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Brave Liam defies the odds to make it to school

'Seeing him start primary is better than winning the lottery'

A YOUNG Arran boy who doctors said wouldn't live to see his first birthday has made it to primary school.

Five-year-old Liam McCormick, who has a rare heart defect, was born on St Patrick's day in 2010, and he certainly has the luck of the Irish as he continues to defy the odds and astound medical professionals. He reached the milestone of attending his first day at Lamlash Primary School on Monday.

Liam was diagnosed with a severe condition known as pulmonary atresia, which means two of the heart valves are defective. By the age of two he had already undergone three complicated operations and wasn't expected to survive. He has had more

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major surgery since, most recently in February and November last year.

Dad John, 35, who runs his own cleaning business, explained: 'It's very emotional seeing him make it to his first day at school. It's like winning the lottery. All our dreams came true seeing him sitting in the classroom.'

'We weren't expecting it as we were told it would never happen and he wouldn't make it to his first birthday. He's our wee heart hero.'

Mum Karen, 38, who is a book-keeper, said: 'We were told there was more chance of us winning the lottery than

Liam making it to his fifth birthday.

'After he was born, doctors said we should take Liam into a hospice and allow him to pass away and be peaceful and comfortable, but we never gave up on him, and here he is today, at school with the rest of the children his age.'

Liam underwent the two most recent surgeries - known as the Glenn procedure and the Fontan procedure - separately, as the success rate is higher when carried out as two operations. John continued: 'He'll still need a heart transplant at some point but we don't know when. Some people make it into their 30s, others it's younger. They're all different. We just

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Liam and mum Karen celebrating his first day at school 02_b34liam01



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Police appeal for witnesses

Police officers in Lamlash are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed a grey Toyota Yaris being damaged at around midday on Wednesday, August 5, in the Drift Inn car park.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact constable Mcdevitt on 01770 302 573 or Police Scotland on 101.

Information about other crimes can be reported on these numbers, or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Tae Kwon Do classes in Brodick

A new Tae Kwon Do club will be opening this Monday, August 24 at the Brodick church hall. The class is organised by John Divine and run by Adrian Cannon, who holds a first dan black belt in the martial art.

The session will be held on Mondays between 7:30pm and 8:30pm.

Adults and over-10s are invited to attend.

Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art with a heavy emphasis on kicks and is influenced by karate and Chinese martial arts.

John also runs classes on a Wednesday and Friday at Arran high school.

For further information, contact John on 07733 738 127.

Liam continues to defy the odds

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take it one step at a time.'

The family only returned to the island in June, having moved to Cumbernauld in 2013 to be closer to Yorkhill Children's Hospital while Liam was receiving near-constant treatment.

Now, with Liam ready to start school, the time was right for the family, which includes brothers Reece, 14, and Sean, 10 to move back home to Arran. Liam also has a 20-year-old sister, Rachel, who lives in Cumbernauld.

John said: 'The school have been absolutely fantastic - so welcoming and accommodating. We wouldn't have got this support on the mainland.'

'We were told if we stayed back in Cumbernauld, Liam would be on a restricted school timetable. So he wouldn't be in school five days a week and when he was in, he would be in half days at the most.'

'Here, he's starting off doing the standard school day of 9am until 3pm and if he can manage that he'll carry on. If he can't, at least he was given the opportunity.'

'Doctor Hogg at Arran Medical Group has been amazing too. He was our



Liam and Karen featured in the Banner in 2012 after he had three major operations 01_b11liam01

doctor before, when we lived on the island, and his wife was a nurse at Yorkhill, so they know Liam well and know his condition.'

Talking about his first day, Liam said: 'I was very excited. It was lots of fun, and I made a lot of new friends.'

The family were having a party on Monday to celebrate the youngster reaching what was once a seemingly unreachable milestone.

Liam continues to get health checks every six months, with John and Ka-

ren hopeful they will be reduced to once a year as his condition stabilises.

'Hopefully it'll be just once a year, because it'll keep him away from hospital for a while,' said John. 'For a wee boy he's been through so much.'

Arran parents urged to return flu forms

Parents of primary school children in Ayrshire and Arran are being urged to return their flu vaccine consent forms within seven days to ensure their child is covered from flu this autumn.

All primary school children in Ayrshire and Arran are being offered the vaccine as part of the flu immunisation programme for children, which was introduced last year and resulted in more Scots than ever before receiving the best defence against flu.

Uptake figures for the region show that 77 per cent of children in Ayrshire and Arran were vaccinated against flu in 2014 and even more children are expected to be vaccinated this year.

Parents are being encouraged to look out for their child's consent form which has been sent home in their school bag, as no child can be vaccinated without parental consent.

Summer Bridge

The results of the summer bridge competition held at Lamlash on Monday, August 17 are as follows: 1, T Martin and D Campbell 67.71 per cent; 2, L Trickett and E McKellar and D and M Bruce 57.29 per cent; 3, B Livingstone and J Barclay 50 per cent.

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Arran will not become a separate council ward

Arran will not form part of a council ward with Fairlie and West Kilbride, and moves for the island to become a ward in its own right have been dubbed 'undemocratic' by an MSP.

The review of council boundaries by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) of Scotland is ongoing, with Arran likely to stay linked to Ardrossan, but with the current four councillors reduced to three. With Arran's John Bruce not standing for re-election, there are fears there will be no resident councillor on the island.

MSP for Cunninghame North, Kenneth Gibson, said that any move by Arran to 'go it alone', as suggested by Arran Community Council, would give the island's 3,866 residents unfair representation.

Mr Gibson said: 'I am pleased to say that the Boundary Commission has rejected North Ayrshire Council's proposal for an Arran/Fairlie/West Kilbride Ward.'

'Arran Community Council understandably wants an Arran ward with one councillor.'

'However, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland states that legislation specifies that there are to be either three or four councillors elected from each ward. We do not have any power to alter that legislation which has been made by the Scottish parliament.'

'For each ward we design during a review, we recommend whether there should be three or four members elected from that ward. On that basis, it is clear that all wards must be multi-member.'

'It has therefore been suggested as a fall-back by Arran Community Council that Arran itself becomes a multi-member ward. That won't

happen either, as Arran has 3.4 per cent of North Ayrshire's population.'

'The vote of each voter in a local authority must be equally weighed, and a three-member Arran ward would give it three times the per capita representation of a mainland ward, which would be undemocratic.'

'Thus, the decision is whether Arran should be part of a three or four-member ward which includes most or all of Ardrossan.'

'A three-member would reduce the likelihood of Arran being ignored by councillors living on the mainland so – in my view – three members with most of Ardrossan within the ward would be best.'

Arran Community Council secretary, Bill Calderwood, said that the issue of boundary changes would be top of the agenda at the next meeting at Ormidale Sports Pavilion in Brodick, on August 25, and encouraged members of the public to attend.

In a statement, the community council said: 'The community council's position was taken with due recognition of the limitations dictated by the LGBC by way of Scottish government legislation.'

'We seek to work with North Ayrshire Council to satisfy the initial purpose of the review which was being undertaken, "in the interests of effective and convenient local government" and as per the minister for islands' assurance that island communities should not be disadvantaged.

'This may require some amendments to the current legislation and before we accept the current guidelines we wish to be reassured that this "one size solution" will actually deliver the required benefits as described.'

'Since it was the Scottish government that set the LGBC's conditions it would be hoped that our elected representative would support an alternative approach which would appear to address their intended outcome.'

'Arran has already been designated as one of six "neighbourhood" or "locality planning" areas in NAC and the proposed boundaries structures do not appear to align with this positive identification for the island.'

'We also wish to ensure a strong and consistent representation within the local authority which otherwise could be put at risk without a resident elected member. 'Councillor Bruce is also a cabinet member and a strong participant on planning and licensing boards to ensure that island interests are fairly represented based on local



MSP for Cunninghame North, Kenneth Gibson, has been outspoken about the council boundary review

engagement. All these electoral representations would be impractical with an elected member living off the island.'

The 12-week public consultation on the boundary changes finishes on October 22.

For more information, or to

give feedback, visit: www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th_electoral/

Lochranza distillery appeal

Staff at Lochranza distillery are celebrating the 21st anniversary next June and are calling on all of their social media followers and friends to send in photos of the distillery from 1994 to the present day.

Anyone with images they would like to share should email them to: jaclyn@arran-whisky.com

Archie is up for award

An Arran man has been nominated as one of the finalists for the North Ayrshire Achieves (NAA) 2015 award.

Archie McNicol, the active schools coordinator at Arran High School in Lamlash, has been nominated as an employee who demonstrated 'customer excellence' by providing a service beyond what was expected.

He is up against Elaine Hay, an accommodation assistant in Ardrossan, and Heather McAlaney, a classroom assistant at Greenwood Academy in Dreghorn.

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Arran Riding Club jumping derby is a great success

Arran Riding Club held its annual horse jumping derby at Glenkiln on Sunday, August 16 on a warm and bright summer's day. The good weather was welcomed, after last year's show was cancelled due to the weather.

The champion of the 2ft 6 class was Louis Ashley on Kippen, with the reserve champion Faye Anderson on Storm. In the 2ft 9 class Isla Yuill won the champion position on Velvet and Hanna Bone took reserve champion. The riding club wishes to

thank all those who took part in this year's successful event and all those who assisted in making it happen, especially Kenny and Eleanor Bone for allowing the use of the field.

Full results as follows:
 2ft 6 Class, Clear round, Lois Ashley on Kippen. Speed Round: 1 Lois Ashley on Kippen, 1:04.84. 2 Liz Kennedy on Diesel, 1:12.47. 3 Lizanne Dixon on Queenie, 1:15.76. 4 Faye Anderson on Storm, 1:15.81. Challenge: 1 Faye Anderson on Storm, 2 Lois Ashley on Kippen, 3



Hanna Bone, 2ft 9 reserve champion on Tommy, Isla Yuill, 2ft 9 champion on Velvet, Lois Ashley, 2ft 6 champion on Kippen and Faye Anderson, 2ft 6 reserve champion on Storm 20_34horse01



Lori Young on Spirit 20_34horse03

Liz Kennedy on Diesel, 4 Lizanne Dixon on Queenie.

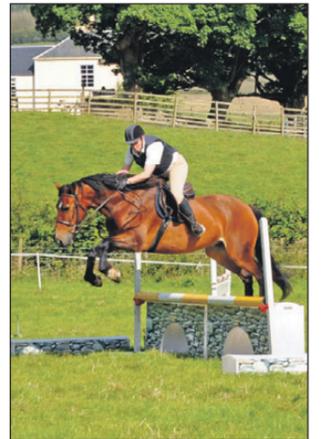
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Lori Young on Spirit, 2:36.06. 2ft 9 class, Clear Round, Isla Yuill on Velvet. Speed Round: 1 Isla Yuill on Velvet, 0:56.22, 2 Lori Young on Spirit, 0:58.90, 3 Hanna Bone on Tommy, 1:11.97. Challenge: 1 Isla Yuill on Velvet, 2 Hanna Bone on Tommy, 3

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Ellis McKelvie clearing the 1.2 meter jump on Bud 20_34horse04



Liz Kennedy on Diesel 20_34horse02

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Smile of Arran Trust pleased at support for island walk

Many of you might have seen a small group of people walking around the island last week dressed in bright green shirts with The Smile of Arran Trust emblazoned across the chest.

