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Brodick Golf Club celebrates 100 years

'Today is a day for us to remember those who had the presence of mind and foresight to found this club'

The island marked 100 years of playing the beautiful game in the centre of Brodick on Saturday as the village golf club celebrated the course centenary.

In 1913 the club moved from the May-ish to its current site in the centre of the village, although the old holes in the Ormidale Park were removed some years ago.

Exactly 100 years ago on 27 July 1913, the new course was officially opened by the Marquis and Marchioness of Graham and a commemorative plaque was unveiled to mark the occasion by Beth Paterson who grew up on Arran and is now the chairman of the Scottish Ladies Golf Association.

She is also the cousin of the club's present captain Nicol Hume and the daughter of one of Arran's greatest golfers, Willie Innes.

In her speech she said: 'I have had a long involvement with



Nicol Hume, Brodick Golf Club's captain, left, with Beth Paterson, his cousin and chairman of the Scottish Ladies Golf Association. 20_b31cen02

Brodick Golf Club - in fact my first taste of committees was when I joined the ladies committee here at the age of 17 and I remember many of the well-known golfers; Sandy Ribbeck, Archie Allan and Dick Duncan as well as Mrs Robinson, Elsie Peligrini and Grace Hamilton who played in her bare feet and only resorted to hiking boots in the winter.

'I also spent a large part of my youth here, especially when dad was looking after us!'

She added: 'Today is a day for us to remember those who had the presence of mind and foresight to found this club and I am sure they are looking down on us today.'

Beth also commented on the proud history of the course and praised the golf club for always

being ahead of its time in terms of equality as women have always been encouraged to play the sport at Brodick.

Following the Junior Open on Thursday, the main centenary event was on Saturday when the four ball competition players had the opportunity to play the old first hole in Ormidale Park with hickory clubs similar to those used 100 years ago.



Beth unveils the new centenary plaque. 20_b31cen01

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Lifeboat called to rescue power boat

The passengers of a stricken power boat were rescued by the Arran RBLI crew last Friday after it hit rocks off Kildonan.

The rocks damaged its engine and the two man crew were in good health but the accident had scuppered their holiday plans.

Arran RNLI inshore lifeboat *The Boy's Brigade*, crewed by Senior Helm Crawford Duncan, Ken Hogge, Timmy Crockett and Brian Donlin was launched at 9.30pm and reached the power boat at 9.50pm towing it to safety.

The Boy's Brigade returned to station in Lamlash at 10.30pm and was ready for service at 11pm.

Lost

A silver brooch was lost somewhere in Brodick on July 21. If found please call 01355 303107.

Snow bill hits £15 million

'Incredible response of SSE staff in very challenging circumstances'

The cost of the March snowstorms which brought Arran to a standstill for days and left parts of the island without power for nearly five days is set to hit £15 million for Scottish and Southern Energy.

The collapse of three power towers on Kintyre which severed the electricity line to Arran was a 'freakish' event which demanded unprecedented responses and resources, said Neil Wilson, SSE operations manager for Argyll and West Highland.

He revealed that only three power towers had collapsed in 60 years prior to March - yet nine succumbed in the storms.

He also told how the lines between each towers on Kintyre had up to 20 tons of snow on them which turned to ice.

'That is okay when the weight is balanced on either

side of a tower. Problems happen when the snow and ice falls off on just one side.'

Mr Wilson revealed an astonishing array of facts in a presentation to Campbeltown Community Council members:

- * How he usually has 12 staff in his patch but SSE drafted in 700 from around the country to deal with an emergency which left homes in Kintyre and Arran without power for up to six days.

- * How exhausted but dedicated SSE field workers came from all over Britain to work in Arctic winds. 'These guys were incredible the whole week they were here.'

- * How generator provider Aggreko brought staff back from Japan and work on the 2011 tsunami aftermath.

- * How there was enough energy at Tangy Wind Farm

near Campbeltown to power Kintyre and Arran but technical difficulties prevented it being used. 'Hopefully, we will find ways around that in years to come.'

Mr Wilson, who since March has been getting feedback from customers and briefing the community council on Arran about SSE's progress and plans, said he had never seen such 'freakish weather' and that alone had caused towers to collapse.

'There is nothing fundamentally wrong with them. They have not been affected anywhere else like this.'

After his presentation, Mr Wilson was given a spontaneous round of applause by community council members who praised the 'incredible response of SSE staff in very challenging circumstances' and also their back-up.



David Cameron has been appointed Brodick Castle's new property manager.

David Cameron takes on new role at Brodick Castle

Relax – it's not the political story of the decade and it's not that David Cameron!

Arran man David Cameron is returning to his roots following his appointment as property manager of the island's iconic Brodick Castle, Garden and Country Park run by the National Trust for Scotland.

David was born and brought up on Arran and was educated at Whiting Bay Primary and Arran High School.

After a 25 year period in banking and finance, which began in 1980 in the Whiting Bay Branch of RBS, David underwent a career turning point when he took up role of regional manager for a cancer charity covering the north of Scotland.

Latterly, David returned to the west of Scotland to be-

come regional manager for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

David succeeds Ken Thornburn, who is taking well-earned retirement after many years as Brodick's property manager.

Ancestors

David said: 'Having traced my mother's family back to the 1780s in the Brodick area, I discovered that, appropriately enough, some of my ancestors had worked at Brodick Estate.'

'I am now looking forward to working in partnership with the community on Arran in securing the future of our past for generations to come.'

'I am particularly keen to use the opportunities afforded by Brodick's 'signature project' status to increase visitor numbers to both the castle and the island.'

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Farmers to receive blizzard payments in a few weeks

£6 million in the Weather Aid scheme

Farmers seeking compensation following the spring blizzards could start being paid out within weeks.

An expert group set up to assess almost 1,000 claims from across Scotland has met for the first time.

Farmers on Arran are among those who have made claims to the £6 million Weather Aid scheme announced earlier this year by Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead.

Last week the Weather Aid Expert Group met for the first in Edinburgh to look at the applications and to decide where to go from here.

About half of the applications received are from the South West of Scotland, and most applications relate to the loss of livestock.

On Arran the March snowstorm hit most farms and many lost sheep and lambs

buried in the drifts.

Mr Lochhead said: 'Earlier this year, parts of Scotland experienced prolonged and extreme wintry conditions - including some of the worst snow in living memory. This had a devastating effect on many farmers, particularly as it happened at lambing time.'

'The Scottish Government acted swiftly to provide immediate assistance through the Fallen Stock Fund as well as longer-term support, and our £6 million Weather Aid scheme has now received some 958 requests for funding.'

After the meeting Scotland's Chief Agricultural Officer Drew Sloan said: 'Wednesday's meeting was extremely productive, with the Expert Group reaching agreement on how Weather Aid claims will be considered.'

'Priority will be given to those farmers who have suffered the biggest losses from the extreme weather, taking into account EU state aid rules.'

'We have also agreed a process for deciding which applications will be eligible for payment, and how that payment will be calculated. This will enable the Scottish Government to begin processing applications and we have agreed that our officials will proactively engage with farmers to resolve any issues before payments are made, rather than inspections or penalties later.'

'This work will be reviewed by the Expert Group later this month to ensure the scheme meets its original objectives, and we envisage payments will start being made in the following weeks.'

Dog tired after sponsored walk

Two Arran dogs have completed a sponsored walk.

Max and Jock completed the six mile trek from Lam-lash to Brodick despite the pouring rain, thunder and lightning.

And they took their owners along too community nurses Julie Graham from Lochranza and Karen Stirland from Lam-lash.

They completed the walk from Lam-lash Coast-guard Station to the Arran Mountain Rescue Headquarters at Cladach in aid of Arran Resilience groups.

Completed

Julie's brother Chris Robinson also completed the walk. GP and Co-ordinator of Arran Resilience David Hogg said: 'Arran's emergency teams offer dedication, skill and teamwork that is difficult to find elsewhere - as demonstrated during our snow incident in March.'

'Arran Resilience simply aims to bring teams together to maximise effectiveness during complex or major incidents.'



Julie Graham and Jock and Karen Stirland and Max at the end of their sponsored walk. 20_b31walk01

'We are delighted by all the hard work by Julie and Karen to raise this money despite poor weather and enduring multiple ticks.'

'Funds will be distributed between our voluntary teams to help buy new equipment. Arran Resilience is not a constitutional organisation, and therefore any further donations can be made directly to the teams involved.'

Calling the class of '81!

The classes of 1979-81 are holding a 'Golden School Reunion' on Friday 9 August at the Ormidale Hotel from 7.30pm.

In mid-August 1975 most of them entered Arran High School, and left between 1979 and 1981 - and this year, the majority of are turning 50.

The organisers have contacted most people on the list but there are a few they have been unable to reach.

So if you were at school with Sheila Gilmore, Neil McKenzie, Steven McLure, or Seonaid Robertson please feel free to come along.

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Arran's Music Society needs your help

During the snow storms in March when the roads were closed and e-mail was down, the Arran Music Society had no means of contacting a group from Germany called the Kammerphilharmonie Europa to tell them what had happened.

These young musicians were touring Britain and were booked to play Whiting Bay Hall on the Sunday afternoon but sadly very few people were able to come and here they because of the snow.

John Roberts of the Music Society, said: 'The resulting financial loss was daunting, it will not cripple the society, which is backed by Enterprise Music Scotland, so a great programme of music for the coming season will go ahead, but it does mean we may not be able to put on any concerts next summer.'

'If you can spare a small donation to help ensure that the planned concerts keep on happening, countless people on Arran will benefit.'

The Music Society treasurer, Sandra Bentley, can be found at Inspirations of Brodick and cheques made out to the Isle of Arran Music Society will be welcomed with heartfelt thanks.



Jan wins Waverley prize

Jan Schofield has won a family trip on the Waverley. The part-time castle guide picked up the first prize of a free cruise on the historic paddle steamer by entering the Arran Life Summer 2013 competition.

Jan who lives in Lamlash with husband Donald said she was 'delighted'.

'I don't think I have won a competition for 15 to 20 years.'

