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Arran has a sizzling summer of success

Businesses say it is the busiest season ever

Weeks of scorching sunshine has given Arran a blockbuster of a summer season.

Some businesses believe that the island has enjoyed its busiest summer ever with the excellent weather in July bringing day visitors over in droves.

Caledonian MacBrayne reports a 15 per cent increase in passengers on the Ardrossan to Brodick service for the month helped by the extra summer sailings.

With most hotels and guest houses as well as caravan parks and holiday lets bursting at the seams it has made it a holiday season to remember.

Alastair Bilsland summed up the buoyant mood when he said: 'I have been on this site since 1970 and it is the busiest season I have known. We have been much busier than last year and the weather has made a big impression on people.'

CalMac said it had been a 'very busy season' on the Clyde routes.

A spokesman said: 'July traffic between Ardrossan and Brodick was up by more than 15 per cent for passengers and nearly 10 per cent for cars, and Claonaig-Lochranza also

REPORT
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recorded increases of around six per cent.'

Sheila Gilmore, executive director of Visit Arran, said: 'I think the success of the season reflects the hard work and input from all the businesses involved.'

'VisitArran has undertaken an extensive and innovative marketing campaign over the past year - this, along with the good weather, has undoubtedly brought more first-time visitors to enjoy our wonderful island.'

Visitors attractions have had a successful summer including the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza which has seen a big increase in visitors and is confident of hitting 60,000 this year - up 5,000 on last year.

Visitor Centre manager Faye Black said: 'Ironically I believe the snow earlier this year really put Arran on the map. What came through was the community spirit on the island which I think visitors are now coming to experience for themselves.'

At Arran Active in Brodick Andrew Walsh said: 'We have

had a fantastic few months and August always defies expectations. There have certainly been more people going up Goatfell and we have been selling things we sometimes can go a whole season without selling like shorts, 3/4 length trousers and sandals, which we have had to keep reordering.'

At the Arran Aromatics factory shop manager Hazel Robertson said: 'The shop has been very busy as have the factory tours. I think the more frequent ferries have helped with day visitors but we also get a lot of returning customers. I think there have been some more tour buses this year as well which is encouraging to see.'

At the Coast restaurant in Whiting Bay owner Mark Currie said they had had a very good season so far with a lot of repeat business. However, he said the exceptionally good weather at the start of July had not particularly helped business as 'everyone was on the beach'.

'What has been encouraging is the number of familiar faces we have seen coming back again and again. We are now in our fourth year and that is particularly heartening.'



Dux award for Sophie

It was quite a night for Sophie Corbett from Brodick last Thursday when she was named Arran High School's Dux for 2013. At the school's annual awards ceremony, the 16-year-old's parents John and Frances Corbett watched as she picked up the James S Scott Award for Dux and also the Andrew S Johnson Award for maths and the Ian Watt Trophy for science.

See all the pictures from the ceremony on pages 12 and 13. 20_b35one01

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Man cleared of 'grooming' two Arran girls

A man has been found not guilty of 'grooming' two young girls on Arran and having sex with one of them because of insufficient evidence.

David Morrison, 30, was accused of committing the offences after previously meeting his victims, aged 14 and 15, and chatting on Facebook.

Morrison, of Glasgow, denied travelling to Arran with the intention of sexual activity with both girls and having unlawful sex with the 15-year-old, between August and September 2011.

Towards the end of Morrison's trial at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court, the prosecution withdrew the allegations of unlawful sex with the girl and

trying to groom a 14-year-old girl for sex. He was found not guilty of these charges.

His defence then submitted there was no case to answer on the remaining count of grooming the 15-year-old.

Sheriff Alistair Watson found him not guilty because of the lack of evidence.

During the trial, the older girl said she'd cycled to Morrison's home at midnight when her mother had gone to bed, after he invited her over to watch a film.

Squeeze

He had messaged her: 'Am sure I can squeeze u in my wee single bed as long as a film lasts. U really do need to promise u won't say nowt to anyone at all. I'll get in serious s***.'

She said they both sat on his bed but he started touching and kissing her before taking her clothes off and having unprotected sex with her.

The girl, now 17, said police were called in after her sister read her Facebook messages with Morrison and told their mother. In one message, Morrison said: 'Sorry about what happened the other night.'

The girl told the court: 'I think there had been rumours before about, like, how he was.'

Her mother, 48, said she had read a Facebook exchange between Morrison and her daughter.

She added: 'Having read it I realised I couldn't ignore it and be all right about it. I realised I had to alert the police.'



Isobel Thomson with a poster for the charity lunch.

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Charity lunch to help street kids of Payatas

A charity lunch is to be held on Arran to help the street children of Payatas in the Philippines.

Naomi Tomlinson runs an international project trying to improve the lives of the children who have no choice but to spend their days scavenging for waste in the huge landfill site in the capital Manila.

Cannot afford

Although some of the children are orphaned or abandoned many others come from loving families who cannot afford to allow their children to go to school as they need their meagre income.

Now the Fairplay for All (FFA) Foundation set up by Naomi, who was brought up in Campbeltown, and Roy Moore are trying to help the youngsters with a drop-in centre and the formation of Payatas Football Club.

But they desperately in need of funds and that's where Arran comes in.

Isobel and Hugh Thomson from Whiting Bay have seen the work being done at first hand.

And now Isobel is helping to raise funds by organising a charity lunch in Whiting Bay Village Hall on Thursday 12 September at 12.30pm for 1pm.

The Thomson's son Alasdair lives in Manila with his wife Chinot, and they have twice seen the work of the Payatas project at first hand, the last time as recently as June.

Naomi will give a presentation at the lunch of her work and tell of their new drop-in centre which is nearing completion, their plans for a urban garden and shop and the success of the football team in helping the children develop a new way of life.

New generator for hospital

Arran War Memorial Hospital is to get a new back-up generator.

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board have applied for planning permission for the new generator in the grounds of the Lamlash hospital.

The generator, which will have a fuel tank to the underside, will be on a 20 square metre site.

It will be used as a standby generator for serving backup power to the hospital building.

John Wright, Director of Information and Clinical Support Services confirmed: 'NHS Ayrshire & Arran has submitted a planning application for a new standby emergency generator and its housing at Arran War Memorial Hospital.

This work is part of the planned replacement maintenance programme for the hospital and will replace and improve the back-up emergency generator.'

The hospital is a 19-bed acute hospital with Accident and Emergency services, maternity, theatre and a range of outpatient services. It is staffed by local GPs supported by other professions, both visiting and in-house.

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Driver dies after falling ill at the wheel of his car

A Whiting Bay man was found dead in his car on Saturday morning after tragically falling ill at the wheel.

Police were called at 10.30am on Saturday after Ian McCallum, aged 73, was found in his taxi near to Dippin.

The Fiat which he was driving had veered off the road and Police believe he may have suffered a heart attack as he drove home late on Friday night and sadly died at the scene.

A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

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Troubled swimmers found by Arran RNLI

'The boys were very lucky that we returned by the route that we did'

There was a surprise call-out for Arran RNLI last week when they came across two swimmers in trouble while on a training exercise.

On Wednesday night (August 21), the volunteer RNLI crew were out on a regular training exercise around Lamlash Bay and Holy Isle.

As the crew were returning to the station they spotted what they believed to be a basking shark in the water, however as they approached, the crew of *The Boys' Brigade* realised it was two swimmers.

Two 18-year-old boys had tried to swim from Kings-cross point to Holy Isle.

On their return, they had been in the water for nearly an hour and began to encounter difficulties with tides and the early signs of hypothermia.

The RNLI crew of Senior Helm Crawford Duncan, Ken Hogge, Mairi Inglis and Carol Johnson were able to safely bring the boys aboard and began to treat them for hypothermia on route to the shore.

The local ambulance crew were waiting at Lamlash pier to take the boys

to hospital. After an overnight stay the boys were released.

Crew member Ken Hogge said: 'The boys were very lucky that we returned on the route that we did otherwise it could have been more serious as daylight was fading when we picked the boys up.'

The crew would like to remind people that if they are going in the water to ensure they are properly equipped, have checked the local conditions and someone on shore is aware of where they are and when they will return.

Collection box contents stolen

The contents of the National Trust for Scotland collection box within the stone cairn on the Goatfell path were stolen sometime between Friday August and Monday 19 August.

Police are urging anyone with any information to call Police Scotland on 101 or call Crimestoppers in confidence.

Ann Miller kick-off

The Ann Miller football tournament will take place on Saturday afternoon at 3pm.

Champions

Last year's league champions Brodick will take on an Arran select team at the Ormidale Park.

Awards, including player of the year, will be handed out after the game.

Totally tropical fun way to raise cash

Brodick turned tropical despite the overhead clouds as members of staff from The Co-operative Food store grabbed their sun hats and shades to dress up for an in-store summer beach party.

