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Arran ferry fares to be slashed in half by RET

It looks very likely that by next year Arran residents could take a car from Brodick to Ardrossan for just a tenner.

Current government proposals to introduce RET (Road Equivalent Tariff) on Arran ferry services would slash fares by more than half. At the present rate of £134 for a six-journey book of tickets, that would be reduced to a mere £10 a crossing.

Members of the Arran Ferry Committee heard on Monday that a comprehensive RET scheme for Arran could be in place as early as next year.

Keith Brown, Minister for Transport and Housing, was on the island for a whistle stop tour, but had a full and frank meeting with the ferry committee at the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle.

Committee chairman Ken Thorburn told *The Banner*: 'The committee was very enthusiastic about the prospect of RET. It will apparently be a full blown scheme, not just a temporary pilot and will apply to freight, coaches, foot passengers and cars.'

RET has been on Arran's agenda for over 30 years. As long ago as 1982 *The Banner*

REPORT
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reported that John Corrie MP was pressing the government 'to implement full RET at the earliest possible time'.

That time would seem to be now.

RET involves setting ferry fares on the basis of what it would cost to travel the same distance by road. So Arran would have all the financial benefits of a bridge to the mainland without any of the social pitfalls.

When a pilot RET scheme was introduced on sailings to the Western Isles, it was described as 'the biggest transformation of island transport services in a generation'.

At Monday's meeting, Mr Brown outlined the proposed cuts in fares brought about by RET. He declared that car fares would reduce by 55.2percent, commercials by almost 60percent and passengers by 28percent.

Councillor Margie Currie welcomed the proposals, but warned that there would be a period of adjustment. She pointed out: 'We broadly

have to welcome it, but people could be going away and spending all their money off the island. It would encourage more visitors and grow the economy, but there must be sufficient sailings if there is increased traffic.

'The ideal scenario of two ferries is not going to happen; the ship will just have to sail longer hours. The government has to make sure that the vessels and ports are able to cope.'

Ken Thorburn said: 'The company (CalMac) is looking at the possibility of having a second crew so that the vessel could start earlier and finish later. With the current capital problems, the minister was slightly hedging his bets, but he insisted that the intention was to start RET next year.'

The Oban to Castlebay crossing saw a 26percent increase in car traffic and 19percent increase in passengers after the introduction of RET in 2008.

Mr Thorburn added that the ferry committee would maintain a dialogue with the minister and that there would be an opportunity for public consultation.



Shiskine shenanigans herald start of summer

A bungee rope, washing-up liquid and the Pickens prove a little too much for Alan Bannatyne as he struggles in the 'It's Almost a Total Wipeout' competition at Shiskine Valley Sports Day on Saturday. The fun-filled weekend heralds the start of the summer holidays each year as visitors and locals gather at the Harbour Field in Blackwaterfoot to let their hair down for the day. For the full report and all the action-packed photographs see pages 10 and 11. 01_b28shi01



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Police files

No insurance

A 36-year-old Whiting Bay man was reported for driving without insurance after being caught in Corrie on July 1.

Drinking

Two 17-year-old boys, one from the Southend and one from Lamlash, were issued with fixed penalties for drinking in public on the main road in Brodick on July 1.

The next day on Market Road, Brodick a 27-year-old man from Irvine was also issued with a fixed penalty for drinking in public.

Drugs

A 29-year-old Paisley man was reported for offences under the misuse of drugs act after being caught with drugs on Shore Road, Lamlash, on Saturday.

Litter in Lamlash

A 41-year-old Whiting Bay man was reported for littering in Lamlash on Saturday.

Breach of the peace

A 24-year-old Lamlash man and a 19-year-old Whiting Bay man were reported for assault and breach of the peace on July 1.

Issued with a £40 fixed penalty last Saturday for a breach of the peace in Lamlash

was a 41-year-old man from Whiting Bay.

Drink driving

On July 2 an 18-year-old Machrie man was reported for drink driving in Brodick and the next day a 60-year-old Blackwaterfoot man was reported for drink driving in Pirmill.

On Sunday a 51-year-old Kildonan man was arrested for drink driving in the village. Meanwhile on Shore Road in Lamlash the same day a 37-year-old Shiskine man was arrested for the same offence and for having no licence or insurance.

Fuel leak

The road between Merkland and Cladach was left covered in diesel on Monday afternoon after a fuel tank securing strap burst on a Stagecoach bus.

There were no injuries or accidents but NAC gritted the road and police left signs up to warn drivers of the change in road conditions.

Lost and found

A number of items of lost property have been handed into the Lamlash police office and a number of items have been reported lost.

One member of the public is offering a reward for the return of their Nokia mobile phone. If you have lost items please contact Lamlash police office on 302573 and police will reunite you with your property.



At Brodick pier for a ministerial visit, from left, Robbie Brown, CalMac area manager, Colin McCort, port manager, Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Housing and Transport, Lorna Spencer CMAL director of harbours and piers, and Ruth McIntosh, CMAL civil engineer.

Whistle stop island tour

Last Monday Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Housing and Transport, visited Arran.

In a busy schedule, he met with Phil Preston, managing director of CalMac before sailing to Brodick.

On arrival he was greeted by Lorna Spencer, director of harbours CMAL, Robbie Brown, local CalMac area manager, and Colin McCort, port manager. After inspecting the pier and linkspan with regard to a major replacement plan, Mr Brown met Bob McDougall, chief executive Trust Housing Association Ltd and John Sillars, chairman of Isle of Arran Homes. The party then went to visit the 24-house development at Red Quarry Road, Corrie, followed by the

two developments at Laigh Letter Row and Benlister Terrace in Lamlash.

After lunch at the Douglas Hotel the minister went to Brodick Castle for a meeting with the ferry committee.

Mr Brown said: 'The Scottish Government is committed to enhancing ferry services and the related infrastructure throughout the Clyde and Hebrides. Good ferry links to Scotland's islands and remote peninsulas play a key role in building safer and stronger communities. This Government believes these vital links are the key to supporting business and employment opportunities in pursuit of a wealthier and fairer Scotland.'

Path work benefits from visitor gifting

By Jennifer Lyon

Work on the first project to receive funding through the Arran Trust visitor-gifting scheme has started.

The grant from the Arran Trust was awarded to Arran Access Trust for work to the Glen Sannox path, which has recently fallen into disrepair.

It starts from the roadside in Sannox and runs through Glen Sannox over the pass known as The Saddle at 430 metres and into Glen Rosa and into Brodick.

Malcolm Whitmore of Arran Access Trust said: 'We are hugely grateful to the visitor gifting scheme for the injection of these funds and intend to match the £3,000 with a similar amount in order to undertake work on this remaining section.'

He added: 'Work will be undertaken using gravel and stone from the site to create an all weather path with side drains and cross drains thereby preventing further damage and erosion.'

Prior to 2005 the path was

in a very poor state. Not only was it unpleasant to follow but real damage was being done to the fragile vegetation of the glen, which sits within a National Scenic Area and a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Much of the glen floor path was improved in 2005. However funds did not stretch to complete all the damaged sections.

The Arran Trust is looking for other projects to be considered for future funding.

Robert Waine, one of the Trust's three trustees said: 'We are able to provide valuable funds for conservation and community projects throughout Arran. Projects we can consider include wildlife, paths and trails, marine, conservation and sustainability. Applicants must demonstrate a clear and positive contribution to the environment, and should be accessible to members of the public and benefit the local community.'

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Not much fun in Lamlash this summer

Lamlash is bereft of fun this summer.

The annual Gala Week and Heather Queen events have been cancelled. Both were due to go ahead next week, but the organisers have reluctantly decided there is not enough support from villagers.

Tracy Gibson has helped run the Heather Queen for the last three years.

She said: 'I've been really proud to be involved with the Heather Queen; my granny Jean Marriott started it many years ago. It's a lovely tradition and a great loss, but people

expect so much from so few. I'm really gutted that it won't happen.'

Also not happening is the Gala Week that for many years has started with the Heather Queen crowning ceremony.

Maureen Smith, one of the organising committee, said:

'I'm sad it's not going ahead, but it is always the same people left to do all the work. Too many folk are apathetic and happy to sit back and let others do it all.'

'Hopefully we'll get some new blood and be able to resurrect it next year.'

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The Queen honours two islanders

Two distinguished Arran business owners travelled to the Palace of Holyrood last Tuesday to be presented with MBE medals by Her Majesty The Queen.

Celia Butler from Whiting Bay and Iain Johnston of Brodick and 86 others attended the investiture in the Portrait Gallery at the royal palace.

In Celia's case the medal was awarded for 'Services to the Older People in the Isle of Arran' and in Iain's for

'Services to the Hospitality and Tourist Industries on the Isle of Arran'.

By coincidence both began their island businesses 22 years ago.

In 1988 Iain bought the 12-bedroom Brodick guesthouse at Auchrannie and has since masterminded its development into Auchrannie Country House Hotel, Spa Resort and Country Club.

The company is now one of the biggest private employers on the island with up to 150

staff in summer.

Celia came to Arran in 1988 and bought Whiting Bay Hotel.

After extensive refurbishment to the building, it opened later that year as Cooriedoon Care Home for the elderly.

Accompanying the pair on the day was, with Celia, her daughter Sandra and partner Stevie Flynn, and her son Gregg; while Iain had with him, wife Linda, cousin Gilean Bussell, and sister-in law Eileen Johnston.



Celia Butler and Iain Johnston are pictured with their MBEs at the Palace of Holyrood last week.



The abattoir at Blackwaterfoot opened in 1986.

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Abattoir closes after 25 years

The island's only abattoir has closed its doors this week after more than 25 years.

The slaughterhouse opened in Blackwaterfoot in 1986 and it began slaughtering sheep and cattle.

However regulation changes meant that by the late 1990s it dealt only with sheep and pigs.

