask the communities minister Derek McKay and our elected representatives to make sure that lives are not threatened in this way in the future and to consider including a clause which effectively prohibits any party from using this course of action when letting future contracts for the provision of, what are frequently referred to as lifeline services.'

'The action is deeply regretted and we urge all parties to consider the impact to the communities served by these lifeline services and to

put those interests first. We are already aware of considerable disruption to holiday plans, weddings and other personal arrangements, particularly as the schools close for their summer break.'

The statement added: 'Many of our businesses rely on visitors' first impressions and all businesses, residents and visitors require a reliable service, none of which will be improved by the negative impact of the proposed actions which will severely affect all aspects of our lives.'

VisitArran which has been doing a good job in keeping its partner businesses up to

date with the latest developments, wrote to Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson ahead of the action asking him to intervene.

In a letter sent to Mr Gibson, VisitArran said: 'It seems particularly cruel that the industrial action would take place just as schools are breaking up and businesses are set for what was hoped to be a busy start to their summer.'

'Obviously this is why they have chosen this week to conduct such action, but surely some sort of compromise could be reached?'

'To penalise island busi-

nesses across the network could result in anger at CalMac, and little sympathy for those taking industrial action.'

Mr Gibson said: 'I have received numerous emails and calls from anxious islanders and visitors regarding this proposed industrial action, including people who fear their weddings will be disrupted, although luckily I have been able to provide some assurances to those in such circumstances.'

Publicly-owned CalMac and private firm Serco are bidding for a new contract for services to the west coast islands which are currently operated by CalMac.

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Arran comes close again for Creative Place Award prize

‘Disappointed but not downhearted, we will try again next year’

Arran has just missed out on a Creative Place Award. The island finished runner-up to Forres for the £100,000 prize, after they were shortlisted.

It is the second year in a row it has missed out.

The awards were announced to a packed audience at an evening ceremony, which took place at Falkirk Town Hall attended by Scottish government’s culture secretary Fiona Hyslop.

The Forres area community will use the award to support and promote local arts participation in Culture Day 2015; Findhorn Bay Arts Festival 2016; Project ARTS; and Culture Café events.

The communities of Stornoway and the islands of Lewis and Harris and Moniaive/Glencairn Parish were the other winners this year.

Rhona Corscadden, senior events manager at EventScotland, said: ‘Applications for the awards this year were particularly strong, with the final shortlist representing the breadth and depth of creative talent Scotland is home to. These awards recognise the role our communities play in our cultural sector, and the associated grants will allow them to continue to develop and realise their ambitions in the arts.’

Heather Gough of the Arran Theatre and Art Trust, who coordinated the Arran bid, said: ‘We are disappointed but not downhearted we will try again next year.’

Since their launch in 2012, the Creative Place Awards demonstrate an ongoing commitment to ensuring that communities across Scotland

are supported to create and participate, so that all the hard work and imagination that contribute to the cultural life of Scotland’s communities is recognised and rewarded

It is the aim of the Creative Place Awards to provide inspiration for people and visitors by encouraging and celebrating the exceptional creative programmes that are taking place in towns, villages and communities across the country and supporting the development of projects that might not otherwise get recognition.

As well as attracting tourists and inward investment, creative and cultural activity helps to support and shape communities and places – fostering and reinforcing people’s sense of identity and community cohesion.



The two Allans hands over the cheque to ArCaS chairman Douglas Johnston and shop manager Sue Tirbow. 20_b26arcas01

Two Allans run to raise cash

A father and son duo have raised more than £400 for island cancer support group ArCaS after taking part in 10K run for charity.

The feat is all the more remarkable given that Allan Soutter Snr only took up running last September for the first time since he was 16. He has just turned 43.

Last month he and son Allan joined a group of RunArran members who made the short ferry crossing from Lochranza to take part in the Mull of Kintyre 10K - known as the MOK.

And the two Allans decided that they would make their first 10K together really count by raising money for charity.

Allan Snr said: ‘Their was really only one charity for me and that was ArCaS given the great work they do on Arran in their support of cancer patients.’

Last week they handed over a cheque for £405 to ArCaS chairman Douglas Johnston. He said: ‘I am extremely grateful to the two Allans for their running endeavours in support

of ArCaS. The donation is much appreciated.’

Last weekend Allan Snr was running again taking part in the Gate to Gate fun run at the castle.

He said: ‘I decided to start running because I wanted to get my fitness levels up - I’m a driver and my fitness is not that great, and the weight is an issue, so I wanted to try and get that down. I’ve tried the likes of the gym and I just couldn’t get into it - I’m an outside kind of person.’

Delighted

That’s when he went along to a RunArran beginners jogging group and has been delighted with the speed of his progress.

He said: ‘I didn’t think I’d get as far as I have this quickly. I did the 10 week beginners course and by the end of it was already doing 5K. I feel a lot better, I feel the fitness getting better and the weight’s slowing getting down.’

He now regularly runs with the Wednesday RunArran Brodick group.

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The union said staff feel 'caught in the crossfire' of the tendering process and crews want reassurances about future jobs, pay and pensions now that the company's routes have been opened to competitive tender.

However, talks to avert the action broke down on Monday.

The managing director of CalMac, Martin Dorchester, said the company was disappointed that the dialogue with the RMT had broken down but said: 'Our door remains open.'

Getting crafty at museum open day

The Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn in Brodick holds the first of its special event days of the season on Sunday.

At the annual Craft Day, visitors can see all kinds of local traditional skills and crafts in action. Experts will demonstrate sheep shearing, wool dyeing, spinning and weaving, quilting, baking, greenwood furniture making, rag rug making, painting, and many other skills throughout the afternoon, from 1.30pm onwards.

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band will be performing and other traditional music-making will also be taking place throughout the afternoon. Additionally, a local group of Gaelic singers will sing the songs used in days gone by to 'waulk' newly-made cloth to make it thicker after washing, soaking, beating, and shrinking by rhythmically moving the cloth in time to the music.

Finally, the museum store-room will be open to allow visitors to see the many additional items held by the museum which, due to space restriction, cannot always be on display. Museum volunteers will be on hand to discuss and explain the uses of some of the more obscure weird and wonderful objects on the shelves.

One volunteer said: 'This is surely an event which will appeal to all the family, and is certainly not to be missed.'

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Music and magic lined up for beer festival

There's even a duck derby too!

A food and drink festival on the west coast will be the biggest and best it has ever been this year.

Started two years ago at the Kinloch Hotel, the event has grown so much it is now called the Isle of Arran Food and Drink Festival.

And with the demise of the Shiskine Sports Day, it has now taken over its spot next month as the focus for a family fun day for locals and visitors alike.

It has already attracted loyal followers who are planning buses to come over specially for the festival on the day.

Saturday, July 11, is the date for your diaries and organiser, Fraser Hendrie, of the Kinloch Hotel promises you won't be disappointed.

This year there are even more real ales, ciders and wines to try from all over the UK. And, of course, a first outing for the Kinloch's own Usige Dubh beer, highlighted in The Banner two weeks ago.

There will be food marquees and fresh local produce for sale throughout the day thanks to the backing of a host of island businesses. The event is also on longer from 11.30am to 8pm this year.

A highlight of the day will be the running of the duck derby, previously a key event in the sports day fun, being run in the Black Water.

And there will be a whole host of entertainment throughout the day from the pipe band, the brass band and the Jazz Cafe Band. There will also be music from up

and coming Glasgow band, Harry and the Hendersons.

They are a seven piece band who play a menagerie of instruments that come together to create a sweet, but unusual blend of Americana, country, soul and blues layered in sweet harmonies which really compliments their classic approach to songwriting.

But, for many, the day is all about tasting the beers and ciders they may otherwise not get the chance to savour.

This year there will be at least 14 beers from across the country and seven ciders plus a wide selection of wines supplied by Forth Wines.

Scots beers from the Ayr Brewery including Jolly Beggars and Fair Jenny's Jig will join Golden XPA and Lips-maker from Edinburgh's Caledonian Brewery.

