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Legal action considered as villagers fight to save green

The under threat Lamlash village green costs council bosses just £55 a year to lease from Arran Estates, The Banner can reveal.

As the community prepares to gather on the green today (Saturday) for the annual Heather Queen gala day, there is growing concern over how long they may have the precious public space.

North Ayrshire Council (NAC) has a 38-year lease until 2023 for the green which they look after on a care and maintenance basis.

But any hopes the community had of the man who owns the land, Charles Fforde of Arran Estates, coming for-

REPORT
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ward with help have been dashed when he told The Banner: 'There is nothing we can do but watch the beaches being eroded away.'

But at a packed meeting in Lamlash last week, local residents made it clear they were not willing to accept this as an option.

Now Lamlash Improvements is investigating how they can act to save the village green, including the possibility of legal action.

Two weeks ago, The Banner dropped the bombshell news

that North Ayrshire Council was to abandon trying to stop the sea from eroding away the green. Indeed they have voted to spend £10,000 removing the crumbling gabion baskets which were erected as sea defences by the former Cunningham District Council in the 1980s.

They took the decision after spending more than £11,500 on a consultants' report into Lamlash Bay Coastal Erosion. Council chiefs also confirmed this week that they would only remove the gabion baskets which presented a 'safety risk to the public'.

At the Lamlash Improvements meeting, more than 50 angry villagers wanted to know why the local authority, more than 30 years ago, considered it worth keeping the green 'in the public interest' yet NAC now considers it is not.

Concern was also raised that the village sewage system installed in the 1990s runs under the green and would be put in danger by the advancement of the sea.

Older members of the audience said there has been already considerable erosion at the shoreline and the swing park at Cordon used to be the



More than 50 people packed the Lamlash Fire Station for the meeting. 20_b29green01

size of a football field.

Five options were put to the meeting by Lamlash Improvements chairman, Stuart Turner, as possible ways forward.

The first was to put pressure on Arran Estates to take action, but that looks to be a non-starter. The second was to press the council to purchase the land as an important local amenity.

The third involved a joint project between the council and Scottish Water, who could eventually face huge costs to save the sewage system. The fourth was to leave it in its current ownership and consider areas of funding. And the fifth was to set up a body in Lamlash, buy the land and take community control of it, but there was concern at the financial burden this could

place on future generations. In the end it was agreed that before any action would be taken, Lamlash Improvements had to know the legal situation and the terms on which the council lease the land.

Following a suggestion from the floor, the committee is to look at the possibility of law students at Glasgow or Edinburgh University taking

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The gabion baskets lie in ruins at the edge of the beach. 20_b29green02



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New strike threat at CalMac

A second union at ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne have voted to go on strike.

Members of the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (TSSA) union, which has 100 members at CalMac, said 56 per cent of them had voted in favour of industrial action.

The staff were balloted because of concerns about the Scottish government's

new contract for the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services.

The government described the union's move as 'very disappointing'.

State-owned CalMac and private firm, Serco, are bidding for the work. The TSSA and RMT, which represents about half of CalMac's 1,400 employees, says the new contract does not guarantee job security

and pensions, regardless of which company wins. The RMT called off planned strike action last week after the Scottish government agreed to delay the tender process - but not the start date of the new contract - to allow further negotiation. Assurances from First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, that workers' concerns would be listened to played a part in the decision

to call off the industrial action, the RMT said. But Manuel Cortes, of the TSSA, said the government must go further and abandon the tender process. He said the process would lead to the privatisation of the Clyde and Hebrides network.

A government spokesman said: 'It is very disappointing that the TSSA union has voted in favour of strike action.'



Chairman Stuart Turner, standing, takes a point from the floor during the Lamlash Improvements meeting.

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Mystery as plane lands on beach

Mystery surrounds the landing of a light aircraft on Stranane Beach on Wednesday morning.

The plane, which may have been a Cessna Piper, flew over the houses in Douglas Row and Brodick golf course before landing on the beach around 8am with some fearing it may be about to crash.

June Henderson, who has a holiday home in Brodick said: 'I was walking down toward the main road with our

dog when I saw the aircraft fly quite steeply towards the beach and by the time I got there, it had taxied toward Cladach.

'It stayed there for five minutes or so and then attempted to turn, but seemed to be stuck in the sand. It took another few minutes to turn and taxi back along the sand before taking off and turning north.'

Checks by The Banner found the aircraft made no contact with the National Air Traffic Services (NATS) centre at Prestwick and it made no distress call.

A spokesman for the airport said they had no other contact with the aircraft.



Left: The plane on the beach near Brodick.



The giant cruise ship, Britannia, which sailed past Arran on Sunday.

Britannia rules the Arran waves

Sharp-eyed sea watchers on Arran were treated to the first glimpse last weekend of a brand new cruise ship making its maiden UK voyage.

The Britannia, which cost £473 million, is P&O's largest cruise ship and has been designed specifically for the UK holiday market.

Named by the Queen in March, it has four pools, and a cookery school run by James Martin, Marco Pierre White, Atul Kochhar and wine expert, Olly Smith. It also has the largest British spa at sea and a multi-million pound art collection.

Villagers fight to save green

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on the legal investigation as part of their PhD degree course.

Afterwards, Mr Turner, said: 'We were delighted about the number of Lamlash residents who came to the meeting.

'The helpful and lively discussion brought up not only some valuable information, but also a few very interesting avenues for us to pursue.'

'We really appreciate all the offers of support we received and would like to say a big thank you to all those who took the time to attend.'

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'The council has permissive powers as the Coast Protection Authority however, the responsibility for the maintenance of eroded coastal areas lies with the land owner. Following an extensive study on the area's

coastal defences, it was concluded that the option agreed is the best way to proceed.

'We are always willing to engage with the community and landowners to help facilitate their own maintenance proposals for this section of coastal area, but are not in a position to invest large sums of public money on private property.'

But Mr Fforde insisted: 'I can't do anything about the land, it all takes time. There are all these agencies which came from nowhere and they make all the rules. There is nothing we can do but watch the beaches being eroded away.'

Anyone wishing to contact Lamlash Improvements or to keep up-to-date with any progress should visit [info@lamlashimprovements.co.uk](http://lamlashimprovements.co.uk) or Tel: 808181.

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Dream comes true as Lesley comes home to Arran to wed

A woman who had a dramatic entry into the world 30 years ago returned to Arran last week to get married.

Lesley Cunningham had always said she would return to the island to wed and when she and Martin Wall tied the knot at Corrie Church it was a dream come true.

But it was a very different story in June 1985 when she and her mum had to make an emergency navy helicopter dash from Arran to Ayrshire Central Hospital in Irvine after complications at her birth.

The story made the national papers at time.

Her dad, Brian Cunningham, was a policeman who was stationed on Arran for seven years.

He and his wife, Grace, left the island two years after Lesley was born with her older sister, Lisa.

They are now retired and live in Irvine.

When Lesley first got in touch with The Banner she said: 'I was born on the island in Arran War Memorial Hospital on June 22, 1985, and, after complications with my birth, my mum was very unwell, resulting in us both being airlifted off the island when I was only hours old.'

'This year, I am celebrating my 30th birthday and I will also be returning to the island on July 4 to be married by the



The happy couple on their wedding day

Rev Ian MacLeod in Corrie Church - who also christened me there in August 1985.

'Growing up, myself and my family regularly visited Arran after we moved to the mainland when my dad was

posted back there. We still have close family friends on the island and it holds a special place in my heart and I still regularly visit.'

The Banner caught up with Lesley and Martin, who is



Lesley and Martin on Arran for their wedding

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from Shropshire, the day before their wedding.

The couple met on Tenerife, but Martin said he's delighted to be getting married on Arran - even if it is a slightly colder island than the one where they met.

Lesley, now Mrs Wall, added: 'I always said I would get married back on Arran and now it is just a dream come true.'

The couple enjoyed a reception at the Auchrannie Hotel following the church ceremony.

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More than 150 blood donors turned up when the mobile donating team visited the island last weekend.

And the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) is delighted with the response which came after it made a plea in The Banner for more donors to come forward.

After a steady reduction in numbers in

recent years, the transfusion service was delighted to welcome 26 new donors and thanked everyone who attended the session at Arran High School.

Janey Grier of SNBTS said: 'It was a great result with 159 people attending, 127 donations and 26 new donors.'

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The rain can't spoil the festival fun. 20_b29beer16



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Left: Tim James from Creelers did a roaring trade all day. 20_b29beer11



Ross Dobson, right, was on hand to sell ponchos when the rain came.



The Arran Jazz Cafe Band performing at the festival. 20_b29beer01



The hotel gardens are crowded with festival goers. 20_b29beer08



Guests discuss the wine in the Forth Wines tent. 20_b29beer04

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A youngster has fun in a zorb. 20_b29beer12

Crowds throng to festival of fun

Food and drink event firmly on the map



A large crowd gathers to listen to the pipe band. 20_b29beer10



The was a queue for a large part of the day to get in. 20_b29beer09



Harry and the Hendersons performing. 20_b29beer14

There was only one place to be last Saturday, it seems, and that was Blackwaterfoot.

