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On the buses

Bid to make transport services more flexible

A major review of the way public transport works on Arran is underway.

An independent consultant has been hired to find out just what the community thinks of the bus service as well as all other forms of public transport on the island.

That could lead to the first major shake up in services for 20 years.

The Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) has hired transport consultant Angus Bodie to draw up a report over the next month.

Mr Bodie told the Banner what he is undertaking is a 'high level scoping study' of the various publicly funded bus services on Arran.

As well as the timetabled Stagecoach services, he will be looking at school bus services, the MyBus service, hospital transport and private taxi services.

And his aim is to get a co-ordinated and flexible transport system that meets everyone's needs.

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REPORT
by **HUGH BOAG**
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lack of evening transport and trying to improve the use of the MyBus service and other community transport are just a few of the topics the study will cover.

Mr Bodie said: 'I have no predetermined result of all this in mind. I am just a big sponge and I am totally open to all opinions and views, and I will be providing a factual and independent report to SPT.'

Aspirations

But he said he did not want to raise aspirations too quickly.

He said: 'There may be good reasons that certain existing arrangements and/or limitations on services are in place due to different contracts. What I would like to see is a more flexible approach to give a better service for the same amount of money.'

Because, he insisted, this was not a cost cutting exercise.

He said: 'There are recent changes and other things coming along in the next few years for example Road Equivalent Tariff, extra/revised ferries, disability requirements on the bus fleet and the new ferry terminal at Brodick which could affect the existing model of bus services.'

'I am also aware, from holidaying on the island for 20 years, that the existing services do not perhaps wholly meet the needs of the island so I hope to recommend to SPT my views on a sustainable bus service model, 'futureproofed' against the known changes and, if appropriate, better reflecting the needs of islanders.'

Mr Bodie, a former North Ayrshire Council roads boss and now an independent consultant with Glasgow-based Buan Ltd made his first official visit to Brodick last week to outline his work to Arran Community Council.

And he had meetings with Visit Arran and the three pri-

Sun shines on show spectacular



Stewart Reid of Clauchland was a happy man after taking the overhead championship with his 31 month-old Holstein cow. The family runs a herd of 260 Holsteins at their Lamlash farm. See pages 12 and 13 for more photographs taken at the show. 08_b32show02

ivate taxi companies on the island.

He said: 'The local community have to be at the centre of this study, and SPT have asked me to meet local rep-

resentatives at either small group meetings or larger public meetings, to gather all comments and views on existing services, and to seek ideas and aspirations of what

a future bus service could look like.

'I want to keep things as informal as possible and hopefully get the whole picture.'

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Hundreds say we don't want biomass plant

A massive 367 objections have been made over the proposed biomass plant near Lamlash.

When the public consultation closed last week along with the huge number of objections there were only two submissions in support of the wood burning plant at Dyemill Forest as well as two general submissions.

But it is emerged that a decision on planning permission has been delayed.

Confirmed

North Ayrshire Council has confirmed they are awaiting further information from Northern Energy Developments (NEDL) and that the application won't now go to the planning committee later this month, as originally planned.

It will now be September at

the earliest before the application will be brought before the committee with September 4 or 25 the most likely dates.

North Ayrshire Council's public consultation over the second development plan for the Lamlash site closed last Tuesday July 30.

Planning officials are now sifting through the submissions which will put along with a recommendation before planning councillors.

Many of the objections are concerned about the detrimental effect the plant could have on tourism as well as the fire risk because of the combustible materials which are near to the site and the lack of a full-time fire service on Arran.

However, Arran Community Council is backing the plan

after a secret vote. However the majority of the members were in favour of the plans but with certain conditions attached, such as a guarantee that where possible local residents would be given preference for jobs.

Application

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'It will September at the earliest before the application comes before the planning committee.'

Managing director of NEDL Fergus Tickell said: 'The reaction we had at the two public engagement events was much more balanced than that and none of the statutory authorities have raised any objections. It is now up to the planning authorities to consider the voracity of the objections.'



Consultant Angus Bodie beside the MyBus which he will consider in his report.

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Review of public transport

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The Community Council are helping me to make contact with key people to set all this up.'

Two public meetings are being arranged in the north and south of the island for later this month.

Community council chairman John Inglis said: 'I think it is really important everyone gets the chance to have

their view on this. It is good to know what we can start from a blank sheet rather than just put up with what we have got,' he said.

The community council is to seek the views of each village committee to report back to their next meeting on 27 August.

Surveys

As part of the base data gathering, passenger surveys are underway and will help develop future business cases for service models at a later stage in the process.

'I expect to report back to SPT in September at which time a more full briefing will be available. Any recommen-

dations for change will have to go to the SPT Operations Committee for consideration,' Mr Bodie said.

An SPT spokeswoman said: 'SPT continually reviews all the public transport services it supports across the region. We are currently looking at how we can improve services to best meet the needs of local commuters and visitors to Arran for the years ahead, whilst making sure all necessary regulatory changes are also met. We'd like to thank everyone for feedback given to date and will continue to work closely with North Ayrshire Council on the findings.'

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Arran Rescue Team bid for courage award

They are the volunteers who keep the mountains of Arran safe for hillwalkers and climbers every day of the year.

Now the Arran Mountain Rescue Team has been short listed in a bid to find Scotland's real heroes.

They have been selected from hundreds and hundreds of heroic nominations for the RBS - Finding Scotland's Real Heroes awards.

All the entrants have been nominated by members of their local community who

think they deserve great recognition. The Rescue Team have been short listed in the Courage Award category and are up against Lynn Murray from Drymen and Mark Sheldrick and Darroch Fulton from Tarbert, Argyll.

And the people of Arran will get their chance to vote for their local heroes, but not just yet.

STV are making a series of TV programmes with Carol Smillie about the nominees.

The five part series, starting towards the end of Sep-

tember, will feature star reporters, including Taggart and Coronation Street star John Michie, comedian Fred MacAulay and familiar STV faces such as Sean Batty and John MacKay, who will be out and about meeting all the nominees.

Each programme will concentrate on two categories. Voting will open for those two categories at the time of the relevant broadcast and remain open until the next programme. Then those categories will close and next two will open up. The eventual winners will be recognised at a celebrity packed televised awards ceremony later this year.

Team leader Alan McNicol said: 'Arran MRT are delighted to be nominated by our community for Scotland's Real Heroes awards for the work done by the team during the bad weather in March.'



Front cover of the limited edition calendar.

Make a date with an Arran Rescue Team limited edition calendar

Arran mountain rescue team are celebrating their 50th anniversary next year and to kick off the celebrations they have produced a limited edition 2014 calendar.

All proceeds from this will go to help support the team and they will be ready to buy at today's Brodick Highland Games.

Visit the AMRT burger stall where you can pick one up!

Calendars will also be available to purchase

from - Shop@Calmac on-board the Caledonian Isles and Isle of Arran, Arran Active, Bilslands, Brodick Post Office, The Book and Card Shop and more to be announced.

Open Day

On Saturday 17 August the AMRT team will also be holding an open day at the team base at Cladach. This is a great chance to have a look around the base and see what they do.

Training to tackle Knotweed

Ayrshire Rivers Trust (ART) will be coming to the island on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August to train local volunteers to survey for Japanese Knotweed.