They will rub shoulders with Blonde Bombshell from Yorkshire, Fat Sprat from Suffolk, Punch from Cardiff and Crime of Passion from the famous Theakston Brewery in Masham, to name but a few.

Ciders will include Henderson's toffee apple and one with an Irn Bru flavour.

For the first time on the day there will be loads to do for kids including a magic show by magician, Scott Cuthbertson, and a special appearance by Shadow the Rabbit.

There will also be a children's corner, face painting and balloon modelling.

There will be a small £3 entry fee (£1 for kids) to the event, but that includes a special commemorative glass.



Harry and the Hendersons, who will be playing at the festival.

Fraser said: 'It is all shaping up to be a terrific day. There are already two buses coming from Ayr and loads from Glasgow and the central belt. 'The first year was glorious and we had a great day. Last year it poured and we had an even better day.'

'So I believe, whatever the weather, everyone is set for a great day out.'

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Arran auditions held for acting workshop

Last Thursday the Capall Dorcha Theatre Company and Ayrshire Film Company provided a professional development workshop for Arran High School.

In total 40, 11 to 25 year old participants throughout North Ayrshire will get the chance to participate in a week long workshop in Acting through Song or Acting on Film in Ardrossan finishing with a live performance at the end of the week at the Harbour Arts Centre in Irvine.

Speaking about the workshop the theatre company's artistic director Barry Robertson said: 'The response that we had on Arran was of a very high standard and it was a great pleasure coming over to the island to provide this workshop and would love to come back again.'

'We are half way through our audition tour of North Ayrshire and aim to let participants know who got accepted into the course on the first week of July.'



Those who took part in the Arran High School workshop.

Busy agenda for community council

The next meeting of the Arran Community Council will take place on the Tuesday 30 June at 6pm in the Ormidale Pavilion.

On the agenda are several items of interest for local residents including the proposed Boundaries Commission changes and also the North Ayrshire Council transport strategy document which is currently available for public consultation.

These items together with a review of the recent triathlon event and updates from the Ferry Committee and Forestry Extraction Working Group will ensure a busy meeting.

As usual these meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.



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Momentous journey is just beginning

The Arran High School Malawi trip, which has been two years in the planning, finally leaves on Wednesday. Here one of pupils Charlie Weir tells what the preparation has been like.

'Two years ago, we were, as a class, asked if any of us might be interested in an expedition to Malawi. At that point, the suggestion was mere fantasy. Yet, to those who raised our hands, it was a fantasy we were interested in seeing become a reality. Two years later, and with the much-appreciated help of all those who donated and supported our cause along the way, we are mere days off of experiencing that reality. It is at this point we must stop

and thank every member of the public who donated to, or otherwise showed support in, our journey to reach this point.

Thank you, in particular, to Helen Kerr for undertaking the momentous task of teaching us basic Chichewa, and to everyone else who gave up their time to come in and talk to us on a Monday afternoon. Not to mention all of those who attended any of our fundraisers over the past two years. To all of you, we owe an enormous

thank you for everything you have done to help along the way.

'It has been a momentous journey to get to this point, but we are now faced with the next momentous journey - the next three weeks.'

'We are getting excited and anxious about our trip as for some of us it will be the first time we have ever left the country. Thank you to everyone again for your support and we hope to keep everyone updated throughout our journey.'



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New clubhouse will be a big boost for maritime tourism

There was a large gathering of sailing enthusiasts for the opening of the new clubhouse of the Arran Yacht Club in Lamlash last Saturday.

Delighted

The Arran Trust has been delighted to support the new development and regenera-

tion of the yacht club. The new facilities offer an area for junior sailors, a wet briefing area, changing facilities, classroom and stores for kayaking, rowing and sailing.

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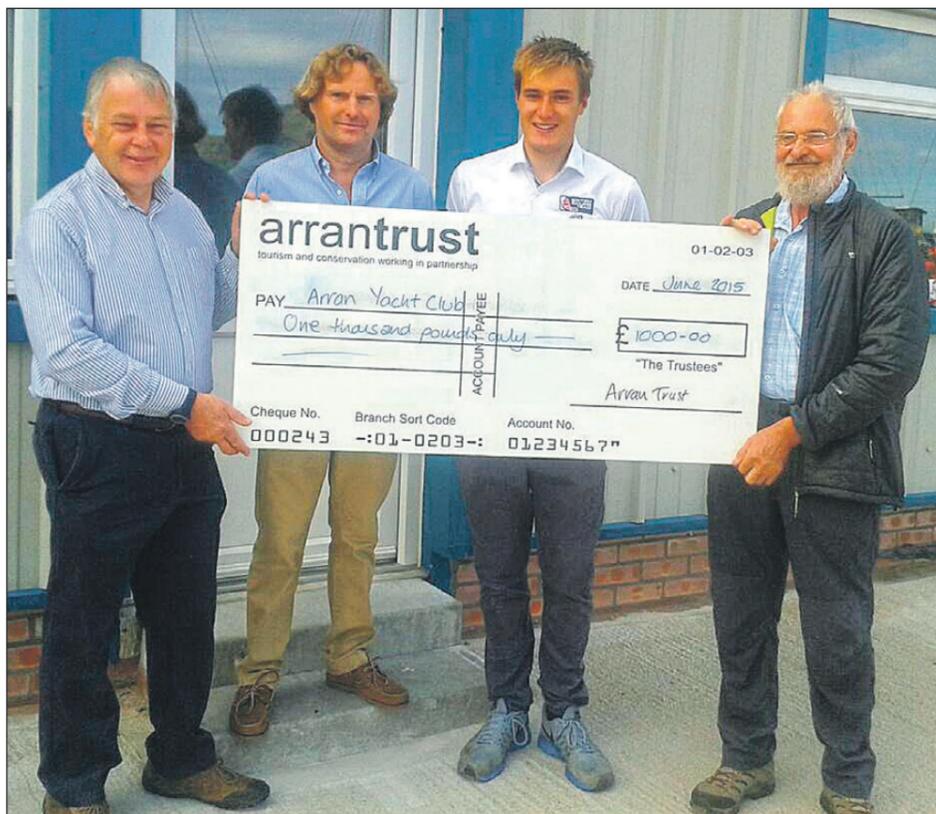
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Guests attending the opening ceremony in the cavernous new clubhouse.



Guests toast the new clubhouse



Henry Murdo from the Arran Trust is seen presenting a cheque to club commodore Angus Campbell, left, Gavin Fulton and local lad and Olympic sailing squad member, Neil Hunter.

Dementia support

A coffee morning on Thursday 18 June in St Molios Church Hall raised the impressive sum of £444.49.

Machrie Ladies Craft Group is very grateful to all those who supported this event so generously. With funds already raised from the sale of greeting cards, a donation of £500 will be made to local Dementia Support Services.

Summer bridge

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer competition held on Monday 22 June at Lamlash was as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Ellie Jones and Jennifer McArthur, 3 Jan Beattie and Margaret McGill. E/W 1 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 2 Jennifer Wales and Doug Chase, 3 Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McKellar.

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Scotland's Gardens is a charity which supports Maggie's Caring Centres, the Queen's Nursing Institute, the gardens fund of the National Trust and Perennial. In addition, 40 per cent of the takings will be donated to the Pirmill Village Association.

Everyone is most welcome to come and enjoy the garden and support these good causes.

Reggae singer looks into Arran slave connection

The visit of a reggae singer to Arran has highlighted a notable connection between Jamaica and the island.

Last week, Claudius England visited Brodick Castle, and was shown some items from the famous Beckford Collection. This collection was purchased by Britain's first millionaire, William Beckford, who gained his vast fortune from the 22,000 acres of sugar plantations he owned in Jamaica, which used slave workers. The collection came to the castle because his daughter, Susan Euphemia Beckford, married the 10th Duke of Hamilton.

Claudius was shown the six Blackamoor Stools which are a part of the collection.

They feature figures of young slaves in submissive postures holding up the cushioned stools.

Said Claudius: 'At first I could feel anger rising within me at these stools which portray white superiority and the oppression of black people.'