The third Isle of Arran Food and Drink Festival attracted more than 1,000 visitors during the course of the day.

There was something for everyone with music, fun kids' activities, food and, of course, a wide selection of beer, cider and wine.

Started two years ago at the Kinloch Hotel, the event has grown so much that, with the demise of the Shiskine Sports Day, it has now taken over its spot as the focus for the summer family fun day on the west coast.

This year there were even more real ales, ciders and wines to try from all over the UK and a first outing for the Kinloch's own Usige Dubh beer. There were food marques and fresh local produce for sale throughout the day thanks to the backing of a host of island businesses including Creelers, the Blackwater Bakehouse and Taste of Arran. The distillery, Arran Armomatics, Shiskine WRI and others also had stalls.

Entertainment was provided by the pipe band, the brass band and the Jazz Cafe Band.

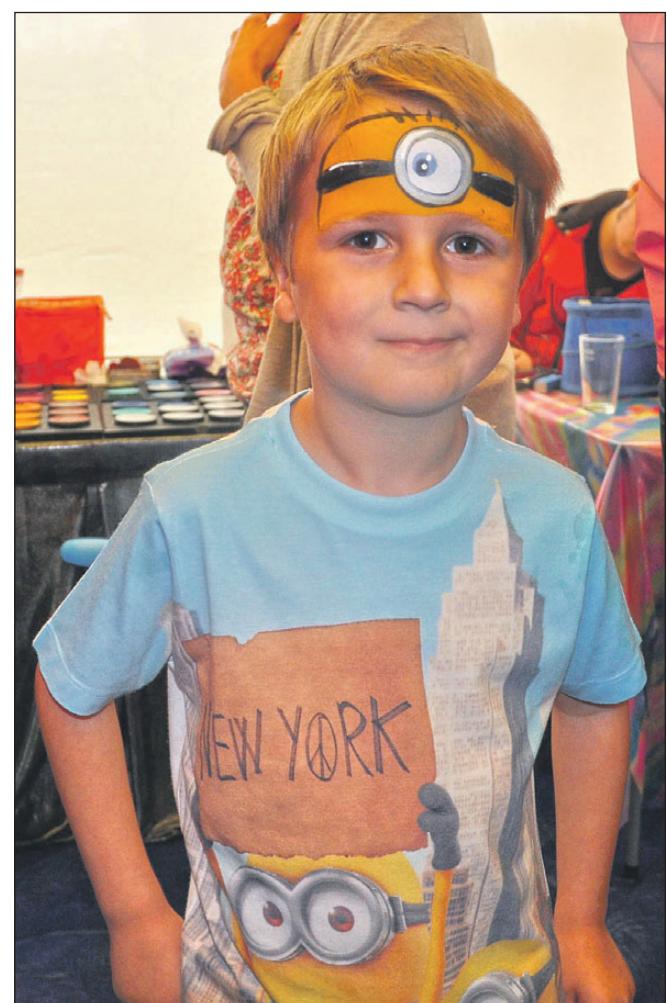
There was also music from up and coming Glasgow bands, Harry and the Hendersons, and The Usual Suspects. While to keep the kids

entertained there was a children's magic show, balloon modelling and face painting, not forgetting the zorbs on the hotel lawn.

And while the weather stayed dry for most of the day, rain later in the afternoon could not spoil the mood of the party. Indeed, enterprising young Ross Dobson, went from selling his dad Alastair's Arran Dairies ice cream to doing a roaring trade selling ponchos.

The rain also meant that the plan to hold the Shiskine Hall Duck Derby had to be cancelled due to rising water in the Black Water burn. But a winner was still selected by Amelia Robertson who pulled Joyce Lang's duck out of a van, winning her the £100 prize.

Organiser Fraser Hendrie said: 'It was a great day. We never expected anything like this turnout. We'll be ready to do it all again next year.'



Young Scott McAllister matches his t-shirt as a Minion. 20_b29beer19

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Still time to enjoy a pint and a laugh with Philip Differ

Tickets are selling fast for top Scots comic Philip Differ who is making a welcome return to Arran next month.

Philip Differ, a regular visitor to the island, will be performing his stand-up routine 'A Pint & A Laugh' at the Douglas Hotel in Brodick on Saturday 22 August at 9pm.

The new show, to be held in the Douglas bar, is being billed as stand up comedy and showbiz tales and is being held in association with Arran Events.

Philip told The Banner: 'The show is very much a performance of two

halves. The first is stand-up featuring new and 'best of' material, while the second is a collection of showbiz tales from my 35-year career in TV, radio and theatre featuring stories about shows such Scotch and Wry, Naked Video, Rab C Nesbitt and Only an Excuse? to name but a few. I will also take questions from the audience so if anyone has any questions now's their chance to ask them.'

Only around 40 tickets are still available for the show which is expected to be a sell-out, so those interested are being urged not to

wait too long before booking. Philip, who was recently described by Rory Bremner as 'the quiet genius of Scottish comedy' has performed at the last two Arran Comedy Festivals in Whiting Bay and two years ago performed with Fred MacAulay at a sell-out show at the Douglas.

Although he began writing comedy in the early 1980s, it was not until 2005 that he turned to stand-up but is now a regular on the Scottish circuit.

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Malawi trip makes it to Mt Mulanje

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It came from Lucy Wallace who is with Arran High School pupils on their expedition to Malawi.

The photograph shows the group on the 3,002 metre Mt Mulanje, which is in the tea growing district of Southern Malawi.

They are reading The Banner with some of the locals they have met.

The group of explorers have also visited Dzalan-yama forest and Dzalan-yama School where the leader of the expedition, Amanda Hogge, took the opportunity to teach maths to a group of Malawian pupils.



The Duchess of Montrose with Kilmory Hall chairman William McKinnon in 1935

Special birthday party at Kilmory

Kilmory Hall was opened in July 1935 by the Duchess of Montrose and to celebrate a special 80th birthday party is being held on Friday, July 24.

To start the day off, organisers are having a 'Posh Blue Doo' at 2pm - afternoon tea in china cups, which you get to keep. There will also be a tombola, beetle drive and a special birthday cake.

If you can donate dainty cakes or a tombola prize that would be gratefully appreciated.

In the evening there will be a family dance which starts at 7pm, which will include a raffle and finger buffet and the 1934 Club will be open.

Both events cost £5 per adult, half price for kids, but if you buy a ticket for both events before July 23 you can get it at a special price of £7.50 per adult and £3.50 per child. Dress code is 1930 style or dress in the colour blue. Please contact Phyllis or Jean at the hall for more information. Please come along and support your community hall.

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US to raise cash for urgent castle repairs to roof



Members of Corrie WRI with the bench on which the two presidents are seated 20_b29bench02

Corrie WRI birthday bench unveiled

A new bench has been unveiled by Corrie and Sannox WRI to mark their 90th birthday. The bench is a gift from Shiskine WRI to mark the special anniversary.

It was unveiled last week by past president Elma Stevenson during a WRI meeting and formally handed over by Shiskine president Evelyn Hamilton to Corrie president Morag Munro.



Elma Stevenson unveils the bench 20_b29bench01

Arran Visual Arts

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ALL WELCOME

An American friends group of the National Trust for Scotland has pledged to raise money for major roof repairs urgently needed at Brodick Castle.

It is estimated that millions of pounds needs to be spent on conservation work at the 800-year old A Listed castle, including roof repairs to ensure that the property and its precious contents are protected from the elements.

But in a welcome boost it has been chosen by The National Trust for Scotland

Foundation USA (NTSUSA) to be one of its priority projects for 2015-2016. Funding for this vital work from the NTSUSA will allow the NTS to safeguard one of its key properties and the globally significant collections, including the renowned Beckford Collection.

In 2012-13, generous funding from the NTSUSA ensured that lead roof repairs were carried out on Brodick's South West Tower. Over this next year, the NTS will begin substantial conservation repair works to the main roof of Brodick Castle, including the removal of unsightly diagonal downpipes and reinstating traditional drainage to its original location in order to protect both the building and its precious contents. Medieval sections of Brodick's complex roof profiles and masonry parapets take the full force of the harsh island weather. These are in urgent need of significant repair with worn out lead work and masonry. This project was highlighted as 'urgent' in the property's

quinquennial survey and regular inspections.

These works are the beginnings of a larger programme of investment to take place over the next three to five years at the castle. The NTSUSA is initially trying to raise £30,000.

The Foundation is also supporting the two micro hydro dams proposed at the castle.

The US organisation supports the Trust by annually promoting a range of priority projects in Scotland for the considerations of American donors. Since 2000, the Foundation has provided more than \$7 million (£4.5 million) in funding for the essential work of Scotland's largest conservation charity.