This will allow the ART to quantify the size of the problem on Arran with a view to building a project to bring the highly invasive plant under control. Volunteers are encouraged to come along to Brodick Church Hall from 12.30pm to 4.30pm on either day.

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Ladies are all winners at SWRI annual show

Elma won six trophies and joked they were like buses

Elma Stevenson was the big winner at the Isle of Arran Federation of SWRI annual Handicraft Show in Lamlash on Wednesday.



Marian Brambles with her Russian doll. 20_b32rural03

The Corrie and Sannox member won six trophies and joked they were like buses. She had seldom won one and then they all came along at the same time.

Elma won the best in show prize with her shawl. Runner up was Marian Brambles with her Russian doll.

But the ladies who took part in the show were all winners and Arran High School Theatre was bursting with talented exhibits of everything from crafts, art, floral arrangements to baking, cooking, preserves and wines, knitting, sewing and much more.

One of the most popular displays was the group displays on the theme '50 years of James Bond' which was won by Shiskine.

The prizes were presented by Betty Ingham of Shiskine. See next week's Banner for full results coverage.



The prizewinners with their trophies with Betty Ingham of Shiskine (centre). 20_b32rural01

Right: Elma Stevenson with her haul of trophies. 20_b32rural02



Crowds admire the handicraft work at the show. 20_b32rural05

Artists open studios to launch McLellan Festival

This year's McLellan Festival is fast approaching and it is looking to be the biggest and best yet.

It all begins on Friday 16 August with a repeat of last year's very successful event, Open Studios, when many artists and craftspeople on the island will be opening their doors to visitors.

It's a great opportunity for visitors and locals alike to get a sneak preview of working artists in their natural environment.

Thirty artists are participating. An increase of about 25 percent on last year and all ranges of art work are covered.

Drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, weaving, beading, jewellery, furniture making, woodturning, candle-making...the list goes on and on.

Organisers Josephine Broekhuizen and Sarah Cook are very happy that the event has been supported by North Ayrshire Council, Arran Theatre and Arts Trust and Foundation Scotland.



Organisers Josephine Broekhuizen (left) and Sarah Cook with the distinctive signs which will be at road-ends at the weekend.

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Thursday 29th August : Euan Stevenson Trio & Joni Keen in Concert : The community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash : 8pm : £10

Friday 30th August 'Arran and Beyond' : Readings from renowned poets Peter & Anne Sansom, the announcement and presentation of Prizes for the McLellan Poetry Prize 2013 : Brodick Hall : 8pm : £6

Saturday 31st August : Poetry workshops with Peter & Anne Sansom: Corrie & Sannox Village Hall : 11am : £10 (booking tel 810640 or 700464)

Saturday 31st August : Ceilidh Corrie & Sannox Village Hall : 7.30pm : Buffet Supper : £6

Sunday 1st September : Church Service, Corrie Church: with Peter Wilson and Students from The Royal Northern College . of Music 12.00 noon

Tuesday 3rd September Corrie film Club showing 'Angels Share' by Ken Loach : Corrie & Sannox Village Hall : 8pm : Donations..

Thursday 5th September 'Arran on Film' : Footage from archive films of Arran from the 1920's-1970's : Corrie hall : 2pm & 7.30 pm : £5

Friday 6th September Gala Concert with students from the Royal Northern College of Music. : Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash : 7.30pm : £10

Sunday 8th September The Oratorio *Eljah* by Master class students and McLellan Festival Chorus : Community Theatre , Arran High School, Lamlash : 7.30pm : £5

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Drop-in day for Arran MPA

Final arrangements have been made for the public consultation on the proposed Marine Protected Area status for South Arran.

In a change to the original date a drop-in day will now be held in the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick on Wednesday 28 August from 1pm to 8pm when full details of the plan will be on show.

And COAST is urging everyone to 'pop in and tell them why we need an MPA for Arran.'

The Trust has welcomed the opportunity to demonstrate community support for the Government's proposed network of 33 Scottish Marine Protected Areas during the 16 week public consultation. The network includes four much-needed MPAs in the Clyde including the proposed South Arran MPA.

A spokesman for COAST said: 'We value your support and comments. The consultation is part of a wider consultation on marine planning. We will be analysing the relevant consultation papers over the next month, talking to local stakeholders and providing advice on the best way to provide a written response.'

Marine Scotland and SNH will hold a consultation on Arran on 28 August at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick between 1pm and 8pm. Please pop in and tell them why we need an MPA for Arran.

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GP contact system will improve patient care

A new central appointment system for GPs on Arran has received a mixed response.

Instead of patients phoning their individual surgery, as before, all calls are now dealt with by a telephone team in Lamlash.

The single point of contact system was introduced in June after a new phone system was installed and has been bedding in the weeks since.

But patients have contacted the Banner to ask why the new centralised system has been introduced.

Among them was Colin Mills from Shiskine who said: 'Many people, I know, are concerned that now when needing a doctor or to make an appointment to attend their local surgery the telephone call is diverted to Lamlash before being transferred to the surgery required, but why?'



Central call team Fiona Robson, Karen Curzons and Janette Head. Emma Ingham was off. 20_b32surgery01

'My wife and I are fortunate that living immediately opposite Shiskine surgery we just cross the road, but others are not so fortunate and have to go through this bureaucratic system and are not pleased.'

'Please let's go back to the old way of contacting our doctor or the surgery and make life easier for all as I know that not all within the system are happy with it.'

But Dr Greg Hamill, Principal GP of the Arran Medical Group, said: 'Feedback back from patients has been very positive and supportive and we are very grateful for this.'

'We recognise that some people do not like the changes and would prefer if it could have remained the same. Over the last couple of years many healthcare staff have felt the same way but realise that this is not change for the

sake of it. This is about working really hard to make sure all our families and visitors to Arran have access to the healthcare they deserve for years to come.'

'Not every change will be right the first time but we will keep listening to what patients are saying and continue to do our best for them.'

The three surgeries in Brodick, Lamlash and Shiskine merged to form the Arran Medical Group last November.

Dr Hamill said: 'We have some of the best access to GP practices in the UK and are fortunate to have excellent hospital care provided, on our doorstep, at Arran War Memorial. There is a great determination to protect this.'

'It has been a turbulent period for healthcare in recent years and there have been a lot of challenges for the GP practices and Hospital on Arran'

'NHS Ayrshire and Arran organised The Arran Clinical Review to look at the issues in detail and come up with a plan to try and ensure that we can keep excellent GP and hospital services on the Island'

'We are now a long way into the implementation of the recommendations of this Review and have moved away from the crisis. Real improvements have been made across a whole range



Fiona Robson mans the phones. 20_b32 surgery02

of issues. There is a solid foundation for keeping the services we have on Arran.'

Dr Alison Graham, Medical Director, at Ayrshire and Arran Health Board said:

'Family doctors (GPs) are independent contractors and how they co-ordinate appointments is up to the indi-

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Jane takes the top prize at summer art show

Jane Nichol has been named the winner of the People's Choice award of the Arran Visual Arts summer exhibition in Lochranza.

Her painting 'A breath of fresh Hare' won the prize with 18 votes.

Showcases

More than 600 visitors visited the 13th summer exhibition which was held for a week in Lochranza Hall

and showcased the work of many local artists.

Joint second for the People Choice award was 'Arran Hazy Days' by Gail Ewart with 13 votes and 'Along the Ridge towards North Goatfell' by Jim McIntosh.