'I love the Waverley and all the hard work the team of enthusiasts do to keep her afloat.'

All entrants had to do was tell us what colours are on the funnels of the Waverley which, of course, are red, white and black.

The prize is a cruise on the Waverley for two adults and two children on any trip from Arran this season.

Jan with her winning tickets.
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Castle prepares for grand Victorian house party

The staff and volunteers at Brodick Castle will be transporting visitors back in time as the property holds its annual Victorian house party.

The event will run from 11am to 4pm on Sunday (August 4) and throughout the day the property will be staging a busy programme of events designed to provide fun for all the family.

Take a walk back in time when you enter the castle with craft demonstrations and musical recitals, you can even be serenaded in the Victorian manner by choral group 'Ain't Misbehaving' in the library.

Come and listen to some Victorian poetry

and have your photograph taken in the Victorian style.

The lawns in front of the castle will host a craft fair with lots of lovely stalls to browse and other outdoor activities include croquet, a birds of prey display, and a guided garden walk focusing on the Victorian era.

Enjoy

Children can enjoy the crafts tent, take part in the plant-hunters trail (lots of activities and surprises) and have a go at the plant-hunters quiz in the Walled Garden.

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Local letting plan for new St Molios Park homes

Islanders interested renting or buying houses in the new St Molios Park development in Lamlash have until the end of the month to apply.

The first phase of 16 homes, eight for rent and eight for sale, is due for completion at the end of September, as reported in last week's Banner.

The £8.9 million development by Irvine Housing Association will provide 56 affordable homes in Lamlash, which will comprise of 40 properties for social rent and 16 for shared equity sale, is due for com-

pletion in summer 2014.

There have been demands that priority for the new homes must be given to islanders and the Association has confirmed it is currently developing a local "letting plan" which will meet the particular needs of Arran as a rural island community.

In a statement the Association said: 'The development of this letting plan will respond to the needs of Arran as highlighted within the recent research that was commis-

sioned by North Ayrshire Council to examine the Housing Needs and Demand of Arran.

'Consultation with statutory partners, Arran's voluntary sector and the community council is ongoing to ensure that IHA allocates the houses in an open, transparent and fair way to those in the greatest need.'

The site was officially launched by Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare last November. This was followed by an open

day held in April at The Glenisle, which gave the steady stream of visitors an opportunity to chat with IHA staff, view detailed plans for 56 new homes, obtain information on rents and sale prices, and get application packs for both the 40 rented properties and the 16 shared equity homes for sale.

Anyone interested in either renting or buying should contact the Association by Friday 30 August 2013 to ensure their application can be considered.



Colin's brother Jonathan and auctioneer Alan Johnston in action. 20_b31col02

Charity auction

An incredible £6,264 was raised on Saturday night for two very special cancer charities in memory of Colin Douglas who died earlier this year.

The Colin Douglas Charity Sports Auction was organised by his family to raise money for Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research and The Friends of the Beatson both in Glasgow.

Before he tragically passed away in January, Colin had received much-needed help and support from both of these charities and he had already begun planning the auction himself.

When his family discovered his plans after his death they decided to carry out his wish-

es and hold the auction in his memory.

Colin's mum Merle said: 'We would like to thank Lamlash Golf Club's committee and members, Alan Johnston, Laura for the disco, all the businesses - local and mainland - for donating prizes and their time, all the people who assisted us, and especially our 'wee organising committee', all of whom made Saturday such a successful night. 'Colin would have been very proud of you all.'

Some of the items sold by the fantastic auctioneer Alan Johnston on the night included a signed St Mirren top which snapped up by Colin's great friend and huge Saints fan John Ferguson.

There was also an Arsenal top signed by Jenkinson, Gee Atherton's framed mountain biking top, Amir Khan's signed boxing glove and t-shirt, a rugby ball signed by the entire Scotland World Cup team in 2011, as well as Rangers and Celtic tops signed by players.

The biggest item of the night however ended up being a collection of Colin's own sporting memorabilia that included a signed picture from Henrik Larsson which was bought for a stunning £500.

The money raised from ticket sales, raffle and the auction will be added to another £1,000 raised last month at a bag pack to give a grand total of more than £7,000.

Danny wins by a head

Danny Head has deposed the reigning champion of the Whiting Bay Fun Week Putting Competition Jamie MacPherson, who was looking for a fourth title in a row.

In sweltering sunshine, much fun was had by all who played. The winning Gent Danny Head won with a fantastic score of only 37 strokes, easily beating his dad Marc while Mrs Rudkin was the first lady with a 44 (BIH).

Ross James showed great determination to regain his title and won the Teenager category with a 41. Eilidh MacPherson was the delighted to be the winning child, ensuring a coveted Champion mug was going to the household despite Dad being unsuccessful in his bid to win for a fourth time!

Larry the lamb, kindly donated by Inspirations, went to a good home with Mr Robert Murray and young Annie

West found the hidden treasure on Pladda.

In total £236 was raised on the day. Many thanks go to Neally McKechnie for his ongoing support and for mowing the grass to championship standards! All the willing helpers and the Village Shop for taking the money on every other day of the year.



Winner Danny Head with his putting contest Champion mug.

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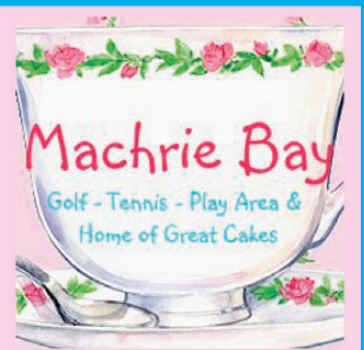
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Passengers demand refunds over 'cancelled' cruise

REPORT

by HUGH BOAG

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Anger is growing over an off-on trip by the Waverley round Ailsa Craig which was never fully completed.

More passengers are seeking a refund for trip they believed had been 'cancelled' after the paddle steamer developed a technical fault.

The Banner last week told how passengers waiting on Brodick Pier for a Waverley cruise on June 30 were initially told the that sailing was

running 45 minutes late due to a fault.

They then claimed they were told the trip was cancelled but would be replaced by a cruise to the Holy Isle and Pladda instead.

A number of those waiting took the decision not to sail.

Waverley Excursions told the Banner last week that passengers were advised that the paddle steamer 'may not' be able to sail round Ailsa Craig.

But passenger Julie Squirrel from Lamlash said: 'I have spoken to others who along

with ourselves clearly heard two separate announcements, one relating to the delay and the other to advise the trip to Ailsa Craig was cancelled and there would be an alternative cruise to Pladda or passengers could use their ticket on a different excursion.'

Mrs Squirrel who paid £50 for two tickets for her and husband David booked the trip in February. In the exchange of e-mails Waverley Excursions they say they would offer a credit note for the Ailsa Craig trip in 2014. But Mrs Squirrel said:

'That would mean they would in effect have had my money for 16 months that is why I want a refund now. None of us know what the future holds.'

And Lachan MacKinnon from Braintree in Essex, who featured in last week's story, is also certain that the announcement was that the Ailsa Craig trip was cancelled.

'I am just bemused by the idea that any organisation would cancel an event and refuse to refund ticket money,' he added.

It has further emerged that

although the cruise to Ailsa Craig did finally go ahead it had to be cut short and did not sail round the island because the ship had to get back to Largs on time to catch the landing crew, it has been claimed.

However, Glasgow-based Waverley Excursions gave little indication they were to move on the demands from passengers for refunds.

A spokeswoman said: 'As detailed previously, passengers were advised that if Waverley was unable to sail to Ailsa Craig a half price voucher would be offered on board and for passengers who chose not to travel aboard Waverley on this date, their tickets were valid on an alternative excursion of their choice. 'Our Terms and Conditions of Carriage state that we will make every reasonable effort to undertake the advertised and any other agreed or offered sailings, but no sailings are guaranteed, and sailings may be altered, delayed, amended or cancelled where in the reasonable opinion of the carrier, the weather is, or is forecast to be, unsuitable.'



Michael Grant, left, with AVA chairman Jan McGregor.

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AVA summer exhibition

The success of the Arran Visual Arts (AVA) and its spin-off group Art in Mind was at the forefront of the celebrations in Lochranza Hall on Friday night.

Dr Michael Grant a member of the AVA was asked to open the 13th summer exhibition in the village hall which showcases the work of many amateur local artists.

From delicate watercolours, oil paintings and charcoal sketches to furniture and textile work, Arran has a wealth of very talented people.

Arran Visual Arts is a charity that was set up in December 2011 to promote, maintain, improve and advance the education of children, young people and adults by the encouragement study, practice and knowledge of the visual arts.

In his speech to open the event, Michael Grant said: 'Lady Jean was due to open

this exhibition but was unable to do so due to recent ill-health.

'She told me what she had planned to say in praise of the AVA, saying that in her long connection with the group she had not known of any other club or society that has given so much pleasure and instruction to so many.'

He added: 'It is not just the breadth of talent in so many fields within this 60 mile circumference, from outdoor adventure exploration and natural history, music to literature and poetry, geology to pre-history, art and sculpture, it is not only the breadth but also the depth of knowledge and talent that sets Arran apart.'

The exhibition ran throughout this week and in the next edition of The Banner we will announce who won the people's choice award for best exhibit.

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The sun shone on the Whiting Bay raft Race. 20_b31ft11

Rafters take to the seas in Whiting Bay race

Seven teams climbed aboard their vessels last Saturday as the annual Whiting Bay Raft Race took place in glorious summer sunshine.

Dougie Bruce and Tom McNeish, regular visitors to Whiting Bay, are also regular winners of the raft race and

they did it again on Saturday. The silver surfers Dougie and Tom just pipped the second placed team of Sandy Pringle, Donny Park, Frazer Barr and Adam Kelso to the top spot after the two teams arrived back on the beach at almost the same time.



