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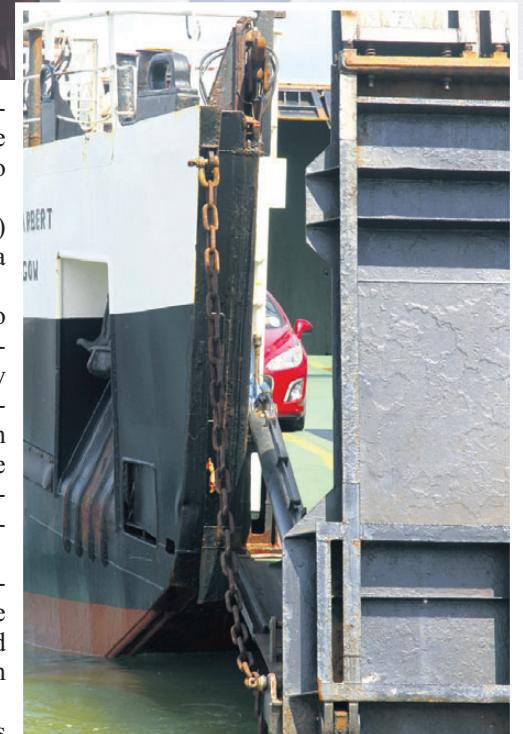
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Thwarted thieves caught by CalMac skipper



Skipper Gavin Crawford, right, and engineer Charles Weir tried to stop the thieves. 20_b27loc01



The narrow gap in the ramp through which the thieves escaped. 20_b27loc02

REPORT

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The search continues for two thieves who staged a Dunkirk-style landing from the Claonaig ferry on Monday morning after being rumbled by the alert skipper.

The two men - who are believed to have been involved with a spate of thefts around the island - fled into the hills, sparking a helicopter hunt.

The men, who had more than £14,000-worth of power tools hidden in their car, had tried to escape with their haul on to the Mull of Kintyre after catching the first sailing on the MV Loch Tarbert

from Lochranza. An alert had gone out to Caledonian MacBrayne crews after several builders on the island discovered their vans and sheds had been broken into overnight.

Gavin Crawford, skipper of the MV Loch Tarbert, said: 'I received a message from our Brodick office to keep an eye open for any suspicious looking vehicles or passengers and sure enough, there were two guys in a car on board who prompted us to take a closer look.'

'They seemed calm as we took a look inside and found lots of tools and other building machinery.'

'Some was covered up on the back seat, and the

boot was jam-packed with other kit. The police were called and as we approached the slipway at Claonaig, I told the guys to stay put while the other traffic disembarked.'

'They seemed at first to accept our command, but at the very last second they tried to drive off the ferry - but we managed to hoist

up the ramp just in time to block them. However, they leapt out of the car and somehow squeezed round the edge of the ramp and jumped into the water before wading ashore and running up into the hills.'

Blackwaterfoot contractor John Robertson, who has owned a business on Arran for 50 years, said: 'I

went out to my van early in the morning ready for work - only to discover a whole lot of power tools, some of them hired, were gone.'

'The value was at least £3,000 and probably more.'

'This sort of thing seldom happens on Arran, so it came as a bit of a shock.'

Police Sergeant Allen Dodds confirmed: 'We received reports from several local tradesmen regarding the theft of high value property early on Monday morning.'

'Thanks to the vigilance of the community on Arran, we were made aware that two men who may

have information regarding the thefts had left the island on the Lochranza to Claonaig Ferry.'

'As of today (Thursday) we are still following a positive line of enquiry.'

He added: 'Anyone who has any information in relation to any persons they suspect to be acting suspiciously to speak with either myself or any of the local officers here on Arran or contact Police Scotland on 101.'

'Can I remind all residents of the importance of ensuring all cars and homes are locked when unattended.'

All the stolen power tools have now been returned to their owners.



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Charity breaks £100,000 fund raising barrier

The Arran Cancer Support Trust charity shop in Brodick made £91,490 in the financial year which ended on 31 March. They also received £11,037 in donations over the same period bringing the total income to £102,527.

The results were announced at the 25th annual general meeting of ArCaS held in the Glen Cloy Suite at the Auchranie Spa on 26 June.

The trust was set up in 1989 to help relieve the suffering and distress of people with cancer on Arran. The funds raised are used to provide transport to hospitals on the mainland. Any excess funds are dispersed to the

community nurses, Arran general surgeries and mainland hospitals that provide diagnostic services and support for cancer patients and their carers.

In the last financial year patient transport costs were £29,895.

The gifts made by ArCaS were: GP services £2,754, complementary services £1,450 and community nurses £635. Arran War Memorial Hospital received £8,945 to help reconfigure a ward to include a palliative care unit and Ayr Hospital received £40,000 to purchase software to help with the diagnosis of prostate cancer.

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New volunteers will give castle visitors a warm welcome

Brodick Castle is on the lookout for volunteers to help everyone get the best possible experience out of their visit.

To this end it is not only seeking new castle guides but creating a new team of warm welcome volunteers to give exactly that.

Castle collections manager Francesca Hollow said: 'The National Trust for Scotland prides itself on being a place for everyone and we want to provide the best experience for everyone at Brodick Castle.'

It will be the job of the new warm welcome guides to be the first to greet visitors in the grand entrance hall and offer any assistance required.

This may be in the form of special access requirements for the disabled, help with children or overcoming any language barrier.

Head guide of more than 20 years Eileen McAllister said: 'We have a small but dedicated team of volunteers but we would like to see that number

expand. No experience is necessary, all that is needed are people with an interest in history and who enjoy meeting people.'

The time given by volunteers can be flexible depending on their other commitments. All new volunteers are given an introduction and full briefing pack and there will always be others around to help should they be unable to answer a question themselves.

'The guides are a sociable group and a good team to be part of.'

'The visitors to the castle are extremely knowledgeable on a range of subjects and any new guide will get to meet an awful lot of nice people,' Eileen added.

Francesca said the new warm welcome volunteers' request was a 'really exciting opportunity' for people to get involved.

'These volunteers will have the job of welcoming people into the property and helping in any way to ensure every



Eileen McAllister and Francesca Hollow in the entrance hall where the new warm welcome volunteers will operate. 20_b27vol01

visitor has a great day out.

'We have found from experience that people are very grateful if you can attend to their needs.'

The castle is also looking at improving disabled access to the property and provide small prams to allow easier access for parents with small

children.

Francesca added: 'We are looking for people who can offer a commitment to provide everyone with a high-value visitor experience.'

Anyone interested should contact Brodick Castle on 302202 or by email at brodickcastle@nts.org.uk

Lorry driver fined for snapping while driving

A man has been fined for taking pictures of Arran's scenery – while driving a truck carrying five tons of hot tar.

Jason McCallay, 39, had never been to the island before and was captivated by Goatfell as he drove along the A841 road in February.

So he decided to take photos, while driving.

But police officers in an unmarked car spotted him – and McCalley, from Dumfries, landed up at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court last week.

The court heard the police

officers observed a male in the driver's seat with his left hand on the steering wheel with the top part of his body turned and facing out the window.

Mobile Phone

They saw the driver holding a mobile phone and believed that he was using it as a camera.

The police followed the vehicle as they didn't think he was paying proper attention to the road ahead, causing other vehicles to stop and slow down.

McCallay was then stopped by the officers who discovered he was carrying five tons of hot tar.

Solicitor Mr Tierney told the court his client had never been to Arran before.

The day in question, February 2, was a clear, bright day and the accused was struck by the beauty of the scenery, especially Goatfell.

He 'foolishly' decided to take a picture. The lawyer said his client was driving at a moderate speed and that he was practically crawling but

that the accused understood that the consequences could have been very severe.

Mr Tierney added that McCallay was the main breadwinner in his family and a driving ban would cost him his job.

The court was shown a reference from his employer before Sheriff McFarlane said: 'I suggest if you ever want to take a picture again, you stop the car.'

McCallay was fined £750 for the incident and given eight penalty points.

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Councillors are keen to see work start on Corrie route

The public are to be asked their views on detailed proposals for the Brodick to Corrie multi-user path next month.

Significant progress has been made towards the development of the path since a feasibility study was carried out three years ago.

But Arran councillor John Bruce said he was keen to see a start date for the project when the North Ayrshire Council area committee met recently in Lamlash.

'There have been a couple of fatalities on that stretch of road in recent years and I am keen to see the work progressing,' he said.

He was supported by councillor Peter McNamara who said: 'This path should be completed as quickly as possible.'

Funding was secured last year from SUSTRANS Scotland to design the sections

of route between the Arran Heritage Museum and South Lodge and Cladach and Merkland Wood. The designs were developed in partnership with the landowners and initial consultation was undertaken with interest groups. This included examining potential path surface types, access controls and designs to identify the most appropriate solution for each sections of path.