The Arran Lamb Company began operating at the abattoir seven years ago and many island sheep went there to be slaughtered.

John Anderson owner of The Arran Lamb Company said: 'Circumstances have dictated that I should cease slaughtering with immediate effect.'

'Operating another week or two would have created too many uncertainties.'

He added: 'This for me was a very difficult decision to make because of the relationships I have built with my clients and customers over the years, however it quickly became apparent that it was the right thing to do.'

Surgeries merge to improve patient care

A merger has been agreed between the Brodick and Lam-lash medical centres in a bid to improve patient care on the island.

The new practice, known as Arran Medical Group, will come into being on September 1 when all electronic clinical systems will be merged.

Joyce Beasley, practice manager in Lamlash, said: 'With ever increasing workloads - both in the practices and at Arran War Memorial - and cost efficiencies to be made, Brodick Health Centre and Lamlash

Medical Centre have decided to pool resources in order to maintain the high quality service that our patients have for so long enjoyed.'

From September the four partners, Drs Angus Campbell, Malcolm Kerr, Liz Guthrie and Alwin Hoelzl will form a new partnership caring for three quarters of the island patients.

Supported

They will be supported clinically by Dr Shereen Saleh, Dr David Hogg and the practice nurses, Sisters Susie McCon-

nell, Jo Earle and newly appointed nurse, Jill Divine.

Hannah Taylor, currently the healthcare assistant in Lamlash and Whiting Bay, will also offer clinics in Brodick Health Centre.

Arran Medical Group will continue to operate from Brodick Health Centre, Lam-lash Medical Centre and its branch surgeries in Whiting Bay, Corrie and Kilmory.

Mrs Beasley added: 'Patients will now have a greater choice of clinicians and services across more locations.'

'The GPs have been working across the two practices in recent weeks and patients are already being offered a greater choice of GPs and surgeries.'

Integrated

'It will be several months before the practices are fully integrated but we will endeavour to make the process as seamless as possible for our patients.'

Until September 1, it would be helpful if patients would continue to phone their usual practice for appointments and prescriptions.

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Preparations begin for Fèis Arainn ceilidh

One of the highlights of Fèis Arainn, which starts on Tuesday July 26 is always the fundraising Tutors' Ceilidh.

Once again some of Scotland's top young musicians will be tutoring this year and they will be treating us to an evening of entertainment and dancing for all the family in Whiting Bay Hall on Wednesday 27 July from 7.30pm until 10.30pm.

This really is a night not to be missed as the talent is of the highest level and those who have been in previous years will vouch for it being one of the best bargains of the summer.

The ceilidh is licensed with a juice bar for youngsters and is for locals and visitors of all ages.

This will be held in the community theatre in Arran High School at 2pm and is open to everyone, not just parents and friends.

Once again we are grateful to the Scottish Arts Council through Fèisean nan Gaidheal and North Ayrshire Council for their invaluable financial support.

Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 11 June were: N/S 1 Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McConnell, 2 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 3 Liz Robertson and Jennifer McArthur. E/W 1 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Linda Trickett and Jennifer Wales.



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Auchrannie Spa staff in a group anniversary photo.

Happy 10th birthday

Auchrannie Spa celebrated its tenth birthday this week.

It was back in July 2001 when the Spa joined its big sister, the Auchrannie House Hotel, in welcoming guests to the Isle of Arran.

Since the doors first opened, reception staff have checked in over 93,000 guests, whilst the chefs in Cruize bar have been very busy serving up almost 816,000 meals.

Commenting on the 10th birthday General Manager Richard Small said: 'It has been an amazing 10 years. Since day one,

guests have flocked to us and more importantly they have returned time and time again.

Evolving

'The Spa has been constantly evolving during that time and everyone on the team can be very proud of what has been achieved.'

Staff, some of whom have been part of Auchrannie throughout the last 10 years, assembled for a group photo to mark the 10th birthday celebrations.

Model lifeboats on display

As part of the Maritime Festival the local lifeboat crew put on a display in Lamlash last weekend.

Music in an appropriate seafaring mode was provided by local band Fish and Ships.

Also on hand at the pier was Brian Goodwin with his striking display of model lifeboats. Brian helps to raise money for lifeboat services around the country and is a member of Irvine Model Boat Club.

All the boats on show were scale models of lifeboats that are still in service, despite some being quite old.



Brian Goodwin with his model lifeboats. b28lif01

Jazz on the water

Passengers on board the paddle steamer Waverley next Tuesday will be serenaded by the six members of Arran's Jazz Café Band.

The band will be joining the venerable vessel at Brodick pier at 11.30am for her cruise to Largs, Dunoon and Carrick Castle via Loch Long and Loch Goil.

It will be a marvellous opportunity for islanders and holidaymakers to enjoy a cruise up the Clyde. Tickets from the Tourist Information Office at Brodick pier or online from the Waverley.

Bluegrass concert in Lamlash

There will be a bluegrass night in Lamlash Church Hall on Wednesday 3 August. Local Saggy Bottom member Cams Campbell plays acoustic guitar and mandolin.

He said: 'Following the success of last year's bluegrass concert, we're doing it again!

'Wayne Taylor and Appaloosa from the USA are playing on 3 August at 7.30pm in the church hall. Tickets are available at Brodick Post Office or online from Arran Events at www.arranevents.com

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Island's youth foundation launches website

Arran Youth Foundations (AYF) has launched a new website - and the charity hopes the island's young people will use hi-tech gadgets to keep up-to-date.

In a bid to keep their teenage attendees informed of the charity's activities, AYF's new site will regularly be updated with news, details of events and dates for the diary, all of which can be accessed using modern technology.

Youth work project manager Graeme Johnston said: 'With so many iPhones, iPads, smartphones and tablets around, a lot of kids can now access the internet anywhere and at any time. They have computers and laptops at home and certainly everyone can access the internet for free at the library.'

'So I would like to think this is the perfect way for young people to keep up to date with what we are doing. The high school has a roll of around 300 and while there's no way I can make contact with them all, everyone can access the site at a click of a button.'

He added: 'I hope young folk do get in the habit of checking it as we have so much planned this summer that beats hanging around bored - a barbecue, trips to a recording studio in Stevenston, a youth cafe in Largs and a five-a-side football tournament in Stevenston. As always, it's all free.'

The new site can be accessed at www.arranyouthfoundations.org

AYF would like to thank Maurice Geraghty of Paragon Solutions who did a fantastic job of creating the website and making sure it was compatible with gadgets!

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Strategy to boost tourism across the region

Local people are being encouraged to have their say on a strategy which aims to boost tourism across Ayrshire and Arran.

The Ayrshire Economic Partnership (AEP) – a group of representatives from various public and private sector organisations including North Ayrshire Council – have committed to working together to bring more visitors to the area.

AEP has now launched its draft strategy – a five-year plan outlining a vision for the growth and development of tourism in the region.

Councillor David O'Neill, Leader of North Ayrshire Council, said: 'The tourism industry is extremely important to the economy of Ayrshire and Arran, generating around £342 million per year in revenue.'

'The new strategy recognises the potential to grow this contribution further and I would ask local people and the business community to give ideas and feedback so we can set a firm vision for increasing the number of visitors to the area and the opportunities the tourism industry presents.'

Local forums are being held throughout the region, with an Arran one at Auchrannie on Wednesday 24 August from 5.30pm to 8pm.

Show moves forward

Arran Music and Drama Club's annual production will be moved forward by one week next year.

The traditional Whit holiday has been moved for 2012 to a week later than usual, with Whit Monday being 4 June. This is due to the special Bank Holiday on Tuesday 5 June to celebrate the 60th anniversary of HM The Queen's accession to the throne.

Speaking for the Club, Ian Watt said: 'Arran Music and Drama Club has always had the Whit Week for its annual show, and so as to maximise our audiences we have decided to move our show dates forward one week to 4 to 9 June for 2012 only.'

Epic cycle challenge by paralysed Sliddery man

'I was in tears just getting into bed that night'

REPORT

by JENNIFER LYON
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A Sliddery man who is paralysed from below his ribcage has completed an epic cycle from John O'Groats to Lands End, raising £5,000 for charity.

This was a major challenge for Alan Cook as the 960-mile nine-day journey was completed lying down, just a couple of inches off the ground, on a specially adapted cycle.

He told the Banner: 'I always knew this challenge was right on the limit of what was achievable on a hand cycle and that I'd have to go through a lot of pain if I was to succeed.'

'But thankfully, somehow, after nine days, 960 miles and over 20,000m of climbing I finally made it to Land's End.'

Thirty-four-year-old Alan completed the ride to raise money for the Back-Up Trust, a national charity that aims to transform the lives of people living with a spinal cord injury and a charity that really helped change his own life.

'A large portion of the money raised came from people on Arran and most of them, no doubt, heard about it through reading the article you featured in the Banner, so thank you very much,' said Alan.

'I can't claim to have achieved this on my own, for were it not for all the kind messages of support and encouragement as well as all the generous donations, I would have certainly given up more than once along the way.'

He added: 'On day five I thought I was finished, and I would've been on day six were it not pretty flat. The climb to Bath racecourse on day seven nearly killed me, and day eight took me over 13 hours.'

'I was in tears just getting into bed that night. Everything hurt on day nine and I simply couldn't re-energise my arms. I had a complete sense of humour failure at pit stop one and I can't remember anything of the 20 miles before pit stop 2.'

But regardless of all the pain, sweat and tears Alan completed the journey and says it was a fantastic challenge to be



Finally crossing the finish line at John O'Groats, an experience Alan Cook said he will never forget.

involved in.

He said: 'Descending into Lands End and crossing the finish line is definitely a moment I'll never forget, but it comes second to sharing 960 miles of amazing challenges, views, conversations, smiles and tears with over 500 other cyclists and crew.'

'Thank you to everyone involved in the event and everyone who supported me, you helped me cross the finish line and ensured I don't have to come back next year to finish it off!'



