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Baton can't come to Arran... so Arran goes to the baton!



REPORT
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The Queen's Baton has travelled over 100,000 miles, uniting 70 countries across the world...and has even been sent to an oil-rig.

And when it was announced that the symbol of the Commonwealth Games was coming to North Ayrshire - but not Arran - that didn't stop the locals flocking in their hundreds to see it.

With generous support from North Ayrshire Council

(NAC), Caledonian Mac-Brayne and Stagecoach, VisitArran was able to send 300 Arran residents to see the baton make its way through Ardrossan on Tuesday night.

There were four baton bearers from Arran - Rona Fulton, Rory Hunter, John Graham and Wallace Currie.

CalMac even changed the time of the last ferry from Ardrossan to 8pm to allow people to make the most of the occasion.

Sheila Gilmore from Visi-

tArran said: 'Arran has never been a community to accept disappointment, and when we realised the baton wasn't coming to us, we helped NAC to get as many Arran people from our community groups to see the baton as possible.'

'On Arran we think what we can do, not what we can't.'

The organisations that took part included Arran Pipe Band, Arran Youth Forum, Riding for the Disabled, 10th Ayrshire Shiskine Scouts and many

young people, such as 10 year old Amelia Robertson from Shiskine.

Amelia, who is a member of Arran Dancers said: 'I was really excited about going to see the baton, I'd have been sad not to see it - so it'll be fun to go with all my friends on the boat and I'll remember this for a long time.'

The Arran Pipe Band led a parade of proud islanders off the car deck of the ferry at Ardrossan Harbour on Tuesday afternoon, before marching on to South Beach

where the festivities took place. Martin Dorchester, managing director of CalMac said: 'Sadly the baton can't be everywhere so we are delighted to have been able to alter the ferry timetable to let Arran islanders take part in the celebrations in Ardrossan and I'm sure it was a very memorable event.'

North Ayrshire councillor John Bruce said: 'I am delighted that we have been able to put this package together so that the people of Arran can play their part in

the celebrations. The party atmosphere got underway the minute the ferry set sail from Brodick.'

'Those on the mainland soon knew that the Arran contingent was in town when hundreds of Arran locals came marching off the boat to the sound of bagpipes.'

'It was a great day all round in North Ayrshire with a perfect ending for our island visitors - with their special ferry back and even extra late buses to get them home.'



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Marine interpretation centre for the island

Mobile unit will be used to enhance understanding of the marine environment

A sizeable grant from the Arran Trust has enabled the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) to establish a 'mobile marine interpretation centre' for the island.

The £3,000 donation was given to the group by Arran's visitor gifting scheme which has been successfully fundraising through hotels and other outlets for the past two years.

Andrew Binnie, manager of COAST, said: 'During the summer, the COAST team run outdoor events including beach scrambles, beach art and marine-themed craft workshops. 'However, at present, there is no COAST vehicle so we are unable to realise the full potential of Arran community and visitor interest in the marine environment.

'We had already allocated

funding to purchase a vehicle but the Arran Trust grant is a very welcome contribution to the costs of customising the vehicle as a marine interpretation centre.'

The van will be spray-painted with the COAST logo and 'Curly the Octopus' - the official South Arran Marine Protection Area mascot - so it is recognisable around the island. Inside it will have a small touch tank, interpretation panels, seashore identification cards, a microscope for plankton and smaller organisms and telescope for watching basking sharks, seals and marine birds.

It will be used for school term visits, making the work of COAST more visible and enhancing the visitor experience and understanding of the marine environment.



Andrew Binnie, Andy Telford and Jenni Martin of COAST accept a cheque for £3,000 from Sheila Gilmore of the Arran Trust, second right. 20_b29trt01

Man ordered to end 'vendetta'

A man who was found guilty of placing an Arran police-woman in a state of fear and alarm has been ordered by a sheriff to end his 'vendetta'.

Stewart Murray, 45, followed and filmed Constable Jennifer Sneddon until she fled in tears into Kilmarnock police station and collapsed in a distressed state in front of colleagues.

Sheriff Brian Murphy fined Murray £400 and told him: 'Your vendetta against PC Sneddon must stop now or you will be in serious trouble.'

Murray, of Knockandon, East Bannan, Arran, was earlier found guilty of placing PC Sneddon in fear and alarm.

Sheriff Brian Murphy told him: 'The right to film in a public place is not unqualified,' adding that PC Sneddon clearly did not want to talk and her 'mounting distress' was obvious.

'Such behaviour would in my view cause a reasonable person to suffer from fear and alarm.'

Walker struck with heat exhaustion

A walker with suspected heat exhaustion had to be helped off the hillside by Arran Mountain Rescue Team last Thursday night.

The woman was walking with her family on Goatfell when she found herself unable to continue because of the heat.

The team Argocat was used to reach the group quickly and after the woman was assessed, she was then taken off the hill to a waiting ambulance for further treatment.

Dangerous dog

A 53-year-old Kilmarnock man has been reported to the procurator fiscal under section three of the dangerous dogs act after his dog allegedly bit a child in Brodick on Tuesday.

Thefts

Following two reports of sneak-in thefts in the Blackwaterfoot area last week, a 21-year-old Dumbarton man was arrested and reported to the procurator fiscal.

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Father Simon MacKenzie and lay preacher Janis Gallagher, left, at St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church in Whiting Bay. 20_b29sim01

Arran's first pop-up church launched

Throughout the summer the Scottish Episcopalian Church will be popping up on Wednesdays in pubs and hotels around the island.

They will meet at 12.15pm for an open Eucharist in the relaxed and informal setting of a pub, and then enjoy lunch together.

Father Simon MacKenzie, who preaches on the island once a month but is based in Lochgilphead, said: 'We cordially invite anyone who wishes to join us for a slightly different half-hour of reflective fellowship and communion, and a meal and a drink to come along.'

So where did the idea for Arran's first pop-up church come from?

Father MacKenzie explained: 'Over the last year the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles has been encouraging the Episcopal congregation at St Margaret's in Whiting Bay to reflect on our life and calling.'

'One of the exercises we did was to think of a passage of the Bible which we identified with.'

'One of the two finalists was the account of Jesus appearing to two disciples in the inn at Emmaus.'

'Two tired and depressed travellers had met a stranger walking on the road, and opened their hearts to him as they told him of their disappointment and despair at the death of one they had thought

was to be their Messiah.

'The stranger had so surprised them as they walked on with his interpretations of the scripture that they begged him to stay to eat and spend the night with him.'

'As he gave thanks at supper, they recognised him as the risen Lord, and he vanished from their sight.'

'The Eucharist is the heart of our life. So what better way, we thought, to celebrate it where it truly began: in the inns of our community?'

He added: 'All the things we receive from our worshipping life: joy, fellowship, hospitality, community life, are what pubs are all about.'

'Even, strangely, healing. It was to an inn that the Good

Samaritan took the beaten-up stranger to be cared for, until he returned.

'When communities are working properly, that is the kind of healing that happens often unobserved.'

The pop-up church also allows the church and its congregation to reach other parts of the island as it can be difficult for those in the west to get to Whiting Bay.

The first pop-up church will be on Wednesday 13 August at 12.15pm in The Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot and then Wednesday 27 August at 12.15pm in the Catacol bay Hotel.

Look out for further dates of the pop-up churches in the coming weeks.

Ground investigations to restart at pier

CMAL have announced this week that Fugro Seacore have been contracted to complete the ground investigation works at Brodick Pier.

They will be using a jack-up barge to drill investigation boreholes for the terminal redevelopment.

Fugro Seacore's exact start date on site is yet to be confirmed, but it will be by the end of July.

They will spend around seven weeks on site.

CMAL will issue a Notice to Mariners once the final details of the operations are finalised.

