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Election freeze threatens the future of community council



Rain clouds clear for show day success

Eleanor Bone of Glenkiln was over the moon when horse 'Time' was named reserve champion at the 178th Arran Farmers Show on Wednesday afternoon. Ridden by both her daughter Hannah and herself on the day, the eight-year-old Friesian 'Time' was one of the stand-out winners of the day. See pages 12, 13 and 14 for more photographs of the show. 20_b32one01

NAC to be pursued in a bid to find way out of impasse over review

A vital community organisation has found itself at the centre of an election impasse which threatens its very future.

Urgent steps need to be taken before the next meeting of Arran Community Council later this month to resolve the situation.

It is exacerbated by the fact that two of its leading members are standing down and the council already has a vacancy.

Elections are due next month and under the rules of the constitution all members have to retire after two years and seek re-election.

National debate

However, changes in the set up of community councils is the subject of a national debate and North Ayrshire Council has its own review underway.

As a result any elections have been 'frozen' until a revised plan is in place.

Arran is one of only two community councils in the area due to hold elections this year.

REPORT
by **HUGH BOAG**
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Vice chairman Bill Calderwood said that unless the community council hears from NAC, before the August meeting, that elections can take place in September the organisation would be left 'in limbo'.

Chairman John Inglis is standing down and not seeking re-election along with long-serving Lamlash representative Brenda Stewart.

Mrs Stewart said the local authority had 'known since February' that she was standing down and the departure of Mr Inglis has also been known for months.

Mr Calderwood said: 'Our constitution says that unless there is an EGM we all have to stand down and seek re-election.'

This would require that a statutory election notice be posted by NAC inviting nominations for election, he said, which had not yet taken place.

If this does not happen an EGM will have to be held for the council to continue to operate. One of the proposals being considered by NAC is that community councillors should serve for a term of four years rather than two.

While some members of the council confirmed their willingness to stand if the elections were to go ahead, Jim Henderson from Lamlash said: 'I would definitely not stand for re-election if I had to sign up for four years.'

Pursue

The community council is to pursue NAC in a bid to find a way out of the impasse.

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'An ongoing review of community councils is underway. This has been through its first consultation stage.'

'The council is in touch with Arran Community Council and is aware of potential membership issues faced by it. We are considering the best options to support it and will respond to the community council directly.'

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New study for troubled beach

A new report is to be prepared on the troubled state of Brodick Beach.

This latest engineering study will take place next week following the annual beach barbeque which this year will be held on the Lower Green this Sunday.

As well as the state of the sandbagged beach the latest study will also consider estuarial erosion in the bay.

The latest update on the beach situation was given to Arran Community Council in a communication from North Ayrshire Council's corporate director for development and environment Craig Hatton.

He also told members that an earlier report by the international AECOM group into the long-term future of the beach, which had been expected to be completed by now, had been delayed.

Both the community council and Brodick Improvements Committee have been pressing the council for urgent remedial action to be taken at the eyesore beach.

Both organisations have been promised copies of the latest reports when they are complete.

Hand transplant mum leads cycle for charity

A quadruple amputee, due to receive the UK's first double hand transplant, led a peloton of more than 80 cyclists on Saturday around Arran to raise money for charity.

In atrocious conditions Corinne Hutton, 44, a mum of one from Renfrewshire, led the riders to start the 90km cycle round the island, despite having undergone the amputation of both her hands and feet after near fatal cases of pneumonia and septicaemia in June 2013.

The cycle, which coincided with the closing of the Commonwealth Games, was organised to raise awareness and funds for Finding Your

Feet, a charity set up by Ms Hutton and her close friends and family to support those who have suffered life-changing trauma.

Despite treacherous conditions and pouring rain, nothing dampened the spirits of those taking part. The fastest cyclist and first to make it round was Neil McKay who completed the route in around three hours 20 minutes.

Corinne said: 'The conditions couldn't really have been worse today - the heavens opened just as we set off. But the rain didn't seem to put people off and I'm humbled at the effort put in by all those who took part. Each and



Corinne will receive a double hand transplant in the autumn.



Quadruple amputee Corinne Hutton leads more than 80 cyclists back to Brodick Pier.

every one of them rose to the challenge in order to do good for others.

'Arran holds a special place in the hearts of our whole family so it meant all that more having our event here.

'The locals were a great support which spurred everyone on. There were a few falls, some battered bodies and bruised egos but everyone made it home safely.'

Having already raised tens of thousands of pounds, Corinne is devoting her life to showing not only how an amputee - and single working mum - can adapt their life to embrace new opportunities, but to provide those facing life-changing trauma with a ready-made support network.

The charity offers support via counselling, therapy, assistance at home, financial

support or treatment that the NHS cannot otherwise provide.

It was recently announced that Corinne will be the first person in the UK to receive a double hand transplant, an operation likely to take place this autumn.

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U-turn as housing office to reopen one day a week

Residents of Isle of Arran Homes have been thrown a communication lifeline.

The Brodick office, which closed last week, is to open one day a week to deal with tenants enquiries.

The u-turn by Trust Housing Association follows discussions with North Ayrshire Council.

It was confirmed by trust chief executive Bob McDougall, who said the move was as a result of talks with the council and 'feedback' from tenants.

The office will be manned by housing and property manager Neil Wilkinson.

The decision to close the office in April sparked an outcry from tenants concerned that their only contact would be a call centre in Edinburgh.

There had been a plan to house the remaining staff in one of the sheltered housing complexes in Brodick or Lamlash but that led to concerns about disturbance to residents.

Keeping the office open is a temporary measure but Arran Community Council was told it was 'with a view to securing an island base'.

One possible long-term solution would be to have an office in the council headquarters in Lamlash but Mr McDougall said: 'We haven't ruled anything in or out.'

As reported in The Banner last week four members of staff Gemma Blythe, Julie Squirrel, Mary Young and Sheridan Waldon, with 25 years of experience between them, have now left the organisation.

Charities benefit from surgery coffee morning

The impressive sum of £800 was raised for The Sandpiper Trust and Tour de Vince at an event in Shiskine Surgery on Saturday afternoon.

Organised by Doctors Faye and Greg Hamill, the money will be sent to the Sandpiper Trust whose aim is to help save lives in Scotland by improving immediate care especially in the remote and rural areas.

Greg is also fundraising for Tour de Vince, a charity cycle in memory of his friend Vincent O'Rourke who tragically died of pancreatic cancer aged just 35.

The couple were assisted by the Shiskine team at Arran Medical Group to provide tasty tea and coffee and delicious scones.

Between the tea and cake visitors also took advantage

of a number of stalls where there were plenty of items selling fast.

Some also took the opportunity to see the new simulation equipment recently provided to Arran Resilience teams by the Sandpiper Trust.

This will be used to develop the caiRRn project - a Cardiac Arrest Integrated Responder Network which is a pilot project on Arran set up to develop a model of rural response to cardiac arrests that should improve their management in the community.

A spokesman for Arran Medical Group said: 'We were also delighted to learn that the Shiskine Women's Rural have decided that The Sandpiper Trust will be their chosen charity for the forthcoming year.'



Staff at Shiskine Surgery organised the event to raise money for The Sandpiper Trust.

'Please look out for fundraising events throughout the next 12 months.'

She added: 'Thanks to Julie Graham for the photos, and to everyone who helped make this event a success.'

To read more about how the Sandpiper Trust provides emergency medical equipment on Arran, visit the Arran Medical Group website at www.arranmedical.co.uk

Medical emergency

An ambulance had to be called to meet the MV Caledonian Isles arriving in Ardrossan after a passenger took ill on board the ferry.

The medical emergency led to an 80-minute delay to the 4.40pm service returning to Brodick on Saturday.

This also had a knock-on effect on the following MV Isle of Arran sailing which was half an hour late.

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Hydro schemes identified by community energy initiative

A community energy initiative is 'off and running'.

Arran Community Energy (ACE) identified three possible sites for hydro electric schemes on land owned by the Forest Commission on the island.

ACE is a charity which has been formed to pursue schemes which would develop renewable energy for the benefit of the island.

It has already identified seven or eight sites which could potentially be used for the generation of hydro, wind, solar or biomass power.

Feasibility

However, it has initially decided to pursue the hydro schemes after the Forestry Commission gave it the go-ahead to undertake feasibility studies at three sites.

Where they are has not yet been disclosed.

It is working with a mainland company, who have not had any involvement on the island before, to pursue the studies at the sites.

ACE is an offshoot of Arran Community Council and at its last meeting a revised constitution for the organisation was unanimously approved.

The driving force of the initiative is council vice chairman Bill Calderwood who told the meeting: 'We are off and running and two of the potential hydro sites are looking good.'

The organisation has applied to be a registered charity and is seeking grants to carry out the feasibility work.

Chairman John Inglis thanked Mr Calderwood for 'the tremendous work you have done'.

'We are all totally behind you,' he added.

Meanwhile, a planning application has been made for a hydro electric scheme proposed for the Benlister Burn in Lamlash.

As reported by The Banner in January, the hydro scheme, if approved, would have a capacity to produce 500kW of electricity, which is enough to power 480 homes.

The proposal is a joint venture between landowner Kenny Bone and developer MEG Renewables.

The application is for the construction, installation and operation of the scheme.

Construction

This would involve the construction of three intakes, pipeline, powerhouse building, access track, grid connection and associated temporary infrastructure for construction.

MEG Renewables would sell the electricity generated to the national grid.

A total of 44 documents are now being considered by North Ayrshire Council planners in relation to the application including environmental and habitat reports as the site is within the Arran Moors Special Protection Area and two sites of special scientific interest.

If approved work could start by the end of the year and the hydro scheme would take eight to 12 months to build.



Busy summer for Arran's paragliders

Arran Flying Fever has enjoyed a busy summer.

The team from Arran Flying Fever has had a fantastic summer on the island paragliding with students from as far afield as New Zealand.

The island's resident paragliding teachers Zabdi Keen and Maurice Geraghty have been making the most of the reasonably good weather.

Fantastic time

Zabdi said: 'We have been having a fantastic time paragliding this summer on Arran. We were visited on 28 July by three students we had

trained whilst in Nepal, from Australia, New Zealand and Scotland.

'They had a fantastic day paragliding above Catacol, and at the same time we had one student completing their pilot course whilst another one started on his first day getting a taste of flight with the tandem.'

