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New Arran ferry will be built on the Clyde

Ferguson Marine beat off competition from Cammell Laird in Birkenhead and Poland to win shipping order

Arran's new state-of-the-art ferry will be built on the Clyde, it has been confirmed this week.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has announced that Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd (FMEL) in Port Glasgow is the preferred tenderer for the £97million contract to build the next two Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) ferries.

The new ferries, the largest to be built on the Clyde for 14 years, are earmarked for the Ardrossan-Brodick and the Uig triangle routes and should be in service by early 2018.

The contract will create new jobs at the shipyard and secure employment for the existing 150-strong workforce, providing a boost for shipbuilding on the Clyde and the local economy.

The First Minister made the announcement during a visit to Ferguson's on Monday.

Ms Sturgeon said: 'Today's announcement proves that Scottish shipbuilding can succeed in a competitive market, with the FMEL team submitting the highest quality bid that offered best value for money. The Scottish Government is committed to supporting ferry users around Scotland by providing safe and reliable services, and this

REPORT
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is the latest step to ensuring we have a fleet that continues to deliver for the communities that depend on it.'

The Clyde yard beat off competition from Cammell Laird in Birkenhead and a yard in Poland to win the order.

During the summer of 2014, the yard went into liquidation and the SNP Government established a taskforce to help save it. Ferguson's Port Glasgow was saved in September 2014 when Clyde Blowers Capital, led by Jim McColl, bought over the facility. Since then the billionaire businessman has invested heavily, doubled the workforce. Last week he also unveiled plans for a huge expansion.

Fantastic news
Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'This is fantastic news. Ferguson Marine is important both to the Clyde economy and shipbuilding in Scotland.'

'I am delighted that the first of these two vessels will serve the Brodick to Ardrossan route, replacing the MV Caledonian Isles, with the MV Caledonian Isles in turn replacing the MV Isle of Arran.'

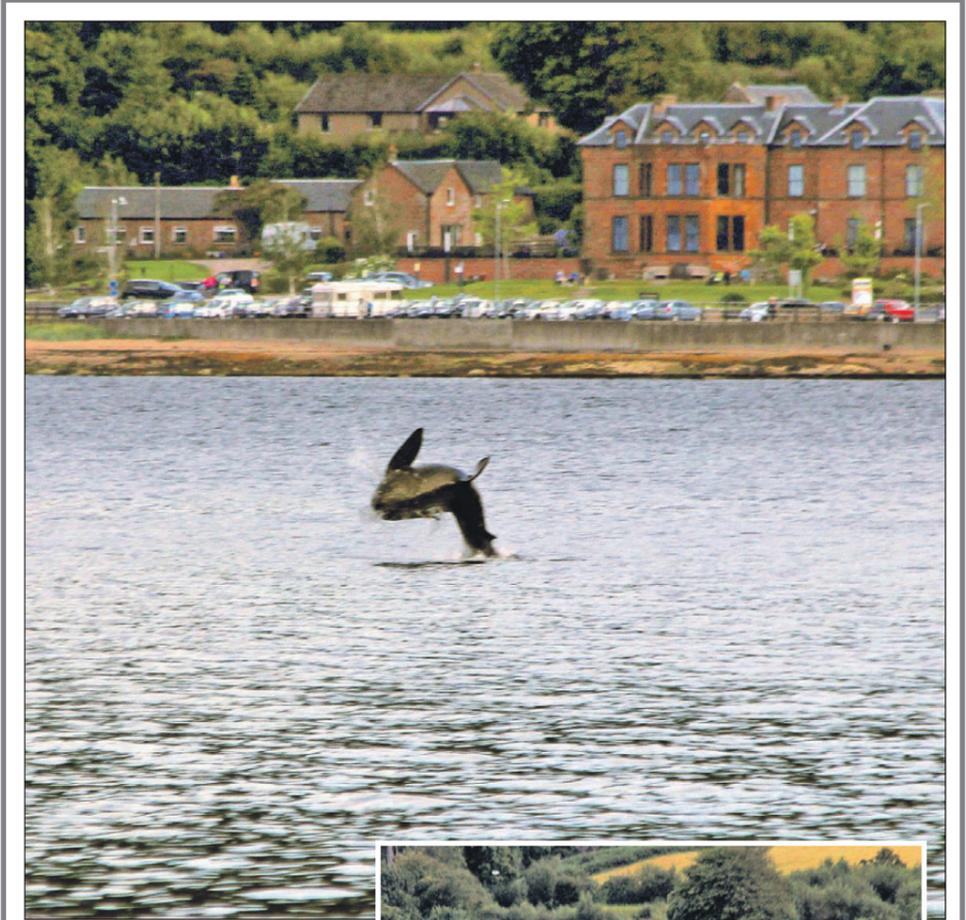
'This more modern, pow-

erful, manoeuvrable and fuel efficient vessel will enable CalMac to deliver a more reliable service for the people and communities of Arran and for the visitors on whom the island economy depends.'

The two new 100-metre ferries to be built at Port Glasgow can accommodate 127 cars or 16 HGVs or a combination of both and up to 1000 passengers. Care has been taken with the specification to ensure a high level of passenger comfort and ease of accessibility to all areas. The ships will be capable of operating across a range of drafts and speeds to meet the precise requirements of the current operator, CalMac Ferries Ltd, and will be able to service a wide range of ports and routes without significant redevelopment over their expected 30-year-plus lifespan.

To ensure the new vessels can operate in the demanding conditions of the west coast of Scotland, the winning design from FMEL incorporates a high level of in-built back-up capability to improve reliability and ability. From an efficiency and emissions perspective, they are designed to operate on either marine diesel or liquefied natural gas (LNG), where benefits will be gained by a marked reduc-

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Basking shark in rare breach

A basking shark is caught in a rare breach as it feeds near the shore in Brodick Bay.

Sue Archer from Lamlash spotted the four basking sharks in the bay on Monday and took these photos.

She said: 'I think they were in the bay for a long time - most of the afternoon or possibly longer. They were still there feeding when we left at around 6pm.'

'I happened to hit the button with multi-pics turned on and caught the breach. An amazing 'wow' moment for me,' Sue added.



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 CMAL, said: 'CMAL is committed to leading the way in innovative and greener ferry design and this dual-fuel ferry is further proof of that. When fully operating on LNG, these ferries will greatly contribute to Scotland's ambitious climate change targets.
 'Subject to agreement on all final contractual elements with FMEL, we hope to be in a position to finalise the award of the contract in September.'
 North Ayrshire Council leader Willie Gibson said: 'This is fantastic news for North Ayrshire and particularly Arran. Having a secure and reliable ferry service is vital in ensuring the island's strong links with the mainland and, of course, in encouraging people to visit one of Scotland's finest and most picturesque settings.'
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New air ambulance in first Arran mission

Arran's new air ambulance was pressed into service for the first time last week to airlift a patient from Lamlash War Memorial Hospital to the mainland for emergency treatment.

The Airbus H145 aircraft is one of a fleet of four helicopters that serve Scotland as part of a £120 million air ambulance contract awarded to Gama Aviation and came into service last month, as reported in the Banner.

The new helicopters, in comparison to their predecessor, the EC135, are larger, faster and have a greater range which is perfect for remote and rural communities like Arran. Another exciting advancement is that the new helicopters are the first air ambulances to utilize night vision equipment in Scotland as well as specialised medical equipment to deliver complex medical treatment onboard the aircraft.