Detailed public consultation was deferred until the outcome of the grant applications for the implementation of the designs was known.

And two years ago agreement was reached with the National Trust for Scotland for the path to pass through the castle gardens, but this was delayed by the Phytophthora outbreaks and will be reviewed next June.

SUSTRANS Community Links Fund has agreed a grant

in the current financial year of £75,000 towards the total project cost of £150,000 for the construction of the path between the Museum and South Lodge and active travel promotion activities such as signage and mapping.

In 2015/16 a grant allocation of £160,000 towards the total project cost of £320,000 for the construction of the path between Cladach and Merkland Wood and active travel promotional activities such as signage and mapping has been agreed.

A report presented to the meeting by Craig Hatton, corporate director (development and environment) stated: 'Significant progress has been made to date towards the development of the route.

'The sections of path constructed provide improved access for the local community for everyday journeys and recreation and enable visitors to the island to access local attractions.

'The signage will ensure that the path can be utilised by the local community and visitors to the Island for everyday journeys and recreation.'

'Public consultation will be undertaken on the detailed proposals next month. The active travel promotion activities will be developed and implemented thereafter.'

'These will be informed by the consultation process and developed in partnership with the North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Forum and local interest groups including the Arran Bike Club and SUSTRANS Volunteer Rangers.'



Exhibition to raise money for Nepal orphanage

An art exhibition to raise money for a Nepalese orphanage is to be staged for the third time in Lochranza.

It will feature the work of the children of the Happy Children Home in Nepal and its supporter award winning Corrie artist Gordon Davidson.

Gordon, who is a regular visitor to the Gurkha run home, came home in May with a wide range of paintings by the children in the home who range in age from five to 15, along with a number of his own works which will be for sale at the Isle of Arran Whisky Distillery over the summer.

The exhibition will be opened by the Consul General of Nepal in Scotland Sunita Poddar on Monday 7 July and run till the end of August.

Gordon Davidson with his drawing of one of the Nepalese orphans, Dawa, proudly wearing his Brodick Primary School jacket.

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Labour leader forced to cancel visit to the island

Scottish Labour leader Johann Lamont has been forced to cancel her trip to Arran today (Saturday) to discuss the independence referendum with local residents.

The meeting had been arranged by local MP Katy Clark to take place in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion at 12.30pm.

However, a suspected back injury means that the Glasgow MSP is unable to travel, and has been forced to cancel a number of engagements this week.

However the Labour Party says the meeting will be rearranged.

A spokesman for Ms Clark said: 'Johann is sadly unable to attend for health reasons but the meeting will be rearranged for a later date.'

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Two Brodick lads who grew up together graduated last week from Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh.

Kyle Barbour and Gavin Dunn, pictured left, both graduated with an MEng in Chemical Engineering with Energy Engineering. The unique aspect to this is that not only did they graduate together but they also started Brodick Nursery on the same day and went on to spend their entire education in the same classes.

Gavin starts work in London in September and Kyle is heading off travelling after working on Arran for the summer.



One voice - the mass choir of the combined primary schools. 20_b27choir01

Young voices unite for a musical treat

A very special musical treat was performed at the High School Theatre in Lamlash last week.

Around 125 children from all seven primary schools on Arran joined together in one voice to a packed hall.

The P5 to P7 pupils performed to a short piece of music called The Emerald Crown which tells the story of the importance of maintaining the rainfor-

ests of the Amazon. During the show there were also solo performances from the very talented young singers and the music was linked by narration by some of the senior pupils.

During the last term they have been working on the project, under the guidance of music teacher Lorna Buchanan, funded by the Youth Music Initiative and supported by North Ayr-

shire Council Music services. This is a project that all North Ayrshire primary schools have performed during the last term or two.

Lorna said the children had practiced very hard for the performance and added: 'The music is fun and tuneful and all the pupils have very much enjoyed learning the songs and also the message behind it.'

More councillors for North Ayrshire

Members of the public are being asked for their views on proposals to increase the number of councillors in North Ayrshire.

A 12-week public consultation exercise involving all Scottish councils is being carried out until Thursday 21 August.

The review is being conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland which has already made recommendations to councils on the number of councillors for each area.

The recommendations have been based on levels of need and population distribution, the first time such methodology has been used.

The commission has proposed that the total number of councillors representing

North Ayrshire should be increased by three, from 30 at present to 33.

The last set of reviews was completed in 2006 following the introduction of multi-member wards for Scottish council elections. The number of councillors on each council was last reviewed shortly after the present structure was set up in 1996.

Final recommendations are expected to be presented to Scottish Ministers in 2016 and the reorganisation of wards complete for the May 2017 local government elections.

North Ayrshire Council has responded to the initial consultation by advocating that the number of councillors in the area be increased by five instead of three.

In her response chief executive Elma Murray cited North Ayrshire's 'exceptional circumstances' and the demographics of the area for the need for more councillors.

Members of the public can take part in the consultation by logging on to the Boundary Commission website on www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk

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Braveheart reunion for Arran's Mhairi

'I was too young to go to the premiere. I was nervous to see myself, but I really enjoyed it'

Twenty years ago, a young girl from Pirnmill Primary School was cast as Murron MacClannough, the little girl who blossomed into the love of William Wallace's life in *Braveheart*.

But fans at Edinburgh International Film Festival's 20th anniversary screening of Mel Gibson's Oscar-winner were left shocked when Mhairi Calvey stepped out looking exactly like Catherine McCormack, who played adult Murron.

Glasgow-born Mhairi, now 26, was spotted by Hollywood casting directors aged five when they visited Pirnmill Primary School.

This week she joined co-stars Peter Mullan and Brian Cox as part of the celebrations

for the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn.

Mhairi, now based in London, said: 'It's a very nice compliment to hear people say I look like Catherine because she's a wonderful actress and a gorgeous lady.'

Coincidental

'I've had to change my look drastically over the years but at the moment my hair is more natural and people have said I look like Catherine. It's purely coincidental.'

Mhairi told The Banner that she can remember the day the casting directors saw her coming out of the playground.

'A week later I was filming in Fort William with Mel Gibson,' she said. 'I turned up on set and saw Sophie Marceau's beautiful velvet gown.

'Then they showed me my rags.'

'I recall telling my mum I wanted a pretty dress and her saying, 'You'll need to ask Mel Gibson about that'.'

Amazingly, Mhairi had never seen *Braveheart* on the big screen until Tuesday's screening at Edinburgh's Dominion Cinema.

She said: 'I was too young to go to the premiere. I was nervous to see myself, but I really enjoyed it.'

And 20 years later Mhairi is still acting.

She is currently playing the lead in a Sci-fi conspiracy movie *Abduct* with William B Davis from *The X-files*, Mark Arnold from *Teen Wolf* and Jack O'Halloran from *Superman*.



Mhairi Calvey, front right, joined some of her fellow cast members for the 20th anniversary screening of *Braveheart*.

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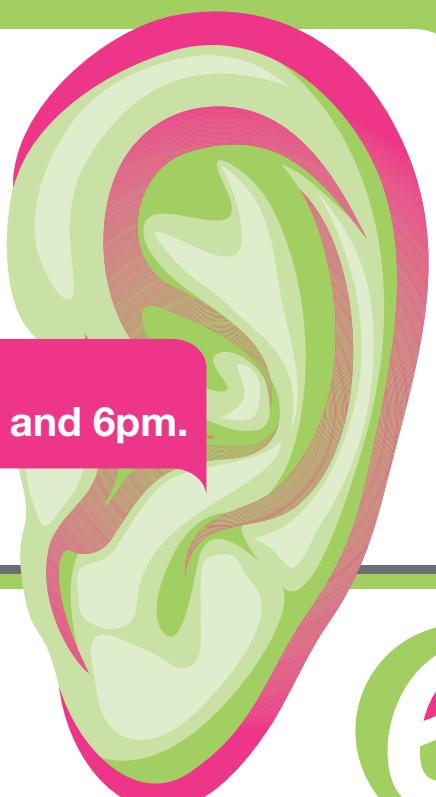
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Evening opening at castle

Brodick Castle is to open late for the first time for the rest of the summer season.

Special early evening guided tours of the castle, with supper in the tearoom, will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to give even more visitors the chance to see the property and the fine collection of artefacts on display.

Property manager David Cameron said: 'This is a new development for the property and we hope that with the onset of the summer we can attract more people to come

and experience the wealth and beauty of the castle's collection and then have a light supper in the tearoom.'

David added: 'We are trying to find ways to broaden the appeal of the property as we move further into the signature project and we hope it will be one of the first of many new developments here at the castle.'