But the dress up day wasn't just for fun but to raise funds for Carers Trust, The Co-operative's Charity of the Year for 2013.

There are an estimated 500,000 young adult carers in the UK who care for a family member or friend. Money raised by The Co-operative will assist the charity in its work to tackle feelings of isolation and to provide desperately needed breaks, information, advice and support for 14 to 25 year olds facing the challenges of caring for a loved one.

With the support of members and customers, staff across The Co-operative's businesses, including food retail, funerals, pharmacy, banking and farming have been taking part in a series of events in aid of Carers Trust throughout the year.



The Co-op staff are ready for a beach party. 20_b35beach01

Overall, The Co-operative is aiming to raise £5 million during 2013, money which will help fund programmes such as 'Time Out', a scheme that provides young carers with residential breaks, giving them a chance to focus on their ambitions, putting their own physical health and mental well-being first.

Manager Liz McLean said: 'We hope that all our

customers enjoy the beach-themed fun.

It's great to think that while we're creating a holiday atmosphere in store we'll be raising funds to provide much needed breaks for young carers across the UK. We're determined to keep the fundraising momentum going and are planning more events before the year is out.'

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Arran Brass welcomes new members to the island band

The island's brass band has recently experienced a welcome swell in numbers after a recent intake of primary and young secondary school pupils.

This means that the band is now full strength at 25 members.

Band member Samantha Payn said: 'Arran Brass's achievement in being so strong in numbers is all the more remarkable given our island home.'

'We are the only island-based brass

band in Scotland and one of only two in Britain.' Missing from this picture are David Strawhorn, Fraser Mackenzie, Scott Mackay and Joley Allison.

Visiting

Christian Pomeroy was visiting Arran at the time the picture was taken.

Arran Brass Band rehearse every Wednesday at 7pm in Whiting Bay Hall.

Contact Samantha or Dave Payn on 820655 for more information.

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Opportunity to shape GP services

The island's residents are being urged to help shape the future of services offered by Arran Medical Group (AMG).

AMG is setting up a patient participation group (PPG) to help tailor primary health care to the changing needs of people living on Arran.

Planning stages

They are keen to discuss the changes they have made and those still in the planning stages.

The group is also very keen to get feedback from patients on what they think of the

services they receive from their practice.

Dr David Hogg, one of the eight GP partners of Arran Medical Group, said: 'Arran presents unique challenges and opportunities to configure a modern primary care service.'

'We are lucky to have a supportive community which has already been involved in some of the changes to service provision. We want to cultivate the involvement that patients have in the development of the practice.'

A patient participation group

is a patient-led group linked to the practice.

Ideally it will be made up of a group of patients that reflect the diversity of the population on Arran.

Reimbursed

Members of the group will be reimbursed for travel expenses.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact Ruth Betley at Shiskine Health Centre on 860247.

You can also find out more on the AMG website: www.arranmedicalgroup.co.uk

Advertiser

Get your groove on with Miss Dawn

Miss Dawn's increasingly popular children's dance classes start again this week.

The qualified dancing instructor from Brodick is so excited to be getting back to work after a break for the summer holidays that she's even giving away free tuition for all new starts.

Dawn Ulivi said: 'Classes start this coming Tuesday, September 3 and Wednesday 4 September at the Auchranie Dance Studio and will run all winter.'

The pre-school (Teenies) dancing takes place between 1.45pm and 2.30pm.

For Primary 1 to 3 pupils (Minis) the grooving starts at 4pm until 4.45pm, and primary 4 to 7 Pupils (Juniors) can

have a boogie from 4.45pm until 5.30pm.

And not forgetting the secondary school pupils (Seniors) who can rock it from 5.30pm until 6.15pm.

Why not come along and give it a go - for more information call Miss Dawn on 07525809727.



Dawn Ulivi's children's dance classes are a big hit.

Save the Children ceilidh

The great sum of £512 was raised at the annual family ceilidh organised by the Arran branch of Save the Children on Friday 16 September.

The event was held in Shiskine Village Hall and thanks go to Alastair Glen, Stewart Lambie and David Stefanuti for providing the music for the dance this year and making the ceilidh possible. The dancing was interspersed with some delightful Highland dancing from Charlie McKillop and amusing recitations from Liz Lawrie and Fiona Crawford.

As usual a wonderful buffet supper was provided by the committee which was appreciated by all present.

After a large raffle was drawn the dancing recommenced for the remainder of the evening.

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North end of the island give their bus views

The north end of the island has made their views known on the bus review being undertaken on Arran.

Business and community leaders from Pirnmill, Lochranza and Shiskine met transport consultant Angus Bodie to discuss the future of public transport on the island.

The meeting was organised by Arran Community Council secretary Bill Calderwood who said the meeting had a 'good cross section of business and community representatives'.

'There was a good round the table discussion of the issues surrounding buses as they affect the north of the island,' he said.

These included the need for smaller buses and the prob-

lem of introducing low level buses on the twisty hilly roads of the north, also the difficulties caused by golf bags and the lack of carrying capacity for bikes.

Improved baggage racks at the front of buses and the need for clearer and more widespread distribution of timetables, were among the items also discussed.

Hired

As reported earlier this month in the Banner, Mr Bodie has been hired by the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to find out just what the island community and visitors think of the bus service as well as other forms of public transport.

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



Harold 'Spud' Taylor celebrating his 90th birthday with friends at Corrie Golf Club.

Golfer 'Spud' Taylor is 90 years young!

The friends and colleagues of Harold 'Spud' Taylor gathered at Corrie Golf Club to celebrate him reaching the grand old age of 90 last Saturday.

In today's world some may say this is a relatively commonplace achievement, but what is rare is that not many 90-year-olds regularly put in a card for a competitive handicap - especially on such a physically demanding course as Corrie.

To celebrate those present competed for the 'Golden Spud', a creation of well known handicap convenor and sculptor Marvin Elliot.

This was followed by delicious soup and

sandwiches provided by Clare at The Tea-room.

At the prizegiving 'Spud' thanked all concerned and a collection gathered the princely sum of £170 which will be donated by 'Spud' to the local hospital supporters league.

He said: 'I would like to thank all those who helped to celebrate my 90th birthday, especially the captain and committee of Corrie Golf Club.'

Thanks also to all the players who took part in the competition and those who sent their congratulations and good wishes.'

'Spud' closed the event by inviting everyone to his 100th!

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 1,261 store cattle and cast cows, and 11,482 Prime and Store lambs and cast ewes.

Bullocks: Craigdhu (Charlois) £890, 237p, Craigdhu (Aberdeen Angus) £1,030, 249p.

Heifers: Bellevue (Aberdeen Angus) £890, 220p, Craigdhu (Charlois) £915, 235p, Bellevue (Simmental) £940, 209p.

Prime Lambs: Sheddock (Suffolk) £79, Kilpatrick (Texel) £78.

Store Lambs: Drumnaghina (Suffolk) £71.50, Lenamhor (Suffolk) £68, Kilpatrick (Texel) £67.50, Sheddock (Texel) £64, Sheddock (Mule) £60, Craigraineach (Mule) £59, Craigview (Mule) £53, Craigview (Blackface) £46.

Cast Ewes: Sheddock (Cross) £58.50.

NORTH AYRSHIRE LANDLORD FORUM

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North Ayrshire Council Housing Services invites landlords to attend their Landlord Forum which is being held on Friday 13 September 2013 at Greenwood Centre, Dreghorn, KA11 4GZ.

Registration and a buffet lunch will commence at 1pm and the forum is due to finish around 4.30pm.

Please note as places are limited, they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To book your place please email your name, address, telephone number and any special requirements you may have to: psadvice@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

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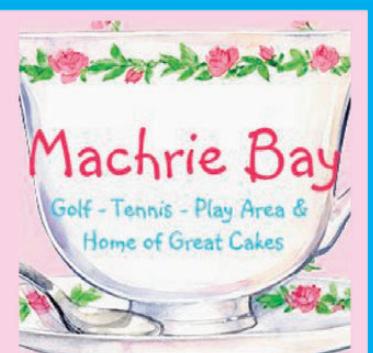
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Three cheers for our health visitors

NHS Ayrshire and Arran has been awarded UNICEF Baby Friendly accreditation for its community work.

This means that new mums and pregnant women on Arran get the best support when it comes to breastfeeding, thanks to their health visitor teams.

Health visitors in the region launched a campaign to ensure that new mums receive the ongoing care and support needed to breastfeed their babies, after they bring their new baby home from hospital.

Elizabeth Smith, community infant feeding co-ordinator said: 'Our hospital maternity services have been baby friendly for more than 14 years. Being baby friendly in the community means that new mums will continue to receive this high level of care from staff who are fully trained to promote, support and protect breastfeeding, and who can also provide information on support groups in the area.'

'We want to encourage a more positive and open attitude towards breastfeeding. It provides your baby with all the nutrients they need for the first six months of their life and can protect from infection and other diseases in later life.'