As reported in the Banner on Saturday, August 8, a group of family and friends set off on a 100km sponsored walk for the Smile of Arran Trust in memory of Arran Tosh, a 13-year-old boy who tragically died of a brain tumour last

year on June 7. The group of five, sometimes more, including Arran's mum, Alison Tosh, and Tom Gentry, who was a close friend of Arran's, set off from the Brodick Highland Games to a rousing send off by the Kintyre School Pipe band and ended at the 'Welcome to Brodick' sign last Friday at the Brodick ferry terminal to a small welcoming party.

The trust was set up to raise awareness and provide sup-

port for families and children who are affected by brain tumours and brain cancer.

With support from charities such as Headsmart and CLIC Sargent, the trust will be able to offer grants and support to those affected.

Alison Tosh was joined at the end of the walk by her parents, Kate and Maurice Milligan.

She said that the walk had been emotional at times but the support that she has re-

ceived has been phenomenal. Alison also said she has been overwhelmed by the kindness shown to her and her friends during what is to become an annual event.

She added: 'I can't thank everyone enough.'

'From Sheila Gilmore, who has been wonderful, to Lam-lash Golf Club, Rowanbank Guest house, The Distillery, Little Rock Cafe and people whom we met along the way, everyone has been so very supportive and kind.'

Alison also wished to thank her friends, Anne Everitt, Liz Foster and Vicky and Tom Gentry who encouraged and supported each other every step of the way.

Many island businesses will continue to support the charity through the sale of wristbands and collection boxes.

The worthwhile charity also continues to raise money on its website; www.smileofarran.org or its Facebook page; www.facebook.com/the-smileofarran



Walkers after completing this year's challenge, from left: Anne Everitt, Diana Pawsey, Alison Tosh, Vicky Gentry, Tom Gentry and Liz Foster 02_34smile01

Farmers' Show prize draw winners

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One night dinner, with wine and B & B for two people, courtesy of Kildonan Hotel; Yvonne Brothers, Criffel, Lam-lash.

A round of golf for four people plus soup and sandwiches, courtesy of Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club; H Cunningham, 10A Peile Street, Greenock.

One night B & B for two people in a deluxe room, courtesy of the Douglas Hotel; D S Bannatyne, Arran Haulage.

An Island Escape spa day for one adult, courtesy of Auchrannie Resort; Billy and Robert Stewart, Engravers, Kilmarnock.

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Kilmory. A flask, donated by Miller Hardie; Logan Barr, Brodick. A torch, donated by Miller Hardie; M Lyth, c/o Liz Clarke, Shiskine.

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The Peacock Salt crew get to grips with the skiff during training off Ayr

Firm to raise charity cash with skiff journey from Arran

AN AYR company is set to make history as it takes part in a never-done-before charity challenge from Arran.

Staff from Peacock Salt, who have, in the past three years, trekked around Bute, climbed Goatfell and tackled Ben Nevis in the name of charity, are going to make a splash as they hit the water for their latest task.

Sixteen members of staff, which is more than half the firm's head office, are attempting to row two small boats, known as skiffs, from Arran to Ayr.

The Firth of Clyde waterway between these points is traversed regularly by commercial ferries, yachts and fishing boats, but has never

been voyaged across in a skiff. Staff will take it in turns to man the boats, with the money, fittingly, going to the RNLI.

Managing director, Gregorie Marshall, said: 'If it was going to be easy then it wouldn't be a challenge. The preparation for this event has brought a new sense of adventure and focus to our organisation, as well as further strengthening our already strong core values of teamwork and mutual respect. Furthermore, our chosen charity, the RNLI, is one which is closer to us than most owing to the seafaring nature of our company history, and therefore one for which we have immense respect'.

For the past few weeks, the

staff have been training on rowing machines, in general fitness activities and in the skiffs themselves. The boat is being generously loaned to Peacock by the Carrick Coastal Rowing Club, based in Maidens, Ayrshire.

The rowing club's representative, Henry Anderson, explained that coastal rowing is one of the fastest growing sports in Scotland, with several clubs to be found around the coast, all eager for new members.

He said: 'This is a fantastic endeavour by Peacock Salt staff. Not only is the challenge itself unique, but hopefully it will highlight to many in the wider community that this type of activity is open to all and is a great way to meet people and contribute to a healthier lifestyle'.

The decision to have this year's event at sea was in keeping with the traditions of Peacock Salt, whose principal activity was the shipping business when it was founded 140 years ago. The firm is now the largest importer of salt in the United Kingdom, supplying a wide range of industries such as food and drink, road salt for winter maintenance, speciality gourmet salts, water softening, pharmaceuticals and many more.

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Council chief makes awards shortlist for her people skills

Chief executive of North Ayrshire Council, Elma Murray, is in the running for the chief executive of the year award.

Ms Murray has been shortlisted in this year's HR Network Awards – the largest and most prestigious HR awards in Scotland.

The chief executive has been shortlisted for transforming the council and raising ambition within the authority.

Her leadership style, appreciation of staff and ability to innovate with reduced budgets has resulted in a higher performing council delivering excellence across its public services.

Shortlisted

The council's HR department has also been shortlisted in four other categories for their part in creating the council's people culture. The shortlists include: best workplace of the year, organisational development, and employee engagement.

In addition, the council's organisational development manager, Fiona Walker, has made the final cut in the HR manager of the year category for her role in supporting the introduction of the authority's employer brand and people strategy.

Ms Murray is thrilled that the council has been shortlisted for four awards and humbled at her own finalist status.

'I feel very proud that council staff have put me forward for chief executive of the

year,' she said. 'I'm equally delighted that we are also in the running for four more of these prestigious and credible awards which cover both the public and private sectors.'

'Being shortlisted reflects the focus, passion and inspiration that comes from a workforce committed to delivering excellence to our communities. The creativity of our staff never ceases to amaze me and their confidence to take ownership of pursuing new ways of improving what we do is truly inspirational.'

Council leader, Willie Gibson, is also thrilled at the authority's success in reaching the finals. He said: 'Our ambition is to be the best coun-

cil in Scotland and with excellent staff, excellent public services and excellent leadership, we are well on our way to achieving that ambition.'

'Elma Murray has empowered staff to be creative and unafraid to put forward their ideas for improving service delivery. Since her appointment in 2009 the council has become award-winning, sector-leading and the authority others often look to in pursuit of excellence.'

All shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview in mid-September as part of the next stage of the awards process. The winners will be announced at the HR Network Awards' annual dinner in Glasgow in November.



Elma Murray, North Ayrshire Council's Chief Executive and candidate for chief executive of the year award

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Bo-Peep panto raises charity cash

Two Arran youngsters have raised more than £2420 for charity with their production of Bo-Peep, held at the Lam-lash community theatre last Friday and Saturday.

Wallace Currie and Josh MacDonald staged the production with the help of Heather Gough in support of Motor Neuron Disease and Multiple Sclerosis research.

The production was a huge success

which saw audiences laughing all the way through and with the members giving a hilarious performance loosely based on nursery rhyme characters. Not content with just the production, the intrepid two also raised money for the charities by Josh having his legs publicly waxed and Wallace having had his head shaved on Saturday.

At the dress rehearsal for Bo Peep were, back row from left: Kirsty McAl-

lister, Eilidh Blair, Josh MacDonald, Jamie Clark, Heather Gough, Wallace Currie, Ceile Swinton-Boyle, James Smith, James Mutch.

Front row: Eilidh Swandells, Ross Dobson, Shannon Galbraith and Katie Morrison. Also involved, but not pictured were Gabrielle Allison, Iona Flewitt, Debbie Robertson, Chris Jenks, Colin MacDonald and Richard Craig.

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Tea and coffee at the Co-op for island's rural residents

Corrie and Sannox residents are being treated to tea and biscuits at the Co-op every Monday after doing their shopping. Louise Bunyan, who was unhappy with the timings of the Stagecoach bus which left passengers waiting between services made contact through the village committee with Councillor John Bruce.

He helped arrange the MyBus service to pick up the residents from Corrie and Sannox, drop them off and get them home safely and on time.

Carol Harwood of the Co-op assisted with this effort and the result is that the ladies receive a place to relax after their shopping while having a cup of tea and a biscuit or two.

Louise said: 'Any person living in the villages of Corrie and Sannox is welcome to attend regardless of age.'

The ladies and gentleman meet every Monday to get their shopping done, and enjoy a refreshing drink before heading home.



Pictured are, from left, Morag Munro, Louise Bunyan, Janet McIlwham, Colin Munro, John Barbour, Pam McConnachie and Margaret Logan, who use the Mybus service. Also pictured is Carol Harwood of the Co-op.

Youth band kicks off its Arran tour at Brodick castle

The band won the National Youth Brass Band Championship in 2010

The Astley Youth Band kicks off its Arran Tour at Brodick Castle today, Saturday, August 22. Included in the itinerary will also be gigs at the Auchrannie Hotel, Arran Distillery, as well as the Kinloch Hotel.

Next Tuesday, August 25, it will have a joint concert with the Arran Brass Band at the Community Theatre in Lam-lash.

Astley Youth Band is an independent organisation, founded in 1994 by Helen and Stephen Minshall.

The band is run on a voluntary basis, and is self-funding.

It rehearses once a week at Bedford High School, Leigh, and members live mainly in the Astley, Tyldesley, Leigh, Atherton and Boothstown areas, attending a number of different schools.

The band has enjoyed much success annually in the North West Counties Brass Band Championships held at Fleetwood each October, winning on three occasions.

The band's greatest achievement came in April 2010, when it won the National Youth Brass Band Championship of Great Britain in the junior section for players

aged 16 and under. The band has established itself in the local community, and has toured on many occasions, visiting the Isle of Man, Scotland, Northern Ireland, France, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany.

The last tour in August 2013 was to the Isle of Man, where the band performed for the Isle of Man Marathon, and joint concerts with Ramsey Town Band and the Manx Youth Band.

The band is very much looking forward to the Arran Tour as this will be their third visit to Scotland.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Island communities have a lot to offer

What a heart-warming story, and one of true human courage, to see young Liam McCormick make it to primary school.

Born with a rare heart condition, and with his parents told to prepare for the worst, he has come through far more major operations than most people would have in a lifetime, and all by the tender age of five.

The story also paints a welcoming picture of a small community such as Arran's, where the school and health services have gone that extra mile to help Liam.

Dad John has said that if the family had remained on the mainland, Liam would not have been able to attend school full-time, five days a week, which he will at Lamlash.

His GP also knows his full health history, having treated Liam during the family's first stint living on Arran. Liam has regular consultations and treated personally by him, rather than whichever doctor is available, as happens at most larger surgeries.