Joint third place were two of Gail Ewart's pictures, 'Lively Day on Lamlash Bay' and 'Hebridean light.'

Joint fourth place were Tracy Gibson's 'Dancing in the Summer Sun' and Jane Nichol's 'Sunset in Lochranza'.

Fifth place went to Michael Grant for 'Forest Sunset, Arran'.

Family workshops

Two very successful family workshops were held on Monday and Wednesday afternoon which includ-

ed, weaving, painting, felting, clay modelling, jewellery making and making a miniature shrub for a dolls house garden.

Chairwoman Jan MacGregor said: 'I would like to thank all visitors for voting for their choice and thank those who bought cards made by Art in Mind. We sold £100 worth of cards which was great.'



Jane Nichol with her People's Choice winning painting.



Girls are taught tapestry skills.



Youngsters take part in a modelling workshop.

A crafty move for Arran Blonde

The Arran Brewery has launched Scotland's best selling craft beer, Arran Blonde in keg.

Up until now Arran Blonde has been only available in cask or bottle.

Cask ale contains living yeast hence its name 'real ale'. Keg ale is more akin to bottled beer which unless, bottle conditioned, contains no live yeast.

Arran Brewery is hoping this new format will be a winner and repeat its success in the bottle beer market where Arran Blonde won the title of Europe's Best All Grain Wheat Beer in 2010 and became Scotland's best selling bottled ale, produced by a micro-brewery, and the 10th best selling ale overall in 2012.

The brewery is finalising plans to offer shares to the public in late October 2013. This crowd funding move will see the company try to raise £4m. This will be used to upgrade the brewery on Arran, build a bottling hall on the mainland and open its own bars.

Managing Director Gerald Michaluk said: 'We have very ambitious plans and the introduction of kegged Arran Blonde will expand our market when coupled with our distribution deal with the Hofbrau in Munich.'

'Arran Blonde ale and Hofbrau lagers will be a winning combination in the new craft beer bars springing up around Scotland. We are offering both now in keg as well as bottle. But staying true to our roots we will continue to offer Arran Blonde as a real ale in cask as well.'

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Visitor left stranded because bus driver was late

'It is an unfortunate situation'

REPORT

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A visitor was left stranded in Lochranza when the connecting bus failed to wait for the approaching ferry from Claonaig.

Jenny Brown from Kilmarnock would have been stuck for three hours if it has not been for a kind-hearted driver who gave her a lift to Brodick.

And it is not the first time this has happened to Jenny who uses the island as a 'hop' from Kintyre to the mainland.

Jenny, a portrait and landscape artist, regularly makes the trip from her home via Adrossan and Brodick and then takes the 324 service to Lachranza to cross to Cloanraig where her daughter meets her who lives in Carradale.

She said: 'I use the Arran ferries as an easy way to visit my daughter once a month which saves me a four hour drive via Loch Lomond. On the outward journey, this works okay since the ferry will wait for the bus'.

However making the return journey last Monday she said: 'The ferry was approaching Lochranza harbour when I clearly saw the bus approaching from Catacol and simply drive straight through Lochranza without stopping.'

Clearly states

But the bus timetable clearly states that the bus will wait up to five minutes for the imminent arrival of the ferry at Lochranza. Although it adds that should be ferry be significantly delayed the connection will not take place.

But Jenny is adamant the ferry was just a 'couple of minutes' away from the pier

when the bus passed and she said it happened five or six times last year.

Jenny said: 'I am so angry as it could just have ruined my whole day and left me getting home really late. It is just ridiculous.'

Stagecoach accepted that the bus did not stop to wait for the ferry in Lochranza as the driver was already running late and the priority was to get back to Brodick with passengers for the Ardrossan sailing.

Supervisor Harry Anderson said: 'It takes two and a half hours for a bus to go round the island and if the driver is running late he must try and make up time to get back to the timetable. It is an unfortunate situation, we did have problems last year but we thought these had been resolved, this is the first complaint we have had this year.'

Arran braced for jellyfish invasion

Hordes of jellyfish have been spoiling the fun of Arran's open water swimmers as they take to the seas during this warm weather.

And according to a new report, the island needs to brace itself for an even larger jellyfish invasion in the coming weeks due to climate change and pollution.

After a slow start this year, jellyfish numbers started increasing in June and July as our coastal waters warmed up.

Eyewitness accounts suggest that Arran's beaches have been littered with the less dangerous Moon Jellyfish in recent weeks but the larger and more deadly Lion's Mane jellies have also been spotted.

Seek advice

Professor George Crooks of NHS Ayrshire and Arran is urging anyone brave enough to venture into the sea off Arran to be prepared and seek advice on dealing with stings.



An angry Jenny finally makes it to Brodick. 20_b32bus01

Metafit classes for all

The latest get fit craze has arrived on Arran.

Metafit is said to be the total body workout that sets the metabolism on fire.

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And Marion McNicol is starting two classes at Arran High School on August 20 at 6pm to 6.30pm and from 6.30pm to 7pm.

Metafit lasts just 30 minutes but uses body weight exercises for a whole body workout. The workout is to push the body, both in terms of muscle fatigue and heart rate, to the limit in short bursts so that you carry on burning calories for 24 hours after the session.

Classes begin with a five minute warm up and then straight into the short, high-intensity workout which can involve anything from push-ups and planks to burpees and squats. Fifteen to 20 minutes of high intensity is plenty of time to achieve a metabolic conditioning effect if you are working flat out.

Metafit is not a cardio endurance class so you don't pace yourself, but everyone should working to their maximum effort.

Daredevil fund raising

A Lamlash lady is to take on some daredevil fund raising for The Valdete Trust.

Julia Le Masurier will undertake a gorge walk and river pool plunge on 27 August on the island with the support of Arran Adventure.

Julia is a regular supporter and hopes to raise a substantial sum for the Trust and its work with the physically handicapped in Albania.

Sponsor sheets have been widely distributed or donations in support of Julia's efforts, and donations generally in support of the trust's work, can be made direct to The Valdete Trust's bank account. More details on www.valdetetrust.org.



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Have your say in bus debate

Public transport on Arran is always the subject of much debate. That is why any review should be welcomed.

And it is important that everyone who has an opinion on the subject should make their voices heard - because what happens in the next few months could determine services for a very long time.

One of the things that needs to be looked at is whether the bus services meet the needs of the islanders or are the timetables too heavily weighted for visitors and in meeting the ferry times.

There also needs to be a more flexible approach. No one wants to see full size buses running round parts of the island with only a few passengers.

That is why there needs to be joined up thinking when looking at the other public transport on the island.

MyBus is a good service, but it is just not working properly, while buses run at different times whether schools are in or out, which can lead to confusion.

Hospital and community transport is available, but is just not co-ordinated as part of a bigger jigsaw.

People in Lochranza, for instance, would find it impossible to go for a night out in Brodick and get home on public transport.

And there are changes coming which will have a direct impact on public transport.

The introduction of Road Equivalent Tariff on the ferries from next October is expected to lead to more cars on the island. Will that reduce visitors use of public transport?

A new fleet of low level buses will also be needed in the not too distant future to meet disability requirements. But can they cope on the island?

But they don't end there. Everyone on the island has a view of public transport and it is important your voices are heard.