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Kilimanjaro challenge for Brodick woman

A former Arran girl and her three colleagues are swapping their desks for the African rainforest as they take on a charity challenge.

Jacqueline Leitch, who grew up in Brodick, is tackling Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for The Transformation Trust.

She decided to embark on the trek after seeing a similar challenge during Comic Relief.

'It's going to be a big challenge,' said Jacqueline. 'I've watched the Comic Relief film of the trek and it certainly won't be easy.'

She added: 'The altitude will be the biggest problem as it makes it very difficult to breathe while walking. But we will do our best. If we reach the top that will be unbelievable but many people fail to reach the summit.'

The Transformation Trust, their chosen charity, is a social mobility charity dedicated to opening the doors of opportunity to young people across the country.

They do this by working with some of the most challenged schools in the country, offering their pupils opportunities and experiences that help them to develop employability skills and build their confidence.

Jacqueline said: 'So far we have done several fund-



Jacqueline and three colleagues will climb the African mountain.

raising ideas to try to reach our £24,000 target, and to date we have raised £15,000.

I would be very grateful if people on the island who know me would sponsor me

on the just giving link www.justgiving.com/delleducatiokili to help us meet our fundraising target.'

The group set off for Kilimanjaro on Monday.

Arran Brewery scoops two new awards

The Arran Brewery has scooped up two new awards at the International Beer Challenge 2013.

Arran Dark won a silver and Arran Blonde picked up a bronze in the competition

which saw 18 medals given to Scottish beers.

Export marketing manager Veronica Michaluk said: 'I am delighted to see Arran beers are at the forefront and being recognized at an inter-

national level for their quality, natural ingredients and being some of the best Ales in Scotland.'

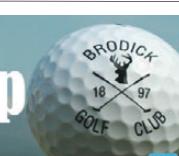
Warm up

However, these are only a warm up for the independent brewers trade body's beer festival and competition which will take place in November. Scottish brewers will compete for the top Scottish titles.

Fellow brewers from around the UK will be asked to judge the Scottish brews

in cask, bottle and keg and choose the Scottish Champion. The competition will be held on the 7 and 8 November at Pollokshaws Burgh Halls in Glasgow. Doors open to the public on the Friday night and all day Saturday.

The Arran Brewery will be offering its shares to members of the public later this year and this coupled with their recent listing by Sainsbury's of a further four brands will help their plans for growing the business on Arran.

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Japanese knotweed fightback begins

Arran has a widespread invasive weeds problem with Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam spreading widely around the island.

The problem appears to be greatest on the East and South coasts of the island and roadside verges are particularly badly affected too.

The biggest proliferation has so far been discovered in Brodick but there have also been reports of invasive weeds in Corrie, Kingscross, Kildonan, Corrie cravie and Machrie.

Giant hogweed has also been reported but the Ayrshire Rivers Trust (ART) have as yet no details of the scale of the problem.

Around 30 volunteers attended a weekend of training sessions at Brodick Church Hall organised by the ART to learn how to identify, survey and report sightings of Japanese knotweed around the island. This will allow ART to quantify the size of the problem on Arran with a view to building a project to bring the highly invasive plant under control.

And now thanks to European funding a dozen volunteers are to be trained on how to deal with the invasive vegetation which Lamlash community council Brenda Stewart says is an opportunity which cannot be missed.

She said: 'Arran is unlikely to get this offer of help again and it should not be ignored. Our island is being taken over by this rapid invasion of unwanted species that destroy our habitats and exclude na-

tive plants. The speed of this invasion is so fast that in a few years we may not recognise Arran. We need to respond now and accept this very generous offer to help.'

At the training weekend Stuart Brabbs, Gordon MacDermid and Emma Downie from the Trust were joined by Dr Catherine McGavigan from Queens University Belfast, to encourage the community to assist with identifying and recording invasive vegetation.

Currently ART is delivering a highly successful control strategy on mainland Ayrshire called the CIRB Project (Controlling invasive priority species and restoring native riparian biodiversity).

The CIRB project is funded through the European Union with co-funding provided by the Department of the Environment.

This cross border partnership has been highly successful and Dr McGavigan detailed ART's ambitious plans to include Arran in CIRB 2; a follow on project that should commence in 2015 if funding is secured.

Volunteers were shown how to identify and record these plants and then upload this information to a Scottish database, set up by the project's partners.

The assembled groups went for a walkabout in Brodick that highlighted the vast quantity of Japanese knotweed growing on our doorsteps and devaluing land and properties.

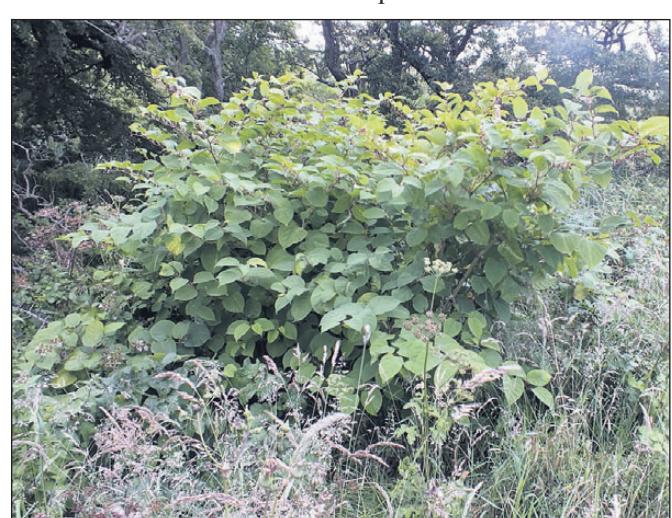
Returning to the hall, findings were discussed. Stuart explained that because of



Above: Emma Downie, Gordon MacDermid and Stewart Brabbs at the Arran event with Dr Catherine McGavigan (second from right).



A path on Arran overgrown with invasive vegetation.



The invasive Japanese knotweed.

savings within ART's budget, there is scope for training a dozen volunteers in pesticide application in a nationally recognised qualification required by anyone applying pesticides and herbicides on or near water. This will allow the volunteers to take part in the planned control programme this year with the assistance of the trust's staff.

The training course and examinations would take place on Arran for two days during September at no cost to the volunteers. Those successfully completing the training and examination will be equipped with a full set of spraying equipment. The qualification may also help to improve future employment prospects and opportunities.

Japanese knotweed was introduced in the early 19th century as an ornamental plant and is now common and widespread across the UK. The plant spreads rapidly and negative impacts include outcompeting native flora, contributing to river bank and coastal erosion and causing structural damage as it can grow through asphalt and some other surfaces.

Himalayan balsam is a relative of the Busy Lizzie, but reaches well over head height, and is a major weed problem especially on riverbanks and waste ground but can also invade gardens. It grows rapidly and spreads quickly, smothering other vegetation as it goes.

More details of the project and ART's work can be found at www.ayrshireriverstrust.org. Contact the Trust as soon as possible, if you would like to get involved.

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Boom time for Arran

Arran's businesses are claiming that this has been one of the island's busiest summers - some good news at last!

A long hot summer coupled with extra ferry sailings seems to have boosted the number of people visiting the island considerably.

Caledonian MacBrayne are reporting a 15 per cent increase in passengers on the Ardrossan to Brodick service for the past month - most likely caused by the extended ferry timetable.

The frequency of sailings to Arran this summer has no doubt made it much more appealing to day visitors.

They have certainly been seen disembarking and leaving in their droves from the pier in Brodick every day.

But looks like seem that those coming for a longer holiday are on the increase too.

The Arran Team in Brodick said most of their holiday lets have had 'full' signs all summer.

They told The Banner that they have had a lot of last minute bookings which have filled up the days and weeks that were vacant.

Ironically a lot of people have actually lost out on their preferred choice because they just left it too late this year.

For other businesses it was a very welcome relief to see more visitors with a relatively poor last two summers and a slow start to the season at Easter.

At Wooleys, the bakers, they said they had a 'very good summer' with turnover at the Brodick shop well up on last year while the Lamlash shop had more trade from visitors than when the schools are in.

The Douglas Hotel has had a very busy season with occupancy rates as high as 95 per cent all week.

Judging by the number of people enjoying drinks on their terrace every day (we're not jealous in the slightest when we gaze longingly out from our office windows) the hotel has been very busy all summer.

And at the Arran Art Gallery in Whiting Bay manager Lesley Lockhart said that after a slow start it has been a very good season.

She also believes there has been a definite increase in the number of foreign visitors, from all over Europe and the States, through the gallery.

So we are delighted to be able to report that this has been a blinder of a summer season - let's hope we get some better weather this winter to keep the visitors coming.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'And Jesus began to teach them, saying: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.' (Matthew 5:1)

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Letters to the Editor



Positive policing

Sir,

May I through your paper praise and thank the Arran police, in particular PC Drurie and Sergeant Dodds.

