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Don't close our road!

'No-one in this room can understand why this work needs to be done'

REPORT

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Arran's northend community will be 'ripped apart' by the 10-week road closure that begins this week, according to angry residents.

Work to flatten the 'humps' between Catacol and Pirmill will begin on Tuesday and is expected to last 8-10 weeks.

For the majority of that period the road will be closed from 9am until 3.30pm each day, seven days a week, to allow the roadworks to take place.

At a meeting in Pirmill Village Hall on Monday afternoon, Joe Smith, head of roads for North Ayrshire Council (NAC), announced that they have modified original plans to reduce the length of closure.

He said: 'At first we had planned to undertake major excavation work on this section of road to lower the humps, repair culverts and move a water main.'

'However, this would have made it difficult to reopen the road in the evenings, so we may now build up the road to reduce the alignment of the humps instead.'

He added: 'We are fully aware of the impact that a closure of this kind will have and we will try to use traffic lights where possible to allow the road to be open at certain periods.'

The meeting was attended by around 40 people from Lochranza, Catacol and Pirmill as well as local business owners and representatives from NAC, Royal Mail, CalMac and Pirmill School.

Hazel Cranstoun, the owner of Pirmill Village Shop, said: 'It doesn't really matter whether the road is only closed for part of the day, it is going to affect me big time.'

Understand

Fiona Laing, leader of the Northend First Responder Group, said: 'The biggest problem is that no-one in this room can understand why this work needs to be done.'

'We may be talking about a small stretch of road here but culturally it is a very sacrosanct area which means a great deal to the heritage of this community.'

Campbell Laing of Pirmill said he could not understand why the money was not being invested in new buses more suited to the road, rather than 'changing our landscape'.

Marvellous mushroom masterclass as food enthusiasts forage for fungi



More than 20 food enthusiasts snapped up the chance of a fungi foray with the king of Scottish foragers Mark Williams last Saturday. The Banner joined the group of eager foragers for a marvellous mushroom masterclass in the woods around Brodick. Read all about it on page 6. 20_b38mush12

Chris Traill, manager of the PGL field centre in Lochranza, said that the meeting was 'too little, too late'.

He said: 'This is the sort of meeting we should have been invited to six months ago, not a week before work is about

to start. Clearly any feedback given by the community is going to make little difference now to the way these roadworks now go ahead.'

Assured

Councillor Bruce assured the crowds that all concerns

would be taken into account.

'We want to hear your views on this,' he said. 'At the end of the day we want to cause as little disruption to the northend community as possible but the work has to be done.'

Work begins on Tuesday

24 September

Projected timescale is 8-10 weeks

Road will be closed from 9am until 3.30pm each day

NAC website will carry daily updates of road closure

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Same day waste disposal for householders

Waste disposal has been made easier on Arran with the introduction of a 'same day' booking process at the island's Waste Transfer Station in Brodick.

Following representations from islanders, Councillor John Bruce announced that North Ayrshire Council have taken the move which he says shows common sense has prevailed.

As the station is not a licensed household waste recycling centre it is a requirement of NAC's waste management licence to have a booking system in place at the site.

Book

This service has previously been provided on the basis that the householder has to book one day in advance of their visit to the site.

Now in order to improve the service the council has changed the booking system

to allow householders to be able to book their visit to the site to dispose of their waste on the same day, within certain time restrictions.

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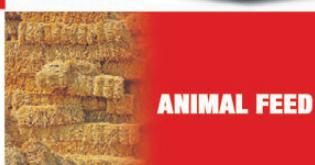
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Charity lunch raises £650 for street kids in the Philippines

60 people turn out to support event

A charity lunch held to help the street children of Payatas in the Philippines has raised £650.

Nearly 60 people attended the lunch organised by Isobel Thomson and held in Whiting Bay village hall.

After an excellent two course lunch prepared by Isobel and a band of helpers the gathering hear a presentation by Naomi Tomlinson who 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.

Naomi, who was brought up in Campbeltown, told of her work with the Fairplay for All (FFA) Foundation, which is trying to help the youngsters with a drop-in centre and the formation of Patayas Football Club.

Isobel held the lunch to raise much needed funds as she had seen the work being done in Payatas of the project. Her son Alasdair lives in Manila with his wife Chinot.

Isobel said: 'I am overwhelmed by the support



Naomi Tomlinson (centre) with mum Davina (left) with Isobel Thomson and her friends who organised the lunch. 20_b38lunch01

I receive from the people of Whiting Bay. I think everyone enjoyed the day and we impressed by the inspiration work Naomi does for these children.'