As well as Brodick Castle, Canna House, Hill of Tarvit, Georgian House, Culzean Castle, Crathes Castle and the Bat Reserve at Threave Estate, are amongst many others to get priority project funding.

All of these properties require urgent funding for various conservation works, repairs, renovations and development projects.



Brodick Castle needs urgent roof repairs 20_b29castle01

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A fascinating display of classic, vintage and off-road motor cycles by local owners and the Scottish branch of the AJS & Matchless Owners Club, will be on show on the museum lawn. The Isle of Arran Pipe Band will also perform, and there will be a locally-sourced beef or venison burger bar. Museum and Tearoom open all day 10.30am to 4.30pm.

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The ties that bind

It is the time of year when communities come together to celebrate summer and throughout the island a whole host of events are going on.

And if events are staged people will come as shown by the terrific turn-out at the expanded Isle of Arran Food and Drink Festival in Blackwaterfoot, which is helping to fill the gap left by the demise of the Shiskine Valley sports day.

Whiting Bay seems to have got through a sticky patch, with a full line-up of gala week events including the staging of the Bay Queen gala day for the second time on a Sunday this weekend.

In the south, Kildonan have just finished a busy fun week and the Lochranza Extravaganza will be staged next week.

However, it is in Lamlash today (Saturday) that perhaps the community spirit which comes through on the day the Heather Queen is crowned needs to be harnessed, as the residents have a fight on their hands to save the village green.

An encouraging turn-out at the Lamlash Improvements meeting last week shows that people in the village care and are willing to act.

The village committee has listened to what the community has had to say and has sensibly gone off to establish the facts before jumping into any action, which they may rue somewhere down the line.

But it is up to everyone who stays in the village, and those who love Lamlash, to act in any way they can to support Lamlash Improvements as they weigh up their options to challenge the council's decision not to try and halt the advance of the sea.

As the locals and visitors enjoy a day on the green today, they should remember that, unless a solution is found when their kids are taking their kids to the Heather Queen gala day - there will be no green left to hold it on, as it will have eroded into the sea.

So let's enjoy all the summer events and remember that while they may be fun, they are helping to bond communities together, and that may be needed for a bigger fight.

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



Greatest asset

Sir,
I have lived in Whiting Bay for many years and consider it to be my favourite village, mostly because there is such a large amount of greenery in it - large beautiful gardens and many trees.

Despite my fondness for Whiting Bay, I often make the effort to drive the four miles to Lamlash with my two westies in order to take them for a walk there instead.

The reason for this is simple; Lamlash Green is a great place for the dogs to run around without danger from traffic, and to meet other dogs too. It's also a great place for people to go to for the same reason. I would go so far as to say that it's Lamlash's greatest asset.

If the next generation is to be denied the same simple pleasure of running around on Lamlash Green that we enjoyed purely because we showed such disinterest in saving it that it was allowed to sink under the sea permanently, then this generation should be ashamed of itself.

Where would the village Christmas tree go in the future? Maybe we should keep it in the same place, standing aloft on a raft anchored securely to the sea bed?

I recently attended the Arran Man Ironman event which was held on the village green. This was a wonderful weekend for both participants and their supporters, as well as being a boost to local tourism I imagine. The green was the perfect location for this with plenty of space for refreshment stalls and tents, and a safe environment for the very tired runners. Where will we host this when the green is gone?

I really hope that reason prevails between the parties involved which enables the green to be saved from being lost forever.

Lastly, while I'm on the subject of running races, I would like to mention the excellent Kildonan four mile fun run which took place this week.

I do hope that the Kildonan Road will not be allowed to

sink under the sea in the future also, or that would be another event needing a new home.

At least the Goatfell Hill Race should be safe enough!

Yours,
Dave Black
Blairbeg House
Whiting Bay

No notice

Sir,
The Ayrshire local flood risk management plan was out for consultation from December 22, 2014 and consultation closed on June 2, 2015.

It was prepared by SEPA, the Ayrshire councils, East Renfrewshire Council and Renfrewshire Council. North Ayrshire Council was the lead local authority. The plan's area includes Arran. River, coastal and surface water flooding impacts are summarised. Potentially vulnerable areas are identified and potential actions to manage flood risks are given in the plan.

As part of the consultation a number of 'drop in sessions' were held in local libraries. There was one in Brodick library on May 1. It seems to have been poorly attended. Given the concerns over Brodick beach, Lamlash Green and various other places around the island, that should have been surprising, but if you don't know it's happening, you're not going to go.

The nearest I can find to publicising the event is what appears to be a press release in the Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald of April 27.

As lead local authority, North Ayrshire Council promoted the event and was responsible for publicising it. In not doing so, they effectively disenfranchised Arran.

They are also responsible for publicising the fact that the draft plan had been published and for publishing the opportunity to comment on it. Under Sections 35 and 54 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, they are supposed to do this by means of a notice in such local papers as they consider appropriate.

They consider the Arran

Banner to be appropriate for planning notices, so presumably it would be appropriate for flood management notices, yet I have no memory of any such notice being published, nor can I find any relevant notice published on the list of Public Notices on their website.

Yours,
Donald Johnston
Lamlash

Summer show

Sir,
At a recent committee meeting of the Arran Horticultural Society, preparations were put in place for the summer show on August 12.

We are looking to build on the great success we enjoyed last year with increased entries, including first time entrants. At our spring show, the children's classes were a huge success, mostly through the schools and nurseries, so we are looking to parents to carry this great surge of interest forward into the summer event.

Show schedules will be at the usual outlets from July 21, and coach tickets for the Ayr Show trip will be available from the Book & Card shop at the same time. The flower arrangement this year is entitled 'Sunset', and the floral art class 'Nature's Harmony'. Schedules will also be available at the Garden Club meeting.

Yours,
John Sillars
Chairman
Arran Horticultural Society

Milk threat

Sir,
I want to buy raw unpasteurised milk direct from Arran farmers, but its illegal for Scottish farmers to sell it to me even though I can order it over the internet from England, Wales and Ireland!

My sister buys it in France, yet since 1983 it has been illegal for Scottish farmers to sell milk direct to Scottish consumers. I have spoken to Kenneth Gibson to ask why Scottish farmers and the public are being discriminated against. He said I have spo-

ken to our Rural Affairs specialists who are dealing with the subject of milk at the moment. They advise that there is no single source which would provide an answer to your question. He has forwarded my question to Rural Affairs researcher, Wendy Kenyon, and I look forward to the answer and hope to drink Arran milk again.

The benefits to unpasteurised milk are: absorbable calcium, healthy bacteria, local and not reliant on the ferry, tasty and creamy – not homogenised! I would love Arran Milk delivered to my door every morning in a reusable glass milk bottle – like in the old days!

Before, Arran dairies supplied us with milk from Arran cows, but the sales of cheap supermarket milk drove them out of the market. Now we even get our milk delivered via the ferry – when there are no ferries such as the one-day strike, the milk ran out. We need to be as independent as possible in being able to feed ourselves. If we don't look after and preserve our dairy herds and local farmers, they won't be there to supply us when we need them.

Yours,
Zabdi Keen
Arran milk activist!
Strathwhillan Road
Brodick

Lost glasses

Sir,
I recently enjoyed a wonderful few days on Arran, but unfortunately, on a walk to Loch Garbad from Kildonan, I lost my prescription glasses which I had foolishly hooked into the top of my t shirt.

Not the end of the world as I had a spare pair with me, but it would be good to hear from anyone who happens to come across them.

Many thanks.
Yours,
Iain Stewart
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Every step counts to help those living with dementia

Alzheimer Scotland is asking the public to make lasting footprints by raising money for people living with dementia in the country.

Memory Walk 2015 is the perfect opportunity to make every step count to show your support for more than 90,000 people in Scotland with dementia, their carers, partners and families.

The second Arran Memory Walk will take place on Brodick shorefront on Sunday, September 20 - the weekend of World Alzheimer Day - from 1pm.

Option

There will be the option of a three km or five km walk along accessible paths and anyone and everyone is welcome to join, with guidance available along the way.

Organisers hope people will enjoy an event for all the family while raising much-needed funds for Alzheimer Scotland. There will also be face painting and entertainment on the day.

Arran volunteer, Emma

Campbell, said: 'Last year was our first ever Memory Walk on the island. It was an amazing day, the sun shone, and there was a great atmosphere. We had a great turnout and support for the day. Many

people came together who had been through challenging times and it was the perfect way to honour and remember loved ones.'

Registration is £10 for adults, £5 for 12 to 16 year

olds and under 12s go free. Participants are asked to raise as much as they can in sponsorship. An exclusive Memory Walk t-shirt is also available for just £5.

Visit www.MemoryWalksScotland.org

to find out more and to register your place.

If you have any questions about this Memory Walk, please contact Emma Jackson on 07585331946 ejackson@alzscot.org

Classic motor cycles at museum

Arran Heritage Museum is hosting its third annual Classic Motor Cycle Show on Sunday, July 19 and this year's event promises to be even larger than last year.