'But I checked myself and I am glad that my children and I live in a different world. In my first few days in Scotland I have met so many welcoming and friendly people.'

Claudius was brought to Arran by David Pott from Lochranza who is the founder of a new initiative called Flag Up Scotland Jamaica which highlights the connections between the countries and is building partnerships and twinnings to benefit both nations.

The following day, Claudius visited Arran High School, where he shared with second year pupils about his life in



Claudius with David in the castle drawing room. 20_b26jamaica02

Jamaica, his work in prisons and his Christian faith. He sang a selection of his reggae and dance hall music which was very well received.

During his visit to Scotland, Claudius also took part in the 25th Glasgow Mela Multicultural Festival as well as sharing and conducting workshops in schools, prisons and churches in neighbouring communities.

A spokesman for the National Trust for Scotland, which owns Brodick Castle, said they were pleased to cooperate with the visit.



Claudius with two of the Blackamoor Stools. 20_b26jamaica01

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Bake Off adds to the fun at summer party



A table groans under the Bake Off entries. b26whit03NO

A fun-packed summer party held in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday, 13 June, raised £1,300 for the school fund.

The primary school parent council invited the community to celebrate with the pupils and teachers in the village hall by enjoying a couple of games of bingo with a fantastic host, Dave Hackett.

The hall was buzzing with excitement as the entries for the Great Whiting Bay Bake Off were laid out. Tables running the length of the hall were full of all kinds of delectable delicacies with prizes from Friday's Child, Coast and Arran Aromatics.

Gregor Crichton secured 1st place in the children's competition with Iona Miggins and her sister, Christina Miggins, coming in 2nd and 3rd place. Marie Park took 1st place in the adults section with Esther Brown and Biff Simpson in 2nd and 3rd.

The entertainment for the evening was topped off by the school choir giving a beauti-



The hall was packed for the summer party.

ful rendition of 'Happy' and Alice Lockheart's enchanting flute solo. With the support of many local businesses, the big prizes were handed out in the grand raffle and guess the number of balloons in the Armitage truck.

Dinner at the Douglas Hotel and The Drift Inn, a bottle of 10-year-old Arran Malt, vouchers for Whiting Bay Stores, The Coffee Pot and the Co-op, selections of Adele's cakes, a weekend in Mont Stewart house arranged

by the Arran A Team and Arran cheese were up for grabs with artists' prints from Nick Giles and Wendy Kilroe, tours of the Arran Brewery, boxes of James Chocolates and jewellery from Stella & Dot.

Iona Summer guessed the serial number on the £100 note correctly and won the £100. Lyle Robertson was the envy of everyone when he was proclaimed winner of the Golden Ticket Draw with a months supply of Arran Dair-

ies Ice Cream to keep him busy through the summer.

One of the organisers said: 'A wonderful effort from so many helpers and supporters meant that the parent council was thrilled to announce the total amount raised was over £1,300 and will go to purchase new gym equipment for the school and travel expenses for the pupils to take part in a range of activities and events.'

'A grand thank you to everyone.'

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There's something for all the family so why not make a date and come along for a great day out!

If you are heading over to the mainland during the holidays there are also Roadshows on these dates: July 10 - South Beach Ardrossan; July 17 - Eglinton Park Kilwinning; July 24 - KA Campus Dalry; July 31 - Largs Promenade; August 7 - Auchenhavrie Stevenston.

One of the most popular activities each summer is KA Leisure's junior football camps where the budding Ronaldos can develop their skills under expert coaches.

This year's camp will be held on the outdoor astroturf at the Arran Campus from Monday to Thursday, June 29 to July 2 and is open to children aged 5 to 12 years. The kids can sign up for the full camp 10am to 3pm (£45), a half camp 10am to 12 noon (£25) or simply come

along for a day (£12) or a half day (£7). To book please call 01294 317459 or email chamilton@kaleisure.com

The following week it's time to dance when KA Leisure's own dance instructor Helen Hird delivers the annual Dance Camp. At KA Campus Arran from Tuesday to Thursday July 7 to July 9, 1pm to 4pm each day. Open to children aged 5 to 15 years, the camp provides tuition in a variety of dance styles including hip hop, theatre, jazz, ballet and contemporary.

Pre booking is recommended. Call 01770 600849

The week beginning Monday July 13 until Thursday July 16 there's a Multi-Sports Camp for children aged 5 to 12 years. Call 0844 736 0077 for details of events and opening hours during the holiday period.

Throughout the holiday period KA Leisure's swimming pools at the Magnum in Irvine, Vikingar in Largs, Garnock in Kilbirnie and Auchenhavrie in Stevenston will play host to a terrific range of swimming activities including FREE swim sessions Monday to Friday for all children and young people.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Caught in the crossfire

As with most industrial disputes, it is the people in the middle who get caught in the crossfire.

A striking example of this is the breakdown in talks this week between ferry operator CalMac and its employees, which will today (Friday) cause widespread disruption and chaos for many passengers who were planning to travel to and from the island.

While not disregarding the rights and wrongs of the dispute and dismissing the depth of feeling between the two parties, the ferries provide a vital lifeline to the island communities such as Arran.

Islanders depend on CalMac and its crews to deliver food for the household table and basic materials for business and trade. These are the absolute necessities of everyday life.

And for a tourist island this can only have a negative impact on the island economy coming, as seems deliberately planned, at the start of the school holidays and just when businesses hoped for a busy start to their summer.

Yet, here we are again, in the 21st century reverting to a form of industrial relations that should have disappeared with the last plumes of acrid smoke belching out of post-war factories.

This week the Isle of Arran Community Council has called for effectively a strike ban to be written into the new tender for lifeline ferry services - but there would be strong arguments on both sides were that to be considered.

Surely, however, it is not beyond the wit of man to come up with a reasonable way to resolve disputes, especially when they involve crucial services which affect the lives of ordinary people caught in the middle of this maelstrom.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Thoughtless words

Sir,
J.A.G. of Brodick is right in his or her letter in last week's Banner. There are many many places on Arran where unspoilt nature can be enjoyed. There are just two sites where the community arts project Woollen Woods can be enjoyed.

If J.A.G. had read his or her Banner, or was involved in any of the many community and voluntary groups and schools that contributed to the project he/she would have known where these are and that the project is temporary. J.A.G. can choose to walk in many other places for the duration of the project.

If he/she had stopped to think he/she might have realised that comparing people's handicraft projects to dog mess is unspeakably thoughtless and cruel to those, including schoolchildren, who have contributed their efforts to this project.

Yours,
**Samantha Payn
Shannochie**

Missing paintings

Sir,
Having read in a recent Arran Banner about the forthcoming 8th anniversary of Kilmory Hall I would like to enquire what happened to the 11 pictures which hung on the walls of the hall.

The pictures were painted by a group of young primary artists depicting their lives in Kilmory and were much admired by locals and tourists. They were removed for the decoration of the hall a number of years ago. What has happened to the paintings? Why have they not been returned to decorate the walls of our hall?

Yours,
**Edna Picken
Kilmory**

Appeal for help

Sir,
I live on Bute and am part of a local community group that campaigned for the successful rejection of a fish farm application off the north of Inchmarnock after appeal back in 2009.

The Scottish Salmon Company is now speaking about putting in applications for two fish farms around Bute, one two miles south of Ettrick Bay and the other just south of Kilchattan Bay. We have been researching and see that SSC has a fish farm off Lamlash. We also see through the pages of The Banner that there have been some problems with this farm.

I am looking for information from community members about the farm, the company, etc. Also, if there is anyone who is interested, the SSC will be making a presentation to the Bute Community Council on 15 July and it is open to the public. I can be reached on 01700 500209 or 07833337254 or by email at: termelnel@hotmail.com.

Yours,
**Theresa Nelson
Argyle Place
Rothsay**

Filling the gap

Sir,
Further to the article in the Arran Banner regarding the Salvation Army withdrawing services from the island. Arran CVS were saddened by the news that the Salvation Army is leaving the island as they have undertaken such a huge amount of valuable work for the people of Arran.