Both of these were huge factors for the family, when deciding to return home to Arran.

Recent surveys conducted by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have shown that people who live in remote Scottish islands report the highest levels of life satisfaction, self-worth and happiness across the whole of Great Britain.

Island residents also reported very low levels of anxiety. Opportunity, quality of life and strong community links have been cited as the possible reasons.

Another survey conducted by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) last month showed that more young people are choosing to stay in the Highlands and islands, rather than migrating to the central belt.

More than half of those who took part in the HIE survey said they believed the region was a better place to live now than it was five years ago, and a similar number thought it would be better still in the next five years.

It is stories such as Liam's which confirms many of the positive aspects of island life; and which will continue to attract people to our small and beautiful part of Scotland, and allow our families to flourish.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.' (Romans 13:10)

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Letters to the Editor



Disposable society

Sir,
Following on from the article 'Campers' rubbish' (Arran Banner, August 8, 2015, page 10), whilst cycling around to the Sailors' grave, near Lochranza, we came across the abandoned remnants of an 18th Birthday Party which had been strewn far and wide.

Our first clue something was not right was the smell of burning plastic, followed by the sight of a ripped tent at the water's edge, then a mass of debris; cans of cider and beer, empty vodka bottles, unopened food, a burnt towel and folding chair, fairy lights, two barbecue buckets, double lilo, single duvet and two ripped tents. From these items, it was obvious that most of the possessions were brand new. And as if all of this was not enough, there were 24 empty cartridges of nitrous oxide (laughing gas).

Two kindly caravanners helped collect the rubbish, for that is what it was now; disposed of in a disposable society. These are our children, who place no value in possessions and who evidently consumed large quantities alcohol and inhaled gas for fun. I feel by not doing anything we are all contributing to this problem. I have no issue with wild campers or the freedom to party but this was more than that.

It could so easily have been a life cut short. Quite a few people must have seen this group, before, during and after, perhaps next time it should be reported in an attempt to try and safeguard a life.

Kirsty Pritchard
Gosport, Hampshire

Arran Man support

Sir,
It was disappointing to read the negative comments portrayed on the front page of last week's Arran Banner regarding the organisation of the Arran Man triathlon. Arran is recognised as an outdoor pursuits location, and as such, then we must be prepared to consider hosting outdoor events. Whilst there

may have been some issues surrounding the organisation of this year's Arran Man, perhaps it would be made easier in the future if people were willing to offer assistance, constructive suggestions and support, rather than berate the organisers.

Your article highlighted that many island businesses benefited from the triathlon, and indeed, we're aware that some hardy locals even took part.

Whilst VisitArran was not involved in the organisation of this year's triathlon, other than arranging some last-minute accommodation, we would be happy to offer support if the organisers chose to come back to the island next year. It would be hoped that others would do likewise.

Yours
Kenneth J. Bone
VisitArran

Council boundaries change

Sir,
I was disappointed to read of the reaction of Arran Community Council to the possibility of changing ward boundaries for North Ayrshire Council.

With this, as on other issues, no effort seems to have been made to canvass opinion so that an informed view might be taken. On this occasion the council's own proposal is the right one - that if Arran has to be part of a ward including mainland areas it should be with communities with similar demographics.

This is a matter that actually makes no difference to the people of Arran - there are no services administered or managed on the basis of the present ward boundaries (they are either centralised or devolved to Arran) and councillors elected operate informally on the basis that the one from Arran covers Arran matters and the others deal with those pertaining to the Ardrossan communities served.

In recent years none of them have held surgeries that challenges that arrangement. Placing Arran with West Kil-

bride and Fairlie need not affect anything for islanders and the fact that the ferry puts into Ardrossan is neither here nor there.

Such boundary issues do however make a difference to an area like Ardrossan, which as your report identified, contains some of the most deprived communities in Scotland.

Statistics matter when it comes to attracting government funding and allocating resources, and the skewing of the present ward stats because of the link with Arran is a serious issue. I recently retired from an Ardrossan-based council service that picked up the pieces of poverty and deprivation - the life chances of children born in some of these localities is very poor compared with places like Arran, and they deserve services that try to mitigate such inequalities.

Anything that detracts from that should be addressed and the council is right to do so. The more fortunate amongst North Ayrshire's population who live on Arran should reflect on this and think less about what they feel (mistakenly if you look at the facts) might suit them best.

Yours etc.
Colin Turbett
Rannoch
Shiskine

Sir,
I have been watching with great interest the discussion about the council boundaries change. I think the Scottish government needs to take a good look at different council areas separately and really consider what they need to represent them.

In North Ayrshire we would all like better representation, but this 'one size fits all' approach just doesn't work in practise. We have different needs depending where we are, and certainly islanders on Arran have a hugely different way of life to us on the mainland.

Hopefully the public consultation will be detailed and the Scottish government take our needs - be it as constitu-

encies, cities, towns, villages or islands - on board to give us the best representation possible from our local authorities.

Yours etc
Lee Jobson
Ardrossan

Highland Games thank you

Sir
Thank you so much for the great write up about Brodick Highland Games in last week's Arran Banner. The games were indeed a great success, but they could not take place without the full support of so many people and organisations.

Through your column, if possible, and on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank these unsung heroes; Bill Simpson and his team of athletics judges and North Ayrshire Athletics Club for their continued support; Alan Pettigrew for his entertaining commentary of the amazing heavy events; Anne-Marie McGarry, Jill McKillop and Arran Highland Dancers for organising the superb Highland dance competition; all the heavy eventers, athletes, dancers and fancy dress entrants - who all go to make the incredible spectacle of the day.

The three mainland pipe bands from Kilbarchan, Maybole and Kintyre Schools were all incredible, and of course the Isle of Arran Pipe Band always offers great support to the games throughout the day.

We'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped to set up the event, man the gate, take entries and collate results, and Ian Macleod for being our announcer. Thanks must also go to ladies of Brodick Church, and all the other charity stallholders and businesses for supporting the event and bringing their own inimitable style to what they offer on the day.

Yours,
Sheila Gilmore,
Brodick Highland Games

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Arran Antiquarians treated to presentation of Women at War

Arran Antiquarians welcomed back another friend to their August meeting on Monday, August 17, reports Norma Davidson.

Approximately 50 members heard Valerie Reilly of Paisley deliver part two of her Women at War presentation.

Valerie spoke previously about the thread industry in Paisley, Women at War part one, and also guided us on a very successful visit to Paisley Abbey, Paisley Museum and the Thread Museum, in June, 2014.

Part one ended in 1918 at the close of the Great War, and Part two, entitled Milicenas to Marines, continued up to the present day.

From 1918 to the 1930s there was little need for war work by either men or women, but in 1936 when the Spanish Civil War started, women from Scotland, the rest of the UK and America joined the swelling ranks of those supporting both sides, the fascists and the royalists. The Scottish women manned and sent over six ambulances and a lorry in 1936.

Welcomed

This was led by Fernanda Jacobson. Women worked in the fields and factories and their presence was welcomed by some, but much disapproved of by very many in Catholic Spain, especially when they started wearing the 'mono' or dungarees as the men did. Their work in munitions, field hospitals and farming contributed much to the war effort and is commemorated by a statue on the banks of the Clyde in Glasgow, 'La Passionara'.

In 1938, the Women's Legion and the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY) who had served so well in the Great War, formed the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS).

Recruits were trained in motor transport, wireless, codes or general work. Girls as young as 17 joined, but only with permission from their fathers. They often worked on anti-aircraft gun emplacements and searchlights. There was an all-female searchlight team who served near London and, despite enemy action, never lost a girl. Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, had to change his bias against the women serving when his own daughter, Mary, became an ATS officer.

When conscription came in



Speaker, Valerie Reilly, with members, Norma Davidson and Jane Murray

for women in 1942, their path became easier and they filled very responsible roles. The women of the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA), formed in 1939, had by the end of the war ferried 300,000 aircraft to and between bases. To start with they could only fly Tiger Moths, plotting their own courses and selecting their own stopover bases, but by 1945 they were moving four-engine bombers, albeit with a male engineer accompanying them.

The Women's Royal Naval Service (Wrens) did a wide variety of jobs, for example; cooks, clerical, storekeepers, meteorologists, torpedo assessors, radio operators and admin. There were some overseas postings and some were able to work on troop transport ships.

Similarly, there was the Women's Air Force (WAAF) where women trained as mechanics as well as clerical duties and serving on air ambulances. Indeed, Daphne Pearson, a WAAF Corporal, was awarded the George Cross in 1940 for the rescue of a pilot from a crashed plane containing unexploded bombs. She went on to live until she was 89.

Another remarkable WAAF was Felicity Hanbury, who enlisted in 1939 and, after

an illustrious career, she became first Director of WRAF and eventually Dame Felicity Peake, Air Commandant.

Women served in so many ways; the NAAFI which had 60,000 women on service bases providing canteens, shops and entertainments, the Women's Auxiliary Service, Burma, with their mobile canteens, ENSA who provided entertainment at home and on the battlefields, and, of course, the nurses. Many nurses enlisted at the outbreak of war and 1,000 were caught up in the retreat to Dunkirk. They served in all theatres of war and nursed service personnel, POWs and latterly the survivors of the Nazi concentration camps.

Masterminded

Civilians served in Voluntary Aid Detachments, ambulance drivers, the Land Army, Timber Corps, the Women's Voluntary Services, who ran canteens, feeding centres, made jam, had knitting groups and masterminded the evacuation of children from the cities, and their placement with families. They also helped in the re-uniting of families split up by war.

Policewomen were already in service and women joined the Auxiliary Fire Service and, by 1941, became full members of the NFS. In 1942

the Women's Home Defence League was founded and they were trained in armed combat eventually becoming the Women's Home Guard Auxiliary.

The shipyards, steelworks and munitions factories relied heavily on female labour, the latter resulting in many cases of death and poisoning. In the 1950s it came to light that 39 of the FANY had been trained by Special Operations Executive (SOE) as secret agents and served in the French section. Many died and one, Violette Szabo, received a posthumous George Cross.

By 1945, women had truly crossed the Rubicon and were not content to return to the role of housewife and mother. By 1948 the women's service branches had been reformed and re-named.

Subsequent years saw female war correspondents serve in Indo-China, Korea and the Gulf Wars. Nurses, of course, continued to serve in all conflicts. In Vietnam,

more than 7,000 American women served and the guerrillas enlisted many women to their ranks. By 1992 the women's units were gone, the sexes trained and paraded together and uniforms were the same.

Women still cannot serve on submarines, tanks, the infantry or in the SAS, but it may well be that very soon women will be fighting in combat units. The US Army has a female four-Star General. Brigadier Nicky Moffatt is the UK's highest ranking female officer. Able Seaman Kate Nesbitt was the first female member of the Royal Navy to be awarded the Military Cross for actions in Afghanistan in 2009.

Women have proved their worth on the battlefield and at home. It goes on.

