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Roman crew to the rescue

Russian billionaire makes a surprise return to Arran

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Roman Abramovich's super yacht medical team rushed to the aid of a badly injured man



Mr Abramovich prepares for his cycle across the island.
Photo by Denis O'Donoghue.

in Lochranza on Sunday. The 27-year-old man has a suspected broken neck after falling from a swing on the grassy area near the ferry terminal shortly after 5pm.

The £1.5 billion yacht Eclipse arrived in Arran with Mr Abramovich, his family and friends on Saturday and made a surprise return this week.

The fall was witnessed by a security man on board the yacht who immediately informed Eclipse captain Bret Stewart Smith about the incident. He scrambled a medical team on a fast launch to tend to the injured man. A spokesman on board the Eclipse told The Banner: 'When the medical officer and nurse arrived on shore they gave him oxygen, applied a neck brace and stayed at his side for more than 30 minutes until an ambulance arrived.'

One witness said: 'The man was in a lot of pain but the male and female were spectacular.'

A report earlier this week suggested the man may have been trying to get a memento to snap of the yacht when he



The Eclipse lies moored off Lochranza this week with the playpark where the accident happened in the foreground.

fell. The Scottish Ambulance Service confirmed the incident on Sunday night and said their crew transferred the patient from the scene to the Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash. His condition is not known.

Mr Abramovich and his party first arrived in Arran on Saturday after a short trip from Bute as the Russian oli-

garch spends his summer holiday cruising the west coast of Scotland.

Abramovich visited the Isle of Arran distillery in Lochranza, walked his corgi dog, cycled across the island and appeared to be friendly and relaxed.

The Eclipse, which has its own helicopter, submarine and missile defence system,

remained moored off Lochranza until midnight on Sunday when she sailed to Islay and then on to Oban.

But to everyone's surprise the Eclipse arrived back in Arran on Wednesday and Mr Abramovich and his friends spent a second day cycling round the island on new bikes they had bought in Oban.

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AMRT in action too

Two cyclists were injured after losing control of their bikes on the Boguillie last Friday.

The accident happened at the Witches Bridge where the cyclists, both male, crashed off the road.

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team were scrambled following the accident to assist the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Both were treated for their injuries at the scene before being transferred to the Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash. One suffered a suspected spinal injury and the other a suspected fractured clavicle.

As well as the lifeboat crew

The volunteer crew of the Arran RNLI were launched to two emergency callouts last Friday.

The first was to the two-man crew of a canoe which was reported missing in Whiting Bay. It was last seen situated at the south end of the bay and after 30 minutes the wife of the paddler reported them missing. The lifeboat was launched at 4.17pm, crewed by helmsman Martin Wood, Carol Johnson and Robert Ingham, but as the coastguards arrived on the scene the missing crew were spotted safe and well and the lifeboat was stood down at 4.25pm, returning to their station, ready for further duties.

Later that day at 6.44pm the launching authorities were paged regarding a 30 foot yacht adrift south of Pladda Island. First information was from Campbeltown lifeboat, to Belfast coastguard, who had been alerted by the skipper of the yacht

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Lifeboat to the rescue

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Maya. The Arran lifeboat crew agreed to launch as they were the nearest and fastest boat and crewed by helmsman Mark Nelson, Martin Wood and Elliot Sedman, proceeded at speed in the mirror calm conditions, eventually finding the yacht five miles south of Pladda. The owner of the boat had set sail from Campbeltown earlier in the day but when he tried to start his engine to motor back he found his batteries were flat.

The Arran crew understood that Campbeltown lifeboat was also en route and as the skipper was based in Campbeltown the Arran crew transferred their duties to their Campbeltown colleagues, who returned the yacht by use of a tow. Once the tow was secured Arran lifeboat returned to their station and was ready for service by 9pm.

Kildonan fun run

The Kildonan four mile fun run takes place on Tuesday 14 July at 7pm starting at Kildonan Hall. Every finisher gets a medal, it costs £3 to enter (£2 for juniors) and there are trophies and refreshments too.

One islander said: 'It's a lovely route, quiet and challenging, and ultimately rewarding for those who take part.'

Strike called off after assurances from government

All Arran ferry services should be running as normal today (Friday) after the RMT called off a planned 24 hour strike.

Union leaders said that the personal intervention of First Minister Nicola Sturgeon had led to the industrial action being deferred.

The union called off the action at Caledonian MacBrayne late on Wednesday.

Gordon Martin, of the RMT, said the government had given assurances that workers' demands would be looked at.

The dispute has been triggered by the tendering of the contract for CalMac's Clyde and Hebrides ferry routes.

Culminated

Three days of industrial action last month culminated in a 24-hour strike which halted all sailings to the island on Friday 26 June on the main Brodick to Ardrossan route as well as on the Lochranza to Claonaig service after workers on that ferry staged a mass walkout.

If the strike had gone ahead tomorrow there would have been no sailings on either of the routes.

The Scottish government has agreed to delay the tendering process, but not the start of the new contract, to allow further negotiation on the key issues of jobs, staffing, conditions and pensions.

Mr Martin said: 'The first minister has personally got involved and we have received assurances that the reasonable demands that we are looking for to protect our members - job security, pensions, terms and conditions - will be favourably looked at.'

'The invitation to tender will now not be published tomorrow (Friday) and will be delayed to the end of July and that gives everybody a bit of breathing space to reach a reasonable resolution to this ongoing issue.'

Transport and Islands Minister Derek MacKay, speaking on radio, said the involvement of the first minister was not a sign that the situation had been handled badly by the government, but 'surely a good thing.'

He said the government was looking at 'the art of the possible and being reasonable' in satisfying the demands of the unions.



The Lochranza ferry sails past the Eclipse and should be running as normal today.

CalMac's contract to run Clyde and Hebrides ferry services comes to an end next year.

The Scottish government put the contract out to tender, in line with European rules.

Competing

Private company Serco - which already runs the Northern Ferries routes to Orkney and Shetland - is competing against CalMac for the contract.

Unions are concerned that, regardless of who wins, the new contract will see changes in employees' current terms and conditions, with a reduc-

tion in staff numbers and pensions also among the key areas of concern.

The RMT has demanded that the government guarantees in the new contract that compulsory redundancies do not happen and existing terms and conditions are continued.

CalMac said that customers who wanted to change their bookings should call the Contact Centre, and for new bookings said customers could book online or turn up and go.

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Island practice in quirky bid to find new recruit doctors

Doctors on Arran have come up with a quirky way to try and attract a new GP to the island.

They have recreated the opening credits of the cult TV show the A-Team hamming it up as the larger-than-life characters from the show.

It is not the first time the Arran Medical Group has taken on a theme to try to attract recruits. Three years

ago they successfully adapted the opening sequence to James Bond films to recruit a replacement GP.

This time, like the A-Team show, the job advert, posted on video sharing website Vimeo, opens showing a helicopter, but unlike the show, it is the red and grey Sea King search and rescue helicopter from HMS Gannet.

A red car with a flashing

light and an off-road vehicle follow, with Dr Angus Campbell, shown nonchalantly checking behind him before exiting his Land Rover.