The Scottish Branch of the AJS and Matchless Owners Club have now added this event to their annual summer schedule.

Members of other similar clubs and local enthusiasts have also been invited to show their machines – including off-road machines – to make this a very memorable turnout.

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

As a musical accompaniment, the Arran Pipe Band will play a set at around 2.15pm. In addition to Café Rosaburn's usual attractive fare, there will also be a stall selling locally sourced beef and venison burgers.

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



There was a big turnout for last year's Memory Walk



SUMMER FOOD & DRINK GUIDE

DINING OUT GUIDE THE DRIFT INN

"Nothing special at all" was how one reviewer put it, however at least 218 others disagree! Love him or hate him, proprietor Euan Henderson and his team have worked hard to make this place quite fabulous.

More than 50 different gins line the back gantry. More than 40 different Scottish beers and ciders are available in draught and bottles. There is an extensive list of classic and contemporary cocktails and the wine list is updated seasonally to ensure perfect pairings. They even have more than 40 different non-alcoholic drinks available.

If you really want to be impressed though, try the food. It's fresh, it's local, it's interesting and it's delicious.

Pair these features with the view, ambiance and (mostly) friendly service and you're in for something really quite special.



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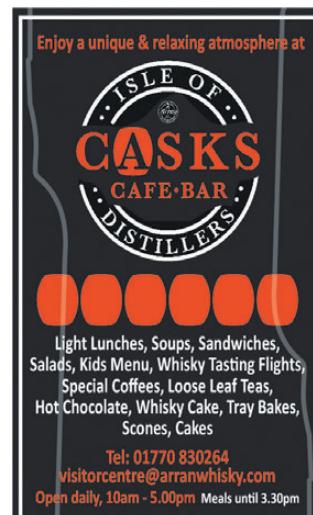
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Charity volunteer's work inspires parliamentarians

Kenneth Gibson MSP has praised the life-changing work of a charity's Arran-based hearing aid support volunteers at an event in the Scottish Parliament.

Award-winning Hear to Help volunteer, Nancy Bremner, spoke to Mr Gibson about the life-changing support which she and her fellow volunteers provide for NHS hearing aid wearers on the island.

The Hear to Help service run by the charity, Action on Hearing Loss Scotland across Ayrshire and Arran, gives community-based support for people with hearing loss.

Home visits

The monthly drop-in on the island takes place in Arran's War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash from 11am to 1pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The next drop-in will take place on Tuesday, July 28. The volunteers visit care homes, day care centres and sheltered homes, and also pay home visits.

Mr Gibson said: 'I have visited the Hear to Help drop-in

on Arran and seen, first-hand, the difference volunteers like Nancy make for islanders who have hearing loss. Not only do they make it easier for people to get the most from their NHS hearing aids, but they save them a long, time-consuming journey to the mainland.

'I am delighted that the tremendous dedication and impact of the volunteers on Arran was recognised at Action on Hearing Loss Scotland's national award ceremony and that Nancy got the chance to raise the profile of their service in the Scottish Parliament.'

Mrs Bremner added: 'I enjoyed discussing many issues that affect the everyday lives of people who are deaf or hard of hearing with MSPs, including Mr Gibson. People with hearing loss often feel socially isolated, and that experience would be compounded if the Hear to Help service was not available. The importance of this service being available at the heart of the community cannot be under-



MSP Kenneth Gibson with Arran resident and Action on Hearing Loss volunteer, Nancy Bremner, at Holyrood.

derestimated, as many people are relieved they do not need to make a long journey to hospital-based audiology departments on the mainland.'

On the day Mr Gibson gave his backing, the new Subtitle It! campaign by the charity which is calling for more subtitles for people who are

deaf or have hearing loss, which affects about one in six of Arran's population, was launched. For more information about the Hear to Help service on Arran, contact Donna McSwiggan by email: donna.mcswiggan@hearingloss.org.uk or telephone: 01563 539900.

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Rookie award for Karen



Local girl Karen Corbett, now manager of the Govan branch of Domino's Pizza, recently attended the company's award ceremony in Birmingham where she is seen receiving the prestigious title of Rookie Manager of the Year. Candidates are chosen from all new managers appointed in the previous 18 months.

Summer charity fayre success

Save the Children raised £844 at their summer fayre in Brodick Hall on Thursday, July 9. Although slightly down on last year, organisers say it was still a worthwhile result.

Once again, Yvonne Brothers provided delightful background music on the piano. A steady stream of customers visited the various stalls and enjoyed the refreshments in the tearoom. Two lovely hampers were raffled

and were won by Mrs Nanette Cowan from Edinburgh and Mr David Oakes of Lamlash. The treasure hunt was won by Mrs Myrna Boal of Brodick.

The committee thanks everyone who so generously supported the fayre. The next event on the calendar is the Texas Scramble at Shiskine Golf Club on Sunday, July 26.

Details from members of the committee.

Council welcomes attainment funding

Plans to drive improvements and raise attainment have been given a boost in North Ayrshire.

Last week the Scottish government announced that North Ayrshire Council would be one of seven local authorities to benefit from the £100 million Attainment Scotland Fund which was established in February.

Arran councillor, John Bruce, who is the cabinet member for education, attainment and achievement, said: 'This announcement is terrific news and I'm delighted we were selected as one of the first councils to benefit from this funding.'

'We are firmly committed to reducing the attainment gap and ensuring we are able to achieve equality for all children across North Ayrshire.'

'It is important that we take steps to make sure we support our young people to ensure they have the chance to succeed and are given the best possible start in life regardless of their background. Our children should have no poverty of aspiration, ambition or opportunity.'

Forest Church worship

Arran Forest Church will be holding a contemplative worship service at the King's Cave on Sunday, July 19.

Those wishing to attend can meet at the King's Cave car park at 2.30pm.

For further information please contact David Pott on 01770 830317 or email dpott@gmail.com

Wilderness Wanderers

Fun, games, activities and discovering more about God

WHERE: Sandbraes Park, opposite Whiting Bay Parish Church
DATE: 20 July-24 July & 27 July-31 July 2015
WHO: P1-S6 ('14-'15 session)
COST: FREE!



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Explore the Bible together (P1-P7 and S1-S6)
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Visit Largs £17 SC £15

Dunoon or Blairmore £25 SC £23

Cruise Loch Long & Carrick Castle £29 SC £27

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Headteacher, Barry Smith, with the pupils and teachers who helped achieve the award 20_b28bikes01

land offers guidance on travel planning and providing cycling facilities and helps to create a culture of cycling within the school community.

William Wright, development officer from Cycling Scotland said: 'Arran High School demonstrated a real commitment to increasing levels of students and staff cycling to and from school.'

'It is a sociable and healthy way to get to school and we are delighted that the staff, students and volunteers at Arran High have embraced cycling in such a positive way.'

Find out more about using a bike to get to school at <http://www.cyclingscotland.org/our-projects/award-schemes/cycle-friendly-secondary-school>


LAMLASH HEATHER QUEEN CROWNING & FUN DAY
Saturday 18th July
Procession and fancy dress parade leave at 1.30pm from the Clocktower, Lamlash

Join the Oompa Loopas at The Drift Inn from 9pm for lots more fun, music and entertainment!!

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Roots of Arran works to preserve native woodland on Arran and offer education and recreation opportunities in its 30 – hectare community woodland, at Lag a Bheith, near Brodick. The woodland was planted up 10 years ago by a group of volunteers on a forestry clear fell site and now contains a network of paths, a pond and an orchard. It is used by various education providers and local primary schools. The group is able to provide Forest School sessions to school children which includes delivery of the John Muir Award.



Volunteering needn't even involve getting your hands dirty though, as we are always looking for people to help with admin and fundraising, so if you feel an affinity for what we are creating and providing at Lag a Bheith and feel that you would like to contribute in some way, then please do get in touch.

We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11am, for further information contact: rawasun@aol.com or find us on Facebook.

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland aim to support people living with the effects of stroke by encouraging self management of their condition. This would be done by you and fellow stroke survivors in an environment chosen by you and directed by you. If you are interested in understanding how to self manage your condition would like to know more please contact:

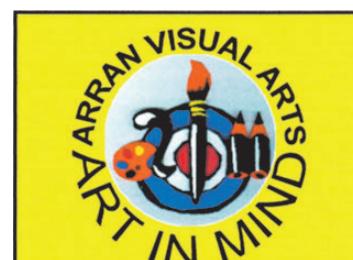
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Community Support Worker, West of Scotland
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Email: kathleen.frew@chss.org.uk

CHSS offers a variety of resources and facilities for stroke survivors and have an array of volunteer opportunities available. Volunteering with the charity provides an excellent training programme, wide support system and an opportunity to meet new people.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact:
Claire Bennett
Outreach Coordinator
Mobile : 07918 690 651
Email: Claire.bennett@chss.org.uk



Art in Mind meets every Friday throughout the year and the aim is to introduce local people with mental health problems to Art and self-expression and to help them gain confidence and self worth.