The Arran Paragliding Competition is taking place next weekend (August 16 and 17) as part of the Scottish Nationals series.

Tractor rally set to impress

The fourth tractor rally will be taking place at the Arran Heritage Museum this Sunday (August 10).

An invitation has been sent out to all enthusiasts to bring along their vintage, restored or modern tractors to the event, which will start at 1.30pm.

This is a great opportunity to see the variety of vehicles produced over the years, and to marvel at the progress which has been made in automating so many tasks which can now be undertaken with these machines.

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Day for ducks fails to halt cricket fun

The expression 'out for a duck' took on a whole new meaning at the annual cricket fun day in Brodick on Saturday.

Torrential rain

Not only did it refer to some of the scoring but was particularly apt for the weather conditions which saw torrential rain pouring down for most of the afternoon.

For the teams taking part the

only place of refuge was the beer tent.

Despite a couple of call-offs, because of the conditions, a total of seven teams took part in the completely 'non serious' six a side event.

Delight

To the delight of organisers Sannox Cricket Club, all but one of the teams were in fancy dress, the standout being The Madagascars - Stage-

coach employees dressed as the main characters from the popular films.

But The Batmen ran them a close second.

On the field the weather made the cricket difficult as two groups played a round robin contest.

The final was won by The Crayons who beat the scratch Southerners team which was formed on the day.

Organiser Eric Dunn said: 'It was certainly a day for ducks in more ways than one. The fact that teams turned up to the play in the conditions was just amazing and I can't thank them enough.'

Determined

'We were determined not to cancel as the event has now become part of the summer calendar and we will see everyone again next year.'



Some rather ingenious costumes on show. 20_b32cricket01



The Crayons who won the tournament. 20_b32cricket02



The batmen and women. 20_b32cricket03



Above: The Stagecoach workers who were The Madagascars. 20_b32cricket04



The team from North Ayrshire Council. 20_b32cricket09



Left: The rain certainly didn't dampen the fun on the day. 20_b32cricket05

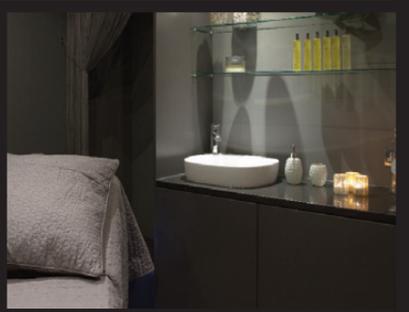


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Anniversary celebration at St Margaret's

The Scottish Episcopal Church in Whiting Bay will be hosting its first ever 'pop-up' church in the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot next Wednesday (August 13).

Three days later, on Saturday 16 August, Father Simon MacKenzie from St Margaret's, Whiting Bay and the congregation will be hosting a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the first service in the present church building.

Starting at 2pm, there will be cream teas on offer in the church, and there will also be an exhibition of the church's history, a second-hand book-

stall, and much more.

Afterwards, at 4.30pm, there will be a service of Evensong with it is hoped some choral singing and instrumental accompaniment from St Margaret's recorder group.

Everybody is welcome at both events.

Free Church

What is now St Margaret's church was originally built for the local Free Church congregation after the demolition of their Victorian stone building nearby.

When the Free Church ceased to use it, it became a holiday home under the name

Kirk House for a while.

After the death of Elsie Wood in 1993, who had housed the Episcopal congregation in her dining room at Sandbraes, the proceeds from the sale of her house were bequeathed to the church, and used to purchase Kirk House, the then owners of which sold it on generous terms.

The congregation converted the building for worship largely with their own hands, but a contractor was brought in to make the car park.

Photos illustrating this history and more will be on display next Saturday.

MRT prepares for charity stretcher push

It will take 56 miles of road, a few pretty big hills, a MacInnes stretcher and a few determined mountain rescue members.

Starting at 4pm today (Friday 8 August), the round-Arran stretcher-push will raise money for the volunteer rescue group. In this test of the team's endurance, members will go from the team base at Cladach and finishing at the annual Brodick Highland Games tomorrow (Saturday 9 August).

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It is honest, intimate and deeply affecting and must surely take its place as a modern classic.

See Amour at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Sunday 10 August at 8pm.

Last chance for archaeology talks

David Aitchison, one of Arran's most experienced archaeologists, is a great enthusiast of the island's past.

Last week he gave two brief introductory talks on the island's archaeology in the Arran Heritage Museum to packed and responsive audiences.

He will be repeating these on Wednesday 13 August, again at 2pm and 3pm, and are not to be missed.

This is the last time this season for these talks, and as space is limited it will again be a case of first come, first served.

Normal admission charges to the museum apply but the talks themselves are free.

Congratulations!

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Art helps kids to learn the secrets of the sea

More than 40 children enjoyed learning more about the sea at a series of craft workshops held last week in Arran High School.

Organised by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) five sessions were

held over three days and were attended by local children and visitors from the ages of four to 11.

They were run for the third year by Rosie Guy from Glasgow with the help of Cicely Gill.

During the workshops the children made jellyfish, fish masks, seahorse kites and other sea creatures which were used to decorate Curley's Cave, the home of the COAST octopus mascot.

At the end of the final session the children paraded with their artwork from the school to the village green to celebrate the success of COAST after the decision last week to designate the south of Arran as a marine protected area.

On the green the children got the chance to meet some sea creatures up close including a lobster and starfish in special touch tanks which proved a huge success.



One youngster is handed a starfish to hold as others crowd round the touch tanks. 20_b32fish03



A girl tentatively holds the lobster. 20_b32fish05



Connor Inglis from Lamlash shows off his fish mask which sister Gen helped him to make. 20_b32fish01



Curley's Cave is decorated with the artworks created by the children. 20_b32fish02

Free sport activity days for Arran's youngsters

As Arran's youngsters prepare to go back to school, KA Leisure is hosting a series of free activities across the island.

The idea of the events is to give youngsters a chance to come along and try activities they either enjoy or have never had the chance to participate in before.

On Friday 22 August a portable football pitch and street golf - sponsored by Irvine Housing Association - will be at Lochranza Village Hall from 6.30pm until 9pm.

On Saturday 23 August, Arran Youth Foundations and KA Leisure are hosting a community fun day at Arran High School from 11am until 2pm.

Organisers are happy for other voluntary sports clubs to come along and deliver a session to create awareness of their sport.

To get involved or to volunteer on the day contact Archie McNicol on gw14mcnicolarchie@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk

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THE ARRAN BANNER

End this election fiasco now

A threat to the future of any democratically-elected body must be a matter of concern.

For such a threat to surround the local voice of the island, Arran Community Council, is worrying indeed.

The council has a vital role in ascertaining, co-ordinating and expressing to local and public authorities the views of the community and to take action that is expedient and practical.

It also has an important task in reviewing planning applications, having a much better idea of the local geography than the mainland planners and councillors.

But, despite its important work, unless an election impasse can be resolved with North Ayrshire Council its very existence is under threat.

The council can't hold elections because the Irvine-based local authority has 'frozen' the process because it is undertaking a review.

Simple, 'unfreeze' the process, which began nearly a year ago, and let the island elections proceed in the normal manner.

But this may not suit NAC's purposes. One of the proposals is for community councillors to sign up for four years, where the present term on Arran is two.

That may suit some mainland councils, but it may not be the right solution for the island.

But at least NAC insisted this week that it is 'considering the best options to support the community council' so there may yet be a way out of this self-created fiasco.

What the community council also urgently needs is some new blood.

Two long-serving members, chairman John Inglis and Lamlash representative Brenda Stewart are standing down and it is worth here recording a 'thank you' to both these people for the tireless voluntary work they have put in over the years on behalf of the council.

Anyone over the age of 18 and who lives on the island can seek nomination.

With a whole host of opportunities and challenges facing the island in the months and years ahead the chance should not be lost to have a fine strong community voice speaking up for the needs of the islanders.

Arran Community Council should come through this trying time with a new purpose and vitality and an organisation which passionately believes that Arran comes first.

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



Smaller buses

Sir,
I will never understand why Stagecoach insist on using a monstrous bus to travel to the southend - it usually only seems to have two passengers.

Surely a smaller bus would be more suitable for these narrow and twisty bends, and more economical too.

Had we not been travelling at 20mph when leaving Kildonan at Dippen on a blind corner we would have been killed, as the bus was in the middle of the road.

Yours,
Liz Cox
Lenzie
Glasgow

Grateful thanks

Sir,
On Sunday 27 July my wife and I took our Great Dane, Darcy, for a walk along the path between the shore and Brodick Golf Course.

He collapsed after suffering a heart attack and tragically died.

Two local gentleman, three ladies and some young holidaymakers enjoying a walk came to our assistance and helped to carry Darcy who weighed almost 10 stone to our car.

Without their assistance - we are octogenarians - we simply could not have coped and we would like to record in your columns our thanks for their help and sympathy given so readily when it was desperately needed.

Yours,
Roy Manock
Dunfion Cottage
Corriegills

Social isolation

Sir,
News from the National Records of Scotland this week show there is to be a dramatic increase in the number of households in Scotland in the next 25 years.

A particular issue highlighted in this report is the projected number of older people set to live alone.

It is estimated the numbers of those aged 85 and over living alone will double by 2037 to over 46,000 men and 108,000 women.

Social isolation in older age is already a major issue - particularly in a place like Arran.

As a charity which works to help relieve this, we understand the impact living alone has in all areas of older people's lives. It is vitally important to tackle the issues so people can enjoy their later years to the full.

Supported by our invaluable network of volunteers, Contact the Elderly organises monthly Sunday afternoon tea parties in volunteer hosts' homes on the island for small groups of older people aged 75 and over who live alone.

This regular and vital friendship link every month plays a key part in helping people feel confident, engaged and happy.

There are a number of other agencies and charities which play a part in ensuring the welfare of older people and it is up to us, these providers and society as a whole, to take a responsibility in caring for older people.

Social isolation among older people is an issue for this generation to tackle.

The next generation will be faced with a far higher proportion of people to care for so now is the time to implement initiatives, solutions and develop a caring mindset in society.

Yours,
Valerie Crookston
Scotland executive officer
Contact the Elderly

Treasure Corrie church

Sir
Earlier this year I spent a few days on the island in glorious weather, staying at Kings Cross with an unforgettable couple who were very kind and helpful to me.