Two public meetings are to be held in the north and the south of the island later this month and the community council is to seek the views of each village committee before the end of the month. So make sure your representative is aware of your views.

The consultant is preparing his report for the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) who are the only ones who can effect real change.

Hopefully we can all help shape an integrated public transport service for the future of which the island can be proud.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.' (Psalms 145: 8-9)

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Letters to the Editor



Right to Roam

Sir,
One of the great joys of living in Scotland, apart from the beauty of the country, is the 'right to roam' in it.

Giving people access, with care, to places that they might be excluded from in other parts of Britain.

However, it seems that in Corriegills at least that right has been granted to sheep, although unusually this is in an area without the usual sheep warning signs or cattle grids that normally accompany free range land.

Since March of this year, it has become common to see mini flocks of sheep wandering up and down Corriegills roads, stopping occasionally to snack, and use the toilet facilities, conveniently provided by the residents gardens.

Naturally if you live in the country, you must expect the occasional escaped animal, and normally you would find the farmer, inform him, and he would remedy the situation, and secure the exit point the escaped animal used.

It would appear that in the case of the Corriegills sheep they are all related to Ronnie Biggs, or Houdini, judging by the regularity of their appearance on the road, in my garden, and the gardens of my neighbours.

I don't discount the possibility that some of the occasions may be caused by the careless use of a gate by we human roamers.

I have personally called the police several times, not because they were in my garden, but because they were on the road (narrow and with blind corners), and twice dangerously near to the main road out of Brodick.

Clearly it is not the job of the police to be shepherds, but calling the farmer seems to be a fruitless action, unless you enjoy his jolly quips. I don't.

We have even been told by him that it is our responsibility to keep the sheep out of our gardens.

Well, possibly, however, these are the sheep that are not supposed to be on the

road in the first place. Without a shepherd that is.

This week the inevitable happened and some sheep ended up in Brodick.

Although Brodick is by no means a metropolis, it is sufficiently large, and busy that a serious accident could be caused by frightened sheep running around.

I sincerely hope that those sheep have now learned their lesson, and pass the message on to their friends: 'Stay in the fields the farmer has provided for us, it's dangerous out there!!'

Yours,
Name and address provided

Waverley woes

Sir,
We would like to add our comments to Lachlan MacKinnon's experience of the Waverley cruise on the June 30.

We boarded the ship in Brodick (running about one hour late) following an announcement that due to problems it was not going to sail to Ailsa Craig, but doing a shorter cruise around Pladda and Holy Isle, and a part refund would be given.

We settled ourselves on board and went to the Pursers office with our tickets for our part refund - this was within 10 minutes of it sailing, and were told much to our surprise that it was going to Ailsa Craig.

We both did think of the crowds of people we had left behind at Brodick totally unaware of this news but when we got near to Ailsa Craig an announcement said that due to lack of time we could not go round, they had a message from Largs that the ship had to come back otherwise there would be no one at Largs to receive them.

So we turned around with a distant view of Ailsa Craig in the mist so that was it.

No one can blame the weather or technical faults but the information was misleading.

Yours,
Joyce and David Hilton Edinburgh

Bench plea

Sir,
I have a memorial bench in Brodick that is keenly in need of some TLC.

The bench is in the enclosed garden of the Auchrannie Hotel. It was made by a local carpenter who has since left the island, from Arran trees. The staff of the hotel have been giving it routine maintenance but the manager tells me it now needs sanding down properly as the varnish they put on keeps peeling. Unfortunately the ground staff don't have time to do this.

This is where I need some help to know who could do this, whether it's a local handyman or a carpenter. Word of mouth is always the best I feel. I live in Dunblane so it's difficult to do this. The chair needs to go offsite unless the sander is battery operated.

I would welcome any suggestions to who could undertake the job. Many thanks in anticipation.

Yours,
Elaine Cameron Dunblane

Arran golf courses in top 100

Sir,
I thought readers might be interested to know that in the September issue of the National Club Golfer magazine Lochranza and Machrie have been selected for the top 100 nine hole courses in Britain.

The Editor praises Scotland

for taking its nine hole courses seriously and explains the criteria for selection: a true test, architectural value, fun, convenience and accessibility.

We had no idea that we were about to appear in the magazine. The feature is very good publicity for Arran's golf as a whole.

It's a shame that Corrie is not included because it deserves to be.

Yours,
Kathy Mawson Lochranza Golf Course Lochranza

Not on my bucket list

Sir,
I thought you might like this photo I took during our visit to Arran last weekend. We happened to arrive in time for the Whiting Bay raft races.

My son Daragh MacArthur and the other children had a great time playing with the rafts after the race.

We also went for a swim up Loch Garbad on Sunday evening. We were swarmed by midges and my son made me giggle when he said, 'This was NOT on my bucket list Mum. It's not part of my life plan'.

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Yours,
Jacqui Clarke Stewarton



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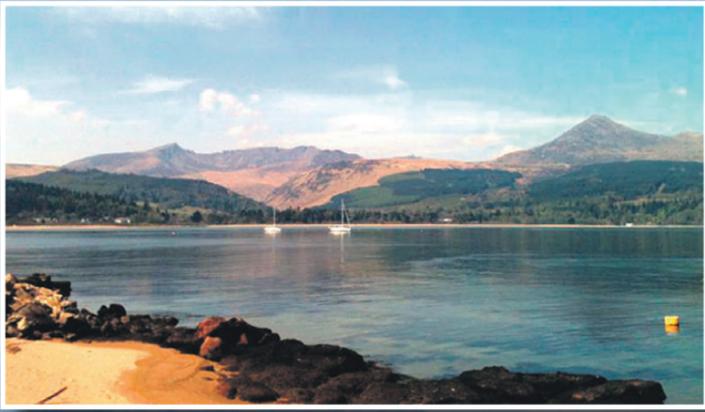
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Brodick is the largest village on the island with shops, banks, restaurants and a post office as well as stunning views.

The island's first pier was built at Brodick in 1872 to welcome the steamers bringing visitors from Glasgow and the village golf course celebrated its centenary in 1997. Brodick Village Hall opened its doors in 1895 and generations of visitors and locals cherish fond memories of the old hall that is still a venue for concerts, dances and community activities with the added bonus of a new library.

Because the ferry arrives into Brodick, it is generally considered to be the main village on Arran.

With its two supermarkets, banks, craft shops, retailers and hotels you will find everything you need to make the most of your stay on Arran.

Some of Arran's best bars and hotels are to be found here. Whether you are after a gourmet dinner, bar meal or a takeaway, there's something to suit all tastes.

Right in the middle of the village is the Ormidale Park which hosts both regular sporting activities throughout the year as well as the Brodick Highland Games which this year take place on Saturday 10 August.

The Brodick Highland Games, which take place every August, are a unique mix of sporting, cultural and social events that are enjoyed by hundreds

of locals and visitors each year. Held in the village since 1886 when all competitors were, at that time, confined to the residents of Arran, the games are still seen as an opportunity for local men to demonstrate their strength.

Today local athletes and visitors are encouraged to join in with most events.

In recent years the standard in the heavy events has been very high with local competitors holding their own against incomers, but in recent years there has been very little competition for the top spot as a World Champion attended the games. The day usually begins with the massed pipe bands gathering at Brodick Pier before they march through the village to the games field.

This is a sight not to be missed. The skirl of the bagpipes mixed with the boom of the drums is a powerful representation of modern Scottish culture.