The tours and supper, which start on Tuesday 8 July, have to be pre-booked by contacting the castle office on 01770 302202 or by email brodick-castle@nts.org.uk.



How the new terminal building and covered walkway will look, with the existing linkspan in the foreground.

New ferry terminal delayed for months

A starting date for work on the new Brodick ferry terminal has been delayed by several months, the pier owners have confirmed.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) have blamed the delay on problems with the initial ground investigation works. It is hoped that the tender process can be started in the next month or so, with a view to construction now starting on site in spring or summer 2015. The new £18

million project will see the construction of a new two-berth pier to the east of the existing pier and linkspan and a new terminal building with a covered walkway. There will also be increased marshalling areas, expanded parking and a new bus stance.

New artist impressions, which while not finalised, have been released.

North Ayrshire Council has agreed to provide £1.2 million of capital funding to help the implementation of the proposals in a single phase and other funding partners are expected to be announced soon. A jack up barge, which finally made it to the island last month to carry out ground investigation works, left days later because of a persistent technical fault and has yet

to return. A spokesman for CMAL said: 'The completion of the ground investigation is still proving problematic, as following initial delays for weather and technical difficulties, the barge then had to leave site due to a recurrent technical issue. CMAL are actively engaged in getting the ground investigation works back on site at the earliest opportunity.'

However, the spokesman added: 'The detailed design for the terminal redevelopment is progressing well. CMAL are confident of progressing the works as a single project, rather than a phased development, which will significantly reduce disruption. CMAL are hopeful of shortly being able to announce funding partners for the project.'

Social media addicts to detox on Arran

People with a serious addiction to technology are to be given the chance to apply for a Castaway-style retreat on a 'remote Scottish island' where they will be banned from communicating with the outside world through technological devices.

But the island in question is Arran - where wifi is widely available and most areas get a mobile signal, so are the organisers a little confused?

Six technology addicts will be selected for the three-day experiment, without any access to smartphones, tablets or any form of wi-fi connection.

The Scottish Youth Hostelling Association (SYHA) has now decided to stage a Tech Time-Out event.

It will take place at the Lochranza Youth Hostel in September and aims to force the self-confessed communications devotees into a digital detox by confiscating their tech devices for three days.

The idea came about after SYHA chief executive Keith Legge saw a viral YouTube video called Look Up, mocking people walking around with their eyes glued to their phones.

'We all need a get away from technology once in a while – we've just forgotten how to do that,' said Mr Legge.

'By offering some Tech Time-Out, we think the participants will see the benefits of switching off once in a while and see what they're missing.'

Organisers will offer the participants – who claim to be unable to survive without their smartphones, tablets or computers – the chance to try back-to-basics outdoor activities potentially including hill walking, archery and abseiling.

More than 50 technology addicts in need of a detox have already applied for the event since it was launched on the SYHA's website earlier this week.

'It is ironic that probably the main way we will get people to know about this is through social media and online, but there you are,' added Mr Legge.


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Oatcakes follow Arran chutney onto Asda shelves

First it was Arran chutney, now Asda is to stock a new range of Scottish oatcakes.

Paterson Arran has won a contract with Asda to produce a range of three new oatcakes under the supermarket group's 'Chosen By You Scotland' brand, in a deal worth about £800,000 over the next year.

The company will produce rough, black pepper and seeded varieties of oatcakes for the supermarket group. The rough and black pepper varieties will be available in about 500 stores across the UK. The seeded variety will be in about 200 outlets.

An Asda spokeswoman noted this supply deal dem-

onstrated the popularity of the Scottish brand south of the Border.

Susanna Hassard, Asda's regional buying manager for Scotland, said: 'Chosen By You Scotland is a huge success for us and we are delighted to be launching a range of oatcakes with the support of Paterson Arran.'

Locally produced

'We regularly talk to our customers about what they want to see in our stores and locally produced products always come out on top.'

By extending our own range, we are demonstrating that we have listened to our customers and we hope they enjoy tucking into the new

healthy and tasty oatcake range,' Robert Gormley, account manager at Paterson

Arran, said: 'It's good to see that Asda is continuing to invest in providing a range of products full of Scottish provenance and taste.'

Asda announced in March that Paterson Arran would, under a deal worth an estimated £50,000 this year, supply four varieties of its newly launched chutney lines across 48 stores in Scotland.

The Livingston-based company, which produces oatcakes and shortbread at its head office site, makes relishes, chutneys, marmalades and preserves at its factory in Lamlash.

Washed north

Washed north

The plastic drinks bottle had been placed in the water in North Wales on June

6 and within three weeks it had been washed north to the Clyde.

Inside were eight letters from pupils at Ysgol y Traeth School in Barmouth, each one writing a little about their lives and families.

Barmouth is 353 miles away by road but probably

Welsh messages in a bottle found on Machrie beach

A bottle containing messages from children at a Welsh primary school has been found on an Arran beach.

Muriel Searl and her daughter Linzi from Kilmaclom were walking on the beach near Machrie Bay Golf Course last Monday when they spotted the bottle on the rocks.

'It would have been so easy to miss,' said daughter Linzi. 'But there was just something about it that caught my eye and I was amazed to see that when I took a closer look there were letters inside.'

Washed north

'We can't wait to get in touch with the school to let them know what we've found,' said Muriel.

'The letters are just so lovely. They all introduce themselves and ask that whoever finds the letter replies to them. We'll be more than happy to let them know!'



Muriel Searl and her daughter Linzi with messages in a bottle they found on a Machrie beach. 20_b27bot01

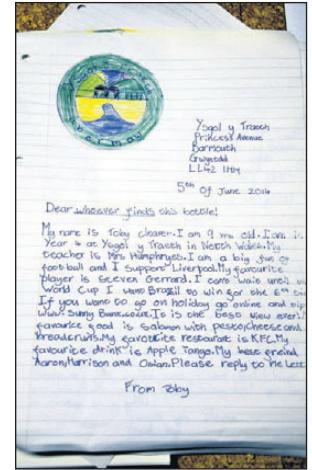
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One of the letters found inside the bottle.

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ADVERTORIAL

Over 50s turn to pre-paid funeral plans as funeral costs soar

A funeral today costs 80 per cent more than it did nine years ago, according to a study into the cost of dying.

While the price of everyday items such as milk, petrol and electricity is rising steadily, this general rate of inflation is rapidly being outstripped by surging funeral costs.

The Sun Life Direct Cost of Dying Report 2013 showed that the average cost of a funeral is now £3,456 compared to just £1,920 in 2004.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Improving facilities to get Arran fighting fit

Arran, it seems, is shaping up to get fit with the summer sun encouraging people to don their shorts and head outdoors.

The terrific turnout at the first Gate to Gate 5k Fun Run last week builds on the rekindled interest in the Ormidale 10k in April.

RunArran continues to attract new members at its weekly meetings in Brodick and Lamlash, while cycling continues to be ever popular with locals and visitors.

Every weekend cyclists pour off the ferry, while on the island Arran Bike Club meets once or twice a week for club rides while the Arran Belles help promote the sport among women.

And all that's before the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow even start.

But for the sports to develop further the need for more and better facilities becomes more and more apparent.

One worthwhile project being proposed is the Brodick to Corrie multi-user path.

This stretch of road is extremely busy with cars, cyclists, runners and walkers, particularly around Cladach and the twisting narrow road past the walls of the castle and country park.

There have even been a couple of fatalities in recent years so it is imperative something is done sooner rather than later - but it seems to be taking a very long time.

It is now three years since a feasibility study was carried out and while there may have been 'significant process' on paper, as reported to a recent North Ayrshire Council meeting on Arran, any progress on the ground remains to be seen.

Yes, there have been delays following the Phytophthora outbreaks in the grounds of Brodick Castle, and it will be June next year before the route will be given the all clear.

But with the funding now in place for the next two years I am sure the public will back the call from councillors to get work underway as soon as possible.

There is no reason why the work cannot start in Brodick or Corrie and meet in the castle grounds when the all clear is given.

The public is now to be asked its views on the detailed proposals but really, whatever the final route, if it gets cyclists and runners off the main road that can only be beneficial for everyone.

While a safer route should only encourage more people to get out and get fit whatever their chosen sport.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

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Letters to the Editor



Police call-centre concerns

Sir,

In The Banner of 28 June we are told that the complement of Police Scotland officers on Arran is at its optimum and is 'paying particular attention' to motoring among other matters.

I wonder has common theft moved down in priority or is it no longer even considered a criminal offence?

If this is the case it explains why a reported incident is not notified to the local office of Police Scotland (PS) until the third day after the event by which time any hope of the recovery of the stolen goods is negligible if not impossible.