Despite a three-month delay a spokesman for CMAL said that the design work on the project is progressing well and the project architect has updated the fly-through video, which is now available on CMAL's website: www.cmassets.co.uk/en/our-work/projects/current-projects/brodick-ferry-terminal1.html

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RNLI to host open day

Arran RNLI in Lamlash is continuing its celebrations to welcome the new lifeboat with an open day this Saturday for the public to come along and see how the station operates.

The volunteer crew at the station will be on hand to meet and greet people as well as to put on a display to show how the new boat Rachel Hedderwick is launched, some of the exercises it carries out and how it is then recovered.

There will be teas and coffees, sea safety information and a chance to find out more about crew vacancies and joining the RNLI.

All RNLI lifeboat stations

are run on a volunteer basis and it is through the time and dedication shown by their volunteer crew members that they are able to provide communities including Arran with such a vital search and rescue service. All at Arran RNLI are looking forward to meeting visitors at the station at Lamlash Pier on Saturday 20 July between 11am and 4pm.

As the crew get used to their new boat they would like to extend a big thank you to CalMac and Colin McCort, Brodick's port manager, for allowing the Rachel Hedderwick free passage to the island.



The new lifeboat Rachel Hedderwick in Lamlash Bay.

Race organised in memory of an inspirational mum

An inspirational mum who fought a rare form of cancer to the end is the reason for an Arran 'Race for Life' event next month.

Organiser Lorraine Hewie told The Banner that her reasons for arranging the 'Arran Lassies Pink Event' with Debbie Jackson were 'very personal and emotional'.

'Four years ago my mother discovered that she had a tumour and was diagnosed with Leiomyosarcoma, a cancer which develops in the soft tissues that cover and support all your vital organs,' said Lorraine.

'This is a rare and terminal form of cancer, which my mum lost her battle against just two years after being diagnosed on 2 July 2012.

'It was a heartbreaking ordeal for myself and my family but my mother was brave and courageous throughout.' The mum of three from Brodick has taken part in the Race for Life fun run events on the mainland for many years, even before her life was so closely affected by cancer,

but felt that she could be doing more.

She added: 'There are so many runners on Arran, many of which travel to the mainland to take part in events like the Race for Life, and I thought, why not hold an event here on our beautiful island?'

'More people can take part, there is no ferry or travel costs or need to pay for accommodation on Saturday night to take part in the event on the Sunday.'

The 'Arran Lassies Pink Event' is a 5km fun run/jog/walk, to help raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

The event is run in association with the Race for Life events held on the mainland, it is open to women and girls only.

The 5K race will take place on Sunday 17 August at 11am and will go through the Dunn Fion forestry track.

There is a £10 entrant fee for ages 13 and over, £5 for ages 5 to 12 and under 5s are free - a minimum sponsored amount of £15 should be paid



Lorraine Hewie with her daughter Kayla. Lorraine has organised the race in memory of her mum.

by each entrant.

To enter email, debbannejack@aol.com or hewie74@hotmail.com with name, address and contact telephone number for a Registration form and Sponsorship form to be sent out to you (please include the amount of people and ages taking part so that the relevant amount of registration and spon-

sor forms can be sent). 'Let's make it a fun day, remember you can run, jog or walk,' said Lorraine. 'Wearing pink isn't compulsory but would be great, as we are trying to make a statement.'

'To all the ladies who have already registered, a heartfelt thank you and happy fundraising. I look forward to seeing you on the day.'

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Watch found

A ladies watch was found on Friday 11 July in the Brodick Castle car park.

The watch can be claimed from Lamlash Police Station.

Silver cross lost

A handmade silver cross was lost somewhere in the Brodick area on Thursday 3 July.

This one-off piece is of great sentimental value so if found please call 303550.

Arran Bridge Club results

The results from the tournament on Monday 14 July were as follows: N/S 1 Linda Trickett and Brenda Livingstone, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Margaret and Douglas Bruce.

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Boat went up in flames says investigation report

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has published its report on the investigation into the engine-room fire on board fishing vessel Amy Harris III which eventually sank south of Arran on January 16, 2013.

The report said the incident occurred when the skipper of Amy Harris III discovered a fire in the engine room.

Reaction

The crew's initial reaction, which consisted of a bucket of water being thrown over the rapidly growing fire, was unsuccessful.

The fire was accelerated after doors and a hatch were left open allowed smoke to 'rapidly spread forcing the skipper and his three crew onto the deck and consequently no

further attempts were made to suppress or control the fire'. The crew were airlifted off the vessel by rescue helicopter soon afterwards and the vessel was subsequently towed into Campbeltown where the fire was extinguished.

The boat was scrapped after the incident.

During the rescue operation, the mate decided to soak his hat with water, place it over his nose and mouth, enter the wheelhouse and turn the vessel into wind in an attempt to aid the helicopter crew.

'The mate's decision to steer the vessel's head to wind served no purpose and should have been prevented,' the MAIB report concludes.

'The wheelhouse was known to be smoke-logged, and re-

entering it without the use of breathing apparatus severely compromised his safety.

'Holding his soaked hat across his face provided him with virtually no protection against smoke.

Escalate

'In his urgency to get back into fresh air the mate left the external galley door open, which provided an uninterrupted oxygen supply for the fire. This, coupled with the leaking diesel fuel oil, only served to escalate the fire.'

The report stated that the most likely cause of the fire was the ignition of diesel fuel oil, which had leaked from a flexible pipe supplying the auxiliary engine's fuel lift pump.



Last year's Kinloch Beer Festival was such a success that this year is even bigger!

Eat, drink and be merry at Kinloch Beer Festival

The finest ales, crispest ciders, and the very best of wines are all on offer at the Kinloch Hotel's beer festival today (Saturday 19 July).

A selection of real ales, lagers and craft bottles will feature during the full-day extravaganza at the Blackwaterfoot hotel.

Organisers say it is a great day out for the whole family.

The festival begins on the Friday night with live music from Team Solripe in the public bar.

On Saturday music from the Arran Brass Band will kick

off the day at 12 noon and throughout the afternoon the Jazz Cafe Band will be on hand to entertain the crowds.

Taking to the stage

Emily Divine, the talented young singer-songwriter, from Blackwaterfoot will be taking to the stage in the afternoon before Cams Campbell and Donal Boyle pick up the pace as the evening descends with their trademark bluegrass sound.

The highlight of the day are the beers and wines themselves.

With 11 real ales, seven ci-

ders and 18 different wines there is plenty to whet the appetite for more.

Visitors can buy tokens for the tastings - and the more you buy the cheaper each drink becomes.

The Kinloch will be running a seafood tent throughout the day to showcase the very best of Arran's local produce and Arran Dairies will be on hand for those looking for something sweet.

With the hotel open for food as usual there is plenty on the menu to accompany the beers and wines on the day.

Flying visit for Bournemouth couple

It's not unusual for people to pay a flying visit to Arran but few actually touch down in their own helicopter.

But Harvey Euridge and his wife Sue from Bournemouth did exactly that when they arrived on Monday.

The couple stopped off at The Douglas Hotel in Brodick for the night on their way to visit friends on the Isle of Coll.

'It certainly beats the traffic jams,' said Mr Euridge. 'And it is a very long drive from Bournemouth to Coll so this is a much faster way to travel.' 01_b29hel01



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Fèis Arainn returns

55 LOCAL youngsters will be exploring Arran's cultural history when they take part in the annual Fèis Arainn, next week.

From Tuesday 22 July the primary and secondary school pupils will gather in Arran High School to take part in workshops covering Gaelic language and music.

Organiser Aileen McLaughlin said: 'Over the next four days they will be taught by some very experienced tutors in a variety of traditional instruments as well as learning to sing and speak some of the language.'