When the sun shines the Highland Games can be a fabulous day out for the whole family.

As well as the traditional heavy events – caber toss, stone put, Scottish hammer throw, weight throw and weight over the bar – there are a huge number of field and track events.

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Highland cattle champion was a cow from Donald Murchie, the Greannan. 08_b32show15



Overhead Border Leicester classes champion was this fine two year-old animal from Pete Brown, Clachaig. 08_b32show04



Suffolk champion was this fine tup from Alan Leek of Bellevue, Sliddery. 08_b32show09



Kirsty MacQueen, 22, from Brodick took the overall ridden horse championship with Calvin Klein, her 14 year-old thoroughbred cross Clydesdale. 08_b32show08



Hannah Bone, 15, from Glenkiln, Lamlash, was reserve ridden show champion with her seven year-old Friesian gelding Time. 08_b32show07



Stewart Reid receives the James Bone Esq. Cup for the Overhead Championship from Arran Show vice-president Willie Stewart. 08_b32show01



Danielle Mutch, aged 12, from Kings Cross, won the overall horse championship with Cadlan Valley Double Kiss, a pure-bred Welsh Section 'B' pony. 08_b32show03



Eilidh Kerr, 21, from Shiskine, jumps to a clear round on Mohawk Muncha, an eight year-old Appaloosa in the open working hunter 3'-3' 3" course. 08_b32show16



The team from host farm Glenkiln at Lamlash had a day of spectacular success with their Blackface sheep. 08_b32show10



Wee Andrew Currie from Bellevue, Shiskine, enjoyed his first calf. 08_b32show12

Sun shines Farmers' sh

The sun shone at the 177th Arran Farmers' Show on Wednesday bringing the crowds out in their hundreds.

And what a difference from last year when the show was almost cancelled because of the rain.

The show is a celebration of farming life on Arran and with extensive entries of cattle sheep and horses the livestock judges had a busy day deciding the winning entries in the rings.

The overhead champion was Stewart Reid from Claulands Farm, Lamlash with a 31-month-old Holstein cow, going one better than his reserve spot last year.

Addressing the crowds lining the show ring ahead of the trophy presentation, Arran Show chairperson Liz Kennedy paid tribute to all involved for making the event a stunning success in its 177th year.

She said: 'Thank you to all the exhibitors for providing such a wonderful display of livestock, to the judges who came from all the



how as a young handler with his March-born Simmental bull



Emily Armitage, 11, from Whiting Bay, took first place in the young handler class with Iorsa Chantilly Lace, a part-bred Welsh Section 'B' pony. 08_b32show17



Neil Henderson of Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot won the best beef animal in show with this Limousin cross calf, born at the end of April. 08_b32show14



Florence Todd and Hazel take part in the dog show. 08_b32show18



The crowd look on in awe as Ali Clarkson of The Clan performs a spectacular bike stunt. 08_b32show19



The Texel classes champion was this gimmer from Kilpatrick, owned by David Henderson. 08_b32show06



Reserve overhead beef champion was this eight month-old pure Simmental heifer shown by eight year-old Donald Currie, Bellevue. 08_b32show13



A home-bred gimmer from Hughie Stewart, Drumaghinier, Blackwaterfoot, was any other breed sheep champion. The gimmer was by a Merrick sire bought at Kelso and the dam a home-bred Blackface. 08_b32show05



Blackface overhead champion, shown here by shepherd Willie Stewart, was 'Judy Murray', a two year-old first lamb ewe from JK & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash. It was bought as a pen of 10 Dalchirla gimmers at Stirling. Sire was a £28,000 Midlock tup from Biggar. Willie told The Banner: 'It was the handlers, the boss and the quality of the stock that made the difference.' 08_b32show11

on Arran 10W

airts and to our secretary Christine, assisted by Susan and Helen for all their work.

'Without the help of all these mentioned the show could not go on.'

Across the Glenkiln venue in Lamlash the crowds were entertained by a host of activities.

And the star attraction of the day was Scotland's premiere cycle stunt team The Clan who's riders Duncan Shaw and Ali Clarkson entertained the crowds with their tricks and stunts.

Also attracting a big crowd was Arran's biggest dog show with more than 20 dogs in some categories. And the dog agility course was also very popular.

Add show jumping and dressage, vintage tractors, spinning and weaving and a host of craft and food and drink stalls, there was plenty to keep everyone entertained.

Full results in next week's Banner.



The boat goes up in flames. 20_b32up07



The crowds follow the parade along the shore. 20_b32up04

Viking boat spectacular

Someone upset the Viking gods and their avengence swept in as torrential rain as the boat burned at the end of Uphellya Day in Corrie.

But there had been no warning of the deluge as the day turned into evening as the light began to fade.

Dry throughout

Hoards scurried to the hall, to their cars to their homes as the heavens opened just as the ship was at the height of destruction.

And it was dry throughout most of the day as the festival fun went on.

This year's event was curtailed as the full size Viking longship,



A piper leads the boat procession. 20_b32up03



The splendid sight as a Viking watches the burning boat in front of the Corrie waterfall. 20_b32up06



Children battle the Vikings on the beach. 20_b32up01

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burning ends Uphellya Day

used every year to sail to Sannox, has been hired out to a film crew in Ireland.

But the 'mini' event still attracted a big crowd.

Events culminated at Sandstone Quay where the children took on the invading Vikings in a fierce beach battle.

After the proclamation the

replica boat, lead by a piper, was carried by the Vikings followed by the children and the crowd to Corrie Hall where a bracken pyre had been built.

Delight

The boat was placed on the pyre and to the delight of the crowd created a spectacular bonfire which must have been

visible well out to sea.

Then at the height of the blaze the heavens opened, but organisers still managed a spectacular firework finish.

Then it was a quick dash to the hall to dry off and it was on with the evening with a family ceilidh and dancing with a live band.



The Viking proclamation on the beach. 20_b32up02



The ship burns on the pyre as the big crowd look on. 20_b32up 05



The crowd watch as the boat burns. 20_b32up08

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The Ormidale Hotel

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Double celebration for Geordie and Chris at Lamlash Open

The annual Lamlash Open 2013 played on 3 and 4 August proved a double celebration for Geordie Boyle and Chris Wall.

A total of 122 competed on Saturday with a 116 on Sunday and the main sponsors were Arran Domestic, Golf Club, Drift Inn and PHT.

The weekend of events actually began on Friday with the optional stableford sponsored by the club captain. Over 50 played the course with 33 in the stableford.

The two sweeps had 8 winners and the gent with the best stableford score of 37 was Eugene Mitchell of Lamlash.

The Open weekend was blessed with superb weather, apart from the late starters on Saturday who were hit by heavy showers, which in turn created accidentally an amazing chain of circum-

stances. Todd Jameson one of the clubs best up and coming players returned a card of net 86 to accompany the main sponsor G.Andrew, but Todd won the day's booby on the inward half.