Dr Greg Hamill plays the character known as 'Face', winking from under a cowboy hat, Dr Graeme Thompson appears as the unconventional Murdock with a crocodile glove puppet, while GP registrar Dr Andrew

Gaw swaps John 'Hannibal' Smith's trademark cigar for a pen.

In the closing sequence Dr Liz Guthrie, wearing rather more jewellery than usual, bursts in through an exit door and lifts her fist, like Mr T, who played B A Baracus in the series.

The voiceover - describing a 'crack GP team' surviving as 'rural GPs' - may be somewhat

less dramatic than the original, but the music is authentic. When the doctors sought permission to use the blasting A-Team theme, SilvaScreen Records (UK) agreed without charging royalties.

There have already been some expressions of interest following the advert, which has reached thousands of people via social media sites. The closing date for applications is Monday, July 20.

Partner Dr David Hogg, who stayed firmly behind the camera, said: 'We went to some effort to match the detail of the original film, but we had a lot of fun making it.'

'GP practices across Scotland are finding it difficult to recruit GPs, and this has always been more difficult for rural and island practices. However by maximising our coverage we have in the past managed to find success in recruiting to the team.'

'We believe the right person is out there, we just have to entice them over to Arran to see what we have to offer.'

There are a lot of good bits of what we do that mirror so-called old fashioned medicine, but we offer a very modern primary care service

because of the way we work together.'

The video can be seen on the Arran Medical Group website: www.arranmedical.co.uk. You can also join the AMG Facebook page: www.facebook.com/arranmedical or follow the group on twitter @ArranMedical.

New air ambulance in flying visit to Arran

The new Scottish Ambulance Service H145 air ambulance helicopter has made its first visit to Arran.

The helicopter comes into service later this month but last week visited the islands that it serves to give people a first look at the new aircraft.

Greater range

Two new Airbus H145 aircraft will replace the current EC135 helicopters which have been in service since 2006. They are larger, and faster, with a greater range, which reduces the need to stop en route and refuel on longer missions.

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Coastguard station officer Billy Currie (left) and Gary Wilson (right) were the first to see the new helicopter pictured with the crew.

the needs identified by the clinicians who work on the aircraft.

The new H145s will be the

first air ambulances in Scotland to operate with night vision equipment, which will allow greater access to remote and rural communities.

All four of the aircraft are operated as part of a £120m air ambulance contract awarded to Gama Aviation in 2013 that runs until 2020.

Bond Air Services operate the helicopters on Gama's behalf. The H145 helicopter, which will serve Arran will soon be based in Glasgow Airport.

The aircraft spent more than half an hour at the Brodick helipad before heading for Islay, Mull, Barra, Stornoway and Skye.



The new air ambulance comes in to land in Brodick.

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Surprise return visit by Russian billionaire

Chelsea owner, Roman Abramovich, likes Arran so much he made a surprise return visit to the island on Wednesday.

The Russian billionaire who is holidaying in the west coast of Scotland with his family and friends was thought to have left the island after spending the weekend here.

But to everyone's surprise his mega yacht, Eclipse, sailed back into Lochranza early on Wednesday morning after he had visited Islay and Oban.

He spent the day trying out new bikes he and his friends had bought in Oban but, after checking out the roads there, they decided to return to the quieter roads of Arran.

His visits have certainly sparked a huge interest on the island and, with widespread coverage in the national newspapers, can only be a boost to Lochranza and the profile of the whole island.

Mr Abramovich, 48, who is worth around £5.5billion, is on holiday with his wife, Dasha Zhukova, his son and

fellow oligarchs, and has appeared relaxed and sociable.

He has been happy to pose for photographs with islanders and visitors, but he has not had much to say.

However a spokesman on board the Eclipse said he had appreciated the hospitality of the people of Arran.

It was on Saturday, after a visit to Bute the day before, that the billionaire arrived on Arran. And one of his first stops was the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza where he was taken, like every other visitor from the pontoon with his family, friends and his corgi dog - which The Banner can reveal is called Matilda - in the distillery van.

After a tour and a tasting session, he left with several bottles of whisky.

Guide, Campbell Laming, told one newspaper: 'He just phoned and asked if we could fit him in for a tour around.

'I personally took him around and he was a very humble and unassuming generally. He was very pleasant. He was with his wife and his

son. We just treat everyone the same here.'

After his visit he decided to walk back to the pier and attracted much attention with his dog and his friends, who may have looked like bodyguards, but have since been identified as some of his mega-rich friends.

One local man was quoted as saying: 'He's having a good time and seems to be enjoying himself. He's been very nice and calm - and very pleasant to everyone who speaks to him.'

He began his holiday last week when he flew by private jet to Glasgow Airport and then made the 30-odd mile transfer to his yacht in the Firth of Clyde by private helicopter.

While on the island, Mr Abramovich and his guests used the services of Arran Tours and Corrie Cabs run by Brian and Kate Deary.

Mr Deary said: 'On Saturday we got a phone call from the First Officer on the Eclipse saying that they are in Roth say and asked if we could make ourselves available for some VIPs. You can imagine our surprise when we found out it was Mr Abramovich.'

He spent the week ferrying Mr Abramovich and his security team around the island.

What has not been widely reported is that while Mr Abramovich has had a lot of attention in Lochranza, few

realise that he made it over to the east coast of the island as well.

His cycle on Sunday saw him travel over the Machine Moor and on to The String and ending outside Brodick Castle. However, he did not visit the castle itself with one witness remarking: 'He looked knackered.'

Mr Deary said: 'Mr Abramovich wanted to try some of the island's shellfish and asked us if we could possibly arrange this. We told him it was going to be very difficult as it was Sunday, but in the end Tim from Creepers came up trumps. I know he enjoyed his trip to Arran and has a great love for Scotland.'

The 536ft yacht, Eclipse, is the world's second largest private yacht just 57ft shorter than the Assam which belongs to the president of the United Arab Emirates.

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He shakes hands with regular visitor Denis O'Donoghue with his huge yacht in the background.



Mr Abramovich pictured outside Brodick Castle with Charlene Huddleston. Photo by David Cameron



Mr Abramovich poses with Ross Traill holding a Northend strip.



Mr Abramovich prepares to come ashore in a launch.



A helicopter takes off from the superyacht.



The Eclipse pictured in Lochranza at sunset. Photo by David Pott

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Jessica urges islanders to give blood

An Arran girl who had her life saved by blood transfusions is urging islanders to give blood this weekend

Every minute of every day someone in Scotland receives blood as part of a life-saving or life-enhancing treatment, yet only five per cent of the population are active blood donors.

The number of blood donors on Arran has also been dropping but young Jessica Reid from Lamlash is urging local people to help the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) in its appeal to locals and visitors

to literally 'save a life' when the service makes its annual visit to Arran High School on Sunday 12 July from 12pm until 5.30pm.

Jessica, from Clauchlands Farm, was aged four in 2009 when she was suddenly diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. Within one hour of being transferred to Yorkhill Hospital in Glasgow, she received what would be the first of many life-saving transfusions to counteract the effects of two years of chemotherapy.

Today, Jessica is a picture of health and looking for-

ward to starting her final year at Lamlash primary school.