I would also like to take the opportunity to reassure people that Arran CVS is currently in discussions with Trust Housing and another service provider in order to try to ensure that the lunch clubs and befriending services continue.

Yours
**Morven Buckby
Operations Manager
Arran Community and
Voluntary Services**

Great success

Sir,
The headteacher, staff and children of Brodick Primary School would like to thank everyone who made their Summer Fayre and Barbeque a great success. The amazing sum of £1,377 was raised on the day.

This could not happen without the generosity of every-

one who baked, donated items, handed in raffle and tombola prizes and turned up to support and help on the day.

Sean Batty certainly helped by bringing great weather.

Yours,
**Mrs Susan Kelly
head teacher
Brodick Primary School**

Total destruction

Sir,
Recently I witnessed the total destruction of a beautiful natural habitat for nesting birds when contractors moved into my neighbour's garden and blatantly raised every mature tree and bush to the ground and left a barren wasteland behind.

The next day I watched two very confused robins searching for their nest and for the probable fledgings homed there. I learned that there is a law against this and when I tackled the contractor his reply was that there was no sign of nests. How he could have been sure of this I don't know, as he simply mowed down everything in sight with the aid of a powerful chainsaw. What nature has taken years to perfect was destroyed in a few hours.

Yours,
**Myra Young
Whiting Bay**

Fantastic day

Sir,
We would like to thank everyone for making our Gate to Gate 5km Fun Run such a fantastic day again this year.

Thanks to our partners Brodick Castle and JogScotland for all their work, the Arran Pipeband, DJ Colin McDonald and our sponsors: Arran Active, Arran Dairies, Armitage Groundworks, Arran Aromatics, Auchrannie Resort, John Kerr, McNicol Plumbing & Heating, Run4It, The Co-op and Wooleys.

Thanks also to Lenny for baking the delicious scones and to Chris Hogge for the event photos which can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Excellent marshalling from Arran Mountain Rescue Team and our super-efficient

volunteers and of course JogScotty.

We would especially like to thank all the fun runners/walkers who came along and gave it 100 per cent and the spectators.

We will be making donations to the Arran Mountain Rescue Team and ArCaS.

Yours,
**Laura and Marion
RunArran**

Stakes are high

Sir,
Whilst we all hope that strike action planned for today (Friday) can be avoided, the issues at stake are high and the RMT members taking action deserve our support.

SERCO, the global giant whose business is extracting profit from public assets, are poised to take over the CalMac network, and to deny that this is privatisation - as has the SNP Scottish government, is crazy. SERCO's aim will be to maximise gain for their shareholders, and as elsewhere in the public sector, this will be at the cost of services for us, as well as pay and conditions for staff.

In the recent past, their dealings in other sectors (e.g. charging for the tagging of non-existent offenders in Criminal Justice Services) led to calls for them to be denied future UK tendering opportunities.

However, in Tory Britain, they go from bid to successful bid, among the latest being the Scotland-London sleeper trains.

Ferries are very different, potentially opening up opportunities for cost reductions not possible on land-based services and this has already been experienced on the Northlink routes to Shetland and Orkney, which SERCO have run since 2012.

Our lifeline ferry service should not be the subject of a market-driven race to the bottom and we should show our support for their action.

Yours,
**Colin Turbett
Rannoch
Shiskine**

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How one iconic photo helped to launch career for Alice

A photograph taken on Arran 20 years ago launched the career of Alice Martin.

The iconic night-time picture of the deer at Lochranza Castle was the first major boost to Alice's photography career and prints and cards of the picture are still selling well on Arran and on the mainland.

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, Alice is going to be signing posters of 'Stag Night in Lochranza' at the Arran Malt Whisky and Music Festival at the Isle of Arran Distillery today (Saturday).



Photographer Alice Martin.

And she says she has much to thank The Arran Banner for in helping to launch her career.

Alice, who lives in Uddingston, takes up the story.

She said: 'I bought my first camera in 1993 and, with the first film, I took a photo of Goatfell from Brodick and entered it for The Arran Banner's annual photo competition. To my delight I won first prize and it started my interest in photography. The camera, which is now in the Arran Heritage Museum took panoramic photos, which was ideal for capturing the mountain range on Arran.'

'In August 1995, I bought a film for my camera and went off to Corrie Capers to take photos from the sea plane that was part of the Capers programme. Unfortunately it never arrived as it was grounded in Ireland.

'That evening, I went over



The famous Stag Night in Lochranza photograph. b26deer02NO

to Lochranza to take photos of the sunset. As I stood at the lochside, a herd of deer walked down the burn and into the loch in front of me. I quickly took the photos and then my film finished.

'I again entered the Banner photo competition but I did not win but was placed in the "best of the rest". By this time my interest in photography was growing and each week I read the Amateur Photography magazine.

'On one page you could send your photos in and the editor would tell you what

was good or bad about them. I sent my "Stag Night in Lochranza" photo in and it was published the photo and it made photo of the week. The editor stated that it was the best panoramic photo he had seen for six years.'

Best photo

Alice continued: 'At the end of the year he selected one photo that had been sent in to be awarded the best photo. "Stag Night" was selected and I won a camera.

'I had to give up my teaching career in 1997 due to arthritis in my joints. I was

being asked by friends for copies of photos I was taking on Arran and started to sell them in Something Special in Brodick. I went to Graham Chappell of Arran Graphics who helped me print cards and a calendar of Arran and I started to sell them in the shops on the island.

'Then the depute head teacher from my school in Glasgow asked me to be the photographer at her daughter's wedding. I resisted, but was eventually persuaded to take the photos. I had to buy a camera that had the tech-

nical qualities for such an occasion. I was nervous to start with, but once I began to click away I found it a great experience.

'My wedding photography career began through word of mouth. I have taken many weddings over the years, many on Arran, but some further afield in London, Poland, Canada and Ireland.'

Alice added: 'I really liked the Arran weddings as the background views are stunning and people really set out to enjoy themselves. One bride and groom asked me to take them round Arran and stop at all my favourite views.'

'Another couple stopped on the Ross road on a damp dreich day and I captured them with an atmospheric shot of the bride in her beautiful white dress.'

*The festival, which started last night is on from 11am till 5pm today (Saturday) and a festival ceilidh featuring the popular band, Skipinnish, is on tonight.

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Men's race winner Joel Lumsden is presented with his trophy by Billy Mitchell of jogscotland.



First woman home Lynsey MacKintosh receives her prize from Billy Mitchell of jogscotland.



Gate to Gate organisers and marshalls with JogScotty.

Fun in the Gate to Ga

Almost 100 competitors enjoyed a run in the sun at Brodick Castle last weekend.

The second Gate to Gate fun run proved even better than the first and the whole event had a great atmosphere.

This year, for the first time, the registration and start was in the shadow of the castle, making a splendid backdrop.

To make it even more family friendly, this year the entry age was lowered from 17 to 12. At 12.30pm a total of 98 runners of

all ages, including many from the mainland, lined up for the starting gun.

The 5K route took the runners to each gate of the castle before an uphill return to the finish. First to cross the line were: men 17+ Joel Lumsden, women 17+ Lynsey MacKintosh, boys 12 to 16 Ross Dobson, girls 12 to 16 Eilidh Hamill. The eldest participant shield went to Elizabeth Alexander.

The event this year was part of the jogscotland challenge series



Under 16 girls winner Eilidh Hamill.



Under 16 boys winner Ross Dobson powers his way to the finish line.



Competitors take part in a mass warm up.

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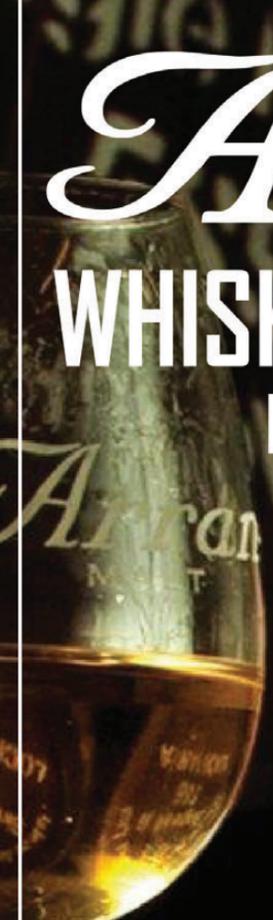
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Keen Arran runner Jon Smith crosses the finishing line.