The new air ambulance features many improvements to enhance the quality of medical care on board

Council launch jobs drive to fill posts

Council chiefs are struggling to fill a number of posts on Arran.

There are job opportunities at schools, the Arran Outdoor Centre, the new Montrose House, the social work offices and Arran Library.

Now North Ayrshire Council is hosting recruitment open days across the island in a bid to fill numerous roles on the island.

The local authority is stepping up its efforts to find catering assistants, cooks, janitors and cleaners after struggling to fill a variety of posts in recent months. The jobs are a mixture of permanent positions and bank staff

and include cleaners at Lamlash and Shiskine primary schools, two cooks at the outdoor centre and bank catering assistants.

The first open day will be held at Brodick Library on Tuesday, September 15 from 10am and 4pm. There will be two events the following day (September 16) with the first taking place at the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot from 10am until noon and another at Arran High School (via the College access) from 1pm until 4pm.

As well as advice and support, the officers will also be there to help applicants fill in online application forms.

Councillor Tony Gurney, cabinet member for place, said: 'It's disappointing we have been unable to fill these roles. But what's important now is that we are proactive and try and let people know about the fantastic opportunities working on Arran with North Ayrshire Council.'

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cially if you are not that comfortable working on computers. But our staff will be there to take you through the process and give you as much support as possible.'

'These open days are a great opportunity and I'd urge anyone looking for work, whether it's part time or full-time, to get along and find out more.'

If anyone is unable to make the open days and wants to find out more, please call Maria Gilmore on 07779023055 or Bernie Cresswell on 07779428947. Alternatively check out the vacancies section of the council website www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk



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Varied evening classes start at Argyll College

Argyll College is offering some interesting evening courses that feature some very talented local tutors.

The part time/evening classes, which start this month, range from silver jewellery making with Ann Hume to photography with Chris Hogge and everything in-between from Spanish classes to horsemanship classes.

The first classes start off on Tuesday, September 8 with Spanish lessons by native speaker and Arran resident Rosario Montilva Gray. Also on Tuesday is a beginners' Gaelic class with Sheila Blain, which is free and introduces learners to simple Gaelic vocabulary and phrases.

Argyll College, which is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands, offers further and higher education in some of the most geographically fragmented areas of Scotland. Located at 15 centres throughout the mainland and islands, the learning centres offer full time or part time courses, some free, others that qualify for bursary funding.

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Castle outing postponed

The planned outing to Drumlanrig Castle by the Arran Antiquarians has been postponed until next year due to the unavailability of their selected date. They hope to fix a new date for June next year.

A refund will be made, if required, at the next meeting of the Arran Antiquarians which will be on Monday, September 21 at 2pm at Brodick Hall where David Aitchison will be speaking about the early years of the Arran Banner.

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There will be an evening of brilliant swing jazz from a virtuoso quartet in Brodick Hall on Saturday, September 19.

The Isle of Arran Music Society is hosting an evening of music from the ever-popular Swing 2015. For the last 35 years audiences have warmed to the Scottish-based group's easy-going and informative presentation and the verve, musicality and good humour of the music.

The band's talented line up consists of Seonaid Aitken, (violin and vocals), Stephen Coutts (guitar), John Russell (guitar and vocals) and Roy Percy (double bass).

The hallmarks of Swing 2015 concerts are great musicianship allied to an exhilarating approach to the classics of the swing jazz era, ensuring that it is always great entertainment as well as high quality music.

The quartet will be playing music by Django Reinhardt, Count Basie, Fats Waller, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and others, in their own arrangements, and the items will be introduced by the band.



Swing 2015 is comprised of Seonaid Aitken, Stephen Coutts, John Russell and Roy Percy

It has earned appreciative reviews from, among others, The Herald which said: 'There's a real warmth to the sound, and a genuine sense of Hot Club joie-de-vivre.'

While The Scotsman has stated, 'Something of an institution in Scottish jazz' and Jazzwise Magazine: 'The all-string combination of

Seonaid's violin with the guitars and bass of Swing 2015 weave a magical tapestry that's second to none.'

Seating will be cafe-style at tables and folk may take a bottle. Tickets are £10 and are available on the door or at Inspirations of Arran in Brodick. The show starts at 7.30pm.

New session for embroidery group

The new session of the Brodick Embroidery Group will begin on Thursday, September 17 at Brodick Library from 7.30pm till 9.30pm.

This friendly group meets each week to share ideas and learn new techniques. Everyone is welcome, whether they are beginners or more experienced.

Organiser Ann Hollingworth said: 'Why not come and join us, we always welcome new members.'

Anyone who would like more information can contact Ann on 840270.

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Summer of fun for Arran youngsters

AYF provides packed programme

The summer seemed to pass by in the blink of an eye for many thanks to poor weather, but not so for the youngsters of the Arran Youth Foundations project who again enjoyed a packed programme of activities in their school holidays.

In total, more than 60 youngsters took part in 15 different events.

After archery at PGL in Lochranza and a trip to Kilmarnock for a football match, the first week of the holidays saw 36 young folk head south to visit Alton Towers theme park, KFC and the cinema.

Next up was paragliding with Flying Fever, gorge walking with Arran Adventure, jogging the trails at Cnoc Na Dail and a trip to Scotstounhill which saw a group of young folk try their

hands at zorbing, F1 simulation, roller disco and athletics.

AYF's youth worker Graeme Johnston and his team of helpers then took the first of two groups to Delta Force paintball in Paisley.

'Never in my life have I had more cuts, bruises, midge bites and aches and pains in my legs. The summer holidays were non-stop for the youth group in the best possible way.

'To see the look on the faces of the young people as we gave them their first experience of flying on a paraglider, leaping into the pools of the Sannox River or trying lacrosse and falling in love with it made it all so worthwhile', Graeme said.

At the end of July, the youths tried their hands at car

mechanics and driving off-road buggies during two days at the Three Towns Motor Project in Ardrossan.

As the return to school loomed large in August, the group still found the time to squeeze in a beach run at Claddach, mountain biking from Brodick to Lamlash and back, another session of paragliding, and two visits to Glasgow for cinema, shopping and a very successful attempt at the team-building game at Xscape Braehead.

Graeme added: 'With our weekly groups now running again as normal and so much else planned, there has never been a better time to come and join in the fun at Arran Youth Foundations.'

*Find out in next week's Banner the full programme that AYF project has on offer.



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The running group with project manager Graeme Johnston



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Extension to go ahead

Arran Heritage Museum has been given the go ahead to build an extension.

As previously reported in the Banner the expansion will give the public easier access to the archives held at the Rosaburn complex in Brodick.

North Ayrshire Council has now given full planning permission for the development which will cost up to £30,000.

One of the conditions is that before work starts the museum trust will have to undertake a bat survey to ensure that any bats are not disturbed by the proposed works.

It is hoped to start work early next year.

David Kelso

In last week's edition of the Banner it was stated that David Kelso was a former journalist. David Kelso is in fact a thriving island-based freelance journalist who covers sports and news for many national titles. We are happy to set the record straight.

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The hall committee with the cheque are, from left: Alistair Yates, Henry Murdo, Richard Small, Sarah Cowan (in the new loo), Angela Elliot Walker, Steve Kelly, Rory Cowan and Graham Guest at the front with the dogs.