Jessica's mum Ann said: 'Had it not been for the selfless actions of those who donate blood and platelets, Jessica would simply not be alive today. Giving blood doesn't cost a thing but there is no greater gift than one person can give to another. I cannot put into words the sense of gratitude that I feel towards blood and platelet donors.'

Donations

Over the last few years donations at the Arran session, normally held during the Easter holidays, have steadily fallen. In April 2014, stormy weather and ferry disruption also forced the SNBTS staff to close the session early after only 68 donations. It is hoped that a summer visit by the SNBTS may change this downward trend.

Lynn Willdigg, head of donor services West, SNBTS said: 'SNBTS would like to encourage as many people as possible to consider coming along to give blood. During the summer months, donations can drop by up to 20 per cent as regular donors may be on holiday and enjoying the hot weather. So, if you have



Jessica is the picture of health as she urges people to give blood.

never given blood before, or haven't given blood for a while, there has never been a better time to do so. We would also like to extend our most sincere thanks to Jessica for supporting the 'give blood' campaign. Her story

demonstrates why giving blood is so important and we look forward to welcoming donors along on 12 July.'

It is never too late, as anyone aged 17 to 66 can donate blood for the first time and information on the most common uncertainties related to blood donation such as travel, tattoos and medications can be found at www.scotblood.co.uk or telephone 0345 90 90 999.

Youngsters to star in summer Corrie concert

The annual summer concert of young musicians will this year take place at Corrie Church on Monday 20 July.

This year will see Iain Clarke, the multi talented pianist, saxophonist and clarinetist, Finlay Murchie, champion of verse and a fine musician also join singers Olivia Barker and Ellie Ewing.

They have starred in the concert for last three years and have really benefited from the chance to perform outwith the school and gain confidence. For Olivia, Finlay and Iain it will be the last chance to hear them before they go to university.

Three promising younger performers have also been invited to take part, again to help them gain confidence in performing in public in the lovely setting of Corrie Church. The three are Alice Lockhart, flute. Finlay Elliot, piano and Lois Ashley, trumpet.

James earns stripes for military rescue

Arran Antiquarians have been able to obtain a replacement speaker for the meeting of the group on Monday, 20 July.

Instead of the scheduled speaker, who is unwell, James Clark of the new Balmichael Centre has kindly agreed to give a talk on his US military service and charity work.

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Jessica with her mum Ann who donated platelets in 2009.

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The annual Arran High School fashion show took place the night before the summer holidays began last Friday.

The show, produced by hair-dressing tutor and classroom assistant, Cecilia Paul, saw the participation of more than 70 pupils, of all year groups, and almost every member of the teaching and support staff, including janitorial and cleaning.

The themes of the night were high fashion, Alice in Wonderland, earth, wind and fire and recycled outfits all modelled on the catwalk by the pupils.

The staff put on a fantastic show of mostly ageing rock 'n' rollers, with some more modern acts in their version of Top of the Pops. No DJs were involved in this production!

A great night was had by everyone. The event raised funds for the school and organisers thank CalMac, NAC, Arran Aromatics and Arran Provisions for their support.



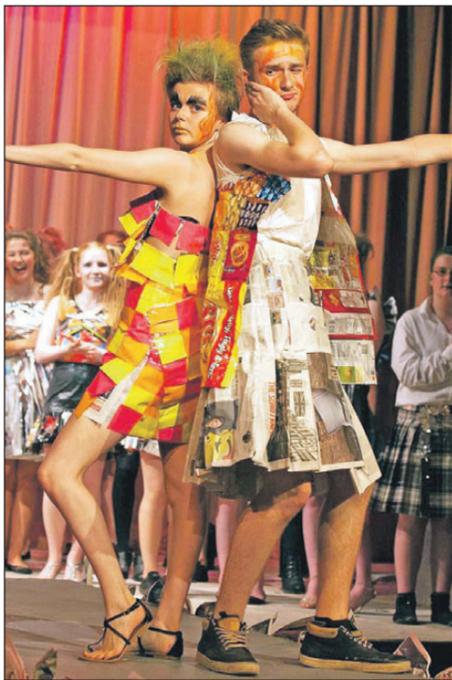
Above: The Alice in Wonderland themed section of the night.

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Right: two burning hot costumes.



Staff man Steve Garraway gets into the swing of things.



Striking a pose in recycled outfits.



Two of the pupils in recycled outfits.



Teachers dressed up as ageing rock 'n' rollers.

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The work of the emergency services is all too often taken for granted.

So it is perhaps good that what they do is highlighted in various ways in the pages of The Banner this week.

It starts with the tale of the medical team who dashed from the superyacht of billionaire football club owner Roman Abramovich to aid a victim who had fallen.

They could simply have sat back and let the emergency services on Arran deal with the incident, but it is perhaps indicative of medical people worldwide that if there is a need for intervention they are only too keen to help.

But crews on Arran too have been out helping when they are needed most. Last week the Arran Mountain Rescue Team spent two days searching the hills for a missing walker, which sadly ended in tragedy. This week it was a serious bike accident on the Boguillie, but as always, we know they can be counted on to be there.

Crews from the Arran RNLI were also in action and while both incidents turned out to be fairly minor, when their pagers go off and they head for the station, they have no certainty what they are going to face.

Then there was the visit of a brand new air ambulance which the volunteers of HM Coastguard co-ordinate during the regular medi-vacs from the island. The new helicopter is bigger and more versatile than the one it is replacing and is a welcome addition to the array of medical support provided to the island.

As for the hard-working Coastguards, only minutes after the new helicopter left they were involved in a real life air evacuation.

The excellent GP services on the island also tends to get taken for granted and it is good to see them not taking themselves too seriously in the online A-Team advert looking for a new doctor.

What is important is, that by any means possible, the vacancy is broadcast to as wide an audience as it can be to assist in the increasingly difficult job of attracting GPs to island practices.

We are indebted to all of you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The entire law is summed up in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Galatians 5:14)

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Letters to the Editor



Not for consultation

Sir,
I wish to comment on the North Ayrshire Council cabinet meeting decision to abandon Lamlash Green, as reported in last week's Banner.

North Ayrshire Council has adopted a position of 'managed retreat for Lamlash Green with minimum expenditure of £10,000 to remove what is left of the coastal protective gabions', following a consultant's report on Lamlash Bay Coastal Erosion. This was the cheapest option.

I don't know if anyone with close associations to Lamlash knew of this impending decision, but potentially losing even part of the green to coastal erosion would be a really negative result for the community.

It is a valued amenity used all the time by locals and visitors, as well as for major village events.

The green was 'constructed' sometime after 1880, clearly as an amenity and maybe also as a sea defence for the village houses.

John Bruce, the councillor for the Ardrossan and Arran ward, a member of the cabinet of NAC, supported the decision. The consultant's report also covers the shoreline west of the tennis courts and the road to properties in that locality with analysis of the state of the gabions and other sea defences, which also makes disturbing reading.

So NAC is going for the cheapest option, which simply amounts to making the eroded fenced off area 'safe' by removing damaged gabions.