Felicity Walker, a professional artist, comes over from the mainland every week and teaches, helps and supports group members with their artistic efforts. Volunteers are required to support Felicity and the group members with their art, set up and clear away equipment, make coffee and tea and if possible to transport people to the group which is held at the Ranger Centre in the grounds of Brodick castle. To volunteer or find out more information please contact Jan MacGregor on 700249 or email janmacgregor45@gmail.com.

Community First Responders

There are three Community First Responder groups on Arran covering the North(Lochranza- Pirnmill), West(Blackwaterfoot-Shiskine) and South (Kilmory-Sliddery) of the island. First responders are volunteers who are trained by the Scottish Ambulance Service to attend medical emergencies in their area to provide life saving interventions whilst the ambulance is en route, First responders do not normally attend trauma calls or calls involving children. Not all the groups are on call all the time but provide cover when they can and can only attend an incident when asked to do so by the Ambulance Service. If you are interested in volunteering with us please contact Fiona Laing by email fiona.laing@btinternet.com for more information.

How to Volunteer

Arran has a number of organisations that need volunteers to help them, if you don't see your organisation listed on this page please contact Carol Kane at the Arran Voluntary Service via email carol.kane@arranvoluntaryservice.org.uk, who will endeavour to find you the right opportunity.

The main aim of the charity is to provide transport to mainland hospitals for cancer patients on Arran, we have been providing this service for 26 years

If you would like to volunteer in the charity please contact Sue on 302928 or Visit www.arrancancersupport.org.uk

After a long and successful career

I retired to the island last year and knew the island quite well. I had lived here for 10 years in the 70's and 80's. I spent a lot of time here being quite isolated and meeting a lot of people. I decided that I could help out and meet people. The things that inspired me to volunteer was seeing the Prosecco tables in the castle tearooms. They were more important than the tearooms and I had previous experience in tearooms.

What do you get back?

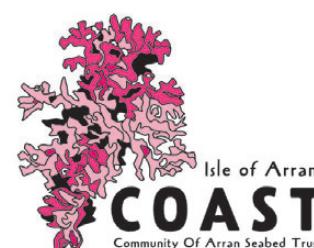
People appreciate what you do. They really are friendly and feel a valuable part of the team. There is no stress free. There is no pressure to do anything.



Linda MacCallum
Brodick Castle Volunteer

Q&A

At COAST, we rely on our dedicated team of volunteers for our work to succeed. We are always looking for people with a diverse range of skills including media, accounting, finance, project management or marine science.



You can get involved on many levels – whether you want to come along to our weekly beach cleans in Arran, or work in our Coast office for a month or two, or do some desk research or campaigning from home.

You don't have to be on the island to get involved!

If you're interested, please use our contact us via email on email@arrancoast.com, telephone on 01770 600656 or go to our website www.arrancoast.com and complete our contact form with your details and tell us what you can do!



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If you're interested in becoming a volunteer please call 01770302202 or email david.campbell@nts.org.uk

Help the National Trust for Scotland practical nature projects! We host outdoor events, some lighter tasks with the monthly ranger team, both groups including management, tree planting, we also host short placements for folk who are keen to start a career in the outdoors.

But it doesn't have to be practical outdoor work, there are mountain of admin!

If you'd like more information on any of the ranger teams please email goatfell@nts.org.uk



looking for volunteers anything on this Arran Community Lane@arrancvs.org.uk or phone 01770 600611 you an opportunity that suits you.



shop at Brodick Pier please contact call in at the shop support.org for more details

Successful career why do you volunteer?

last year and although I did well and some people felt it was mainly in the first year here I did not really meet anyone to volunteer to see if I met new people. One of the things I offered to do this year was to help the Property Manager clearing the room. I was sure there were things he could be doing and experience working in

What does volunteering mean to you?

I do as a volunteer. I am made to feel part of the team. Its totally fine of the anxiety I felt

ound 80000 people visited Brodick Castle, Country Park, bringing a sense of our Island story to many age groups. Our passionate guides bring the castle to life by their knowledge of living in the property. Our volunteer buggy many people visit the property by assisting in getting from the car park to the castle. If you are getting involved as either a guide or a buggy driver, please email ameron@nts.org.uk

I Trust for Scotland ranger service with their conservation work and meet like-minded people in a weekly volunteer group, the Healthy Livers who meet every Tuesday 10am – 1pm for 1 hour. Another opportunity to get involved is the group who get together on a Thursday evening, working from 10am until 4pm. Tasks for the invasive species clearance and woodland regeneration, nursery work, fencing etc. Each year, short- and long-term volunteer and student placements are available in nature conservation.

We would love someone to help with our work. If you are interested, please phone us on 01770 302462 or

whilst working. I have met lots of new people and am enjoying being part of a team. Being supported by colleagues feels quite valuable.

Why did you decide to volunteer for The National Trust for Scotland?

Brodick Castle has been part of my life since childhood and we have been members of the National Trust for many years. It also felt that it was a place that would benefit from some help to help support the staff doing some things to help free up their valuable time. The Trust is important to me as it is important to look after our history and heritage. The volunteering I do here is wide and varied.

What other volunteering work do you do?

I also do a shift in Arcas once a week. I am also a Trustee for Friends of Brodick Castle.

ACTION ON HEARING LOSS

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland are looking for enthusiastic individuals to fundraise on our behalf. We rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support, and with your assistance fundraising in your local area you will help to make a change in the lives of people who are deaf or hard of hearing across Scotland. All you need is to be passionate about what you are doing! For more information or a fundraising pack please contact: Stephanie.adie@hearingloss.org.uk or 0141 341 5351

Umbrella Project

The Umbrella has been set up by Arran Community and Voluntary Service to provide social activity to anyone who would like to be involved. There are four different types of activity: The Indoor Group who meet on Monday mornings in Lamlash Fire Station, working on creative projects. The Outdoor Group meet weekly at Brodick Castle to work in a small garden. Lunch Clubs operate for older persons at Glen Estate Sheltered Housing every Monday. A Befriending Service which provides more 1:1 activities and support. We are looking for volunteers for all of the above projects. If you are interested in hearing more about what we do and how you can get involved contact Arran CVS on 01770 600611 or email carol.kane@arrancvs.org.uk



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Our shifts are:
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- the shop is warm and lovely to work in,
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- everyone is very friendly and welcoming.

Training is provided and our systems are manual, we don't even have a cash register!

Not looking for shop work but would like to help the project? We need volunteers with good admin & IT skills to help us grow the project. Can you manage a few hours a week or fortnight? We have a variety of bite sized admin jobs to fill.

If you would like to join us, call into the shop and leave your details with one of our volunteers and we will contact you and arrange a visit, telephone the shop with your details 01770 700417 or email: arran.ecosavvy@gmail.com

RNIB Supporting people with sight loss

RNIB Scotland is looking for local volunteers to support our Community Vision Support Service on Arran. This service operates throughout Ayrshire offering drop-in information and advice sessions for people with sight loss. Volunteers are required to assist at these sessions, acting as the first point of contact, providing information about the service, demonstrating products and taking details so that the sight loss adviser can provide support. Volunteers may also help by distributing information leaflets and posters in their local area.

We are also looking for volunteers who have skills and experience in IT to join our Technology Support Squad to demonstrate the accessibility features of smartphones, tablets and e-Readers at events, group sessions and in people's homes to help them with basic online skills.

Volunteers require good communications skills, are friendly, enthusiastic and reliable and will observe confidentiality at all times.

If you are interested in either of these volunteering roles please contact Hollie Wilson at Hollie.wilson@rnib.org.uk or tel 07824 822 958.



Volunteers required once or twice a month for footpath maintenance or beach cleaning. Come along to have fun working outside in good company and help to improve our footpaths! Also occasional work for an office volunteer for tasks such as newsletter writing and website updates.



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Kirsty Morrison and Dominic take a fence in their stride 20_b29show01



Lizanne Dixon is seen on Queenie 20_b29show03



Up and over for Lori Young and Spirit 20_b29show02



Overall champion, Emily Armitage, (left) with reserve champion, Janis Murchie 20_b29show09

Emily takes ch prize at annua

The Arran Riding Club held its annual show on Sunday, July 12 at Balgowan Farm at Shiskine.

The results were: Class 1 showing in-hand: 1 Emma Popplewell with Emma of Craignethery, 2 Rachael Kennedy with Jack the Lad. Class 4 showing under saddle 12.2hh and under, lead rein optional: 1 Chloe McNeil with Dusty, 2 Hollie Buckby with Black Beauty, 3 Isabelle Buckby with Popcorn's Polly-Anna.