Alan Cook at Fort William on the cycle that took him from John O'Groats to Lands End.

Bowling club fun day

Sunday afternoons are often a time for fun and Sunday 31 July will be no exception!

Brodick Bowling Club is hosting their Fun Day starting at 2pm on the bowling green – next to the village hall.

This is an opportunity for folk of all ages – from youngsters to oldies – especially beginners, to try their hand at this enjoyable game.

Entry is only £1 each and all equipment will be supplied. Small bowls as well as large will be available but players should be wearing flat-soled shoes or trainers if possible.

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Nostalgic look back at a once tourist mecca

Heading 'Doon the Watter' was the highlight of the summer

There was a time when thousands of people from Glasgow and the surrounding areas descended on Arran at this time of year - a time when heading 'Doon the Watter' was the highlight of the summer.

To mark the official opening of its new Heritage Centre in Saltcoats, North Ayrshire Council is looking back on the nostalgic heyday when the area was a tourist mecca, the steamer was the main form of transport and an ice cream cone was an essential accessory.

A wide range of photographs, postcards and memorabilia from the 40s, 50s and 60s will be exhibited at the Heritage Centre - which has merged Saltcoats Museum and the council's Local and Family History Centre - from July 5. Provost Pat McPhee said:

'We have already had a lot of fantastic feedback about the new Heritage Centre. Most people have been very positive, finding it very useful to have so many different elements under one roof.'

'North Ayrshire's recent history is intrinsically linked with tourism and people visiting and indeed moving here from Glasgow, so having an exhibition on 'Doon the Watter' is a fitting way to officially open the new Heritage Centre.'

As part of the official launch, North Ayrshire Council has launched a photograph competition to find the nostalgic images of the future.

Local people are being invited to consider what brings people to come 'doon the watter' in 2011 and may become a nostalgic image in 50 years' time.

The competition is split into four geographical categories for the North Coast and Cumbrae, Three Towns and Arran, Garnock Valley and Irvine and Kilwinning.

Take a photograph of the part of North Ayrshire you think is important to visitors and which should be remembered down the years.

The winning entries will form a new Heritage Centre postcard set.

There will be prizes of photographic vouchers for each of the category winners along with a grand prize 'photographic assignment' on the Waverley for the Overall Winner.

The competition closes at noon on July 29.

Entries should be sent, along with age, area and address to communications@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Provost McPhee added: 'We have a fantastic archive which shows us exactly why people came in their droves to visit the area. This competition aims to encourage people to take photographs which demonstrate why people should continue to come 'Doon the Watter'.

'There is plenty to make local people proud - from the stunning landscapes, iconic landmarks to the friendly residents. We want to see images that can become the pictures of nostalgia in another 50 years' time.'



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The youngsters, who are dedicated to helping improve their area through a variety of community activities, cycled around Arran to raise vital funds.

Duke of Edinburgh group cycle Arran to raise vital funds

A group of adventurous young people from across North Ayrshire have completed a tough cycling challenge to raise hundreds of pounds for their community projects.

Eight plucky Duke of Edinburgh Award New Start students and two staff cycled the 55 miles around Arran and raised a fantastic £300, which they will use for future group activities.

The youngsters, who are dedicated to helping improve their area through a variety of community activities such as litter-picking and volunteering, will also donate some money to New Start Gold Award holder and Duke of Edinburgh Ambassador Lisa Heenan.

Lisa, who recently won North Ayrshire Young Citizen of the Year in the Provost's Civic Pride Awards, will represent her peers

at the International Award Conference this September.

The group cycled around the island taking in Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Blackwaterfoot, Lochranza and eventually returning to Brodick almost six hours later.

They set up camp on the Friday evening to rest their tired legs before returning to the mainland the following day.

Alex MacFie, New Start co-ordinator, said: 'The group have been taking part in cycling expeditions throughout the year, so they had been training well and I knew they were fit enough to complete this challenge.'

'However, their attitude throughout this trip was particularly upbeat, even when they were climbing steeply out of Lochranza after 40 miles.'

From the archives of The Oban Times

As part of the 150th anniversary of The Oban Times we've been looking back at news reports from as far back as 1861. Some reports come from Arran and in the coming weeks we'll be bringing you a few of them that we think might be of interest.

September 1872 Body found:

On Monday the dead body of a man was got lying on the shore near Torrisdale, and on its being examined it was found to be the body of the man named Donald Kelso, one of the crew of the fishing smack May Flower, of Arran, which was lost on the 20th August, in the Sound of Kilbrannan,

during a storm.

The crew of the boat were the master, Donald Kerr, whose body was found at Saddell Pluck about a fortnight ago; Kelso, and a boy named Macalister, whose body has not yet been found. The body of Kelso was very much disfigured.

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Crowds turn out to salute tall ships

Some of the world's most beautiful tall ships gathered off the shores of Arran last week as the country prepared to host parts of the international Tall Ships Race.

The race has been held every year since 1956 and sees hundreds of young crews take to the seas in single-hulled ships. More than 50 tall ships set off from Waterford in Ireland earlier in the week to sail to the Clyde.

Two beautiful ships – that included the Christian Radich, which went on to win the Clyde race - were moored in Lochranza Bay for three days.

The sailors came ashore and enjoyed trips to the distillery as well as a barbecue organised by the village Sea Society on the Wednesday night.

On Thursday the Isle of Arran Yacht Club held a special 'Maritime Festival' to celebrate the visit to the island by these magnificent ships.

As well as running trips out into Lamlash Bay to give people the chance to see the ships up close, there was a barbeque and entertainments for the whole family.

'The Maritime Festival was a great success,' said Tom Tracey of the Yacht Club.

RNLI Display
'The tall ships provided the centre piece from Tuesday to Friday and the Laser 420 racing and RNLI display provided the entertainment over the weekend.'

He added: 'I have only been on the island for eight years but many lifelong Lamlash residents had not seen the village as busy in many years.'

An incredible 24 boats and 667 young sailors from all over the world visited Lamlash between Tuesday and Friday and more than 300 stopped off in Lochranza.

Claire Richardson, VisitArran's operations manager, said: 'VisitArran is delighted to have played a small part in such a successful event for the island, and hopes this event will be a part of future VisitArran supported events, along with the Folk, Wildlife and Mountain Festival and many others.'

'The continued voluntary effort of the Arran community provides unique products and personalities for a unique Island.'

After stopping off on Arran the ships travelled on up the Clyde to Greenock where crowds turned out in their thousands to see them.

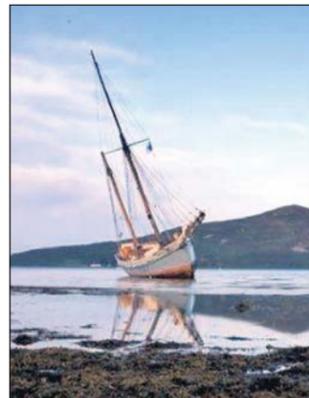


The Europa pictured in full-sail arriving in Lamlash Bay on Tuesday night.

Photo by J.Arnold.



The Christian Radich pictured just behind the MV Loch Riddon was the winner of this year's Tall Ships Clyde Race. Photo by R.Henderson



The 100ft-long tall ship Irene of Bridgwater ran aground in Lamlash Bay on Wednesday night. Photo by Arran Photography



Two incredible ships took shelter in Lochranza Bay for three days.

Some of the world's most beautiful ships could be seen off the coast of Arran last week. 01_b28ta105

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It's not much fun organising a fun week. In recent years fun weeks have become an accepted part of the Arran summer calendar of events. They entertain holidaymakers, and make a bit of money for community facilities.

But they don't just happen. It takes a lot of hard work and commitment from a dedicated team of volunteers.

Next week should have been the Lamlash Gala Week, but it isn't happening.

Nor is the annual Heather Queen ceremony that for years has heralded the start of Gala Week.

The long-time organisers of both events have told The Banner of their sadness at the demise of these popular crowd-pleasers. In each case, they have cited the lack of new volunteers coming forward to help, and the fact that inevitably the same old faces are left holding the baby each year.

Corrie and Sannox villagers were the first to step up to the mark and organise their week-long fiesta of fun under the name of Corrie Capers over 30 years ago. It was the first of the island fun weeks, and soon other Arran villages followed suit with their own week of entertainments for residents and holidaymakers.

Corrie had its own specialities not found elsewhere, such as a clay pigeon shoot, model aircraft display, fishing contest, and most notably, a Mastermind contest in 1989 with celebrity quiz master Magnus Magnusson posing the questions. John Roberts of Brodick walked off with the enviable crown of Arran Mastermind. Then the villagers had the clever idea of adapting the Capers into a Viking festival which continues to this day.

Shiskine Valley Sports first saw the light of day in 1985. It attracted a crowd of over 750 people and has become firmly established. The organisers have also been wise enough to keep it condensed into one day rather than dragging it out over a week. Whiting Bay Fun Week started in 1984, complete with the crowning of a Bay Princess. After a few stutters down the years, it continues to flourish, but only with the direction of a strong group of committed volunteers.

Kildonan villagers started their annual fun week in 1987, with Kilmory September weekend fete taking off the following year.

Lochranna villagers had their own popular speciality fancy dress boat race for almost 20 years until it fell by the wayside a few years ago.

Brodick of course has the island's only real Highland Games, but all these events take a great amount of work behind the scenes.

Lamlash Gala Week and the Heather Queen may have been cancelled for this year, but let us hope that the villagers come forward to reinstate them next year.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.'
(Philippians 4:13)

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Letters to the Editor



Arran buzzing with energy

Sir,
Thank you for reporting on the positive news for Taste of Arran on the front page of The Arran Banner two weeks ago.

This is the first piece in a pretty big jigsaw, with much still to be done and investment to be secured in order to realise our ambitions.