I allude to an incident when a bag containing bank and membership cards, a driving licence, a sum of money, a book of car ferry tickets, a mobile phone as well as items of clothing went missing from a private function at a prominent Arran restaurant on a Friday evening.

PS were notified at approximately 6am the following morning (Saturday) by using the advised reporting telephone number which, apparently, is a mainland call centre.

Word of this incident wasn't passed on to the Arran officers until Monday.

The mobile phone in question was still 'live' until the Saturday midday.

Perhaps it could have been located had the local officers known?

The incident is not important to other than the victim of the alleged theft but the system and method of reporting should cause general public concern.

Compare this to the time when officers could intercept culprits within a short time of an occurrence.

Like in a number of other situations the system of using off-island reporting mechanisms or call centres fails our community.

An exception is Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE) which seems to manage to

co-ordinate a successful system.

The incident described is an unfortunate example of losing local input.

It doesn't matter how many police officers are on the island, if the system fails them, modern technology is not always what serves best.

Yours,
Margie Currie
Eastland
Shiskine

Fantastic day

Sir,

We would like to thank everyone for making our Gate to Gate 5km Fun Run such a fantastic day.

Thanks to our partners Brodick Castle for all their hard work, the pipe band, DJ Colin McDonald and all our local sponsors for taking a leap of faith.

Thanks also to Judy for baking the delicious scones and to Chris for the photographs which can be viewed on our Facebook page.

There was excellent marshalling from Arran Mountain Rescue Team and our super-efficient volunteers.

We would especially like to thank all the fun runners/walkers who came along and gave it 100 per cent, the spectators and to Iain Keen for setting a blistering pace!

Any profits from the event are being donated to the mountain rescue team.

Watch this space for future events.

Yours,
Marion and Laura
RunArran

Magnificent medical care

Sir,

I have been visiting Arran for the past 27 years.

It is a beautiful island.

My reason for writing is that over the past few years I have had reason to visit Arran War Memorial Hospital on two occasions.

I was given first class treatment and the care was second to none.

On Monday 21 June I had occasion to attend the doctors.

The staff at Lamlash Medi-

cal Centre were very caring and I had an appointment the same afternoon with Dr Guthrie in Brodick.

Thank you Dr Guthrie and the staff at Brodick Medical Centre.

I was diagnosed and given a prescription.

Thank you to everyone, especially Dr Guthrie for your care.

Yours,
Christine Taylor
Birchwood
Warrington

Enjoyable holiday

Sir,

I have just returned to Wales after a weekend on the Isle of Arran.

I had a wonderful stay and I can't express in words how much I enjoyed the visit.

Going to the stone circles early on Saturday morning and seeing so many birds I'd not seen for years was wonderful.

And I loved the stone circles.

I was also very impressed to see Co-op stores and Post Offices still open.

In Wales all village post offices have been closed and in Powys there is only one Co-op shop.

Newtown, where Robert Owen was born, has even lost the Co-ops.

Thanks to the people of Arran for a wonderful time.

Yours,
Marjorie Fores
Newtown
Powys

ArCaS thanks

Sir,

On 21 June I visited the ArCaS garden party and took part in their quiz.

This consisted of questions about ArCaS's achievements over the last 25 years and the answers were available on posters around the gardens.

This was very clever as it not only took you to all the exhibits but told you a lot about the organisation.

I was very surprised some days later to find that my entry had been drawn as the winner and I received a book token for £20.

I would like to thank the ArCaS committee for the book token and thank everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Yours sincerely
Lillian Smith
Glenloig



The Arran Banner on holiday

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

This week's picture shows Robert and Helen Jamieson with their Banner and a copy of the Amazon News which was taken while they undertaking some voluntary medical work with the Vine Trust deep in the rainforest.

Apparently that very day the locals were excited after spotting a black puma walking around their village!

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday.

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Independent spirit pays off for Arran distillers

'As a team we have worked hard to build Isle of Arran Distillers into the business it is today'

Isle of Arran Distillers has reported record results with turnover up 25 per cent in its latest end of year accounts.

The independent distillery in Lochranza, which now employs 30 people, saw net profits increase by almost 60 per cent in 2013 – in what was its best ever year.

Euan Mitchell has been managing director of the business for six years, and his forward-thinking strategy has been instrumental in the distillery's success.

He said: 'As a team we have worked hard to build Isle of Arran Distillers into the business it is today, and we continue to keep adding to our capacity and capability to support our long-term success.'

Delivering results

'It is really pleasing to see that our approach and hard work are delivering results. We are something of an overnight success, nearly 20 years in the making.'

'We are again performing ahead of the market, which saw exports rise by five per cent whereas we increased this market by 26 per cent last year.'

'Our portfolio of single malts is varied and interesting, which is reflected in the on-going interest in the Arran Malts around the world.'

Since the business was es-

tablished in 1995, sales have gone from strength to strength and exceeded £4.5 million in 2013.

Growth has come principally from export sales – which rose 26 per cent last year – and brand sales which increased 28 per cent over the same period.

Arran reported notable success in America, which is now the largest market for the Arran Single Malt, whilst France remains the distillery's biggest market overall.

Gains were also made in Taiwan, Belgium and the UK, and the business reported growing sales of the core range as well as increased demand for limited edition bottlings such as the Arran Malt 16 Year Old.

To ensure this level of growth can be maintained in the coming years, the business has invested in a new warehouse, due to open at the end of 2014, which will give the distillery capacity to store 12,000 extra casks.

Plans are also in place to install a further two pot stills by 2016 and effectively double the distillery's production capacity in the coming years.

With increased demand for Arran's whisky across the globe, the distillery's visitor centre welcomed 60,000 visitors during 2013 and an upgrade to the facility is planned



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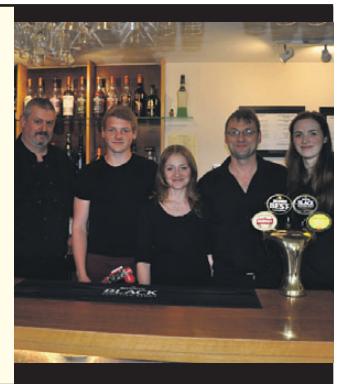
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Dónal Boyle has always wanted to run his own bar and restaurant, so when the opportunity arose to take on a premises in the middle of Brodick, he decided to go for it. Growing up in Whiting Bay where he formed part of the thriving island music scene, he has long noticed a gap in the market for a live music pub on the island. Now at Fiddlers' he has cre-

ated his dream venue, offering great live music and fantastic food, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The musical decor theme conceived by his wife Nicola Swinton, is clear for everyone to see, and with Heather McLeod's steampunk art on the walls the vibe is very much musician-friendly. Working alongside Nicola, children Céile and Oisín,

Dónal and Head Chef Alan Dunlop have created a fresh menu of home-cooked food, using island providers wherever possible. Also on offer is an unusually varied menu for vegetarians and vegans, with plenty of gluten-free options. With live music from local musicians nearly every night, delicious food and a fantastically well-stocked bar, Fiddlers' is the place to be!



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Carol Kane had never made tablet before when she took over an established business earlier this year. Now she is turning out tray after tray of traditional tablet which is flying off the shelves across the island. Made to an old Arran recipe, Carol has just launched an Irish Cream version of the tablet and says she is planning to experiment with

other flavours. The mum of two is also in the process of moving the business from Brodick to Lamlash. All the tablet is handmade and fresh to order and packaged as 'Homemade Arran Tablet' in 125g bags which retail at £2.25. It is available at several shops in Brodick and around the island in Lamlash,

Whiting Bay, Lochranza and Machrie. It is also for sale on both the Caledonian MacBrayne summer ferries serving the island and the coffee shop at the Ardrossan terminal. Carol has also supplied tablet for two of her friends weddings so far and she is very keen to expand the commercial side of the business.



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Moving from New York to Whiting Bay may seem slightly crazy to some people. But for the new owners of Bay Stores who have left their busy life in the Big Apple behind it is a welcome change. Stuart and Clair Fraser spent 16 years in NYC but had been looking for a business on Arran. Stuart grew up not far away in Eaglesham and Arran has

always been an important place for him,' said Clair. 'He actually proposed to me here, and then we got married at Sandbraes, so it's a dream come true for us to finally be living and working here.' Bay Stores is a busy, friendly village shop and the new owners intend to keep it that way, but plan to add some new and improved items and services.

Stuart added: 'We really want to listen to what our customers want, so we can make both our year-round and tourist visitors feel right at home.' With plenty of fresh fruit and veg, local produce, and freshly baked breads on sale - as well as all the usual goodies you'd expect to find in a village shop, AND home deliveries - Bay Stores has everything you need.