Trust boost for Kildonan Hall

Kildonan Hall continues its 100-year celebrations with improved access and the installation of a fully-accessible toilet.

The Arran Trust was delighted to visit Kildonan Hall last week to present a cheque for £5,000 to the hall committee.

This grant was awarded to support the installation of the external toilet, for use by locals and visitors alike.

Applauded

Kildonan has been lacking any public facilities of this type and with visitor numbers increasing on the island, the village is to be applauded for its vision.

The toilet was the final addition to the great work the hall committee has carried out to

improve access with ramping and paving. The committee then gave The Arran Trust a lovely book of the History of Kildonan, which after being viewed by the trustees, will be passed on to the Arran Heritage Museum.

If anyone feels their community project might benefit from Arran Trust support, please contact the Trust info@arrantrust.org, or phone 302043.

New group fight to get the whole of Arran connected

What is connectivity? It's a mobile phone signal, broadband connection, ability to use social media or file a DE-FRA or tax return, attract new customers, tweet photos, research homework, watch the iPlayer, plan a holiday, track the ferry status, shop online and access online learning - whether a firefighter, nurse, vet or a school pupil.

Connectivity is already an essential part of everyday life, and most people depend on it for everyday tasks.

Now a new group wants to map out where the problems are, and demonstrate what a lack of connectivity on Arran means for its residents, visitors and businesses.

ConnectArran is an informal community group devoted to improving connectivity on the island.

Support

It is planning a meeting to be held throughout the day at Lamlash Outdoor Education Centre on Wednesday, September 30 with generous support from SSE.

The programme has yet to be finalised but will be a drop-in format to enable as many of Arran's business community to attend as possible, if only for part of the day.

Topics to be covered will

include the need for connectivity, the technology options and exploiting broadband - all within the Arran context.

Group spokeswoman Samantha Payn said: 'The aims of this meeting will be to inform, galvanise and enthuse local projects (one in particular) to meet the connectivity needs of Arran residents, public services, enterprise, tourism and visitors.'

Pressing need

'We've been forming links with key partners and believe that we can devise a realistic plan to get Arran online.'

'In the light of last week's announcement from BT that Arran is not included in the next round of superfast broadband development this has become an even more pressing need.'

'In the run-up to the summit meeting we want to collect your experiences of connectivity on Arran. Please visit the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/connectarran> to take our ConnectArran survey... it should take a maximum of 10 minutes to complete (depending, of course, on how your connection is).

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owners will face a fine. The planned change in the law by the Scottish Government should have a large impact on reducing the number of lost and abandoned dogs and even a resolve a few oth-

er dog-related issues with this initiative.

Dogs Trust has been holding a series of 'pop-up' microchipping shops throughout Scotland and Margaret Kay, under the auspices of the dog obedience and agility classes, contacted the trust to see if it would come to Arran to ensure that the island's dog owners were given the same opportunity available to others on the mainland. So busy are the Dogs Trust, that a future date was given that was months away but which now draws nearer.

Two veterinary nurses will be at Whiting Bay hall on Wednesday, September, 9 to microchip as many of the island dogs as possible. Margaret, having organised this, feels that it is important that the community is seen to support initiatives like this.

'That way, we can always put Arran forward for any further initiatives that might arise,' she said. 'The age of your dog is immaterial.' The service is entirely free,



A close up view of the tag to indicate the chipping which is now required by law

although donations are welcomed by the charity.

Lots of dog owners on the island have been very positive about the exercise and Margaret has been inundated with phone calls from folk wanting to book an appointment, however, no appointments are necessary. She said: 'Just turn

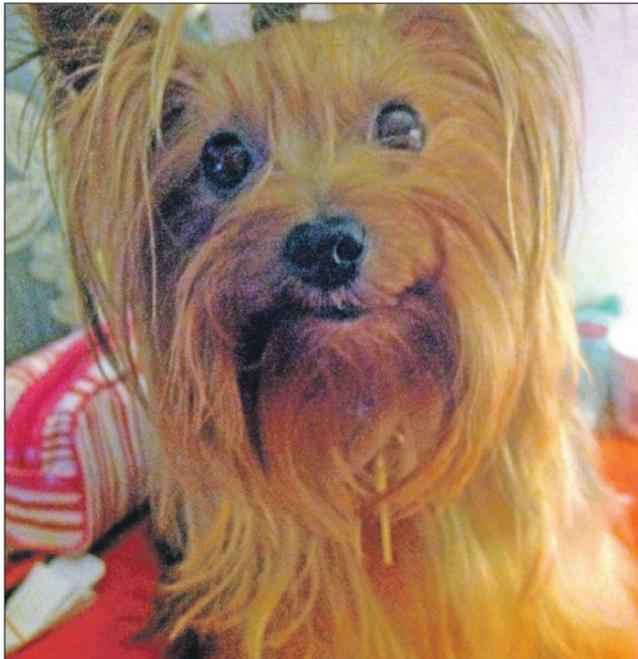
up on the day, with your oldie, your puppy or your working dog. A number of folk are yet to be convinced about microchipping, stating that their dog is never off the island, never off the lead or unlikely to be lost. That may well be the case, but the legislation does not make any excep-

tions for geographic reasons so don't let that stop you from having it done.'

An additional benefit of having dogs microchipped is that unlawful and irresponsible breeders will not be able to operate under the radar any more and animals that are found to be sheep worrying can easily be traced to their owners.

Microchipping is a simple, safe and quick procedure that can make the all the difference in someone being reunited with their pet should they stray or go missing. The microchip is the size of a grain of rice and the procedure takes only a few minutes and lasts a lifetime. Once your pet is micro chipped, the owner and pet's details are stored in a database along with the microchip's unique 15-digit code in one of the four microchip databases operating in the UK.

All dog owners, including those with puppies under eight weeks, are encouraged to go to the Whiting Bay Hall on Wednesday, September 9 between 11am and 3pm to have their dog microchipped under this initiative.



Margaret Kay's dog, Autumn, models one of the new collar tags

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Ferry good news all round

That the new Arran ferry is to be built on the Clyde can only be good news all round.

Whatever your political persuasion it can only be positive that the Scottish Government is backing Scottish business.

It is all the more welcome given that a year ago, when Ferguson's went into liquidation, it looked like Clyde ship-building had been consigned to the annals of history.

The two ferries announced this week are the largest vessels to be built on the Clyde for 14 years and there have been many assurances that they will be up to the job.

They are due to come into service in 2018 and the Arran ferry will use the new Brodick Ferry Terminal, which should be completed long before then - although it is already behind its original schedule.

However, what, if anything, will have changed at Ardrossan by then remains to be seen.

The new ferry, at 100 metres, will be just slightly larger than the MV Caledonian Isles, which she will replace, in length and capacity. Both can carry 1000 passengers.

Fleet owner Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd says the ships will be capable of operating across a range of drafts and speeds to meet the precise requirements of the current operator, CalMac Ferries Ltd. Note the use of the word 'current' given the tender process CalMac faces ahead of 2018. And it says to ensure the new vessels can operate in the demanding conditions of the west coast of Scotland, the winning design from Ferguson's incorporates a high level of in-built backup capability to improve reliability and ability.