We are extremely proud and grateful that the Scottish Government has agreed to support us to further develop the fantastic food offering we have on Arran and we sincerely hope this will bring benefit to the island's agricultural and social communities.

The article, allied to the optimistic editorial in last week's Banner has moved me to write to highlight my views on why 'Arran is buzzing with energy'.

For many years now the passion and pride of its people have driven Arran forward.

This is not the case in every area, but Arran is well served both in the social and business communities with forward thinking people who make the most of the assets we have.

This is not new; there have been individuals and organisations that for many years have been ahead of their time and have seen the benefit of working closely for the joint benefit of Arran, its people and its economic viability.

If we get the economic bit right, and do so in a sustainable manner, then the social agenda will also be fulfilled ensuring we create employment for our youngsters, and have a vibrant and friendly island to welcome visitors year round.

Food and tourism are not the only games in town by any means but between them bring in approximately £50m to the Arran economy each year. The bulk of this will be spent on employing local people and investing for the future, ensuring much of the money generated stays on the island.

As a youngster (not yesterday I hear you say) I thought all of this just happened and that everywhere was the same.

Now that I am a bit longer in the tooth I can see it is not so, and with the benefit of hindsight, I can identify defining moments that have influenced this: would we have the fantastic food and drink industry if it were not for the fantastic Arran cheese, first made in Torrylinn in the 1940s and hopefully continuing into the future with the milk supply coming only from the fantastic Arran dairy herd?

Or Arran Provisions, started by the Lady Jean Fforde and developed internationally by the Russell family, who have now turned their attentions to the world renowned Arran Aromatics.

Arran tourism has been well served by some very visionary individuals and has seen massive investment not just in this last couple of years with the iconic Douglas Hotel back to full power, developments at Arran on a Plate, Lamlash Bay Hotel, Coast, Eden Lodge, Kildonan Hotel, Lagg Hotel and Sannox Bay to name only a few, but over many years the vision of people like the Crawford family at the Kinloch and the step change in Arran tourism initiated by Ian and Linda Johnston at Auchrannie has allowed Arran to continually move forward and offer our tourists constant improvement in hospitality.

This focused but altruistic vision for Arran by many within its community has given us at Taste of Arran the drive and confidence to plan investment for the future which will help underpin and add to the fantastic community pride that is an essential part of every product we produce.

'A rising tide floats all boats'

Yours
Alastair Dobson
Taste of Arran

Kildonan's sear

Sir,
Kildonan is one of my favourite places on Arran. I first visited the village in the 1930s with the Kilbarchan Boy Scouts on a camping holiday.

After the war, we as a family had a couple of happy holidays in Breadalbane, then an excellently run hotel.

Later my wife and I lived in the village for 25 years. Circumstances beyond our control meant we were obliged to move to Whiting Bay.

I still enjoy my bus rides through the village, which has changed over the years especially since the advent of a public water supply.

The new houses between the old school and Drimla Lodge are attractive. There are some signs of new buildings on the seaward side of the road opposite the old school.

The words of Matthew, chapter seven verses 26 and 27 springs to mind.

The houses in The Keys look really splendid. But why – oh why – do all the residents keep that cheap clay wall?

One resident remedied this outside his own house by having a beautifully constructed wall built.

Then comes the eyesore that was once the Breadalbane. The restaurant passed through several hands but each new owner maintained its high standard.

It was a highly valued amenity used by locals and visitors alike.

Then came some individual from the mainland who bought the place, knocked it down and left in its stead a ghastly pile of rubble.

Kildonan has been badly let down.

Yours,
George Lyle
Fen Place
Whiting Bay

Bus confusion

This is a copy of a letter sent to the Stagecoach customer services manager.

Sir,
I am informed by your timetable enquiry service that an express bus leaves Ardrossan ferry terminal on Harbour Road at 9.27am from Monday to Friday and goes to Glasgow.

Can you please explain to me why this bus left yesterday, July 5, at 9.13am (by the electronic clock outside the terminal), just as the first ferry passengers were coming down the gangway from the ferry?

It seems illogical to send a bus (a large bendy bus at that) all the way to the terminal just

to leave when the only likely source of passengers is unable to access it.

Yours,
Elizabeth Ross
Glenloig Farmhouse
String Road

Stagecoach out of touch

Sir,
I write following Mr Jamie Bramley's letter (ed.1813).

As a bus driver, I must accede to much of what Mr Bramley writes. The bus service on Arran is particularly dangerous, out of touch and gives little protection for its drivers, let alone passengers. The timetable is another issue. It is inadequate. However, the responsibility does not lie with Stagecoach. They only operate the service. They do not devise the timetable. That falls to SPT.

Unless people make their grievances known to SPT in numbers, nothing will change. Stagecoach has a responsibility to run an efficient, safety conscientious service. This is not happening.

There has already been a terrible accident on the island with a bus, there will be more. The buses themselves are not suited to Arran roads. In the more dangerous sides of the island roads, drivers have absolutely no chance of seeing something coming the other way.

Car drivers on the island drive erratically into blind bends with the fallacy of being on their side of the road.

On narrow roads you will meet large vehicles that do not fit inside the white line. You should always be expecting them on Arran. Bus drivers do need to take more care, yet summer traffic can hold buses up in trying to meet ferries.

Alleviated by the fact, there is now a second ferry. Still, this does not solve the bus situation or dangers of Arran roads.

More frequent runs are required to meet the health and safety standards Mr Bramley expects. I wonder how long SPT and

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Stagecoach will continue to brush these serious claims aside. Until lives have been lost? Take note. Prevent such accidents from happening. Stagecoach needs to make drastic improvements. SPT need a rethink. Give Arran a realistic public transport service.

Yours
Name and Address supplied

Buses' defence

Sir,
In response to Jamie Bramley's letter in last week's Banner, I would like to defend Arran's bus service.

I first visited Arran about 20 years ago for a weekend with a group of walkers and climbers.

We left our cars at Ardrossan and on disembarking from the ferry at Brodick on the Friday evening I was impressed to see a fleet of buses waiting to depart for different destinations on the island.

At the time neither my family (including parents of two toddlers) nor myself were a car owner.

It struck me that the beauty of Arran, its tourist amenities and its excellent public transport system made the island the ideal holiday destination for a family such as ours.

We have been returning to the island (still car-less) several times a year ever since.

We always find the bus drivers unfailingly careful, friendly and helpful and bus service reliable.

Yours,
**Susan Collin
C/O Middleton
Caravan Park
Lamlash**

Suffering with cyclists

Sir,
I write as one who has holidayed at Catacol for nearly 50 years, first using a bicycle, and then for 40 years a car, to express my agreement with your Editorial of July 9 on present-day cyclists. I too have suffered on the Boguille. However, this year I am sure

one reason for some of the wobbling is the state of the roads.

I felt most of the time as if I was driving on a cart track, and the amount of bouncing around I experienced in the car must surely have counted as exercise! One less obvious reason for the fact that cyclists often seem to ignore motorists behind them may be that they do not hear them.

About five years ago I tried a little cycling again, and discovered that, even at my snail's pace, the air going past my ears made enough noise to drown the sound of a car coming up behind, because modern cars are much quieter than those of 40 years ago. On a different subject, I offer my thanks to all those involved in the 'Sea Sunday' service broadcast on Radio 4 this morning.

I particularly enjoyed hearing Psalm 95 sung to 'Bon Accord', complete with reports, a childhood favourite I hear so seldom nowadays.

Yours,
**Hazel Wright
Huntly Gardens
Glasgow**

Tall Ships in Lochranza

Sir,
On Tuesday 5 July, Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society had less than 24 hours notice of the arrival of four tall ships coming into Lochranza for the night.

A large number of locals 'mucked in' at very short notice to organise BBQ facilities for the crew of the ships, transportation up and down the village to visit the distillery, tenders to boats and gave advice of walks in the surrounding area.

The bay looked spectacular with the ships lit up at dusk, a sight not seen in Lochranza for decades.

Several other tall ships and yachts associated with the tall ship races visited Lochranza on Thursday and Friday with the last vessel leaving on Saturday morning at 7am.

The Sea Society would like to extend a huge thank you to all those people (too many to mention individually) who generously donated BBQs and tables for use, hours of their time to help at the BBQ, made transport available on land and water, and finally to the local businesses for pulling out the stops to accommodate the huge influx of people of all ages and 15 different nationalities.

All of the skippers and their crew were overwhelmed by the hospitality given to them over the three days.

Thank you once again to all who helped.

Yours,
**Julie Graham
Secretary
Lochranza and
Catacol Sea Society**

Small suggestion

Sir,
I would like to congratulate the Arran community on the hospitality, service and welcome I received while visiting Lamlash between July 2 and 15 this year.

It was a lovely holiday spent at Hamilton Terrace.

The only suggestion I would offer would be to relocate the glass recycling bins in the car park at Hamilton Terrace.

Not only are these bins unsightly, the crashing and bashing of breaking glass starts early in the morning and continues until late at night! I was jolted awake every morning before 7am, which is not conducive to a relaxing holiday.

Yours,
**Katherine Miller
Lantzville
British Columbia
Canada**

Ferry passenger figures

Sir,
In the last issue of The Banner Jane McCartney refers to how busy the Arran ferry appears to be.

However the latest Scottish government figures (March 2011) reveal that in 2009 the Rothesay ferry carried

756,000 passengers and 163,000 vehicles; the Cumbrae boat 720,000 people and 140,000 vehicles.

The Arran boat carried only 716,000 passengers and 114,000 vehicles.

Interestingly, the busiest ferry – that obviously sails to meet customer demand – is the Western Ferries Company that carried 1.3 million passengers and 584,000 vehicles.

By comparison, on the same route the subsidised CalMac ferry carried only 534,000 passengers.

The above figures appear to demonstrate that frequency of service operated to meet customer demand rather than frequency by diktat is rewarded by increased custom.