Rachel Armitage, Anne Tulloch and Tracy Warwick just before the start of the race. 20_b31ft02



Dougie Bruce and Tom McNeish winners of the raft race. 20_b31ft06



Left: The Bay Butterflies prepare for the off. 20_b31ft01



The Moo Moo Mummies. 20_b31ft04



The race's youngest team was made up of a group of youngsters from Whiting Bay. 20_b31ft09



Sandy Pringle, Donny Park, Frazer Barr and Adam Kelso were just pipped to the post. 20_b31ft07

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March snowstorms and power cuts to cost around £15 million

It has been revealed this week that the cost of the March snowstorms which blanketed the west of Arran in snow and cut the electricity power for almost a week is going to cost Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) around £15 million.

It is not hard to comprehend how this sum came about when we remember the hundreds of SSE staff that were seen on the island for weeks afterwards, not just to reconnect the island to the main grid, but repairing poles and wires which had collapsed.

Added to this the cost of putting their staff up in Arran hotels and providing catering vans for people to get a hot meal, the pounds just keep adding up.

And of course the main crisis zone wasn't even on Arran, it was Kintyre where the collapse of three power towers caused the electricity line to the island to be severed.

SSE worked tirelessly along with Arran's emergency services - both full time and volunteer - as well as the social services and they did an amazing job throughout the disaster.

In fact I don't think anyone would disagree when I say that it could have been much, much worse.

This was a freak event and there is hopefully very little chance of such a crisis ever hitting the region again but thankfully emergency plans are already being created just in case.

Arran has some beautiful beaches

Following the article two weeks ago about the sorry state of Brodick beach we received a number of e-mails from people pointing out that this is by far Arran's only beach (even though we made it clear that Brodick is merely the standard bearer for the island's beaches).

But it is true. Arran is not blessed with the long, secluded white sandy beaches of many of Scotland's other islands but we do have a number of stunning shorelines.

Blackwaterfoot beach, Dougarie beach, the Silver Sands at Kildonan, Kilmory shore and even the pebbly beaches of the northend are all beautiful in their own right.

However this should not stop the campaign to restore Brodick's beach back to its former beauty.

It is so sad to see the beach lying empty on sunny days. Something must be done about it before next summer or it may be too late to make a difference.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.' (John 15: 12-13)

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Letters to the Editor



Time for Arran to look at biomass

Sir,
I am in favour of approval for several clear reasons: surely it is time for Arran to look at ways in which we, as an island, can contribute electricity to the grid in a sustainable way. The wood is reaching maturity and must be cut.

At present we export the secondary wood to the mainland at tax payers' expense... that is you and me and everyone who pays income taxes in Scotland.

At a time of increasing restraint on budgets, this seems crazy to me when it could be utilised here to produce power.

Recent scare stories about the health of children in the High School etc are a fallacy, since there will be a scrubber in the flue.

This is in direct contrast to all the wood and coal burning stoves in Lamlash, which put out fine particles of wood and coal dust into the atmosphere at 1 1/2 storeys height without any scrubber in the chimney.

Arran already has biomass plants at Auchrannie and Kinloch, and soon at the hospital. I have spoken to just one of the Arran builders. He had put in 64 wood burners in private houses in the last year to March 2013, and equal numbers the year before.

No scrubbers and only two connected to produce hot water.

There seems to be a belief that if there is little ash there is 100 per cent energy transfer efficiency with wood burners.

There may be in the burning, but most of the heat produced is leaving the house as hot air via the chimney as the heat is not connected to a heat distribution system in most of the homes.

Efficiency of the proposed biomass boiler is a bone of contention. At best coal fired power stations are 35 per cent efficient and by the time the electricity reaches our homes it is about 19 per cent efficient.

Climate change is coming.

Arran will be on the front line in sea temperature changes, more storms etc. Surely we must as a community be contributing to renewable, sustainable and local low carbon energy.

The wood is grown here, is cut here, so a low carbon footprint in moving it to the proposed biomass plant is an additional bonus.

It clearly meets all the criteria under the Clean Air Acts.

My belief is that many in the community are in favour of the plant, but are intimidated to write in support after the unpleasantness of a sector of the community towards those who agreed with the proposal when it was first submitted.

The public consultations with the developer since that time have been open and inclusive. Details were discussed and explained to those who wished to listen.

Yours,
**Sally Campbell
Blairbeg
Lamlash**

Biomass plant a lot of hot air

Sir,
It is obvious from his latest letter that John Inglis has learned nothing from the mass of information in the public domain informing us about the particular type of biomass plant that is proposed by NEDL for Arran.

John Inglis' assertions must be challenged. He appears to have been persuaded by answers from NEDL; it is naïve in the extreme to expect the developer to come clean regarding the noise, traffic, ash, nature of the plume, and emissions.

The efficiency level of this proposed plant (23%) is hardly comparable with the 85 to 90% efficiency of the small plants at the Auchrannie, and the Kinloch, (and proposed for the new hospital biomass plant) which in total consume around 700 tons of much drier wood per annum.

Even coal, an old technology, is more efficient at 35 to 40%; moreover, experts increasingly highlight the fact that coal is cleaner to

burn than wood (*Dirtier than Coal? RSPB and others 2012*).

The NEDL industrial plant, by comparison, will burn 40,000 tons of wetter timber; a large plume is inevitable as the steam must go somewhere from the 25 metre (80 ft, or 7 storey) stack. NEDL's proposed filter system does not use the best units available on the market, as demanded in *Biomass Guidance for Scotland*.

Thus there is a real basis for "alarm" regarding health issues, and this is recognised by the government who have already set aside £215 million to deal with respiratory ailments caused by biomass (*Richard Benyon, DEFRA February 2013*).

The few supporters of this application, including John Inglis, base their support on the alleged loss to Forest Enterprises and the taxpayer on the sale of the 'secondary' timber (Small Round Wood). Around 40,000 tons of this material is currently shipped to the mainland every year.

Any loss on the shipping of the SRW is, we are told, balanced by the profit made on the heavier log, and at the very least, the regular harvesting programme breaks even.

There is no drain from this source on Forestry Commission profits or burden on the taxpayer.

The incentive for the Forestry Commission to support NEDL's application is to increase profit margins, quite a different matter.

It is a gross misrepresentation to label the fuel stock shipped off the island as 'waste from trees'; 30,000 tons p.a. of this timber is used by Caledonian Paper Mill at Irvine.

Sixty per cent is used in the mill to produce both the heat and electricity necessary for the running of the plant (this is an efficient biomass plant), while 40 per cent is used in the paper-making process, creating value, and, at the very least, VAT income for HMRC.

The other 10,000 tons is

converted into pallets, board and other product, all producing jobs, incomes and revenue.

NAC's Environmental Department has highlighted that 'the proposal must not have a detrimental effect on local air quality' and that 'it is likely that justified noise complaints will be received' (Memo SRU33568). John Inglis has chosen to minimize these very real problems which would impact on the 'health and well-being and community safety' (Arran Local Plan 2005) of residents and visitors of Arran and the Holy Isle.

He chooses to ignore the impact of this industrial plant on the £40 million+ tourism and food engines of the Arran economy.

It is self-evident that the only Scottish island with an industrial plant would soon lose its appeal as a holiday destination.

There is a lot of potential loss for Arran, but £40 million of income to NEDL in return for producing 0.018 of Scotland's electricity.

The Community Council has posed over 80 questions to NEDL and has so far achieved a slight alteration in plant location, an improvement in the filtration system (but not the best available) and access to heat in the forest. Everything else is hot air.

Please note that the Chairman of Arran Community Council, John Inglis, does not speak for all members of the council.

**John Lamont
Burlington
Whiting Bay**

Thanks for supporting the Fèis

Sir,
The committee of Fèis Arainn would like to say a big thank you to all the youngsters who came to the Fèis last week and made it such a great success.

Also thanks to all the families and friends who gave their support to the Ceilidh and concert - one of the best! Our gratitude is due to many

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We much appreciate all the encouraging and friendly support we receive from so many people on the island and beyond.

Our main funding continues to come from Fèisean nan Gàidheal (funded by Creative Scotland) and North Ayrshire Council and this year we also received a grant from the Arran Society of Glasgow. Tapadh leibh.

We are looking forward to next year already!

Moran taing a h-uile duine - Many thanks everyone.

Yours,
Aileen McLaughlin
Treasurer
Fèis Arainn

Garden thanks

Sir,
Many thanks for your help in putting the details of my open garden day in your last issue.

I think everyone had a pleasant visit and I thank them for their generosity in raising £303 for the Lifeboat Funds.

Yours,
Mary Dick
Mainslea
Whiting Bay

Concern for dogs in hot weather

Sir,

I visited Largs last week, a day of pure delight, until I came across the plight of a wee dog, shut in a hot car in the car park off the Main Street near Morrisons.

There was no-one near to help, I had to be on the Waverley at 4.50 but in the hot humid day I was very concerned for the poor dog.

Dogs can die very quickly under these hot, distressing conditions.

Surely caring owners should know this.

Yours,
Anne Hodge
Spindrif
Whiting Bay

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions in Stirling had forward 1,096 store cattle and cast cows, and 4,462 prime lambs, hogs and ewes.

Bullocks: Craigdhu (Charloais) £1,070, 264p; Tighnafreoch (Charloais) £1,060, 230p; Creagraineach (Charloais) £930, 240p; Tighnafreoch (Aberdeen Angus) £1,025, 240p; Creagraineach (Aberdeen Angus) £855, 230p; Knowe (Simmental) £800, 226p; Bellevue (Simmental) £750, 233p; Bloomfield (Saler) £735, 217p; Knowe (Holstein) £580, 151p; Creagraineach (Limousin) £730, 219p.

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Hogs: Cosyden (Cheviot) £56.

Rams: Springfield (Bluefaced Leicester) £82.50, North Sannox (Black Face) £65.50.

Horticultural society trophies sought

Previous winners of both the spring and summer Horticultural Society shows are being reminded to hand their trophies in for engraving.

A committee meeting was held last week and arrangements have been finalised for the summer show on the Wednesday 14 August.

Show schedules are now available from post offices and Kilmory hall, and are available online.

Donations of baking for the tea room, and raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

John Sillars of the Arran Horticultural Society said: 'As we are short handed this year, any help on the day of the show would be appreciated.'

Big summer of research for COAST

The waters around Arran are playing host to a variety of exciting research projects this summer, all focusing on how to reinvigorate marine life in the Clyde.