Jean McInnes (66), Gail Goatley (138) and Anne Curtis (23) take the course in their stride.

sun for te runners

of events and their official mascot JogScotty was on hand for photos throughout the day.

The event was organised by RunArran and Brodick Castle and there were various charity stalls as well as kids' fun and games during the day.

The Douglas cocktail tent also proved popular with the adults.

Marion McNicol of RunArran said: 'We would like to say a huge thanks to everyone involved for their continued sup-

port at our Gate to Gate 5k fun run. We were so lucky with the weather again this year with the sun shining and the whole event had a great atmosphere.'

Brodick Castle property manager David Cameron added: 'Congratulations to all those who took part in this year's Gate to Gate run and made it such a success and to all those who volunteered and made it such a success.'

'We are looking forward to the third Gate to Gate in 2016.'



Alison Burns is all smiles during the run.



Lois Bell heads for the finishing line.

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Lamlash win Dragon's Den-style contest by designing wildlife app

Pupils from Lamlash Primary School have been announced as winners of a Dragon's Den-style competition to design apps that solve real-world problems.

The Highlands and Islands 'Apps for Good' final took place last Friday where schools from across the re-

gion pitched their products via live videos to a panel of judges based at the University of the Highlands and Islands' (UHI) executive office in Inverness.

Almost 30 schools, from Orkney to Arran, took part in the project which was organised and led by Highlands

and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

Wick High School won the secondary schools category with Lamlash the winning primary school.

During the final, held at the UHI Learning Centre, the P6/7 Lamlash pupils demonstrated their app which will help tourists and hobbyists to identify local wildlife when they are out and about.

Wick High School pupils demonstrated their two apps, one of which was aimed at encouraging young people to become more active and engaged with their local environment. The other app aimed to increase students' productivity by blocking out the distraction of non-essential apps and social media on their smart phones.

Prizes were also awarded to Speyside High School for their app which identifies and gives advice on mental health



One pupil asks a question during the final held via a live video link. 20_b26app02



VisitArran's Sheila Gilmore presents the P6 Lamlash pupils with their prizes. 20_b26app01

issues which might affect young people, and Arisaig Primary School which was awarded a prize for their app which directed people to watersports activities according to their location.

The project has been supported by HIE and funded by Digital Scotland Business Excellence Partnership (DS-BEP).

Joyce MacLennan, head of finance and business services at HIE, said: 'Each group was given ten minutes to present their pitch via video-conference and we were looking for original ideas and well researched and planned projects. Congratulations to the two worthy winners who both went the extra mile to plan and pitch their products.'

'The pupils used the most

up-to-date mobile technology to design and make their products. We would like to thank all the teams who took part and we hope this encourages more young talent to help build the skills pipeline to support the vibrant technology industry in the region.'

Vouchers

Lamlash youngsters were presented with their prizes, a Samsung Galaxy Tablet for the school and itunes vouchers for the pupils, by VisitArran executive director, Sheila Gilmore, representing industry on the island.

Headteacher, Barry Smith, said: 'We are delighted to have received this award and it is recognition of the effort and enthusiasm of both Mrs Henderson our P6/7 teacher

and the children who have embraced the opportunity.

'The Apps for Good competition has been a highly motivating way for our children to engage with learning in computing science through a 'real-life' context and has provided an excellent vehicle to prepare them for the transition of this learning into High School. We look forward to building further on what we have all learned through our involvement this year.'

Chief Dragon, Gary I Campbell, key account director of UHI, said: 'UHI, as a digitally connected university was delighted with the quality and diversity of the presentations and we hope to welcome some of these young people as computer scientists of the future.'

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Pupils use all their senses to become woodland experts

Senior pupils at Whiting Bay Primary School have been getting back to nature to complete their John Muir Award.

This is the 5th year in a row that pupils at the school have undertaken the award challenge which requires them to spend at least four days out of the classroom exploring some wild places.

Each year there is a different focus, but the objectives are the same - to engage with the natural environment and encourage involvement in conservation.

This time, the focus has been woodland areas on Arran. Pupils have been challenged to discover a wild place, explore its wildness, conserve a wild place and share their experiences.

Challenge

All P6/7 pupils have completed the challenge and received their certificates at a presentation about their experiences at the school on Tuesday.

Pupils have visited Glenashdale, the Dyemill, Lag a Beith and Brodick

Castle Country Park. Activities have involved the children using all their senses to explore each different woodland. They have also played lots of games to encourage an enjoyment of the natural environment and studies of local flora and fauna have taken place, both outside and inside the classroom.

Conservation of the Lag a Beith woodland involved lopping some downy birch saplings to encourage growth of hazel trees. They also did a beach clean along the shore in front of the school towards Sandbraes.

Most importantly, when pupils were asked how the experience made them feel they were very positive with words like 'creative, energized, calm, relaxed, adventurous, curious, and peaceful' all used. One pupil summed up the project by saying: 'The world is made to be enjoyed - so enjoy it!'

The award work has only been possible because of the generosity of the Arran Trust who very kindly donated some money for the school to buy midge nets, notebooks etc. as well as funding for the transport costs



One pupil contemplates on a river bank.



The pupils on their visit to Brodick Country Park.



Time for a break at the Country Park.

Collection tells story of Arran people - in their own words

Feis Arainn has just released a book of songs, music, stories, poems and sayings from the island.

The Arran Collection or Arainn Nam Beann, which is written in both Gaelic and English, tells the story of the people of Arran through their own words, in a language that is brimming with richness, passion and expression.

The pages of the book are full of detail of life on Arran as well as the landscape that can only come from those with an intimate sense of their subject.

It also contains a variety of music ranging from haunting slow airs to lively reels and pipe marches.

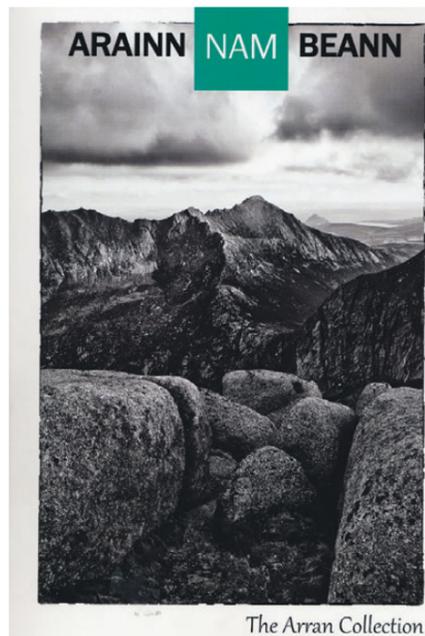
Readers will discover the stories of Arran characters like Donald Currie, who is press-ganged in the Napoleonic wars, smuggler, Dan Cook, Isabella Sillars whose father heard the fairy piper, Angus Currie who died fighting for the McDonalds of Skye at the battle of Gruinart on Islay, and a man called Robertson whose favourite cow was stolen by the Campbells of Cowal.

There are gems of wisdom to be found in the poetry and sayings, tempered with a good measure of humour.

The modern Arranach will still identify with sentiments expressed in sayings like 'friendship without hate nor love is the

friendship that lasts longest', or 'gratitude will not put soles on my shoes'.

The Arran Collection, which is sure to be popular with both locals and visitors to the island alike, is on sale now from bookshops priced £8.



The front cover of The Arran Collection.

WIN!

A family ticket for The Falkirk Wheel!

The Falkirk Wheel is one of Scotland's top tourist destinations and attracts visitors from all across the World. The best way to experience The Falkirk Wheel is by taking a trip on a breath-taking boat journey. The 50 minute journey lifts the boat up 35m from the Fourth and Clyde canal and sails smoothly from The Falkirk Wheel onto the Union Canal. The family ticket includes 2 adults and 2 children for a boat trip. We have four tickets to give away, which are valid until the 31st of October. For more details go to www.thefalkirkwheel.co.uk

For your chance to win a family ticket for The Falkirk Wheel, simply answer this easy question, complete the coupon and post it to The Oban Times, Falkirk Wheel Competition, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB. Entries must be submitted by 7 July 2015.