Yours,
**Ian McCallum
Whiting Bay**

Chamber concert leaves audience wanting more

For the third year running, the Isle of Arran Music Society has been honoured to host a concert by the world-renowned musicians of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (SCO).

In Whiting Bay Hall last Friday it was the turn of the SCO Wind and Brass Ensemble to blow the near capacity audience away with their sparkling talent.

The programme ranged from the delicate textures of flute duets from Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and the brilliant resonance of a Scheidt *Canzona* played by horns and trumpets to richly textured pieces written or arranged for larger ensembles. The Beethoven *Sextet Op. 71* featured the mellow sonorities of clarinets, horns and bassoons while two 'symphonic' works, Gounod's *Petite Symphonie* and an ar-

range by Nick Reader of Beethoven's *Symphony No 1* added oboes, flutes and finally a contrabassoon to the mix.

The musicians were clearly enjoying themselves and this sense of delight carried through into the music which was played with great flair and sensitivity.

A problem with the lighting near the start of the Beethoven symphony was resolved with good humour and the piece was restarted, the interruption soon forgotten by artists and audience alike.

Arrangements of full-scale orchestral pieces were quite common in Beethoven's day, to enable the music to be heard by a wider audience.

The Music Society's next concert will feature solo percussionist Heather Corbett on Tuesday 30 August in Arran High School. *SP*

New president for Arran Rotary Club

Last Tuesday was a big night for the Isle of Arran Rotary Club as a new session started and a new president was introduced.

Jim Lees of Corrie is replacing John Corbett of Brodick.

Outgoing president Johnny was thanked for the work he has done for the club last year.

It has been a busy year with money raised for good causes in Arran and abroad. Disaster areas have also been sent help in the way of shelter boxes and other aid, and as ever, Arran's young people have been supported in their various endeavours. Many social events have been held, and the Rotary members have enjoyed the fellowship and fun very much.

Tony Wall presented Johnny with a garden voucher so that he can remember his presidential year for many years to come. Johnny welcomed new presi-



Outgoing president John Corbett presents Jim Lees with the chains of office.

dent, Jim Lees, who talked about his hopes for his presidential year.

It will be very busy and more fun is planned as well as fundraising events.

The Rotary held a fundraising day at the Co-op on Friday to collect money for equipment for a medical project that is being led by Dr Hogg with other aid agencies on the island to benefit all the people on Arran.

A total of £416 was raised and they would like to say a big thank you to the Co-op and all those who donated money.

A spokesman for the Rotary said: 'We all wish Jim well and hope to see you at many of the events.'

'If anyone is interested in further information or becoming a member, please contact Mairi Christie 600 479 or any Rotary member.'

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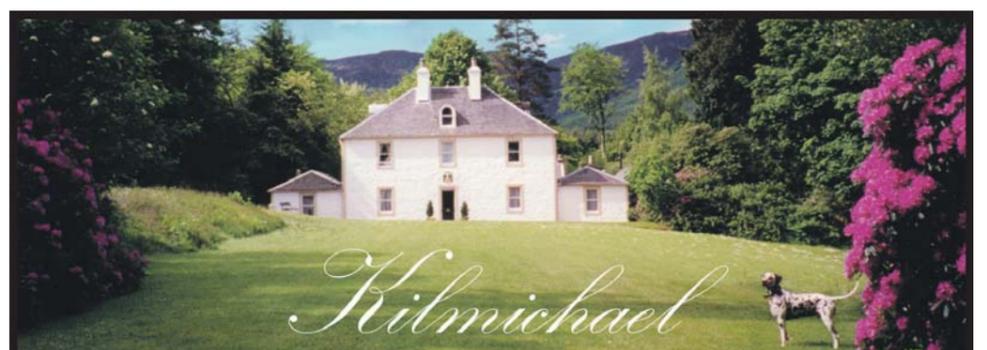
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Ernest Weir of Machrie wows the crowd with his strength. 01_b28shi04



Jennifer Emsley of Whiting Bay was the first female home in the road race. 01_b28shi02



The Pillow Fight is an old favourite among the younger generations. 01_b28shi06

Shiskine Valley Sports Day

Crowds gathered under blue skies to enjoy a fun-filled day

Shiskine Valley Sports Day heralded the start of the summer holidays last Saturday as visitors and locals gathered at the Harbour Field in Blackwaterfoot to let their hair down for the day.

The field was bursting at the seams as the crowds swelled in under blue skies and sunshine to enjoy the entertainments of the afternoon.

First event of the day was the 'Round the Square' road race, which was won by Scott Pilkington of Glasgow in the incredible time of 20 minutes and 48 seconds.

He was quickly followed by the first Arran Runner home, Dave Black of Whiting Bay in 22 minutes 13 seconds.

The first lady home was another Whiting Bay runner, Jennifer Emsley.

Throughout the afternoon children as young as three competed in a series of fun races while the Isle of Arran Pipe Band serenaded the crowds from the centre of the field.

'It's nearly a Total Wipeout' featured just two teams this year but that certainly didn't mean half the fun.

In the middle of the field the traditional Highland Games events took place with a number of local competitors

competing for the first time this year.

Scattered around the field were the usual fantastic stalls and tombolas and the beer tent certainly kept the adults entertained for most of the afternoon.

The ladies of the Shiskine Valley also provided the most incredible array of home-baking that was delightfully munched by the crowds in the tea tent throughout the day.

On Sunday the annual Texas Scramble was held at the golf club and raised a magnificent sum for the Shiskine Valley Trust.

The infamous Shiskine Hall

Duck Derby on the Saturday afternoon was a sell-out, with 1,000 ducks sprachling down the Blackwater burn (often in an ungainly fashion) and the ducks have now gone away for a well-earned rest.

After a tight race, there were six clear winners: 1 Duck 462 - Murray Picken, 2 Duck 2 Anne Cameron, 3 Duck 85 Paul Clark, 4 Duck 43 Doreen McNulty, 5 Duck 27 Ile Morrison, 6 Duck 112 Clark Findlay. Many thanks to all the local businesses for their support in duck selling, and also to our intrepid duck releasers and catchers - you know who you are!



Children as young as three had great fun running in the kids' races. 01_b28shi03



Niall McMaster tries his hand at throwing the hammer. 01_b28shi11



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One of the highlights of the day this year was the 'Junior Sheep Stakes'. 01_b28shi07



Despite never competing in the heavy events before, Niall McMaster of Shannochie made it look easy. 01_b28shi05



Runners from Arran and the mainland competed in the 'Round the Square' road race on the Saturday morning. 01_b28shi01



Kirsty Barton of Kilpatrick manages to get her water into the wheelie bin despite being pulled back by the bungee rope. 01_b28shi14



Alan Bannatyne takes a nosedive into the pool during the first round of the 'It's nearly a Total Wipeout'. 01_b28shi09



First to tee-off in the Texas Scramble on Sunday morning were Niall McMaster, Genevieve Pilgreen, Jamie Picken and Andy McNiven. 01_b28shi15



Iain Smith tries his hand at putting the eight-pound ball. 01_b28shi08



The bungee rope gets the better of Alan Picken in the second round of 'It's nearly a Total Wipeout'. 01_b28shi12



Ian Smith, Alison Murchie, Alan Bannatyne and Kirstie Barton tackle the giant sack race. 01_b28shi10

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Arran riders enjoy Skipness pony club camp

Four young Arran riders travelled to Skipness last week to take part in the South Pony Club Camp. Pictured are Hannah Bone from Lamlash on her pony, Lily, Lori Young from Lamlash, unmounted, Lauren MacAllister from Shiskine on Woodbury's Joseph, and Taylor Smith from Machrie on her horse, Bingham's Pageboy.

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Council tax scam warning to islanders

North Ayrshire Trading Standards officers are once again urging local residents to be vigilant after recent reports of scammers contacting local council taxpayers.

A small number of islanders have been contacted by a group of fraudsters who claim residents are entitled to a rebate and requesting they hand over their bank details.

Personal Details

No local people are thought to have provided personal details but North Ayrshire Trading Standards officers are again warning people

throughout the region to be on their guard.

North Ayrshire Council's spokesman for Community Services, Councillor Peter McNamara, said: 'We are aware that this scam is taking place and would again ask local people to be vigilant - North Ayrshire Council would never phone a customer to ask for their bank details.

'If anyone locally receives such a phone call, the advice is not to provide any personal information but to get in touch with Trading Standards to report it immediately.'

This scam came to light in May when fraudsters contacted residents in other parts of Scotland informing them they are due a council tax rebate and asking them to call another telephone number.

Bank Details

Upon doing so, residents are asked to provide their name and bank account details.

Local residents have been asked to report any suspicious calls of this nature to North Ayrshire Trading Standards via the national Consumer Direct helpline on 08454 04 05 06.

Runners travel from far and wide for island's half marathon

Runners from all over Scotland travelled to the island on July 3 to compete in the Arran Half Marathon.

In total 105 competitors took part in the 13-mile race, which reverted back to the normal course this year after the String Road closure forced a change of route last year.

Conditions were very hot for running with not much of a breeze until runners reached the Machrie Road end and headed back towards Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot.

Organiser Mike Mellor said: 'Numbers were very healthy this year with the majority of runners coming from the mainland - some coming from as far as Edinburgh.

'I'd like to thank the road marshals and volunteers manning the water stations who are crucial to the smooth running of this event.'

The first runner back in 1.14.13 was Robert Gilroy of Ronhill Cambuslang Harriers.

In 10th place was Arran's first runner back, Dave Black of Whiting Bay, who finished the race in 1.27.01.

Arran Runners' Gordon Allsop and Mike Mellor finished in 15th and 16th positions in 1.33.17 and 1.34.33 respectively.

Local runners Fraser Shand of Brodick finished in 1.38.29, Paul Sweeney also of Brodick in 1.40.33. Tom McMaster of Pirmill in 1.41.03 and Kirstie Barton in 1.46.09.