Measure

The aim is to measure the success of the protection given to Arran's underwater habitats within both the existing No Take Zone (NTZ) in Lamlash Bay and the larger, proposed Marine Protected Area (MPA) across the entirety of the south of the island.

Scientists from the universities of York and Glasgow are examining everything from population increases in protected scallops to the best way to bait an underwater video camera.

Licenses

Researchers from the University of York - led by PhD student Leigh Howarth - have licenses from Marine Scotland to conduct diving and boat surveys to assess the abundance, size and age of four commercially important shellfish species: the king scallop the queen scallop, the common lobster and the brown crab.

Four-year-study

The final year of a four-year study, Leigh and his team will gauge whether individuals of these species within the Lamlash Bay NTZ

are more abundant, larger and older than those found outside the area.

The first of two PhD researchers from the University of Glasgow, Sophie Elliott, is also monitoring those fish species that once supported the Clyde's extensive fishing industry; specifically what type of habitat is favoured by juvenile gadoids such as cod, haddock and whiting.

Techniques

Using stereo-video camera techniques to observe young individuals as they arrive at coastal waters, Sophie will capture images of these animals, allowing for accurate measurement and an insight into how stocks of this vital marine resource can best be safeguarded at this crucial stage in their life cycle.

Finally, Joanne Clarke - also completing a PhD with the University of Glasgow - is trialing different underwater camera techniques to observe which are the most effective in measuring fish population and body sizes.

Methodology

By considering the role played by camera bait, current movement and other factors, Joanne hopes to develop an effective, non-destructive methodology that will help in compiling baseline data on fish abundance for the proposed South Arran MPA.

The aim is to measure the success of the protection given to Arran's underwater habitats within the existing No Take Zone in Lamlash Bay.



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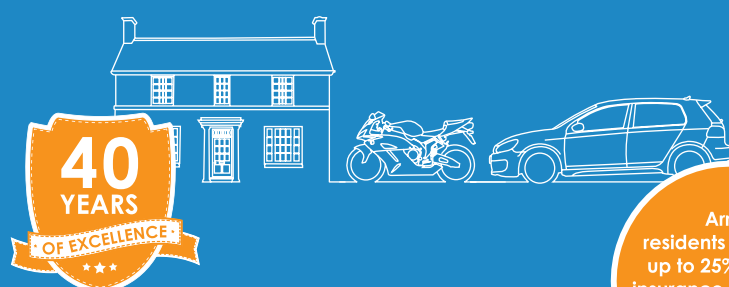
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The pin the map game proves popular. 20_b31ranza03



Lochranza resident John Ford has a go at 'splat the rat'. 20_b31ranza16



Volunteers have a busy time behind the burger bar. 20_b31ranza05

An extravaganza of fun at Lochranza

There was big turnout at the Lochranza Extravaganza held in the village on Wednesday 24 July.

The event advertised 'something for everyone' and that was certainly true.

The outdoor stalls were popular selling books, bric and brac, jams and other wares.

And volunteers at the burger stall and tea room had a busy time.

While the tombola, raffle and pin the map game proved popular. And there was even a fortune teller.

Nearly every child there appeared to have their face painted and outside they enjoyed golf, football and 'splat the rat' games.

Highlight

But the highlight of the day which attracted a big crowd and a good entry was the dog show.

The entrants were put through their paces in a series of categories. In the final 'best in show' round all the winners of the categories came together to chose an overall winner.

It was won by visitor Joan Pickavance from The Wirral with her Chihuahua Cloe.

Runner-up was Darren Shaw from Bailieston, Glasgow with Mattie and third was Julie Graham from Lochranza with Jock.

Entertaining day

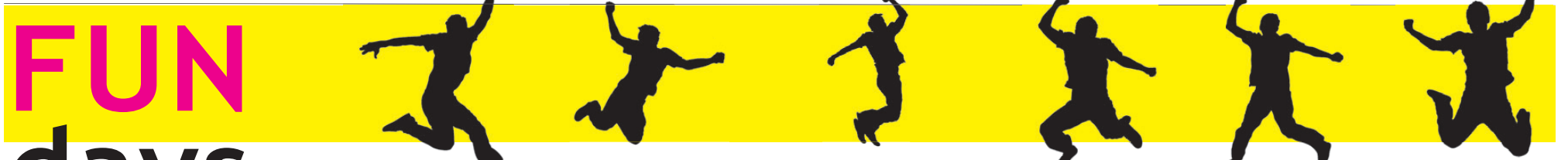
A series of children's races were then held including, running, egg and spoon and three legged events before the finale of an adult and child piggy back race rounding off an entertaining day.



Eddie O'Neill makes a scary tiger with his face painted. 20_b31ranza02



Young runners look determined as they near the finish line. 20_b31ranza12



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Mums and dads take part with their kids in the piggy back race. 20_b31ranza15



Not as easy as it looks - the three legged race. 20_b31ranza14



Scott O'Neill gets a helping hand at the golf game from granddad Archie Cumming. 20_b31ranza07



Best in show winner Joan Pickavance with dog Cloe. 20_b31ranza10



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Donna Gold behind the jam stall. 20_b31ranza04

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District governor visits Arran Rotary Club

Mr Lee gave his views as to how Rotary could expand

Arran Rotary Club welcomed Richard Lee, the current District Governor, to address their meeting last week.

He was introduced by Arran's new President, Bill Roberts and he began a very interesting talk on his views as to how Rotary could expand and encourage new members to join and also his vision for the future.

Governor Richard then told the club about how his arduous job progressed from an initial two years training before taking office.

He said it requires dedication, hard work, commitment, but above all a great belief in the Rotary Organisation and what it stands for and aims to achieve to help the world's people achieve basic things like food to eat, help in time of

hardship whether man-made as in wars or natural disasters which occur all too often.

He told the Club that there are 529 District Governors worldwide each with different approaches to the job and with so many different and difficult problems to solve.

Vision

His own vision of Rotary above all is to engage more people in the movement and to help them to change the lives of people when they are called upon to do so when help is needed in which ever part of the world.

Results, which he is so pleased to see worldwide, include the increasing number of youth competitions Rotary sets up every year which are proving so popular.

These young people are

Rotary's future and must be encouraged to keep looking ahead.

Nearer to home he commented on the Wishing Well by Brodick pier and had been delighted to hear that the financial results each year total about £1,000 which is used only for the Arran community - to fund appeals for help from organisations and individuals wishing to achieve personal goals.

Next he gave ideas of how to constantly seek to recruit new members, reminding them that on the mainland, Irvine Club has recently had to give up and cease to be, partly due to lack of support and members retiring due to age and not being replaced by younger people.

On the positive side he saw



Arran Rotary's president Bill Roberts with the district governor, Richard Lee.

the 2014 Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow to be a great opportunity to bring new life to the Rotary movement as networking could result in bringing people into Rotary.

Questions followed and the speaker listened to members asking that for example, some consideration should

be given to clubs like Arran, Rothesay and Campbeltown for whom the cost of sending members to Conferences and meetings on the mainland can be restrictive and maybe some help could be given so that they do not become out of touch with Rotary on the mainland.

Governor Richard promised

to carry the club's views back to his committees.

A vote of thanks was given by the president Bill Roberts for the thought-provoking address which the Club had enjoyed and member Gillean Bussell gave him a bouquet of flowers to give to his wife who had not been able to be present at the meeting.



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Now spanning three different centuries, with extensive entries of the best cattle, sheep and horses that the island can showcase, the Show is a celebration of all farming life on Arran.

Livestock judging will take place throughout the day with the competition culminating in the final overhead judging of the champions at 2.30pm followed by the prizegiving.

One of the star entertainments this year will be the The Clan - a cycle stunt team formed in 2008. The Clan consist of the finest bike riders from Scotland and beyond who put on amazing stunt shows across the UK.

Scotland's Premiere Cycle Stunt Team, The Clan, will be performing in the main ring at 12noon and 2pm and Duncan Shaw and Ali C can certainly guarantee the 'wow' factor and should not be missed.

Another big attraction as always is the island's biggest dog show which attracts entrants from far and wide.

As well as the livestock there will be around 50 trade stands and food purveyors with entertainment for all ages. Throughout the day there will also be performances by the Jazz Cafe Band, Arran Highland Dancers and the much-loved Arran Pipe Band.

There will also be demonstrations of horseshoeing, chainsaw wood sculpture, butter churning, spinning and weaving as well as some glorious birds of prey.

And Murray Boal will be on hand with his digger challenge and amazingly popular dog scurry alongside Margaret Kay who will have a display of her dog agility classes.

A parade and display of vintage tractors has recently become one of the most popular attractions at the show and they will be there again this year.

The Arran Show is a wonderful day out for all the family so come along and enjoy the fun.

Exhibitors are reminded that white coats should be worn, and that all cattle and sheep must be brought on to the showfield via the track beside Arran Provisions at the bottom of the Ross Road.

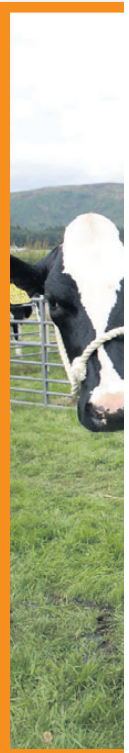
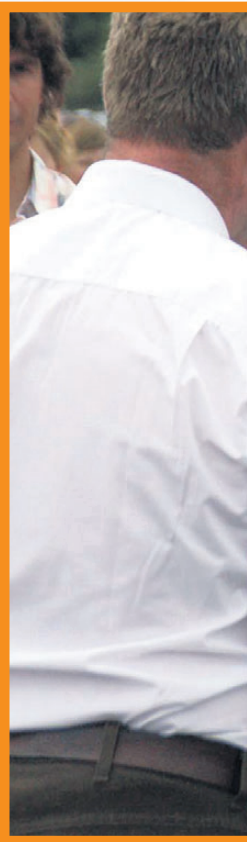
Ponies must come on to the field by the gate at the entrance to the Glenkiln drive.

Ample visitor car parking will be available in the field adjacent to the show.