'The idea behind the Fèis, which has now been running for 15 years, is to promote a link with the rich heritage of the children's island.'

'In that time it has introduced hundreds of young people to interests which have continued and which they have developed with great enjoyment and success.'

She added: 'We are again grateful to Creative Scotland through Fèisean nan Gaidheal and North Ayrshire Council for their invaluable financial support.'

One of the highlights of the week is always the fundraising Family Ceilidh.

This will take place in Whiting Bay Hall on Wednesday 23 July at 7.30pm.

Once again some of Scotland's top young musicians will be acting as tutors during the week and they will be treating the audience to an evening of entertainment and dancing for all the family.

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.

Open to locals and visitors alike, feel free to bring a long a bottle to the ceilidh but there is a juice bar for youngsters.

The Fèis finishes on Friday afternoon with a concert given by the youngsters themselves.

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

Tha sinn dochas chi sinnan sibh! We hope to see you there!

Garden to open in aid of AMRT

As part of the fundraising for the Arran Mountain Rescue's 50th anniversary, Mary Dick is opening her garden to the public once again.

The garden at Mainslea, Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay will be open from 10.30am until 4.30pm this Saturday (19 July).

Tea, coffee and home baking will be available.

Dr Hastings search proves successful

Walter Hastings was the son of an Arran miller and grain merchant but he died in 1919 in a car accident while working as a doctor on Skye

The Arran Banner was contacted by Neil MacGillivray of the Sleat Local History Society, in March 2013, looking for a Dr Walter Hastings who was born in Lamlash in 1870.

Through the pages of The Banner a request for family members was sent out and now, over a year later, we can reveal that the quest was a success.

Mr MacGillivray was contacted by Elizabeth Macclachlan, a descendant of Dr Hastings.

Nephew

She explained: 'My maternal grandfather Alister B Hastings was a nephew of Dr Hastings.'

'Alister's father Enoch and Dr Hastings were brothers.'

'My mother was a grand niece which would make me a great grand niece.' Elizabeth was alerted to the article in The Banner by her cousin Janet Wright.

Janet's grandmother, also called Janet, and Elizabeth's grandfather were brother and sister.

Elizabeth added: 'She said

she was looking for a photo of Dr Hastings for Neil and wondered if we had one.

'After a bit of searching we found several. Unfortunately I can't tell you any more about Dr Hastings than Neil has discovered in his research.'

'I don't recall my grandfather or my mother ever mentioning him but that could be because they protected us from such things when we were young and subsequently forgot that they hadn't told us.' Walter Hastings was the son of an Arran miller and grain merchant but he died in 1919 in a car accident while practising as a doctor on Skye.

He had been a prominent GP and merited a significant obituary in the British Medical Journal.

His body was brought home to Arran by his brother Enoch Buchanan Hastings of Corrie.

After doing some research on the family, Mr MacGillivray was keen to track down any living descendants - and The Banner is delighted to have helped him in his quest.



Thanks to a request featured in The Banner, Neil MacGillivray was able to get this photograph of Dr Hastings.

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Tess completes walk from Lewis to Arran

Tess's blog also proved a real hit with many during their journey

A 230-MILE walk from Lewis to Arran has raised £13,680 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Alistair Pratt with labradour Tess took on the journey in memory of Alistair's wife Margot, who sadly passed away from cancer in September 2011.

The duo set off from their home near Reef beach on the west coast of Lewis on 30 April and had made their way to Goatfell on Arran by 24 May.

'This was always Tess's walk for Margot and I just went with her,' said 69-year old Alistair, a yachtsman and mountaineer.

The pair walked down through the Morsgail Estate on Lewis, across the Harris hills to Tarbert and onto Leverburgh, before taking the ferry across to Berneray

and making their way down North Uist, Benbecula, South Uist and on to Lochboisdale.

'From there we caught the ferry to Oban and walked to Ardfern on the Craignish peninsula, before we headed off to Skipness on the Mull of Kintyre for the final ferry trip to Lochranza on Arran.'

With mixed weather conditions along the journey and three particularly gruelling days heading into gales, Tess and Alistair didn't always have the easiest of conditions for their adventure.

Alistair said: 'We had three pretty horrible days with gales and rain in your face when we were in the Highlands, but we battled through it together.'

'On the whole we were lucky with the weather for the duration of the walk and it all went very well.'

Alistair said that the long-

est day of walking saw them cover over 20 miles across the moors of Lewis and Harris.

He continued: 'One of my biggest concerns was how Tess' paws would cope with such a long walk everyday.'

'I am pleased to say that her paw pads held up very well.'

Although the walk sometimes saw the pair making their way down the long route on public roads.

They mostly used old drovers or coffin tracks together with forestry roads.

Tess's blog also proved a real hit with many during their journey.

'She proved to be a whiz on the laptop with some interesting updates and observations on the daily happenings as the walk progressed,' joked Alistair.

'We still have money coming in now.'



Tess and Alistair walked from Lewis to Arran in memory of her mistress, and Alistair's late wife, Margot.

'I know Tess will be up for more challenges in the future, so we need to see what adventure comes next,' added Alistair, who retired from Ardfern Yacht Centre during the spring and autumn rush periods.

He now works part-time at

Ardfern Yacht Centre during the spring and autumn rush periods.

Donations to Alistair and Tess's walk can be made online via the Macmillan Tribute Funds website and typing in Margot Pratt in the 'find a fund' name section.

Locals urged to help with beach clean

Villagers are being urged to take part in a beach clean this Sunday (July 20) to help spruce up Lamlash.

Organised by Lamlash Improvements and the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), the beach clean will begin at 1pm on the green in front of the Co-op.

A spokesman for the improvements group said: 'It's a very worthwhile thing to do an it's also good fun.'

'We hope to see lots of people there.'

All equipment and rubbish bags will be provided but those taking part should wear suitable clothing.

For more information go to www.lamlashimprovements.co.uk

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Bowling Club	3pm	
Monday 21st July		
Village Car Park	6.30pm	Car Treasure Hunt
Tuesday 22nd July		
Putting Green Hut	3pm	Beach Scavenger Hunt
Wednesday 23rd July		
Jetty & Beach	3pm	Beach Sculpture BBQ - Ice Cream - Face Painting - Music
Thursday 24th July		
Putting Green	2pm	COAST Rock Pool Scramble Famous Family Fun Quiz BYOB - Raffle - Soft Drinks
Village Hall	7pm	
Friday 25th July		
Putting Green	10am-7pm	Grand Putting Competition Fun Run to the Putting Green BBQ
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Putting Green	7pm	

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Mountain Biking	£45pp	£45pp	£45pp	£30pp	£90	£90	£60pp
Climbing	£45pp	£45pp	£45pp	£30pp	£90	£90	£60pp
Abseil	£45pp	£45pp	£45pp	£30pp	£90	£90	£60pp
Gorge Walk	TBA						

For larger groups please contact the centre. Those wishing to participate in Mountain Biking activities are reminded that bikes are not available from the centre. Activities may be subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

What does the future hold for the church?

This week the Church of England finally made the decision to appoint women bishops after decades of soul-searching on the subject.

Naturally, one of the questions that has arisen out of this is what does the future actually hold for the church - and for religion in Scotland too?

Looking 60 years into the future, pessimists predict Armageddon for organised religion. They say that the average age of congregations in the UK is elderly and that as others get older the church no longer forms such an important part of their lives.

According to a recent survey, attendances at churches are falling and the group who carried out the survey predict that by 2020, the number of Scots going to church on a Sunday will fall below 10 per cent of the population for the first time from 751,100 in 1990 to 457,600 in 2015.

The future certainly has its challenges for organised religion.