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For years Jolene and Lee Little were familiar faces behind the bar of the Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash. And now this hard-working young couple are back in business, this time at The Course restaurant at Lamlash Golf Club. With help once again from Jolene's mum Fran and her partner Ian, the dishes on menu are on a par with the

Tavern, especially the amazing sweet chilli chicken - everyone's favourite dish. The Course is open throughout the day for snacks and delicious lunches, perfect for a hungry golfer after a round on the 18-hole course. The spectacular views of the parkland course can be enjoyed from the restaurant and the spacious outdoor terrace is perfect on a sum-

mers day for some alfresco dining or just to enjoy a glass of wine in the sun. Open to the public, this restaurant isn't just for golfers and at night it is the ideal place to relax and unwind after a busy day. Lee and Jolene pride themselves on making visitors and guests feel welcome, and they are certainly doing a great job.



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After working from their respective homes for the past few years, hairdresser Kate Robinson and beauty therapist Kirsty Galbraith had both been on the lookout for their own premises on Arran. When the iconic Alexanders shop in the centre of Brodick became available, both women approached the owner separately.

But, when they found out who the other interested party was, it made perfect sense to partner up and open a hairdressers and beauty salon together. The iconic shop has now been given a new lease of life, and the doors have been opened to the public at last. They are very excited to finally have their own premises, and it is even

better to have a place together. They offer all the great treatments you'd expect from a high-end salon, and as the newest shop on Brodick's seafront, it is a very welcome addition. And as a little bonus gents can pop in any time for a haircut, there's no need to make an appointment.



Friends enjoy evening of summer song

Friends of Brodick Castle and their guests enjoyed 'Entertainment for a Summer's Evening' last Friday.

After a welcome glass of wine, the evening opened with a spirited rendition of sea shanties by Fish 'n Ships, the audience being encouraged to join in the rousing choruses. Fioran Hunter then recited Address to the Haggis and Scots Wha Ha'e with great aplomb.

Iain Clarke, Fraser Blain and Finlay Murchie played both classical and jazz items on two alto saxophones and a clarinet, and David Simkin played guitar and sang folk songs. Tim Pomeroy also sang to his own guitar accompaniment, his Gallipoli song bringing a quietness to the audience with its powerful imagery.

An interval gave everyone chance to enjoy tea, coffee and wonderful, bite sized savouries and cakes, all prepared by the committee.

The second half included David's singing of Lily the Pink to enthusiastic approval and the evening was rounded off by Fish 'n Ships with more catchy sea shanties. Stuart Gough was an admirable and amusing master of ceremonies.

The next meeting is on Wednesday September 17 at 7.30pm in the castle tea room, when Captain James Murchie will tell of his journeys from Arran to Antarctica.

Commemorative flower bed created

A large sandstone wall, recently built at the entrance to Brodick Pier, has been dividing opinion in the village this week.

Rumour had it that it was a new First World War Memorial but when it was filled with top soil many villagers were left wondering what it was.

Well, the council have confirmed that it will be used to

commemorate the Great War but it is in actual fact simply a new flower bed.

But some have questioned the size of it - the back of it is the height of a grown man.

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We are creating a special floral display to provide a permanent, bright and attractive welcome for visitors to Arran.

'For the next few months,

the display will be planted with a design to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

'The display has been constructed by local contractors using local materials.'

The new flower bed at Brodick Pier has been dividing opinion.

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Federation prizes presented to Arran bowlers

Arran Bowling Federation has had a busy month.

First of all, over three separate weeks of home and away matches, the island's four

clubs played in the Laidler-Gardner Triples Competition and eventually, in a nail biting finish, this was won by Lamlash.



The Arran Bowling Federation trophies were presented to the winners last Thursday.

After some very closely fought matches, last week the Federation Trophies were played for at Brodick.

Winners

This year's winners were: Ladies singles champion – Marion Spence, Lamlash, Gents singles champion – John Lauder, Brodick, Pairs champions – Colin Haggarty and Charlie Weir, Lamlash, Rinks champions – Ian Davidson, Neil Pringle, Sid Allen, and Johnnie McGovern, Whiting Bay.

With all that excitement behind them, the island's bowlers can now concentrate their efforts on their individual club competitions. May the best players win!

Arran link farmer cleans up at show

A farmer who learned his trade from his uncle on Arran has cleaned up at this year's Royal Highland Show.

Jim Brown, who now runs a 54-acre farm at Mindrum, Northumberland, won all the major prizes in the Border Leicester section including male champion, female champion and supreme champion.

But it was on Arran that he found his way into farming through his uncle James, who farmed with his grandfather at the family farm at Corrieccravie. A house on the site is still in the family today, owned by his cousin Dr Donald Brown, with Jim a regular visitor.

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Visitors enjoyed a day of alfresco fun as the drams and the drink flowed but all in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

Visitors came from far and wide; some from foreign shores, entire bus loads and some for whom the event is an annual pilgrimage.

The weekend began with The White Stag Dinner last Friday night which proved another unforgettable evening with great conversation and even greater drams.

For the first time the distillery honoured the White Stags, the community of Arran friends which supports the island whisky worldwide.

Exclusive bottlings

There was also a charity auction during the evening where guests had the opportunity to get their hands on some exclusive bottlings and support great local charities at the same time.

One very special one-of-a-kind Arran malt was snapped up for £2,000.

On the day of the festival the sun shone and visitors spent the day soaking up the sun, enjoy-



Georgina Maclean, Nicole Lie and Lynsey Hughes welcome visitors to the festival. 20_b27malt01



Some of The Drambusters from Douglas every year. 20_b27malt04



Taste of Arran products are distributed by Kilmarnock-based Braehead Foods whose team and their families enjoyed a day at the festival. 20_b27malt09



The bar staff had a busy day. 20_b27malt03

In at malt festival at in hot summer sun

ing distillery tours as well as attending master-classes - with some more serious than others.

One of the most popular was the Whisky in Fun masterclass where the founder of the Whisky Mavericks and 'director of fun' Victor Brierley hosted a modern approach to Scotch whisky.

Tall tales

The fun-filled event was full of tall tales, games and most importantly Arran Whisky.

The memorable hour gave those taking part a great introduction to whisky as well as entertaining those needing a little light relief.

There was music and entertainment on throughout the day in the grand marquee featuring both island and mainland acts including singer songwriter Jamie McGeechan and talented Edinburgh teenagers Kyle and Alan Rowan on accordion and keyboard.

Evening ceilidh

The day rounded off with the ever popular evening ceilidh and for those still standing managing director Euan Mitchell wound up the event with a survivors' lunch and masterclass on the Sunday.



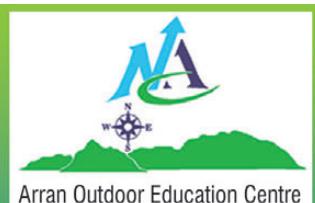
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Victor Brierley with two of the participants of his 'fun' whisky masterclass. 20_b27malt06

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Double trophy success for Geoff and Shona

Geoff Brooks was the big winner at the annual trials of the Kildonan and District Sheepdog Association last Friday.

With his dog Shona he lifted both the Maharanee Cup and the Kingsley Cup for the second year in a row.

The event was held in splendid conditions at Whitehills in Corriegills, warm and sunny but with just a little breeze for the dogs.

The open competition was won by Stuart Davidson from Dunoon with his dog Queen after a run off against Kenny Donald from Dalrymple with his dog Glen, after they both finished on 96 points.

Full results. Open: 1 S L Davidson, Queen 96, 2 K Donald, Glen 96, 3 J Seaton, Zac 95, 4 S L Davidson, Jack, 5 K Donald, Glen 91, 6 S L Davidson, George, 7 N McEachern, Anne 86, 8 M McNeish, Moss 86, 9 J J Templeton, Ben, 84 10 J J Templeton Spot, 84 Confined: 1 and Kingsley Cup G Brooks, Shona 74, 2 John Murchie,

Midge 71, 3 Wullie Stevenson, Wallace 60, Niall McMaster, Liz 40, 5 Liz Robertson, Joe.

Ladies class 1st and McKeown Trophy Jessie Main, Roy.

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Outrun and lift, open S L Davidson, confined Liz Robertson. Fetch, open N McEachern, confined G Brooks. Drive, open K Donald, confined G Brookes. Pen, open Neil McEachern, confined Niall McMaster. Shed, open Chris Cahill, confined W Stevenson.



Geoff Brooks collects the first of his two trophies from Lizzanne Dixon-McConnell. 20_b27dog03



Wullie Stevenson pens the Scots mules helped by his dog Wallace.