Due to the extended ferry service this summer there will also be plenty of return crossings running throughout the day to carry passengers and cars.

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9.30am

Horse and pony judging starts

10.30am

Parade of vintage tractors

10.30am

Entries taken for the dog show

11am

Arran Highland Dancers

11.30am

Cattle and sheep judging starts

12noon

Cycle display by The Clan

12noon

Dog Show judging starts

12.30pm

Parade of vintage tractors in main ring

1pm

Arran Highland Dancers

1.30pm

Isle of Arran Pipe Band

2pm

Cycle display by The Clan

2.30pm

Overhead judging of livestock

3pm

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Gaelic heritage celebrated at Fèis Arainn

Celebrating Arran's Gaelic heritage, the annual Fèis Arainn was deemed another great success at its closing concert on Friday afternoon.

All week youngsters from Arran and further afield have been learning to play traditional Scottish instruments while also absorbing themselves in the Gaelic culture of songs, poetry and drama.

The theme for this year's Fèis was 'Runrig' so naturally many of the songs played

and sung by the children were written by the well known rock band of the same name.

As local Gaelic singer Mairi Macinnes explained in her introduction, the term 'runrig' refers to an ancient system of farming, evidence of which can still be seen in some parts of Arran.

Aileen McLaughlin, the Fèis organiser said that she was overwhelmed once again by the talent and enthusiasm of the children.

She said: 'The youngsters have been a very happy and productive group of children that have been a delight to work with.'

'We are also so grateful to all the support and encouragement we receive from North Ayrshire Council and the Fèisean nan Gaidheal, which allows us to continue year after year.'

She added: 'Thanks also to the wonderful volunteers and the fantastic tutors who give up their time to pass on their talents to the children

'We couldn't do it without it all.'

Tutors this year included accordionist Grant MacFarlane, Celtic art with Cil Paul, clarsach player Eilidh Munro and Melissa Deans a drama teacher.

There was also Steve Fivey on drums, fiddler Celine Donoghue and guitarist Ewan McDonald with Scott Wood on the pipes and chanter and of course the much loved Mairi Macinnes of Lamlash who once again taught the youngsters singing.



All the youngsters take to the stage for the finale. 20_b31fes05



The drama this year was 'Runrig's Revenge'. 20_b31fes04



The clarsach is always a favourite instrument to learn. 20_b31fes02

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Oisean Gold and tutor Scott Wood open the concert on their pipes. 20_b31fes01



Iona Summer from Whiting Bay impressed with her incredible fiddling. 20_b31fes06



Steve Fivey and some of his young drummers. 20_b31fes03

Bid to protect marine life in south Arran

If designated it would increase protection for the iconic marine species and habitats which make South Arran their home

South Arran could soon be designated as a Marine Protected Area.

The area includes the largest seagrass bed in the Clyde which is in the shallow waters of Whiting Bay.

It is one of 33 sites the Scottish government has named in a joint marine consultation that has been launched to help decide how Scotland's seas are managed in the future.

If designated it would increase protection for the iconic marine species and habitats which make South Arran their home. Three other areas are in the Clyde.

A 16-week consultation has been launched and pub-

lic event to consider the plan will be held in the Ormidale Pavilion on Tuesday 27 August.

The possible MPA encompasses the waters from just north of Drumadoon Point on the west coast, to Corriegills Point on the east and includes the current No Take Zone in Lamlash Bay



COAST chairman Howard Wood said the government is to be applauded for showing leadership on MPAs.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has welcomed the proposal says it will bring real environmental, social and economic benefits by protecting and helping to restore fragile marine habitats in the coastal waters.

They say fish spawning and nursery grounds as well as in-



Fish spawning and nursery grounds as well as intricate maerl beds will receive long-overdue protection from bottom trawling and dredging.

tricate maerl beds will receive long-overdue protection from bottom trawling and dredging if the proposal is properly implemented.

The waters around the southern end of Arran are a patchwork of maerl beds, kelp and seaweeds on sediments, burrowed mud, coarse shell gravels with burrowing bivalves, and seagrass beds to name but a few.

COAST chairman Howard Wood said: 'Communities with an interest in the health and productivity of their coastal waters are right behind the government's proposed MPA network. The government are to be applauded for showing leadership on MPAs but we must make sure they do not cave into pressure from those with a vested interest in the status quo as has happened in England and Wales.'

'The Clyde, once famous for supplying much of the West of Scotland with its plentiful herring and white fish is

currently in a degraded state with no viable commercial fisheries apart from prawns and scallops remaining. Marine Scotland is quite clear that the main reason for this is historic overfishing.'

'Current fishing practices including bottom trawling which results in up to 9kg of by-catch for every one kilo of prawns harvested, and scallop dredging which lays important fish nursery grounds to waste, have compounded the problem. Our seas require both spatial and effort control if they are to recover from years of mismanagement and this will require leadership from the Scottish government.'

COAST says that MPAs can play an important part in rethinking how we manage our coastal waters. In other parts of the world such as New Zealand they have proved a real source of local economic improvement and pride. Scotland should embrace this op-

portunity and demonstrate a real commitment to the sustainable management of our seas.

Environment Secretary Richard Lochhead said: 'Scotland's seas are fundamental to our way of life. They are a vast and vital natural resource which provide energy, food

and recreation. We must protect and enhance our marine environment so that it remains a prized asset for future generations. This government has worked hard to introduce marine planning and the National Marine Plan will help achieve the balance needed for sustainable growth.'



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The duck derby was just one of the games in the garden.



Every ticket won a prize at the tombola.

Summer sun shines on church fete

The glorious weather brought the crowds out for the annual Brodick Church summer fete.

The bagpipes were played and Frances Corbett opened the fete.

There were many stalls to choose from including delicious home baking, the bottle stall, where every ticket won a prize, treasure hunt and a lovely cool church to peruse the incredible choice of books on sale. A variety of games to entertain everyone were held in the garden including the popular duck derby.

This event would not have been possible without the dedicated help of too many people to mention and the generosity of local businesses. On behalf of Brodick Church thank you and I hope each and everyone who came along and supported us enjoyed the day

The prize winners were: Treasure Hunt, Ann Cameron; Garden planter, Ian Grant; Knitted dolls, Conner Reid;

Quiz, Betty McKay, Barhead. Answers for quiz: 1 late Buttons 7 Turkish Delight 8 Milky Way 9 Quality Street 10 Bon Bons 11 Smarties 12 Jelly Babies 13 Edinburgh Rock 14 Double Decker 15 Fruit Gums 16 Mini Egg 17 Snicker 18 Maltesers 19 Starburst 20 Topic.



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Summer concert delights at Corrie Church

Local musical talent on show

An impressive array of local musical talent was on show at Corrie Church last Wednesday night.

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The talented youngsters from Sannox, Shiskine and Whiting Bay were directed by Lorna Buchanan, a very accomplished pianist.

Ann Pringle, who was in the audience, said: 'For such young people to hold an audience enthralled is no mean feat and they certainly showed us how it could be done.'

This concert in Corrie, unlike those in the past, was

only for one night and the next one on August 10 will also take on an entirely new format.

Cantamus, a singing group from Fife, are an extremely talented set of performers and do extracts from operetta, musical and easy listening music and they will be making their first trip to Arran.

Guest performer

As a guest performer they will also have the well-known local violinist Angus Anderson.

The church hope people will come along and support this concert as they have the others in Corrie Church which lends itself to such performances.



The entertainers for the evening were Iain Clarke, Finlay Murchie, Fraser Blain, Olivia Barker, Ellie Ewing and Lorna Buchanan and the compere was Colin Hunter.

Tractor rally at Arran Heritage Museum

The third restored vintage tractor rally will take place at the Arran Heritage Museum on Sunday 11 August.

There is an open invitation for all enthusiasts to bring along their vintage tractors on the day, with the event starting at 1.30pm.

Following the judging, a prize will be presented to the best turned out vehicle and all entrants will receive a rosette.

Further enquiries should be made to Tom Macleod on 302185.

Silver ring Found

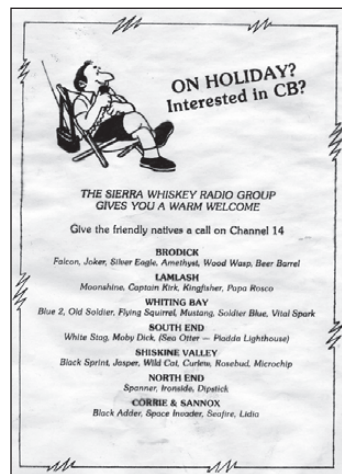
A small silver ring was found outside the Arran Brewery at Cladach last Wednesday afternoon.

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Arran hams had a handle on CB radio

Even Pladda Lighthouse had a handle - Sea Otter



The Sierra Whiskey Radio Group was formed 30 years ago on Arran and they even advertised for holidaymakers to get involved.

Back before the days of Facebook and Twitter people still had the desire to communicate with other like minded individuals.

It led to a form of social media which may have been primitive but had a huge following.

We are talking Citizens' Band radio, which was simply known as CB, with all of its elaborate codenames, call signs and distinctive lingo, because until 1981 it was illegal in the UK.

On Arran the Sierra Whiskey Radio Group was formed and 30 years ago they even advertised for holidaymakers to get involved.

There were seven groups across the island and they urged visitors to: 'Give the friendly natives a call on Channel 14'.

Members of the Arran group had some weird and wonderful names, or handles, as

they were known including: Beer Barrel, Papa Rosco, Flying Squirrel, White Stag, Space Invader and Solider Blue to name but a few.

It seems even Pladda Lighthouse had a handle - Sea Otter.

Illegally

The craze began with a small but growing number of people illegally using American CB radios during the late 1970s and early 1980s, but its prominence grew in Britain partly due to the popularity of novelty songs like CW McCall's 'Convoy' and Laurie Lingo and The Dipsticks' 'Convoy GB' in 1976 both of which were Top 5 hits and the film Convoy in 1978.

By 1980, CB radio had become so popular a pastime that the government was reluctantly forced to make it legal.