After golfing and bowling with friends and taking in some walks and sites - I had the very pleasant experience of attending the Sunday noon service at Corrie Church where I was made most welcome by the beadle and his good wife.

So easy and friendly.
But what a marvellous early

gothic church designed by the renowned John J Burnet in 1887 along with the equally renowned Harrington Mann who designed the two main, superb stained glass windows.

This church is such a gem both outside; with two rare bellcotes, and impressive interior which still houses the original organ.

The service, music and great acoustics made for such a simple and genuine service and I would urge anyone to pop along and enjoy a refreshing hour in such a wonderful place of worship. Corrie Church is a treasure to care for and it certainly captured me.

Yours,
Edward Jackson
Bearsden
Glasgow

Binoculars returned

Sir,
I would like to say thank you very much to the kind person who posted my binocular bag to me, that I lost on Lamlash beach. It was such a surprise to get it back again and very much appreciated.

Although it looks like a tatty old thing, it fits my binoculars very well, and it has been all over the world with me - Austria, Mallorca, San Francisco, Kenya - so it was nice to get it back again.

I just wanted to say thank you for going to so much trouble to get it back to me.

Yours,
Anne Meikle
Edinburgh

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The Arran Banner on holiday

Ever since The Banner on Holiday feature started seven years ago we have been inundated with fantastic pictures.

And this week is no different.

Robbie and Andrew Milton from Corriegills are pictured 'reading' The Banner during a recent visit to Paris, whilst on holiday in France.

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

It could be from Tyneside or Tenerife, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

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Normal Garden Entry. Meet at Reception. Donations welcome. No booking required

WED 13TH AUGUST BACK TO THE BRONZE AGE 2.00pm - 4.00pm.
Adults £8 u16 £4 + Park Entry. Booking essential.

CIR MHOR MOUNTAIN WALK 9.00am - 5.00pm.
Adult £30 u16 £15. Please call the Rangers to book 0844 4932154

THURS 14TH AUGUST PAINTINGS TOUR 2.00pm - 3.30pm
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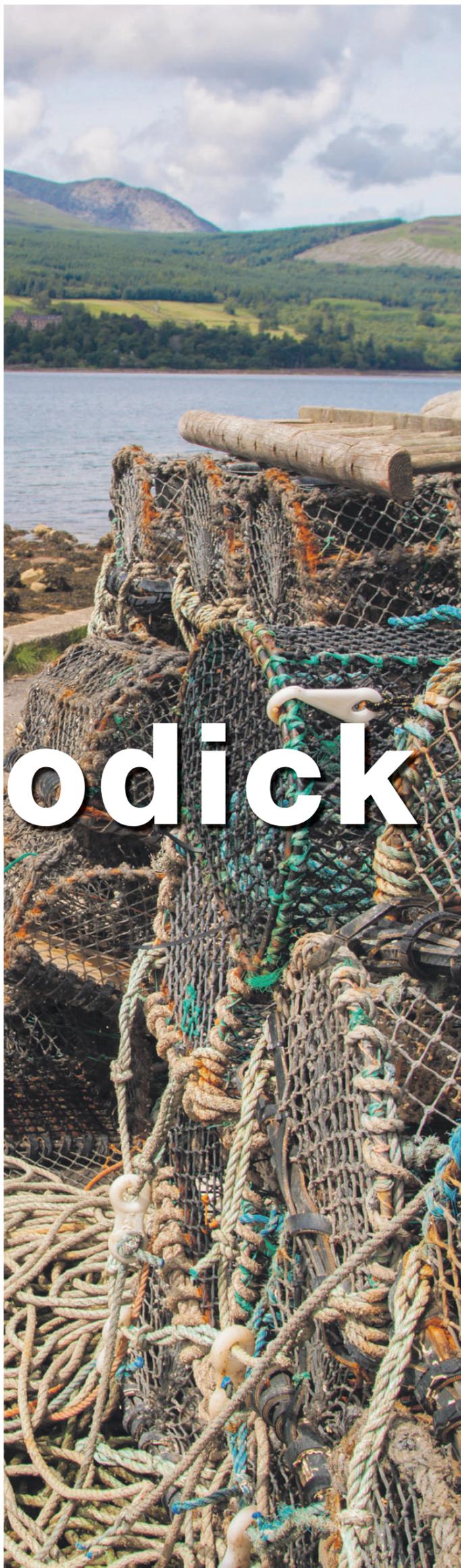
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The modern village of Brodick, situated on the east coast, has grown and expanded over the years and has long been regarded as a popular holiday destination.

Arran's largest village

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.

Everything you need

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 9 August.

Brodick Games

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.

Fabulous day out

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. Children as young as four can take part in the races and there are prizes up for grabs in all events. As well as the traditional Highland dancing competition there is tug o' war, pillow fights and stalls and games to entertain the children.

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Morag Gardner of Lamlass with her best in show shawl, which also won two other prizes. 02_b32far17



All the prizewinners from the SWRI show with Elma Stevenson who presented the prizes a



Crowds through the SWRI annual handicraft show at Arran High School. 02_b32far16

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The Clan stunt team kept the crowd entertained. 02_b32far15

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nd federation president Mairi Duff. 02_b32far18



Best in show runner up Gillian Currie with her picture frame. 02_b32far19



The Clan stunt cycle team drew a large crowd for his performance. 02_b32far14

Visitors and competitors enjoy a great day at Glenkiln

'The rain can't ruin our day' - that was the feeling at Glenkiln Farm, Lamblash on Wednesday as the 178th Arran Farmers Show went ahead despite a terrible forecast.

And the rain did fall.

But after a very wet and soggy morning the blue skies returned to herald in yet another very successful event at Glenkiln.

Overhead champion for 2014 were a father and son team, Neil and David Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm, for their champion Texel ewe.

No stranger to victory at the show, David said he was delighted with another win.

Reserve champion was Friesian horse 'Time' owned by Eleanor Bone of Glenkiln and ridden by both herself and daughter Hannah on the day.

'Time' and Hannah were named champion in the working hunter group, and Eleanor won the ridden section.

Third place was awarded jointly to two very different entries.

Margie Currie of Shiskine was given a rosette for her two-and-a-half year old Simmental called 'Rosina' which

was champion in the beef category.

Her grandsons Donald and Andrew were greeted with gasps from the crowd as the tiny youngsters handled the huge animal with such ease in the judging ring.

Other winners on the day included Stuart Reid of Clauchlands whose two-year-old Holstein 'Bluebell' was named dairy cattle champion.

Champion

Euan Bone's Leicester ewe from Glenkiln farm was the champion Blackface and Robert Lammie of Kildonan won the Suffolk section.

Richard McMaster of Springfield was named champion in the other breeds section for his Scottish mule.

Entertaining the crowds twice during the day were the Scottish stunt cycle team 'The Clan' whose high flying tricks kept children and adults alike enthralled.

The number of visitors peaked in the afternoon once the rain had cleared and the sun began to shine and organisers said they were pleased with the turnout.

In her speech during the

prizegiving, chairman Liz Kennedy thanked everyone for their hard work in making the day such a success.

She emphasised that, despite the rain early on, the grounds had still been busy and that a great day had been enjoyed by everyone.

Many people took the opportunity to shelter from the rain by going along to the Arran Women's Rural Institute annual handicraft show in the Arran High School.

The theme this year was the First World War and the women who stayed at home and included group displays of 'Keep the home fires burning' and a 1914 menu.

The ladies displayed their beautiful creations in the community theatre and visitors were enchanted by the wonderful exhibits of crafts, home-baking and artistry.

The biggest winner on the day was Morag Gardner of Lamblash who took home five trophies.

For the full results from both the Arran Farmers Show and the SWRI Show see next week's Banner.

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Margie Currie's champion Simmental cow, Rosina, with Margie's son Alasdair.

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Young Donald Currie impressed the crowds with his handling of his grandmother's huge champion Simmental.

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David Henderson of Kilpatrick Fa



The champion dairy cow was Stuart Reid of Clauchlands Farm's Holstein Bluebell.

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Above: Niall McMaster of Springfield Farm with his champion Scottish mule.

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Right: Beth Hamilton and Diane Lewis' horse Corrie were named reserve champion in the horse section.

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rm with his overhead champion, a Texel ewe. 20_b32far01



Important deliberations.
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Willie McConnell shelters
from the rain. 20_b32far07



Euan Bone of Glenkiln Farm, left, and shepherd Wullie Stevenson with their champion Leicester. 20_b32far03



Laura Tulloch, left, and Bella, and Megan McAlister on Ally with judge Caroline von Linden. 20_b32far08



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Beth Hamilton, right, on Corrie and Hannah Bone on Time. 20_b32far10

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John Watson Laurie spent 41 years in prison for the murder.

Did he fall or was he pushed?

The Goatfell murder still fascinating 125 years later

On a rough granite boulder in Sannox Cemetery an inscription reads: 'In Loving Memory of Edwin R Rose, who died on Goatfell 15th July 1889.' This simple epitaph disguises a mystery which caught the imagination of the nation 125 years ago, and still remains potent today.

A Glasgow man, John Watson Laurie, spent 41 years in jail for the murder of Edwin Robert Rose, he died in Perth prison on 5 October 1930.

But 40 years before his death, on Friday 12 July 1889, the two men, John Laurie, aged 25, and Edwin Rose, 32, had met on the pleasure steamer 'Ivanhoe' while on a days sail to Arran from Rothesay, where they were each spending their annual holiday.

Rose was a chatty friendly chap; Laurie was different, sometimes boastful, sometimes surly and morose.

Yet although different in character, the two men were not all that different in background.

Debonair

Rose, although he acted the part of a debonair young blood, was not really so.

He was employed as a builder's clerk in Brixton, London.

While in Rothesay he stayed at the Glenburn Hydropathic, a very stylish hotel and gave the impression that he was a 'toff'.