Once the green has eroded away, or undermined, NAC will presumably have to eventually protect the main road and the housing!

I have asked our local councillor why Lamlash Improvements/islanders/community council, had not been given the option of having a sight of this report before the meeting so we could comment and make representations. It wasn't for consultation I was told. This just illustrates to

me what is seriously wrong with our local governance.

We just live here.

Yours,
Sally Campbell
Blairbeg House
Lamlash

Alternate solution

Sir,
The recent article on the council's unwillingness to fund protection of the Lamlash green and seafront is indeed worrying. The good news is that we seem to have some years to find an alternate solution.

The reason given by the council that the land is privately owned, repeated three times in the article, suggests that very solution: perhaps it is time for Lamlash to start exploring how to buy it back.

For those who think this would be impossibly expensive, take heart: It won't be worth much to Arran Estates in a few decades without these protections, so there is a reason to hope a mutually beneficial deal can be reached.

Yours,
Kevin Burns
Heather Park
Lamlash

Don't be fooled

Sir,
Leaving aside the obvious need for land reform on Arran, the way forward for the Lamlash Green is clear to me.

If Arran Estates don't feel they want to complete the work to defend 'their' land, they will lose that land to the sea very quickly.

Therefore if the council pay for the work, that constitutes them buying the green, since without the work there will be no green.

Don't be fooled by the vague suggestion that we might lose the green, but get a lovely sandy beach as a result. Beaches accumulate in areas of net deposition.

Lamlash Bay is not an area of net deposition, but of net erosion, or we wouldn't be losing chunks of the green every year.

Yours,
Elanor McNamara
Rowallan
Whiting Bay

Garden grabbing

Sir,
I wish to comment on the letter to the editor in the 27 June edition of The Banner titled 'Total Destruction'.

I observed the site and sure enough every tree was completely removed and a series of building were crammed onto the site. This is happening with alarming frequency on the island, especially now in Whiting Bay.

This tranquil little village is being turned into a shanty town by developers buying up properties with large gardens and squeezing as many houses as possible onto them.

The result is that lovely mature trees, with all the wildlife they harbour, are being removed, greens spaces are disappearing and being replaced with new builds. Instead of a lovely little village, Whiting Bay is becoming an over developed housing estate where neighbours are banged right up against each other.

The North Ayrshire Council should hang its head in shame for providing planning permission where garden grabbing is obviously taking place.

Developers benefit from high revenues obtained through the purchase of cheap land, the council benefits with more tax revenue, while the forestry staff and tree protection people appear to turn a blind eye to the destruction.

The ones who don't benefit are those people who are seeing the value of their properties plunge.

These will be people who purchased homes in a lovely setting only to see new builds sprouting up around them like weeds or those with houses that have been up for sale for years and cannot compete with the new builds on cheaply acquired land so their houses continue to sit on the market.

This practise of garden grabbing should be stopped immediately before Whiting Bay and other villages around the island are irreparably destroyed. We must not be lulled into complacency as

developers and council systematically ruin our beautiful villages.

Yours,
Bill Palmer
Whiting Bay

Rescue thank you

Sir,
I'm the woman mentioned in last week's Banner in the article 'Major hill search for missing Arran walker ends in tragedy'. Towards the end of the article the paragraph starting ... The team has had a busy end to June...

I would just like to say a really big thank you to everyone involved, from Claire and Struan, off-duty ambulance technicians to Mountain Rescue including Dr Hamedi, to the police and the ambulance service. I'd slipped on some steep ground in my daughters garden, and knew that I'd need help. I was only about five feet from ground level but couldn't be put on a stretcher and could only be helped down by Mountain Rescue. I'm now at home recovering from a broken ankle with the help of family, friends and the staff from Lamlash Hospital.

Yours,
Vicki Rigby
Montrose Terrace
Whiting Bay

Toilet disgrace

Sir,
I have just returned from a fabulous week on Arran but I just had to write to say that I was disgusted by the state of the public conveniences throughout the island.

The worst one I would say is situated at the playpark and beach in Brodick - the ladies toilets in the ladies don't even have water to wash your hands. How can we educate our children to wash your hands after using the toilet when the facilities are not available.

North Ayrshire Council should be ashamed; they should be encouraging tourists to visit the island and offer the appropriate facilities.

Yours,
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Elaine brings her Burdz Eye View to the island

Elaine C Smith is bringing her new one woman show, Burdz Eye View, to Arran.

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She has been described as a 'national treasure' and her talents as a comedienne, actress, singer, writer, raconteur

and political activist are well known.

After years in political theatre groups she first came to national prominence as Mary Doll in the hit TV show Rab C Nesbitt and has just finished her latest TV role as a shopkeeper in the latest series of The Syndicate.

She plays Brodick Hall on Saturday, 1 August at 7.30pm as part of her new STV series Burdz Eye View. And during her visit to Arran she will be touring the island meets some of its characters.

Organised by Arran Events, Jon Hollingsworth said: 'The show is a brilliant mix of intelligent stand-up, storytelling and music. We expected superb performance from one of Scotland's most popular entertainers and is absolutely not one to be missed!'

Top drawer

There is more top drawer entertainment the following night from Phil Rambow.

En route to the Edinburgh Festival, Phil plays the special concert on the Isle of Arran for Casa Alianza Charity.

Maybe his name isn't instantly recognisable but he wrote the unforgettable 'There's a Guy Works Down the Chip Shop Swears He's Elvis' with Kirsty MacColl.

He plays the Altochorvie Hotel in Lamlash on Sunday

2 August at 8.30pm.

Originally from Montreal, Canada, the singer and songwriter has spent a lifetime writing and performing his own take on classic Americana themes. From his original cult band The Winkies which influenced The Clash, to his collaborations, with Kirsty MacColl, Brian Eno, Mike Ronson and Ellen Foley.

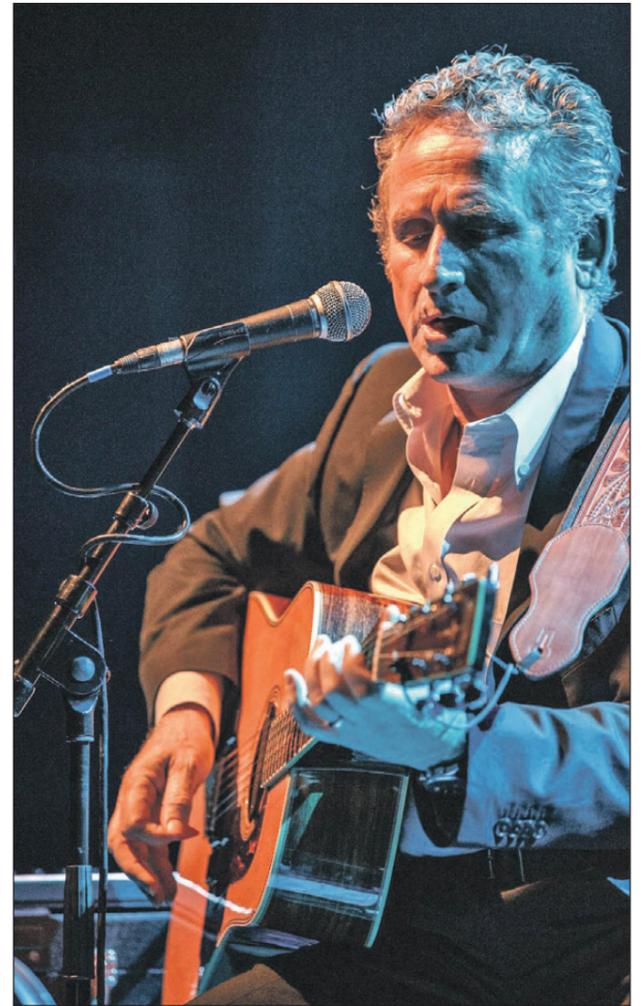
A very special evening of old favourites and new highly acclaimed songs from his new album 'Whatever happened to Phil Rambow' reflects today's issues in a unique and personal way.