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Go west for some of the best beaches

Holidaymakers have been singing the praises of some of Arran's best beaches. It follows criticism of Brodick Beach last month which has been branded a disgrace with calls for urgent remedial action to restore it to its former glory.



The skies close in on Pirmill Beach. 20_b31beach07

But islanders have been quick to point out it is not the only beach on the island and that others remain as picturesque as ever.

One of the best is at Blackwaterfoot a wide expanse of beach which stretches for miles north of the village.

Enjoying the sun and the surf with 18 month-old daughter Ailsa was Gillian Daniel who lives at Balmichael Estate.

Gillian said: 'I love this beach. I think it is best on the island. You can walk for miles and it is so safe for Ailsa to run around.'

Robbie McNeil on holiday with wife Alie and 18-month-old son Struan from Milngavie, East Dunbartonshire said: 'It really is a fantastic beach, so picturesque and the surf is so shallow for Struan to paddle in. We are staying in Blackwaterfoot and will certainly be back down again as often as possible.'

Margaret and Gerald Gaunt from Leeds were enjoying the view while reading in



Gillian Daniel with Ailsa on Blackwaterfoot Beach. 20_b31beach01

their deckchairs at Dougarie Beach north of Machrie. Margaret said: 'What a delightful beach. We were driving down the coast and just stopped as it seemed such a lovely spot. We have been to Arran before and have friends in the church who also come regularly.'

Andrew Lewis on holiday with his wife and two daughters from Lochwinnoch, was fighting with a kite on the beach and agreed: 'It is a great spot with soft sand and a safe shallow surface. We were here at the weekend and it was glorious, it is just a little more windy today.'

Paul Johnston on holiday with wife Aileen and sons Fraser and Cameron along with Alison Wilkie and daughter Lee-Anne had stopped for a break in Pirmill having cycled from Kildonan.

Paul and his family from

Perthshire said: 'I am no expert but the beaches I have seen all look really nice and they are so clean. We have been surfing and swimming and the kids are really enjoying it.'

Alison added: 'The beaches are really nice particularly

Silver Sands at Kildonan. I have a beach near my home in Fife which is also called Silver Sands and they are both so picturesque in their own way.'

So the beaches around the island are still a big winner with visitors.



The vast open expanse of Blackwaterfoot Beach. 20_31beach03

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Saturday 7 August, 1993

Lucky escape

Just eight weeks ago Morven Campbell was in one of the worst road accidents on the island for some time when her mini was involved in a head on collision at the top of Lamlash hill.

She was lucky to escape with two broken vertebrae in her neck and it was fortunate that the accident took place so near medical help and most of all that she was not moved until ambulancemen Dougie Henderson and Neil Gillies arrived on the scene.

She has now been fitted with a contraption called a 'halo jacket' which she will have to keep on for the next five weeks.

Cash row

Residents in Whiting Bay are engaged in an animated debate over a £70,000 environmental improvement scheme for the village.

The plan would realign and close off the south entrance to the car park in the village centre, screen the park with bushes and trees and build a bay for a bottle bank. It would also have salvaged marine artefacts on display.

But the plans have split the village 50/50 as residents desperately want two things, sea defences and completion of their pavement, which this money does not address.

Bitter lemon

More than 300 young people turned up for the Big Band Night in Whiting Bay.

It was organised by Bish Smeir of Corrie who is rapidly becoming Arran's newest and most vigorous impresario of young people's entertainment.

And the Big Band night is another step forward in organising events with school chum Wayne Hemming of Lamlash and the pair now

call themselves Bitter Lemon Promotions.

Five bands took part: The Rooters, Utopia, Feel the Width, Cloud 9 and Grayam and Derek.

Off road tracks

Two proposed off road tracks at Kilmory and Shiskine have met an unanticipated number of objections.

Last week a sub committee of the planning committee visited both sites, one of which is much closer to a number of dwellings than the 1000 metre limit.

Councillor Tom Knox said: 'The council must take into account anything that is going to create employment, but Shiskine is a quiet area and we must take into account the feelings of the people living there.'



Married in Kildonan last Friday were Lesley, elder daughter of John and Dorothy Smith of Whiting Bay, and John Van Bogerijen of Kildonan. b31twe04

Sheepdog trails

Geoff Brookes of South Bank Farm Park, winner of the Kildonan Sheepdog Trials, is moving on in the sheepdog world. He has just returned from Castle Fraser in Aberdeenshire having been invited to take part in the Gram-pian Television Dog Trials.

And next week he travels south to Ballantrae to compete in the Scottish National Trials.

His dogs Sweep and Nell do much of the work, of course, and tribute goes to his training of them.

Bus break-in

A Western Scottish bus parked outside the Greannan Hotel in Blackwaterfoot was broken into last Saturday night and the ticket machine stolen.



Morven Campbell with her ambulance heroes Dougie Henderson (left) and Neil Gillies. b31twe01



Gig promoter Bish Smeir (far right) with local band Feel the Width. b31twe03

The previous night a sailing dinghy was stolen from Lamlash Pier.

Holy Isle retreat

With the competition for designs for two retreat centres on Holy Isle well under way, it seems that use of water sources will be just as important an aspect of judging as will the

appearance of the buildings.

Thom McCarthy of the Samye Ling Centre said: 'It's a major part of the design to look at ways of overcoming the water problem either with desalination or a system of drainage like using reed beds.'

'We've had water experts on Holy Isle from Strathclyde University. Another idea is to catch all available rainwater.'



Sally Brookes who runs South Bank Farm Park with husband Geoff. b31twe02

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What's on

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
Brodick Castle, Garden Open
Arran Heritage Museum
Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour

Loch Garbad, Boat and Bank fishing
Daily 9am-Dusk
10.30am – 4.30pm
Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12.30pm-4.30pm
2pm

Food and craft market
Garden Walk
Tots Tours
Castle Secrets
Cricket Practice
Scottish Country Dancing
Exhibition of Arran Paintings

Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodick Castle, 1.30pm - 2.15pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Ormidale Astroturf, Brodick 7pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am-5.30pm

Saturday 3rd August

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games
Lawn Bowls
RNLI shop
Shield & Sword Painting for Children
Viking Games
Face Painting for children
Viking Battle
Boat Procession
Bonfire and Boat burning
Dance in Hall
Cricket Fun Day
Live Music
Uphellya Day

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodick, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Corrie Hall, 12.30-2.30pm
Corrie hotel Beer Garden, 3pm
Corrie Hotel, 7.30pm
Sandstone Quay, 9pm
Corrie, 9.20pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 9.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 9.40pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 12noon
Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm - late
Corrie, all day from 12.30pm

Wednesday 7th August

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Run Arran (Advanced)
Northend Football Training
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Shiskine Tennis Club
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games
Dinosaurs, Celts & Vikings Walk
Vile Victorians
Summer Ceilidh
Open Garden/Trains
Exhibition of Arran Paintings
Arran Show
SWRI Annual Show

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Brodick Castle, 11.30am-3.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodick Hall, 8pm-11pm
47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash 10am-5pm
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am-5.30pm
Glenkiln, Lamlash, from 9.30am
Lamlash High School, 10am-4pm

Sunday 4th August

Alcoholics anonymous speaker meeting
New AI-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Open Mic Session
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
RNLI shop
PHT Quiz
Victorian Day
Exhibition of Arran Paintings

Brodick Village Hall, 1-3pm
Call 601206 for details
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm – 3.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Brodick castle, 11-4pm
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am-5.30pm

Thursday 8th August

Village Market & Tearoom
Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Live music
Weight Watchers
Lawn Bowls
Shiskine Tennis Club
Yoga
Bronze Age Roundhouse Experience
Family Ceilidh
Open Garden/Trains
Live Jazz with Joni
Joy Dunlop in Concert
Exhibition of Arran Paintings

W/Bay Village Hall, 11-2pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-11.00pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Adults 6pm onwards
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Castle, 10.30am -12noon & 2pm-3.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm
47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash 10am-5pm
Drift inn, Lamlash 8-10pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am-5.30pm

Monday 5th August

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis
Badminton
Arran Junior Football Club
Summer Bridge Tournament
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games
Yoga
W-Bay and Kildonan Church Coffee morning
Paintings Tour
Lunch club
Coffee morning RNLI
Exhibition of Arran Paintings

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12noon
Whiting Bay Church 10.30-12 noon
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Lamlash sheltered housing, 12noon
Lamlash, 10.15-noon
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am-5.30pm

Friday 9th August

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Brodick Farmers Market
Active Buggies (Parents & Buggies)
Castle Secrets Tour
Open Garden/Trains
Pond Dip
Exhibition of Arran Paintings

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
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 10am
Brodick Castle, 11.30am - 1pm
47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash 10am-5pm
Brodick Castle, 3.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am-5.30pm

Tuesday 6th August

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Streetly Dance pre school
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7
Youth Club
Weight Watchers
Junior Hockey Club
Healthy Outdoors
Run Arran (intermediate)
Lawn Bowls
Quiz

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm
St Molios Church Hall, 7pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
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Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm



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WEDDINGS



Mark McConnell, son of Jack and Bridget McConnell and grandson of Willie and Elizabeth, was married to Carly Free in the House of Lords on Saturday 6 July. Mark and Carly both teach in Dubai and following their honeymoon they will be visiting Arran.

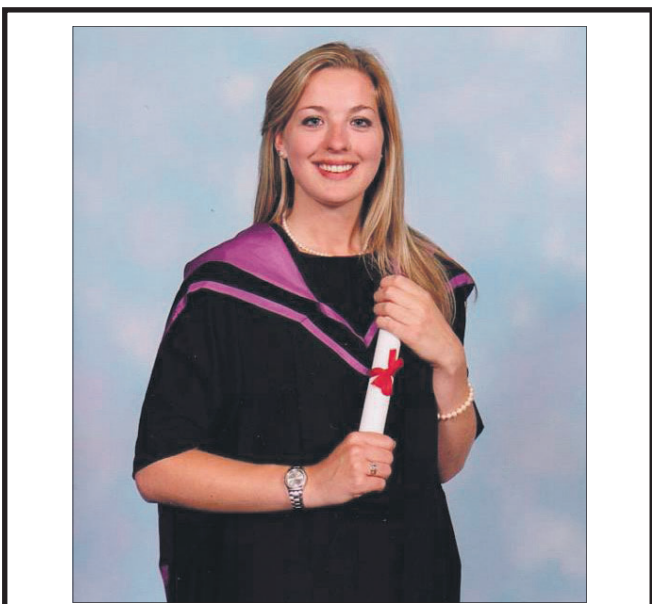


Congratulations to Alan Jeffrey and Desiree Murphy, who were married in Danbury Connecticut U.S.A on the 22nd June. Lots of love to you both from your family and friends on Arran.