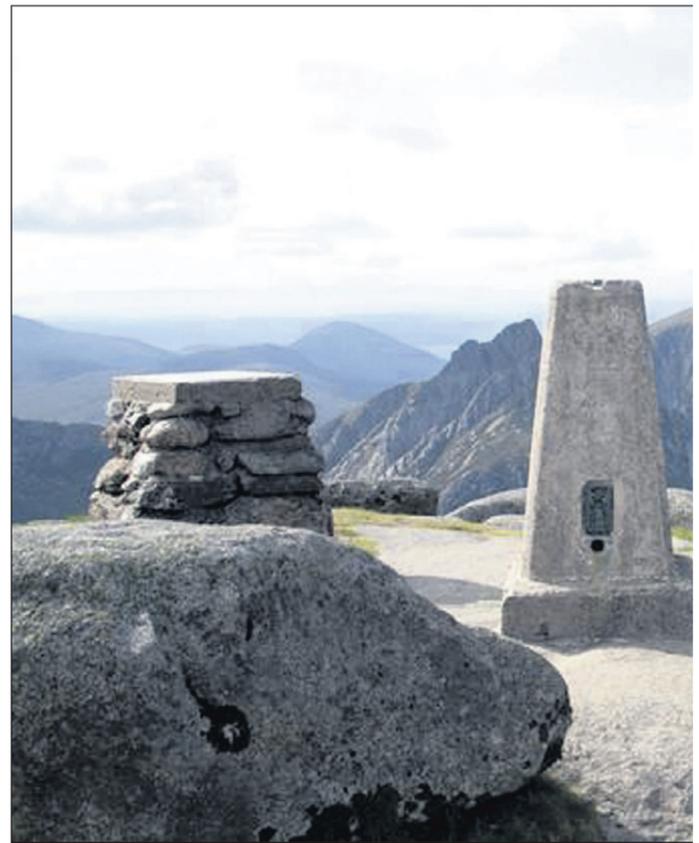
Laurie, who came from a good middle-class family in Coatbridge, had a police record for petty theft.

He suffered from what many today would call a 'chip on his shoulder'.

A patternmaker in Springburn, Glasgow, he was eager to give the impression that he was much higher up the social ladder.

Posing

He presented a visiting card in the name of John Annandale of 6 Cambridge Street, Glasgow, a much-better address than where he actu-



Even now, 125 years later, the Goatfell murder is still fascinating.

ally lived in North Frederick Street.

Throughout his stay in Rothesay and Arran he posed as John Annandale, it was only when on the run after Rose was dead that he reverted to his real name.

Assumed

It can be safely assumed that Rose initiated conversation on the 'Ivanhoe' and in doing so sealed his fate.

Laurie suggested a weekend in Brodick and offered to guide Rose to the top of Goatfell.

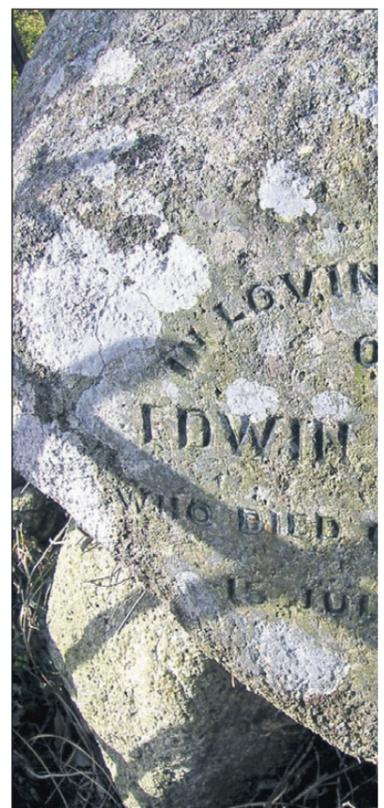
Rose readily agreed and it was arranged that Laurie would seek accommodation while Rose took a walk along Brodick Bay.

As it was Glasgow Fair weekend, Laurie's task was not easy.

The only room he could obtain was from Mrs Walker, who had a small single room extension to her main house.

Laurie took it at 17/- for the week.

They returned to Rothesay

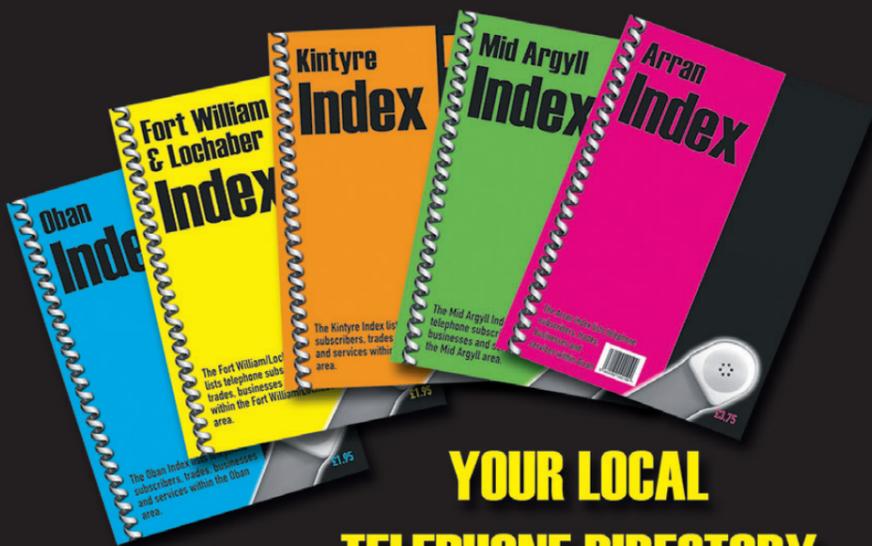


Edwin Rose is buried underneath Sannox Cemetery.



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filming of a TV programme in 1983 about the murder.

fects were gone with the exception of a few items.

To her it looked as though the pair had skipped off on an early boat without paying their rent.

Laurie was then seen in Rothesay later in the week wearing a blazer and cap identical to those previously worn by Rose.

Of Rose there was still no sign.

Benjamin Rose, Edwin's brother, was alarmed when the latter did not return to London as planned.

He decided to come north and found that Edwin had never returned to his Rothesay hotel - it looked as though he had never left Arran.

A search party was due to comb the area on Saturday 28 July but was prevented by rain and poor visibility.

It was not until the following Sunday, August 4, that 200 men were able to see what they were doing.

Later on that day Francis Logan of Corrie found Rose's body under a large granite slab, high up in Coire nam Fuaran under north Goatfell.

His arm was visible but the rest of his body was hidden behind a wall of stones and turf.

The body was carried down to Corrie Hotel coach house where it lay under police guard until the following day, 5 August.

A post-mortem was carried out by a Dr Gilmore who was on holiday in Corrie, and Dr Fullerton of Lamlash.

They both later testified that in their opinion the injuries were so restricted to the skull that only several blows by a large stone could have caused death as there were no other injuries to indicate a fall.

That same day Rose was laid to rest in Sannox Cemetery.

Search

A nationwide search for John Laurie was launched, who by this time had left his employment, sold his tools and was on the run.

He was either very naive or just a little silly for he first wrote a letter to the press from Liverpool and later from Aberdeen giving a garbled case for his innocence.

He was spotted near Larkhall in the Clyde Valley on September 3 and subsequently arrested, but not before he attempted to cut his throat.

Upon being cautioned he said: 'I robbed the man, but I did not murder him.'

The trial took place at an odd time.

It began on Friday 8 November in Edinburgh and ended the following day, late at night.

Most of the pertinent evidence was given by the two doctors who were adamant that the injuries sustained by

Rose could only have been caused by repeated blows with a stone.

They contended that much more damage and bruising would have been evident if Rose had fallen from a height.

Although several contrary arguments were raised about the medical evidence, it was basically upon the doctors' opinion and the theft of Rose's property that the 15-man jury found Laurie guilty.

However, it was on the slenderest of margins as only eight found him guilty, while seven returned not proven.

Condemned

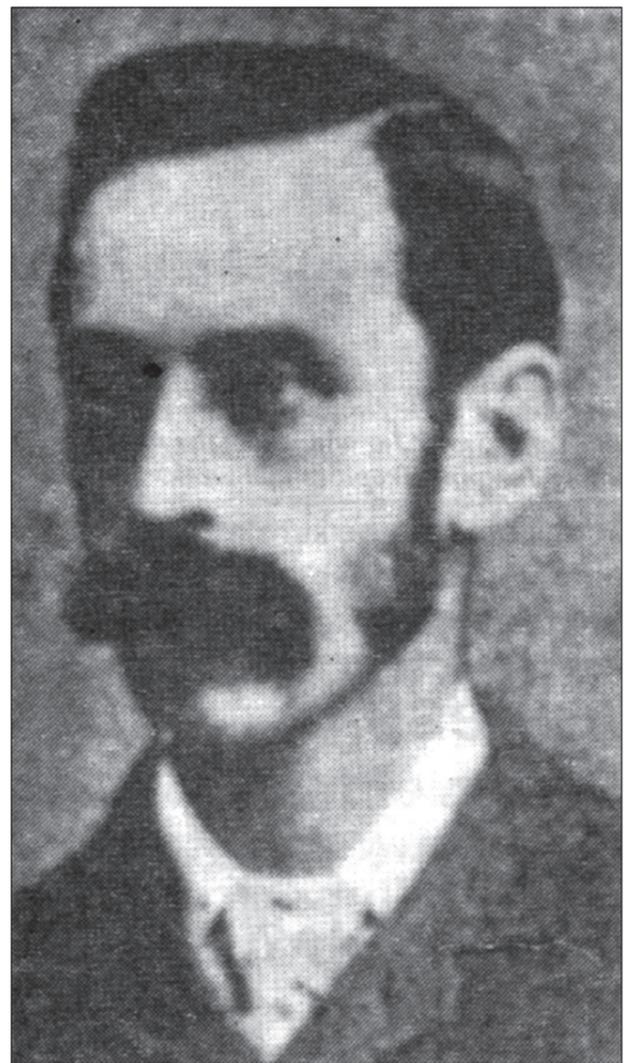
Laurie was condemned to death, the sentence to be carried out in Greenock.

A national appeal for clemency convinced the Scottish secretary to recommend the Queen to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

Two days before the execution was due, Laurie began a term in prison which lasted 40 years and eleven months.

Did he kill Rose, or did Rose slip and fall? And why did Laurie try to hide the body if indeed he did fall?

Sadly these questions will never be answered but they have left a mystery which is still intriguing 125 years later.



Edwin Rose died on the slopes of Goatfell - did he fall or was he pushed?

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Brewery to go for second round of crowd funding

'We need to catch up on others'

A second round of crowdfunding is likely to be launched by Arran Brewery plc before the end of the year.

The brewery raised a total of £260,000 in its first round of funding and has retained its target of achieving £4m in total.