'It was a great turnout, but I don't think we could have coped with many more.'

The lunch finished with the drawing of the raffles which had many excellent prizes donated.

Naomi, who was visiting Arran with her mum Davina, also gave a presentation to



Nearly 60 turned out for the charity event. 20_b38lunch02

senior pupils at Whiting Bay Primary School. After the presentation one pupil handed Naomi a £1 coin which almost

moved her to tears. Naomi said: 'I am very pleased at the reception I have received on Arran which has been very supportive.'

She returned to the Philippines earlier this week.



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Belt accused spared jail

A former Arran woman who attacked two children with a belt has avoided a jail sentence.

The 38-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, admitted striking the children, at an address in Ayrshire between October 2010 and July 2012.

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court heard the younger victim was hit once on the body while the older suffered several beatings on the face and body.

Sheriff Elizabeth McFarlane told the accused that she was giving her a year's probation as an 'alternative to custody'.

Teenager denies dangerous driving

An Arran teenager crashed his car into rocks after losing control, a court heard last week.

Stuart McMaster, 18, careered off Shore Road in Lamlash in an accident that injured a passenger and extensively damaged the vehicle.

McMaster, of Shannochie, denies driving dangerously and at excessive speed in last August. He claims the 1.45am crash happened after he swerved to avoid a hare in the road. Police and ambulance crews attended the scene and McMaster passed a breath test.

The trial was adjourned until October 16 for further evidence.



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New warehouse for distillery expansion

A new warehouse is to be built at the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza.

The facility will be capable of storing around 9,000 barrels each containing 200 litres.

Distillery bosses have lodged a planning application with North Ayrshire Council for the warehouse which they say is essential to the continued growth of the business and maintaining and increasing employment on the island.

It will be the fifth warehouse on the site and will be of the same construction as warehouse four.

The building will be of a single steel span portal construction with an overall width of approximately 28 metres. It will be constructed by John Thomson Construction Ltd.

The additional storage is needed for the next five years of projected increased production over that period.

Visually the impact of the proposed warehouse is considered to be minimal in the context of the surrounding dominant natural features and the existing buildings within the development.

The building proposed minimises the impact on sensitive wildlife within the surrounding landscape such as Golden Eagles, according to the design brief.

The building is located in the parcel of land at the rear of the bounded warehouses one and two and will in the main be screened from view by the existing warehouses.

Planning permission for the new warehouse will be decided in the coming weeks.

Rory builds glass bottomed boat

A local engineer has just launched his latest creation, a glass bottomed boat.

Rory Cowan from Kildonan has spent five months creating the masterpiece he built from scratch and has named 'Moonbeam'.

Rory said: 'I thought a glass bottomed boat would be useful here at Kildonan and on our first trip we weren't disappointed. The view through the bottom has far exceeded expectations and I expect we will have a great deal of fun with this boat in the future.'

The 'glass' is polycarbonate, which they make police riot shields from, so it shouldn't give any cause for concern with breakage.

Fills the gap

Rory, who has lived in Arran for six years, said: 'The boat ideally fills the gap between wading and peering into the water and diving further out and I expect it will come into its own between six inches and six feet of water.'

'It will be ideal for seeing the abundant underwater life just off the shore, without getting wet.'

The design is an Iain Oughtred 'Spikeskiff' stretched to 13 feet and in the future Rory



Rory shows off his new boat at its launch. Inset: The four reinforced glass panels on the bottom of the boat.

will add a mast and sails and then adapt her for a small outboard motor.

Kildonan over the next few years,' Rory added.

It is Rory's second boat building project on the island. Two years ago he built an Arctic Tern.

Car left the road

A driver had a lucky escape after his car left the road during very high winds and torrential rain.

The accident happened on the Boguille near to Lochranza around 5pm on Monday night.

A 63-year-old holidaymaker was taken to Arran War Memorial Hospital as a precaution.

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Canada's Arran links to be celebrated

Arran has long had celebrated links with Canada.

And next summer the island's exiles are hoping to stage a huge Arran reunion in Ottawa.

Contacted

Alison Smith, who left the island 13 years ago and now lives in Ontario, contacted The Banner this week to announce the intention of holding an event next June or July.

'We basically want to celebrate Arran and its connection to Canada by organising a big get-together of all the people in Canada with connections to the island,' said Alison.

'Myself, Robert Watt, Hilda Bunyan and Fiona Lammie all come from Arran and we met up the other day and the idea for this just came to us. I think it will be a great way of celebrating Arran in Canada.'

The reunion is still in the early planning stages but it is hoped all people with Arran connections in Canada will attend.