For those who can't get enough, after this gig on Arran, Phil is travelling over to the Edinburgh Festival as 'There's a Guy Works Down the Chip Shop Swears He's Elvis' is now a play with music and is based in Kilmarnock around the time of Elvis' flying visit to Prestwick.

Tickets for both concerts are available at: www.ar-ranevents.com.



Tickets are selling fast for the Elaine C Smith show



Songwriter Phil Rambow is to play at the Altochorvie

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Grade 4/5 ballet girls performing.



Ballet teacher, Julia McMurdo, who will be missed.



Fancy Feet dancers did a fantastic

Fancy ballet

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The Arran Dancers' annual show held at the end of June was a little bittersweet this year as the club is now without a dance teacher. However, they are hoping and praying they can find a replacement RAD trained ballet instructor before the new term in September.

The club's Jill Mckillop said: 'Arran Dancers has been going



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... RAD ballet teacher, Julia McMurdo, stepped in to help us when our long-term teacher of seven years, Fiona Rodriguez, moved on to pastures new. Julia drove every Saturday, ferries permitting, all the way from Dumfries and back for eight

months, to teach our girls, and we're extremely grateful to her, and will miss her.'

Jill added: 'Most of the older girls have been doing ballet with the club since the age of three, and have worked hard to gain their graded RAD ballet exams.'

'It would be such a shame not to be able to continue to fuel

their passion for dance. We've been so fortunate to have this club on Arran.

'We are, at present, following up some contacts we have and have every confidence that Arran Dancers will continue in the new September term.'

'We thank the parents and the community for their continued support and enthusiasm.'



Grade 1 ballet dancers performing.



Junior members of the Arran Highland dance club performing pas de bas and high cuts.



P5/6 junior members of the Arran Highland dance club performing the Highland Fling.



Helen Hird.



Senior members of the Arran Highland dance club performing a national dance called the Flora.



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Award-winning tutor an 'inspiration' to members

'Pick up any flower, leaf or seaweed and really observe it closely to see its intricacies of structure and its variety of colours.' This advice was impressed upon participants of the Arran Visual Arts June workshop: botanical watercolour painting, by tutor Victoria Braithwaite.

An award-winning member of The Society of Botanical Artists from Glassford, South Lanarkshire she led a 'wonderful' two-day workshop at the Brodick castle ranger centre where, those attending, learnt the importance of looking in detail, accurate drawing and colour matching when attempting to paint, as close to life as possible, any plant material that caught the eye.

Working in watercolour is the most difficult of painting mediums as it is very unforgiving. Victoria helped participants gain much-needed

confidence, demonstrating the use of fine brushes to build up depth of colour by using many layers of paint. This requires considerable concentration and patience.

But, with her guidance and knowledge, they each tackled a chosen specimen: a foxglove, peony, freesia, geranium and cactus amongst those chosen. And they were all pleasantly surprised by the results achieved and many of them are keen to continue this intricate artform.

This was Victoria's first trip to Arran but she was so impressed with the island, as those attending were with her, that they hope she returns to inspire them once again.

Her work can be seen on her website - www.victoria-braithwaite.co.uk.

The next Arran Visual Arts workshop is Saturday July 18, with Yvonne Bailey who will be guiding participants

in painting a small box in the style of narrow boat style decoration, a technique which can then be used on objects in the home. Beginners welcome. Phone Kathleen on 600827 to book. £25 for members, £35 for non-members.

Please visit the Arran Visual Arts website for the 2015 listing of workshops. Bookings are now being taken for the full year. Non-members welcome.

Meanwhile, the AVA summer exhibition will be held in Lochranza village hall later this month.

The exhibition will have a preview opening evening event on Friday, 24 July and then runs from Saturday 25 July to 30 July.

Anyone wishing to exhibit requires to join Arran Visual Arts and all information is available on the website. www.arranvisualarts.co.uk.



Victoria Braithwaite demonstrates her work.



Participants at botanical art workshop.

Polish gem for Corrie club

Ida (Poland 2013) Cert 12A
This month's Corrie film club offering is an outstanding film from Polish director Pawel Pawlikowski which won the 2015 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film, the first Polish film to do so.

Set in 1962 it centres around 18-year-old Anna, a sheltered orphan who has been brought up in a convent and is preparing to become a nun. Just before taking her vows she discovers that she has a surviving aunt. They meet and the aunt reveals that they are Jewish and that Ida's parents were murdered during the Nazi occupation. This leads to a journey in which the two women try to discover what happened to their family.

Shot in black and white with taut cinematograph and stand out performances, it has also won four Film Festival awards (London, Toronto, Warsaw and Gdynia) and hailed as a masterpiece of modern cinema. Ida is a tour de force.

See this film in Corrie and Sannox village hall this Sunday (12 July) at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Club draw winners

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club June draw were as follows: 1st prize Stewart Phillips, 2nd prize Jennifer Seaton.

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Summer fete fun raises more than £1,150

The annual Montrose House summer fete attracted a big turnout when it took place last Wednesday.

Organised jointly by Montrose House, Stronach Day-care and the Friends of Montrose House Association (FOMHA), it was opened by the chaplain, the Rev Angus Adamson. It was a truly 'Open Day' when members

of the public were invited to come along and view the magnificent new building and facilities and contribute to the main - indeed the only - fundraising event of the year.

Bagpipes

In what was the warmest day of the year, Ian Clarke played the bagpipes to welcome guests while Ruth Thomson played the keyboard inside.

There were the customary raffle, tombola, home baking, bric-a-brac, and plant stalls with children's games in the grounds outside. Delicious Cream Teas were provided by the in-house catering staff. The magnificent sum of £1,173 was raised on the day, to be shared equally between the three participating organisations.



Piper Iain Clarke welcomed visitors to the fete. 20_b28fete02



FOMHA chairwoman and secretary Liz and Alex Lawrie with the Rev Adamson after he opened the fete. 20_b28fete01



The warm day saw the stalls move outside. 20_b28fete03



A table groans under the produce for sale at the baking stall. 20_b28fete05

New stalls at church fete

One of the best attended summer events on the island is the annual Brodick Church Fete, to be held this year on Saturday 18 July at 2pm. All the usual stalls will be there again this year, with one or two new ones.