Two weeks ago on leaving the island a bike came off the carrier on my car on the way to the ferry due in no small measure to the bumpy and pitted road near the castle coming from Corrie.

The loss was not discovered until we boarded the ferry.

I immediately phoned the police who confirmed that an abandoned bike had been reported near the Castle.

I gave PC Drurie a description of the bike and he phoned me later to say it was safe in the police garage.

I made arrangements to come over to the island to deal with the matter.

By chance on arrival at Brodick I met PC Drurie and he gave me a lift to the station to deal with the bike.

On completion he very kindly took me back to the ferry terminal.

Throughout the whole episode I was impressed by the efficiency, assistance and helpful attitude expressed toward me.

Obviously all the constable's actions were approved by his sergeant and I applaud the positive public service offered by the Arran branch of Police Scotland.

Yours,
Colin D Hunter
Penicuik

Complaining directly

Sir,

I refer to 'Visitor left stranded' on page seven of Banner issue no. 1921; yet another example of somebody wanting to tell the whole world she has a grievance, without the courtesy or sense, to raise the matter with the party or company concerned.

The timetable makes it perfectly clear that this connection is not set in stone.

I have no connection with the bus company other than that of a well satisfied passenger but I do feel qualified to point out:

1. The bus has a GPS fitted, and although I am not sure what it is, I do understand that it shows clearly that the bus had already left.

2. Buses on this route also have to consider the requirements of passengers waiting further down the road and those already on the bus regardless of whether they are going to the Brodick ferry or the pub.

3. The lady has made no attempt to contact the company in respect of this matter.

Speaking for myself, I regret that when making a shopping trip from Lamlash to Brodick I have only eight minutes to catch a bus back or wait an hour for another, as clearly stated on the timetable.

If I wanted anyone to change this I would contact SPT directly as any complaint not addressed to them may as well be addressed to the Coca Cola Co.

The same edition of The Banner advised us that a major survey into Arran's local transport is to be carried out shortly.

Maybe the lady should contact them with her concerns.

At least, despite her alleged lateness, she found time to pose for a photo.

Yours,
Bernard Mitchell-Luker
Lamlash

Memories maintained

Sir,

Regarding Elaine Cameron's letter in The Banner of August 10, memorial benches are a very useful way to remember a loved one but there is always the problem of maintenance at a later date.

There is nothing worse than a scruffy bench with a plaque on it.

The Old Clachan Church near Shiskine has now been renovated and made into a memorial garden.

There is a display board for specially cast bronze plaques for anyone wishing to have a loved one remembered.

This will be maintenance free and in a very special place with a long history. This memorial garden is for

everyone.

Further details can be found at www.shiskinevalley.org/oldclachanchurch.

Yours,
Jack Murchie
Shiskine

Path work needed

Sir,

Over the years there have been recurring themes of complaints about Arran ranging from the price of houses and petrol to the state of the roads. However, I have another area of concern. This is the state of the paths on Arran.

While there has been good work done on Goatfell, Glen Rosa, Glen Sannox, and the route up Cir Mhor, there are several others which warrant attention.

The route off Suidhe Fhearghas, for example, is steep and slippy. It needs some steps and preferably a handrail as well since this is potentially a dangerous route.

Another danger area is A'Chir. The path is indistinct

in many places and very dangerous in most. It definitely needs fixed ladders as a safety measure in these areas.

The north peak of the Witchies Step is even worse where there are no obvious routes to the top. Fixed ladders with direction indicators to show the way are a necessity here.

Finally, the summit of Cir Mhor. There are large vertical drops all around and the summit is very small where two are a crowd. I suggest that in addition to a queuing system to limit the numbers at the top at any one time, a fence around the summit would ensure the safety of those who make it to the top.

These are perhaps some of the more important areas of concern and I would hope that, with health and safety being so very important nowadays, remedial action will be forthcoming so that visitors can remain safe in the mountains.

Yours,
Colin Gunn
Dunblane



The Banner on holiday

Since 'The Banner on Holiday' feature started almost five years ago, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of fantastic photographs of our readers that have come through the doors.

Arran residents and holidaymakers are still making sure that they pack their copy of The Banner to keep up with local issues when they go on holiday.

This week we have a fantastic photograph from Iain and Lavinia Hendry of Brodick who took their Banner with them to the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin during a recent trip to Germany.

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

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

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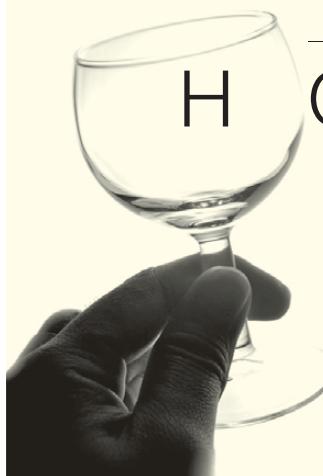
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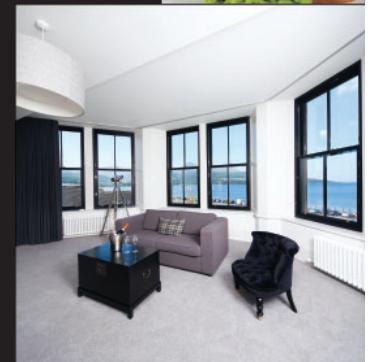
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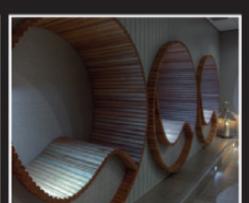
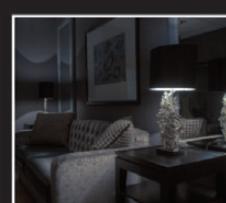
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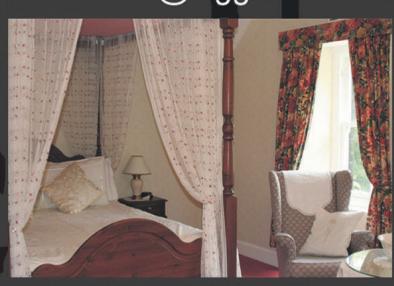


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Sheep dog success for Meg

The Dougarie Sheep Dog Trials were held on Saturday 24 August at Druid, Auchencar.

The results of the Confined Trial, which is for Arran dogs only, were: 1 Jack Murchie with Meg - who had clearly the best run of the day, 2 Liz Robertson with Joe - who should receive a commendation for her stoicism at the pen.

The Publicity Cup (Overall Winner) was therefore presented to Jack Murchie. The Aggregate Cup (best score in both Open and Confined Trial) also went to Jack Murchie.

The committee would like to thank Mr S Gibbs for the use of the field, Liz and Duncan Robertson for the sheep, Alec Miller (Kildonan) for judging, Donnie Robertson (Shiskine) for clerking and Jenny Dunstan (Australia) for presenting the prizes.

Winter embroidery

The first meeting of the winter session of Brodick Embroidery Group will take place on Thursday 12 September at Brodick Library from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

The group meets to share ideas, learn new techniques and enjoy meeting together with those who have a shared interest.

Everyone is welcome, both beginners and those with more experience.

For further information contact Ann Hollingworth on 840270.

Antiquarians experience 'A Comic Life'

The August meeting of the Arran Antiquarians saw 75 members treated to a trip back to their childhood, remembering the excitement of the day every week when they received a copy of the favourite comics of the day - Beano, Dandy, Wizard, Rover, and many others.

As chairman Tom McLeod commented when introducing the speakers: 'When we booked one speaker we got another free, demonstrating that not only the Co-op can manage BOGOFs!'

This amusing duo was comprised of Dave Donaldson and Ron Grosset.

Dave was born and bred in Dundee and worked for DC Thomson from the age of 17 until his retirement three years ago.

By then he was managing editor of children's publications and he wrote the scripts for the Broons and Oor Wullie on and off from 1962, and latterly collaborated with Ron Grosset, who runs the publishing house Waverley Books, in the production of the Maw Broon cookbook series and other such popular volumes.

The audience were all thoroughly in the mood and mindset of the Broons because of two lifesize tableaux that stood at the front of Brodick Hall, one of Maw Broon and the other the entire Broon

clan. Thomsons in Dundee, a family business, began publishing comic papers for boys in 1921, and until 1933 these were a great favourite for the 12-14 years age group.

In 1936 Thomson's Sunday Post featured a comic supplement, and the Broons were included in 'The Fun Section'.

The illustrator was Dudley Watkins. He produced wonderful artwork, only receiving the week's storyline on Friday evening to be in the office the next day for printing and on sale by Sunday.

When Dave Donaldson wrote the scripts he received 10s-0d extra (50p).

Landscape painter

Watkins was a talented landscape painter and sadly died in 1969 and for the last 20 years Peter Davidson of Glen Esk has illustrated the feature.

The Broons in their Dundee tenement and the wee But n' Ben they rented 'back o' Dundee' for holidays became an instant success throughout Scotland.