They also say the ship will be capable of operating at speeds of up to 16.5 knots and will be fitted with three bow thrusters to provide a high level of manoeuvrability in adverse weather conditions, which should help reliability.

Announcing the contract First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: 'The Scottish Government is committed to supporting ferry users around Scotland by providing safe and reliable services, and this is the latest step to ensuring we have a fleet that continues to deliver for the communities that depend on it.' We'll hold you to that pledge.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9)

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Letters to the Editor



Enjoy the journey

Sir,
I refer to the letter in the Banner headlined Cyclist frustration (Saturday, August 29).

Can I say to the person, as a cyclist and motorist, I have also witnessed what appears to be cyclists cycling three abreast, however, as I get closer to the group it often turns out they are only cycling two abreast, as the third person is either in front of the two cyclists or behind by just two feet.

Any person who plays bowls will know the problem in identifying which bowl is nearest the jack.

Arran's roads are just not as wide as most on the mainland, although the one they refer to is one of the widest sections on Arran.

Arran has seen a massive increase in all types of traffic since the introduction of RET. A lot of the increase has been in motor homes, campervans and cyclists.

The buses even struggle to stay on their own side of the road in certain areas round the island. Thankfully bus drivers are always courteous to cyclists and other wide motor homes.

Before RET the roads were in a poor state, despite the council's best efforts to patch the worst areas.

Can I suggest to the person that life is not about getting there but enjoying the journey.

Yours,
Rodger McDowall
Strathwhillan Road
Brodick

Patience please

Sir,
As a cyclist myself, it was with interest that I read the letter headed Cyclist frustration in last week's edition of the Banner.

My interest quickly changed, however, to mounting fury at the knee-jerk predictability of your correspondent's 'solution' to the perceived problem - that cyclists should have to pass a Highway Code exam before being let loose on the road.

Can I remind your corre-

spondent that it is motorists that kill and maim cyclists, not the other way round - and that, in my opinion, it is motorists that should pass an exam in patience before being let loose on the road.

Yours,
Brian Grindall
Torbeg

Low tide woes

Sir,
What a fiasco. My wife and I decided to take a trip up to Glasgow on Monday, August 31. Passing through Lochranza on the bus I remarked on how low the tide was and hoped it wouldn't delay the ferry too much.

Purchasing our tickets I enquired as to the likelihood of the boat being delayed by tidal conditions and being told there was a possibility but they'd all been in touch via radio and hoped it wouldn't be too late. It was late, but manageable, she berthed late, we sailed late, we arrived in Ardrossan late, missed the X36 but caught the train with a little time to spare. A bit of a bother really as we had business at the top end of Glasgow, but that's by the by.

On going online last evening after returning home a bit of blurb about the poor old Isle of Arran staying in Ardrossan overnight to carry out more repairs, a one liner stating that because of tidal conditions the 7am sailing from Ardrossan on September 1 will be delayed until 7.40am, not berthing in Brodick 'til 8.35am and expecting to sail at 9am, tidal conditions allowing.

Hang on a minute, everybody with a little bit of knowledge of the sea knows that the tide cycle is approx 40 to 45 minutes later every day, so if the boat couldn't berth on schedule on Monday because of tidal conditions, surely delaying the same sailing the following day by 40 minutes puts it in exactly the same berthing predicament but with a boatload of really disgruntled passengers. In reality the Cally Isles couldn't berth as expected, sailed at 9.40am, thus preventing the

poor old Isle of Arran berthing as scheduled.

I can only say in fairness to whoever made the decision to delay the 7am sailing, he/she may have taken advice from the Admiralty Tide Tables for Brodick Bay stating that the low tide would be at 8.01am and would be one of the lowest tides we experience round here. Also on the 'damned if you do and the damned if you don't' front, if the boat had sailed on schedule and hit an underwater object only one man would have taken the flak, that's right skipper.

Yours,
John Lawson
Catacol

Increasing odds

Sir,
I was interested in the odds of a golfer achieving two holes in one consecutively, as Ewan McKinnon did last week with his magnificent round, and reported in the Banner.

You mention 67 million to one.

Was the wind speed and direction also taken into account, the moisture content of the grass, the number of midges putting Ewan off, the fact that the cloud passing over Glen Sannox looked somewhat like a sheep, the fact that the boat had been delayed by technical problems on the day of the Highland Games, the fact that some cyclists were making their weary way up the hill to Lochranza unaware that they were doing better than Abramovich had done, the fact that the tide was in the state it was as that errant piece of paper blew across the road?

There again, possibly there are many more factors surrounding Ewan's round that would considerably increase to odds to far more than 67 million to 1. For all the odds, I find it impossible to believe that 'it was just one of those days'.

Yours,
Tony D'Arcy
London



Mark Dawson sent this picture of his latte he bought in Fairways at Shiskine Golf Club which he says features Postman Pat. Can you spot him?

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Wood gives motivational talk at school awards ceremony

Alistair McMillan is new Dux

The Arran High School annual awards ceremony took place last Thursday at a packed community theatre in Lamlash.

Guest of honour was former pupil Howard Wood, OBE who presented this year's awards to the winners at the ceremony where Alistair McMillan was named Dux.

Mr Wood, co-founder of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) and winner of the prestigious Goldman Environmental prize, explained why COAST was originally formed and supplied some humorous anecdotal stories about his school-days and an amusing story about receiving his Goldman Environmental prize in San Francisco where he was introduced by a young lady who spoke so highly of him in her introduction that, for a while, he was not sure who the amazing sounding person was that she was referring to.

The highly motivational talk concluded with praise for believing in oneself and chasing one's dreams despite all of the challenges that might be faced.

The ceremony also saw musicians Fraser Blain and the talented Iain Clark perform to an audience of learners, proud parents and teachers which showcased the amazing amount of talented youths that the school produces.

After the sports and class awards were handed out, the

fiercely contested Inter-house award was announced which was won by Rosa and which caused quite a stir among the pupils. Head teacher Barry Smith and Howard Wood then handed out the Dux award which went to Alistair McMillan with loud and prolonged applause.

Praised

In the final speech of the night before everyone gathered in the cafeteria for coffee, tea and biscuits, head teacher Barry Smith praised his staff and the learners once again for all of the hard work that had been put in over the last year by pupils and staff and the tremendous results that they had helped to achieve.

The award winners were: John S Scott Award for Dux, Alistair McMillan. Margaret Wright Award for attainment in S4 exams, Bethany Walsh. J D MacKinnon entering Further Education or Apprenticeship award, Daniel McAllister, Cara Miller, Donald Mulholland, Struan Robertson, Robert Thomson.

Arran Society of Glasgow Endeavour award, William Downing, Stella Riddell, Kyle Campbell, Ross Kerr, Alistair McMillan, Alastair Innes. Stagecoach Trophy for Captains and Vice-Captains, Finlay Murchie, Imogen Downing, Isla Sillars.

Admiral Group Trophy for achievement in S5/6 - Business Education, Alastair

Innes. Andrew J Johnson Award for attainment in S2 mathematics, Lucy Walsh.

Andrew J Johnson Award for attainment in S5 mathematics, Mark Hirschfield.

A R Humphreys Award for attainment in S5 English, Gabrielle Allison. Arran Dairies Hospitality Trophy for attainment in home economics, Joel Small. Brian Miller Trophy for attainment in S5/6 social subjects, Lewis Bennett. Buchanan Prize for essay writing in S4 English, Joanna Miggin. Charles Russell Trophy for attainment in technical education, Matthew Tetlow. Duais Fèis Arainn Trophy, (for contribution to Scottish culture), Bethany Walsh.