Question: How long does the boat journey take? a) 30 b) 40 c) 50 minutes?

Answer.....

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone..... Email.....

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 1 July, 1995

Sizzling summer

Arran is sizzling in a heatwave. The beaches are suddenly full of bathers and sunbathers and people's dress has suddenly changed.

The fine weather has been with us only nine days so far, but each day has got a little hotter. The highest recorded temperature was on Wednesday when the shade at Brodick Castle was measured at 29C (84.2F). Pretty sizzling for Arran.

This is the highest temperature recorded at the castle for eight years, but wait, that is only as far as records go, so it could be the hottest for 80 years.

However, the hot weather has brought its problems with the extremely dry conditions causing a grass fire at North Sannox on Thursday, but it was quickly brought under control.

First isle whisky

The island now has its own whisky. Yesterday the first whisky from the Lochranza Distillery is being poured into casks to begin its long maturing.

But isn't it just a few weeks ago that they began to build the distillery, we hear you ask?

Well yes, is the answer, but it takes a long

time to mature so it makes sense to get some started even though the building work is not entirely finished.

But it will be a long time before you can buy it. They could sell it at three years, said distiller Gordon Mitchell, but they will keep it for five years before blending it.

Altogether 4,000 litres of whisky have been manufactured. But now, with the maturing now underway, they are closing down again to get the building fully finished.

Arran relay

The Hospital Supporters League round Arran relay walk took place last weekend.

The day started early on Saturday morning in brilliant sunshine with 10 teams taking part.

They left Whiting Bay at 6am anticipating two and a half hours, at least, to Lagg, but the first person arrived in two hours and one minute, and that was the pace set for the rest of the day.

First team back in Whiting Bay was the The Dream Team (the auld yins) in 11 hours 54 minutes. The last team returned in 14 hours 35 minutes.

This was the Arran Army Cadets, the youngest entrants, who finished off the last half mile army-marching over the finish line.



The Army Cadets march across the finish line of the round Arran relay walk. b26twe02



Volunteers fight the grass fire at North Sannox caused by the heatwave. b26twe06



Fun in the sun at Corrie Primary School sports day this week. b26twe01



The Lamlash team who beat Whiting Bay in the Hope Cup final. Club captain, Nigel Marshall, holds the trophy with non-playing team captain, Jim Henderson. Also in the photograph are Dougie Macfarlane, Arthur Duncam, Ian Bremner and Iain Murchie. b26twe03



Married at Corrie Church last Saturday were Rachel, second daughter of Peter and Margaret Jones of Araluen, Shiskine and Struan Armitage, only son of Jim Armitage and Gail Swan of Ayr. b26twe04

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 27th 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
 Arran Malt & Music Festival
 Mary's Meals Coffee Morning

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
 Lochranza Distillery, 11am - 5pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon

Sunday 28th June

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
 Crafts Day
 Garden Walk
 Anniversary Triples

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 2-3pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm

Monday 29th June

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

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm
 Whiting Bay 5.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm

Tuesday 30th June

Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary Club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Live music
 Garden Walk
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink Game

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

RunArran
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Open Cricket Session

Lamlash, 5.30pm
 All Stages, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Atsro Turf 7pm-9pm

Wednesday 1st July

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
 Dougarie Gardens
 Parkinson's Research Meeting
 Summer Fete

Lamlash Church Hall 10.15am-12noon
 Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9am-10am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
 Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
 Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Dougarie Lodge, 2-5pm
 Arran War Memorial Hospital, 2-4pm
 New Montrose House, Brodick, 2pm

Thursday 2nd July

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

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

Friday 3rd July

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 Family Fun Night
 Brodick Market
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9am - 10am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm -8.30pm



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Holy Communion 11.00 am.
Rev Paul Fletcher, East Kilbride (subject to ferry situation)
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 1st July
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Sunday 28th June
Songs of Praise at 6.30pm
on the Green, Lamlash (in Lamlash Church if wet).
With Arran Brass.
Offering to Mary's Meals.
ALL WELCOME.
There will be Taizé worship on Thursday, 2nd July, at 7.30 pm, in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
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Mrs Jean Hunter:

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Sunday 28th June

Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12 noon Morning worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.
Arran Churches Together Songs of Praise Service, 6.30pm, Lamlash Green.

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Sunday 28th June
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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Family Service and presentation of Sunday Club prizes
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 28th June
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Richard Muir

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 28th June
Morning Service, 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service, 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 1st July
at 7pm
5 Glen Road.
All welcome

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)
Sunday 28th June
Family Worship will be conducted by the minister
Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall.
All welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship.
All most welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass: Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

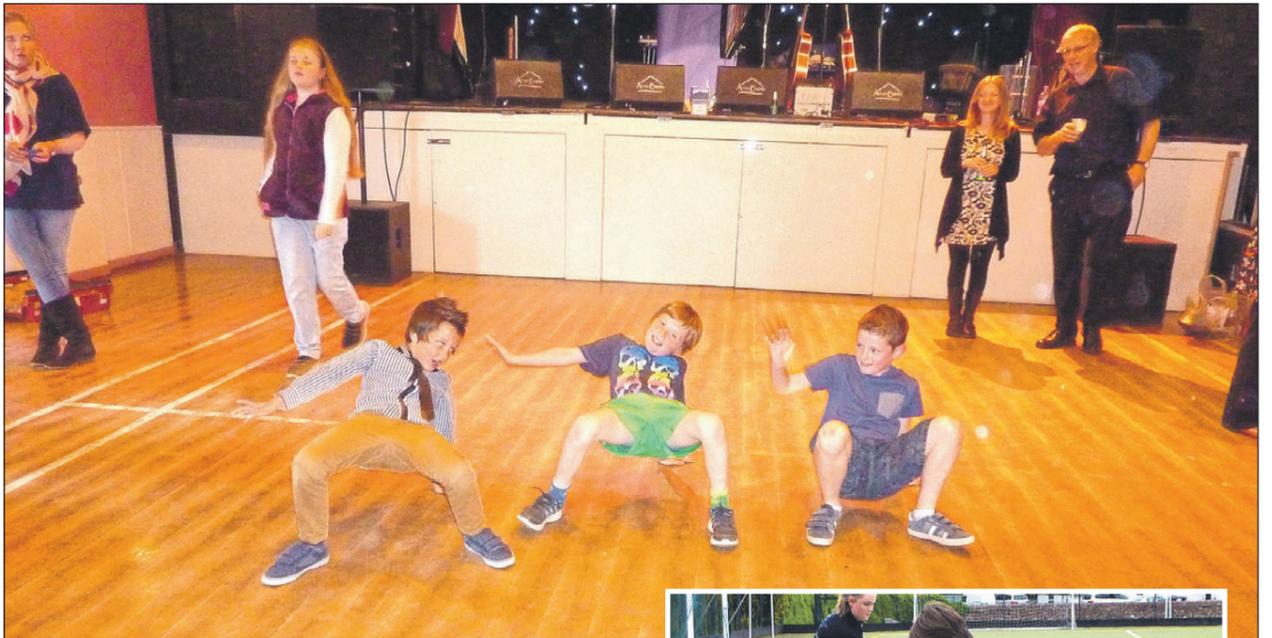
Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 28th June
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakes meet every Sunday at 11am. For meeting venue ring - 830622, 820223

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

YOUNG - The Young family would like express our heartfelt thanks for the many condolences, kind words, messages and flowers received by the family. We are thankful for them all and appreciate the support and love in this time of loss and bereavement. Thanks also to Rev. Lily McKinnon for her support and for her conduct of the cremation and uplifting church service to celebrate Christine's life.



Having fun on the dance floor at the ceilidh.

Kids enjoy hockey festival

The Arran Junior invitational hockey festival was held recently.