Involved

They are also hoping that the British High Commission in Canada will get involved; as well as Taste of Arran and other island businesses.

For more information Alison can be contacted on ali-withattitude@gmail.com

How to deal with a Zombie outbreak

What would you do if you found yourself in the middle of a Zombie outbreak?

It may seem unlikely but on Arran anything is possible!

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions in Stirling had forward 1,486 store cattle and cast cows, 13,116 store and prime sheep.

Lambs: Auchenhew (Texel Cross) £67, Bloomfield (Texel Cross) £56, Auchenhew (Suffolk) £66, Cosyden (Cheviot) £61.50, Sheddock (Mule) £56, Balgowan (Mule) £50, Kilpatrick (Mule) £49, West Glensherraik (Blackface) £43.50, Balgowan (Blackface) £42, Sannox and Kirkpatrick (Blackface) £38.

Cast Ewes: Auchenhew £57.50.

So if you would like to find out more why not join theoretical Zombiologist Doctor Smith for an interactive spoof tutorial on the real science

behind a disease outbreak. Putting you at the heart of a hypothetical Zombieism outbreak, you will learn what to do should a Zombie outbreak occur.

Certified by the Zombie Institute for Theoretical Studies, the tutorial features a multi-media presentation, practical demonstrations and audience participation.

Who out there is brave enough to take part?

It is being held on Thursday, 26 September at 7.30 pm in Arran High School Theatre and the minimum age limit is 13 years.

The event is free and is supported by the Scottish Government, the Wellcome Trust and Glasgow University.



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At six foot three comedian Gary Little will be an imposing presence on the Whiting Bay stage.

Arran prepares for another night of laughs and giggles

In need of a good laugh? Then look no further than the third Arran Comedy Fest coming to a village near you! Well, coming to Whiting Bay anyway!

Organised by Arran Events in association with top-rate comedian Philip Differ this night of laughter takes place on Saturday 28 September in Whiting Bay Hall and will feature some of the country's best up-and-coming comedy stars.

The last Festival event in April took place in the week following the power disruption and snow and although numbers were down, it was a very entertaining evening.

Keen to return

Phil Differ was keen to return with three different comedians and has an equally funny evening planned.

Look out for more info about all the acts in next week's Banner.

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A gardener uses a chainsaw to cut up the broken tree. 20_b38tree01

Royal tree damaged by storms

A tree planted by the royal family was damaged in the weekend storms.

A large branch of the oak tree at Brodick Castle split falling into the visitor centre car park.

The castle gardens had been closed on Sunday because of high winds or cars could have been damaged.

As the clear up work continued on Monday it was clear that another large branch which has been left exposed will have to be felled.

The tree was one of several planted in the castle gardens by the royal family during a

visit to Arran in 1947.

A silver spade used by King George the sixth, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Margaret and the newly engaged Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten is still in a glass case opposite the Victorian Kitchen in the castle.

The royal family performed various public duties round the island and planted oak trees in the castle gardens.

The royal family, who were on a morale boosting tour of the country following the Second World War, performed various public duties round the island.

Summer ferries to start in time for May Day holiday

Arran's two ferry summer timetable will start in time for the May Day holiday weekend next year.

There had been concern that the Isle of Arran was not due back in service until 5 May 2014.

However, following discussion at the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee, the summer sailings from Ardrossan to Brodick will now start on Friday 2 May - three days earlier than had been originally planned.

Transport Scotland has confirmed to Cunningham North MSP Kenneth Gibson

that they can accommodate the change and have written to operators Caledonian MacBrayne to confirm this.

Good news

Mr Gibson said: 'The change to 2 May is good news as it will ensure we get the full benefit of the summer service that bank holiday weekend, when visitor numbers are particularly high.'

He added: 'There are at present no firm plans to alter the ferry timetable but if there are any tweaks that would make the timetable work better Transport Scot-

land would be pleased to hear them and consider them.' Timetables will be published as normal by CalMac inclusive of the summer ferry service.

Meanwhile, the new summer only Ardrossan to Campbeltown service will start the same day in 2014. And it has been confirmed that the route will benefit from RET, which comes into force for Arran next year, but not until 2015 as it is a summer only service. This year's summer service ends on Sunday 29th Septem-

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Rival firm acquires Arran estate agent

An Arran estate agency has been taken over by a rival firm.

Bell Ingram has announced the acquisition of Homes on Arran and will take over the running of the agency at the end of the month from present owner Judy Draycott who built the business from scratch more than three years ago.

But she will remain with the firm as a consultant.

Bell Ingram has confirmed it will continue to operate the Homes on Arran Office at the Douglas Centre in Brodick to offer its expert advice to those on the island.