The group's next meeting is on Monday, September 21 when David Aitcheson of Whiting Bay gives a talk entitled 'The Arran Banner - the early years'.

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Charles Hendry in front of his first-prize fuchsias 20_34horticult05



The entries in the tomato section 20_34horticult08



All of this year's trophy winners 20_34horticult12

Quality of prod judges at Horti

The annual Horticultural Show held at Arran High School on Wednesday, August 12, saw a large amount of entries and an equally large amount of visitors flocking to the show and the prize-giving.

The floral section and produce were displayed in the community hall which saw a

slight reduction in entries due to the wet and sub-par summer weather.

Quality

However, John Sillars chairman of the show, said that he had been pleasantly surprised by the quality of the entries which he said had improved over last year throughout the

range and including the baking.

The produce, handcraft and baking were displayed in the cafeteria area and saw delicious edible entries ranging from scones and pancakes to jams and preserves and even a few bottles of homemade wine, produced by Morag Murchie.

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Rachel Phillips shows her entry in the knitting section which took second place 20_34horticult14



The flower arrangement section s prize with her arrangement them



The entries in the children's sectic



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John Baraclough impresses at cultural Show

John Baraclough took the F.C Hendersons trophy for most points in section with his entries which included coburg cakes, banana loaf and shortbread fingers to name a few.

Small fortune

In the children's section, young Chrissie Lemon, aged four, took the Jim Cassels trophy for the best exhibit in section.

For someone so young she received what must seem to her like a small fortune in prize money for all of her entries which included her first place for her sheep made out of cauliflower with raisins for eyes.

There were many entries for

the handcraft section which saw a prolific amount of knitted, embroidered and crochet items with a good showing by Deborah Robertson who took eight, top-three results, but which was ultimately won by Nancy Bremner for best exhibit in section, winning the Chris Hall Rosebowl.



Law May Crawford taking first prize for 'Sunset' 20_34horticult07



John Baraclough winning for flowers in a bowl 20_34horticult15



Charles Hendry proudly shows off his Roy Ure tray for the best pot fuchsia, which he also won in 2014 20_34horticult11



June Taylor with her two trophies, one for best exhibit in section and the other for best exhibit in class 74 20_34horticult13



There was a good selection of potatoes in the produce section 20_34horticult06



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Horticultural show prize list

The full results were: Section 1 - Cut flowers. Vase large decorative (1 bloom), 1 Sonia Harding. Vase medium decorative (3 blooms), 1 Sonia Harding. Vase medium or semi-cactus (3 blooms), 1 Sonia Harding. 4 Pansies, on board, 1 June Taylor, 2 Hillary Stubbs, 3 Sonia Harding. 4 Violas, on board, 1 June Taylor. 6 Roses, on board, 1 Tom McNeish, 2 Mairi Turnbull, 3 Sonia Harding. 3 Roses, on board, 1 Iain Hendry, 2 John Lammie, 3 Harry Green. 1 Vase, 1 stem, 1 large flowered rose (HT type), 1 Mairi Turnbull, 2 Mairi Turnbull. 1 Vase 3 stems rambler or old fashioned roses, 1 Cathie Steed, 2 Alison Bilsland. 1 Vase Asters, any variety (5 stems), 1 Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie, 3 Laura Currie. 1 Vase African marigolds (5 blooms), 1 June Taylor, 2 Jan Murray, 3 Jan Murray. 1 vase French marigolds (5 blooms), 1 Jan Murray, 2 Jan Murray, 3 June Taylor. 1 Vase gladioli, large flowering (3 spikes), 1 Laura Currie. 2 vases of sweet pea, 2 varieties (9 stems of one variety in each vase), 1 Malcolm Wheeler. 1 vase sweet peas, one colour (12 stems), 1 Tom McNeish, 2 Sonia Harding. 1 Vase sweet peas, mixed (12 stems), 1 Malcolm Wheeler, 2 Laura Currie, 3 Laura Currie. 3 Blooms begonias, on board, 1 Charles Hendry. 2 Vases hydrangeas (2 blooms in each vase), 1 John Lammie, 2 John Lammie, 3 June Taylor. The Bank of Scotland Cup for the best vase of sweet peas in the show: Malcolm Wheeler. The Hiles Muir Trophy for the best exhibit of 3 spikes of gladioli: Laura Currie. Silver vase presented by the late Mrs Blain for the best exhibit of 6 roses: Tom McNeish. The Dippen Lodge Challenge Cup presented by Hon. Frances de Moleyns, for the best exhibit of hydrangeas: John Lammie. The John Sillars Cup for the best exhibit of dahlias (classes 1 - 15): Sonia Harding. The Millennium Cup for the most 1st prizes in horticultural sections: John O'Sullivan. The Archie Craig Memorial Trophy for the best exhibit in section 1: Malcolm Wheeler.

Section 2 - Pot plants. 1 Pot plant, foliage (over 8" pot), 1 June Taylor, 2 Sonia

Harding, 3 Carol Boyle. 1 Pot plant, foliage (not more than 8" pot), June Taylor, 2 Linda Trickett. 1 Pot geranium, zonal, 1 Laura Trickett, 2 Angela Cassells, 3 Laura Currie. 1 Pot plant geranium, other, 1 Carol Boyle, 2 Carol Boyle, 3 Laura Currie. 1 Fern in pot, 1 June Taylor. 1 Pot begonias, pendula, tuberous, 1 Carol Boyle, 2 Carol Boyle, 3 Carol Boyle. 1 Pot fuchsia, single (not more than 8" pot), 1 C Hendry, 2 June Taylor, 3 Laura Currie. 1 Pot fuchsia, dou-



In the children's sewing and knitting category, Glen Inglis, 11, took first prize for his knitted bear 20_34horticult02

ble (not more than 8" pot), Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie, 3 C Hendry. 1 Pot fuchsia, pendulous (not more than 8" pot), 1 Laura Currie, 2 Carol Boyle. 1 Cactus or succulent, 1 Carol Boyle, 3 Angela Cassells. 1 Pot or alpine, outdoor grown, 1 Carol Boyle, 2 Jim Jack, 3 Carol Boyle. 1 Hanging basket, 1 T Boyle, 2 T Boyle, 3 Maureen Smith. 1 Patio pot, floral, 1 Cathie Steed, T McNeish, 3 Alison Bilsland. The Lady Jean Fforde Cup presented for best

exhibit in section: June Taylor. The Roy Ure Tray for best pot fuchsia: C Hendry.

Section 3 - Decorative. Arrangement in a small t/pot, 1 Linda Trickett, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Cathie Steed. 1 Bowl of floating flowers, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Jan Murray. 1 Wicker basket of cut flowers, 1 June Taylor, 2 Hilary Stubbs. Flower arrangement, sunset, 1 May Crawford, 2 Vera Ransome, 3 June Taylor. Cameo, miniature exhibit not exceeding 4" overall, 1 Cathie Steed, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Angela Cassells. Floral art exhibit, natures harmony, 1 May Crawford. The Allen McKay Memorial Quaiach for best exhibit in section: May Crawford. The Rhoda Henderson Memorial Cup for best exhibit in class 74: June Taylor.

Section 4 - Fruit. 4 Apples, 1 Alison Bilsland. 4 Plums, 1 Tom Boyle. 12 Gooseberries, 1 A Stefanuti, 2 Maureen Smith, 3 Sonia Harding. 12 Raspberries, 1 Tom Boyle, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 Linda Trickett. 12 Hybrid berries, to be named, 1 Sonia Harding, 20 Blackcurrants, 1 Carol Boyle, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 Maureen Small. 20 Redcurrants, 1 Kate Sampson, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Sonia Harding. 1 Tea plate, any other fruit, 1 Kathleen McNeish, Sonia Harding, 1 Bunch of grapes, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Morag Murchie.

Section 5 - Vegetables. 1 Cauliflower, 1 Eric Gregory, 2 Eric Gregory, 3 Alison Bilsland. 1 Pointed cabbage, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie, 3 Laura Currie. 1 Savoy cabbage, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie. 1 Head kale, 1 Sonia Harding. 3 Carrots, long, 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 Sally Brooks, J O'Sullivan. 3 Carrots, stump rooted, 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 J O'Sullivan. 3 Long leeks, 1 Eric Gregory, 2 Sally Brooks, 3 Sally Brooks. 3 Parsnips, 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 J O'Sullivan. 3 White, purple or yellow turnips, 1 Morag Murchie. 3 Onions grown from seed, 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 J O'Sullivan. 3 Globe onions grown from sets, 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 J O'Sullivan. 3 Flat onions grown from sets, 1 Morag Murchie. 6 Pods broad beans, 1 Linda Trickett, 2 T Boyle, 3 Tom McNeish. 6 Pods runner beans, 1 John O'Sullivan, 2 John O'Sullivan. 6 Pods French beans, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Eric Gregory, 3 Eric Gregory. 1 Pot of parsley, single plant, 1 John O'Sullivan, 2 Alison Bilsland. 3 Stalks rhubarb, for quality, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 Eric Gregory, 3 John O'Sullivan. 3 Beetroot, globe, 1 T Boyle, 2 Lee Gilson, 3 Sally Brooks. 2 Heads of celery, 1 Sally Brooks, 2 Sally Brooks, 3 Sally Brooks. 4 Potatoes, white, variety to be named, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 John O'Sullivan, 3 John O'Sullivan. 4 Potatoes, coloured, variety to be named, 1 John O'Sullivan, 2 John O'Sullivan, 3 Tom Boyle. 2 Cobs sweet corn, 1 Sally Brooks. Collection of vegetables, 6 kinds from above, garnishing allowed, 1 John O'Sullivan, 2 Eric Gregory. 2 Cucumbers, 1 Sally Brooks, 2 Sally Brooks, 3 Sally Brooks. 6 Tomatoes, red, 1 John O'Sullivan, 2 Andrew Stefanuti, 3 Ian Bremner. 6 Tomatoes, yellow, 1 Andrew Stefanuti. 1 Truss tomatoes, 1 Ian Bremner, 2 Sally Brooks, 3 Mairi Turnbull. Any other vegetable not specified above, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie, 3 Laura Currie. Novelty vegetable, any vegetable or unusual form, 1 Eric Gregory, 2 John O'Sullivan, 3 Laura Currie. Basket or trug of mixed vegetables for the kitchen, 1 Eric Gregory, 2 T Boyle, 3 Sally Brooks. The MacAndrew Cup for best exhibit in section, (excludes



John O'Sullivan with his tube-grown parsnips 20_34horticult09

class 120): John O'Sullivan. The Orr Watt Cup for the most points in section: John O'Sullivan. Anne Middleton Trophy for best exhibit of potatoes: Morag Murchie. Charles Revell Trophy for best collection of vegetables, (class 120): John O'Sullivan. N.V.S medal for best dish in section: Three onions by John O'Sullivan.