Class 5 Showing under saddle over 12.2hh, not exceeding 13.2hh: 1 Lily Currie with Missy, 2 Kirsty Morrison with Dominic. Class 6 Showing under saddle over 13.hh, not exceeding 15hh: 1 Emily Armitage with Killly Cooly, 2 Lizanne Dixon with Queenie, 3 Hollie Adamson with Prince.

Class 7 showing under saddle over 15hh, not exceeding 16hh: 1 Janis Murchie on Island Boy, 2 Anna Hamilton on Alley, 3 Lois Ashley on

Kippen, 4 Isla Yuill on Velvet. Class 8 showing under saddle 16hh and over: 1 Vicki Yuill on Henley, 2 Lori Young on Spirit, 3 Beth Hamilton on Corrie, 4 Ellis McKelvie on Bud.

Overall Championship for showing classes (The Bert Keachie Shield): Champion Emily Armitage on Killly Cooly, Reserve Champion Janis Murchie on Island Boy.

Class 9 best rider, 10 years and under, lead rein optional: 1 Kirsty Morrison on Dom-

Whiting Bay Fun Week

Starts Sunday 19th July

Raft Race

Jetty 12pm

Crowning of the Bay Queen

1pm

BBQ – Tombola – Ice Cream

Fun Week Bowling

Bowling Club 2.30pm

Monday 20th July

Car Treasure Hunt

Village Car Park 6.30pm

Tuesday 21st July

Beach Scavenger Hunt Putting Green 11am

Wednesday 22nd July

Beach Sculpture & BBQ

Jetty 11am

Thursday 23rd July

COAST Rock Pool Scramble Jetty 10am

Family Fun Quiz BYOB

Village Hall 7pm

Friday 24th July

Putting Competition

Putting Green 11am

Fancy Dress Fun Run

Sandbraes Park 6pm

Saturday 25th July

Duck Race & BBQ

Sandbraes Park 3pm



Mother and daughter Vicky and Isla Yuill 20_b29show07



All photos Laura Hemming



Vicky Yuill sitting proudly on Henley 20_b29show06



Emily Armitage puts Killy Cooly through its paces 20_b29show05



Young riders take part in the showing class 20_b29show04

Championship riding show

inic, 2 Lily Currie on Missy, 3 Hollie Buckby on Black Beauty, 4 Isabelle Buckby on Popcorn's Polly-Anna. Class 10 ridden veteran (horses/ponies age 15 years and over): 1 Hollie Buckby on Black Beauty, 2 Lily Currie on Missy, 3 Anna Hamilton on Alley. Class 11 working/handy hunter, rider 12 y.o. and under, pony not exceeding 13.2hh (Arran Riding Club Trophy): 1 Lily Currie on Missy, 2 Kirsty Morrison on Dominic, 3 Isabelle Buckby

on Popcorn's Polly-Anna. Class 12 working hunter, rider 14y.o. & under, horse/pony not exceeding 15hh (Parker Animal Feed Trophy): 1 Emily Armitage on Killy Cooly, 2 Lizanne Dixon on Queenie.

Class 13 working hunter, open (Mr Frisky Shield): 1 Isla Yuill on Velvet, 2 Ellis McKelvie on Bud, 3 Lois Ashley on Kippen, 4 Beth Hamilton on Corrie.

Best rider in show (Yvonne Kerr Trophy): Vicky Yuill on Henley. Best turned out (Bet-

ty Smith Memorial trophy) L Janis Murchie on Island Boy. Horse/pony in best condition: Emma Popplewell with Emma of Craignethery.

The club committee would like to thank everyone who helped to organise the day and to Mr George Tod for providing them with the venue.

The next event for the club will be the Jumping Derby on Sunday, July 26 at Balgowan Farm. Details will be available on the Arran Riding Club website.



Chloe McNeil with leader, Faye Anderson 20_b29show08

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A blooming great open day at Dougarie Gardens

Dougarie Gardens held a very successful open day on Wednesday, July 1.

The day was changed this year from its usual Sunday spot in a bid to avoid a clash with other events.

And the move certainly ap-

peared to have paid off with a busy car park throughout the days and the tearoom, plant stall and tombola and baking stall all doing a roaring trade.

The mainly dry day saw many visitors wandering around the garden which is



The homebaking stall and tombola in the boathouse.

20_b28garden03



Some of the plants which were for sale on the successful open day. 20_b28garden02

in a castellated folly looking at the interesting selection of tender and rare shrubs.

The garden was opened as part of Scotland's Gardens, a charity which supports Maggie's Caring Centres, the Queen's Nursing Institute, the gardens fund of the National Trust and Perennial.

In addition 40 per cent of the takings on the day will be donated to the Pirnmill Village Association.



Keen gardener, Ian Russell from Galston, inspects a plant in the gardens. 20_b28garden01

Looking for healthcare heroes

People on Arran are being urged to nominate their local healthcare heroes as the hunt for Scotland's top health workers gets underway.

Every year, the Scottish Health Awards recognise and reward dedicated NHS staff, support workers, volunteers and specialist teams who go the extra mile to provide outstanding patient care.

Nominations are being sought from those who want to acknowledge the quality of

treatment they have received, either for themselves or a loved one.

This is an opportunity to reward the people who help the NHS provide world-class care to the people of Scotland, whether in hospital, at a GP surgery, at the dentist, or in the community.

Last year, three top awards were scooped by Ayrshire and Arran workers including Geraldine Butcher, who received the services to women

and children award for her contribution to maternity services.

There are 16 award categories, including the nurse award, the volunteers award, and the renowned doctor award.

Health secretary, Shona Robison, said: 'These awards recognise and celebrate the contribution of frontline health and social care workers, but also shine a spotlight on those who work so hard behind the scenes in support roles to ensure we have the kind of healthcare and care services that are the envy of many other countries.'

Finalists will be invited to attend a prestigious awards ceremony at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh on November 4.

To nominate your local healthcare hero, go to www.scottishhealthawards.com. The closing date for nominations is Tuesday, September 1.

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Breeding marked by shortage of insects in June

While June 2014 was much drier than the three previous Junes and a little warmer as well, providing ideal conditions for raising young, June 2015 was colder and wetter.

June 2015 had a mean temperature two degrees lower than last year and had twice the amount of rain. Both May and June were cooler than the same months last year.

In some areas of the island, the impact of this cooler wetter spell on breeding was marked by a shortage of insects, particularly at the beginning of the month, causing some nests to fail and others to be delayed.

For example, young blue tits were reported dead in nest boxes in Kildonan. In some areas willow warblers were already moulting preparing to migrate south and, while swallows had young ready to fly in Brodick, in Kilpatrick eggs were not laid until the end of the month. The colder weather may also have been a factor in the crash of the vole population which, in turn, will influence the breeding of some raptors.

The impact of the colder, wetter June on breeding was not uniform across Arran. Towards the end of the month, there were many reports in gardens of fledged birds including unfamiliar looking young birds, like goldfinch without the red face of the adult birds, robins with spots and no red breast as well as the more familiar blackbirds, starlings and house sparrows.

As well as the more regular nesting garden birds, there were reports of a family of long-tailed tit in Whiting Bay on the 4th, a family of goldcrest in High Kildonan on the 14th, 11 occupied house martin nests in Corrieavie

on the 22nd, a family of bullfinch in Sliddery on the 23rd, young great-spotted woodpecker with their distinctive red cap in Lamlash on the 29th and, most unusual of all,

for the third year in a row, a pair of common sandpiper successfully nested in a garden in Blackwaterfoot.

Away from gardens, there were many signs of breeding including: skylark singing

plumage in Strabane on the 27th. There are no confirmed breeding records of kingfisher on Arran and last year only two confirmed breeding records of little grebe.

Around the coast, there were further signs of breeding including: mute swan with seven young at Clauchlands on the 3rd, a dipper family in Glenashdale on the 11th, shelduck with two young at

thriving on Arran. Throughout May and June there have been many widespread reports. People need no prompting to report the first cuckoo. How about reporting when you hear or see the last cuckoo this year? Most adult cuckoos, taking no part in rearing their young, leave around mid to late July. Juveniles leave breeding areas soon after they fledge, quickly becoming independent of their hosts and disperse widely before also migrating south, usually in late July and early August. These young cuckoos have a white patch on the back of the head.

Other June reports included: ten swifts in Kildonan on the 12th, two black-throated diver in Whiting Bay on the 12th, three puffin in Brodick Bay on the 17th, three great northern diver off Drumadon Point on the 24th and five male tufted duck in Strabane on the 26th. None of these species breed on Arran.