Annuals, pictures and jigsaws were all made and an original jigsaw selling for 1s.10d (approximately 9p today) is now worth £3,500.

Dave also wrote storylines for Dennis the Menace and Oor Wullie.

The Antiquarians were shown many drawings which



The much-loved Broon Clan with Dave Donaldson joining them on the left and Ron Grosset on the right.

were a part of a childhood they all knew, a type of childhood and family life sadly gone for ever.

The Dandy was first published in 1937 and that first copy intact with its whistle would sell today for £6,000.

The Beano followed in 1938 and they were published worldwide, even as far away as China.

Such was their fame that Tony Morrow's large statue of Desperate Dan and his dog was erected on a Dundee street.

Dave and Ron had the idea of producing Maw Broon's Cookbook and surprisingly DC Thomson refused permission.

They however relented when it was pointed out that the Maw Broon was Paw Broon's mother who presented it to Maw Broon at the time of their wedding: 'So that he would be fed in the manner to which he was accustomed.'

It was produced as a handwritten style and was instantly popular with everyone from schools to homes for the elderly.

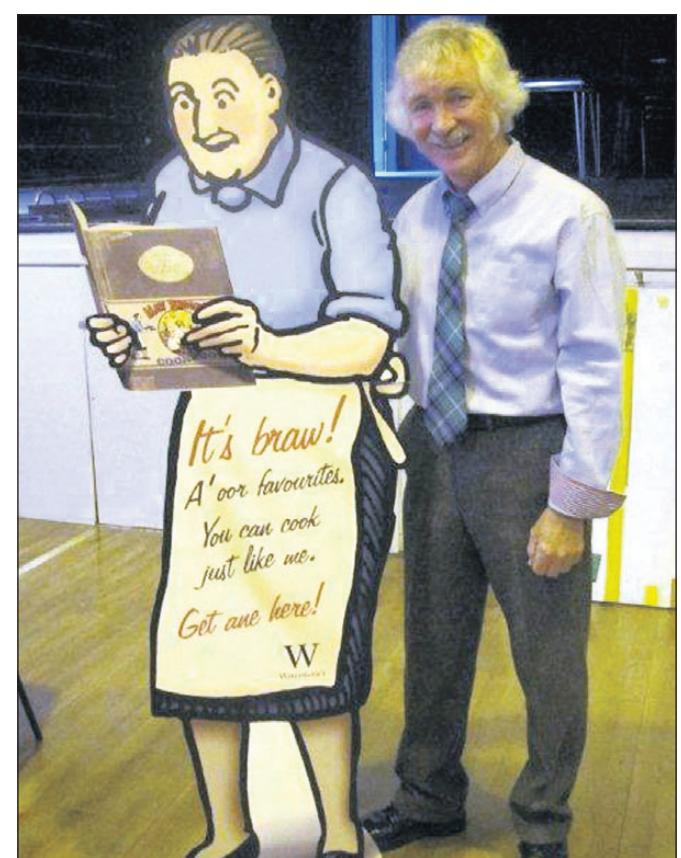
Maw Broon was advertised by the Sunday Post as the first domestic goddess and after being instantly criticised by the national broadsheets on health grounds, the result was that sales went through the roof.

Similar format publications have been produced each year, together with the Broons and Oor Wullie annuals.

iting the comment: 'Oh, no, I hate dogs.'

What of the 21st century? The Dandy had its last issue in December last year, and it's now online.

Sadly, this is not a success with today's weans. However, the Broons go from strength to strength and we can now indulge in CDs, bags, fudge, jams, ice creams, cakes, biscuits and even a single malt. So we can raise a glass to one of Scotland's best loved families. ND



Dave Donaldson with Maw Broon.

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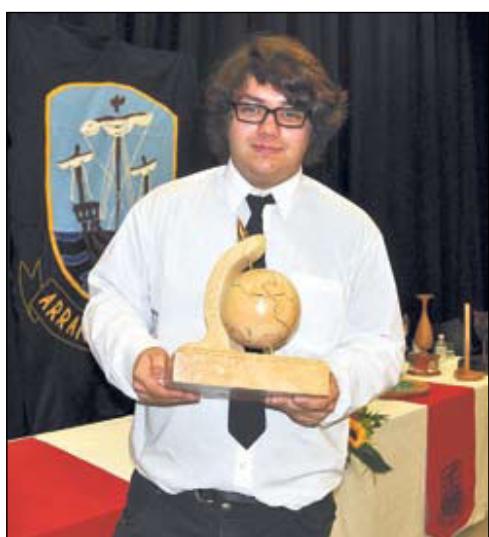
Young singer of the year Olivia Barker.
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The school theatre was packed with pupils, parents and guests. 20_b35prize15



Rotary Youth Speaks Competition winners Susie Mowatt, Hannah Ross and Ceile Swinton-Boyle. 20_b35prize06



Fredi Baumgartner with the Brian Miller Trophy. 20_b35prize09



Scott Macfarlane with the First Minister's Golf Trophy. 20_b35prize12

Night to remember school celebrates a

Arran High School may be relatively small, but it punches well above its weight when it comes to academic success, according to head teacher Douglas Auld.

He was speaking as the academic and sporting achievements of the senior pupils at Arran High School were recognised at a packed award ceremony at the school.

It was quite a night for 16-year-old Dux Sophie Corbett from Brodick, who not only picked up the James S Scott Award for Dux but she also lifted the Andrew S Johnson Award for maths and the Ian Watt Trophy for science.

Award winners included Iain Clarke of Torbeg, who won two including young musician of the year, Kirsty McAllister, one of the stars of the recent production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest', and Mollie Hodkinson of Whiting

Bay, who picked up the Admiral Group Trophy for business education for the second year in a row.

The fiercely contested Inter-House prize went to Shurig with Iorsa runner-up.

Iain Clarke got proceedings started by piping in the special guests for the evening, including guest speaker former Banner reporter Howard Driver.

During the prizegiving Finlay Murchie gave an excellent recital of Burns' 'Tae a Moose' and young singer of the year Olivia Barker sang a modern version of 'Ave Maria' to the delight of the audience.

In his remarks to the audience, Mr Auld welcomed four new teachers to the school and he said pupils had achieved some excellent results in what was the final year of Standard Grades.



The 2013-14 Vice captains Wallace Currie and Ceile Swinton-Boyle and Captains Sarah Jenkins and Josh MacDonald. 20_b35prize11



Wallace Currie with the Inter-House award won by Shurig. 20_b35prize13



Finlay Murchie with Duais Feis Arainn Trophy. 20_b35prize03
Kirsty McAllister with the Heather Gough Award and the Charles Russell Trophy. 20_b35prize05



Mollie Hodgkinson with the Admiral Group Trophy and Murray Stout with the Arran Dairies Hospitality Trophy. 20_b35prize07



Fraser Blain and Sarah Jenkins with their English awards. 20_b35prize08



Dux Sophie Corbett with the James S Scott Award. She also won the Andrew S Johnson Award and the Ian Watt Trophy. 20_b35prize14



Iain Clarke with the Margaret Wright Award and Josh MacDonald with the Kilmarnock Trophy. 20_b35prize10



The lad played by Donald McEachern. 20_b35mth03



The mythical Carlin Moth played by Katharine O'Donnelly. 20_b35mth02



The lad discovers the moth has transformed into an old hag. 20_b35mth04

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Arran cast perform iconic McLellan play

'An island fairy tale in four scenes'

As part of the McLellan Festival a cast of local actors performed the playwright's mythical tale *The Carlin Moth* on Friday night.

Robert McLellan described this poetic and poignant play as 'An island fairy tale in four scenes' and the link with Arran is unmistakable.

First produced in 1946 by the BBC, *The Carlin Moth* uses a traditional folk myth idea of a creature that can change its shape to human form.

Transform

The word 'carlin' can mean an old woman, a hag or a witch and the moth has the powers of a witch, using the hopes and fears of ordinary mortals to transform herself first into the beautiful lass

of a young man's dreams and then into an ugly hag formed from the jealous thoughts of an ambitious mother.

The plot is simple. A lonely young crofter played by Donald McEachern has imagined a life with a beautiful young companion and one night a moth flies into his lamp and becomes the lass of his dreams (Katharine O'Donnelly) agreeing to stay with him and be his partner in all things.

However, as with all supernatural creatures who involve themselves with humankind, there is a condition, and the moth tells the lad that he must never speak of her and how she came to be with him or she will turn back into a moth again and he will be 'lanely til the end of his days'.

Unfortunately for the lad, another girl (Ceila Swinton-Boyle) and her mother (Ailsa McNicol) have designs on him and come daily to his croft ready to do womanly chores in order to ensnare him.

Amazed

They are amazed to discover that someone else has already been there.

Their suspicions fall on the only single woman they can think of - an ugly local, 'hisie frae the castle fairm'.