Joanne Thom of Edinburgh AC was the first woman to finish in 1.35.23.



Dave Black of Whiting Bay was the first local to finish the Arran Half Marathon. 01_b28mar01

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Lost bracelet

A silver bracelet with a heart shaped charm was lost at Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday 25 June.

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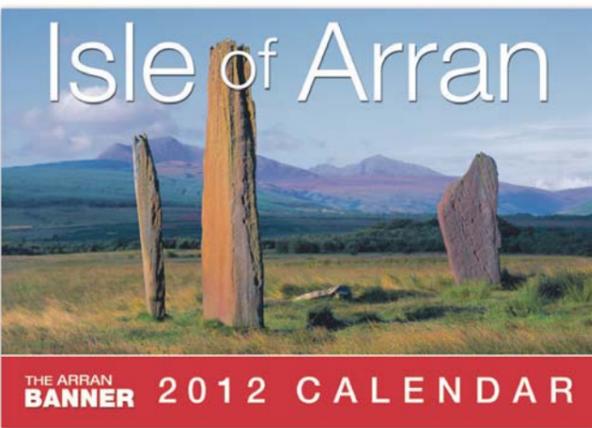
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RDA celebrate with end of term fun event

Last Saturday saw the end of the season for the Arran Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) as the group broke up for the summer.

There was fun and games all the way with a gymkhana for all the kids, a quiz on the RDA ponies for the older children and volunteers, which included questions about what breed the ponies are, what height/colour and what age they are.

The finale of the morning was a countryside challenge, in which the older children had to perform a combination of tasks including bending round obstacles, stopping at a post box to post a letter, buy some

items from the farm shop, halt between trees, steer around a sheep pen and finally ring a bell for the farmer to open the gate. All of which tests the riders various skills.

'Farmer' Dave Patterson and 'Farmer' Colin Guthrie - who both help out behind the scenes at the RDA and who certainly got into the spirit of things on the day - judged all of this!

Enjoyed

Dave said: 'Colin Guthrie and I enjoyed judging this competition, and seeing how much the riders' skills have developed over the last 12 months.

'We'd like to thank all the

participants (two and four legged) for demonstrating commendable sportsmanship and good humour. Also congratulations on performing so confidently despite being pursued around the course by two bizarre looking, clipboard wielding men who could have very easily put you off!'

The morning was rounded off with juice and cakes for all the riders, parents and volunteers.

The RDA will be fundraising with a bag pack at the Brodick Co-op on Saturday 23 July.

Volunteers will be on hand on the day so feel free to come along and have a chat about the group and what we do.



The RDA relies heavily on all of its wonderful volunteers.



There was fun and games all day starting with a gymkhana for all the kids.



Farmers Dave Patterson and Colin Guthrie judged the end of term challenge.



The finale of the morning was a countryside challenge in which the older children had to perform a combination of tasks while on horseback.



Right: Younger riders Shaun and Charley with their rosettes.

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For customers who are major borrowers all of the Banks still have dedicated relationship managers who meet with their customers on a regular basis. This is mainly due to the risk to the Bank and the need to know what and how their customers are doing. For smaller businesses many are now looked after by business teams located in central phone centres or business units staffed by knowledgeable staff whose knowledge of a business may be just come from the computer screens before them.

Some smaller businesses on Arran still benefit from having relationship managers who can actually make it across the water, though sadly a very small number fall into this category.

So what should you expect when you approach a bank? A leaflet with a phone number, a telephone call to a relationship manager to arrange an appointment for you, or a friendly face with a good knowledge of your business, a good knowledge of the community in which your business is located and constructive advice to help your business prosper? Maybe this is just a modern fairy tale.

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A Taxing Matter

When you run your own business there are many important things to do and this can mean that there is little time to deal with the day to day paperwork which inevitably accumulates. However as all businesses – whether carried on via a limited company, on a self-employed basis or in a partnership - are legally required to submit a tax return to the tax authorities to notify them of their business profits each year, (and in addition some businesses, mainly limited companies are also legally required to file annual accounts with Companies House) it is vital that good systems are in place to ensure that records of your business transactions are accurately maintained. This should then mean that accounts and returns can be completed correctly and penalties for inadvertent mistakes avoided.

Business records do not need to be complicated - maintaining day to day data on a spreadsheet or in a ledger book can often be sufficient for small businesses. For bigger businesses, the services of a book-keeper or an accountant may be used to assist with maintaining sales and purchase records etc during the course of the year. Once your accounting year is over, these records should provide all the basic information that will be required to draw up the annual accounts of the business. Unless your business is very straightforward, the services of a professional adviser such as a tax adviser or an accountant will probably be needed to do this. The annual accounts will then form the basis of the in-

formation required on the tax return forms, subject to technical adjustments to comply with the tax rules. Again, professional assistance with completing the tax return form should mean that fines for making accidental errors on the form are avoided. When choosing a professional adviser I would always recommend someone who is professionally trained and qualified in the areas of accounting and taxation such as a chartered tax adviser (CTA), chartered accountant (CA or ACA) or chartered certified accountant (ACCA). This should ensure that the adviser remains technically up to date and conducts themselves in a professional manner, as these are requirements of all the professional bodies to which such advisers belong. There is also a complaints process in place should there ever be any problems that cannot be resolved.

HM Revenue and Customs now have very wide-ranging powers to request documents and information from businesses in order to check that tax returns are accurate, enquiries from HMRC are increasing and penalties for getting things wrong are also now more severe than they were a few years ago. Therefore the advice of an experienced professional may well help to keep your business below HMRC's radar. This article is by Sharron West CTA, of Winchmore West, Chartered Tax Advisers. She can be contacted on 01770 700431 or winchmorewest@cta.org.uk for confidential advice or assistance in connection with any tax or accounting matter.

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The advantage in this scheme is that in many cases the wear and tear allowance you could receive will be greater than the renewals sum, only thing to remember is that you can't claim both allowances on the same items.

Ayrshire & Arran Tourism Strategy Development Event

Following on from the recent industry workshops for the development of the Draft Ayrshire & Arran Tourism Strategy, follow-up consultation events have been organised at a number of venues throughout the area (a finger buffet will be served at each event). The Arran event will be held in the Auchran- nie Spa Resort in Brodick, on the 24th August at 5.30pm-8.00pm.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in Brodick, there are also events being held through July and August in Kilmarnock, Irvine, Ayr, Cumnock, Seamill and Girvan. The events are targeted at key contributors to the tourism sector in Ayrshire & Arran, and the purpose the networking event is to seek opinions and views on the Draft Ayrshire & Arran Tourism Strategy.

If any of these dates are unsuitable for you to attend, then your input would still be appreciated, therefore a survey will be available to capture your feedback and comments. The draft strategy document and survey are available online at:

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Planning for Success: Back to Basics

"Marketing is the management process responsible for identifying, anticipating and satisfying customer requirements profitably". The Chartered Institute of Marketing.

Whether we are in recovery from the recession, or heading for a double dip, we need to plan for every eventuality. It is time to review and set out a Business Strategy whose outcomes optimise profitability, revenue and customer satisfaction. It is time to get back to basics and focus on who your customers are and how to meet and surpass their

expectations.

To do this you must develop a strategy to achieve improved customer relationships through CRM, Customer Relationship Management.

We need to develop upon a combination of factors to achieve improved customer relationships: greater customer insight, increased customer access, more effective customer interactions and integration throughout all customer channels and back office business functions, a holistic approach. You must identify who

your customer is. There is information available at all levels of the business that can enable you to target your marketing to give your customers what they want. Many small to medium sized businesses perceive their customer base as everyone. After further reflection and reviewing the information you have about past and existing customers, they can identify specific customer profiles which can allow them to target potential new customers more effectively. There are other factors which will help us with cam-

paigns: Try to find out more about your customers: how did they find you, what are their hobbies, what attracted them to visit Arran or contact your business? What format does your target customer use to seek information: Newspapers, phone books, or accessing the internet through their mobile phone or computer? Take a look at your online presence from the point of view of your customers. Firstly, what does your customer expect? You need a simple website that is easy to use both with computers and smart-

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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, July 13, 1991

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Built just 13 years ago it is a measure of the increased business that is passing through that more space is needed. It is also in part due to the clutter of new computing equipment needed that wasn't even heard of in the 1970s.



Ninety-four year old Robbie Brown wins the veterans road race. That was his age on finishing but after a moments recovery he changed his mind and said he was 44.

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Hypnotism cancelled

A stage hypnotist who had planned a hypnosis show on Thursday night in Brodick Hall has had to cut the hypnosis out of his act because of a complaint from a local man.

Dan Douglas who is a member of the Professional Society of Stage Hypnotists had booked the hall but on the morning of the show CDC received a complaint that he doesn't have a licence.

The gentleman, a retired dentist, we understand, has expertise in this field and knew that Mr Douglas needed a licence for the hypnotic side of the show.

Telephone trouble

If you've been having trouble telephoning on the island the chances are you on the Sliderry exchange.

At least two phone users have refused to pay their bills because of the poor condition of the line.

BT have allowed the bills to go unpaid which is a clear sign they recognise they are at fault.

Pool to close

The new Auchrannie swimming pool will have to close later this year for repair work to be carried out.

The new pool, opened just last month, has tiling coming away from the bottom.

It is hoped the work can be delayed until the autumn, as the pool will have to be emptied for the work to be carried out.

Shiskine Valley

After last year's appalling weather the Shiskine Valley Sports Day committee awaited the dawning of Saturday 6 July with baited breath.

Luckily the sun shone, although the wind also blew but the crowds flocked to a day of sports, stall-browsing and sitting in the sun.

New Landrover

Arran's RNLI received the keys to their new Land Rover on Saturday.