Section 6 - Baking. 2 Soda scones, 1 Morag Murchie. 3 Plain oven scones, 1 Jo Totty, 2 Jo Totty, 3 Laura Currie. 3 Pancakes, 1 Laura Currie, 2 Laura Currie, 3 Morag Murchie. 3 Coburg cakes, 1 John Baraclough, 2 John Baraclough. 1 Victoria sponge with jam filling, 1 Kate Lemon, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Carol Boyle. 1 Gingerbread, 1 John Baraclough, 2 Jo Totty, 3 John Baraclough. 3 Shortbread fingers, 1 John Baraclough, 2 John Baraclough. 3 Empire biscuits, 1 Jo Totty, 2 Jo Totty. Banana loaf, (1lb tin), 1 John Baraclough, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Hilary Stubbs. White loaf, yeast, handmade, 1 John Baraclough, 2 John Baraclough, 3 Carol Boyle. Mrs FC Henderson's Trophy for most points in section: John Baraclough.

Section 7 - Produce. 1 Bottle red wine, flanged cork, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Morag Murchie. 1 Jar raspberry jam, 1 Rachel Phillips, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Morag Murchie. 1 Jar rhubarb and ginger jam, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Marshall Ross, 3 Sonia Harding. 1 Jar apricot jam, 1 Morag Murchie. 1 Jar of chutney, 1 Lesley Lockheart, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Morag Murchie. 1 Jar jelly, any variety, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Sonia Harding. 1 Jar lemon curd, 1 Janet Baraclough. 1 Jar marmalade, 1 Janet Baraclough, 2 Hilary Stubbs, 3 Marshall Ross. 1/2 Dozen hen eggs, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 June Taylor. 1/2 Dozen duck eggs, 1 June Taylor, 2 June Taylor.

Section 8 - Handcrafts. 1 Jumper, 1 Deborah Robertson. 1 Cardigan, adult, 1 K Stefanuti, 2 Nancy Bremner. 1 Baby garment, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Mairi Turnbull, 3 Deborah Robertson. 1 Childs garment, over 22" chest, 1 Deborah Robertson, 2 Hilary Stubbs, 3 Deborah Robertson. Any knitted article using more than one colour, 1 Elizabeth Ross, 2 Vera Ransome, 3 Deborah Robertson. Any hand knitted article using less than 100gms, 1 Deborah Robertson, 2 K Stefanuti, 3 Rhona Fulton. Any hand knitted article using more than 100gms, 1 Deborah Robertson, 2 Deborah Robertson, 3 Hilary Stubbs. Any article made from recycled material, 1 Angela Cassells, 2 Kate Lemon, 3 Janet Baraclough. 1 Crochet item using silk or cotton thread, 1 Nancy Bremner. 1 Article of crochet using more than 100gms of heavy yarn, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Rachel Phillips. 1 Article in canvas work, 1 Hilary Stubbs. 1 Article in counted stitch, 1 Angela Cassells, 2 Elizabeth Ross, 3 Angela Cassells. Any article of embroidery, 1 Elizabeth Ross. 1 Soft toy, knitted, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Elizabeth Ross. Art work, any medium, 1 Jo Totty, 2 Lesley Lockheart, 3 Hilary Stubbs. Any article in any other craft, or using more than one craft, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Jean Wyne, 3 John O'Sullivan. Chris Hall Rosebowl for best exhibit in section: Nancy Bremner. Illia Price Engraving Trophy for exhibitor with most points having exhibits in any two



Sheila Gilmore presents Chrissie Lemon, four, with the Jim Cassells trophy 20_34horticult10

sections from sections 6, 7 and 8: Morag Murchie.

Section 9 - Children's. Bouquet of leaves and grasses, own jar, no flowers, 1 Olivia and Ava McNiece. Bouquet of leaves and grasses, own jar, over 7 years, no flowers, 1 Glen Inglis, 2 Gemma Totty. Miniature garden, 1 Lily Glover, 2 Gemma Totty, 3 Olivia and Ava McNiece. Highly commended, Eve Glover. Bowl of floating flowers, 1 Chrissie Lemon, 2 Gemma Totty, 3 Scarlet Lemon. Posy in egg cup, 1 Scarlet Lemon, 2 Gemma Totty. Posy in teacup, 1 Connor Inglis, 2 Eve Glover, 3 Chrissie Lemon. Highly commended, Lily Glover and Gemma Totty. Colour photograph showing animals, 1 Hannah McCartney, 2 Megan McCartney, 3 Hannah McCartney. Colour photograph showing landscape, 1 Hannah McCartney, 2 Hannah McCartney. Soft toy, 10 years and under, 1 Gemma Totty, 2 Chrissie Lemon. Sewing or knitting, 1 Glen Inglis, 2 Scarlet Lemon, 3 Chrissie Lemon. Picture in any medium, 1 Chrissie Lemon, 2 Glen Inglis, 3 Lily Glover. 1 Animal or figure made from fruit and/or vegetable, 1 Chrissie Lemon. 9 Varieties of pressed tree leaves, named, 1 Glen Inglis. Edible necklace, made from fruit, sweets,

vegetables, nuts etc, 1 Lily Glover, 2 Eve Glover, 3 Lily Glover. Picture or collage, using shells, seeds, beads etc, 1 Connor Inglis, 2 Lily Glover, 3 Eve Glover. 4 Oven scones, 1 Glen Inglis, 2 Gemma Totty, 3 Lily Glover. Any other article made from recycled materials, 1 Chrissie Lemon, 2 Scarlet Lemon, 3 Gemma Totty. The Jim Cassells Trophy for most meritorious exhibit in section: Chrissie Lemon. The MF Murchie Cup for best miniature garden: Lily Glover.

Section 10 - Photographic. Black and white, any subject, 1 Diana Carswell, 2 Andrew Stefanuti, 3 Kate Sampson. Nature, animal, bird or group, 1 Maureen Smith, 2 Diana Carswell, 3 David Kelso. Pictorial, flowers, trees, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 Andrew Stefanuti, 3 John Baraclough. Pictorial, landscape, seascape, 1 Andrew Stefanuti, 2 Mathew Harding, 3 Hilary Stubbs. Pictorial, architecture, 1 David Kelso, 2 Elizabeth Ross, 3 John Baraclough. Portrait or group, static or active, 1 Maureen Smith, 2 Diana Carswell, 3 Hilary Stubbs. Any other subject, 1 Andrew Stefanuti, 2 Kate Sampson, 3 Mathew Harding. JF Turton Trophy for best entry in section: Andrew Stefanuti.



Lily Glover shows off her first prize for her miniature garden 20_34horticult03



Some of the baking entries on display 20_34horticult01



Mairi Turbull's six roses which took second place in the cut flowers category 20_34horticult04

Astley Youth Band

Isle of Arran Concerts 2015

Come and listen to Manchester's Premier Youth Brass Band

Saturday 22nd August

1pm-2pm Brodick Castle
4.30-5.30 Auchranrie Resort

Sunday 23rd August

11.30-12 and 1-1.30 Arran Distillery, Lochranza
6pm - 7pm, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot

Tuesday 25th August

7pm, Arran High School.

Singing workshop seeks singers from Arran

A special singing workshop will be taking place in Ardrossan in September, which has been organised to tie in with ferry times so that singers in Arran can attend.

Singers of all ages are being invited to take part in the one-day event with Katy Cooper, a Glasgow-based conductor and singer who will lead the day at the Civic Centre on Saturday, September 19.

The day is part of 'Scotland Sings' a project organised for people singing, whether at weekly choir rehearsals, or just enjoy singing in the shower.

Scotland Sings is a project devised by Hands up for Trad, the organisation that promotes Scottish traditional music. The aim is to increase the number of people singing, to keep traditional music alive and make it relevant to singers today.

The workshop comes after the success of the one Katy led at the Robert Burns Birthplace museum in January this year, which was attended by singers from all over Ayrshire.

Katy said: 'There will be a warm welcome for everyone - you don't have to be able to read music or have attended in January. We'll be singing simple songs that we can all learn together on the day and all you need is energy and enthusiasm.'

The cost for the day is £12.50 per person with a free place when you making a group booking for ten people.

More information and booking details can be found at: www.sing.scot

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Modern-day troubadour to visit Arran

Next weekend sees the first ever visit to Arran by acclaimed poet, playwright and broadcaster, Simon Armitage, as part of this year's McLellan Arts Festival.

Simon has been judging the McLellan Poetry Competition which, perhaps predictably given his celebrity status, has attracted a record number of entries.

A familiar and distinctive voice on radio and television, he is a popular and versatile performer. In 2012 his book, *Walking Home*, became a best-seller. It is an account of his journey down the Pennine Way as a sometimes reluctant hiker. Travelling from the Scottish Borders to his home in Marsden, West Yorkshire, as a modern troubadour, which is a type of lyric poet harking back to Medieval times, he relied on impromptu readings in village halls, churches, pubs and sitting rooms to earn his board and lodging along the way. The idea caught the public's imagination and a sequel, *Walking Away*, about a similar jaunt along the Cornish coastal footpath, was published this summer. His latest poetry collection, *Paper Aeroplane*, was also published this year.

Other recent projects have

included the Stanza Stones, a sequence of poems 'In Memory of Water' that were carved into six stones at various sites along the South Pennine watershed and have now become the 45 mile Stanza Stones Trail.

The mystery of the seventh stone, sited in an unnamed location, has yet to be found.

He was recently on radio re-telling the story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and he was on TV sharing with the families a series of poems he has written about people whose lives were touched by the First World War.

Simon, who started his career as a probation officer in Greater Manchester, is on something of a roll at the moment and is now tipped in many quarters to succeed Carol Ann Duffy as Poet Laureate. Disappointed that pressure on his schedule meant he had to turn down two earlier invitations to come to Arran, he is delighted to be able to make it over here at last.

On Friday, August 28, you can catch up with Simon at Brodick's Little Rock Café which will be transformed for the evening with music and even a pop-up book shop.

Tickets can be reserved on-

line or at the Book and Card.

Elsewhere, the festival is offering two other adult workshops, as well as a chance to sing with the talented summer school students in Haldyn's Nelson Mass choir.

The second workshop will be on Tuesday, September 1, in Lamlash Fire Station at 2.00pm with Chris Harrison, a talented professional musician and teacher who will hold an improvisational workshop which can include any instrument.

Organisers say this will be interesting and valuable to any musician at any level.

If you are interested please phone Diana Hamilton 01770601322 or just turn up on the day.

Then on Thursday at 2.00pm in the Fire Station, Lamlash, there will be a strings workshop for all string players led by professional cello teacher, Jan Anderson, who is lead cellist with the Glasgow Chamber Orchestra. This will be suitable for all strings at all levels.



Simon Armitage performs at Little Rock Cafe in Brodick next Friday. Photo by Paul Wolfgang Webster

McLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL 2015

"and when the seed was sown, the hairst was gether"
Robert McLellan (Arran Burn)

POETRY EVENING WITH SIMON ARMITAGE

Friday 28th August

8pm Little Rock Cafe, Brodick

Tickets £10 - Children and young people at school: Free

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Saturday 29th August

Famous Festival Ceilidh

Taiko Drummers. Arran Jazz Cafe Band

Dancing. Supper

Corrie and Sannox Village Hall 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00 Children and young people at school: free.