Winners Geoff Brooks, Stuart Davidson and Jessie Main with their trophies. 20_b27dog02

Whiting Bay lift centenary trophy

Two teams from each of the island's bowling clubs met at Brodick Bowling Club to contest the Brodick Centenary Trophy on Saturday 14 June.

This year it was won in a run-away victory by a team from the Whiting Bay Club.

June turned out to be a pretty good month, weather-wise, and some keenly contested rink games resulted: 2 June, Charlie Weir, Ann Whattam and Jim Gourlay (+8); 4 June Robert Crawford and Jim Gourlay (+16); 9 June Ann Whattam and Jim Nichols (+23); 11 June Colin Haggarty, Charlie Weir and John Lauder (+4); 16 June Charlie Weir, John McConnachie and John Kerr (+20); 18 June John Lauder and Jim Gourlay (+11); 21 June Colin Haggarty, John Kerr and John Cairley (+5); 28 June John Lauder and Charlie Weir (+15); 30 June Robert Crawford, Sandy McCrindle and Len Hartley (+11).

Arran Bridge Club results

Arran Bridge Club results for Monday 23 June. N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Janette McBride and John Baraclough, 3 Linda Trickett and Elizabeth McKellar. E/W 1 Jan Beatie and Margaret McGill, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 3 Douglas and Margaret Bruce. Results for Monday 30 June. N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Jennifer Wales and Douglas Chase, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson. E/W 1 Jim and Jesmay Peacock, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Margaret McGill, 3 Janette McBride and John Baraclough.

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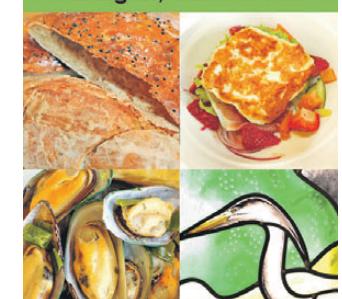
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Lucky Lamlash dominates primary football tournament

Lamlash dominated the primary schools football tournament last Thursday night when two of its teams made it to the final.

After a very close game Lamlash A came out on top with a 3-2 victory over Lamlash B.

In the semi-finals Shiskine were beaten 2-0 by Lamlash A.

In the other semi Lamlash B took on Brodick A to win in a penalty shoot-out.

For the past few years the event has been held on the all-weather pitch in Brodick but the usual organisers were unable to stage it.

So this year Lamlash coaches John Copperwheat and Jamie Sillars took on the task and arranged for it to be

held at Arran High School instead.

John said: 'It was a really great tournament with teams coming from all seven of the island's primary schools.'

'Well done to all the youngsters who took part.'

Copperwheat's of Brodick is now sponsoring the event to ensure that it continues next year.



The Lamlash B team. 20_b27bal01



The team from Kilmory Primary School. 20_b27bal04



The victorious Lamlash A team. 20_b27bal02



Shiskine's players were raring to go. 20_b27bal06



Pirnmill and Corrie Primary Schools teamed up for the event. 20_b27bal05



Brodick C team. 20_b27bal08



Lamlash C. 20_b27bal07



Team B from Brodick Primary School. 20_b27bal09

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Auchrannie staff Gordon Hay, Sabrina Beatan, Andrea Hammond, Jill Plenderleith and Richard Small all took part in the event. 20_b27run02



And they're off as the run gets underway. 20_b27run07



Iain Keen crossed the finish line in 21 minutes 9 seconds. 20_b27run10



The gang's all here and ready for the start of the run. 20_b27run05

Gate to gate fun Entrants enjoy goodie bags

Runners enjoyed a day in sun at the first ever Brodick Castle fun run on Saturday.

A total of 79 entrants took part making it the biggest event of its kind ever held on Arran.

The Gate to Gate 5km fun run attracted islanders and visitors alike and there was a real party atmosphere.

Runners came from as far afield as the US, Wales and Northumberland as well as from the Glasgow area and a large contingent from Ayrshire.

Families soaked up the sun and were entertained by the Isle of Arran Pipe Band and DJ Colin McDonald while the kids enjoyed face painting and meeting Cyril the Squirrel.

Organised by RunArran in partnership with Brodick Castle, the participants were welcomed by Laura Aitcheson before a mass warm up led by Marion McNicol to get everyone in shape.

Climb

With the start and finish at the visitor centre the course took the runners first down to the main entrance gate then back the length of the castle drive to the exit gate before a climb back up to the finish.

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Kath Chow of Irvine is presented with the oldest runner award by John Kerr who donated the prize.



Evie and Chloe Gallacher from Dunoon 20_b27run03



Even some dogs took part. 20_b27ru



Members of the RunArran Lamlash group ahead of the run. 20_b27run01



Runners enjoy the mass warm up. 20_b27run06

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of all ages and abilities took part and some ran, others jogged and walked.

There were no winners' prizes but Kath Chow of Irvine did receive an award for being the oldest runner to take part.

However, first over the finish line was Iain Keen of Brodick who completed the course in 21 minutes and 9 seconds. He was closely followed by Gerry Gallacher from Renfrew in 22 min 17 sec with Jon Smith of Lamlash third in 22 min 49 sec.

The first woman home was Lynn Cassells ahead of Corinna Goeckeritz and Sarah Wha-

len. Each runner received a medal and a goodie bag at the end of the race.

Afterwards Marion said: 'It was a fantastic day and the feedback we have had has been tremendous.'

'The entrants really appreciated the goodie bags, thanks to the tremendous support from local businesses, as well as the cream scones.'

And she confirmed it was now planned to hold the fun run as an annual event.

'As well as providing a fun day for locals we hope it will bring people to the island to take part,' she added.



Arran runners meet Cyril the Squirrel.



Laura and Marion hand out medals at the finishing line. 20_b27run13



One runner gets encouragement to cross the finish line. 20_b27run15

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North Ayrshire Council's Rock the Vote campaign encourages young people to take part in elections and referendums.

Young people urged to rock the vote!

Secondary school pupils on Arran will be voting for the first time in September's referendum on independence.

The referendum sees 16 and 17-year-olds given the vote for the first time in Scotland, making North Ayrshire Council's Rock the Vote campaign – which encourages young people to take part in elections and referendums – all the more relevant this year.

Rock the Vote was originally set up in the United States to encourage the youth vote in elections by fusing pop culture, politics, and technology.

The campaign now supports youth participation across the world and campaigning to protect voting rights.

A series of gigs featuring local artists will take place throughout July, culminating in a headlining event at the Harbour Arts Centre in Irvine at the end of the month.

Some of the most talented bands featuring in the Rock the Vote gigs, include Crash Club, DJ Neil McHarg (also of Crash Club), The Outlawed, Tragic O'Hara, Halo Tora, Burnout, Jamie Clarke, Bernard and Kieran MC, and Remedy.

Support

Kilwinning's The Outlawed are keen to support the Rock the Vote campaign and have a simple message for young people who are thinking about voting: 'This is one of the most important events we will ever be a part of.'

'The important thing is that young people register to vote and then make sure their vote counts, no matter who they vote for.'

That message will come out loud and clear at the Rock the Vote gig at Brodick Hall on Friday 18 July featuring DJ Neil McHarg, Silent Disco and Bernard and Kieran MC.

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Arran's south coast seals to get better protection

Fines or jail proposed for harrassing animals

Seals on a stretch of the south coast of Arran are to be given better protection.

A designated haul-out site stretching from Bennan Head to Kildonan, home to the island's largest colony of common seals, has been proposed as part of a network across Scotland.

Legislation to designate 194 protected sites for seals has been introduced to the Scottish Parliament.

Under the draft Order, which is subject to the normal parliamentary procedures, it would be an offence from 30 September to intentionally or recklessly harass the animals within the designated areas.

The penalties for those found guilty of the offence of harassing a seal at a designated haul-out site could be up to six months' imprisonment or a fine of up to £5,000.

The selected haul-out sites are isolated locations around Scotland's coastline, where seals come ashore to rest, breed or moult. Together with the existing network of Special Areas of Conservation

(SACs) for seals, they would protect at least half of the grey and common seals that populate the seas.

The site proposed on Arran is in the Sound of Pladda Skerries and is described as the intertidal sandbanks and rocky coastline between Port a Ghillie Ghais and Port Dearn and associated rocky outcrops.

Eight months ago The Banner warned that the seals at Kildonan were being pushed increasingly away from the village because of the number of visitors disturbing them.

Environment secretary Richard Lochhead said: 'Seals are one of Scotland's most iconic species and that is why we have introduced a raft of new measures to better protect them. Haul-out sites are key to the success of both grey and common seals and this list represents an important step in their conservation.'

'Over the last four years Marine Scotland has worked closely with the Natural Environment Research Council

and the Sea Mammal Research Unit to identify the listed sites, which are the most crucial for seals in Scottish waters. Those engaging in the intentional or reckless harassment of seals in these areas would be committing an offence and if caught would be punished appropriately.'