Mrs Elizabeth Brechin of Ardrossan, a benefactress of the RNLI, donated the Land Rover for when the lifeboat needs to be towed when being launched away from Lamlash.



Winner of the road race was Gordon Allsop.

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David Pirie, former 'pro' at Brodick Golf Club has opened a golf school in Ayrshire. The Loudon Golf School is a 20-bay driving range where beginners, and seasoned golfers, can take advantage of David's considerable expertise.

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Charlie Todd throws the weight over the bar at Shiskine Sports.

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Last week Archie was at the bridge in Blackwaterfoot. First correct answers came from cocker spaniel pals Jarvis and Joe from Prestwick, Morag of Balnacoolie, Liz of Kilbarchan, Isobel of Dundee, Patricia from Perth and Flick of East Sussex. This week he is sitting by a picnic bench in a favourite spot, but where is that grassy picnic area?

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SATURDAY 16th JULY

Karate
 Family Games
 Fun In The Pool
 Over 21's Disco
 Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
 Rink Game
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 Rink Game
 Alcoholics Anonymous Rollover Meeting
 Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting followed by dance
 Live Music
 Kildonan Sports Day

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Arran High School, 10am
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm
 Brodick Hall, 12pm - 5pm
 Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
 Douglas Hotel, 9pm
 Craighend Stadium, 2pm

SUNDAY 17th JULY

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting
 Family Games
 Fun In The Pool
 Quiz
 Open Music Session
 RNLI Shop Open
 Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues
 Childrens Fun Day
 Family Fun Day

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
 Church Hall, Brodick, 1pm - 3pm
 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
 PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Heritage Museum, From 1.30pm
 Lamlash Golf Club, from 11.30am

MONDAY 18th JULY

Over 50's Badminton
 Badminton
 Weight Wise
 Ladies Netball
 Citizens Advice
 BreathWalk Class
 Circuit Training
 Table Tennis
 Hatha Yoga
 Summer Bridge
 Rink Game
 Rink Game
 Rink Game
 Quiz
 Zumba Fitness
 Coffee Morning
 Farmers & Craft Market

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
 High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
 High School Cafe, 6.30pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
 Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
 Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm



Arran Antiquarians "The Summer Sheilings"

Brodick Hall, 2pm

TUESDAY 19th JULY

Lochranza Swimming Club
 Army Cadets
 Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Citizens Advice
 Youth Club
 Rotary Club
 Junior Hockey Club
 Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
 Youth Club
 Rink Game
 Music Session, Chalk and Cheese
 Guided Garden Walk
 Zumba Fitness
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Motocross
 Quiz
 Whiting Bay Drama Summer Play
 Jazz Cafe play PS Waverley

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm
 Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
 Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
 Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 12am
 NTS Shop, Brodick Castle, 2pm
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Southbank Track, 6pm (weather permitting)
 Drift Inn, 9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
 Dept Brodick Pier, 11.30am

WEDNESDAY 20th JULY

Hockey
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Selt Making Class
 Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
 Yoga for Every Body
 Senior Badminton
 Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
 Aquafizz
 Yogalates
 Circuit Training
 Rink Game
 Coffee Morning
 Rink Game
 Rink Game
 Dog Agility Classes
 Live Music Country & Western
 Family Ceilidh
 Elderly Forum
 F.O.L.K Summer Fete

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
 KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
 10am -11.30am
 High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
 Sandbraes, Whiting Bay. 1pm - 2pm and 2.30pm -3.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 11am
 Loch & Cat Hall, 2pm - 4pm

THURSDAY 21st JULY

General Knowledge Quiz
 Lochranza Craft Club
 Coffee Morning
 Table Tennis
 Youth Club
 Pilates
 Pub Quiz
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Village Market

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Hall, 2pm
 St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
 Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
 Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
 6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
 Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
 Kinloch Bar, 9pm
 11am to 2pm, Whiting Bay Hall

FRIDAY 22nd JULY

Family Ceilidh
 Quiz
 Aquafizz
 Yogalates
 Over 21's Disco
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music with DJ
 Grand Putting Competition

Whiting Bay Hall, from 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
 10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am
 Whiting Bay Putting Green, 10am - 7pm

SATURDAY 23rd JULY

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The appointed Auditor of the Accounts is Audit Scotland, 7th Floor, Plaza Tower, East Kilbride, G74 1LW. The address of the Controller of Audit is Audit Scotland, 110 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4LH.

Alasdair J. Herbert
Corporate Director of Finance and Infrastructure
Cunninghame House IRVINE
1 July 2011

**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 submitted with them may be examined at Corporate Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine* between the hours of 9am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Written representations may be made to the Solicitor to the Council Corporate Services) at the address below by 5 August 2011.

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*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**

Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)

Application No: 11/00448/PPP Address: Site to the North of Kildonan Hotel, Kildonan, Brodick Isle of Arran. Proposed Development: Residential development

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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Circumstances dictated that I should cease slaughtering with immediate effect, operating another week or two would have brought too many uncertainties.

I do realise the position I have put livestock keepers in, and the short-term problems this poses particularly for those with pigs ready for slaughter, however I am still available for advice and assistance, as to options available to deal with this, at least in the short term. This, for me, was a very difficult decision to make because of the relationships I have built with my clients and customers over the years; however, it quickly became apparent that it was the correct thing to do.

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(Church is between Machrie &
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Brodick 7pm
Dr Graham Keith

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 17 July
Holy Communion,
11am.
Rt Revd Douglas Cameron
Coffee and parish lunch after
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Wednesday 20 July
Holy Communion, 12.15pm.
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(SCO15072)
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Sunday 17 July
Rev Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches
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Evening Service 7pm
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Sunday 17 July
Brodick Church 10.30am
Corrie Church, 12pm
Lochranza, 9.30am
Pirrmill, 10.45am
Shiskine Church, 12pm.
A Service of Worship will also
be held in Montrose House at
1.30pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SCO14005)
Sunday 17 July
Family Worship will be
conducted by Rev Elizabeth
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in the Hall immediately after
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Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 6 July, 26 played in the Cancer Relief Competition and raised nearly £100 for ARCAS in the process. Scoring was again very good and close, with the CSS dropping once again to 62. Jamie MacPherson (5) 61 bih, Eddie Hope (13) 61 bih, Bob Hastings (17) 61 bih, Allan MacLeod (14) 61. Jamie MacPherson won scratch with 66 and there were magic 2s from Allan MacLeod (2), Wolfi Kroner, Jamie MacPherson and Kevin Jackson.

Sunday 10 July, 23 played for the Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy. Scoring was very good again as the course was looking and playing really well, and the CSS again dropped to 62. Wolfi Kroner (17) 56, Eddie Hope (12) 58, John Pennycott (12) 61, Corey Allan (11) 62 BIH. Malcolm Pennycott won scratch with 62 and there were Magic 2s from Malcolm Pennycott (2), John Simmons, Corey Allan, Wolfi Kroner and John Pennycott.

Fixtures: Sunday 17 July, Raymond Curtis Salver. Wednesday 20 July, McLintock Cup. Saturday/Sunday 23/24 July, Whiting Bay Open.

Whiting Bay Ladies: Medal, Sunday 10 July. Five ladies played on another beautiful day, and there was yet more magic. First place and scratch Patricia Tait 90-33=57 (resulting in a fabulous five point drop in her handicap!), 2 Gege (not another hill) Kroner 96-24=72.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies 18 Hole Medal 7 July, 10 played CSS 68 1 and scratch

E Kelso 87 - 18 = 69 (bih)
2 J Hutton 102 - 33 = 69.

Lochranza Golf Course

Results: Nine Hole Summer Greensome Competition, July 2, John Hartley/ (Charlie Newton) 20pts, Archie Cumming/ (Robert Cumming) 21pts

10 July, Jack Ewing/Ian Buchanan 12pts, Tony Baboolal/ Maureen Cumming 13pts

Latest positions: I Buchanan played 6, 81pts, A Cumming pl 3, 67pts, J Hartley pl 3, 57pts, S Macleod pl 4, 35 pts.

Brodict Golf Club

New course record for Ewan. Sunday 10 July, Club Championship third Qualifying Round, 22 played, CSS 66

Ewan McKinnon returned a scratch score of 58 on Sunday morning, beating Stevie Bunyan's course record score of 60 which has stood since March 1997, and equalling professional Peter McCalla's 58 achieved in August 2001. Three twos at the 3rd, 4th and 7th took him to the turn in 30. Birdies at the 10th, 12th 16th and 17th brought him back in 28 shots, with eight threes on the back nine.

It was a fantastic achievement; seven birdies, eleven pars, not a single bogie, and a record which is likely to stand for a long time, unless Ewan thinks he can improve on it.

He wins the Macarfrae Trophy for the best qualifying total for the Club Championship with a two-round scratch total of 127, a margin of 14 shots clear of the chasing pack, led by runner up Bobby McCrae on 141.

Results: Wednesday 6 July, Summer Cup, 43 played, CSS 65. 1 Iain Pittman (13) 62, 2 Alan McNicol (8) 62, 3 Alastair Dobson (7) 62. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 69.

There were nine twos.

Thursday 7 July, Club Championship second Qualifying Round, 16 played, CSS 64. 1



Lamlash Ladies club champion 2011, Sheena Murchie (right), with runner-up Jean Barclay. b28lam01

R McCrae 67, 2 I MacDonald 70, 3 J Duncan 70.

Sunday 10 July, Club Championship third Qualifying Round, 22 played, CSS 66. 1 E McKinnon 58, 2 G Robertson 70, 3 J Armit 74.

There were 10 twos, including the three from Ewan.

Qualifiers for the knock out stages of the Championship are: E McKinnon, R McCrae, I MacDonald, J Armit, J Duncan, G Robertson, G Hendry, M Keir, A Dobson, T Raeside, M Dobson, K McMillan, R Macmillan, D Hendry, J McKean and D McKinnie. Bruce Jenkins also had a score good enough to qualify, but due to other commitments is unable to compete in the knock out stages, which gives Donald McKinnie the opportunity to take on Ewan McKinnon in the first round.