Their jealousy creates another transformation of the moth with disastrous results for the lad for the curse is set strong and the moth tells the lad that 'nae mortal lass shall hae what ance was mine'.





The lass and her mother are shocked to see nothing but a moth inside the croft. 20_b35mth07

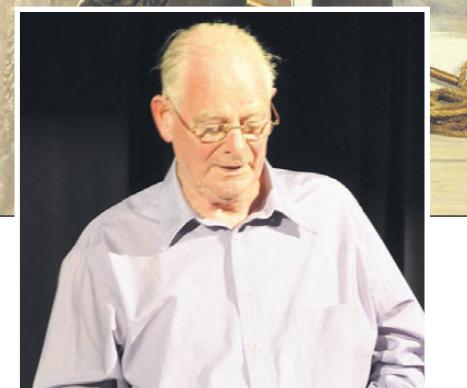


The cast - Ailsa McNicol, Ceila Swinton-Boyle, Katharine O'Donnell and Donald McEachern. 20_b35mth01



Katharine O'Donnell transforms into the antithesis of the beautiful young woman. 20_b35mth05

The director John Sillars gave a fascinating illustrated talk on McLellan's life before the performance. 20_b25mth06



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The Spotted Flycatcher

It is one of the latest summer visitors to arrive

Spotted Flycatcher is a regular localised-breeding summer visitor on Arran.

It breeds in most of Europe and western Asia, and is migratory, wintering in Africa and south western Asia.

While population studies indicate a decline by more than half in the last 25 years in parts of its range, here on Arran the distribution of the species seems to be stable.

It is one of the latest summer visitors to arrive.

This year with the cold spring the first record on Arran was not until 20 May with most of the birds not arriving until June.

Compare this with last year when the first report was 1 May or 2011 when the first report was 21 April.

As the name implies this bird catches flying insects. They are designed with that in mind with big eyes and proportionally long wings making them very manoeuvrable in flight.

About the size of a sparrow with their grey-browns and faint dotted lines, the first impression is of a dull bird but their mastery of the aerial hunt makes them a fascinating bird to watch.

They commandeer a look-out position such as an exposed branch or a fence post.

Sitting upright, flicking the tail and watching for insects, they launch themselves with speed and agility almost beyond comprehension, snapping their perfect, fly-catching bill shut like a trap before looping back, often to their favoured look-out position.

Where to look for them? Their preferred breeding areas are mature deciduous or mixed woodland with open clearings or glades but they can also be found in farmland with a scattering of trees, copses, hedges with mature hedgerow trees, often near rivers or burns.

They also breed around

farmyards and gardens. Places where there are lots of flying insects. Look for them on raised perches on mature trees, telephone wires or fence posts which give them a clear view and give you an opportunity to enjoy their aerial hunting.

At the end of August, Spotted Flycatcher depart to their wintering grounds in tropical Africa, south of the equator. Typical lifespan is two years and the longest recorded is seven years and ten months.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net

I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2012' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



As the name implies this bird catches flying insects.

Picture by Arthur Duncan

Bird notes

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Corrie Film Club showing 'Angels Share' by Ken Loach
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Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 8pm
Donations

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Footage from archive films of Arran from 1920s-1970s

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The Oratorio 'Elijah'

By Master class students and McLellan Festival Chorus

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Festival finale approaches with weekend poetry and ceilidh

The final week of the McLellan Festival starts today (Friday) and what a week it is going to be!

Tonight (August 30) is poetry night in Brodick Hall with poets Peter and Ann Sansom and the prizewinners of the McLellan Poetry Competition.

On Saturday, there is great music, dancing and food at the famous McLellan Ceilidh in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

Film

On Tuesday 3 September, again in Corrie and Sannox Hall, there will be a showing of Ken Loach's bittersweet comedy *The Angel's Share*, in

which Robbie escapes a prison sentence and is given a last chance to turn his life around which he does with the help of an expert whisky nose.

Then on Thursday 5 September with two showings – one at 2pm and one at 7.30pm – there is Arran on Film a chance to see footage, including new footage for this year, of archive films of Arran from the 1920s to the 1970s.

Music

At the fourth Arran Summer school, the young opera singers from the Royal Northern College, Manchester have been preparing a wonderful programme for the gala con-

cert on Friday 6 September including some very exciting and beautiful music from Mozart through to Gershwin.

Singers this year come from Australia, Portugal, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, England and America most of whom have never visited Arran before and are all very excited to be coming to this magical island and as always, the students of the summer school are indebted to Arran folk for their support.

A special arrangement of The Isle of Arran Song has been composed and will be premiered in Brodick and Corrie churches on Sunday 1 September along with some

beautiful sacred music and readings of McLellan from John Sillars.

The service in Brodick starts at 10.15am and the Corrie service begins at midday.

The last performance of the festival will be the magnificent and tuneful oratorio *Elijah* by Mendelssohn on Sunday 8 September with students of the summer school, and Arran singers forming the McLellan Festival Chorus.

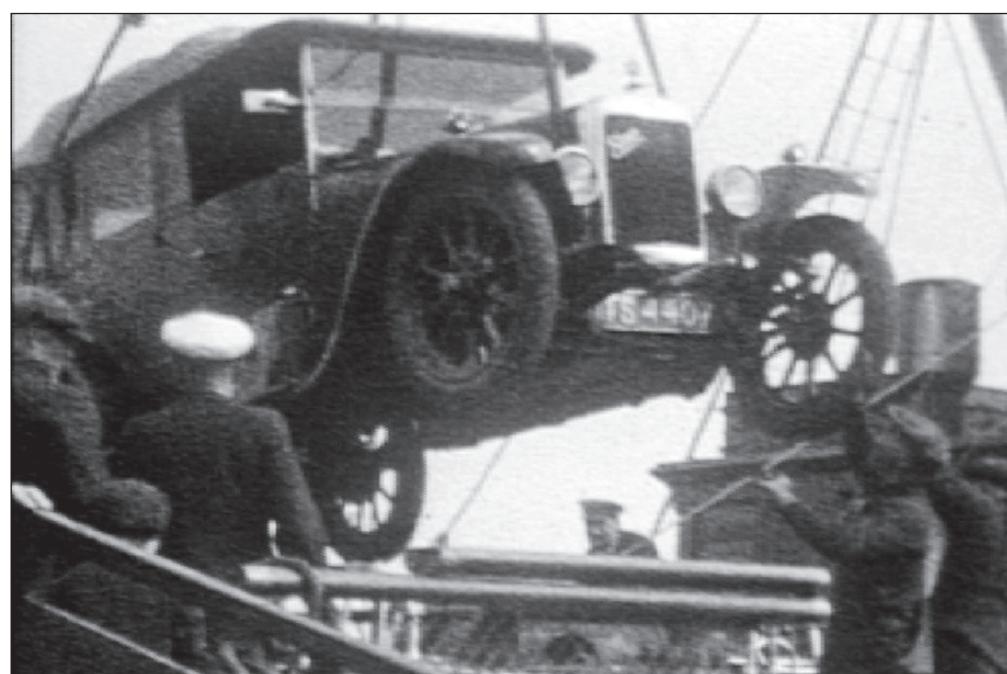
The principal soloist, Gavan Ring, is a baritone of national importance who has already sung at Covent Garden, Glyndebourne Festival, Opera North and the Scottish Opera.

This will be a performance not to miss.

Details of all performances, tickets and events appear in the adverts in this paper or online at www.mclellanartsfestival.co.uk



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Arran on Film is a series of archive films of the island from the 1920s to the 1970s.

Paragliding championships

The Arran Paragliding competition which forms part of the Scottish National Championships took place last weekend. The winner was Paolo Belleze from Argentina who lives in Aberdeen.

Look out for the full report with stunning photos in next week's Banner.

Rugby team lose out to Mull

The island's rugby team travelled to Mull last Saturday for the first game of the season.

The home team scored only one try but managed to beat Arran by 20 to 8 thanks to a number of penalty kicks.

Arran take on Mull at home next Saturday, September 7.

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Battle ships

A fracas took place between the new Arran ferry and the PS Waverley this week.

On the day of the MV Caledonian Isles' special VIP cruise the paddle steamer usually berths about five minutes after the MV Isle of Arran leaves.

On the VIP day however both the old and new ferry had to berth and since it is CalMac's pier the Waverley was forced to wait in the bay - much to the passengers' dismay.

On with the job

Arran's new ferry the MV Caledonian Isles seems to be settling well into the job - well almost. We correctly predicted that last Saturday, a busy summer day, would be a good test for her.

With nearly full bookings she used her mezzanine decks but unfortunately after the 11.05am sailing left Brodick the crew were forced to abandon them due to a technical hitch.

Another door opens

When a fire forced the closure of the Royal Bank in Whiting Bay two years ago, there was much speculation over whether the premises would ever reopen.