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The McLellan Arts Festival on Arran runs from August 28th to September 6th.

Children and young people at school go free to all events. Tickets available from Book and Card Centre Brodick at the door or online: www.arranevents.com Special Festival Ticket £40 - all events

<p>Friday 28th August Simon Armitage Poet. Little Rock Cafe, Brodick. 8pm. Tickets £10.00 Children and young people at school: free.</p> <p>Saturday 29th August Famous Festival Ceilidh Taiko Drummers. Arran Jazz Cafe Band Dancing Supper Corrie and Sannox Village Hall 7.30pm Tickets £10.00 Children and young people at school: free.</p> <p>Sunday 30th August Sacred Music with students RNCM and Readings: Corrie Church 12.00 am. Free</p> <p>Sunday 30th August Music and Poetry with Chris Harrison Brodick Bar. 8.00pm Free</p> <p>Tuesday 1st September Scottish Painting Alan Riach and Alistair Moffat Altachorvie, Lamlash. 8.00pm Tickets £8.00 Children and young people at school: free.</p> <p>Tuesday 1st September Adult Instrumental workshop with Chris Harrison Fire Station Lamlash. Info 01770 601 322 2.00 pm Donation</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd September Indepen-Dance 4 Exciting Scottish Dance Company Arran Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash. 7.30pm Tickets £10.00 Children and young people at school: free.</p>	<p>Thursday 3rd September Mill Girls: Weaving Magical Threads Full of heart and humour. Drama and music. Whiting Bay Hall. 7.30pm Tickets £10.00 Children and young people at school: free.</p> <p>Thursday 3rd September Adult Strings Workshop Fire Station Lamlash. 2.00pm Donation. Info. 01770 601322</p> <p>Friday 4th September Opera Gala Night Night to Remember Arran Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash. 7.30pm Tickets £10.00 Children and young people at school: free.</p> <p>Saturday 5th September Five Films Two characters and five films interact before your eyes. Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. 8.00pm. Free</p> <p>Sunday 7th September Haydn's Nelson Mass Solo performances from students of RNCM McLellan Festival Chorus Arran Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash. 7.30pm Tickets £10.00 Children and young people at school: free.</p>
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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 26 August, 1995

New headteacher

Mrs Irene Markham is the new headteacher at Shiskine Primary following the retirement of Mrs Joyce Scott last June. Mrs Markham comes from the post of deputy head at East-hall Primary, a school of 400 pupils in Easterhouse, Glasgow. Irene knows Arran well and has holidayed here for many years, but realises that being a resident can be very different from being a visitor. Easterhouse to Arran could be considered a big culture change, but she is confident this will present no problems. 'It's trying to get the more rural perspective,' she says.

Mrs Markham has five children ranging from five to 15. The youngest, Peter, joined the intake class at Shiskine Primary last week as his mother took over the reins. Mrs Markham has already sent out letters introducing herself to the Shiskine parents and she hopes that Mrs Scott will continue to be a regular visitor to the school.

Corn king burning

In June we featured the group Tuatha De Mataar (Children of Mother Earth) at their modest celebration of the summer solstice. Also present was a reporter from the News of the World and, when the story appeared,

the group felt that it had been badly misrepresented. It concentrated more on the sensationalism of witches, so Ina Craig invited The Banner to witness their burning of the corn king.

As at the solstice it was a little party, a night picnic with a little extra purpose.

There were no sacrifices, no mumbo jumbo and nothing sinister at all.

Everyone prepared little baskets of food which they placed on the pyre along with the corn king which was duly dispatched to higher spheres.

Boost for roads

A further £100,000 was approved by the roads committee for spending on Arran following a meeting with the community council last June. Results of this are now being seen in new footpaths in Lamlash and at Birchburn, Shiskine. There will also be traffic calming introduced at Pirnmill in the form of signs and rumble strips at both sides of the village and there will be further resurfacing on the string road.

Last winter, there were so many complaints about Arran roads, road engineer, Geoff Norris, said: 'It is going to be bad this winter because we are using very old roads to carry ever increasing loads.'



Bobby Sloss gives a Southend defender the slip under the watchful eye of referee, Joe Rae. Southend were the cup winners after defeating Lamlash at Sandbraes in the final last Saturday b34twe02



Irene Markham the new head at Shiskine Primary School, which currently has 56 pupils b34twe01



The corn king, a dressed figure made of corn and, with his shoes on the wrong feet, is a symbol of a bountiful harvest b34twe05



Mrs Catriona Smith with new Whiting Bay primary 1 pupils: Sam Marriott, Sarah Whitehead, Ruaridh Hamilton, Lewis Kennedy, Jennifer Wood, John Drummond, Kirsty MacBain, Denise Scutt and Grant McKechnie. Forty youngsters started primary school with numbers ranging from one in Corrie to ten at Shiskine b34twe03



This Bannatyne Motors bus finished up in a field high above the Shiskine Valley at Bailemargaidh. It had been there for so long that it almost become part of the natural landscape, but on Tuesday it was moved to Derbyshire. Harry McPherson whose hobby is restoring old buses, has taken it to start its three year restoration where he hopes to enter it into vintage rallies and to bring it back to Arran for a special visit b34twe04

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What's on

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Every day

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

Loch Garbad, bank & boat fishing
 9am-Dusk
 Mon - Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 12.30 - 5pm
 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
 Open all day
 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am to 4.30pm

Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Service
 RunArran
 Yoga-Arran
 Live music
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog Classes
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
 Knitting & Crochet Drop in Group
 Roundhouse Open
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 Summer Ceilidh
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Vile Victorians Tour
 Coffee Morning
 Brodick Coffee Morning
 Kildonan Seals & Shore

Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
 Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
 Brodick Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
 Opposite Kildonan Village Hall, 2pm

Saturday 22nd August

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the Pool
 Live Music
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
 Brodick Market
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink Game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Bingo
 Arran Ladies Golf Union Championship
 Open Garden & Model Trains
 Live music with Alan Frew
 Tup Viewing, Stock Judging and BBQ
 Astley Youth Band
 Astley Youth Band

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
 Lamlash Golf Club, 10.30am
 47 Murray Cres, Lamlash, 10am - 5pm
 The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Springfield Farm, Shannochie, 12.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 1-2pm
 Auchrannie, 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 27th August

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran
 RunArran
 Paintings Tour
 Live music
 Cardiac Rehab
 QuiltArran
 Senior Tennis
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
 Ceilidh
 Forest Landrover Safari

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Brodick, 6pm
 Blackwaterfoot, 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Leisure Club, 2-3.30pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
 arranphysiotherapy.co.uk, 5pm - 8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Rangers Centre, 11am - 3.30pm

Sunday 23rd August

Family Games
 Fun in the Pool
 AA Meeting
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
 Open Garden & Model Trains
 Astley Youth Band
 Astley Youth Band

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 47 Murray Cres, Lamlash, 2pm - 5pm
 Lochranza Distillery, 11.30 - 12noon
 Kinloch Hotel, 6pm - 7pm

Monday 24th August

Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Live Music
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
 Badminton
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Circuit Training
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 10/10 Total Body Workout
 Citizens Advice
 Lamlash Aerobix
 RunArran
 Summer Bridge
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
 Tae Kwondo
 Lunch Club

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm
 Whiting Bay 5.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm
 arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 5-8pm
 Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
 Brodick Sheltered Housing, 12.30pm

Friday 28th August

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live Music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 Family Fun Night
 Brodick Market
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo
 An Evening of Music in the Drawing Room
 Coffee Morning

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 7pm for 7.30pm
 Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am

Tuesday 25th August

Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary Club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 RunArran
 Open Cricket Session
 Dog Obedience Class
 Garden Walk
 Astley Youth Band and Arran Brass

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7.00pm - 8.00pm
 Brodick Castle, 2 - 3pm
 Lamlash Community Theatre, 7pm

Wednesday 26th August

Rock & Pop Bingo

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm



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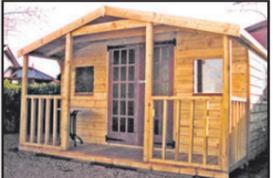


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Sunday 23rd August
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 26th August
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

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Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
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Sunday 23rd August
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12 noon Morning worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 23rd August
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
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Sunday 23rd August
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DEATH

GRUNDY - MARGARET (PEGGY) - Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Thursday 13th August 2015 aged 94.

Thanks to the staff at Arran Medical Practice doctors and nurses; the team from Carewatch; Montrose House staff for their love and dedication; and the staff of Arran War Memorial Hospital who eased her last days with great care and compassion.
Funeral service at Corrie Parish Church on Friday 21st August at 11:30 am and thereafter at Sannox Cemetery.

TAIT IAIN HAMILTON - Fiona and all the family are sad to announce the passing of Iain. He died peacefully after a long illness at Arran War Memorial Hospital, Lamlash on 12 August 2015. Private cremation. A Service in celebration of Iain's life will be held at Kilmory Parish Church at 11:30am on 31 August 2015. No flowers please, but donations if wished to Isle of Arran Hospital Supporters' League Whiting Bay.



Lamlash open

The Lamlash Open, the island's biggest open golf tournament, attracted more than 140 entries this year. On Saturday, August 8, 130 people competed with 125 on the Sunday.

A group from Hamilton complimented the superb condition of the Lamlash course, making reference to their club's much more expensive subscription, staffing levels and poorer condition of their home course generally.

On Friday 7, a practice day was held with 65 of the open entries taking part in the Dan Crawford Salver, raising £325 for the local lifeboat station.

Alastair Crawford donated the prizes.

Nicholas Clark came in third place, Alan Smith in second and the winner Jamie Murchie on bih.

Jamie also won the scratch prize and there were 11 magic twos.

Lamlash open. Saturday sponsored holes winners.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Margaret MacGregor would like to express her sincere thanks to all her friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers, messages and offers of help after Jim's death.

Margaret would also like to express her gratitude to the doctors, nurses and care staff for their wonderful kindness shown to Jim and herself.

Thank you also to the Hendry family for all their arrangements.

HOLMES - JOSEPHINE

- Peacefully at Cooriedoon Nursing Home on Saturday, 15th August 2015. Jose, aged 92 years, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr, on Monday, 24th August at 1:15 pm.

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Hole one - Longest drive Ker Manson, nearest pin Stuart Cameron. Hole two - nearest pin Stuart Cameron. Hole three - Longest drive, 13+ handicap, Adam Carnegie, Jonny Glen. Hole four - nearest pin, Craig McCance. Hole five - nearest pin, Cameron Herd. Hole six - longest drive Gregor Inglis. Hole six - nearest pin, Neil Young. Hole seven - nearest pin, Todd Jameson. Hole eight - nearest pin David McLellan. Hole nine - nearest pin (in the hole) Paul Cowan.