Heather Gough Trophy for speech and drama, Finlay Murchie. Ian Watt Trophy for attainment in S5/6 science, Gabrielle Allison. Lamlash Millennium Cup for Citizenship, Finlay Murchie.

Nicola McConnell Trophy for contribution to the music department, Fraser Blain. Young Musician of the Year Trophy, Iain Clarke. Young Singer of the Year Trophy, Asha Simpson. Young Traditional Musician of the Year Trophy, Fraser Blain. S1 promoting positive behaviour, 1st William Downing, 2nd Daisy Urquhart-Dixon. Golf champion - First Minister's Trophy, Adam McNicol. Golf - lowest net score, Fraser Mackenzie.



Head teacher Barry Smith congratulates Dux winner Alistair McMillan 20_36awards05

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Iain Clarke performed a recital at the ceremony. Here he is shown with his awards, one of which is the young musician of the year award 20_36awards20



The Arran Society of Glasgow, endeavour award went to Alistair McMillan, Stella Riddell, Ross Kerr, William Downing and Kyle Campbell 20_36awards09

Arran high awa



Dux winner Alistair McMillan 20_36awards18



Bethany Walsh with her trophies for contribution to Scottish culture and for attainment in S4 exams 20_36awards14



Guest speaker, Howard Wood and present the young musician of the year award 20_36awards01



Argyll College skills for work student of the year went to Ella Kerr 20_36awards10



Nicola McConnell trophy for contribution to the music department went to Fraser Blain 20_36awards02



Young singer of the year trophy went to Asha Simpson 20_36awards21



Lewis Bennett won the Brian Miller Trophy for attainment in social subjects 20_36awards12



Barry Smith giving the head teacher award to captains Jack Ewing and Katie Mc... 20_36awards03

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awards ceremony



Head teacher Barry Smith presenting the year award to Iain Clarke



Fraser Blain with his young traditional musician of the year award 20_36awards19



The Arran Dairies Hospitality Trophy for hospitality in the senior phase went to Joel Small 20_36awards15



The Stagecoach trophy for captain and vice captains went to Finlay Murchie, Imogen Downing and Isla Sillars 20_36awards08



Donald Mulholland, Cara Miller and Daniel McAllister, who accepted the J D McKinnon award for further education or apprenticeship 20_36awards07



Finlay Murchie with his trophies, the Heather Gough Trophy for speech and drama and the Lamlash millennium cup for citizenship 20_36awards16



Katie Morrison, school captain, with the Anderson Friendship Quach 20_36awards17



Head teacher's remarks flanked by school captain Iain Morrison 20_36awards06



The Andrew J Johnson award for attainment in mathematics went to Lucy Walsh and Mark Hirschfield 20_36awards11



Gabrielle Allison took the Ian Watt Trophy for attainment in science 20_36awards13

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Arran Community Land Foraging Walk & BBQ

Thursday 10th September 10.30am.

Walk around the site and forage berries for Eco Savvy's Big Arran Feast and jam making session on Saturday 12th in Whiting Bay Hall.

Everyone welcome to join the walk and share the BBQ. Meet in the Barn Field at 10.30am. or the Coffee Pot at 10.15am. Wear sturdy shoes and bring bags to collect fruit. The BBQ lunch will be about 1pm. All welcome, the forage walk is optional.

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Kenneth Gibson is unanimously reselected to fight seat

ARRAN'S MSP Kenneth Gibson, who has served the island since May 2007, has again been chosen to stand for Holyrood at next year's Scottish parliament elections.



Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson

bers, branches and our constituency association for again placing their faith in me.

‘Despite the incoherence and infighting that has engulfed our opponents, we will not take the forthcoming challenge lightly and will fight hard for every vote, working hard to retain and build upon the trust and confidence that people have increasingly shown in the SNP over recent months and years.’

‘There is a huge amount of ongoing work representing Cunninghame North, constituents and communities before we even consider launching an election campaign.’

‘Working hard in both the constituency and the Scottish Parliament will continue to be my priorities in 2015 and early 2016.’

New exhibition space at library

Arran Library has a new exciting exhibition space for artists of all genres to show their work to the general public.

So far, there have been exhibitions by Josephine Broekhuizen, Lukasz Wolasiewicz, Jim Hardy and Lesley Vanbogerijen.

Nicky Gill, an established and talented local artist, is presently exhibiting till September 17.

Arran High School students are lined up to exhibit their latest work from then until October 16.

After that there will be a Fair-trade week show so the space is available from October 26.

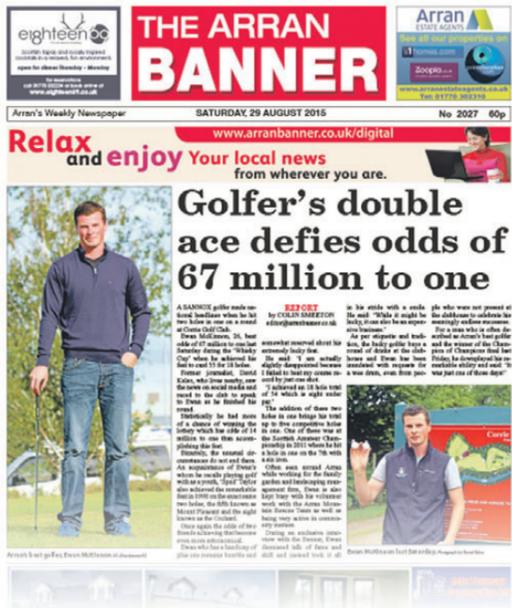
All artists are welcome to view the space which is 7ft by 6ft 5in and is available in three to four-week slots. It is free to exhibit.

Anyone interested should contact Nickey Summer at arranlibrary@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or phone 302835.

Artist Nicky Gill at the new exhibition space



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Conservative candidate wants to hear voters' views

Jamie Greene, who stood for the Conservatives at the general election in May, has been chosen to contest the Cunninghame North seat for the Scottish parliamentary election next year. The new candidate is also launching his local ‘What’s the Chat?’ initiative.

Mr Greene said: ‘I am kick-starting my campaign with a short and simple survey aimed at a sample of vot-

ers across the constituency.

‘It’s time that politicians and political parties listened to people’s views locally.’

‘What really matters to you? We hear a lot of politicians telling people what they think is right but first and foremost I want to hear what you think.’

‘We will analyse, review, digest and publish the results in a fair and open manner. I hope that over the next nine months you will see that I am



Conservative candidate Jamie Greene

genuine, honest, hard-working and will fight for the right and privilege to represent this area.’

Over the coming weeks, the local Conservative party aims to contact constituents through a survey across a variety of areas in the constituency asking people for their views on local and national issues. It is also being published online. For details of the survey go to: www.facebook.com/northayrshireandarranconservatives

Richard Wilkinson, local party chairman, said: ‘The members were really pleased that Jamie wanted to stand again in this area. He is now well known in the constituency and we are going to spend the next nine months showing people that Jamie would make a great Member of the Scottish Parliament – he has a vision for this area and we will share that with the electorate.’

McLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL 2015

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

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.