After the bank announced that it would not reopen, the building was bought by Jan and Chris Fieldhouse of Kames Antiques in Brodick. And this week they opened their new Whiting Bay store in the old bank.

Graveyard rescue

Plans are afoot to save the tiny cemetery with only 20 headstones tucked in below a cliff well away from the road at Whitefarland.

It is not far from the sea and during the storm of 1991 the water did much damage and there is a continuing threat of it being washed away completely.

As a result CDC will install gabion cages filled with stones to protect the cemetery from further erosion.



This washing machine appears to have taken up full-time residence at the entrance to the Island Hotel in Brodick. It's now been sitting there for three months. b35twe01

Memorial seat stolen

The Yule memorial seat has disappeared from the Shiskine cross roads.

This solid teak wood seat was repaired by Shiskine Improvements Association at a cost of more than £130.

It was securely bolted to the concrete foundation so it would not have been easy to remove.

Bird's eye view

The Banner was given a rare opportunity to board the seaplane that can often be seen moored in Lamlash Bay these days.

The pilot give us a whirl over to Brodick and allowed us to take some pictures from the air.

The plane will return to the island this weekend to offer trips over the island.

Miss MC Black remembered

It was with deep sorrow that the friends of Betty Black learned of her death on Sunday night.

Miss Black became secretary of the Isle of Arran Ladies Lifeboat Guild in 1961 and helped raise incredible sums for the RNLI in the years that followed.

Until 1992 she had helped to gather £54,150 and headquarters presented her with a gold brooch in 1993.

Arran livestock sales

Messrs A & J Wilson and Co Ltd had eight cattle and 877 sheep at their sale in Brodick on Thursday 26 August.

Some of the prices on the day were as follows.

Cattle: Friesian bullocks: £655 Auchenthe, £650 Cnoc, £625 Auchenthe.

Sheep: Cross gimmers: £82 Drumaghinier, £81 Kilpatrick. Blackface gimmers: £51 Bailemargaidh. Cross ewes: £28 Knowe. Blackface ewes: £24 Glenree. Suffolk lambs: £36 Cairnhouse, £35.50 West Knowe, £35 Home Farm, £34.50 Tighanfrooch.



Jan Fieldhouse stands in the middle of her Aladdin's cave of antiques in Whiting Bay. b35twe02



The blacksheep of the Sandstone Quay in Corrie appears to have spawned. Two more sheep have recently appeared. b35twe04



Ian Henderson of Whitefarland is keen to see the ancient cemetery nearby protected from the sea. b35twe03

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Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour

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2pm

Saturday 31st August

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games
Lawn Bowls
Ceilidh
Ann Miller Football Cup

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodick, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Park, 3pm

Sunday 1st September

Alcoholics anonymous speaker meeting
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Open Mic Session
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
PHT Quiz

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

Monday 2nd September

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
Table Tennis
Badminton
Arran Junior Football Club
Summer Bridge Tournament
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games
Yoga
Arran Antiquarians
Lunch club
Volleyball
Paintings Tour
Yoga - Arran

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 6.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12noon
Brodick Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Sheltered Housing, 12 noon
Auchrannie Sport Hall, 7pm - 8pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 3-4.30pm

Tuesday 3rd September

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Streetly Dance pre school
Streetly Dancing minis P1-3
Streetly Dancing Juniors P4-7
Streetly Dancing Seniors
Youth Club

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4-4.45pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4.45-5.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 5.30-6.15pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm

Weight Watchers
Junior Hockey Club
Healthy Outdoors
Lawn Bowls
Quiz
Food and craft market
Metafit
Scottish Country Dancing
Corrie Film Club, Angel's Share
Garden Walk

St Molios Church Hall, 7pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm
Lamlash High School 6pm - 6.30pm & 6.30pm - 7pm
Brodick church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 8pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 4th September

Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Northend Football Training
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Shiskine Tennis Club
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games
JogScotland beginners group
Mixed ability running group
Coffee Morning
Yoga-Arran

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm

Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Lochranza,7pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 2.30pm
Auchrannie Spa car park, 5.15pm
Auchrannie Spa car park, 6pm
Lamlash church Hall, 10.15-12noon
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm

Thursday 5th September

Village Market & Tearoom
Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Live music
Weight Watchers
Lawn Bowls
Shiskine Tennis Club
Yoga
Family Ceilidh
Arran on Film
Bronza Age Roundhouse Experience
Lunchbox
Metafit

W/Bay Village Hall, 11-2pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-11.00pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Adults 6pm onwards
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie & sannox Village Hall, 2pm & 7.30pm
Brodick Castle, 10.30-12 & 2.00-3.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick 12.30-2.30
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6pm-6.30pm

Friday 6th September

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Brodick Farmers Market
Active Buggies
Gala Concert
Castle Secrets Tour

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 10am
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13/00464/PP; Auchranrie Hotel, Auchranrie Road, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of three storey bedroom extension and associated parking provision to hotel.

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Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunningham House
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Constitution & Rules of Competition

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Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on **Thursday, 5th September** at 7.30 pm in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.
ALL WELCOME

CHUCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran:
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Minister: Rev Angus Adamson,
Parish Assistant:
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Worship will be conducted in
the above churches at the
following times, to which
all are invited.

Sunday 1st September

Brodick Church, 10.30am,
McLellan Festival service
Corrie Church, 12noon,
McLellan Festival service
A Service of Worship will also
be held in Montrose House at
1.30pm
Lochranza Church, 9.30am,
Morning Worship
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am,
Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon,
Morning Worship.

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Kilmory 10am
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 1st September
11 a.m. Morning Worship
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Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.
Home Fellowship Group
for Bible Study and Prayer.
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Services as follows
Sunday 1st September
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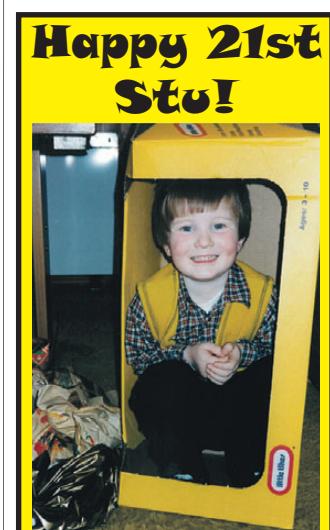
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Ewan is champion for the sixth time

The man described as 'the best golfer on the island' Ewan McKinnon has won the Arran Golfers Association Champion of Champions for the sixth time.

The 2013 competition started on Friday 16 August at Machrie Golf Club, the course was in superb condition and the greens were true and fast.

The first round matches saw Dougie Macfarlane, Ewan McKinnon, Iain Murchie and Brian Sherwood all coming through quite convincingly to progress to the semi finals.

In the first semi final Ewan was up against Ian Murchie and the youngster came out the blocks strongly to establish a lead and although some solid play from Ian saw him get back to only two down with three to play, but a brilliant Eagle from Ewan at the 16th saw him take the tie three and two.

Similar pattern

Next out was Dougie Macfarlane against Brian Sherwood. This game followed a similar pattern to the first match with Dougie forging ahead early on, despite Brian winning seven and eight to get back to only three down Dougie upped a gear and won a few holes in a row to eventually win at the 14th by five and four.

The final saw Arran's best two golfers Dougie and Ewan take on each other in a final for the fifth time and there were around 30 people present to witness golf of a



Finalist Dougie Macfarlane with winner Ewan McKinnon, referee Brian Sherwood and association chairman Donald Logan.

very high standard.

A birdie at the second hole by Ewan set the tone on what was to be a superb match, a birdie by Dougie at the fourth tied the match and with another birdie at six went one up. A par was good enough for Ewan to get back to level at seven followed by birdie at eight to go one up, a four at the tenth put Ewan two up and in the driving seat, the next six holes were halved in pars and with Ewan sitting two up with two to go things were

looking bleak for Dougie.

However, experience along showed through as a stone dead chip at 17 for a birdie followed by a 15 foot birdie putt at the last saw the match go to sudden death. Pars at the first two extra holes meant the match progressed to the 21st hole, and with the light fading Dougie saw his hopes of an 11th win disappear by missing a short putt for par and with it the title going to Ewan for a well earned sixth time. Congratulations to Ewan on a

superb victory, cementing his place as the best golfer on the island.

For the record, both players were round in two under par 64, the better ball was six under par.

Jim Henderson, who has been present at every final since the competition started in 1982, said: 'I've never seen a better display of ball striking, putting and short game in all the finals I've watched and there's been some crackers over the years.'

Brave mudders take on military style obstacle course

On a wet and windy Scottish Saturday six brave Arran youngsters joined 10,000 Mudders as they descended upon the usually peaceful Dalkeith Country Estate to take on the third UK Tough

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And Will Pointon, Rachael MacLean, James Church, Hannah Leyden, Rona Walker and Flic Arthur not only completed the course, but also raised an incredible £3,000 for charity.