Hole 10 - nearest pin, Frazer Barr. Hole 11 - longest drive 13+ handicap, Mark Reid. Hole 11 - nearest pin, Olly Shearan. Hole 12 - on the green, Euan Evans. Hole 13, nearest pin, Euan Docherty. Hole 14 - nearest pin, Colin McCartan. Hole 16, nearest pin, Jamie Murchie. Hole 17 - nearest pin, Neil Young. Hole 18 - target golf, Alan Smith; nearest pin, Todd Jameson.

Sunday sponsored holes winners.

Hole one - longest drive, Jonny Glen; nearest pin, Stuart Campbell. Hole two - nearest pin, Jamie Murchie. Hole three - longest drive, 13+handicap, Mark Reid. Hole three - nearest



Winner of the Scratch Quaich, Dougie MacFarlane and fellow Arran player, Norrie McIntyre



Arran golfers Norrie McIntyre, Neil Young, Matt Harvey and Todd Jameson

pin Peter Gossman. Hole four - nearest pin, Blair McGunnigle. Hole five - nearest pin, David McLellan. Hole six - longest drive, Olly Shearan; nearest pin, Iain Murchie. Hole seven - nearest pin, Jamie Murchie. Hole eight - nearest pin, Chris Wall. Hole nine - nearest pin, Duncan Heenan.

Hole 10 - nearest pin, Ian Gillan. Hole 11 - Longest drive, 13+handicap, Michael McFarlane; nearest pin, Euan Evans. Hole 12 - not won. Hole 13 - nearest pin, Stuart Hepburn. Hole 14 - nearest pin, Andy Barclay. Hole 15 - in the hole, Iain Murchie. Hole 16 - nearest pin, Kenny Glen (ace-in the hole). Hole 17, nearest pin, Stuart Campbell. Hole 18 - target golf, Stephen Judge; nearest pin, Todd Jameson.

Saturday PHT Cup, 18 holes.
1, Todd Jameson, 69-5-64 bih;
2, Ian Taylor, 83-19-64; 3, Craig Watson, 83-18-65. There were 17 magic twos.

Sunday Drift Inn Cup, 18 holes.
1, Matt Harvey, 75-16-59 bih;
2, Craig Robertson, 71-12-59; 3, Neil Young, 64-5-59.

There were 21 magic twos, overtaken by Kenny's ace at hole 16.

McDonald Cup, 36 holes.
For best local player.
1, Matt Harvey 65+59 = 124; 2, Neil Young 70 + 59 = 129 bls; 3,

Norrie McIntyre, 66 + 63 = 129. Senior scratch, 36 holes, aged 60 plus.

Ian Gillan, 69 + 69 = 138 Senior handicap, 36 holes aged 60 plus.

Allan Winship, 69 + 63 = 132 Scratch quaich

1, Dougie MacFarlane, 67 + 67 = 134; 2, Jamie Murchie, 71 + 67=138 blr ; 3, Ian Gillan, 69 + 69=138.

Qualifiers for the McLean Salver.

Best eight Island residents.
Matt Harvey v Norrie McIntyre; Allan Winship v Nicol Auld; Allan Colquhoun v Dougie MacFarlane; Neil Young v Todd Jameson.

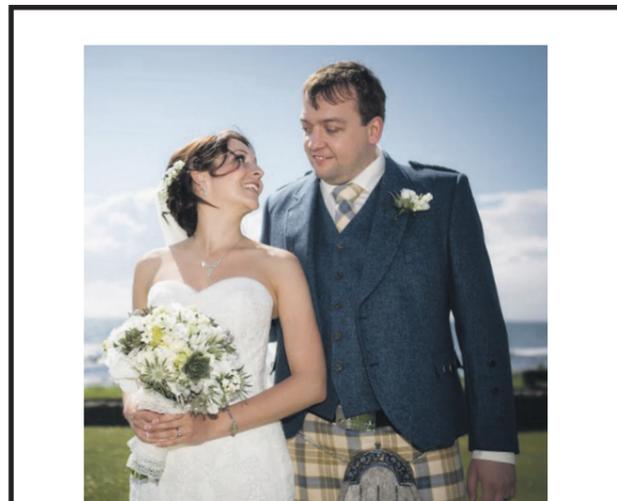
Lamlash open, 2015, 36 holes.
1, Matt Harvey, 65+59=124;
2, Neil Young, 70+59=129 bih;
3, Norrie McIntyre, 66+63=129;
4, Todd Jameson 64+65=129;
5, Craig Robertson 72+59=131;
booby prize - Johnie Kelso, 170.

The open weekend was ably rounded off with the raffle draw followed by a talk from Ian Hutchison in support of the Arran walk charity who were welcomed in the afternoon, which raised in the club almost £300 for the Smile of Arran Trust, the brain tumour charity.

The laden table of prizes sponsored by many local businesses, which included a special prize in memory of E Cannon, completed the presentation of the open for 2015. Followed by a disco, which entertained the company in tandem with Matt celebrating his open win and Kenneth for his ace at the 16th hole.

Next year's open will be held on the August 5, 6 and 7.

WEDDING



On 4th July at St Molios church Shiskine by the Rev Angus Adamson. Karen, daughter of Colin and Fiona MacKenzie, Brodick to Alan son of Shirley McConnell, Lamlash and late Gavin McGrath. Karen and Alan are presently living and working in Dubai.



Drift Inn Cup and best overall local player, Matt Harvey



Brodick Golf Club

On Tuesday, August 11, Brodick Ladies Open day was held, with a Competition Scratch Score (CSS) of 67.

Organisers were lucky to have a pleasant day after so many wet days and a little rain in the morning did not spoil the event. There were more than 90 entrants from many clubs on and off the island, and they all enjoyed the day.

The club would like to thank the green-keeping staff who battled under difficult conditions. Also to Dougie in the bar and Trish for amazing catering. A big thank you also to all who gave prizes for golf and raffle, and to anyone else who helped in any way.

Ladies who won hole prizes were; Liz Kerr, Heather Raeside, Ann Hart, Cecelia McQueen, Sally Brooks, Yvonne Brothers, Isobel Smith, Jean Barclay, Margaret Richardson, Alison Guthrie, Viv Parks, Elspeth Howie, Pat Reid.

Main prize winners were: 1 Bronze, Joan Jennings, Skelmorlie, 36pts, 2 Bronze, Alison Guthrie, Barassie, 35 pts, BIH over, 3 Bronze, Margaret Robertson, Irvine, 35pts. 1 Silver, Margaret Roxburgh, Brodick, 36pts, 2 Silver, Yvonne Brothers, Lamlash, 35pts, BIH over, 3 Silver, Alice Anderson, Shiskine, 35pts. Winner was Brenda Livingstone, Brodick, 36pts. Best Front 9, Christine Fyfe, Barassie 22pts, Best back 9, Isobel Smith 18pts. Hendry Trophy, Brenda Livingstone. McKechnie Trophy Margaret Roxburgh. Magic two's, Sally Brooks, Marie Paterson.

On Friday, August 14, the annual John Lowe, Willie McNeil, Walter Gillan and Tom Reid Memorial Golf Competition was held over 36 holes at Brodick Golf Club. This is the 20th year of the competition and a very pleasant day, including the weather, was had by all. The following were prize winners; John Lowe Quaiach: Dennis Hart, (Hamilton Golf Club), Willie McNeil Quaiach: Campbell Laing, (known to all), Walter Gillan Quaiach: Alex Stoddart, (Hamilton Golf Club) and the Tom Reid Prize: Sandy McCubbin, (Brodick).

The Brodick Senior Open was held on Thursday, August 13. The prestige of this new event has been secured both by the excellent turnout and by the pedigree of the champion.

On one of the best days of the summer, 82 players from the island and overseas gave a resounding thumbs up to what was an excellent tournament in every way.

The 'super seniors' (65+) showed their younger opponents how it's done by finishing first, second and third. The club got the best champion possible with one of the most senior and lowest handicap players scoring an excellent 40 points. Derek Roxburgh is a past winner of the Ayrshire Matchplay and Cham-

pion of Champions tournaments as well as many other top county events. A club spokesman said he is the embodiment of the old adage that 'practice makes perfect'. It was a great double for the Roxburghs with Margaret winning the McKechnie Trophy at the Ladies Open on Tuesday.

Results: 82 played, CSS, Home Club, 38, Visitors, 35. 1 Champion Derek Roxburgh, (Brodick) 40 pts, acb, 2 Andy Martin, (Whiting Bay), 40 pts, 3 Jimmy Armit, (Brodick), 38 pts, acb. Same result for 65+ Sweep, Age 55-64, 1 William Barclay, (Purley Downs), 38 pts, 2 Peter McCalla, (Brodick), 36 pts, 3 Alan Kay, (Whiting Bay), 35 pts.

On Wednesday, August 12, the Summer Cup, was held. A total of 39 Played, CSS 64. 1 B Walker 81-21=60, BIH, 2 I McDonald 67-7=60, 3 A McNicol 76-12=64. There were 11 twos, the golden two was hole 15. The rollover was shared between Alan McNicol and Ewan McKinnon.

On Sunday, August 16, at the Captain's Prize, 22 Played, CSS 64. The results were: 1 D Robertson, 39 points, 2 C McFadzean, 36 points, 3 N Hume 35 points. Great to see Bryce win with a breathtaking 60, it's just as well he was in the buggy. A club spokesman said: 'A great round by Iain, unlucky to lose to a better inward half from Bryce. Also it's good to see a younger member, Adam McNicol, getting among the prizes, he is a mere 54 years younger than the winner (71-17).

'The Captain's Prize, won by Douglas, who had an amazing 26 points in the first nine holes, and despite his excitement, he hung on for 39 points, very well done.' Terry Raeside, the Captain, who can't win anything on his day, was in fact second with 37 points. Next week is the Royal Bank Shield, where players pick their own partners, with the entry sheet on the notice board.

Shiskine Golf Club
Wednesday, August 12, Gents 12 Hole Medal, seven played. 1 H Bannatyne 41-3=38, 2 G Kennedy 49-9=40, 3 J McNally, 51-10=41. Scratch: H Bannatyne 41. Magic Twos: H Bannatyne x 2 and M Sherwood at the 11th.

Thursday, August 13, Ladies Captain's Prize and Veteran's Trophy, 18 played. Silver, 1 and scratch, A Anderson 53-9=44, 2 S Brookes 59-11=48. Bronze, 1 L Murray 59-15=44, 2 M Tod 74-20=54. Well done Alice on winning the Veteran's trophy and the Captain's Prize!

Saturday, August 15, Gents Captain's Prize and Veteran's Trophy, 33 played. 1st class, 1 B Sherwood 48-7=41, BIH, 2 M Taylor 48-7=41, 3 W Kelso 47-5=42, BIH, Scratch, M Ker, 45. 2nd class. 1 M Hesp, 52-11=41, 2 M Ritchie, 52-10=42, 3 A Bannatyne, 56-13=43. Magic Two's, I Rae, B Ker, A Ker, C MacNab, W Kelso and K McKinlay. Well done to Brian Sherwood for winning the Captain's Prize and Vet's Trophy.