Saturday 5th September
Five Films
Two characters and five films interact before your eyes.
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. 8.00pm. Free

Sunday 7th September
Haydn's Nelson Mass
Solo performances from students of RNCM
McLellan Festival Chorus
Arran Community Theatre,
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Zero waste challenge at big feast

Eco Savvy is hosting a zero waste event called the Big Arran Feast on Saturday, September 12 in Whiting Bay Hall.

It is part of the very first Zero Waste Arran Week which will be held from September 7 to 13 to celebrate Eco Savvy receiving charitable status, as previously reported in The Banner.

Everyone is invited to come along and get to know Eco Savvy, find out more about the project, meet some of the volunteers, and enjoy some delicious products of the Big Arran Feast.

Eco Savvy has asked all food retailers, Arran businesses and households to forage through their cupboards and freezers for anything that is unwanted or approaching its sell-by/use-by date, and bring it along to the hall, where volunteers have set themselves the challenge of preparing an all-day menu of snacks and baking followed by a feast in the late afternoon.

The Zero Waste Challenge is to ensure that from all the donations of foods and the packaging they arrive in, nothing will go to either land fill or recycling everything to have another use.

In addition, organisers are combining this with some skill sharing (mainly food-based), with an exhibition of second-use plastics with useful information, a creative up-cycling workshop forthcoming event, past events, project and volunteer information and much more to showcase Arran Eco Savvy.

Up-cycled bags and a Plastic Monsters competition for zero waste will be on display and judged at the hall.

The event will run from 11.30am to 4.30pm.

Arran's artistic future in safe hands

Over the last week of August, VisitScotland hosted an exciting exhibition of children's art work, organised by the Arran Open Studios.

All primary school children were asked to submit a piece of art depicting a landscape or seascape, before the end of the summer term. The result was a range of very colourful pictures and drawings using paint, collage, torn tissue paper and pencils.

The display in the tourist office at Brodick pier was visited by many people, one

of whom commented: 'It is great to see that Arran's artistic future is in safe hands.'

Open Studios, which was over the weekend of August 14 to 17, organisers were delighted with the number of pictures entered and the standard was so high, it was very difficult to choose winners.

Fergus West's very painterly picture of Holy Isle won him the Primary 1 and 2 prize, Archie Gunaydi won the Primary 3 and 4 prize with his detailed pencil sketch of the



Fergus West with his prize with Jan MacGregor



Tony van Breugel of Arran Open Studios presents the prizes to Gen Ingles, Megan McCartney and Archie Gunaydi

Arran landscape. Megan McCartney's beautifully-crafted 'stained glass window' circle, made using torn tissue paper, was like a tapestry and she won the Primary 5 and 6 prize. Gen Ingles' dramatic sunset in coloured pencil won

her the Primary 7 prize.

Organiser Jan MacGregor said: 'Well done to everyone who submitted a picture, they were all wonderful.'

'Arran Open Studios would also like to thank VisitScotland for its terrific support

, both in hosting the children's exhibition and the preview taster exhibition showing Open Studios work and promoting the event. It is great to know that our visitor centre benefits both visitors and locals alike.'

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Ceilidh raises charity cash



A most successful ceilidh was held in Shiskine Hall in aid of Save the Children on Friday, August 21. There was a good turn out with dancing organised by Stewart Lambie

and Alistair and Jean Glen. John Sillars was an excellent MC and entertainment was provided by Finlay Murchie with poetry and Charlotte McKillop with Highland danc-



ing. A superb buffet was provided by members of the committee, who would like to thank all those who attended and provided raffle prizes. The total raised was £790.

Arran dance club has a spring in its step

Arran Dancers has been given a new lease of life after managing to find a new teacher for the club.

As previously reported in the Banner the club's long-term teacher, Fiona Rodriguez, moved on to new pastures and the temporary teacher, who commuted from Dumfries to Arran, had to give it up leaving the club facing an uncertain future.

However, help has now been sourced from the mainland after an email was sent out to local schools and this Sunday sees the start of the fortnightly Sunday classes with a new teacher Lauren Robinson, who joins us from

Kilmalcolm.

The first 'dance taster' will take place on Sunday, September 6 at Arran High School. This will be at a reduced price.

The taster combines ballet, tap and jazz and the timetable is as follows: Pre-school 10am to 10.30am, P1 to P4 10.30am to 12noon, P5 to P7 12noon to 2pm, S1 and above 2pm to 4pm.

Prices range from £1 for the pre-school age group to £4 for S1 and above. Everyone is invited to attend. If anyone doesn't have any ballet or dance gear, loose fitting comfortable clothes can be worn and outdoor shoes can be used for beginner tap steps.

Autumn programme starts for the Friends of Brodick Castle

The Friends of Brodick Castle has launched its autumn and winter programme which starts later this month.

The summer has seen much fundraising being done, in particular at the Gate to Gate 5k fun run, as well as at the musical evening held by the Arran Rotary. The friends have also been hard at work organising the main castle offices and the Rangers' centre and when not busy with that, members have been supporting the tea room staff on those busy days.

There was a bit of disappointment at not being able to run the buggy service to the castle, but ongoing electrical and mechanical faults ruled this out.

The autumn programme starts on Wednesday, September 16 with a talk by Douglas Johnson on 'Wood, nature's genius' in the castle tearoom.

Then there is the trip to the Borders before Hallowe'en night rolls around, where food and drink will help raise some much-needed funds.

The raffle linked to the art

exhibition and a stall at the Christmas market will also raise money, so it is bound to be another busy and fulfilling season.

The friends group is always happy to meet friends, old and new and welcome everyone to attend one of its evenings.

For further information or if anyone is interested in helping with any of the events, contact Linda MacCallum the membership secretary on 302875 or by email at lmacallum@nts.org

A welcome return for saxophone quartet

After two well-attended recitals held in Brodick and Shiskine in February of this year the multi-talented Molios Saxophone Quartet returns to Arran next week for another two performances that audiences describe as 'a captivating musical experience'.

This quartet was formed two years ago at the Saturday Junior Conservatoire in Glasgow where Richard Scholfield, Rory Simons and Aidan Teplizky were studying Saxophone as their first instrument. Arran's Iain Clarke was studying piano as his first instrument and saxophone as second instrument and joined them to make up the quartet, which was tutored by Glasgow-based John Miller.

The first three have completed their first year, full time on the Bachelor of Music course at the Senior Conservatoire and Iain is about to join them in September.

The quartet has performed at the conservatoire in a number of concerts and was invited to give a recital at the Leeds College of Music in October 2013. The quartet has also performed at charity concerts in Glasgow.

The members are indeed multi-talented as they each play several instruments to an advanced level and in addition arrange and compose music both for those instruments and for the quartet, not

to mention orchestral work.

The quartet is coming to Arran to give two recitals, the first on Thursday, September 10 in St Brides Church, Brodick and Friday, September 11 in St Molio's Church, Shiskine. Both events will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and are available at the door.

Everyone is invited to come along to a captivating musical experience while supporting Arran and Scottish talent.



Molios Saxophone Quartet are, from left: Iain Clarke, Rory Simons, Aidan Teplizky and Richard Scholfield

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New health centre

It has taken more than seven years but this week the new Brodick Health Centre was opened which means, at last, Dr Malcolm Kerr has a new surgery.