The group decided to take part in the event earlier this year in memory of their school friend Lucy Ford, who tragically died of a brain haemorrhage in 2003.

The money raised will be split between The Clarke Lister Brain Haemorrhage Foundation and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.



Rachael MacLean, Rona Walker, Flic Arthur, Will Pointing (Lucy's brother), James Church and Hannah Leyden (who flew over from Cyprus) all completed the gruelling course.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Ladies: Tuesday 20 August, Helen's Vases, 24 played. 1 Lesley Murray and Linda Trickett 71, 2 Margaret Roxburgh and Rion Culpan 72 BIH, 3 Pam Hollmes and Liz Lawrie 72.

Wednesday 21 August, Summer Cup, 44 played, CSS 64. 1 D Hendry (13)60, 2 N Hume (12)64 acb, 3 B Jenkins (6)64 acb. Scratch E McKinnon 67. There were nine twos. Sunday 25 August, Royal Bank Shield - 4 Ball Better Ball, 14 pairs played.

1C Pattenden and J Beatie 59, 2 T Raeside and D McKinnie 60, 3 I Macdonald and G Hendry 61 acb.

Tuesday 27 August, SLGA Brooch and 2nd round Club Trophy, CSS 69, 17 played.

1 Gwen McNicol 79 (15) 64, 2 Susan Butchard 82 (12) 70 BIH, 3 Ann McVicar

86 (16) 70. Club Trophy: 1 Gwen McNicol 141, 2 Susan Butchard 143, 3 Lesley Murray 143. Nine-Hole Stableford, 3 played. 1 Liz McKellar 14pts.

Brodick Ladies Open on Tuesday 13 August attracted 110 entries. It was a glorious day and the course was in great condition. Trish and Douglas worked hard to make sure that

everyone was well fed and watered throughout the day. It was lovely to welcome so many ladies from the mainland and Kintyre, and prizes were fairly evenly distributed between locals and visitors. The overall winner was Margaret McGregor from Kilmarnock Barassie.

Club Captain Nicol Hume helped Tricia Martin present the prizes as follows: Winner: Margaret McGregor (Kilmarnock Barassie) (19) 39pts, 1 Silver: Ann Partridge (Irvine) (19) 38pts, 2 Silver: Fiona Crawford (Shiskine) (14) 34pts, 3 Silver: Alice Anderson (Shiskine) (17) 34pts, 1 Bronze: Isobel Smith (North Berwick) (28) 37pts, 2 Bronze: Margaret Parry (Irvine) (24) 36pts, 3 Bronze: Heather Raeside (Brodick) (25) 35pts.

Hendry Trophy:(best score by Brodick resident), Heather Raeside (25) 35pts, McKechnie Trophy:(best score by Arran resident 60+), Kate McAdam (Lamlash) (20) 34pts. Best Front 9: Gwen McNicol 20pts, Best Back 9: Jill Penderleith 17pts.

Magic Twos: Isobel McDonald, Margaret Roxburgh, Jenni Turnbull, Marjorie Rae, Liz Robertson, Alice Anderson, Fiona Crawford, Gwen McNicol, Margaret Fowler, Moira Small, Chris Thomas

Sponsored Hole Prizes: Hole 1 Yvonne Brothers (Lamlash), 2 Fiona Leslie (East Renfrewshire), 3 Catherine McBain (Brodick), 4 Chris Thomas (Irvine), 5 Margaret Roxburgh



The winners at Brodick Ladies Open with their trophies.

(Brodick), 6 Heather Raeside (Brodick), 7 Gwen McNicol (Brodick), 8 Susan Butchard (Whiting Bay), 9 Dorothy Belch (Skelmorlie), 11 Jenni Turnbull (Shiskine), 12 May Dunlop (Irvine), 13 Margaret McGregor (Kilmarnock Barassie), 14 Annette Holmes (Prestwick St Nicholas), 15 Fiona Crawford (Shiskine), 16 Alice Anderson (Shiskine), 17 Susan Black (Irvine), 18 Fiona Crawford (Shiskine).

Special Prize for Endeavour: Irene Cameron (Lamlash).

Fixtures: Saturday 31 August, Belhaven Mixed Texas Scramble. Book team times with James at Pro Shop. Sunday 1 September, AGA Autumn Handicap at Shiskine. Friday 6 September, Kintyre Cup. Sunday 8 September, Brandon Final.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 21 August, Gents 12 Hole Medal, 9 played. 1 and Scratch W Paton 42-3=39, 2 M Hesp 53-12=41, 3 B Sherwood 48-6=42. Magic Twos from B Sherwood at the 3rd and 4th and M Hesp at the 4th. Well done Billy - great score!

Sunday 25 August, 18 Hole Medal, 15 played. 1 J Culpan 75-15=60, 2 A Liddell 76-13=63, 3 S Campbell 81-17=64 BIH. Scratch J McKechnie 73. Magic twos from B Sherwood and T Mitchell.

Fixtures: Thursday 5 September, Ladies 18 Hole Med al.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 24 August, H Taylor's 90th Birthday Game.

Thirty played in a stableford competition and donated £5 each to raise £155 that Spud decided to give to the Arran Hospital Supporters League. One member who didn't play, Teddy Kerr, also donated £5. Results: 1 Len Hartley (Brodick) 40pts, 2 Alastair McDonald (Corrie) 39pts, 3 Rab Logan (Corrie) 38pts beat P Bremner (Corrie) 38pts by the better last nine. Best scratch R Logan 65. Magic twos from A Cumming, R McGunningle, D Jeffrey, R Logan and D Logan. Booby prize R Jeffrey. Winner of the trophy was Len Hartley. Nearest the pins: 1st M Elliot, 8th C Pattenden and 9th J McConnachie.

Fixtures: Saturday 31 August, second round of the whisky cup, 8.30am and 1pm start.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 21 August, stroke 5, CSS 64. Despite reasonable weather conditions, there was a poor turn out of only six ladies playing in Wednesday's competition. Sheena Murchie returned an excellent score of 61 cutting her handicap to 13. Sheena's gross 75 also won the scratch. There were no twos. 1 Sheena Murchie 75-14=61, 2 Jo Hastings 89-21=68 BIH over 3 Ellie Jones 83-15=68. Scratch Sheena Murchie 75.

Gents: Thursday 22 August. Summer Cup and Jim Young Memorial Trophy - CSS 63. 1 Norrie MacIntyre 69 -8 = 61, 2 Gordon Boyle 82 - 19 = 63, 3 Crawford Duncan 77 - 13 = 64, 4 Billy O'Connor 84 - 20 = 64. Best Scratch

- Dougie Macfarlane 64 ing age 55.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 21 August, 27 played in round 12 of the Summer Trophy - only three more chances! CSS 64. 1 Gordon Provan (10)61, 2 Graeme Crichton (13)63, 3 Kevin Jackson (9)64, 4 Andy Martin (12)65 acb. Malcolm Pennycott won scratch with 67 and there were magic twos from Jamie Stewart, Gordon Provan and Keith Kelsall.

Saturday August 24 and Sunday August 25 saw the annual two-day match with Lamlash. On Saturday it was Greensomes at Whiting Bay with the home side winning by four games to two. Sundays games were fourballs at Lamlash and once again Whiting Bay won by four games to two and retained the Kilbride Challenge trophy by eight games to four. Whiting Bay Open winner Michel Augier was presented with the trophy by Lamlash captain Jim Stewart. A successful weekend of golf, fun and good hospitality after each day.

Fixtures: Sunday 1 September, AGA Autumn Handicap at Shiskine. Wednesday September 4 Bannatyne Cup.



Jim Stewart presents the trophy to Whiting Bay Open winner Michel Augier.



The 14th hole at Whiting Bay Golf Club.

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Karate kid gains junior black belt



Two young karate kids from Arran have gained their junior black belts after nine years of training.

Trefor Goronwy, aged 13, and Shaun Smith who is 14 were given their black belts - the highest achievement for a junior karateka - just before the schools broke up for the summer holiday.

Trefor told The Banner that he loves the sport which he started when he was just five.

'It's all about self-discipline and what it can teach you in everyday life,' he said.

'It helps me stay committed and do the best I can, whether that's at school or in karate training.'

Instructor Stuart Wallace travels from the mainland to teach Trefor and Shaun along with a class of about 15 others each Saturday morning.

Stuart said: 'We had our grading and they both did really well. It is an excellent achievement for a youngster.'

'Both are very dedicated and have been coming for a number of years. We are very proud of them.'

For youngsters wishing to give Karate a try, classes take place every Saturday in the Auchrannie Sports Hall between 11.30am and 12.30pm.

Karate can help improve fitness and confidence while learning practical self-defence techniques.

The sessions are taught in ideal conditions by an experienced instructor and are perfect for both beginners and experienced participants.

Trefor has achieved the highest grading at junior karate level. 20_b35kar01 20_b35kar02 20_b35kar03

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