In the week preceding the fete, volunteers parade along Shore Road with a costumed duck selling duck derby tickets. The £100 prize always brings a generous response, and the tension mounts at 3pm on the Saturday afternoon when the winner is announced.

For weeks now, copies of the Brodick Church Quiz have been on sale, and again at 3pm on the afternoon the winner of that will be announced.

This is Brodick Church's major fund-raiser of the year, enabling it to balance its books and find some extra to fund its work in the community, so the organisers hope that there will be a good turnout on the day, and that the weather will be kind to them.

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Sunday 19th July

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Fun Week Bowling Bowling Club - 2.30pm

Monday 20th July

Car Treasure Hunt Village Car Park - 6.30pm

Tuesday 21st July

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Wednesday 22nd July

Beach Sculpture & BBQ Jetty - 11am

Thursday 23rd July

COAST Rock Pool Scramble Putting Green - 10am

Family Fun Quiz B.Y.O.B. Village Hall - 7pm

Friday 24th July

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Saturday 25th July

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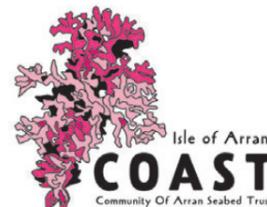
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Brodick Country Park rangers dressed up as ghillies and gamekeepers to entertain visitors at the Victoriana event held at the castle. b28twe05

Shiskine Valley Sports Day



Guest of honour at the sports day was Scottish rugby star, Kenny Logan, seen here with Alexander Judge and James Turnbull. b28twe02



These youngsters cool down after taking part in the junior mountain bike treasure hunt which was held as part of Kildonan Fun Week. The first ones home, being offered juice by Fiona Yates and Lesley McHale are: Andrew Yates, Andrew Cook, Neil MacDonald, Lewis Robinson and Duncan Yates. b28twe04



Mums help to line up youngsters for a race for girls aged three and four during the sports day. b28twe03



The aptly named HMS Arun made a courtesy visit to Arran this week and was anchored in Brodick Bay. A great many people took advantage of the offer of a high speed dinghy trip out to the Royal Navy vessel to be shown around by the crew. A small number of invited guests from the island also joined the officers and CPOs in the wardroom for lunch and are seen here pictured on deck. b28twe06



The Shiskine volunteer fire service came to the rescue to fill the burn with water to allow the ducks to swim out to sea for the Shiskine Valley Sports Day duck derby. The £100 first prize went to duck 617 owner, Lesley Grier. b28twe01

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Saturday 11th July

Army Cadets
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Family Games
Fun in the pool
Live music
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Brodick Market
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Live Music from Reverieme
Food and Drink Festival

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Brodick bowling club, 2pm
Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Kinloch Hotel, 11.30am - 8pm

Sunday 12th July

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Open Session - All musicians and Singers welcome
Blood Bank

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 12noon - 5.30pm

Monday 13th July

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Live music
Morning Fitness
Table Tennis
Badminton
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit Training
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
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RunArran
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Kildonnan Seals and Shore
Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Brodick Bowling club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Bowling club, 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm
Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay and Kildonnan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12 noon
Kildonnan Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm
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Tuesday 14th July

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Live music
Garden Walk
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
RunArran
Open Cricket Session
Dog Obedience Class

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonnan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 2pm - 3pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday 15th July

Rock and Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Yoga
Hydrofit

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45 - 10.45am

Arran Heritage Museum Archives and Genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
Live music
Drift Inn Quiz
Mixed Hockey
Dog classes
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Knitting and Crochet drop in group
Roundhouse Open
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
Summer Ceilidh
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Vile Victorians Tour
Coffee Morning
Summer Fete
Arran Elderly Forum
Coffee Morning

10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
Brodick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm
Lamlash Bowling club, 7pm
Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15 - 12noon
Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 2-4pm
Ormidale pavilion, Brodick 11am
Brodick church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon

Thursday 16th July

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Ladies Hockey
RunArran
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Paintings Tour
Live music
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Senior Tennis
Pond Dip
Save the children summer fayre
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Evening Tour with Head Gardiner
Hospital Supporters League AGM

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Brodick, 6pm
Blackwaterfoot, 7.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3pm
Brodick Hall, 10.30am - 12.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk, 5pm - 8pm
Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 11am to 4pm
Brodick Castle, 7pm - 8.30pm
Arran War Memorial, Lamlash, 2.15pm

Friday 17th July

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

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45 - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
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Elma Murray, Returning Officer, 29 June 2015.

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Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

15/00332/PP; Arran Heritage Museum, Main Street, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of extension to rear of administration and archive block.

15/00375/PP; Site To North Of Jets Patroun (Plot 4), Sliddery, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of detached one and a half storey dwelling house.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS
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 REGULATIONS 1987**

Applications for Listed Building Consent.

15/00378/LBC; Arran Heritage Museum, Main Street, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of extension to rear of administration and archive block.

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Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday, July 1. On the hottest day of the year so far 26 golfers played in the first of our charity support summer opens. Despite perfect playing conditions CSS remained at 63, perhaps reflecting the speed and trickiness of the greens which are now very close to their best. 1 John Simmons(12)62, 2 John Dick (14)63, 3 John Pennycott (13)64 (ach), 4 Scott Adair (6)64 (and lowest gross). Magic twos Douglas Auld @2nd, Stan Rainey @7th, Corey Allen, Nicol Auld and John Simmons @17th. A total of £67 was raised for Cancer Relief. Thanks to all participants for supporting this worthy cause.

The concurrent ladies competition was won by Christine Macleod while our reigning WBGC Junior Open Champion, Jack Adair prevailed in the youngsters competition.

Sunday, July 5, Sunday Medal, 17 played, the earlier starters just managing to avoid some heavy showers that arrived around lunchtime.

That said, it was one of the later players, David Morrison, who carded a fine net 60 to win by one stroke from Peter Smith. CSS stayed at 63. 1 David Morrison (9)60 and lowest gross, 2 Peter Smith (17) 62, 3 Andrew Martin (11)63, 4 Jamie Macpherson (6)64. Magic twos, Jamie MacPherson @ 16th, David Morrison and Jack Simons @17th.

Fixtures: Wednesday, July 8, Summer Trophy. Sunday, July 12, Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy (Open).

Machrie Golf Club

The weather held fine for an excellent turnout of 28 players for the club's annual Captain's Day on Saturday, July 4. The competition was a Stableford over nine holes. The captain's prize was won by David Price with 23 pts. The best lady was Jessie Hutton with 16 pts, winning on count back.

Other prize winners were: Men's longest drive on the 7th Colin Rutherford. Men's nearest the pin on the 2nd Ken McKinley. Ladies' longest drive on the 6th Piet Johnston. Ladies' nearest the pin on the 5th Viv Parks. Machrie Tea Room provided an excellent tea to round off the day.

Tuesday, June 30, Gleneagles medal, 23 played. Mens winners John Pennycott 75-13=62. Ladies, Jenni Turnbull 91-17=74 BIH. Well done to both.