The designated haul-out sites are additional to the forthcoming Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), one of which is expected to be South Arran. An announcement is expected to be made later this summer.

Leading Scottish conservation charity, the Scottish Wildlife Trust, welcomed the announcement of proposed sites.

Living seas policy officer Alex Kinnimonth said: 'Seals should be free from harassment wherever they are, but the designation of these haul-out sites is certainly a step in the right direction. Along with other conservation measures, this would aid the protection and recovery of these iconic animals.'

Two wheels magic at the museum

Arran Heritage Museum is hosting its second annual Motor Cycle Show on Sunday 6 July.

The Scottish Branch of the AJS and Matchless Owners Club have added this event to its annual summer schedule, and invitations to members of other similar clubs have been given to make this an even more memorable turnout.

The show starts on Sunday at 1.30pm when a parade of gleaming machines will be lined up on the lawn, and many of the owners will be on hand to discuss and explain their machines.

As musical accompaniment the Arran Pipe Band will play a set at approximately 2.15pm.

In addition to Café Rosaburn's usual attractive fare, there will also be a stall selling locally sourced beef and venison burgers.

All that is needed to complete the afternoon is for the sun to shine.

Last copies of rare Burrel manuscript put up for sale

The last four copies of a journal produced by John Burrel in the late 18th century have been put up for sale.

John Burrel's Arran Journal was produced in two volumes, the first between 1766 and 1773 and the second from 1776 to 1782.

In 1982 a facsimile of the manuscript was privately published by Lady Jean Fforde in a limited edition of 150 copies.

Two of these, number 41 and 140, are held at the Arran Heritage Museum and the remaining four are being offered for sale by Lady Jean at £155 a copy.

THE ARRAN**BANNER****TWENTY
YEARS AGO****Saturday 2 July, 1994****Football fracas**

Arran referee Charles Currie is refusing to take charge of another game of football unless he gets an apology.

It follows an ill-tempered match between Shiskine and Lamlash, two teams with a strong history of rivalry, which started off badly and later erupted into violence.

At one point the Shiskine goalkeeper dragged a Lamlash forward to the ground and began punching him.

He was sent off, but the game continued acrimoniously with at least one player taking a swing at another.

At the end another a Shiskine player went up to the referee and began abusing him, he became the second player sent off.

After the match Mr Currie said: 'I certainly will not referee another Arran football match unless I receive a written apology from the Arran Football Association.'

Quick thinking

Two sharp-eyed youngsters prevented what might have been a serious accident in Lamlash on Wednesday morning.

Ten year old Gordon Tait and his brother Fraser, 5, who are on holiday from Crieff, were walking to Murchies Stores for their daily ice cream when they saw an empty council van rolling backwards into the path of oncoming traffic.

They immediately approached a passer-by



The popular Teddy Bear Picnic was held at Brodick Castle on Sunday. Among those enjoying the fun were the Rainbow Children, disabled kids from all over Ayrshire, who enjoy an annual day on Arran. b27twe04

who quickly grasped what might happen and jumped into the slowly moving van and pulled on the handbrake.

Church repairs

A restoration fund has been set up for Lamlash Church with an initial target of £50,000, but the final costs may be higher.

The church was granted Grade A listed status earlier this year, but like many sandstone buildings of a similar age, its stonework has suffered over the years and is in need of urgent attention.

Repairs to the fine stained windows are also required, but more urgent is the replacement of floor and roof timbers and an overhaul of the slate roof.

The congregation is very active and many fund raising events are being organised for the coming months.

Strike threat

CalMac ferry crews on the Clyde are to be balloted for strike action after pay talks broke down.

The RMT union had asked the company to improve their offer of 2.5 per cent over 12 months and 3 per cent over 15 months, but CalMac insists that, due to government guidelines, this is not possible.

The RMT said the ballot would take between 14 and 21 days to be organised and counted.

The last significant industrial action by ferry crews was in March 1988 when the island was without a ferry service for nine full days.

Dasher memorial

A plaque is to be dedicated later this month to the 379 men who lost their lives on HMS Dasher. The plaque will be in the grounds of St Peters Church in Ardrossan.

The ship was a temporary aircraft carrier which left Lamlash Bay on 27 March 1943 and sank following an explosion between Brodick and Ardrossan. When a memorial was unveiled last year, also in Ardrossan, some people on Arran felt it should have been in Lamlash.



Samples were snapped up when two Arran food companies took their products to the Royal Highland Show at Inglinton last week. Both Paterson Arran, pictured, and Creelers Restaurant took space on the Argyll and the Islands stand. b27twe05



Arran High rector David Oakes chats with senior pupils outside the school's front door. Mr Oakes retired this week after 27 years at the school, 22 of them as rector. Ian Murray will take up his post at the start of the next term. Inset this year's school dux Emily Broadis. b27twe02 and b27twe03



Married by the Rev Ian MacLeod in Corrie Church last Saturday were Janice Haggart of Ardrossan and Charles McVicar of Corrie. The couple are presently on honeymoon on Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean. b27twe01

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

www.arranbrewery.com

Everyday

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

Saturday 5th July

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Family Games
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink game
Fun in the pool
RNLI Shop
Live music from the Arran Jazz Cafe Band
Live music
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
House Clearance sale
Live music - Alan Frew

Sunday 6th July

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Mackerel Lottery
Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
Live music
RNLI Shop
Open music session
Vintage Motor Cycle Show
Bird/nature walk
Craft Market

Monday 7th July

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Morning Fitness
Table Tennis
Badminton
Arran Junior Football Club
Yoga
Summer Bridge
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Circuit Training
Coffee Morning
Mountain Festival AGM
Scots & Irish Night with Arran Brew
Taiko Drumming taster sessions

Tuesday 8th July

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Session with the Arran Ceilidh Band
Metafit
Streetly Dance pre-school
Garden walk
RunArran Beginners
Arran food and craft market
Brodick Castle Tots Tour
Children's Secret Tour
SWRI Coffee morning
Round Kildonan Fun Run

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

Auchrannie Road 11am -1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Lamlash bowling green, 7pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 9.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Green, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Royal Arran hotel, Whiting Bay, 10am-4pm
Douglas Hotel bar, 9-11pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodick church Hall, 4pm - 6pm
Kinloch Bar, 5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick .230pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 1.30pm
Kildonan village Hall 2pm
Kildonan village Hall, 11am - 3.30pm

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall,7-9pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
Arran High School, 6.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Green, 7pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Whiting bay Church, 10.30am - 12noon
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 7pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Kildonan village Hall, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Brodick Castle 2pm-3.30pm
Drift Inn car park, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 11am - 3pm
Brodick Castle, 1.30pm - 2.15pm
Brodick Castle, 2 - 3.30pm
Kildonan Village Hall, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm

Wednesday 9th July

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Traditional & Contemporary Ballads with Mike Bailey
RunArran mixed ability
Running Coaching
Yoga-Arran
Drift Inn Quiz
Back to the Bronze age
Red Deer walk
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Coffee Morning
Mixed Hockey
Dog agility classes
Vile Victorians tour
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink game
The Ugly Bug Ragtime 3
Summer Ceilidh

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm
Auchrannie car Park, 5pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Brodick Castle, 2-4pm
Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am -12noon
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7.30-8.30pm
Sandbraes park, Wbay, 1pm-3.30pm
Brodick Castle, 11.30-1pm
Lamlash bowling green, 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Hall, 8pm-11pm

Thursday 10th July

Quiz
Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Folky, Country, Bluesy Night with Cams & Friends
Lochranza Craft Club
Yoga
Bridge Club
Open Music session
Ladies Hockey
Pilates
Paintings tour
Pond dip
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Save the children summer Fayre
Car Treasure hunt

Eden Lodge, 9pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 6.45pm
Brodick Hall, 10.30am-12.30pm
Kildonan village Hall, 7pm

Friday 11th July

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Castle Secrets Tour
Family fun night
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
Brodick Market
S-O-S (Save our Seals)
Live Music
80s Nite

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Brodick Castle, 11.30 - 1pm
Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
Lamlash fire station, 5-7pm
Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-5pm
Kildonan Village Hall, 2pm -4pm
Fiddlers, Brodick,9.30pm
The Ormidale Hotel, Brodick



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Public Notices

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Existing finfish farm and moorings, Lamlash Bay, Isle of Arran

Notice is hereby given that The Scottish Salmon Company has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of finfish farm and moorings consent:

Location Lamlash Bay, Isle of Arran	Latitude Co-ordinates	Longitude Co-ordinates
Grid Corners	55 31.078'N	05 06.116'W
	55 31.122'N	05 06.046'W
	55 30.973'N	05 05.758'W
	55 30.929'N	05 05.829'W
Feedbarge	55 30.995'N	05 05.986'W
Landing craft mooring	55 30.732'N	05 05.340'W
Work boat mooring	55 31.002'N	05 06.048'W
Pontoon start	55 30.684'N	05 05.328'W
Pontoon end	55 30.714'N	05 05.304'W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at **Lamlash Post Office; 27 Hamilton Terrace, Isle of Arran, KA27 8LR**.