On Saturday there were a number of two's and the best scores returned were as follows:

Scratch - Andy Barclay 69, I.Murchie 70, Peter Gossman 71 & Nick Clark 71

Class 0-8 I.Murchie 65, Nick Clark 65, Norman McIntyre 66

Class 9-16 John Breckenbridge 64, Jon Smith 64, Willie Currie 66

Class 17-Max. Gordon Boyle 61, Matt Harvey 63, James Geekie 65

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1 Long Drive Barry Robertson, 1 Ian Gillan, 2 Andy

Smith, 3 long drive Stuart Niven, 3 Andy Watson, 4 Craig Young, 5 J.Breckenridge, 6 Long drive Scott Campbell, 6 Paul Jameson, 7 Martin Edwards, 8 Crawford Duncan, 9 Martin Edwards, 10 Lawrence Robinson, 11 long drive Craig Robertson, 11 Nick Clark, 12 Alistair McDonald, 13 Lawrence Robinson, 14 Dave Cousar, 15 Colin McKenzie. 16 Sandy McArthur, 17 Stuart Cambell, 18 target Cameron Herd, 18 Lawrence Robinson, Booby Todd Jameson.

Entertained

During the evening the open entrants and their partners were entertained by the local Jazz café band and Brodicks own Colin MacDonald (Dj-colzz) into the wee hours.

On Sunday there was another blitz of two's with most of them occurring at the 16th Paul Jameson was one inch from a hole in one.

Scratch: Craig Young 66, Ian Gillan 67, Chris Wall 69, Iain Murchie 69 and Neil Young 69.

Class 0-8 Iain Murchie 64, Neil Young 64 and Ian Gillan 66

Class 9-16 Chris Wall 59, Stephen Judge 63 and Stuart Niven 64

Class 17-Max Daniel Kelly

60, Alistair Ferrier 66 and Gordon Boyle 66.

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1 long drive Todd Jameson, 1 Craig Robertson, 2 A.Holland, 3 Long drive Ian Docherty, 3 Neil Young, 4 Todd Jameson, 5 Peter Gossman, 6 Long drive Kenneth Glen, 6 Craig Young, 7 Rab Robb, 8 Peter Gossman in hole, 9 Andy Barclay, 10 Chris Wall, 11 Long drive Craig Watson, 11 Ian Docherty, 12 Peter Gossman, 13 Andy Smith, 14 Craig Robertson, 15 Craig Watson, 16 Paul Jameson, 17 Crawford Duncan, 18 target Scott Campbell, 18 Norrie McIntyre, Booby Frank Muir.

The weekend raffle and prize giving attracted a packed clubhouse among the raffle prizes was a four ball at Gleneagles, four ball at Archerfield, sponsored by Scottish Oils plus four ball at Lamlash, entry to next years open and many more.

The Island based entrants who qualified for the McLean salver were Gordon Boyle V Neil Young, Jon Smith V Iain Murchie, Stephen Judge V Matt Harvey and Willie Currie V Bill Young.

The main open prizes and

trophies sponsored by Arran Domestic, the Golf Club, Drift Inn and PHT.

Senior scratch & handicap - qualifying age 60

Scratch won by Drew Wales with 149, handicap by Bill Young with 136 on b.i.h.

Pier Head Tavern Cup Saturday 18 holes- 3 John Breckenbridge 77-13-64, 2 Matt Harvey 82-19-63 1 Gordon Boyle 82-21-61

Drift Inn Cup Sunday 18 holes - 3 Stephen Judge 75-12-63, 2 Daniel Kelly 84-24-60, 1 Chris Wall 69-10-59.

McDonald Cup best island resident 36 holes Willie Currie 132, 2 Iain Murchie 129 1 Gordon Boyle 127.

Scratch Cup 36 holes - 3 Andy Barclay 140, Ian Gillan 140 b.i.h. 1 Iain Murchie 139.

Lamlash Open Cup for 2013 36 holes.

Booby Alistair McDonald 165, 5 Stephen Judge 133, 4 Willie Currie 132, 3 Ian Murchie 129, 2 Gordon Boyle 127, 1 Chris Wall 126.

On completion of the prize giving presented by the club Captain Jim Stewart with wife Brenda. The company applauded many thanks for the organisation of the weekend, which was given to many; the main ones were given to the green staff under the supervision of Jim McKenzie for the presentation and condition of the greens and Jim Henderson for his overall organisation of the Open.

The evening was concluded by another musical event by Colin McDonald.

In 2014 the Lamlash Open will be celebrating the 30th anniversary on the weekend of the 9 and 10 August.

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Hands off

Hands off Cal Mac or we will fight you every step of the way.

That was the unanimous message sent to Scottish Secretary Ian Lang from a meeting in Oban on Tuesday, called as a result of the announcement that there is to be a review of ferry services.

Some 80 people from 23 islands were present, and from Arran were, Robin Crawford and Jan Schofield (Ferry Committee), John Sillars (Community Council), Charles Currie (Tourist Board) plus Evelyn Sillars and Margaret Haddow.

Mrs Haddow of Arran Transport said that if it worked like privatising the buses it would be a disaster.



Lord Stockton, guest of honour at Brodick Highland Games, presents the Heavy Events Trophy to Ian Small. b32twe01

Dumping crackdown

Cunninghame District Council has acted against small contractors who have not been paying tipping charges.

A gate has been erected on Market Road and anyone dumping commercial waste must have a proper licence for which they must pay.

'We're losing thousands of pounds a week in tipping charges,' said local officer Ian Thompson.

He said the bigger firms tended to pay their dues but many others time their visits to when it is not manned and dump willy nilly.

Arran Show

Wet Wet Wet was the order of the day on Wednesday for the 157th Arran Farmers Show.

While it did not rain throughout the entire show the effect of the continued bad weather was marked.

Some of the areas of the field were roped off because they were mini lakes. Others had duck boards in an effort to allow visitors to keep their feet dry and the gymkhana was cancelled since the waterlogged field presented a danger to horses and riders.

Visitor numbers were down and entries were down too.

New trophy for games

Alexander Macmillan, the Earl of Stockton, grandson of the former prime minister Harold Macmillan, held a lunch at the Auchrannie Hotel for a party of 70 on Saturday and was then guest of honour at the Brodick Highland Games.

The chairman of Macmillan Press presented a new trophy, the Macmillan Cup. Its first holder is Paul Jameson, who was awarded it on his 10th consecutive win of the Lady Jean Trophy.



Neil McEachern with his Blackface Ewe which was reserve champion at the Arran Show. b32twe03

New ferry

MV Caledonian Isles will have her first sailing next Friday from Ardrossan at 12.30pm. But you will not have to wait that long to see the new Arran ferry, for she will call at Brodick on Tuesday for berthing trials. As soon as the vessel berths at Brodick she will be open for members of the public to board her and look around, but not to stowaway!

Tracks refused

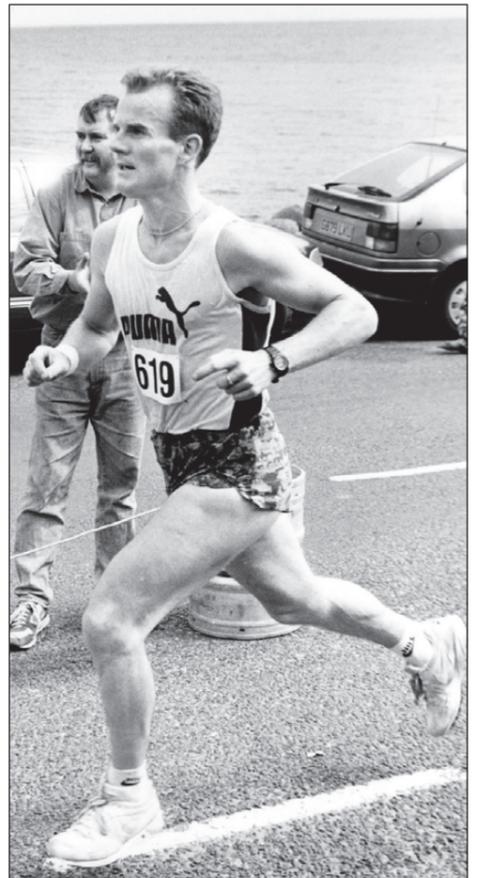
CDC decided last Tuesday to refuse planning permission for two off-road leisure tracks, but for different reasons. The Shiskine proposal was refused because it was felt clay pigeon shooting would take place too close to houses.