They will be entered for the Gleneagles draw. £250 will be donated by MBGC to Clic Sergeant (for children



The Clubgolf Juniors at Shiskine played in a Mini Olympics event on Monday, June 22. There were putting, pitching, chipping, longest drive and bunker competitions with bronze, silver and gold medals in each ability group. The children enjoyed being ferried around in the buggies between events, with burger and chips afterwards, followed by the presentation of prizes.

with cancer) associated with this competition. Runners up in sweep Ken McKinlay 77-10=67, Phil Betley 83-15=68 BIH.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday, July 1, Summer Cup, 51 played, CSS 65. 1 Archie Mcnicol 78-16=62 BIH, 2 Matthew Keir 67-5=62 BIH, 3 Jim Reid 78-16=62. Scratch-Ewan McKinnon 67. There were 9 twos but the golden ball was not selected a roll over to next Wednesday!

On a lovely summer's day and evening 51 played, the highest number this season. Great to get that turnout and good to see one of the young ones with a fine score, well done Archie, with Matt being slightly unlucky losing out on better inward halves to Archie in the net and to Ewan in the scratch. Sunday, July 5. Brandon Monthly Medal, 16 played, CSS 64. 1 Donald McKinnie 69-10=59, 2 Kenny McMillan 74-13=61, 3 Robert McCrae 71-8=63. Scratch Donald McKinnie 69. There were four twos.

The Brandon was played on Sunday with a disappointing entry but there was some very good scoring from Donald and Kenny both out in the afternoon in the worst of the weather. Donald winning the first class and Kenny the second class medals.

Fixtures: Sunday, July 12, the Grouse qualifier, although why it is called that is quite beyond this correspondent as Grouse have not supported it for years. Time for a name change and new sponsor.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 5, Summer Cup and Tom Graham Cup, CSS 65. 1 Jamie Murchie 65-1=64, 2 Neil Young 70-5=65, 3 Ian Bremner 72-6=66 BIH, 4 Scott Campbell 82-16=66. Best Scratch Jamie Murchie 65. Magic twos Jamie Murchie @4th, Alan Smith @16th John O'Sullivan @13th. Winner of Tom Graham Cup Jamie Murchie 64.

Friday, July 3. Well done to Lamlash team of Matt Harvey, Drew Wales,

Andy Smith and Alan Smith on winning the Corrie Hotel Cup by 3 strokes over Whiting Bay.

Sunday, July 5, club championship qualifying and Jamieson Cup. 1 Iain Murchie 67-4= 63 (without his putter!), 2 Neil Stewart 69-4=65, 3 Graeme Andrew 76-9=67 BIH over Dougie Macfarlane. Magic twos Alan Smith @13th Iain Murchie @16th. Best scratch Iain Murchie 67 BIH over Dougie Macfarlane. Winner of net qualifying cup Iain Murchie 63.

Fixtures: Sat, July 11, quarter finals of club championship from 4pm. Iain Murchie v Paul Jameson 4pm, Paul Cowan v Todd Jameson 4.10pm, Neil Stewart v Graeme Andrew 4.20pm, Dougie Macfarlane v Ian Bremner 4.30pm. Sunday 12 July, club championship semi - final and Hamilton Bowl (bogey) 9.30 am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday, July 16, Summer Cup, make up own groups.

Ladies Section: Wednesday, July 1, Fleet Cup, 7 played. CSS 63, par 65. 1 Morag Gardner 84(19)65, 2 Jo Hastings 84(18)66. Scratch Morag Gardner 84. Fixtures: Ladies Open Wednesday, July 22, places available. Phone Sheena 600820

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday, July 5, Victory Shield/Kay Maxwell Trophy, 36 played. 1st Class 1 A Miller 46-4=42 BIH, 2 W Paton 45-3=42, 3 A Howie 47-4=43 BIH. Scratch M Ker 45 BIH. 2nd Class 1 J McNally 47-10=37, leading so far, 2 J Simpson 48-10=38, 3 G Kennedy 50-9=41. Kema Genda leading Kay Maxwell Trophy with 52-9=43. Magic Two's W Paton, A Howie, M Ker and K Genda. Next Fixture For Victory Shield/Kay Maxwell Trophy: Sunday, August 9.

Fixtures: Saturday, July 11, Vice Captains Prize. Sunday, July 12, Shiskine Valley Texas Scramble. Wednesday, July 15, visitors v locals.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday, July 1, Wednesday Medal, 18 played. Sweep 1 John McGov-

ern 70-11=59 BIH, 2 Graeme Andrews 68-9=59, 3 John Innes 70-9=61. Best scratch G Andrews 68 BIH over A Napier. Magic twos J McGovern @10th, J Adams @8th, B Lewis @1st, H B McKinnon @14th, D Jeffrey @1st, J Innes @10th. Twos pot not won.

Saturday, July 4, Lorimer Rose Bowl and Commemoration Shield, also 1st qualifying round for championship, 11 played. Sweep 1 Ben Innes 38+42=80=24=56, 2 John Adams 37+33=70-8=62, 3 Jim McConnachie 236+34=70-6=64. Best scratch J Adams BIH over J McConnachie. Magic twos A McDonald @10th, J Innes @8th. Well done to Ben Innes in winning the shield.

Fixtures: Saturday, July 11, 2nd rnd qualifying for club championship also Jack Logan Cup. 8.30am and 1pm starts. Tuesday, July 14, club championship quarter-finals at 5.30pm, Thursday, July 16 semi-finals at 6pm. Saturday, July 18 final at 4pm.

Lochranza Castle Golf Club

On Sunday, July 19, the club championship, captain's prize and junior cup competitions will be held. All welcome. Registration 1pm, tee off 1.30pm. Adult green fee £10, juniors free. Any enquires Tel: Archie on 830243.

Arran Golfers Association

Corrie Hotel Cup, Lamlash Golf Club. This years competition took place on a glorious sunny evening at Lamlash. The course was in stunning condition and enjoyed by all, thanks to Jim, Ryan and Scott for their efforts and to Alan and Jamie in the clubhouse for serving the refreshments. 1 Matt Harvey 39 pts, 2 Dave Hackett 35 pts, 3 Sandy Pringle 34 pts BIH over Billy Armit and Drew Wales.

The winners of the trophy this year were Lamlash on 128 pts with last years winners Whiting Bay runners up on 125 pts.

Fixtures: Next up for the association is the Champion of Champions in August.

CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 12th July

Holy Communion, 11.00 am.

Rev Simon Mackenzie, Priest-in-Charge.

Coffee after service.

Wednesday 15th July

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

The offering for Mary's Meals at the Songs of Praise in Lamlash on 28th June amounted to £317.46.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together

Minister: Rev Angus Adamson Parish Assistant: Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 12th July

Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.

Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.

Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting,

12 noon Morning Worship.

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 12th July

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30 am

Rev. Lily McKinnon

In Lamlash:

Admission of new members

All welcome, including families; children's area

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 12th July

Morning Service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 6-30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass: Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday Morning Mass 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)

Sunday 12th July

Family Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.

Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall.

Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service.

Please stay and enjoy more fellowship.

All most welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 12th July

11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick

Tea and Coffee after the service.

Wednesday at 7.30pm

Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.