The process of crowdfunding takes several rounds to reach enough investors and with a successful first round behind them Arran Brewery is following in the footsteps of other Scottish brewers in forging ahead in the craft beer market through the mechanism.

Managing director Gerald

Michaluk said: 'New rules for crowdfunded offers mean that investors need to pre-register and complete a short questionnaire before we can offer them shares in the next round. Given the development and increase in potential new shares will be likely to be offered at a premium over the first round share price.'

Meanwhile the company has doubled its workforce from 15 to 30 staff and is well on its way to opening a second brewery, The Loch Earn Brewery in St Fillans, Perthshire and plans are pressing ahead for Scotland's first Sake Brewery in Dreghorn.

Mr Michaluk added: 'Taking on so many staff and developing on all fronts is making this a frenetic place to work. We have three bars open at the moment and a café, with a restaurant and bistro to open shortly, this means everyone in the team is working flat out.'

'The crowdfunding has meant we are able to invest in the staff and infrastructure we need to catch up with others in the craft brewing arena, but more investment is required and a second round of funding is likely to be needed towards the end of the year.'



Eco Savvy loves those old bags

Last month the team at The Rubbish Diet - an online site which encourages people to slim down the contents of their bins - asked contributors to send in pictures of favourite reusable shopping bags.

The Eco Savvy Group in Whiting Bay was chosen as runners-up in the #LoveMyOldBag competition for

their very clever use of old Arran Banners. Apparently the average person in the UK uses 290 plastic carrier bags a year, most of which are only used once. Carrier bags can end up in the sea where marine animals mistake them for food and try to eat them.

To celebrate Marine Week, the #LoveMyOldBag competition was launched.

Arran beer proves popular in Aldi festival

A craft beer brewed in Arran is one of the best sellers in Aldi's summer beer festival, selling more than 2,400 bottles in just eight weeks.

The Brodick-based brewery's Arran Sunset beer has flown off the shelves during this year's festival proving its popularity with Aldi customers.

The supermarket, which sold 110,000 bottles of beer during the eight-week period, has boosted sales of Scottish craft beer by £400,000 since it started the beer festival two years ago.

Richard Holloway, Scottish managing director at Aldi, said: 'Our fourth beer festival has been the most successful yet.'

'By continuing to build on our relationships with new and existing breweries, we hope to grow the festival in the years to come, making some of Scotland's best craft ales available at the best prices.'

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The musical decor theme conceived by Nicola, is clear for everyone to see - even running through to the toilet seats - and with Heather McLeod's steampunk art on the walls the vibe is very much musician-friendly.

Working alongside Nicola, children Céile and Oisín, Dónal and Head Chef Alan

Dunlop have created a fresh menu of home-cooked food, using island providers wherever possible. Ketchups, relishes, sauces, salsas and chutneys are all made in-house and the result is some seriously tasty food with a Fiddlers' twist.

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The charity has been running the group on the island for more than 20 years.

Arran residents invited to tea

Contact the Elderly is looking to increase the number of guests at its monthly tea parties on Arran.

The charity has been running the group on the island for more than 20 years.

Margaret Oliver, west Scotland's development officer for Contact the Elderly, said: 'Our older guests on Arran really enjoy the monthly tea parties and I'm sure there must be many more on Arran who could benefit from this terrific service.'

'We hope spreading the word will encourage more people to get in touch.'

Contact the Elderly offers people aged 75 and over a social lifeline.

Volunteer drivers collect the older person

and join them at a tea party in a volunteers host's home.

The parties tend to welcome around six older guests and four drivers, and take place monthly on a Sunday afternoon.

Welcome

A host will welcome the group a couple of times a year and must have an accessible home, with no more than a few stairs to climb, and a downstairs toilet.

Drivers tend to be paired with the same older person each month allowing a friendship and relationship to develop.

To find out more about when and where the tea parties are happening, contact the group coordinator Maureen Docherty 303633.

Distillery releases last in sell-out trilogy

Isle of Arran Distillers is well-known for its quality malts and occasionally eccentric products, reflecting its independent spirit.

Now the award-winning distillery has released the final instalment of its popular Devil's Punch Bowl trilogy.

Chapter III – the Fiendish Finale – is tipped to be the best yet of Arran's popular limited edition malts.

It's a multi-age blend matured in Oloroso Sherry Butts and French Oak Barrique casks which gives the spirit a devilishly unique, deep flavour.

Master distiller James MacTaggart delved into the darkest recesses of Arran's warehouses to hand-pick each cask to find a spellbinding blend.

The result is a spirit that tastes of dark chocolate and dried fruits, with a hint of cinnamon, chocolate raisin and a

rich layer of spice and toasted oak to finish.

Talking about his latest concoction, James said: 'The Devil's Punch Bowl malts are our most popular limited edition whiskies ever – the first two sold out in record time.'

'Personally this is my favourite of the trilogy and it is a fantastic expression of the Arran Malt.'

The new bottling is a limited edition with just 6,660 bottles available worldwide – so stocks are limited and it's expected to sell-out fast.

Euan Mitchell, managing director at Arran Distillers, said: 'Over the years we've really developed a sense of identity for the Arran Malt and the Devil's Punch Bowl Chapter III encompasses everything that's great about our spirited and independent outlook.'

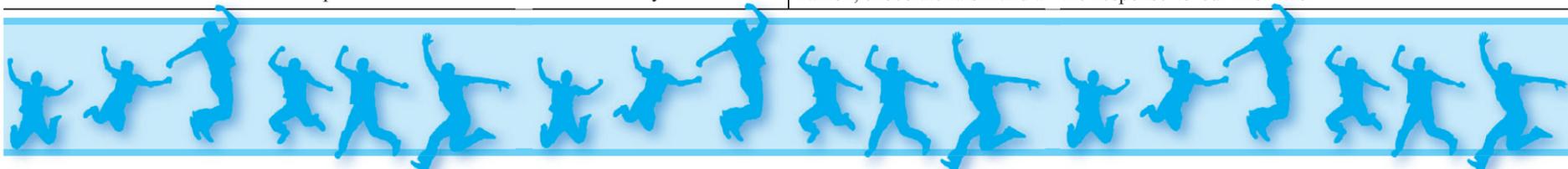
'We were blown away by the response to our first two

editions and I'm sure the finale will be met with similar enthusiasm from customers in the UK and overseas.'

The Devil's Punch Bowl – Fiendish Finale – hit shelves at the beginning of August.



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els, to provide an assurance of quality and enjoyment.

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Successful summer exhibition for AVA



'Playtime in Lochranza' by Jane Nichol.



Youngsters enjoyed clay modelling, painting, spinning and felting at the family workshops.

The Arran Visual Arts (AVA) group held another successful summer exhibition in Lochranza Village Hall last week with more than 530 visitors.

A wide range of work was on view, including a working Oliver Hardy puppet made by John Earle, three paper pulp animals from an AVA workshop, jewellery, textiles and many different paintings

The people's choice prize, with 25 votes, was given to Patsy Keen for her beautifully sensitive portrait. Second place was Iona Roberts for her vibrant Tollcross, Edinburgh scene with 19 votes.

And John Earle's 'After Retirement', Angela Elliott-Walker's 'Peaceful Night' and Rebecca Robert's 'Winter Ferry, Isle of Arran' were

all joint third place.

The family workshops were also enjoyed by all the youngsters who attended, with clay modelling, painting, spinning and felting all on offer.

The opening night's atmosphere was greatly enhanced by Lucy Cartledge playing her flute and tenor saxophone and David Lambert on the piano.



'Fading Light, Arran' by Barbara Rawlin.



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Highland Games champion is coming home to Arran

A Highland Games champion is coming home.

Scott Clark is moving back to Arran where he was born and brought up.

The 42-year-old is always a popular figure at the Brodick Highland Games where he is due to compete today (Saturday).

'I have competed at events all over the world but Arran has always been my favourite and still is today,' Scott told The Banner.

Although still working in Glasgow, Scott now spends about half of his time on the island with his wife and family who have already moved back.

Married to Susannah, the couple have three children David, 19, also now working in Glasgow, Cameron, 11, and nine year old Sophie.

Scott admitted: 'It is all a bit hectic at the moment, but I'm delighted to be coming home.'

Scott has now competed in heavy events for 25 years and represented Scotland all over the world.

He entered his first competition when he was just 17, but first developed a love for the hammer when he was just nine or 10.

'John White had an old hammer which he took up to my dad at the sawmill. I was fascinated when I saw it being thrown at the Highland

Games but then I could hardly even lift it.'

All that changed with great encouragement from Archie Hamilton, who was on the Brodick games committee, and his good friend Alan Pettigrew, who still comes over to Arran as a judge.

Scott says that while he was always interested in sport he 'fell into' heavy events competition.

He has competed in the Far East, including seven or eight trips to Indonesia, Russia, many times in the US and all over Europe.

After working in gyms and leisure centres on the mainland Scott worked for a time at the Auchrannie gym before leaving to pursue his career on the mainland in 2001.

Since then he has worked for the Mainstay Trust, a Glasgow-based charity offering a range of support services to people with learning or physical disability living across the city.

His role is the activities coordinator, identifying community-based resources and employment opportunities. He also organises educational and social activities.

He now hopes to spend more time taking part and organising Highland games events.

'At 42 I am busier than ever,' he said. He was involved in the organising heavy events at Dalriada Festival in Glenarm,



Scott back home with two of his children Cameron and Sophie. 02_b33scott01

Northern Ireland last month and is involved in other event work which is taking up more of his time.

He competed in Germany in May and is hoping to go to Hungary at the end of the August.

'Germany has a huge heavy scene, they are just mad for it, Hungary too,' he said.

The US also has a big heavy events scene and in 2011 he travelled to Ventura, California where it was holding world championship in different weight groups. Com-

peting in the under 200lb category he finished third.

'I wish they had had different weight categories when I was younger as in the open class some of the guys are huge,' he said.

Giving demonstrations at distilleries and hotels also sees Scott in great demand.

'I remember I was asked when I was younger how long I could go on and I said till I was about 35, but I am still enjoying it just as much and by doing a lot more organising I will be around the sport

for a good bit longer yet.'

Closer to home Scott has competed at the Lesmahagow and the Southend games in Kintyre this year.

'I like the Southend games. They are very much a community event, a lot like Arran,' he said.