GRADUATION



On the 28th June, Lauren Boal of Brodick graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Veterinary nursing from Edinburgh Napier University.



Congratulations to Trina McDonald for achieving a MA with honours in Business and Management at Glasgow University on June 20th. With love from all the family.

THANK YOU

Iain Johnston would like to sincerely thank all the many friends who sent cards and gifts on the occasion of his recent "big" birthday. Despite all attempts to keep the occasion "quiet", the amazing response was quite overwhelming.

Many thanks to all who made it along to "the party" and I do hope that the friendly occasion was enjoyed by all. I must also express my gratitude to the chefs and staff at Auchrannie who organised, prepared and hosted such an excellent and delicious buffet on the night.

It all goes to show that there is more than a little generosity of spirit in our neighbourhood.

Many thanks again to all.

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Sunday 4th August
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The Rev Adrian Fallows, Glencoe.
Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together.
Minister: Rev Angus Adamson, Parish Assistant: Mrs Jean Hunter.
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited.
Sunday 4th August
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon
A Service of Worship including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 4th August
Kilmory 10am
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In both Churches: Mrs Sharon Macleod
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Saturday 4th August
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 4th August
11 a.m. Morning Worship in The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
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Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
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Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Marcus McCullough
Holiday Club 5th & 6th Aug - Reg form sent into Margaret

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(continuing)
Sunday 4th August
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Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7th August
at 7pm
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BIRTH

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Calum and Jenny are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Luca David on the 18th July.

DEATH

QUINN

Brian of Sheigra, Brodick passed away on 29th July 2013 at his home in Glasgow with his family by his side.

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The winners at the Lamlash Ladies Open. On the left is Sandy Lawson the overall winner, centre is Jo Hastings the lady Captain and right is Val Crawford who won the best scratch.

Sandy wins Lamlash Ladies Open

Sandy Lawson became the first woman to win the Lamlash Ladies Open twice when she triumphed in the tournament last week.

Sixty one ladies competed in the annual competition on a beautiful sunny day - the only complaint heard all day was that it was too hot!

Naturally, in the conditions, some good scores were returned with six ladies managing to return scores below the SS.

Although many of the visiting ladies returned good scores, most of the main prizes were won by local ladies with two of our off island members taking the trophies. Sandy Lawson became the first lady to win the Open Day Trophy for the second time with an excellent 61 with Val Crawford taking the Scratch Cup with a 73.

After some light hearted quizzes and even Bingo, the raffle was drawn followed by the prize giving. Ladies' Captain, Jo Hastings, began by giving

ENGAGEMENT

FLETCHER AND FRESHNEY

Rev & Mrs Paul Fletcher of Slidery are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dr Rebecca Jane Buchanan Fletcher to Mr Scott Reginald Freshney son of Mr & Mrs Malcolm Freshney of Gympie Queensland, Australia.

a very comprehensive vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to the smooth running of the competition and also to the sponsors who had provided prizes at every hole.

The course was in fantastic condition and the greens were good thanks to the hard work done by Jim McKenzie and his greens staff and a group of members had also completed work on the course recently that included dredging the pond at the sixth. Stuart and Holly and their staff worked hard all day providing a good selection of food and probably more soft drinks than ever before. Results: Open Day Cup - Sandy Lawson 94-33=61. Scratch Cup-Val Crawford 73. Silver 1 Morag Gardner 81-18=63BIH over 2 Viv Parks

80-17=63, 3 Fiona Crawford 80-14=66 BIH over Jean Barclay and Susan Butchard. Bronze 1 Frances Oxburgh 85-23=62, 2 Jennifer McArthur 88-25=63, 2 Lynne Bean 87-23=64 BIH over Carol Bleasdale, Margaret Robertson and June Murray. Platinum Girl - Jennifer McArthur. Fewest Putts - Jackie Winship.

Sponsored hole Winners: 1 sponsored by Sandy Lawson - Val Crawford, 2 sponsored by JW Boal Contractors - Jerry Arthur, 3 sponsored by Robertson's Fine Foods - Susan Butchard, 4 sponsored by Lilybank Guest House - Carol Bleasdale, 5 sponsored by Arran Adventure - Ellie Jones, 6 sponsored by Fulton Decorators - June Murray, 7 sponsored by The Curtain House - Liz Robertson,

8 sponsored by Jean Barclay - Christine Milroy, 9 sponsored by Middleton Camping - Flora Jean Mack, 10 sponsored by Garden Machinery Services - Fiona Crawford, 11 sponsored by Kinneil Development co - June Richardson, 12 sponsored by Anne McVicar - Clair Barclay, 13 sponsored by Arran Aromatics - Irene Cameron, 14 sponsored by Lamlash Co-op - Dorothy Dixon, 15 sponsored by Stonewater House - Carol Bleasdale, 16 sponsored by Margaret Murchie - Christine Milroy, 17 sponsored by Brenda Livingstone - Clair Barclay, 18 sponsored by Trish Martin - Viv Parks. Longest drive silver sponsored by Yvonne Brothers - Jen Maxwell, Longest drive bronze sponsored by Jackie Winship - Dorothy Dixon.

Brodick Bowling Club's recent results

Monday 1 July: Charles Hendry and Jim Gourlay (+9).
Wednesday 3 July: Jim Gourlay and Jim Neville (+24).
Saturday 6 July, Charlie Weir, Charles Hendry and Ann Hollingworth (+13).
Monday 8 July: Colin Haggerty and Ann Whattam (+20).
Wednesday 10 July: Charles Hendry and Ann Hollingworth (+21), Saturday 13 July: John McConnachie and Charles Hendry (+31).
Monday 15 July: Charlie Weir and John Lauder (+18),
Wednesday 17 July: Tony Wooden, Ann Hollingworth and Jim Nichols (+9), Saturday 20 July: Peter Lee and John Robinson (+27).
Monday 22 July: Jim Gourlay and Charles Hendry (+3),
Wednesday 24 July: Robert Crawford, Colin Adams and Lynn McVicar (+14), Saturday 27 July: Colin Adams, Ann Hollingworth and John McConnachie (+14).

Summer bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 29 July were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Roddie Thompson and Eendy McNiven, 3 Douglas and Margaret Bruce.
E/W 1 Maggie and Alec Gee, 2 Evelyn Sillars and Margaret Macgill, 3 Jennifer Wales and Helen Young.

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Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 24 July, Gents 18 Hole Medal, 7 played. 1 and Scratch W Paton 71-6=65 BIH, 2 D Brown 82-17=65, 3 P Horne 82-15=67. Magic twos from P Horne at the 7th and W Paton at the 12th.

120 Ladies played in the Open Greensomes on what turned out to be a glorious day.

The day was much better than the forecast and we were very lucky to avoid the thunderstorm and torrential rain which struck Lochranza in the late afternoon.

Many thanks to head Greenkeeper Stewart Fotheringham and his team for the wonderful condition of the course and to Tom at Felicity's and his team for keeping everyone fed and watered throughout the day.

Dougie and Hamish in the Starter's box did a sterling job as usual making sure the unruly hordes of women teed off on time with their goody bags - many thanks guys!

There were wonderful prizes to be won at every hole or in the raffle and thanks are due to all lady members both mainland and local for providing such a great display.

To everyone who helped writing cards, selling raffle tickets, buying prizes, setting up etc. a very grateful thanks and a very special thank you to Piet for doing all the hard work sending out notices, arranging times, printing lists etc.

Prize Winners at Shiskine Ladies Open 2013: 1 Mary Tod & Mary Jo Tod 36.5, 2 Diane Baldwin & Michelle Anderson 37, 3 Jackie Nisbitt & Carol Simpson 38. Scratch Christine

Maxton & Riona Culpan 46. Least Putts Diane Baldwin & Michelle Anderson 18. Platinum Mary Dias & Marion Porter 38.5.

Hole Prize Winners; Hole 1 Nearest pin in 3 Alison McKellar & Helen Lennox, 2 Longest drive Jen Maxwell & Beth Gordon, 3 Mystery prize Lesley Wilkie & Linda McIntyre, 4 Nearest the pin Liz Caldon & Ellie Jones, 5 Longest putt sunk Heather Raeside & Lesley Murray, 6 Nearest pin in 2 Elizabeth Ross & Dorothy Gibbs, 7 Mystery Prize June Richardson & Dorothy Dickson, 8 Nearest pin in 2 Louise McAlister & Carole Stewart, 9 Longest Drive Kema Genda & Elizabeth Kelso, 10 Nearest the pin Sheena Murchie & Kate McAdam, 11 Longest putt sunk Sandy Lawson & Sherie Walker, 12 Nearest the pin Christina McPherson & Dorothy Woodger.

Saturday 27 July, Charlie Sym Rosebowl, 21 played. First Class 1 H Barkham 25 points, 2 L Towns 24 points, 3 K McKinlay 22 points. Second Class 1 Q Oliver 28 points (Winner), 2 M Taylor 27 points, 3 J Clark 21 points BIH. Magic twos from A Mackay & J Clark. Well Done to Quinton Oliver for winning Charlie Sym Rosebowl.

Blackwaterfoot seemed to have the best of the weather on Sunday 28 July and as a result more than 30 teams took part in the Texas Scramble in aid of Save The Children. The winning team with 38.1 was David, Debbie and Robbie Black and Peter Duthie. Longest drive gents was won by the Taylor party, nearest the pin by Iain Murchie, Ladies longest drive by Jackie Barkham, nearest the pin by Fiona Crawford, Juniors longest drive by Scott McPherson and nearest the pin by Nikki Pettit.