All credit to his tenacity through many setbacks. First there was the plan for a surgery at Invercloy. Then the custom-built surgery in front of the bowling green that became one of the biggest issues in Brodick for many years.

Then, earlier this year, the North Ayrshire and Arran NHS Trust took the matter over, bought Tuathair Guest House and began converting it into a health centre at a cost of £290,000.

It was formally opened by Brian Wilson MP

who said the fact that it was an NHS facility it would serve the community 'for generations to come'.

Golf course work

Work on the new section of Brodick Golf Course is moving swiftly ahead. Alastair Dobson, who keeps a daily check on the work, said that each green had to be excavated to a considerable depth, drainage pipes put in and then filled with a sand/soil mixture before turf was put on.

Charles Fforde, said Alastair has been extremely co-operative with them as the work proceeds. As soon as the golfers move on to this new stretch of course, the Sports Association will be able to commence work at Ormidale Park.



On the stairway to success at the new Brodick Health Centre, the practice team clockwise from top are: Fiona MacKenzie, Caroline Jameson, Carol Ribbeck, Dorothy Hutcheson, Grace Bleakley and Marion Gentleman with Dr Malcolm Kerr in the centre b36twe01



The east side cricket team who had to play a knock-about game at the start of the Arran cricket season as their opponents from the west failed to turn up b36twe04



The Farmers Show gymkhana, which was postponed due to the fact that half of the horses on the island had gone down with a mysterious coughing infection, finally took place last weekend at Mayish. The trophy winners with their mounts were, from left: Junior champion Marie Holmer, reserve champion Emma l'Anson and open champion Dawn Murchie b36twe02



The second Brodick Castle sheepdog trials attracted a good crowd last Sunday. The winners, from left, are: Overall winner John McKillop, Kintyre who ran two dogs, Don and Ben; Olive Redmond, who presented the prizes; ladies' winner Jan McDonald, Kintyre; Geoff Brooks, whose dogs Mirk and Nell came second and fourth and was awarded the overall cup for the year; Alex Miller, president of Kildonan Sheepdog Association and Jim McNeill, third, with Connie b36twe05



Donna Crisp on Jenna competes at the gymkhana b36twe03

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 and 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

RunArran
Open Cricket Session
Dog Obedience Class
Garden Walk
Metafit

Lamlash, 5.30pm
Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Brodick Castle, 2 - 3pm
Arran High School, Lamlash 6pm

Saturday 5th September

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
Ann Miller Cup
McLellan Arts Festival - Five Films

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
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
Ormidale Park, 3pm
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 9th September

Rock and Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum Archives and Genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
Live music
Drift Inn Quiz
Mixed Hockey
Dog classes
Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
Knitting and Crochet drop in group
Roundhouse Open
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Vile Victorians Tour
Brodick Church Coffee morning
Micro chipping - Dogs Ttrust

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
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 and 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
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Brodick Church hall, 10.30am - 12noon
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 3pm

Sunday 6th September

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Open Session - All musicians and singers welcome
Arran High School Dance Studio
McLellan Arts Festival - Nelson Mass
Kilmory Hall Auction

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
Lamlash Community Theatre from 10am
Arran Community Theatre, 7.30pm
Kilmory Public Hall, 2pm

Thursday 10th September

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Ladies Hockey
RunArran
RunArran
Paintings Tour
Live music
Cardiac Rehab
QuiltArran
Senior Tennis
Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic
Brodick Embroidery Group
Arran Land Forage Walk & BBQ

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 and Tennis Club, 5.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk, 5pm - 8pm
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
The Coffee Pot, Whiting Bay 11.15am

Monday 7th September

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
Zero Waste Week

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 and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
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Friday 11th September

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

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

Tuesday 8th September

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game

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



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

15/00462/PP; Village Shop, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of shop to form cafe and sandwich bar including alterations and extension.

15/00467/PP; The Manse, Margnaheglish Road, Lamlash, Brodick; Removal of condition 5 of planning permission CH/01/93/0256 to remove occupancy restriction.

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Sunday 6th September
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 9th September
Pop-up service in Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot at 12.00 noon

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Sunday 6th September
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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Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 6th September
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
Rev. Lily McKinnon
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(continuing)
Sunday 6th September
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Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 9th September
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Sunday 6th September
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DEATH

HUNTER - Peacefully in his home, 3 Linsidmore, by Lairg on Monday 24 August 2015, following an illness borne with great courage and dignity, Nielsen Hunter, beloved and loving husband of Jeani, dearly loved dad of Maren and Kirsti, dear father-in-law of Michael and Nigel, much loved papa of Jamie, Matilda and Humphrey, loving brother of Maren and loved by all the extended family and friends. A service was held in Creich Parish Church, Bonar Bridge on Thursday 27 August followed by Interment in Creich Cemetery. Enquiries to Alasdair Rhind, Funeral Directors, Sutherland House, Bank Street, Tain.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MACLEAN - Donald (D.C) Maclean Former purser with Caledonian MacBrayne. Fondly remembered. Passed away Friday 7th August. Funeral service was held in Portree, Thursday 20th August.



Golf

Arran Golfers Association

Saturday, September 29, Ken Western Greensome. This year's competition took place at Machrie Golf Club, thanks to Machrie for hosting and to the greens staff for the condition of the greens which were superb. Also big thanks to David Price for starting and doing the scores. Winners Mike Adams and Jack McNally, 74 less 9.2, nett 64.8, runners-up Willie Kelso and Brian Sherwood, 78 less 10, nett 68. Dougie Macfarlane and son Scott had the only magic two @ 8th. Winners of both nett and scratch cups were Mike and Jack, well done to both.

Fixtures: 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 1pm. Draw: Brodick B v Machrie A at 1pm, 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 2pm. Saturday, September 19. Senior Handicap at Shiskine Golf Club from 1pm, yellow tees, qualifying age 55.

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies' section: Tuesday, August 25, August Medal, CSS 67, 13 played. 1st Division: 1 Susan Butchard, 80-11=69, 2 Margaret Bryce, 90-20=70, 3 Ellie Jones, 88-16=72.
2nd Division: 1 Ann Hart, 93-22=71, 2 Kay Kitson, 97-23=74, 3 Heather Raeside, 100-26=74. Tuesday, August 25, 9 hole Stableford, four played. 1 Pam Holmes, 15 pts, 13, 2 Liz McKellar, 12 pts, 18.
Tuesday, September 9, Hole Medal, 4 played. 1 Liz Lawrie, 12 pts, 14, 2 Irene Rollo, 11pts, 17.
Fixture: Tuesday, September 8, Medal.
Sunday, August 30, Summer Cup, 35 played, CSS 64. 1 Angus Raeburn, 72-15=59, 2 Alistair Dobson, 71-8=63, BIH, 3 Kenny McMillan, 76-

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13=66. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon, 68.

Sunday, August, 30, Brandon Final, 17 played, CSS 65. 1 Jimmy Armit, 75-10=65, 2 Lindsay Keir, 81-15=66, BIH, 3 Ian McDermid, 82-16=66. Scratch Gordon Hendry 72.

An excellent round from Angus breaking 60 in the wet conditions is always good and moves him up to third place in the race to Dubai and of course the Summer Cup. Good rounds from Alistair and Kenny. The golden two rollover was won by Douglas Robertson.