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference:

05280
The Scottish Salmon Company

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS – YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2014

Notice is hereby given, under regulation 5 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985, that a copy of the Accounts for North Ayrshire Council and applicable charities (prior to audit) for the year ended 31 March 2014 will be available for inspection at the offices of the Director of Finance and Corporate Support, Cunningham House, Irvine, by all interested persons between the hours of 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday, from Friday 1 August 2014 to Friday 22 August 2014 (a copy will also be placed on the Council's website – www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk).

All such persons shall be at liberty to take copies or extracts therefrom without charge. All books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto will also be available for inspection during the same period and enquiries concerning access to those Accounts and other documents should be made to the undersigned. Notice is also given that any person interested may make objections to such Accounts or any part thereof by –

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- Sending a copy of the objection and statement to the Authority and to any officer of the Authority who may be concerned.

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Laura Friel
Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support)
Cunningham House,
IRVINE
25 June 2014

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Development Planning Services, Cunningham House, Irvine*, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at The Council Offices, Lamlash. Written representations may be made to the Corporate Director (Development & Environment) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 25.07.14. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development 14/00340/PP; Co-Operative Retail Services Ltd, Lamlash, Brodick; Erection of canopy to side of shop.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunningham House
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WANTED

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Personal Notices

Edward Picken and Andrea Thomson are happy to announce their engagement on 13th June (Yay)

THANK YOU

Thank you for the meal and presents at Macs Bar on the 21st June
From Betty and Julie

Ailie & Chris Wedding Dance

Friday 11th July

Transport to Kinloch

Pick up - Drift inn Lamlash - 7pm

Pick up - Brodick Pavilion - 7.15pm



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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 6th July

Holy Communion, 11.00 am.

Mr John Roberts.

Coffee after service.

Wednesday 9th July

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

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 6th July

Lochranza Church, 9.30am

Morning Worship.

Pirnmill Church, 10.45am,
Morning Worship.

Shiskine Church, 12noon,
Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am
Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 11.50am

Tea, Coffee and Fellowship, 12noon Morning Worship.

A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm..

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
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Sunday 6th July

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30 am

Both Churches:

Rev Dr Ian Mcleod

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WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland

(Charity Number: SC014005)

Sunday 6th July

Family Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall.

Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday morning masses

9.30am and 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 6th July

11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick

Tea & Coffee after the service.

Wednesday at 7.30pm

Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.

Contact phone no 600222

Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 6th July

Morning Service, 11am Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 9th July

at 7pm

5 Glen Road,

All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 6th July

Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)

Rev Iain Beaton

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Quakers meet every Sunday at 11am. For meeting venue ring

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House Group/Bible Study.

Mondays 2.30pm.

If you are interested in joining us please ring 810251 for more information.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Wheeler/Logan families thank the Arran community for their kind words and support. A Special thank you to the nurses and medical staff here and at Crosshouse, The Rev Angus Adamson for spiritual support and the Arran Viking Society for use of the Longship.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS BANNER



The ladies who took part in the invitational tri-am at Lamlash Golf Club.



The invitational tri-am winning team with the Lamlash ladies Captain, far right: Liz Sinclair, Mary-Jo Tod and Mary Tod.



Graeme Andrew aced the third hole at Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club a couple of weeks back in the qualifier for the club championship. He hit an 8 iron, 128 yards uphill straight in to the cup.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 July, Captain's Day, tee off at 1pm. Tuesday 8 July, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, tee off at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: An invitational tri-am to celebrate the club's 125-year history took place last week.

The winning team were Liz Sinclair, Mary Tod and Mary-Jo Tod.

Twelve teams, which each comprised of a Lamlash lady and their two guests, set off at 5pm on Friday 27 June to compete in this invitational tri-am and in perfect conditions the scoring was very good with a best net of 52 taking the prize.

Each member of the winning team was delighted to receive a lovely candle glass inscribed with the Lamlash logo and '125' to commemorate the occasion.

Prizes were presented by Captain Jackie Winship, who remarked how gratifying it was to see the course and clubhouse so animated. On behalf of the guests Pat Adamson thanked Lamlash for a thoroughly enjoyable evening which she hoped would become an annual event.

The midge population would like to thank Lamlash golfers for 125 years of tasty sustenance and looks forward to many more. On this occasion it settled for a fly-past.

Gents: Thursday 26 June, Summer Cup. 1 Iain Murchie 63-4=59, 2 Alan Smith 71-11=60, 3 Neil Young 66-5=61, 4 Alan Winship 77-13=64 BIH. Best Scratch Iain Murchie 63.

Sunday 29 June, Hastings Cup, round one. 1 Michael Macfarlane 81-20=61, 2 Graeme Andrew 72-9=63 BIH, 3 Iain Murchie 66-3=63. Best Scratch Iain Murchie 66. No twos recorded.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 July, round 1 Club Championship qualifying at 2pm. Sunday 6 July, round 2 at 12.30pm. Please note change in starting times. Thursday 10 July, Summer Cup makes up own groups. Fri-

day 11 July, Grouse Qualifying (Pairs), 6pm start.

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August, Lamlash Open. If you intend to enter this competition please get names in to club secretary ASAP as available spaces are filling up.

Corrie Golf Club

There was no game on Wednesday 25 June because of the weather. On Saturday 28 June there was also no game because of the Hope Cup finals at Shiskine.

Fixtures: Friday 4 July, AGA Corrie Hotel Cup at Whiting Bay at 5pm. Saturday 5 July, Commemoration Shield and Rosebowl at 8.30am and 1pm - open to members of all island clubs.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 29 June, Morton Quaich, 32 played. 1 Colin Nisbet (12)51, 2 Alasdair Kelly (9)58, 3 Graeme Mack (6)59, 4 Donald Park (13)61 acb. Colin Nisbet won scratch with 63 and there were nine magic twos, four for Colin!

Fixtures: Sunday 6 July, Brandon draws at 8.30am and 1pm. Ladies: Tuesday 8 July, Stronach Foursomes, Tuesday 15 July, Wright Trophy.

Arran Golfers Association

Fixtures: Friday 4 July, Corrie Hotel Cup at Whiting Bay Golf Club from 5pm. Draw: Brodick B v Lochranza B at 5pm, Shiskine B v Brodick A at 5.10pm, Shiskine A v Lamlash A at 5.30pm, Whiting Bay A v Corrie A at 5.30pm, Lamlash B v Machrie A at 5.40pm, Lochranza A v Machrie B at 5.50pm, Corrie B v Whiting Bay B at 6pm. Format will be Stableford with all four scores counting.

Brodick Golf Club

Gents: Wednesday 25 June, Summer Cup, 17 played, CSS

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Revenge is sweet for triumphant Brodick



For Brodick's Hope Cup golfing team revenge was sweet on Saturday night, when they beat last year's winners Lamlash in a nail-bitingly close final.

After beating Corrie in the first round of the prestigious Arran Golfers Association tournament last week, and Machrie in the semi-final on Saturday afternoon, Brodick overcame a strong Lamlash side in the final to lift the trophy for their first victory since

2010.

There was fantastic support on the night at Shiskine Golf Club and the games lived up to everyone's expectations with first class shots from both teams.

Both Brodick pairs played with a real determination to win this year, and with pars all over the course they proved too strong for Lamlash.

The first match ended with Mathew Keir and Gordon Hendry winning

by four holes and the other pair of Ewan McKinnon and Greg McCrae winning by three holes to take the Hope Cup back to Brodick again.

A spokesman for the Arran Golfers Association said: 'Congratulations to team captain Sid Sillars and his Brodick team, Ewan McKinnon, Greg McCrae, Gordon Hendry and Matt Keir, ably assisted by their caddies Bob McCrae, Calum Duncan, Matt Dobson

and Alastair Dobson.

'Thanks to all the opponents for three very sporting contests and to Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club for presenting the course in fantastic condition.'

On Saturday night a stalwart of Arran golfing circles was also presented with the Dougie Macfarlane award for his services to the sport on the island.

'Mr Shiskine' aka Colin Bannatyne received the award from Dougie who is

the secretary of the Arran Golfers Association for being a historian, past captain, honorary member, all-round legend and true gentleman.

The triumphant Hope Cup team from Brodick with their caddies, front.

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