Very many thanks to all who donated the wonderful raffle prizes and to all those who helped at the tent on

the day. Particular thanks to Shiskine Golf Club for the courtesy of the course, Stewart Fotheringham and Dougie Bell for setting it all out and Alistair Yates and the Kildonan Community for the tent. The magnificent sum of £1,000 was raised.

Fixtures: Saturday 3 August, McCutcheon Trophy. Sunday 4 August, 12 Hole Medal. Wednesday 7 August, 18 Hole Medal. Thursday 8 August, Captains Prize & Vets Trophy.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 24 July, 13 ladies played in the Flag Competition, again in perfect conditions. Fleet 4 and Flag CSS 64. First out was Yvonne Brothers who managed to get the flag to the nineteenth green but she was overtaken by the last lady in, Morag Gardner who finished with her ball in the hole at the nineteenth. Needless to say this resulted in a handicap cut for both ladies. Both Brenda Livingstone and Alison Heron had twos at the sixteenth. Morag's gross 77 also won the scratch.

1 Morag Gardner 77-18=59, 2 Yvonne Brothers 80-18=62, 3 Liz Sinclair 84-17=67.

Gents: Thursday 25 July, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Stuart Cree 72-12=60, 2 Neil Young 66-5=61, 3 Neil Stewart 67-5=62.

Twos Paul Bremner at the 16th, Eric Davidson at the 17th, Drew Wales at the 5th. Seniors Medal, CSS 60. 1 Ian Heron 71-18=53, 2 Jimmy Gordon 70-10=60. Twos Alistair Chalmers at the 5th, Stan Brothers at the 16th, Robbie Glen at the 4th, David Deas at the 16th.

Saturday 27 July, Dan Crawford Salver, CSS 65. 1 Stuart Cree 73-11=62, 2 Eric Davidson 71-8=63, 3 Mark Carnegie 78-13=65, 4 Iain Murchie 70-5=65. Twos from Mark Carnegie at the 16th, James Cameron at the 16th.

Sunday 28 July, Summer Sta-



The prize-winners at Shiskine Golf Club's ladies open competition.

bleford CSS 64. 1 Graeme Andrew 37pts, 2 Alan Smith 36pts.

Fixtures: Thursday 1 August, Summer Cup - make up own groups. Friday 2 August, Lamlash Open Practice Day. Saturday 3 August and Sunday 4 August, Lamlash Open.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Saturday 27 July. The weather continued to hold for the Whiting Bay Ladies Greensome. Clegs and flying ants were the contenders this year rather than rain! We had a total of 68 ladies play and they returned some fantastic scores with 24 couples out of 34 returning scores of 70 and below! The key prizewinners (see the Whiting Bay website for the full hole by hole list) were; Least no of putts (26) - Aileen McKelvie & Mary Maguire. Third went to Beth and Liz Paterson, returning a score of 61.5, second Doreen Mains and Irene Buchanan with a 59.5. Scratch went to Susan Butchard and Jen Maxwell who won Scratch last year with the same score (74). The names on the cup for 2013 taking first place (up from 3rd place in 2012!) with a fantastic score of 57 was Jill Foggo and Elaine Adair.

A huge thank you to Donald and Stuart for keeping the course in such great playing conditions, it was noted by all our players. Thanks to John, Louise and Jamie for the hospitality in the clubhouse and of course to Mary Andrews for welcoming all the players throughout the day. Thanks to Richard for marking the course. Finally, even bigger thanks to all the players who supported our Open this year and to all our sponsors for donating prizes - much appreciated.

Gents: Wednesday 24 July, 37 played in the Jim Pirie Quach, CSS-63. 1 John Pennycott (12)59, 2 Peter Towndrow (9)62, 3 David Brookens (12)63 acb, 4 Jamie Ainsworth (20)63. Nicol Auld won scratch with 68 and there were magic twos by Craig Simpson, Nicol Auld, David Morrison, David Brookens, John Pennycott and Colin Nisbet.

Nestor's Jug, due to be played on Sunday 28 July, was postponed due to the weather and will now be played on Sunday

11 August instead of the Bogey Competition.

Fixtures: Sunday 4 August, Lifeboat Open Competition. Wednesday 7 August, McNicol Cup.

Lochranza Golf Course

Latest scores in the Cabrach competition. Sunday 21 July: Ross Trail 34, Alastair Innes 39, Ian Buchanan 40, Bryan Lewis 41, Ben Innes 44, Jon Baker 44, Betty Buchanan 51.

Sunday 28 July: Ian Buchanan 38, Ross Traill 39, Jon Baker 40, Bryan Lewis 45, Jack Ewing 48. Congratulations to Betty Buchanan who became the first lady to play in the competition this season. More are needed.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 24 July, 13 played. 1 A Napier 30+34=64-6=58, 2 M B King 40+35=75-16=59 BIH, 3 J McGovern 69-10=59. Best scratch A Napier 64. Magic twos from A Napier, D Logan, M Elliot, J McGovern, J McConnachie, A McDonald, S Beardsley, R Logan, A Cumming, A Burke and R Burke.

Saturday 27 July, second round of the Fairs Cup. 1 R Logan 29+34=63-6=57, 2 J McConnachie 32+32=64-6=58, 3 J McGovern 36-35=71-10=61. Best scratch R Logan 63. Magic twos from A McDonald, R Logan, J McConnachie, H B McKinnon and A Napier. Congratulations to Jim McConnachie on winning the Crawford Cup (matchplay) and also the Fairs Cup. Well done Jim.

Fixtures: Saturday 3 August, Summer Cup 8.30am and 1pm.

Brodie Golf Club

Wednesday 24 July, Summer Cup, 42 played, CSS 65. 1 John Hartley (23)59 BIH, 2 Alan Wade (19)59, 3 Michael Holmes (16)62. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 62. There were six twos. Thursday 25 July, Junior Open. A good turnout from members, around the island and overseas, and some fantastic scoring on another beautiful day. The Lemay brothers will remember it for a long time! 1 Scott Lemay 44pts BIH, 2 Stuart Lemay 44pts, 3 Scott MacFarlane 42pts. Thanks to members who donated prizes.

Saturday 27 July, Course Cen-

tenary Gents Invitation four ball better ball. For the one day only, the old first hole in the Ormidale Park was reinstated, and played using old hickory clubs and reproduction gutty balls. Best composite score of 16 was achieved by Greg McCrae, Steven Andrews, Jamie and Ross Duncan, with Ross managing to hole out for a 3. Over 40 pairs took part in the Invitation tournament itself, in glorious sunshine.

Results: 1 Graham and Scott Livingstone 55, 2 Ian McDermid and Tom Alexander 57 BIH, 3 Paul Bremner and Gordon Hendry 57, 4 Craig Harris and Douglas Polwart 59 BIH, 5 Matt Keir and Paul Bryan 59, 6 Iain Sillars and Dan Bremner 60 BIH.

Many thanks to the businesses and individuals who donated the prizes and helped in all sorts of ways to make the day such a success; The Golf Club Pros Stewart Smith and James Browning, the Douglas Hotel, Taste of Arran, Wooleys, Bilslands and Ken Richards, as well as lots of members who helped in the preparation, and on the day.

Club Captain Nicol Hume introduced SLGA Chairman Beth Paterson, who reminisced about her childhood days on the island before unveiling a plaque commemorating the occasion. Arran pipe band created a great atmosphere for the festivities. The Jazz Cafe band played a couple of lively sets which got the crowd dancing, and Trish and her helpers provided a BBQ buffet of the highest standard to the multitudes.

It was fantastic to see the Clubhouse buzzing and a glorious mix of families of all ages enjoying the evening sunshine and each other's company.

Fixtures: Sunday 4 August, Centenary Quach, tee off times from 8.30am and 12.30pm. Draw will be made 12noon. Saturday 3 August. Sunday 11 August, Brandon.

Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday 23 July, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Brian Sherwood 63, 2 Mike Hesp 64, 3 Campbell Laing 74. Scratch Brian Sherwood 72.

Fixtures: Tuesday 6 August, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee off 12.30/5.30pm.



The Lamlash teams and other winners with their trophies.

Lamlash are all island champions

Lamlash are the winners of the all island Laidler Gardner Trophy for 2013.

Here are all the winners with their trophies. Team 1 - John Sloss, Colin Haggarty and Marion Spence. Team 2 - Charlie Weir, Jim Sloss and Margaret Murchie.

The Federation Results are: Rinks: Whiting Bay - Keith Irving, Sid Allen, Ian Davidson and Sean McLaughlin. Pairs: Lamlash - John Sloss and Colin Haggarty. Ladies Singles: Lamlash - Patricia Spence. Gents Singles: Blackwaterfoot - John Robinson.

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Ogan and her crew win Tom Sorbie race



In perfect wind conditions and under a blue sky, the 18th Tom Sorbie Memorial Yacht Race took place on Saturday afternoon.

The course normally runs from Loch Ranza out towards Skipness before heading around the Catacol buoy and then returning to Lochranza.

Six yachts entered the race and at the start light winds prevailed, dropping several times during the day, before finally disappearing preventing all of the yachts meeting the course target time of 5pm at Lochranza.

But there was a winner and the Line Honours trophy - a beautiful model yacht presented by Filtec - was award-

ed to John Ford and his crew in the Ogan as they were the only entry that sailed the furthest in the allotted time around the Catacol buoy.

The race began in 1996 following the sudden death of Lochranza man and keen sailor Tom Sorbie.

The Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society would like to thank all those who helped on the day.

Particular thanks to George and Fiona Stewart at Lochranza Hotel, Fish 'n' Ships for musical entertainment, all those who provided prizes, the race organisers and race officers, crews of both safety boats, and all those who helped on the day.



Main pic: The yachts are off as the Tom Sorbie race begins in Lochranza. b31yac02NO

Above: Anita Ford, John Ford, Richard Wright and David Baker with The Filtec Line Honours award for winning the Tom Sorbie Race. b31yac01NO

Above right: Ben and Thomas Finlayson with their prize for junior sailors who sailed on Ella with Robin Finlayson and crew. b31yac03NO



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