The Kilmory proposal was refused because it has no toilets and no passing places on the access road.

Councillor Tom Knox said: 'We went to West Kilbride and listened to the noise these quad bikes make.'

Horse box scare

A horse box taking cattle back from Struan Farm, Shiskine broke free from the vehicle pulling it on the way up the String Road on Wednesday and careered back down the road. Luckily no car was behind it and the beasts were shocked but unhurt. Some time was taken to clear the String Road.



Gordon Allsop is flagged in first in the Corrie Capers mini marathon by Jim Lees. b32twe04



The skeleton of the new pier office under construction in Brodick. b32twe02

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Everyday

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 Arran Heritage Museum
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 Arran Brewery tour

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 10.30am – 4.30pm
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 2pm

Saturday 10th 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
 Cantamus at Corrie church
 Open Garden
 Open House - FOR SALE -The Barn
 Brodick Highland Games

Auchrannie Road 11am –1 pm.
 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 church, 7.30pm
 The Hirsell, Lamlash 11am-5pm
 Glen Cloy, Brodick, 11am-4pm
 Ormidale Field, 1pm

Sunday 11th 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
 Open Garden
 Brodick Beach BBQ
 Open House - FOR SALE - The Barn
 Vintage Tractor Rally

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
 The Hirsell, Lamlash 11am-5pm
 Brodick Beach, 2pm
 Glen Cloy, Brodick, 11am-4pm
 Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm

Monday 12th 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
 Isle of Arran music Society AGM

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
 Brodick Library, 6pm

Tuesday 13th 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
 Lawn Bowls
 Quiz
 Food and craft market
 Garden Walk
 Tots Tours
 Castle Secrets
 Cricket Practice

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
 10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
 The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 1.30pm - 2.15pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Ormidale Astro turf, Brodick 7pm

Wednesday 14th 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
 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
 Lamlash Church Coffee Morning
 Flight over Everest - Mountain Festival
 Landrover Forest safari
 Horticulture 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
 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
 Lamlash church, 10.15am- 12noon
 Corrie Hall, 7pm
 Brodick Castle 11am-3pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 2pm

Thursday 15th 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
 Spinning & weaving Demonstration

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
 Arran Heritage Museum, 11am-4pm

Friday 16th August

Aqua Fizz
 Yogalates
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Disco
 Brodick Farmers Market
 Castle Secrets Tour
 Open Garden/Trains
 Pond Dip
 Kildonan Seals & Shore

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
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 47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash 10am-5pm
 Brodick Castle, 3.30pm
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13/00443/PP; Site to East of Ceol Na Mara, Kings Cross, Brodick, Isle of Arran;
Amendment to planning permission N/10/00780/PP to amend house type on Plot 2.
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Sunday 11th 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 11th 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
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 11th August
11 a.m. Morning Worship in The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea & coffee after the service.
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Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
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Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Dr Graham Keith

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 11th August
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Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 14th August at 7pm
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DEATH

ROSS - Suddenly at Crosshouse Hospital on 2nd August 2013 Isabella (Isa Hunter) aged 89 years. Beloved wife of the late Alex Ross. A dearly loved mum, gran and great gran of all the family. Now at peace.
Funeral service at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Tuesday 13th August 2013 at 11.00am to which all friends are respectfully invited.

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Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 4 August, 13 played in 12 Hole Medal. 1 J Crorie 52 - 12 = 40, 2 C Macnab 50 - 8 = 42, 3 A Gillespie 48 - 5 = 43(Bih). Scratch: J Bell 46(Bih). Magic Two's: J Crorie, R Crawford, A Gillespie & A Calder x 3
Saturday 3 August 39 played (including 15) ladies in the McCutcheon Trophy
Everyone plays from the white tees and the ladies get an extra 3 shots!

1st Class: 1 R Stewart 46 - 4 = 42, 2 A Calder 48 - 4 = 44 (BIH) 3 & Scratch D Calder 44 - 0 = 44.

2nd Class: 1 A Bannatyne 53 - 13 = 40, 2 W Robertson 55 - 13 = 42, 3 D Ritchie 51 - 8 = 43 (BIH)

Only 2 Magic Two's (so lots of cash!): N Calder @ 10th and W A Burnet @ 12th

Very well done to our Captain Alan Bannatyne on winning the McCutcheon Trophy, which is the oldest trophy we play for in the club. Well done also to the Calder boys!

40TH BIRTHDAY

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18th green at Whiting Bay.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 31 July. 33 played in the Betty Black Cup, CSS-63. 1 Peter Smith (18)62 acb, 2 John Simmons (10)62 acb, 3 Colin Nisbet (11)62, 4 Jack Simmons (16)63. Jamie Stewart won scratch with 64 and there were Magic 2s by Adam Kelso, Stuart Simpson, Gordon Provan, Wofl Kroner and Peter Smith.

Sunday 4 August. 34 played in the Lifeboat Competition, raising £86 for the RNLI. 1 Jack Simmons (16)60, 2 Eddie Hope (14)62, 3 John Rankin (7)63 acb, 4 Jamie MacPherson (5)63. Malcolm Pennycott won scratch with 64 and there were Magic 2s by Nicol Auld and Neil McKechie.

Fixtures: Sunday 11, Nestor's Jug Stableford. Wednesday 14, Summer Trophy.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 30 July Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Brian Sherwood 69, 2 Hugh McClelland 74, 3 Denise Sherwood 75. Scratch Brian Sherwood 78.

Fixtures: Tuesday 13 August Peter Sutton/Lady Mary 12.30/5.30 tee off

Brodick Golf Club

Men's golf. Wednesday 31 July Summer Cup, 44 played CSS 65

1 J Armit [7] 61 [acb], 2 I Pittman [12] 61 [acb], 3 C Russell [22] 61.

Scratch E McKinnon 63. There were 12 Twos Bruce Jenkins, Finlay Sillars, Gordon Robertson and Jimmy Armit got 2 each.

Sunday 4 August Centenary Quach, 25 played CSS 64. 1 Ian McDermid 39 pts [acb], 2 Gordon Hendry 39 pts {acb}, 3. Stephen McKelvie 39 pts [acb]

There were nine Twos. Stephen McKelvie got two.

Fixtures: Sunday 11 August Brandon. Class draws at 8.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Sunday 18 August, Captains Prize.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 3 August, Summer Cup, 20 played. Sweep, 1 P McKinnon 86-26=60, 2 D Hayes 66-5=61, 3 G Percy 75-12=63. Bih over: S Beardsley, J McConnachie, G Percy. Magic twos S Beardsley, D Hayes, G Percy. Best scratch E McKinnon 63 + 1=64

Fixtures: James Bunyan Cup 8.30am and 1pm. Change of date. The Arran Ladies 12 hole competition will be held at Corrie on Monday 26 August instead of Monday 19. Saturday 24 August 'Spud' Taylor's birthday bash. Details next week.