Finally, July is the time when many birds, having raised their young, go about the process of renewing their feathers by moulting them. As birds are vulnerable when they are shedding flight feathers, they literally make themselves scarce. On any birding walk you may see fewer birds but they are still around.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2014 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



Kingfisher has an unusual summer record

Photo Dennis Morrison

in Drumaghinier on the 3rd, Dougarie on the 12th, ringed lapwing displaying in the Shiskine valley on the 8th, snipe drumming over Levencorach also on the 8th, a long-eared owl chick's distinctive call in Machrie on the 15th, hen harriers executing food passes on Machrie Moor on the 17th, ring ouzels carrying food on the northern hills on the 26th and kingfisher and little grebe in breeding

Dougarie on the 12th, ringed plover trying to protect their nest from dog walkers on Brodick shore on the 13th, six black guillemot at the colony in Corrie on the 19th, twelve Arctic tern nesting on Pladda on the 22nd and red-breasted merganser with seven young in Newton on the 25th.

Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be



Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

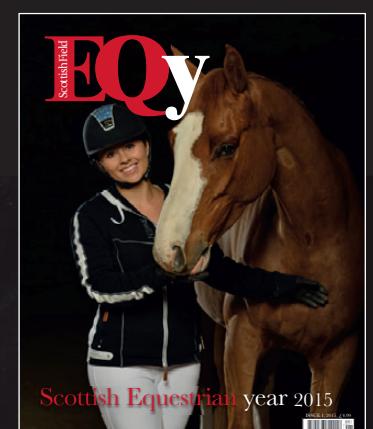
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Blue tit with insects for its young

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Swallow delayed nesting in some areas perhaps because of a shortage of food



Well camouflaged ringed plover chicks on the beach.

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Staying upright in the Kildonan sack race. b29twe06

Gala weeks and fetes bring summer fun across the island

Gala days are in full swing around the island. Lamlash gala week started last Saturday with the procession and crowning of this year's Heather Queen, Kirsty Smith, and, while the weather has been mixed for the events during the week, it has been another successful gala.

The week also incorporated the Loch Urie race for both seniors and juniors.

Kildonan fun week has also seen a packed programme of events which started with special Songs of Praise in the church on the first Sunday and has seen mountain biking, a coffee morning, an

auction, treasure hunt and a mini sports day held during a busy week. While on the west coast, Pirnmill Improvements Association held its fete in Dougarie Gardens and a great many people turned out, not just to enjoy the fun of the fair, but to have a look at the splendid gardens.



Lamlash junior triathlon competitors set off along the green. b29twe02



Alf McMaster offered children's rides on his pony and cart. b29twe08



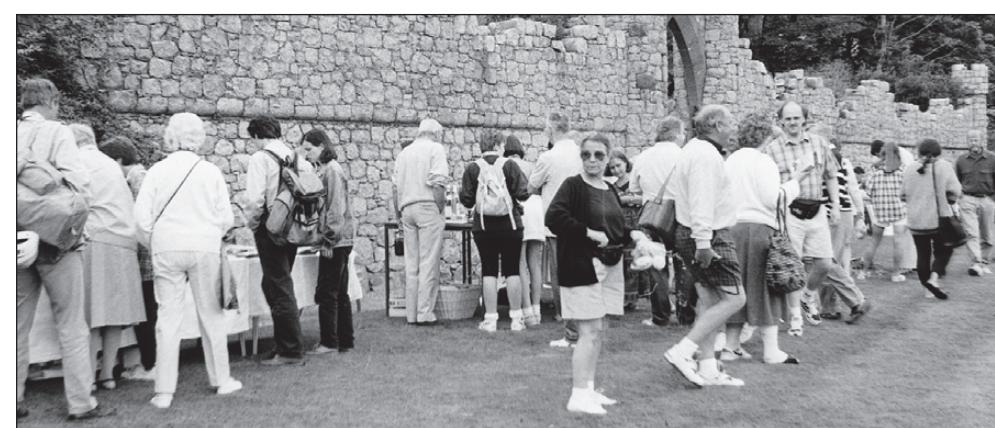
A triple three-legged race at the Kildonan mini sports day. b29twe05



Left: Junior Loch Urie runners at the starting line. b29twe04



Prizewinners at the Lamlash junior fancy dress are: Terry McAdam, Andrew McIntyre, Matthew McGarrie, Daniel Syme and Fraser Thomson. b29twe01



Right: A busy day at the Pirmill fete at Dougarie Gardens. b29twe07



They're off for the Loch Urie race. b29twe03

What's on

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Everyday

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

Saturday 18th July

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Live music
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Brodick Market
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink game
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink game
WBay Bowling Club Rink game
Vintage Motor Cycle Show
Brodick Church Summer Fete
Heather Queen

Sunday 19th July

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
Wbay Raft Race
Crowning of the bay queen
Fun week bowling

Monday 20th 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
10/10 Total Body workout
Citizens advice
Lamlash Aerobix
RunArran
Summer Bridge
Coffee Morning
Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
Car Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 21st July

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink game
RunArran
Open Cricket Session
Dog Obedience Class
Beach Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday 22nd July

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
RunArran

Loch Garbad, bank & boat fishing
9am-Dusk

Mon - Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 12.30 - 5pm
2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
Open all day
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am to 4.30pm

Auchrannie Road 11am -1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Brodick bowling club, 2pm

Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm

Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm

Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm
Brodick Church Grounds, 2pm
Lamlash Front Green, 1.30pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm

Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm

Jetty, Whiting Bay, 12pm
Jetty, Whiting Bay, 1pm

Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2.30pm
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 & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12 noon
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 5-8pm

Whiting Bay Village Car Park, 6.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm

Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm

NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm

Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm

Lamlash, 5.30pm

Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm

Whiting Bay Hall, 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Whiting Bay putting green, 11am

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm

Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm

Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am

Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am

10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30

Brodick, 5.30pm

Yoga-Arran

Live music

Drift Inn Quiz

Mixed Hockey

Dog classes

Brodick Bowling Club Rink game

Knitting & Crochet drop in group

Roundhouse Open

Lamlash Bowling Club Rink game

Summer Ceilidh

WBay Bowling Club Rink game

Vile Victorians Tour

Coffee Morning

Beach Sculpture & BBQ

Dusk Landrover Safari

Lochranza Extravaganza

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

Whiting Bay Jetty, 11am

Brodick Castle, 7 - 11pm

Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 12 - 3.30pm

Thursday 23rd July

Morning Fitness

General Knowledge Quiz

Ladies Hockey

RunArran

Paintings Tour

Live music

Cardiac Rehab

QuiltArran

Senior Tennis

Pond Dip

Save the Children Summer Fayre

Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic

Spinning and Weaving Demonstrations

Arran Heritage Museum

COAST Rock Pool Scramble

Family Fun Quiz BYOB

Survival Skills

Brodick Church Grand Auction

Arran Junior Open

Family Ceilidh Night

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 & 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

Whiting Bay Jetty, 10am

Whiting Bay Village Hall, 7pm

Brodick Rangers, 2-4.30pm

Brodick Golf Club, 8pm

Brodick Golf Club, 11.30am

Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30 - 10.30pm

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am

Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am

Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm

Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm

Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm

Lochranza Hall, 8pm

Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm

Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm

Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm

Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm

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Kilmory Hall 80th Birthday Party dance

Putting Competition

Fancy Dress Fun Run

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Brodick Church Hall, 2pm

Kildonan Hall, 7pm

Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm

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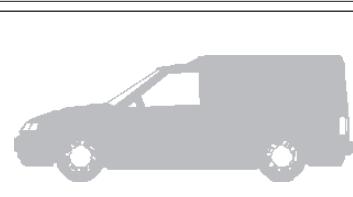
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Machrie Bay Golf Course

There was a stiff breeze and later in the morning some sunshine, which kept the midges at bay, with a sprinkle of rain in the evening, for the Machrie Bay Ladies Tri Am on Thursday, July 9. A total of 48 Ladies (16 teams) enjoyed the day.

The course was in excellent condition, with some diabolical pin positions on certain holes.

Very grateful thanks to David Jeffrey our Greenkeeper for all his hard work. Claire and Gill and her staff at the Machrie Bay Tearoom kept everyone well fed with great food throughout the day.

The winners with a score of 131 BIH (two best net scores added together for each hole) were Fiona Miller, Shona Weir and Linda Howie, Kilmacolm.

2nd Prize, with a score of 131, was won by Sheila Gray, Fiona Malcolm and Jane McDonald, the latter both from Kilmacolm. 3rd Prize was won by locals, Piet Johnston, Isobel McDonald and Aileen Latona with a score of 144. 4th Prize with a score of 145 BIH was won by Julie Noble, Sheena Cleat and Hill Darroch, also from Kilmacolm. So you could say Kilmacolm nearly swept the board!

Hole prizes: bronze nearest the pin in 2 on 3rd Fiona Malcolm, silver longest drive on the 4th Winnie McCallum, bronze longest drive on the 6th Esther Henderson, longest putt on the 8th Tricia Martin, silver nearest the pin in 2 on the 9th Fiona Miller,

Fewest putts, Barbara Wilson 28.