Contact phone no 600222

Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 12th July

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

Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)

Rev Ronnie Christie

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BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

30TH WEDDING



Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary to Neil and Christine Greig Lochranza 12/07/1985

Brodick Bowling Club results

This year's Brodick Centenary Trophy competition, on Saturday 2 June, was blessed with a beautiful sunny day and the green was playing as well as many could remember.

Triples teams from each of the island's clubs contested the trophy. Brodick came a close second, but the winning team were Jock Sloss, Marion Spence and Colin Haggerty from Lamlash by a margin of four shots.

Brodick results for June, with the date the matches were played: 3rd Charlie Weir and John Lauder (+6), 6th Jim Gourlay, Andy McCrindle and Colin Haggerty (+6), 8th

Colin Haggerty and Charlie Weir (+11), 10th Colin Haggerty and Robert Crawford (+16), 13th Robert Crawford, Tony Wooden and Kate Nichols (+18), 15th Ernie Stanger, Vera Ransome and Colin Haggerty (+17), 17th Robert Crawford, Ernie Stanger and John Lauder (+12), 20th Tony Wooden, John Kerr and John Robinson (+7), 22nd Aileen Latona, Lavinia Hendry and Tony Wooden (+16), 24th draw between Kate Nichols with Robert Crawford and Andy McCrindle with Jim Gourlay (10 apiece), 29th Robert Crawford and Jim Gourlay (+19).

Rampant Brodick in goal spree as Southend make it six in a row

Brodick 12 Shiskine 1

Shiskine suffered one of their worst defeats ever after going down by 12 goals to 1 against a rampant Brodick side.

Brodick went three goals up early in the game and Shiskine just seemed to lose interest in the wet conditions. Jordan Crawford grabbed the sole goal for the visitors. Captain Iain 'Keeno' Keen scored a hat-trick including a stunning, curling free kick past Finlay Murchie in the Shiskine goal. Golden boot front runner Archie McNicol outstretched his lead as top scorer in the league with two of the goals. Euan 'Smithy' Smith scored a thunderous half volley with his favoured left foot in the second half. Matthew 'Dobby' Dobson was playing at centre back again with his cousin Kyle Barbour still sidelined through injury. However, he still managed to gallop forward and bag himself two goals. John Murchie was given a yellow card after a collection of diving slide tackles ending in referee Sean 'Higgy' Higgins finally having enough of it and issuing a booking. Donald

'Scooby' Roberts scored for his second game running after hitting the winner in last week's game.

Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil also got on the score sheet taking his goal tally for the season higher than his yellow card tally. This statistic has questioned the leniency of referees on the island. It was questioned even further when John Drummond managed to last a full 90 minutes without picking up a yellow.

The goal of the night was saved for the last minute when Murchie cracked the ball from over 30 yards into the top corner leaving the opposition keeper with no chance. With the condition of the pitch, Murchie could have been forgiven for thinking he was in a swimming pool when he executed a perfect swan dive much to the hilarity of the Brodick defenders.

Tony McDowell was given the man of the match by Higgy for some exquisite play and precise passing in very demanding conditions. Tony looks like he is getting back to his best since coming back to play for Brodick.



Finlay Murchie makes a brave diving save with Brodick on the attack. b28footy01

Southend 5 Northend 0

Southend kept their 100 per cent record intact with a 5-0 home win over Northend on Monday night. The game was delayed by over half an hour with the helicopter landing on the pitch at Sandbraes. Southend took an early lead after 10 minutes when Lewis Kennedy's well placed corner was met by Danny 'Heider' Head. In a battle of the giants five minutes later Lewis was involved in an altercation with Jason 'Jay' Ferguson. After a bit of pushing and shoving both players were given stern

warnings. Elliot Sedman went close for the visitors but Stevie Judge made a great diving block to deny an equaliser, keeping the score at 1-0 going into the second half. Stevie has now only conceded two goals in his last nine games in goal this season. Donnie Park was subbed after he was given a yellow for a series of fouls. Davie Currie came on and moved into Southend's three man defence allowing Sandy Kelso to move back to his preferred central midfield role. This made an impact

straight away as Sandy scored a well placed left footer past Michael McGuire in the Northend goal. Corey 'Sid' Allen then went on a great solo run and dispatched the ball into the Northend goal to make it 3-0. Davie then struck a shot which was looking like a goal until defender Paul 'the postie' Hewie stopped the ball going over the line with his hand. Thankfully for him referee Iain MacDonald was unsighted and the ball was cleared away.

Southend brought on 14 year old Mak Russell and within five minutes he calmly

slotted the ball past McGuire to score his first competitive goal for his team. Corey finished the scoring for the night and he was awarded man of the match after being one of the few Southenders who had played well and had a brace to show for his efforts. A special mention was also given to Northend keeper McGuire for a great performance including some superb point blank saves.

Next week's fixtures to be played on Monday, July 13 are Northend vs Brodick at 7pm and Southend vs Lam-lash at 6.30pm.

Arran Half Marathon picture special



Jon Smith leads from the front at the start of the race. 20_b28run01



David Allsop of Arran Runners crosses the finish line. 20_b28run05



Two runners cross the finish line hand in hand. 20_b28run10



Arran runner Lynda Fenton gets flowers from her daughter Iona at the end of the race. 20_b28run11



The RunArran team, l to r: Jon, Laura, Lorna and Jessica. b28run12NO

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Half marathon attracts strong Arran entry but prize goes to the mainland

An Arran runner came within two minutes of winning the Arran Half Marathon on Sunday.

Eliot Sedman finished just behind eventual winner Russell Hall who won the race in a time of 1hr 19min 19secs. Eliot came in on 1:21:02.

Rain failed to dampen the spirits of the 122 runners who took part as the heavens opened just as the race was about to start in Blackwaterfoot at noon. However, it cleared up and the majority of the race around the Shiskine Valley was run in dry conditions.

The event is organised by Arran Runners and the first of their members home was Ar-

ran born David Allsop, who now lives on the mainland, who finished sixth with a time of 1:25:01, bettering his 10th place last year.

First home

For the first time the Run-Arran group had a team in the race and the first home was Jon Smith in a time of 1:35:34, followed by Jessica McGuire in 1:45:52, Laura Aitcheson, who stood in at the last minute without training, in 2:00:15 and Lorna Logan in 2:16:32. Jessica won the prize for the first female from Ayrshire home.

Two other Arran runners taking part were Kay Boal who finished in 1:57:39 and Lynda Fenton in 2:14:34.

The final finisher, William Cannon, may have taken 3hrs 14min 32secs to finish but he was carrying a 60lb rucksack to raise money for the National Autistic Society.

William holds 115 world records of various descriptions.

Organiser Paul Emsley, who is retiring, said: 'It was good to see so many locals runners taking part.'

Mike Mellor of the Arran Runners added: 'To the 122 entrants I would like to say thanks for your continued support for our event. Thanks also to Paul for organising the event and all his work over the last 15 years at this and the other Arran races.'

*More pictures on page 19



Winner Russell Hall shares a joke with organiser Paul Emsley shortly after the race
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Runners splash their way through the puddles at the start of the race 20_b28run02



Jessica McGuire crosses the finish line as the first Ayrshire female home
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Eliot Sedman crosses the finishing line in second place 20_b28run04

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