On Arran the Scottish Episcopal Church is trying to buck the downward trend with an interesting initiative: organising 'pop-up' churches in different pubs around the island.

As new priest Father Simon MacKenzie sees it, all the things that religion offers - joy, fellowship, hospitality, community life - are what pubs are all about.

As he points out, the Good Samaritan took the badly injured stranger to an inn for comfort and solace.

He argues that the pop-up idea will also allow the church and its congregation to reach other parts of the island as it can be difficult for those in the west to get to Whiting Bay.

Who knows what the future holds for the religious communities of Arran, but perhaps Father MacKenzie's spirited idea may be the tonic the churches need as they face the challenges of the future.

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



Unsociable passenger

Sir,
I was rather astonished at the behaviour and attitude of an elderly 'gentleman' on the 12.30pm crossing to Arran last Saturday.

I was travelling with three children, one of whom has Asperger's and one of whom is a foster child whom we'd just been to the mainland to pick up.

As usual, we were seated in the Observation Lounge, as this is a comfortable, child-friendly area directly opposite the children's play room.

The children were not being particularly disruptive, but they were chatting away quite happily, and we were doing our best to help our new foster child feel at ease.

My son, who finds it very difficult to sit still for any length of time, was walking about and moving from seat to seat, but I made sure that he knew not to do this near other passengers so as not to disturb them.

Suddenly, a man got up from his seat in the corner and marched past us, muttering something about not being able to read his newspaper in peace.

I pointed out that they were just being children, and I was advised that they should be outside on deck, to which I replied that my son couldn't do that, as he can't stand the wind (he has heightened senses, and also cannot bear extreme temperatures, bright lights, loud noises, etc).

However, the man simply stomped off, still muttering into his beard. As far as I am aware, the Observation Lounge is a family area and is not a designated 'quiet lounge'.

It is also a popular seating area for groups of children when being taken on trips to or from Arran.

If I had been allowing my children to run riot and chase each other around the room, yelling and screaming (as a group of children had been doing on an earlier crossing that day, even laughing about how someone in the dog area

had asked them not to keep running about like that, as they were frightening their dog), then I could have understood such a reaction.

I always try to allow any children in my care the freedom to be creative and to express themselves but within very clear boundaries that provide them with a feeling of security and of being wanted - when you care for and raise children who have no proper family of their own, children who often have never had anyone who cares enough to teach them any good morals or values, or children who have a behavioural disorder that means that the simplest things can end up being a real challenge, you learn to be more open, tolerant, compassionate and understanding.

However, I have great difficulty in understanding this person's attitude, which came across as being very rude, self-centred and small-minded, and does little to improve our view of the elderly, who are sadly often overlooked by society.

How do you expect these children to care about you in your old age if this is how you treat them?

You should be ashamed of yourself, a grumpy old man throwing a strop like that and making vulnerable children feel unwanted and unloved in a world and a society that they are constantly striving to come to terms with and that you have helped create.

Yours,
Name and address provided

What's the delay?

Sir,
It is unbelievable that the platform which will be used to check the ground below sea level at Brodick for the new (mostly unwanted) pier is still sitting six months later at Ardrossan harbour.

This is more than six months after what should have been the start of the works. Is it unrealistic to think that at the time there was just a great smoke screen about this pier and it was never ever intended to really be built?

In a few months will the

project be landing in the paper recycling mills?

So much public money wasted for nothing at all! Yesterday afternoon, returning after nearly a week in Switzerland, there was no change at all.

Yours,
**Bruno Baumgärtner
Corrie cravie**

Losing its character

Sir,
It is disappointing to see that yet another Arran landmark is to disappear before our very eyes.

The Pierhead Tavern has long been a favourite haunt for both locals and visitors so it was with some regret that I read your front page story last week.

Unfortunately there has been a trend for these closures in recent years.

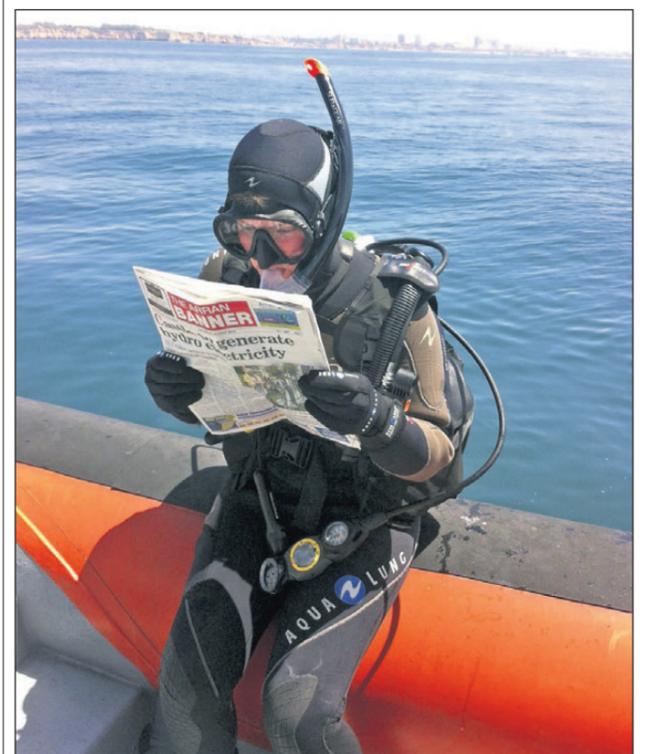
As visitors who come to the island two or three times a year - but have been doing so for 60 odd years - we always arrive now with some trepidation to see what may have changed in our absence.

It used to be that very little ever changed, Arran was always the same.

But now with supermarkets, huge hotel complexes, housing estates, and even a new pier being discussed, we are left wondering where these changes will end.

We appreciate that island life cannot remain as it was in the 1950s but be careful not to lose all of your character, otherwise visitors may lose interest in an island that is so similar to the mainland.

Yours,
**John Maitland
Kircornel**



Arran Banner on holiday

The pictures that our readers send us from their travels just get better and better.

This great shot of Gillian Anderson from Brodick was taken by her husband Harry while they were scuba-diving recently in the Algarve.

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

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Last copies of rare Burrel manuscript put up for sale

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

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

It was the trustees of the 7th Duke of Hamilton, then only 11 years old and still at Eton, who commissioned Burrel to draw up plans for agricultural improvements for the Arran estate. Burrel was a factor at the Duke's Firth of Forth estate.

He carried out what he called a 'strict survey' of all the farms on the island and meticulously detailed what they reared and produced and itemised the income of each tenant.

At the time Arran had 99 run-rig farms, then supporting some 1100 families through the system of communal work. The plan was to convert them into 250 smaller farms, each supporting a single family, but the change did not happen quickly. It took 70 years from 1772, when the first leases came up for renewal, until the Duke of Hamilton's estate was eventually divided into 458 family farms.

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

History of weaving explored in new book

Hand weaving and the history of this ancient art is explored in a new book written by Lynn Ross of Brodick, a well-known local weaver.

After a long career as weaver, Lynn was commissioned to write the book by Bloomsbury three years ago.

But due to a period of significant ill-health, which saw Lynn hospitalised for over a year, the book is only now coming to print.

'I was honoured to be asked to write it,' Lynn told The Banner. 'The book is based on my 30 or so years of experience teaching weaving to children and adults.'

'I began with classroom and curriculum work on Arran, when my own children were small, and I was asked to demonstrate weaving skills to primary pupils and explain their importance in the history of our island community.'

'This eventually culminated in me travelling all over Europe and working with various groups to promote the art in other countries.'



Beach Hut by Lynn Ross.

Astrid Hedberg taught Lynn the basics of weaving on a small loom in the early 1970s while living in Stockholm.