Fixtures: Sunday 17 July, Sweep and AGA Foursomes

Qualifier, open draws at 8.30am and 1pm. Monday 18 July; Club Championship first round, Thursday 21 July; Club Championship quarter finals, Friday 22 July; Club Championship semi finals, Saturday 23 July; Club Championship Finals Day, Sunday 24 July, Brandon.

Brodict Golf Club Ladies: Stronach Cup Foursomes 22 played.

Winners: Carole Stewart and Heather Raeside (22) 63. Runners-up: Fiona Crawford and Aileen Latona (14.5) 63.5 bih.

Lamlash Golf Club

Results: Thursday 7 July, Summer Cup 24 played CSS 64. 1 Iain Murchie 60 - 2 = 58, 2 Bill Young 73 - 14 = 59, 3 Stuart Campbell 69 - 7 = 62, 4 Todd Jameson 71 - 8 = 63. Best scratch Iain Murchie 60. Twos; Iain Murchie at 2nd,

5th and 16th, Ian Bremner at 16th, Billy O'Connor at 16th, Colin Richardson at 13th, Jim Young at 13th, Steven Heaney at 16th, Bill Young at 13th and 16th.

Sunday 10 July, Jameson Cup Final Round, 18 played CSS 64. 1 Lee Girbow 65 - 4 = 61, 2 Neil Cameron 67 - 5 = 62, 3 Stuart Cameron 67 - 4 = 63. Best scratch Lee Girbow 65.

Twos; Lee Girbow at 6th, Ron Jeffreys at 16th.

Fixtures: Thursday 14 July Summer Cup and Scratch Cup, Saturday 16 July Frank Crum Qualifier; make up own fours, 5pm ballot. Sunday 17 July Fun Day - Family mixed fours plus games and barbecue. Monday 18 July - Entertainments Cup - Juniors, Ladies and Gents-make up own groups.

Lamlash Ladies: Please note that there are still spaces available for the Lamlash Ladies Open on Wednesday 20 July. Please contact Jackie Winship on 600330 for a time. There are also still spaces for the Island Mixed Fours on Monday 25 July. Please contact the Starter on 600196. Monday 4 July: Ladies Club Championship Final. On a beautiful summer's evening Sheena Murchie undertook the defence of her title as Club Champion against her challenger, Jean Barclay. A good crowd of supporters attended to cheer the two on and were privileged to enjoy a very good and exciting tight match.

Jean took an early and impressive lead. However, Sheena fought back with some excellent golf, leveling the score and going on to win the match on the 17th green. Congratulations to Sheena for winning the club championship for the sixth time.

Wednesday 6 July, Fleet 4, Nine played. CSS 65. 1 Catherine McAdam 84-20 = 64, 2 Jenny Pattenden 95-30 = 65,

3 Jean Barclay 83-16 = 67, scratch Sheena Murchie 81. Twos, Jackie Winship.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tuesday 5 July Lady Mary/Peter Sutton.

1 Ken McKinley 68, 2 Alice Anderson 69 bih, 3 Campbell Laing 69. Best scratch Peter Bashforth 75. Twos Ken McKinley.

Fixtures: Tuesday 19 July Peter Sutton/Lady Mary 12.30/5.30pm tee off.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 29 June 13 played CSS 62. Sweep 1 J McGovern 63-7=56, 2 T Kerr 84-21=63, 3 S Beardsley 70-6=64. Best scratch J McGovern 63. Magic two, S Beardsley. Saturday 2 July Commemoration Shield (handicap) and Rose Bowl scratch. 20 played CSS 61. Sweep 1 J Smith 77-18=59 b/last 6, 2 G Hendry 67-8=59, 3 M Keir 66-6=60 bih over R Logan. Best scratch R Logan 65. Magic twos H B McKinnon 3, E McKinnon 2, R Logan, J McGovern.

Rose Bowl winner R Logan, Commemoration Shield winner J Smith. Congratulations to both winners and thanks to all who sponsored holes.

Wednesday 6 July 13 played CSS 62. Sweep 1 D Logan 69-9=60, 2 M Elliot 76-15=61, 3 J Adam 71-9=62. Best scratch D Logan 69. Magic twos B Rooney 2, D Logan, H B McKinnon, J McGovern. Saturday 9 July 20 played CSS 62 Summer Cup. Sweep 1 B Sherwood 63-9=54, 2 A Smith 69-10=59, 3 E Cannon 78-17=61. Best scratch B Sherwood 63. Well done Brian on an excellent score. Magic twos, R Logan, B Rooney, D Wilkinson, C Pattenden, A Cummings.

Fixtures: Saturday 16 July Jack Logan memorial Cup. Starting times 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm. Draw for Crawford Cup on notice board, to be played by end of July.

Epic swim for Arran competitors

Two hardy Arran swimmers completed the British Gas Great London one-mile swim on July 3.

Glen Sloss of Sannox and Christine Cargill, formally of Lamlash, took part in the swim at the Victoria Docks, which

sees hundreds of competitors taking part each year.

Glen beat his time from last year by an incredible two minutes in an amazing time of 24 minutes.

Christine, who used to live and work on Arran with her husband Ian, went to the London Swim to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care in memory of two dear Arran friends who died last year.

Christine and Ian are spending the whole summer travelling Britain to enter running and swimming events for Macmillan.

Ian has just completed the Edinburgh Marathon in May with his sons Ross and Jamie. He is also running the Glasgow Half Marathon.



Ian Cargill and his sons Ross and Jamie are pictured at the end of the Edinburgh Marathon. They have coloured their hair green as they were running for Macmillan Cancer Research.

Christine has already completed the British Gas Great Northern Swim in Lake Windermere in June and will compete in the Scottish Swim in Strathclyde Park in September and The Monster Swim in

Loch Ness.

Ian and Christine would like to thank all those on Arran who have supported them.

Donations can be made on their JustGiving Page: <http://justgiving.com/heatherlodge>.



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Sannox move to top of Argyll Cricket League

A draw or a win away to Oban would leave the Arran club as champions

Sannox moved to the top of the Argyll League for the first time in two seasons with a resounding victory over arch rivals Oban last Sunday.

This memorable win means that Oban have to beat Sannox at Taynuilt on Saturday 27 August in order to share the league title. A draw or a Sannox victory would leave the Arran club as champions.

The home team went in to bat at the well-prepared Sannox Oval with skipper Brookes and Kemp opening. After a solid start Brookes was caught in two minds on how to dispatch a Santos delivery and was caught by the bowler for four.

Kemp was joined at the crease by number three Jones and the pair set about dispatching the ball to parts of the ground that even the grounds-

men never new existed. Jones eventually went lbw after a magnificent swash-buckling 56 off 47 deliveries including eight fours and one six, in a partnership of 84 with Kemp who kept Oban on the back foot with some classy shots.

The Sannox middle order came and went quickly due to some fine direct hits by the Oban fielders. Debut boy Trampnau came in and hit a quickfire 19 with four boundaries before being run out.

Kemp eventually went, bowled by Santos for a gold 61 with eight fours in a classy innings. With some good running between the stumps by the tailenders Sannox finished on 161 for nine after 40 overs.

Following lunch Sannox set out about nailing down the op-

position with Jenks and Jones opening the bowling. Jenks junior was making his debut behind the stumps and after a tight spell by the opening bowlers Dunn and Marriott came on. Dunn trapped McKenzie lbw for eight and Marriott then caught Kelly off his own bowling before bowling Leech.

Laycock was joined in the middle by Carre and the pair opened up with the match now swinging Oban's way. Jones came back on to bowl and had Laycock caught with a tremendous diving catch from Brobson for 23.

Carre carried the fight on with three sixes before having his off stump cart-wheeled by Jones.

The Oban innings came to an end on 94, some 67 runs short.

Sannox bowling figures were Dunn 21-2, Jones 26-3, Jenks 9-1, and Marriott 16-3.

This was an excellent game of cricket carried out in the spirit and sporting way by all involved. Thanks go to all spectators.

Next match at Sannox is against Doon Valley next Sunday 17 July at 11am.

Brodict course record broken by 22-year-old Ewan

The 14-year-old course record at Brodict Golf Club was broken last Sunday.

Twenty-two-year old Ewan McKinnon shot a 58 in the club championship qualifier to beat Stevie Bunyan's course record of 60 that has stood since March 1997.

Ewan's round included three twos in the front nine and eight threes in the back nine with seven birdies, 11 pars and not a single bogie.

Fellow golfers agreed that Ewan's record is likely to stand for a long time.



Ewan McKinnon, record-breaker at Brodict Golf Club. 02_b28ewa01



Southend's five-a-side team – Alec McDonald, Frazer Barr, Jamie Picken, Euan Ingram and Danny Head – won the tournament.

Southend triumph with just five players!

A triumphant Southend won the 'Fantastic Ton' – a £100 note donated by the Banner's elusive football correspondent – last Thursday night.

The team was competing in the Shiskine Valley Sports Day five-a-side football tournament which has become one of the highlights of the weekend long entertainments.

The Fanatic, our football commentator who has managed to keep his identity a secret for more than 20 years, presented the winning team with the money that he had kindly donated.

The runners-up received a rather nice consolatory prize of £50 kindly donated by the Kinloch Hotel.



The mystery man that calls himself 'The Fanatic' presents Danny Head, the Southend captain, with his prize on Thursday night.

New rugby players welcome

As Arran Rugby Club prepares for its return to the senior circuit next month, the list of players joining the team is growing every day. The club now have enough players to be able to rejoin the senior league after a yearlong break.

However the team are always ready to welcome any new players keen to get involved.

Anyone interested in playing should contact Bill McLaughlin on 700209. The first training session will be held on Wednesday 10 August at the Ormidale Park.

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