And he will be back on home soil today when he is due to compete at the Brodick games where he will be facing a strong field from the mainland.

He said: 'The heavy events scene in Scotland is very healthy and there are some very talented sportsmen, but we have to encourage younger people to take up the sport,' he said.

To this end, Scott held two coaching sessions earlier this week.

Scott's mum, Irene, keeps

his collection of medals and cuttings from places Scott has forgotten he has even been.

But he is still hungry for more.

At the Inverness Highland Games in September Scott has the chance to claim three world records - two in the hammer and one in the 28lb weight.

'It would be nice to secure these before I retire,' he added.

He says he could not have had the career he has had without the support of his family and the people of Arran.

'My family have supported me right from the start and the people of Arran have been phenomenal in the interest they have taken in me throughout my career,' he said.

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Saturday 9th August

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Over 21s Disco
Family Games
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink game
Fun in the pool
RNLI Shop
Live music
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Free talk on Arran's Archaeology
Brodick Highland Games

Sunday 10th August

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Mackerel Lottery
Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
Live music
RNLI Shop
Open music session
Bronze age craft day
Vintage Tractor Rally
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Brodick beach BBQ

Monday 11th August

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Morning Fitness
Table Tennis
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Arran Junior Football Club
Yoga
Summer Bridge
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
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Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
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Tuesday 12th August

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
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Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Session with the Arran Ceilidh Band
Metafit
Garden walk
RunArran Beginners
Brodick Castle Tots Tour
Children's Secret Tour
Live Music
'Curtain Up' Drama
Arran Food & Craft Market

Loch Garbad, boat & bank fishing
9am-Dusk
Open Mon-Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 12.30-4pm
2pm
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Open all day

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Lamlash bowling green, 7pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Green, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 2pm & 3pm
from 11.30am

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodick church Hall, 4pm - 6pm
Kinloch Bar, 5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Roundhouse, Brodick Castle, 11am-3pm
Arran Heritage Museum, from 1.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Low green, Brodick Beach from 2pm

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
Arran High School, 6.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Green, 7pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Whiting Bay Church, 10.30am - 12noon
Lamlash, 7pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Lamlash lifeboat station, 10.15 - 12noon

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm
Brodick Castle 2pm-3.30pm
Drift Inn car park, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Brodick Castle, 1.30pm - 2.15pm
Brodick Castle, 2 - 3.30pm
Fiddlers, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm from 8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 11am-3pm

Wednesday 13th August

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Traditional & Contemporary Ballads with Mike Bailey
RunArran mixed ability
Running Coaching
Yoga-Arran
Drift Inn Quiz
Back to the Bronze age
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Mixed Hockey
Dog agility classes
Vile Victorians tour
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink game
Summer Ceilidh
Coffee Morning
Horticulture Show
Doug Scott mountaineering talk

Thursday 14th August

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

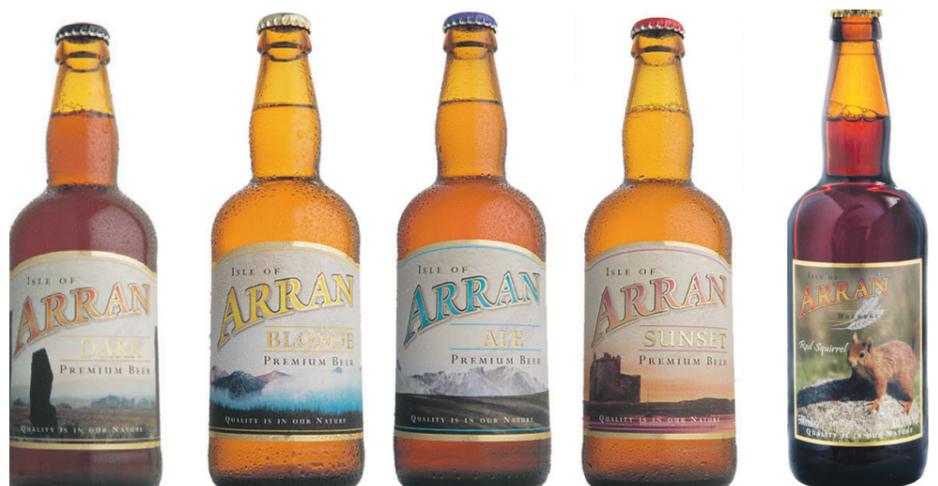
Friday 15th August

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Castle Secrets Tour
Family fun night
Brodick Market
Live Music with Amie & Andy

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm
Auchrannie car Park, 5pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Brodick Castle, 2-4pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7.30-8.30pm
Sandbraes park, Wbay, 1pm-3.30pm
Brodick Castle, 11am - 12.30pm
Lamlash bowling green, 7pm
Brodick Hall, 8pm-11pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15-12noon
Arran High School, 2pm
Lamlash high school, 7.30pm

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

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Brodick Castle, 11.30 - 1pm
Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-5pm
Douglas Hotel, 9pm



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Saturday 6 August, 1994



Dick and Kath Heydon in Arran's 'best garden'. b32twe03



Mrs Hawkins and water bailiff Rob Logan with the dead trout and water samples. b32twe01



The new Brodick Co-op is taking shape. b32twe04

Morrisons, the main contractor, will manage a variety of sub-contractors who are specialists in their field during construction work.

The main groundwork was prepared by John Corbett Construction of Brodick and it will take over again for the building of the outer walls around the steel frame.

New minister

An Arran Free Church congregation has a new minister. He is the Rev James Gracie who came new to the ministry after a career in agriculture, which included crofting in Skye.

He qualified in May of this year from the Free Church College and will be inducted at the Free Church in Torbeg next week at a service to which ministers of all denominations have been invited.

The church has been without a resident minister for about 15 months since Mr Gavin Smith left.

House sales

The latest houses for sale at Arran Estate Agents this week include Torlin Villa in Kilmory. Built around 1910 the magnificent house has sea views, four public rooms and six bedrooms, four en-suite and a large aviary at the rear. Presently a bed and breakfast, it is for sale at offers in the region of £125,000.

Also for sale are Glencloy Farm Cottage in Brodick at offers over £49,000, Victoria Lodge in Blackwaterfoot at offers in the region of £100,000 and Ardsona in Strathwhillan, Brodick at offers over £74,000.

Best garden

Dick and Kath Heydon of Lamlash have Arran's best garden.

They picked up the top prize in the first 'garden of the year' contest run by Arran Horticultural Society.

Their garden at The Whins has magnificent winding paths, a beautiful garden outside their hedge by the roadside and a few topiary hedges cut into the shape of birds.

A few weeks ago the garden was open to the public to raise money for the Lamlash Church restoration fund.

Fish scare

The discovery of a dead sea trout in a river sparked fears of pollution this week.

Mrs Hawkins of Sannox spotted that the South Sannox Burn had turned cloudy and saw at least one sea trout gasping for air.

The sand quarry upstream had been in operation that afternoon and, allied to this, the water level was very low.

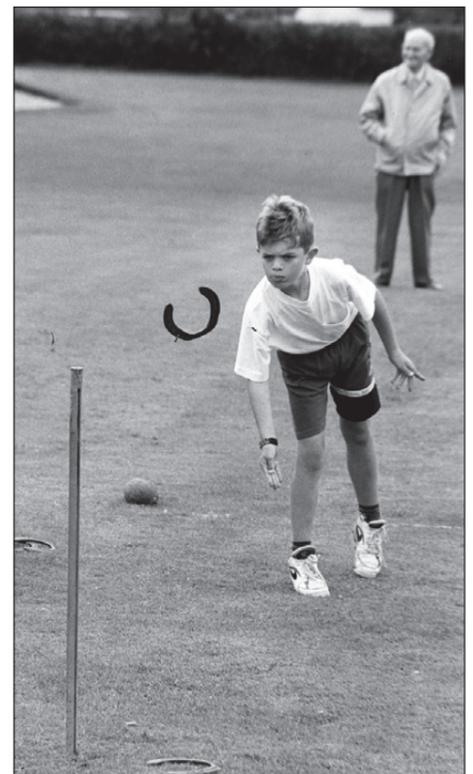
She called in water bailiff Rob Logan, who has assisted in stocking the river with salmon this year, who took water samples and informed the Clyde River Purification Board who sent an inspector the next day.

However, after raining heavily overnight by morning it was a different river, full, fast flowing and clear.

Taking shape

The new Brodick Co-op is moving ahead in great strides. A week ago it was just a clear site but our photograph was taken on Tuesday and by Friday a skeleton steel structure was virtually in place.

The steel erection will only take another 10 days until the building work around it begins.



A determined youngster aims his horseshoe at the pole during the Brodick Church Fete last weekend. b32twe02

Recruitment

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Notice is hereby given of the intention of Bereavement Services to continue its programme of memorial safety inspections throughout North Ayrshire Cemeteries and Churchyards.

The programme will be extended to the Isle of Arran, commencing on Monday 25 August 2014. The programme will include an initial visual inspection, a hand pressure test to 25 kg and labelling those headstones which fail the inspection. Headstones which are considered to be a significant risk will be staked and tied or laid flat.

An open day has been arranged for Tuesday 19 August 2014 from 10am to 2.30pm at Kilbride Cemetery, Lamlash, to demonstrate the inspection methods to the public and answer any questions regarding the programme.

Anyone wishing further information, please contact North Ayrshire Council Bereavement Services either by post: Montgomerie House, 2A Byrehill Drive, West Byrehill Industrial Estate, Kilwinning, KA13 6HN; tel 01294 310000; email: bereavementservices@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 29.08.14. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

14/00453/PP; The Cabbage Patch, Lamlash, Brodick; Change of use of former vacant ground floor shop unit to form dwelling flat.

14/00459/PP; The Bungalow, Whiting Bay, Brodick; Temporary part change of cottage to retail use.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



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(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 10th August
Holy Communion, 11.00am.
Rev Adrian Fallows, Glencoe.
Coffee after service.

Wednesday, 13th August
Pop-up Church 12.15pm,
in Kinloch Hoel,
Blackwaterfoot.
(No service in St Margaret's Church)
Please note:

Saturday, 16th August
20th Anniversary Celebrations
at the church 2 pm
Cream teas, exhibition, etc.
followed by service of evensong
at 4.30pm
ALL WELCOME AT ALL
EVENTS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran
Broddick, Corrie, Lochranza,
Pirrmill 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 10th August
Lochranza Church. 9.30am
Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper.
Pirrmill Church, 10.45am,
Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper.
Shiskine Church, 12noon,
125th Anniversary and
Re-Dedication Service,
including the Sacrament of the
Lord's Supper.