For Lynn, who had just had her daughter Jill, weaving was the perfect occupation to help her adjust to life in a new country with a small child.

It was the summer-school tutors at HV Skola in Stockholm back in 1975, with their high standards and careful attention to detail, that finally pushed Lynn into a journey that has lasted a lifetime, and which ultimately saw her re-examine her own Scottish heritage and move to Arran 38 years ago.

'This book is a collection of practical projects along with descriptions of some of the work I have done over the years,' explained Lynn.

'The patterns are straightforward enough for beginners to weave and they have been tried and tested in workshops with adults and children.'

She added: 'I've also included background information on more complicated looms to encourage further exploration into this magical craft - but bearing in mind



Lynn Ross, at her home in Brodick, with one of the first copies of her new book. 20_b291ym01

that learning to weave is a journey best undertaken with the help of an experienced teacher.'

Hand Weaving: The Basics is available to buy at The Book and Card Centre in Brodick.



Cloth woven at Lynn's Silverbirch Workshop in about 1980.

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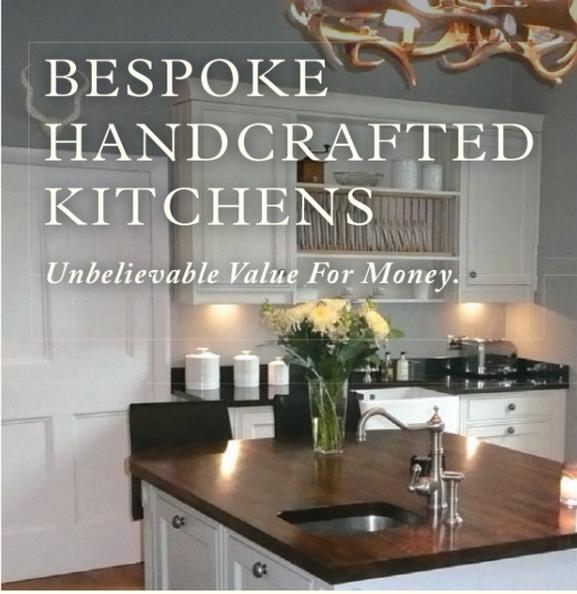
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Spotlight



For 60 years the crowning of the Lamlash Heather Queen has been one of the highlights of the Arran summer season and this weekend the spotlight will certainly be on the island's biggest village.

After a break of a few years, Tracy Gibson, the granddaughter of the original founder Jean Marriott, revived the event two years ago and she is hoping that 2014's crowning of the Heather Queen will once again take the village back to the hey-days of the occasion.

The day will begin with a fancy dress parade – so please come along and join in - leaving the car park at the Drift Inn at 1.30pm, going along the main road to the front green at Lamlash where the Heather Queen Crowning will take place followed by a fun filled afternoon.

There will be dancing dogs, face painting, tea stall, tombola, burgers, bouncy castle, pillow fight, not-so-serious-pet-show, stocks, raffle, sack races, egg-n-spoon race and much, much more!

Lamlash is going to be the place to be on Saturday as people flock to the Heather Queen crowning and all the village businesses are supporting the event.

At **The Drift Inn**, which has fast become one of the island's top bars and restaurants, come along and sit in the sunshine as they host a BBQ in the garden throughout the afternoon.

After a delicious meal stick around for fabulous cocktails as the sun goes down with a DJ playing into the wee hours.

With its central location and easy distance to the village centre, **Middleton Caravan Park** has long been a favourite place for people to spend their holidays and it is sure to be busy this weekend with visitors to the island. There's no need to book advance!

While in the village why not pop along to the **Arran Fine Foods Shop** where you will find incredible deals on their fantastic products as well as unique gifts for the home.

Back in the centre of the village is **Studio 4** where designer Barbara Young produces distinctive and beautiful jewellery from her workshop. Original and contemporary paintings, ceramics and jewellery are all available for sale and new jewellery designs will be available this week.

Wooleys in Lamlash will be open from 8am until 2pm on the day of the crowning selling delicious homebaked goods as well as filled rolls and pastries to keep you going throughout the day.

The **Community of Arran Seabed Trust** (COAST) is responsible for designating Lamlash Bay Scotland's first No Take Zone.

Through their efforts to improve the local marine environment, the beach in Lamlash has never looked better. Why not come along on Sunday at 1pm and help them work with Lamlash Improvements to spruce up the beach after the following day's festivities?

Why not pop into the **Co-operative** store in Lamlash and make the most of some fantastic local meats and fresh fish that could be enjoyed on any barbecue later on in the evening.

The new 'Loved by Us' range is the very tastiest everyday products that include sandwiches and lunchtime meal deals, perfect to munch on while enjoying the spectacle on Lamlash Green.

Famous for their great homecooked meals is the **Pier-head Tavern**. Situated in the centre of the village it is the perfect place to sit and unwind after a busy day of activities. Whatever you choose to do this weekend, make sure you go to Lamlash on Saturday - it's the place to be!



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No trophy - but lots of laughs - for Arran team



Andrew Yates, left, with his navigator Alistair Haw.

A team from Arran recently took part in Kintyre's first ever car rally - the Mach 1 Stages which formed part of the Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship.

Driver Andrew Yates from Kildonan and mechanic Colin Cameron of Blackwaterfoot travelled to the event at Machrihanish Air Base last weekend.

Their navigator was Alistair Haw who is a regular visitor to the island for the Arran Car Club rally weekend.

One hundred rally cars descended on Kintyre for the inaugural event, organised by Dunfermline Car Club, a record breaking number of entries for a first time event.

There were over 2,000 spectators, thrilled by the spectacle, drama and skills of the event.

Andrew told The Banner: 'We were up to 58th place after the second stage from 101 starters,' said Andrew. 'But then we fell to 64th after a couple of runs after stage 3 in



Number 90 in action.

a torrential downpour, on the wrong tyres.

'The car broke down at the start of stage four, the alternator was beyond repair.

'We blagged an alternator off another competitor who had a spare and got fixed just in time for stage five on Sunday morning to compete on the trophy rally.

'But then during stage five the car cut out four times, and eventually wouldn't restart so that was us out.'

The overall winners after the two days of rallying were Tom Morris of Glenrothes Motor Sport Club and his co-driver, Colin Harkness from Aberdeen, driving a Metro 6R4.

Great War stories sought

As the country prepares to commemorate 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War, The Arran Banner is still trying to collate stories of the young men from the island who fought in the war, and the many who never returned.

We'd also love to hear stories of women during the war. Did your great-grandmother do something extraordinary that you'd like to tell us about?

Do you have a story about a relative that you would like to share with us?

If you do then please send it to editor@arranbanner.co.uk or call 302142, or pop into our office in Brodick.

Open garden

Come along and enjoy the delightful garden at Glenview in Whiting Bay next Wednesday.

Owner Christine Drennan is opening up her beautiful garden on Golf Course Road to the public between 11am and 4pm to raise money for the Scottish Society for the Protection of Animals.

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Jockey dream comes true for Nicola

For as long as Nicola Currie can remember horses have been her passion.

But now the young rider from Shiskine is hoping to turn that passion into a lucrative career as she has just begun her training to become a female jockey.

The 21-year-old has started working with the illustrious racehorse trainer Jamie Osborne at Upper Lambourn in Berkshire.

Next step

Since completing her initial training in Fife, this is the next step which could see the talented young rider go all the way.

'I've always loved horses,' Nicola told The Banner. 'I started show jumping from an early age and racing just seemed like the natural progression.'

Some might say that horse racing is an unusual career choice for a woman?

'It can be more difficult to get yourself noticed,' Nicola explained, 'mainly because some trainers don't think that a woman has enough drive and deter-



Nicola Currie is pictured on her horse Kilburn that she was racing recently at Newbury.

mination to push herself to the winning line.