The Brandon final was played on Sunday, August 30. The competition is for the winners of all the monthly medals of both 1st and 2nd classes. Jimmy won some 33 years after he last won it, Jimmy could not remember anything about the last win, well done Jimmy.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies' Section. The Glenkiln Rosebowl, Bronze championship final, took place on Monday, August 24 between Alison Heron and June Richardson.

The game took place on a beautiful evening, albeit with a few uninvited onlookers, namely midges. Alison started very strongly with some super shots and at the start of the inward half was two up. By the 14th she had bagged another two, playing brilliantly and with such composure. June fought back halving the 14th and winning the 15th with a super tee shot which landed on the green. After another excellent shot onto the 16th, which she won we were all thinking of dragging ourselves up the 19th, but Alison came back to halve the 17th and win the match. A great game to watch and a worthy winner.

Wednesday, August 26, This-istle Brooch Fleet, CSS 64, PAR 65. 1 Yvonne Brothers 83-17=66, 2 Sheena Murchie 87-14=73, Scratch, Yvonne Brothers 83.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday, August 26, Summer Trophy Rd 14. Following a wet morning that forced the closure of the course for a time, eight played on pleasant evening. Scoring was good and the CSS fell to 62. 1 Corey Allan (7) 61 acb, 2 Jamie Macpherson (6) 61 and lowest gross, 3 Peter Towndrow (10) 62, 4 Gordon Provan (8) 64. Magic twos went to Corey Allan and Jamie Macpherson at 2nd and to Adam Kelso at 11th.

Sunday, August 30, Nestor's Jug, 12 played on a dry and mainly bright morning in this re-scheduled stableford. Scoring was good and the CSS fell to 62 (37pts). 1 David Morrison (8) 39pts, 2 Nicol Auld (4) 37 acb, 3 John Pennycott (13) 37, 4 Jamie Stewart (6) 35. Magic twos went to Nicol Auld and Jamie Stewart each at 4th.
Fixtures: Saturday, September 5, Mixed Fours Salver.



Winner of the Glenkiln Rosebowl at Lamlash Alison Heron (right) with finalist June Richardson



Arran Golfers Association Ken Western winners Jack McNally and Mike Adams

Sunday September 6, AGA Autumn Handicap. Wednesday, September 9, Bannatyne Cup. 2 F Scott 64-15=50. Well done Jean, congratulations.

Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday, August 25, Lawson-Cameron H/C knockout final, 14 played. 1 Campbell Laing 85-18=67, 2 Ian Buchannan 83-15=68, 3 Denise Sherwood 96-26=70. Congratulations to John Pennycott, winner and runner up was Phil Betley.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday, August, Ladies 12 hole medal, 11 played, CSS 44. Silver: 1 J Nugent 53-7=46, 2 C Maxton 51-4=47. Scratch: C Maxton, 51. Bronze: 1 E Henderson 65-16=49,

2 F Scott 64-15=50. Well done Jean, congratulations.

Sunday, August 30, Stableford, 13 played. 1 G Kennedy, 26 pts, 2 P Betley, 25 pts, BL5, BIH, 3 A Kerr, 23 pts, BIH. Magic twos, Willie Kelso @7th and Reuben Betley @10th.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday, August, 26, Wednesday Medal. 1 A Napier 69-7=62, 2 J Innes 73-8=65, J McGovern 76-9=67, Scratch A Napier 69. A total of five magic twos were returned but 'Teddy' Kerr picked a different one out of the hat. So more money in the twos pot. Next fixture. Saturday, September 5, The Eddie Rankin trophy which is Corrie v's Machrie at 1:00pm at Corrie.

Brodick Bowling Club results

August turned out to be a very wet month, and as a result fewer rink games were played than usual. Consistently excellent attendances at each session produced some very competitive games with the honours being spread across the membership. Weather permitting, today (Saturday) sees the President's trophy being contested, and a large turn-out of members is anticipated.

Results: August 3, John Lauder and John Kerr (+15); August 8 Andy McCrindle, Aileen Latona and Linda Trickett (+9); August 12, Colin Haggerty, Ann Hollingworth and Geoff Rhodes (+13); August 15, Charles Hendry and Kate Nichols (+5); August 17, Kate Nichols and Lavinia Hendry (+7); August, Charlie Weir and Jim Nichols (+13); August 24, Jim Gourlay and Charles Hendry (+11); August 29, Charlie Weir, John Lauder and Lavinia Hendry (+6); August 31, Charlie Weir and Robert Crawford (+18).

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Player of the year voting underway

Representatives from all the teams of the Isle of Arran Football Association have put a shortlist together for player of the year and young player of the year which will be voted for in the next week.

Here is the list: Player of the year: Goalkeepers Greig Adamson (Brodick), Stephen Judge (Southend); defenders Danny Currie (Lamlash), Danny Head (Southend); midfielders Tony McDowall (Brodick), Babbies MacNeil (Brodick), Johnny Sloss (Lamlash), Ryan Armstrong (Southend), Donald Park (Southend); forwards Archie McNicol (Brodick), David Morrison (Southend). Young player of year: defender Adam McNicol (Brodick); midfielders Johnny Sloss (Lamlash), Ryan Armstrong (Southend); forwards Joel Small (Shiskine), Lennon Deary (Northend).

Urgent call for hockey umpires

Arran Ladies Hockey Club are gearing up for the start of the new season next weekend.

However, they are in urgent need of umpires if they are to keep the club going.

Captain Victoria McNicol said: 'I would like to appeal to anyone and everyone.

'We need willing umpires, even once a month - that would really help the team.

'They don't need to have played hockey, we can give them the rules and sit an online multiple choice paper. Please email me at victoriaemcallister@hotmail.com or call 303727 if you can help.'

The club's first match is at the Ormidale astroturf on Saturday September 12 with a 2.15pm pass back.

Lamlash hit four to march into cup final

Lamlash 4 Northend 1

Lamlash made it through to the final of this year's FA Cup after a 4-1 victory over Northend in the semi-final at Sandbraes on Tuesday night. Lamlash weren't long in taking the lead when James Todd scored an instinctive goal into the bottom corner from the edge of the box to take his tally to six goals for the season.

Grant Adamson was next on the score sheet after a bit of a stramash in the Northend penalty box eventually led to the ball falling to Grant on the volley to power it home to make it 2-0.

Northend bounced back through their top goalscorer John Ferguson when he produced a stunning lob into the top corner leaving Lamlash keeper David Heenan with no chance.

Normal service was resumed for Lamlash on the stroke of half-time after a bril-

liant counter attack through Johnny Sloss and Grant Adamson led to a ball being put to the back post which was dispatched by Danny Currie.

The second half was a much tighter affair as Northend keeper Michael McGuire was pulling off some stunning saves to keep his side in with a shout.

However, the game was dead and buried as he was finally beaten when Grant Adamson's shot took a big deflection off Lennon Deary to complete the scoring at 4-1.

Referee Danny Head gave the man of the match to Danny Currie for an energetic performance and some brilliant link up play.

Southend and Brodick will meet in the other semi-final on Thursday, September 10.

The Ann Miller Cup will be played today (Saturday) between league champions Brodick and an Arran select team at Ormidale Park at 3pm.



Johnny Sloss fires a cross in for Lamlash 20_b36footy03



Sean Higgins makes a huge effort to be first to the ball for Lamlash 20_b36footy06



Lamlash come close with a header in a packed penalty box 20_b36footy05

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