Broddick Church, 10.30am
Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am
Prayer Meeting, 11.50am Tea
and Coffee and Fellowship,
12noon Morning Worship.
A Service of Worship will also
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at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a
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Sunday 10th August
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
Both Churches:
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Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday morning masses
9.30am and 11am

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Sunday 10th August
Worship will be conducted by
the minister, Rev Elizabeth
Watson at 10.30am.
The Sunday School begins
again and we look forward to
welcoming our young
people back.
Tea and coffee will be served in
the Transept immediately after
the service - please stay and
enjoy more fellowship.
All most welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 10th August
11am Morning worship
in the Ormidale Sports
Pavilion, Broddick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for
Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 10th August
Morning Service, 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen
Estate, Broddick
Evening Service 6-30pm
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 10th August
Shiskine 11am (Church on road
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Broddick 7pm (Church behind
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BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATH

LEE - Peter. Died peacefully on 21st July. The family thank all who showed kindness and support during his illness. Thank you to all the medical people who cared for us so well. Also thanks to Rev Vince Jenning who took the funeral at the crematorium and the celebration service at South Beach Baptist church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DAVIS - George. Carol and Caroline would like to sincerely thank everyone and express their gratitude for the kind words of comfort and ongoing support at the loss of a much loved husband and father. We are overwhelmed by the comforting presence of so many who were able to attend George's funeral. Your generosity during this hard time has meant so much to us. Special thanks to Father Noel Colford for the lovely uplifting service at Holy Cross Church, to staff at Crosshouse and Lamlash Hospital, to the ARCAS drivers (especially Ian and Charlie), to David and Clair and all at Hendry Funeral Directors. A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations to ARCAS. Your kindness will always be remembered. Please accept this as our sincere and personal acknowledgment to you all.

NICOLSON - Sheena and family of the late Alastair Nicolson wish to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them following our sad loss. To the staff at Mid Argyll hospital, Dr Helliwell, nurse Joanna Steel and carers for Alastair's special care at home. Extended thanks to Arran and Lochgilphead Masonic order. Finally thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm service and spiritual help also Donald Macdonald Funeral Directors for their compassionate care. A generous donation of £245 was raised on behalf of Lodge Loch Fyne Benevolent Fund.



The Whiting Bay junior open competitors on the first tee.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Whiting Bay Junior Open - 15 played. Everyone enjoyed the experience and were delighted with the prizes they won. The overall winner was Jack Adair with a score of 58, with Murray Foggo finishing second on 62. The best local was Dylan Smith of Lamlash and the lowest scratch was an excellent 69 by Lewis Breslin of Fereneze Golf Club.

As always the competition ran smoothly with Brian Adair announcing each competitor on the tee, followed by applause from the spectators as the tee shot disappeared over the horizon. The Adair family, the Mack family and the Foggo family, and all the helpers on the day are to be congratulated for making it such a rewarding experience for all the players.

Wednesday 30 July, 32 competed for the Jim Pirie Quach with the top three



Whiting Bay open winner Jack Adair with grandfather Brian Adair and club vice captain Tom Young.

places being spilt only after the count-back, SSS 63, CSS 64. 1 Alan Kay (16) 62 acb, 2 Danny Head (6) 62 acb, 3 Andrew Mack (15) 62, 4 John Rankin (8) 63 acb. Danny Head won scratch with 68 and there were magic twos by Jamie MacPherson, Jamie McKechnie and Stuart Simpson.

On Sunday 3 August, 19 played for Nestor's Jug in, at best, showery conditions. It was a family affair as far as the top prizes went. The winner was the late Nestor Rankin's son David with 39 points, 2 Nestor's grandson PJ Rankin with 35 points acb and 3 Craig Simpson also with 35 points. Jamie MacPherson won scratch with 69 and there were magic twos by Wolfi Kroner, PJ Rankin and Craig Simpson.

Best wishes go to Malcolm Pennycott of Whiting Bay who plays in the semi-final of the Ayrshire Champion of Champions at Royal Troon on Friday 8 August. Earlier Malcolm won his opening rounds by five and four and five and three before defeating Gordon Boyle and Kenny McCaskill, both from Turnberry, by four and two and six and five. He now plays Adam Sweeney from Largs in the semi-final.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 August, Lifeboat Open Competition. Wednesday 13 August, McNicol Cup.

Lochranza Golf Club

Cabrach Competition, latest scores: Sunday 13 July: 1 Ben Innes 36, 2 Alastair Innes 37, 3 Ross Traill 38.

Sunday 27 July: 1 Ross Traill 34, 2 Ian Buchanan 40, 3 Ben Innes 45.

Thursday 24 July: Lochranza Studio Gallery Cup, six teams, including two from Machrie Bay competed on a beautiful, sunny evening. The cup was won by the home team of Ross Traill and Bryan Lewis.

Corrie Golf Club

On Wednesday 30 July, in a sweep only, 11 played. 1 J McGovern 73-10=63, 2 I McMillan 81-13=68, 3 J McConnachie 75-6=69. Best scratch John McGovern 73. Saturday 2 August, summer cup, seven played. 1 E McKinnon, 62+1=63, 2 B Rooney 77-13=64 BIH over S Beardsley. Magic twos E McKinnon (2), S Beardsley, B Rooney and R Logan.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 August, James Bunyan Trophy, tee off 8.30am and 1pm. Draw for the Auchenvole Cup is on the notice board.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 3 August, McCutcheon Trophy, 28 played. First class: 1 D Ritchie 47-7=40 BIH, 2 Joel Smith 46-6=40, 3 D Duthie 46-4=42. Scratch Joel Smith 46. Second class: 1 Jill Smith 53-13=40, 2 A Bannatyne 54-13=41 BIH, 3 B Stewart 49-8=41. Jill beat Joel and David to win the McCutcheon Trophy. Magic twos from I Shaw, Q Oliver, A Calder, D Ritchie, Jill Smith, Joel Smith, twice, and D Duthie.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 August: Victory Shield and Kay Maxwell Trophy (Gents/Ladies). Wednesday 13 August: gents 12 hole medal. Thursday 14 August: ladies captain's prize and veterans' trophy.

Arran Golfers Association

Fixtures: Saturday 16 August, Corrie Hotel Cup at Whiting Bay Golf Club from 5pm. Draw: Broddick B v Lochranza B at 5pm, Shiskine B v Broddick A at 5.10pm, Shiskine A v Lamlash A at 5.30pm, Whiting Bay A v Corrie A at 5.30pm, Lamlash B v Machrie A at 5.40pm, Lochranza A v Machrie B at 5.50pm, Corrie B v Whiting Bay B at 6pm. The format will be Stableford with all four scores counting.

Champion of Champions 2014 at Lamlash Golf Club. First round Friday 15 August, 5.30pm. Second round Monday 18 August 5.30pm. Final Friday 22 August 5.30pm.

Draw: Machrie v Lamlash, Corrie v Champion, Shiskine v Whiting Bay, Lochranza v Broddick. New draw on completion of each round.

Broddick Golf Club

On Wednesday 30 July, in the Summer Cup, 35 played, CSS 64. 1 Chris Pattenden (12) 59, 2 Robert McCrae (7) 64 acb, 3 Ewan McKinnon (+1) 64 acb. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 63. There were nine twos recorded: James Armit, David Hendry, Ross Duncan, Iain MacDonald, Bryce Walker, Matthew Keir, Stanley Brothers, Ewan McKinnon and Chris Pattenden.

On Sunday 3 August, 17 played, CSS 64. 1 Ewan McKinnon (+1) 59, 2 Robert McCrae (7) 65 acb, 3 Chris Pattenden (11) 65. There were eight twos with Ewan McKinnon getting two and Bruce Jenkins, Nicol Hume, Donald McKinnie, Ian McDermid, Chris Pattenden and Bryce Walker getting one each. A great score from Ewan McKinnon equalled the course record which he holds at 58 and winning the scratch well done Ewan. He also won the first class Brandon and Ian McDermid won the second class Brandon.

Fixtures: Wednesday 13 August: Summer Cup. Sunday 10 August: Centenary Quach, draw at 12 noon on Saturday 9 August - Sunday start times from 8.30am and 1pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

On Tuesday 29 July, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton: 1 Phil Betley 62, 2 Campbell Laing 63, 3 David Wilkinson 69 BIH. Scratch Campbell Laing 82.

Fixtures: Tuesday 12 August: Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee-off 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: On Wednesday 30 July, played medal seven and Red Cross, CSS 64. 1 Jo Hastings 82 (16) 64, 2 Liz Sinclair 85 (17) 68. Scratch Jo Hastings 82.

On Monday 28 July, mixed fours: 1 Kate McAdam and Sam Handley 79 (14.5) 64.5, 2 Morag Gardner and Jim Henderson 83 (17.5) 65.5, 3 Trish Martin and Douglas Robertson 87 (21) 66. Scratch Liz Sinclair and Ian Bremner 76. Gents' longest drive: Douglas Robertson; nearest pin: Ian Murchie. Ladies' longest drive: Jo Hastings; nearest pin: Sheena Murchie. Twos from Liz Sinclair and Ian Murchie, Sheena Murchie and Ian Murchie and Marion Porter and Bob Tate.

Gents: Thursday 31 July, summer cup and medal shield, CSS 64: 1 Neil Stewart 66-5=61, 2 Cameron Herd 86-24=62, 3 Andrew Smith 78-15=63 BIH, 4 Stuart Campbell 69-6=63. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 65. Twos from Andy Smith and Paul Jameson at the fourth, Jamie Ainsworth at the 14th. Yellow medal, CSS 64. 1 Bob Tait 84-19=65 BIH, 2 Lennie Herd 89-24=65. Two from Lennie Herd at the 16th.

Sunday 2 August: Hamilton Bowl (Bogey). 1 Lee Dutton - one to bogey. Best scratch to bogey Billy O'Connor. Overall winner of Hamilton Bowl Lee Dutton +8 to bogey.

Fixtures: Friday 8 August: Open Practice Day also Dan Crawford Salver (Lifeboat Day), make up own groups. Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August, Lamlash Open - contact starter for times.