'It won't be easy but I love it.'

While at Lambourn Nicola will be riding up to six horses a day as she puts

them through their paces in preparation for the next big race.

She recently took part in a number of races on her horse 'Kilburn' at Newbury.

North Arran included in wilderness map

Arran has been officially declared a wild land.

A new map of Scotland's wilderness has been drawn up and includes 11,751 hectares of north Arran.

The map has been produced by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) to identify the most extensive areas of the highest wilderness in Scotland that are considered nationally important and need to be protected.

It was prepared after a seven-week public consultation at the end of last year and detailed analysis of new data.

The new map shows 42 wild land areas covering 19.5 per cent of Scotland. It replaces a map published in 2013 in support of the draft Scottish Planning Policy.

The map supports the new national planning framework and Scottish planning policy, which were launched last month.

Ian Jardine, SNH chief executive, said: 'One of our roles is to work with planners and developers to help get the right development in the right place. We do this by providing advice on nature and landscape.'

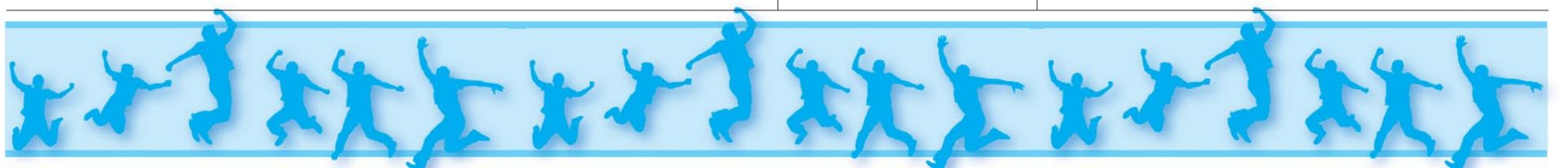
Identifying

'This new map helps to do this by identifying which are the key areas of wild land. We warmly welcome the government's recognition of these areas in the new planning framework and policy.'

He added: 'The planning documents do much more

than recognise the importance of the wild land resource. They also recognise the extensive role of nature and landscape in the wider sense, and people's enjoyment of it, in achieving sustainable economic growth.'

He added: 'The planned national walking and cycling network, for example, will offer broad health, active travel and tourism benefits. And the commitment to plan for green infrastructure is particularly important if we are to make better places for people to live and work in.'



FUN DAYS OUT ON ARRAN

Arran Bike Hire

With the Tour de France well underway it is little surprise that cycling has been revealed to be the fastest growing outdoor activity in the country. Reflecting this, Arran now has three bike clubs, two road and the original Arran Bike Club for the off-road enthusiast. The roads around Arran are testament to this with cyclists flocking to the island every day. At The Shorehouse in Brodick Tom Tracey has been renting a range of GIANT road, mountain, and cross trail bikes for five years now. And demand just keeps on getting higher.

Arran provides a wide range of natural trails to suit most capabilities and is a good base for day trippers and longer stay mountain bikers. The benefits of Arran's natural trails have been recognized in several cycling publications. Arran roads pose many challenges including long climbs and steep descents with several circuits which increasingly attract road cycling events. Arran Bike Hire has recognized this transition and more than half the bike fleet is now hybrid or road bikes. And what better way is there to see Arran's stunning scenery than on the back of a bike!

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Save the Children events

Despite a number of other events taking place on the same day, the local branch of Save the Children raised £370 on Tuesday 1 July at the Strabane Open Gardens.

The gardens which belong to Lady Jean Fforde were kindly opened with her permission.

The annual Summer Fayre in Brodick Hall on Thursday 10 July brought in the amazing total of £1,003.

Delightful music by Diana Hamilton on the piano gave the occasion a pleasant atmosphere which everyone much appreciated.

Lamlash Splash 2014

Entries are now being sought for the 2014 Lamlash Splash which will take place on Saturday 20 September.

There will be a maximum of 40 participants, with 10 places held over for local swimmers, and places will only be guaranteed on receipt of the entry form and payment.

This year the entry fee has risen from £20 to £30 to cover the cost of insuring the event.

Entrants should be able to swim at least 2,200 metres in a pool without stopping.

For more information - or to enter - contact Ann Hart at: anngartconner@yahoo.co.uk or by phone on 07742 922228.



Tennis trophy success for youngsters

Two lucky young tennis players won the annual holidaymakers competition at Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club last Thursday. Mhairi Taylor and Imogen Davis, pictured centre, beat Iain and George Davidson. This is a competition for adult and junior pairs, drawn at random on the day.

The prizes consist of the Reynier McDavid cup, Claire Lowe's jam and marmalade, and your name in gold lettering on the cup winners board in the clubhouse. Partly due to the weather, it was so popular this year that three staff from The Kinloch joined in the fun. 20_b29ten01

Argyll Ceilidh Trail winds its way to Arran

Eight young, talented traditional musicians from Argyll are coming to Arran this summer representing Argyll Cèilidh Trail.

Packed schedule

Organised by Fèis Latharna, the Argyll Cèilidh Trail has a packed schedule of 18 performances in the space of a

month throughout July and August. The group is attending Fèis Alba in Plockton this week, to rehearse and collaborate with the other groups in preparation for their tour, which kicks off in Arrochar on Monday.

Island performances on Iona, Luig, Gigha, Islay and

Arran will follow, as well as concerts in Lochgilphead, Carradale, Taynuilt, Dalmally, Tayvallich, Dunoon and Inveraray.

Audition process

Argyll Cèilidh Trail is selected through an audition process, and this year's members are: Kimberley Camp-

bell, Lochawe; Hannah Gillies, North Connel; Niamh MacKaveney, Tarbert; and Oban musicians Merle Harbron, Kirsty Campbell, Anna Garvin, James MacPherson and Rebekah MacPherson, with a line-up featuring fiddle, accordion, piano, flute, whistle, pipes and guitar.

Established by Fèisean nan Gàidheal in 1999 to help teenage musicians develop their performance skills and to create a vibrant traditional music entertainment programme in the Highlands, the project has proved to be an overwhelming success, with seven cèilidh trail groups in 2014.

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Saturday 16 July, 1994

Given the charge

Thirty-one years after Arran last produced a Church of Scotland minister, another has been licensed this week.

Sheila Mitchell of Ardgowan, Brodick has been studying for the ministry for six years and during that time has preached in Arran's churches, whilst also recovering from a broken back after being hit by a van in Edinburgh.

The last minister to come from Arran was the Rev Billy Middleton who was licensed in 1963 and is now based at Annan Heights Presbyterian Church in Toronto, Canada.

Intruder alert

A Shiskine woman got a fright when she woke at around 1.30am last Thursday to hear an intruder in her home.

She was able to alert a neighbour by phone who hurried over and caught a 19-year-old local youth.

The youth was later interviewed by police but would not say what they were doing in the house.

Repeat offender

A 16-year-old Lamlash youth was found guilty of breaking into a house in Brodick at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court this week.

But just three days after his court appearance, the youth then broke into Dyemill House late last Thursday night and was in the process of stealing a number of items when he was caught.

The boy was held in the cells overnight and taken to court the next day for the second time in a week.

Danger zone?

The new temporary bus park at Brodick Pier is now in use and, according to some observers, it is an accident waiting to happen.

The permanent bus park has been delayed to avoid congestion over the summer.



Julie Duncan of Brodick has graduated from St Andrews University with a first class honours physics degree. b29twe03



Kildonan Fun Week kicked off on Monday with a mountain bike race. b29twe04

Now buses are reversing in a confined space, without supervision and, at the same time people are walking across and behind the buses.