*The Lamlash Open report is on page 16.

Champion of Champions

Arran Golfers Association Champion of Champions 2013 will start at Machrie Golf Club with the first round on Friday 16 August from 5:30pm.

Draw: Lochranza v Machrie @ 5:30pm, Corrie v Champion @ 5:40pm, Shiskine v Brodick @ 5:50pm, Lamlash v Whiting Bay @ 6:00pm.

Semi Finals Monday 19 @ 5:30pm and Final Friday 23 at 5:30pm.

Up and coming: Autumn meeting at Brodick Golf Clubhouse, Thursday 29 August from 8pm. Autumn Handicap at Shiskine Golf Club Sunday 1 September, sheets on noticeboards.

Top amateurs in action

Two Arran golfers were among the top amateur golfers taking part in the flagship Fairstone Scottish Amateur Championship last weekend.

A total of 256 of Scotland's top amateurs took part in the contest held at Blairgowrie Golf Club's Landsdowne Course.

Ewan McKinnon from Corrie made it to the second round but was beaten 3&2 by Cameron Kirkwood from Bearsden.

Whiting Bay golfer Malcolm Pennycott lost in round one to Charlie Macneal of Prestwick at the 21st hole.

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WEDDING



Ruth Taylor, daughter of Tommy and Linda Taylor, was married to Brian Gordon of Lenzie, Glasgow at Corrie Church on Saturday 13th of July. Many thanks to all family and friends for making the day so special.



Saskia Pomeroy and Jack Gregory were married Saturday, 27th July. Saskia, who studied at Arran High School is a freelance designer for Topman in Oxford Street London and has married Jack Gregory whom she met at Glasgow School of Art, and who works as a freelance web designer. Both of them are living currently in North London. The marriage was conducted by Angus Adamson in Corrie church and thereafter in corrie Hall and marquee. Many family and friends from all parts of Scotland, Holland, Derbyshire and the home counties attended. The sun shone.

In the picture, from left Tim Pomeroy, Jack Gregory, Saskia Gregory, Josephine Pomeroy, Christian Pomeroy and Amy Wedge

Fancy dress was the winner at cricket fun day

Sannox Cricket Club held their most successful cricket sixes fun day ever on Saturday raising nearly £1500. A record 11 teams, most in fancy dress, participated in the knock out tournament and certainly entered into the 'fun' part of the day providing countless pieces of hilarious comedy cricket.

Enthusiasm

The weather was mixed at Ormidale Park in Brodick with some heavy showers but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the teams.

First round losers were entered into 'The Paper Plate' which was won by Hawaii 50 after they overcame Hawaii-B in a closely fought local derby. The main tournament was won by Silverbank who defeated The Secret Service in a rather one sided final. The commentary was by Rich E Beno and was as dodgy as ever. Each team took to the field to a walk on theme tune relevant to their name or costume. The burger stand, tombola and raffle table along with the

coconut shy were constantly busy and the bar was heaving especially during the odd showers.

Record funds

Club Chairman Eric Dunn advised that record funds of £1465 were raised and expressed his gratitude to all participants, spectators and organisers.

Indeed the visiting team from Dollar Cricket Club enjoyed the format so much that they are considering duplicating it for their own fund raiser next year.



The winning Silverbank team. 20_b32crick14



Stuart McMillan and his trusty steed from the visiting Dollar team. 20_b32crick05



How many people can you get in the beer tent? Nearly everyone during a downpour. 20_b32crick16



The girls of the Hannah Fest team. 20_b32crick06



Compere Rich E Beno alias Eric Dunn. 20_b32crick10



The Old Yins really made a effort dressing up. 20b32crick13



Runners up The Secret Service. 20_b32crick08



Paper plate winners Hawaii 50. 20_b32crick03



The Village People make the YMCA sign. 20_b32crick01

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Brodick in cup rout as Lamlash are hit for six

The second half was a more fiery affair with a few wild challenges

Brodick 6 Lamlash 0
A weakened Lamlash team, who were missing many key players, travelled to Brodick on Monday night to face a strong Brodick team in the preliminary round of the cup. The Jingly Jangly men had the better start to the match and created the first real chance with Euan 'Smithy' Smith swinging the ball in from the left for Babbies who ghosted in at the back post but he couldn't direct his volley goalwards.

The next chance of the game fell to the visitors with a crunching tackle from Babbies on the edge of the box giving Lamlash an opportunity with a direct free-kick but

Jamie Sillars effort couldn't trouble Gregor Adamson in the Brodick goal.

The first warning sign of what was to come came midway through the first half when only a superb goal line clearance from a Lamlash defender prevented a certain goal with the keeper stranded.

Head home

Brodick took the lead shortly after when a Smithy corner was directed back across goal by Archie McNicol and Babbies was there to head home the opener.

From there Brodick grew in confidence and scored their second minutes later when Donald 'Scooby' Roberts

played a pass that Brodick legend Robert McRae would have been proud of splitting the Lamlash defence in two and allowing Archie McNicol to turn in the box and execute a lob over the stranded Robert Simpson in the Lamlash goal.

Brodick spurned many more chances before half time but could not find another goal with both teams heading in at the break and Brodick enjoying a 2-0 lead.

The second half was a more fiery affair with a few wild challenges coming in from the visitors as frustration started to set in.

Brodick spurned more chances as Archie McNicol blazed over from four yards, Matthew Dobson and Iain 'Keeno' Keen also blazing over chances from the edge of the box as Brodick pushed to put their old rivals to bed.

Best chance

At 2-0 Lamlash created their best chance with Johnny Sloss sliding through Grant Adamson who couldn't bring the ball under control and Gregor Adamson managed to smother at the strikers feet.

Brodick immediately broke up the pitch and after some confusion in the Lamlash defence John Drummond smashed a sweet strike past the keeper from 16 yards.

Another corner reaped rewards for Brodick as a whipped in ball from Smithy was met perfectly by the head of Keeno whose header roared into the top corner which was met by shouts



Babbies spins away after heading Brodick's opening goal. 20_b32foot03



A Lamlash defender prevents a certain goal with the keeper stranded.

from the Lamlash defence of how can the smallest man on the park score a header. Johnny Sloss immediately debated this claim!

Brodick's next goal was a contender for goal of the season, as Smithy ignored calls from the injured Greg McRae on the sideline to stay wide, he went on a dribble that his team mates haven't seen since he gained a beer belly and lost 10 yard of pace at the age of 13, he skinned four Lamlash defenders and struck a sweet strike from all of 25 yards into the top corner of the Lamlash net.

A corner from Brodick which was gained from Gordon 'Nogger' Henry's first overlapping run in 10 years from left back resulted in the sixth and final goal of the game with 6ft 7in centre back Kyle Barbour smashing another header past the stranded and disheartened Lamlash defence.

Lamlash didn't get the chance to kick-off as referee Alan Johnstone blew the full



Three in the wall for free kick as Brodick pile on the pressure. 20_b32foot02

time whistle and Brodick marched into the semi-finals with a convincing 6-0 win.

Next fixtures are: Brodick

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