Lamlash Golf Club

Wednesday, July 8 (Ladies



Winners of the Machrie Bay ladies Tri Am with Club Captain, Douglas Johnston, who presented the prizes. The winners were Fiona Miller, Shona Weir and Linda Howie from Kilmacolm, with a score of 131

Section), medal, CSS 67, par 65. 1 Elizabeth Sinclair 86(16)70, 2 Jenny Pattenden 110(30)80. Scratch E Sinclair 86. Fixture: Wednesday, July 22, Ladies Open, entries 600196 or 600820

Thursday, July 9 Summer Cup, 21 played, CSS 66. 1 Todd Jameson 68-5=63, 2 Iain Murchie 68-4=64, 3 Scott MacFarlane 79-13=66, 4 Dougie Macfarlane 67-0=67, Scratch Dougie MacFarlane 67. Magic twos Jamie Ainsworth @8th, Matt Harvey @13th and 16th. Senior Medal, 1 Ian Heron 80-18=62 No magic twos recorded. Sunday, July 12, Hamilton Bowl (Bogey) CSS +1 to bogey. 1 Allan Winship 0 to bogey, 2 Jack Moohan -1 to bogey. Scratch Mark Wren -9 to bogey Magic two Mark Wren @16th.

Fixtures: Saturday, July 18, Club Championship Final 1.00pm and 5.00pm Dougie Macfarlane v Iain Murchie. Sunday, July 19. July Frank Crum Qualifier, tee times 12.30 pm, make own groups, see starter. Monday, July 20. Entertainments Cup. see starter, open to gents, ladies and juniors. Thursday, July 23 Summer Cup and Scratch Cup, see

starter. Friday, July 24. Junior Open, see starter, no entry fee.

Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday, July 7, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary competition, 10 played. 1 David Price 71-13=58, 2 Brian Sherwood 80-12=68 BIH, 3 Phil Betley 83-15=68. Magic two from David Price @11th.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday, July 7, Summer Trophy, round 11, 27 played on a bright day with a bit of a breeze and wet underwood conditions after overnight rain. The course was still in fine shape, but conditions must have been trickier than they seemed judging by the number of no returns and the fact that there were no magic twos recorded. Despite all that, Dougie Auld turned in a fine back nine to emerge as winner by one shot from Sandy Pringle. CSS rose to 65. 1 Douglas Auld (26)64, 2 Sandy Pringle (12)65 acb, 3 Corey Allan (7)65 and lowest gross, 4 David Brookens (12)66.

Sunday, July 12 Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy, 21 played on a bright morning with just a few light showers that cleared by lunchtime. CSS stayed at 63 but for the second occasion in a row there were no magic twos. 1 David Brookens (12)60, 2 Scott Adair (6)62 (and lowest gross), 3 Peter Towndrow (10)64, 4 Tom Young (28)65 acb.

Fixtures: Wednesday, July 15, Summer Cup round 12. Sunday, July 19, Raymond Curtis Salver (Open). Tuesday, July 14. Wright Trophy, 17 played, CSS 68. 1 Gege Kroner, 40pts, 2 Margaret Roxburgh, 37pts, 3 Susan Butchard, 33pts. 9 Hole Stableford, 4 played 1 Jean Robertson, 15pts, 2 Jennifer McArthur, 12 pts.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday, July 8. CSS 64, 15 played. 1 A Cumming 40+41=77-10=67, 2 J McGovern 38+39=77-10=67, 3 I McMillan 39-42=81-13=108. Best scratch John Adams 78. Magic twos A McDonald @4th.

Saturday, July 11, Jack Logan M/Cup and 2nd round club championship, 13 played. 1 J McGovern 39+31=70-10=60, 2 R Jeffreys 40+37=77-15=62, BIH over R Jeffreys, 3 H B McKinnon 39-37=76-14=62, BIH over A McDonald. Best scratch E McKinnon 64. Magic twos at 17th J McGovern, R Jeffreys, D Logan, A McDonald. Fixture: Saturday, July 18, sweep at 8.30am (women only). Club championship at 4pm.

CHURCH NOTICES

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(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 19th July
Holy Communion 11.00am.
Rev Paul Fletcher,
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Coffee after service.
Wednesday 22nd July
"Pop-up" service, Kildonan Hotel, 12.00 noon.
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Morning Worship.
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am
Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon
Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am
Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am
Prayer Meeting
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Sailing and gorge challenge for Whiting Bay pupils

Photos: Andy McNamara

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Half of them sailed to Whiting Bay from the centre in Lamlash and anchored just off the beach at the school to have lunch, waving to their classmates who were still in school.

They then sailed to Holy Island which half of them had never visited before. Each of

the children took a turn sailing the boat in fantastic conditions and the total distance travelled was about 14 km.

The other half went gorge walking to North Glen Sannox where, in spite of the midges, they had a splashing good time. This was the first time in the gorge for most of the students and, in addition to being great fun, it was also a good way of getting to know another aspect of their island.



A pupil leaps into the water at North Glen Sannox



Acting headteacher, Mrs Raye Beggans, Liam, Ryan, Shaun, Iona and Finn give the thumbs up on the sail boat



The children are seen here climbing the gorge



Kilmory win first netball tournament

Kilmory Primary won the first island primary netball competition since it was reinstated this year. The event took place at Arran High School last month thanks to the organisation of Shiskine teacher, Cathy Davidson. All seven primaries took part in the fun and energetic event which involved both boys and girls and a wide age range. Thanks go to Margaret Roxburgh who kindly refereed all the matches with consistency and patience



Another pupil braves the cold water during the gorge challenge

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James wins fun run but night belongs to Ciara

A visiting holidaymaker was the winner of the Round Kildonan Fun Road Run held on Tuesday night.

On a fine night 27 runners this year took part in the long running event, held as part of Kildonan Fun Week.



Prizewinners l to r: winner James Wales, junior winner Ciara Wood, ladies winner Jessica McGuire and veteran winner Jon Smith 20_b29fun04

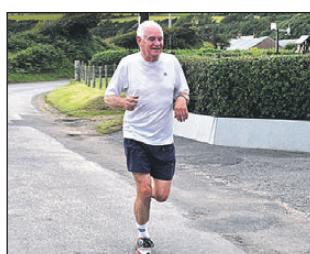


And they're off ... the 27 runners at the start of the run 20_b29fun01

James Wales, from Kilmarnock, was first home on the four mile route in a time of 25min 28secs. He regularly runs with Kilmarnock Harriers.

Local Jon Smith was second in a time of 27min 33sec, lifting the veteran's prize.

The first woman back was Arran's Jessica McGuire in a time of 31min 17sec.



Tommy Gilmore still looks fresh as he approaches the finishing line 20_b29fun03

But the race belonged to young Ciara Wood, who has just finished primary school at Lamlash.

She not only won the junior race, but finished the overall race in third place in a time of 28min 59sec.

The final events of the fun week, including a mini sports day and barbecue, take place this weekend.

Seven wins in a row for Southend as Brodick keep up the pressure

Southend 4 Lamlash 0

Southend extended their unbeaten run this season with a comfortable victory over a weakened Lamlash team.

Sam Tattersfield and Barry Smith were among the names missing for the away team.

Young David Copperwheat started the game and looks a very promising player for the future. However, it was James 'Big Jim' Todd that had the first chance of the game with a shot from the edge of the box that forced a great save from in-form goalie, Stevie 'Cookie' Judge.

Southend made the breakthrough when Sandy Kelso broke through the Lamlash defence and rifled a shot through the legs of goalkeeper, David Heenan.

It was 2-0 soon after when

Lewis Kennedy's corner was knocked in by Danny Head.

Grant Adamson then missed a golden opportunity when Danny failed to clear the ball, but it had bounced off him before he had a chance to see it coming.

Former Lamlash player, Davie Currie, now playing for Southend, had been branded a turncoat by his nephew, Danny, before the game started. Davie had the last laugh though when he scored from the edge of the area to make it 3-0 resulting in some major celebrations from the left back.

Davie was in the thick of it again in the second half with some flying tackles on the quick-footed winger, Johnny Sloss. This eventually resulted in a yellow card and he

was lucky to stay on for the full match. Ryan Armstrong made it 4-0 with a bullet header after another Southend corner. Dave Morrison came on for Southend and looked certain to score until Heenan pulled out a sublime save to end the match.

Credit to Stuart Crawford for refereeing the match despite returning from T in the Park and only getting one hour's notice to do the game.

Stuart gave the man of the match to Sandy for a solid and flawless performance in the midfield.

Northend 0 Brodick 4
Northend again improved on their result on Monday night by keeping the deficit down to four goals against last year's champions, Brodick.

Archie McNicol is starting to run away with this year's golden boot by scoring a brace to take his tally to 15 for the season.

Euan 'Smithy' Smith got the third goal of the night while Matthew 'Dobby' Dobson claimed the final goal and was also given the man of the match award for his performance. He just edged it from Adam McNicol who again produced a solid display at the back.

The talking point of the night was the referee who had been sent over from the mainland.

One example was when Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil was booted inside the box and the offender of the foul walked away laughing at the fact he had got away

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