Funny holiday

Comedian Billy Connolly began a series of TV programmes on Scotland this week with a visit to Arran.

Filmed at the time of his Brodick concert last January, one third of the half hour programme was on the island.

Most of it featured the ferry, reminiscences of his coming to Arran as a teenager and some excerpts from the concert.

Class of '94

It's graduation time again for many of Arran's youngsters.

Julie Duncan of Brodick graduated at St Andrews University last Thursday with first class honours in physics.

At the same graduation ceremony at St Andrews last Thursday was Andrew Mitchell, also of Brodick, who graduated in geoscience.

Graduating in Engineering from Sheffield University next week is Greg Duffy whose parents run Kilmory Post Office.

And Diane Monteith of Whiting Bay has just graduated from Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen with a BSc (Hons) in Architecture.

Save our buildings

The Arran Civic Trust has met with a mixture of enthusiasm and criticism since it was set up last Autumn.

The aim is to encourage good building practices on the island and to preserve the island's most iconic buildings.

Last week The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland came to the island to look at a variety of buildings which are considered significant to the nation's heritage.



Brodick beat the Shiskine Valley Committee 2-1 at the Shiskine Valley Sports Day five-a-side football tournament. b29twe01



Sheila Mitchell, second left, is pictured with brother Andrew, mother Anne and father Hamish after receiving her Church of Scotland ministry licence. b29twe02

What's on

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Everyday

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

Saturday 19th July

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Family Games
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink game
Fun in the pool
RNLI Shop
Live music
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Lamlash Heather Queen & fun day
Brodick Church summer Fete
Kinloch Beer Festival

Sunday 20th July

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Mackerel Lottery
Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
Live music
RNLI Shop
Open music session
Raft Race BBQ
Crowning of the bay queen
Fun week shield
Beach clean
Madhatters Teaparty

Monday 21st July

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Morning Fitness
Table Tennis
Badminton
Arran Junior Football Club
Yoga
Summer Bridge
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Circuit Training
Coffee Morning
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
Live Music
Car Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 22nd July

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Session with the Arran Ceilidh Band
Garden walk
RunArran Beginners
Arran food and craft market
Brodick Castle Tots Tour
Children's Secret Tour
Live Music
'Curtain Up!' Drama
Beach Scavenger hunt

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2pm
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Open all day

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Lamlash bowling green, 7pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Green, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Lamlash front green, 1.30pm
Brodick church grounds, 2pm
Kinloch Hotel, 12noon - 7pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodick church Hall, 4pm - 6pm
Kinloch Bar, 5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Whiting Bay Jetty, 2pm
Whiting Bay Putting green, 1pm
Whiting Bay Bowling club, 3pm
Lamlash Front green, 1pm
Brodick Castle, 12noon - 4pm

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

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Brodick Castle 2pm-3.30pm
Drift Inn car park, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 11am - 3pm
Brodick Castle, 1.30pm - 2.15pm
Brodick Castle, 2 - 3.30pm
Fiddlers, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm
Wbay putting green hut, 3pm

Wednesday 23rd July

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Traditional & Contemporary Ballads with Mike Bailey
RunArran mixed ability
Running Coaching
Yoga-Arran
Drift Inn Quiz
Back to the Bronze age
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Coffee Morning
Mixed Hockey
Dog agility classes
Vile Victorians tour
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink game
Summer Ceilidh
Open Garden
Summer concert
Feis Arainn Grand family ceilidh
Lochranza Extravaganza
Beach Sculpture & BBQ

Thursday 24th July

Quiz
Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Folky, Country, Bluesy Night with Cams & Friends
Lochranza Craft Club
Yoga
Bridge Club
Open Music session
Ladies Hockey
Pilates
Whiting Bay Village Market
Paintings tour
Pond dip
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
COAST rock pool scramble
Fun Quiz
Ceilidh Night

Friday 25th July

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Castle Secrets Tour
Family fun night
Brodick Market
Live Music
Live Music - Amie & Andy
Corrie & Sannox coffee morning
Feis Arainn closing concert
Grand putting competition
Fun Run
Fancy Dress Competition

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

Eden Lodge, 9pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 2pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay putting green, 2pm
Whiting Bay village hall, 7pm
Lochranza & Catacol Village hall, 7.30pm

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Brodick Castle, 11.30 - 1pm
Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 9.30pm
Douglas Hotel, 9pm
Village Hall, 10am - 12noon
Arran high School, 2pm
Whiting Bay putting green, 10am - 7pm
Sandbraes Park, Wbay, 5pm
Whiting Bay putting green, 5.30pm



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Sunday, 20th July
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 Mr John Roberts.
 Coffee after service.
Wednesday 23rd July
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
 ALL WELCOME

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 Parish Assistant:
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Sunday 20th 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, 11.50am Tea and Coffee and Fellowship.
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Chris McGlone celebrates after a double win at Shiskine Golf Club. He won the 18 hole medal on Wednesday followed by the vice-captain's prize on Saturday. 20_b29sh101

Brodick Golf Club
 Ladies: Tuesday 8 July, Stornach Foursomes, 20 played. 1 Heather Raeside and Kay Kitson 91 (24) 67, 2 Pat Adamson and Ellie Jones 84 (16.5) 67.5, 3 Carole Stewart and Liz Sinclair 85 (16.5) 68.5.
 Fixtures: Tuesday 15 July, Wright Trophy (Stableford). Tuesday 22 July, SLGA Brooch.

Gents: Wednesday 9 July, Summer Cup, 34 played, CSS 65. 1 Greg McCrae (5) 64 acb, 2 Gordon Hendry (5) 65 acb, 3 Jim Reid (15) 65 acb. Scratch Greg McCrae 69.

There were three twos recorded by Keith Aitken, Kenny McMillan and Nicol Hume.

Sunday 13 July, Sweep, 19 played, CSS 64. 1 Donald McKinnie (9) 61, 2 Ewan McKinnon (+1) 63, 3 Douglas Robertson (15) 64. There were five twos Ewan McKinnon and Gordon Hendry getting two each and Alistair Dobson getting the other.

Fixtures: Wednesday 16 July, Summer Cup. Sunday 20 July, Graham Putter, green-some draw at 12pm Saturday. Sunday start times at 8.30am and 1pm.

Shiskine Golf Club
 Wednesday 9 July, Gents 18 Hole Medal, 9 played. 1 C McGlone 82-13=69 BIH, 2 J McNally 89-20=69, 3 P Horne 85-15=70.
 Scratch A Gallacher 79.

Magic twos from A Gallacher at the 4th and C McGlone at the 15th.

Saturday 12 July, vice-captain's prize, 43 played. First class: 1 Andy Gallacher 46-4=42, 2 Craig Watson 49-6=43, 3 Douglas Pilkington 49-5=44. Scratch Martyn Ker 45. Second class: 1 Chris McGlone 50-8=42, 2 Andrew Malcolm 56-12=44 BIH, 3 Roy Weir 59-15=44. Magic twos Craig Watson at the 7th, Jimmy Morrison at the 10th and Gordon Hay at the 4th.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 9 July, 31 played in the Ballantyne Cup in beautiful conditions - but although the course looked superb it was tricky to score well and the CSS rose 2 to 65. 1 Wolfi Kroner (13) 61 acb, 2 Keith Kelsall (21) 61, 3 Donnie Park (13) 65 acb, 4 Eddie Hope (14) 65. Nicol Auld won scratch with 69 and there were only two magic twos by Adam Kelso and Jamie MacPherson, both at the 7th.

Sunday 13 July, 20 played in the Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy, raising £40 for the local group, CSS 64. 1 Alan Kay (19) 58 acb, 2 Wolfi Kroner (12) 58, 3 Stephen Young (6) 62. Stephen Young won scratch with 69 and there were no magic twos.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 July, Raymond Curtis Salver. Wednesday 23 July, McLintock Cup. Saturday 26 July

and Sunday 27 July, Whiting Bay Open.