On Saturday 13 June, Arran Junior Hockey Club children were joined by nine youngsters from Ardrossan for a day of fun hockey drills and games, led by Youth coaches from Helensburgh.

In the evening a ceilidh was held with Andy Robinson manning the burger BBQ and

the committee ran a tombola, raffle, stand up bingo and penny toss events to add to the festivities.

Compete

The following day the club were joined by Uddingston Junior Hockey Club to compete in the weekend's round robin tournament.

Uddingston retained the winners shield but Arran Juniors played with good spirit



Youngsters test their hockey skills.

and sportsmanship.

The organisers would like to thanks to all who supported

the weekend, donated raffle prizes and made the weekend a great success.

Focus on football:

Shiskine 0-2 Southend

Southend battled to win a scrappy encounter away to Shiskine on Monday night. Sandy Kelso was suspended for the visitors which meant the Shiskine boys could loosen their shinguards a little for the encounter.

The first half remained goalless after a dull period

of football. Shiskine's Finlay Murchie made a couple of great saves to keep his team level and he was helped by a solid performance from centre back Fraser Anderson.

In the second half Southend were awarded a corner early on and Fraser Gilbert whipped in an inviting cross which was met by Danny 'Heider' Head who lived up to his name to open the scoring.

Shiskine's talisman John Murchie was forced to go off injured after going over his ankle following a shot on goal. Donnie Park was then given a yellow card by referee Kyle Barbour for a late studs up challenge on Fred

Galbraith. Fraser Gilbert completed the scoring with a shot into the bottom corner which Murchie couldn't get to in time.

Northend 0-4 Lamlash
Lamlash travelled North in the other game of the night and defeated Northend by four goals to nil.

Northend held out for the first half an hour but then the ball came loose and up stepped Sean 'Higgy' Higgins who rifled home a half-volley from over 30 yards. One Northender described the strike by saying: 'If anyone got in the way of it then they would be dead!' Hard to believe coming from little Higgy who probably weighs less than the ball itself!

Five minutes later it was 2-0 after James 'Big Jim' Todd finally forced the ball into the net after a goalmouth scramble to open his account for the season.

The away side pushed further ahead with great link up play resulting in a third scored by Grant 'Mini Addy' Adamson.

Despite young Alistair Innes having Johnny Sloss in his back pocket for most of the game, Johnny managed to escape for a brief moment to provide a bit of wing wizardry and complete the scoring at 0-4.

It was good to see a lot of

young talents in the Northend side. However they were taught a lesson by their head teacher Barry Smith in the middle of the park for Lamlash who was made man of the match for a commanding performance.

This weeks fixtures are Lamlash vs Brodick at 6.30pm and Shiskine vs Northend at 7pm. Both matches are on Monday 29 June..

Northend 0-14 Southend
Last Thursday saw Northend host Southend in the rearranged game that had been called off due to the weather. Top of the table Southend taught the Northenders a lesson in a 14 goals to nil rout.

Lewis Kennedy bagged five of the goals including a stunning half volley strike from close to the half-way line which lobbed the keeper. New Zealander Fraser Gilbert scored four as well.

Fraser thrived in surroundings which must have reminded him of his homeland as a majority of the spectators were sheep at the 'Ewe' Camp Stadium.

Davie Morrison got two of the goals, one of which was another impressive lob from well outside the area. Ryan Armstrong and Donnie Park got one apiece and the scoring was completed with an uncharacteristic Peter Gilson own goal.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MACPHERSON - Jean and the family of the Late Ian MacPherson wish to thank all relatives, friends, colleagues and neighbours for their kindness and expressions of sympathy, actions, cards, letters and flowers during this sad time of bereavement. Special thanks are due to the staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital, Dr A. Gaw, and the alert team for their expert care and kindness to Ian in his final days. Special thanks too, to the Rev. Lily McKinnon for her spiritual support and for her conduct of Ian's funeral service: and to David and Clair Hendry, the funeral directors, for their kindness and support.

DEATH

HISLOP - Sadly we announce the death of Lesley at her home on June 11, 2015. She was a much loved daughter of Elza and the late Bill, special sister to Donald and Robin, she was soul mate to her husband Mark and a treasured mum to Anna and Jo. We will all miss her so.

18TH BIRTHDAY



HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY

With lots of love and best wishes
Mum, Derek, Jessica, Lauren and Boyd.xx



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Monday and Tuesday 15 and 16 June 2015, Gents Seniors Open, Stableford.

The first of our 2015 open competitions got under way with decent weather conditions and a golf course in great condition. CSS remained at 63/36 points on the first day with the top five players all matching or bettering CSS. On day two, the CSS rose to 66/33 points when, again, the top five players matched or bettered that benchmark.

Day 1: 1 John Dick (16) 41pts, 2 John Rankin (8) 39, 3 Colin Nisbet (10) 38, 4 Graeme Andrew (9) 37. Day 2: 1 Andrew Martin (12) 40pts, 2 Hugh Kerr (22) 37, 3 James McCulloch (25) 34, 4 David Brookens (12) 33.

Winner of the Seniors Open was John Dick with the best single round of 41 points; runner up was Andy Martin on 40. John also scooped the super seniors (over 65) prize and the 36 hole sweep on 73 points. Congratulations to John on a fine winning performance and thanks to everyone who took part and supported this wonderful addition to our calendar.

Thanks to John Simmons and the clubhouse staff who looked after us so well with burgers and refreshments, to Stewart and Struan for the wonderful condition of the course and to Mary and Iain for helping to ensure the smooth running of the event from their control room in the starter's hut.

Finally a huge vote of thanks to our generous sponsors, Jackie and Colin Nisbet, for their unstinting support of this ever popular event.

Wednesday 17 June, Summer Trophy round 10, 11 played, CSS 63. 1 Corey Allen (7) 60 (and lowest gross), 2 Gus Macleod (11) 61, 3 John Pennycott

(14) 62, 4 David Morrison (9) 65. David had the only magic two of the day at the eighth hole. Yes, the eighth!

Sunday 21 June, Eric Wood Memorial Trophy. Following last month's weather postponement, this popular Stableford event got under way with a field of 12. The CSS rose to 64/35 stableford points. 1 Gus Macleod (11)

37pts, 2 John Christie (9) 34, 3 Graeme Crichton (13) 32, 4 Bob Hastings (13) - 31. Bob recorded the only magic two of the day at the fifteenth hole.

Fixtures: Wednesday 24 June, Ballantyne Cup. Sunday 28 June, The Morton Quaich. And don't forget, Saturday 27 June at Brodick GC, WBGC plays Lam-lash GC in the semi finals of the



John Dick, winner of the seniors open at Whiting Bay.

Hope Cup. Ties go off at 1pm. Please come along and give our team some support.

Ladies section: Sunday 21 June, Medal, 1 Jean Davidson 90-25=65, 2 Christine McLeod 90-23=67.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 17 June, Summer Cup, 32 played, CSS 65. 1 Angus Raeburn 75-13=62 BIH, 2 James

Armit 72-10=62, 3 Greg McCrae 70-5=65. Scratch - Ewan McKinnon 65 BIH.

In not a very pleasant evening, Angus Raeburn with a better inward half beat James Armit, both with good scores of 62. Billy Armit won The Golden Two for his two at the third hole, that hole being selected by our hole selector, the top nosh caterer Trish.

Sunday 21 June, The Club Trophy, 19 played, CSS 65. 1 Billy Armit 72-8=64, 2 Gordon Hendry 70-5=65 BIH, 3 Marc McClelland 71-6=65. Scratch - Gordon Hendry 70.

After the success at winning the Golden Two, Billy has followed with real success by winning the Club Trophy, one of, if not the best looking, cup in the clubhouse. Marc McClelland, a new member based on the mainland, came third behind Gordon Hendry who also won the scratch. Well done Marc, a place in only your second outing.

Ladies section: Tuesday 16 June, Captain's Prize. There was an excellent response to this competition as 26 ladies played and 10 played in the non competitive game. The weather remained dry and the breeze kept the midges at bay.