Sunday, August 16, Allan Maxwell Memorial Fours Stableford, In aid of Marie Curie, Arran Branch. 1 Robbie and Stevie Crawford, Joe Faulkner, Willie Robertson, 61 BIH, 2 Gator, Louise Macalister, Alan Stewart, Alan Bannatyne (Para), BIH, 3

Alice and William Anderson, Clare and Ian Buchanan. Hole Prizes. 1 N/P in 2 Gents, David Duthie, 2 N/P in 3 Ladies, Susie Murchie. 3 N/P Gents, Ian Buchanan, 4 N/P Ladies, Millie Parker, 5 Longest putt sunk, Ian Buchanan, 6 N/P Ladies, Alice Anderson, 7 N/P Gents, R. Wilson, 8 Longest putt sunk, Jock Kelso, 9 Longest Drive Gents, Max Taylor, 10 N/P Ladies, Buff Ker, 11 Longest putt sunk, Ian Rae, 12 N/P, Adrian Powell. Clare would like to thank everyone who, in any way helped to make this annual event the success that it is, the sunshine also helps. Approximately £1500 has been raised for the Arran branch of Marie Curie.

First round of the Champion of Champions was held at Shiskine last Friday, August 14. Ewan McKinnon beat Dougie Macfarlane, Donald Logan beat Rab Logan, Jamie Macpherson beat Willie Kelso & Mark Sherwood beat Gordon Hendry. Semi finals were on Monday evening and there was some sparkling golf played. Ewan beat Donald and Mark beat Jamie. Final will be played on Friday, August 21 at 5:30pm, and should be good to watch, please come along to support.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Wednesday, August 12, The McNicol Cup. On an unfamiliarly bright and dry day, 26 played on a course drying out well after the recent rain. Despite the good conditions half the field 'no returned' and the CSS went out to 65. 1 Gordon Provan, 8-64, acb, 2 John Pennycott, 13-64, acb, 3 John Rankin, 8-64, acb, 4 Nicol Auld, 4-65 and lowest gross. Magic twos; Andy Martin at 3, Gordon Provan at 4, Danny Head at 12 and 16, Crawford Paterson at 17.

Wednesday, August 12, Ladies McNicola Trophy. Six ladies played in the McNicola Trophy. CSS remained at 64 and Jean Davidson prevailed with a fine 4 under score of 60. 1 Jean Davidson 25-60 and lowest gross, 2 Liz Paterson 31-61, 3 Jackie Nisbet 22-67.

Sunday, August 16, The Aitken Rosebowl. Summer finally arrived and on a beautiful morning, 12 golfers played in this long established foursomes competition. 1 Graeme Crichton and Jamie Macpherson, 9.5-65.5, 2 Stan Rainey and Pete Smith 13.5-66.5, 3 Danny Head and Andy Martin, 8.5-67.5. Being foursomes, magic twos are not usually rewarded in the Rosebowl, but on this occasion the club made an exception. With 13 players, Neillie McKechnie volunteered to be the odd man out and he played as third ball in a three-ball fivesome just to keep the last four company. On the 13th he played a less than personal best tee shot that left him miles from the green but a determined (some might say angry) 4 iron was despatched from beside the 12th green. After much searching for the ball in the usual spots it was found nestling comfortably at the bottom of the hole. Having paid into the sweep it was only fair that Neillie got his money back.

Fixtures: Saturday, August 22 and Sunday, August 23, The Kilbride Challenge against Lamlash, 10am Saturday at WBGC and 10

am Sunday at Lamlash. Wednesday, August 26, Summer Trophy.

Machrie Golf Club
Peter Sutton/Lady Mary played Tuesday, August 11, seven played. 1 Phil Betley 76-14=62, 2 Brian Sherwood 77-13=64, 3 Campbell Laing 83-18=65.

Corrie Golf Club
Wednesday, August 12, Wednesday Medal, 1 D Logan 67-10=57, 2 J Adams 68-8=60, BIH, 3 J Innes 69-9=60. Best Scratch, D Logan 67. Two's pot won by D Logan but returned to the pot as he had already won enough! So big money this coming Wednesday!

Saturday, August 15, Whisky Cup, round 1. 1 B Rooney 70-14=56, 2 J Innes 68-9=59. Best scratch J Innes, BIH. Two's J Innes and D Hames. Next Fixture: Saturday, August 22, Whisky Cup, round 2.

Lamlash Golf Club
Thursday, August 13, Summer Cup, 23 Played, CSS64. 1 Alan Colquhoun 69-11=58, 2 Todd Jameson, 63-4=59, 3 Norrie MacIntyre 71-8=63, 4 Ian Taylor 83-19=64, Scratch Todd Jameson 63, Magic 2's Alan Colquhoun at 13th, Paul Jameson at 16th, Todd Jameson at 16th, Duncan Heenan at 13th, Jim Young at 16th, Neil Young @ 16th.

Sunday, August 16, 15 Played, CSS 65, 1 Iain Murchie 68-4=64, BIH, 2 Drew Wales 73-9=64, 3 Lee Dutton 88-23=65, Scratch Iain Murchie 68, Magic 2, Robbie McGunnigle at 16th, Overall Winner, Iain Murchie 126, 2 Paul Jameson 130.

Forthcoming Fixtures:
Saturday, August 22, Kilbride Challenge at Whiting Bay at 10.00am
Sunday, August 23, Kilbride Challenge at Lamlash at 10.00 am

Thursday, August 27, Summer Stableford and Commando Cup. See Starter for tee times.

Arran Ladies Golf Union
The final of the Island Championship will be held on Saturday, August 22 at 10:30am at Lamlash Golf Club between Susan Buchard and Kema Genda. Please come along and support the girls in what promises to be a very exciting match.

Arran Golfers Association
Arran Golfers Association Up and Coming.

Friday, August 21, Champion of Champions Final at 5:30pm at Shiskine Golf Club.

Saturday, August 29, Ken Western Greensome at Machrie Bay Golf Club from 1:00pm.

Thursday, September 3, Autumn Meeting Brodick Golf Club at 8:00pm.

Sunday, September 6, Autumn Handicap at Whiting Bay Golf Club, September sheets on notice boards.

Saturday, September 12, Arran Grouse at Machrie Golf Club at 1:00pm.

Draw: Brodick B v Machrie A at 1:00pm, Lamlash A v Brodick A at 1:10pm, Whiting Bay A v Machrie B at 1:20pm, Lamlash B v Whiting Bay B at 1:30pm, Corrie A v Shiskine B at 1:40pm, Lochranza B v Corrie B at 1:50pm, Shiskine A v Lochranza A at 2:00pm.

Saturday, September 19, Senior Handicap at Shiskine Golf Club from 1:00pm, yellow tees, qualifying age 55.



Ladies captain, Margaret Bryce, presenting Brenda Livingstone with the Brodick Ladies Open Trophy. Brenda also won the Hendry Trophy for the best Brodick score



Brodick Ladies captain, Margaret Bryce presenting Margaret Roxburgh with the McKechnie Trophy for the best island score. Margaret also had the best silver score



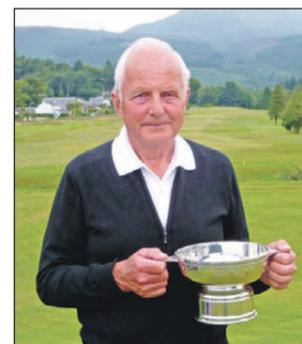
A hat-trick for Jack McNally who won the Victory Shield, the Junior Cup and a qualifying score at Shiskine recently



David Aitken, who won the McCutcheon Trophy at Shiskine. This is the oldest trophy at the club



Brodick Memorial golf winners (l to r) Campbell Laing, Dennis Hart and Alex Stoddart



Derek Roxburgh who won the Brodick Senior Open holds his trophy



Winners at the Allan Maxwell Memorial Fours Stableford held at Shiskine are (l to r); honorary member Andrew Howie, Robbie Crawford, Willie Robertson, Joe Faulkner, Claire Buchanan and Stevie Crawford

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All to play for as Brodick and Southend set to battle it out in last game

Shiskine 2-5 Brodick

In a rearranged fixture on Thursday, Shiskine were beaten at home by Brodick.

Brodick took an early lead when Babbies MacNeil slotted the ball past Finlay Murchie into the Shiskine goal. Ten minutes later, Babbies was involved in the action again when he was brought down illegally as he controlled the ball in the opposition penalty box. Iain 'Keeno' Keen took the resulting penalty and despatched it emphatically. Adam McNicol had been given a more advanced role than usual, starting on the left wing. It didn't faze the youngster as he struck the post early on and then soon after made it 3-0 by cutting in off the wing and scoring for the first time this season. Shiskine captain John Murchie was given a yellow card for a powerful late challenge on Matt 'Dobby' Dobson on the halfway line.

The second half was a lot more even and Shiskine were rewarded for their persistence when John Murchie pounced on an uncharacteristic mistake from Gregor Adamson and made it 3-1. Babbies then took his goal tally to six for the season after a great run to get on the end of the ball to make it 4-1. Substitute Joel Small had

been causing the Brodick back four problems with his power and he scored with a fine solo goal, rifling the ball into the bottom corner. The scoring was complete with the goal of the game when the ball fell to Dobby outside the box and he blasted it into the roof of the net to make it 5-2.

Referee Danny Head gave the man of the match to Babbies after an energising display and grabbing two goals as well.

Brodick 4-1 Northend

Northend ended their season with a respectable scoreline against league leaders Brodick.

Young Lennon Deary got his third goal of the season with Northend's only goal of the game.

Brodick's captain Keeno bagged one of the home team's goals and Babbies kept up his goal scoring form with another.

Matt Keir has been dragged out of retirement for the boys in blue and he scored in only his second game since his comeback. The last goal was a potential goal-of-the-season contender from Dobby which seems to becoming a trademark from the midfielder. His goal took him to six in all competitions this season. After being the 'nearly

man' all season for man of the match, Adam McNicol was finally given the award by referee John Murchie. The 17-year-old has been a revelation at left back this season after opting to play for his dad's home team instead of Lamlash from his mum's upbringing.

Lamlash 0-1 Southend

Title contenders Southend came through a hard test against a strong Lamlash team on Monday night. A Dave Morrison goal was all that separated the two teams. The goal after 20 minutes came when the front two of Dave and Lewis Kennedy combined brilliantly, before Dave struck a half-volley on his weaker foot past David Heenan in the Lamlash goal. Johnny Sloss was given an early yellow card when he did a David Beckham-like kick out from on the ground on his good mate and rival Donnie Park. Early on in the second half, Southend looked certain to double their lead but for a great double save by David to keep the home team in it. At the other end, Johnny was looking to work his magic and had a couple of great efforts from long range, one of which was career-ing towards the top corner, but Southend keeper Stevie



Lamlash midfielder Jamie Picken goes on a surging run 02_b34lamsouth01



Southend left back Sean Higgins clears the ball 02_b34lamsouth02



Brodick's Babbies MacNeil battles with Andy McNamara

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