Lamlash Golf Club
 Ladies: Wednesday 9 July, Medal 6, 11 played. 1 Morag Gardner 66 (18), 2 Catherine McAdam 68(20). Scratch Morag Gardner 84.

Fixtures: Saturday 19 July, Ladies Championship Final, at 1.30pm. Wednesday 23 July, Ladies Open Day, entries welcome.

Gents: Thursday 10 July, Summer Cup, CSS 67. 1 Allan Winship 76-13=63, 2 Dougie Macfarlane 67-0=67, 3 John O'Sullivan 89-22=67. Best Scratch Dougie Macfarlane 67. Twos Allan Winship at the 13th, Andy Smith at the 2nd, Jamie Ainsworth at the 13th, Todd Jameson at the 13th. Thursday 10 July, Yellow Medal, CSS 61. 1 Jim Gibson 74-12=62 BIH, 2 Allan Martin 77-15=62 BIH, 3 Roger Garratt 76-14=62. Twos Jim Gibson at the 4th. Sunday 13 July, Medal Sweep, CSS 66. 1 Alan Smith 74-10=64, 2 Rik Waero 86-17=69. Best Scratch Alan Smith 74. Twos Andy Smith at the 16th. Saturday 12 July, in the club championship quarter finals Dougie Macfarlane beat Iain Murchie; Neil Young beat Norrie MacIntyre; Neil Stewart beat Ian Bremner; Todd Jameson beat Jamie Murchie.

Sunday 13 July, in the semi-final Dougie Macfarlane beat Neil Young and Neil Stewart beat Todd Jameson. The final 36 holes will be played on Saturday 19 July at 1pm and 5pm - Dougie Macfarlane v Neil Stewart. Fixtures: Sunday 20 July, Frank Crum Trophy (pairs) choose own partner and turn up for the draw at 12.30pm.

Please note nomatch play this year Monday 21 July, Entertainments Family Day, gents, ladies and juniors - cups for each category.

Thursday 24 July, Summer Cup and scratch cup final day, make up own groups.

Friday 25 July, Lamlash Junior Open, 17yrs and under, best stableford prize, play off yellow tees, official handicap required, FREE entry. Book tee times with starter, starts 12noon, last tee off time 3pm. Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August, Lamlash Open, if you wish to enter this competition please contact LGC as there are only a few spaces left.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 8 July, Lady Mary/ Peter Sutton. 1 Phil Betley 65, 2 Brian Sherwood 70 BIH, 3 David Scott 70. Scratch Brian Sherwood 80. Twos from David Scott. Fixtures: Tuesday 22 July, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee-off at 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Thursday 24 July, Lochranza Studio Gallery Cup, tee-off 6pm at Lochranza Golf Club. This is a mixed nine-hole two ball foursome.

Whiting Bay Open
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From left to right, Hannah Bone and Tommy, Danielle Mutch and Grants Town Unique, overall champion Taylor Smith and The Best of News and Emily Armitage and KillyCooly. 20_b29rid03

'Best of News' as Taylor wins club's showing championship

There were good reports for Taylor Smith of Machrie and her horse 'The Best of News' on Sunday when the pair were named champions at Arran Riding Club's annual Showing Show.

Held at Shedog under blue skies, showing judge Jennifer Garland scrutinised the one in-hand entry, followed by five under-saddle classes before selecting a delighted Taylor Smith as overall champion.

Danielle Mutch and her horse 'Grants Town Unique'

were placed reserve champion. In the Working Hunter classes judge Moraig Mair encouraged all riders round the 10 fence course but it was Lily Currie and 'Missy' who rode a beautiful clear round to lift the Arran Riding Club Working Hunter Trophy for riders 12 years and under.

The new partnership of Emily Armitage and 'KillyCooly' claimed the Parker Animal Feed Trophy in the working hunter class for riders under 15 years old.

And in the final working

hunter class Hannah Bone and 'Tommy' were the only pairing to go clear and, deservedly, were awarded the Mr Frisky Shield.

Both judges were in agreement with the three further prizes on offer – the Yvonne Kerr Trophy for best rider in show was awarded to Lily Currie; best turned out and winner of Betty Smith Memorial Trophy was Jayne Faulkner with Kippen; and horse/pony in best condition was won by Danielle Mutch's Grants Town Unique.

Sincere thanks to judges Jennifer and Moraig, the MacAlister family, and everyone who helped both before and on the day.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and to everyone who participated.

The next event is the Jumping Derby on Sunday 27 July, 11am at Shedog.

Full results: Class 2 – In-hand horse 5yo and over: 1 Yvonne Randell (Glantefi Cracker Jack).

Class 4 – Under saddle 12.2hh and under: 1 Lizanne Dixon (Boly Boy), 2 Daisy McNamara (Georgie owned by Tracy Warwick), 3 Rosie McNamara (Beauty).

Class 5 – Under Saddle over 12.2hh to 13.2hh: 1 Lois Ashley (Braeglen Showtime), 2 Lily Currie (Missy).

Class 6 – Under saddle over 13.2hh to 15hh: 1 Danielle Mutch (Grants Town

Unique), 2 Emily Armitage (KillyCooly), 3 Laura Tulloch (Bekon Garland), 4 Lois Ashley (Binghams Pageboy owned by Taylor Smith).

Class 7 – Under saddle over 15hh to 16hh: 1 Alison Currie (Tia), 2 Kirsty MacQueen

(Calvin Klein), 3 Vicki Yuill (Velvet), 4 Beth Hamilton (Alley – owned by Megan McAllister).

Class 8 – Under saddle over 16hh: 1 Taylor Smith (The Best of News), 2 Hannah Bone (Tommy), 3 Eilidh Kerr (Martell – owned by Jen McNeish).

Class 9 – Best Rider 10yo and under: 1 Lily Currie (Missy), 2 Daisy McNamara (Georgie), 3 Rosie McNamara (Beauty).

Class 10 – Ridden Veteran: 1 Beth Hamilton (Alley), 2 Kirsty MacQueen (Calvin Klein), 3 Eilidh McNeil (Fionn Star), 4= Lois Ashley (Binghams Pageboy), Lily Currie (Missy), Daisy McNamara (Georgie), Rosie McNamara (Beauty).

Class 11 – Working/Handy Hunter (Arran Riding club Trophy) rider 12yo & under: 1 Lily Currie (Missy), 2 Daisy McNamara (Georgie).

Class 12 – Working Hunter (Parker animal Feed Trophy) rider 14yo and under horse not exceeding 15hh: 1 Emily Armitage (KillyCooly), 2 Danielle Mutch (Grants Town Unique), 3 Jasmine Scorey (Usher).

Class 13 – Working Hunter (Mr Frisky Shield): 1 Hannah Bone (Tommy), 2 Vicki Yuill (Velvet), 3 Kirsty MacQueen (Calvin Klein), 4 Beth Hamilton (Corrie – owned by Diane Lewis).

Overall Champion (The Bert Keachie Shield): Taylor Smith (The Best of News)

Reserve Champion: Danielle Mutch (Grants Town Unique).

Best Rider in Show (Yvonne Kerr Trophy): Lily Currie.

Best Turned Out (Betty Smith Memorial Trophy): Jayne Faulkner (Kippen).

Best Condition Horse/Pony: Danielle Mutch (Grants Town Unique).



Vicki Yuill and Velvet impressed in the working hunter class but just missed out on the Mr Frisky Trophy.

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Wee Lily Currie and her pony Missy won the Yvonne Kerr Trophy as best rider in the show.

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