The best score was produced by Brenda Livingston with 24 points over 12 holes and she received the prize. Gege Kroner had the same score but Brenda had the better inward half.

The ladies were joined for supper by four past captains and some very good friends of the club and everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Tuesday 23 June, Wilkie Trophy, 13 played, CSS 67. 1 Lesley Murray 38 pts, 2 Margaret Roxburgh 37 pts, 3 Gege Kroner 35 pts. 9 hole Stableford, 6 played. 1 Liz Lawrie 16pts, 2 Jennifer McArthur 13pts.

Fixtures: Tuesday 30 June, June medal and St Elmo Cup. Tuesday 7 July, Stronach Foursomes.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 18 June, Summer Cup, 20 played, CSS 65. 1 Matt Harvey 81-18=63, 2 Todd Jameson 69-4=65, 3 Norrie MacIntyre 74-8=66. Scratch Todd Jameson 69. Magic twos Allan Colquhoun at 17th, Colin Richardson at 16th, Todd Jameson at 13th and 16th, Stuart Campbell at 16th.

Sunday 21 June, Jameson Cup, nine played, CSS 64. 1 Matt Harvey 80-17=63, 2 Allan Winship 78-13=65. Scratch Graeme Andrew 75. Magic two Alan Smith at 2nd. Fixtures: Thursday 25 June, Summer Cup, see starter for times. Saturday 27 June, AGA Hope Cup, Lamlash v Whiting Bay at Brodick GC 1pm. Sunday 28 June, Medal Shield. Tee times 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Ladies section: Wednesday 17 June, Stroke and Championship Qualifier, 9 played, CSS 64, par 65. 1 Alison Heron 87 (22) 65, 2 Liz Sinclair 83 (16) 67, 3 June Richardson 94 (24) 70. Scratch Liz Sinclair 83.

Fixture: Ladies Open Wednesday 22 July, places available. Phone 600820.

Machrie Golf Club

The three Club Championship fi-



Sandy Murray, Gents Champion, Jenni Turnbull, Ladies Champion, Captain Douglas Johnston and Phil Betley, Presidents Cup winner at Machrie Golf Club.

nals were played in near-perfect conditions on Monday 22 June. All were very close matches.

Men's Championship - Sandy Murray beat Willie Kelso on the 18th. Ladies Championship - Jenni Turnbull beat Alice Anderson on the 18th. President's Cup - Phil Betley beat Brian Sherwood on the 17th.

Tuesday 16 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary medal, 16 played. 1 Campbell Laing 79-19=60, 2 Ron Woods 79-18=61, 3 Mark Sherwood 70-5=65. Tuesday 23 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary medal 16 played. 1 D Price 77-13=64 2 J Pennycott 78-13=65 BIH, 3 P Betley 80-15=65.

Fixtures: Tuesday 30 June, Gleneagles medal at 12.30 and 5pm, a chance to win a free trip to play at Gleneagles. Saturday 4 July, Captain's Day at 2pm, not 12.30pm as printed on fixture list, 9 holes only. Tea and cakes afterwards, many prizes.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 18 June, Nancy McCutcheon Trophy, 10 played, CSS 44. 1 Alice Anderson 21pts BIH, 2 Mary Jo Tod 21pts, 3 Sheila Gray 20pts BIH.



Brenda Livingston with the Captain's Prize at Brodick.

Arran Golfers Association

Kelso Cup final at Brodick Golf Club Friday 19 June. Brodick took on Lamlash in this year's final after Lamlash got a bye and Brodick defeated Shiskine in the semi. The weather was kind with

a slight breeze and no rain and it was great to see so many spectators. Thanks to Brodick for hosting and to Keith and his boys for the condition of the course which was superb. Thanks also to Terry and Sid for refereeing over the two nights. Special mention to James Browning for his continued sponsorship of the juniors.

After a great tussle the front pairings finished all square so all to play for in the second game. After some splendid golf from all the boys Brodick managed to hole a four-footer on 17 to take the match and cup by two holes. Well done to the boys. The way they played and the sportsmanship shown was a credit to them all and their clubs.

Hope Cup 2015 at Brodick Golf Club, first round Saturday 20 June. After some good golf throughout Shiskine, Whiting Bay and Lamlash all won through to next week's finals day. Full report next week.

Draw: Brodick v Shiskine 1pm, Lamlash v Whiting Bay 1.20pm. Final from 6pm. Corrie Hotel Cup Friday 3 July from 5pm. Draw: Brodick B v Lochranza B 5pm, Shiskine B v Brodick A 5.10pm, Shiskine A v Lamlash A 5.20pm, Whiting Bay A v Corrie A 5.30pm, Lamlash B v Machrie A 5.40pm, Lochranza A v Machrie B 5.50pm, Corrie B v Whiting Bay B 6pm.



Alice Anderson with the Nancy McCutcheon Trophy she won at Shiskine.



The winning Brodick team with the Kelso Cup, left to right, Adam McNicol, Glen Mlotek and Ryan Wilson. Also in the team but missing from the photo was Matthew MacDonald.

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Getting on their bikes for a day of cycling fun in Lamlash

The first annual Arran Bike Fest took place last Sunday, with cyclists from all over the island converging on Lamlash simply to have fun on bikes.

At 10am five different groups left from the high school to enjoy a couple of hours cycling, from short easy road and mountain bike rides to longer and harder rides, depending on ability.

Most road riders headed to Kildonan with some turning back early and others continuing on further, returning over the Ross road. The mountain bikers disappeared into Dyemill forest and beyond for some off road action, with everyone returning to the high school playing field for fun activities including 200m grass track events,

a slalom course, bike and skills sharing opportunities, a slow race and lots of bicycle banter.

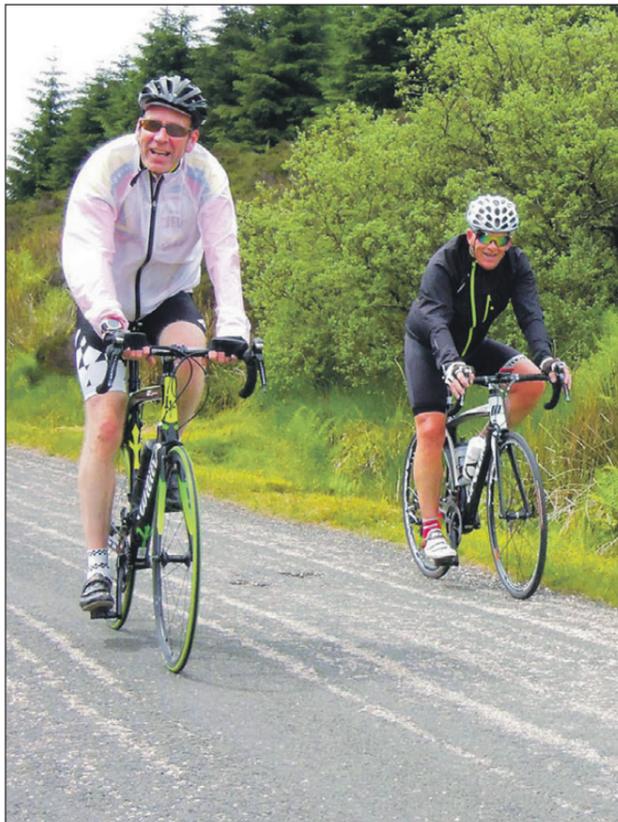
The whole group then cycled through Lamlash village to the Drift Inn to enjoy a barbecue and drinks in the beer garden which was a great end to a great day.

The organisers thank the Drift Inn for accommodating so many cyclists, Christopher Hogge and 'This is Cambridge' for the well-earned slow race prize, Arran high school bike club and Robert McNeice for cones, spare bikes and the playing field and to everyone for attending on what started out as a wet and windy day but ending in beautiful sunshine for the barbecue. Everyone is welcome back in 2016.



Some of the keen cyclists who took part in the fun.

Photos: Christopher Hogge



Out on the open road.



A big line up for the start of a race.



It got competitive at times



Two of the cyclists try some tricks.

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