Jack McNally receiving the junior championship cup from DK Henderson with runner-up Innis Thorborn.

THANK YOU

Gareth and Eileen would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for all the beautiful gifts and well wishes received on the birth of their baby girl **Callie Elizabeth Gregg** born on the 10th of June.

A little sister for Lewis, who has also been spoiled by everyone with big brother gifts! All doing well.



THANK YOU

Anne Dinwoodie of Broddick would like to thank all her friends and family who helped make her 80th birthday celebrations such a happy day!

Thank you all for your good wishes, cards and gifts.

APOLOGY

Should it be necessary to withdraw the 'Arran Banana' from retail outlets, can I apologise to those who have not yet managed to get a copy. Postal sales may be necessary, if so send P.O for £1.50 to **STONEDOWN, WHITING BAY, KA27 8QP**
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Lamlash celebrates double anniversary

Villagers founded Arran's first golf course with £40

The oldest golf club on Arran is celebrating a special double anniversary.

It is 125 years ago since a group of village businessmen raised the £40 they needed to lay the foundations of the club in 1889.

This weekend will also see the 30th outing of the Lamlash Open.

But the creation of the club was inexorably linked with the growth of tourism on the island.

Before the wrought iron pier in Brodick, the only pier that existed was the stone jetty in Lamlash, which was only serviceable by the paddle steamers at high tide.

In the years leading up to 1889 the paddle steamers were bringing an ever-increasing number of holiday-makers to the island and, as there was no transport apart from boats and horses, visitors seldom ventured far from their chosen village.

Many of the gents brought with them wooden shafted implements and feathery balls to practice their 'gowff' on the village green and fields, which had been harvested.

As a result a group of Lamlash businessmen got together to establish a proper golf course with the backing of the Duke of Hamilton.

They opted to create a nine-hole course on an area of the ground, which was part of Blairmore Farm, rented from Arran Estate by James Allan, who also at this time was the tenant of Clauchlands Farm.

Among the founders were J B Sweet, a banker; Mr McK-



Dougie Macfarlane with a clutch of trophies he won at an early Open 25 years ago.

elvie, the manager of McNeish Grocers and propagator of Arran Potatoes and Mr Bannatyne of the Lamlash Hotel, now the Pierhead Tavern.

During the summer season of 1889 Captain Buchanan's paddle steamer *P S Scotia* was hired to organise a day cruise from which funds of



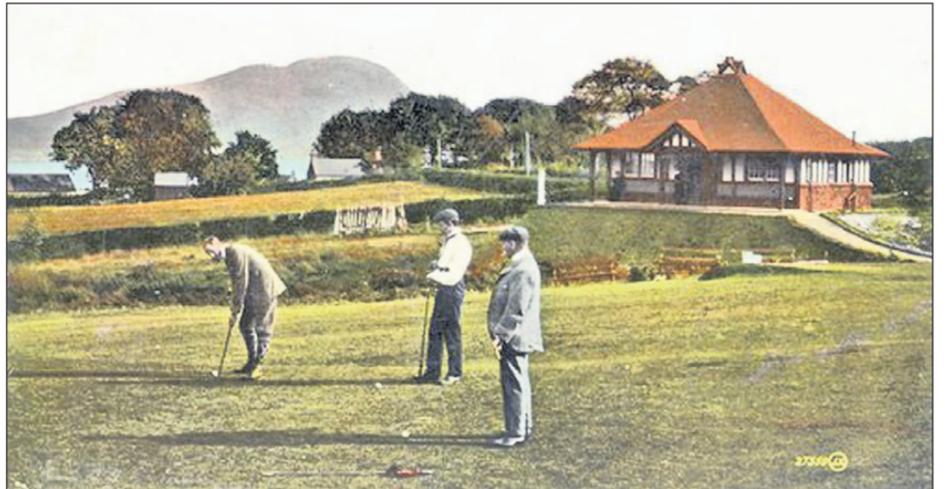
Secretary Jim Henderson on the first tee in the late 1980s. b32hist02NO

£40 were raised to assist with funding the golf course.

Existing hedges dividing the fields were removed and a few teeing areas and greens were quickly constructed on the harvested fields. Today evidence of the run rig system can still be seen.

In 1890 Willie Fernie, the professional greenkeeper at Troon, was invited to plan a nine-hole layout and the following year he established a course record of 31 over the bogey 33 course. The first green, a bogey four, was in the area of the present practise putting green. The first chairman was the Rev T Robertson, treasurer J B Sweet and secretary A Davidson, a schoolmaster. The new layout was published in the Evening Times of 31 March 1892.

In 1896 Willie Auchterlonie of St Andrews was invited to Lamlash to plan an 18-hole layout. He made use of the ground surrounding the farmhouse, the present triangle and land beyond the cemetery access road. This



The Lamlash course and clubhouse of yesteryear.

new layout was published in a paper on 12 February 1897. Estate commissioner James Auld Jamieson and Lord Shand officially opened the new course on 12 June with an exhibition match played between Willie Fernie and Willie Auchterlonie.

A professional tournament was subsequently held on the 14 August, the eight professionals competing were Willie Fernie of Troon, Willie Auchterlonie of St Andrews, Ben Sayers of North Berwick, Andrew Kirkaldy of St Andrews, Alexander Herd of St Andrews, (cousin of Sandy Herd) Kinnell of Prestwick, Scott of Ellie and Douglas of Polloe. Kinnell set a new course record of 64 giving a score of 136 for 36 holes and winning the purse of £8.

With the new course starting by the Brodick road to a bogey three a clubhouse was sited using a wheelhouse from a schooner.

In 1903 a new clubhouse was constructed and officially opened in August 1904.

By 1908 the course was becoming congested, partly with visitors, partly with the presence of the North Atlantic Fleet which used Lamlash Bay as a safe anchorage.

The committee again contacted Mr Fernie who recommended using the waste

ground beyond the present second hole and the holes surrounding the farmhouse were dropped.

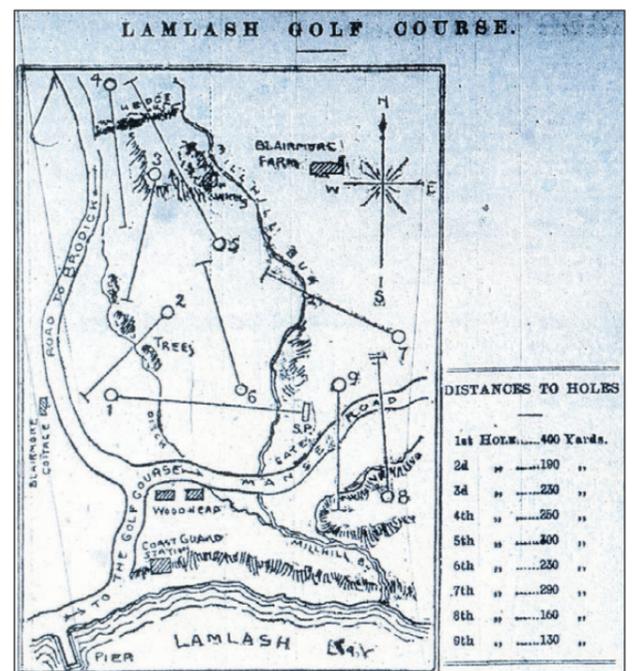
In 1930 the short bogey three first hole was scrapped to create a bogey five first hole and introduction of new hole, the existing fifth, to link the far end of the course.

In 1934 Arran Golfers Association hosted an exhibition match at Lamlash involving Jack McLean, Scotland's top amateur of this era and Dia Rees of Wales. Also taking

part were two locals - Ernest Ribbeck of Brodick and Peter Boa of Lamlash.

Between 1959 and 1963 land forming the golf course was purchased from Arran Estate trustees and 1968 saw the formation of the existing white tees to create a par 64.

And bringing things up to the present day the clubhouse was completed in 1998, replacing the previous single storey structures and providing the excellent facilities available today.



A plan of the original course created by Willie Fernie.

Open has delivered many memorable occasions

The Lamlash Open, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this weekend, attracts many mainland golfers and their families with many returning every year to take part.

In 1984 the first open attracted an entry of 73, played

over 36 holes with local businesses, members and visitors sponsoring every hole on the course.

Since 1985 the entry has never been below 100 with the record set in 2006 when 182 players competed on both days.

Over the years there has been many memorable occasions, ranging from the year Labour's first minister Jack McConnell, now Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale, took part, to the time 12-year-old

Lamlash member Jamie Murchie swept the field aside.

And while Chris Wall has won the open three times there have been many occasions when low handicap golfers have been awarded the booby prize

Only twice, in 2007 and 2008, has one day of the open been cancelled. The first time it was rained off and the second time was because of a lightning storm.

The open is also unique in the fact that the 36-hole com-

petition played over two days has eight individual trophies to play for and every hole is sponsored on both days.

The open cup record is 51+61=112 by Stuart Cree. Scratch Quaich record 65+60=125 by Jamie Murchie. Senior handicap record 124 by Joe Rae and Jim Short. Senior scratch 138 by Ian Gillan.

To celebrate the 30th year the club is holding a celebratory dinner tonight (Friday) with guest speakers.



Jamie Murchie celebrates his open success with his family when he was just 12.

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Brodick are CHAMPIONS!



There were celebrations late into the evening in Brodick on Monday night after the village team triumphed in the 2014 Arran Football League.

A 5-0 defeat of Shiskine at the Harbour Field in Blackwaterfoot secured the league title for the boys in blue.

It had been relatively

close at the top of the table for the past few weeks with goal difference alone keeping Southend in second place.

But four goals from star striker and man of the match Archie McNicol, and another from Matthew Dobson sealed Brodick's fate, taking them to victory.

Sadly for league chairman Danny Head, he was forced to present the trophy to Brodick's Kyle Barbour rather than his own team Southend, much to his dismay.

Meanwhile in Lamlash Northend Thistle were beaten 7-3 in the last league game of the season.

Lamlash's James Todd

scored an impressive hat trick while Martin Ross, Ben Tattersfield, Sean Higgins, and Jamie Sillars all added one each.

Northend's Andy MacNamara found the back of the net twice after two penalties and Lennon Deary scored the other.

Man of the match was James Todd.

Brodick celebrate after their victory in the Arran Football League. 20_b32bro02

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