It already has an office in Ayr and say the acquisition will allow it drive forward the growing property market on the island while providing extra services a local agency might not be able to help with.

Colin Murdoch, who will be in charge of property sales, is delighted to be bringing his agency expertise to Arran as he thinks it will give both old and new clients the best exposure possible to the growing market.

He said: 'We are thrilled to be taking over Homes on Arran as we have so much to bring to the area. We've been taking on more and more properties on Arran over the past six months, so the timing for this is perfect.'

'It's great as both existing and new clients will benefit from the experience of a national company, with access to specialist agents, planning and design staff who have years of experience in the field.'

'We can also offer great exposure to the market for our

clients as well as help with forestry work, estate management, micro renewable work and evaluations, something which a local agency cannot always offer.

'This is an exciting time for us and we very much look forward to meeting all our new clients on the island and expanding our knowledge to this beautiful part of Scotland.'

Judy has lived on Arran for more than 16 years and has a strong background in renovation and sales and is looking forward to Bell Ingram continuing to build on the trustworthy client relationships she has helped create.

She originally operated her business from home before opening her own office nearly two years ago and believes Bell Ingram can now take the business to the 'next level'.

Judy said: 'To quote Eddie Stobart, 'Only the best will do'. This is what I have based my search on in choosing a company with a great reputation of serving clients well and having the best exposure on the open market for my clients' properties.'

Colin added: 'I am particularly looking forward to building on our knowledge of the local area and the experience that Judy has delivered for many years.'

'We're all looking forward to meeting the clients and continuing the long-lasting relationships which already exist and giving our expert advice at every possible opportunity.'

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SWRI seeks new members

Autumn is just around the corner and that means the WRI meetings will be restarting all around the island.

The SWRI on Arran is very active and now has around 160 members and many of the members take part in national competitions.

There are bowling competitions, drama, golf, curling, choir competitions, not to mention summer schools and trips abroad.

There is an institute near you that meets once a month through the winter and members will also attend the annual rally in The Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot on November 7, which is always a good night full of fun, and of course a superb meal.

The SWRI welcome members of all ages.

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Foragers enjoy mushroom mas

Mark finds a huge variety of species on Brodick's doorstep

Foraging for food is as old as mankind itself.

But one man has turned it into an art form and he brought his considerable talents to Arran at the weekend.

And more than 20 food enthusiasts snapped up the chance of the fungi foray with the king of Scottish foragers Mark Williams.

And it turned out to be a marvellous mushroom masterclass in the wood around Brodick.

Eager foragers

The Banner joined the group of eager foragers, most from the island but others who had come over just for the event.

Mark, who used to live on Arran, picked his first wild mushrooms on the island

more than 20 years ago.

Today he is Scotland's only full-time foraging tutor and he has a spectacular knowledge of the weird and wonderful world of fungi.

Second visit

He now runs Galloway Wild Foods from Gatehouse of Fleet and was making his second visit to the island this year following a spring forage earlier in the year.

What was remarkable was that in just over three hours over a relatively small area of woods around Brodick Golf Course and Stronach Woods was the variety of mushrooms Mark was able to pinpoint and identify.

There are hundreds of varieties of mushrooms some of



Part of the group listen intently to Mark. 20_b38mush01

which are very edible and sought after some are edible but not as good, others are inedible and some are poisonous - and a cou-

Arran's SWRI delegates meet

The delegates from each of the island's SWRI institutes meet three times a year and their last meeting was at Corrie Hotel on Thursday 5 September.

Delegates were welcomed by the President Mairi Duff before they agreed to donate money to the Woodland Trust to plant one tree per Institute and one for the Federation at a total of £18.

This is a nationwide campaign promoted by the SWRI HQ.

Vivienne Haigh is willing to stand as Central Councilor for a further three years, however nominations were

invited for the post in accordance with the constitution.

A report from the annual SWRI Show in August was delivered by Jenny Harper, entries were down, however there was still a good display of work.

Delegates agreed to increase overnight allowance for members attending national competitions to £35 per person for a maximum of two nights.

The rally will be held in Kinloch hotel on Thursday 7 November and Isobel Robertson the national chairman will attend the dinner and speak to the members afterwards.

The Arran Federation has also sent 23 backpacks to the Mary's Meals Charity, a letter thanking all members was read out at the meeting.

It was also decided that an entry fee of £6 per person will now be charged for golf competitions, this would pay for the supper.

It was with sadness that the Chairman announced the closure of the Whiting Bay Institute.

All assets have been returned to the Federation, some will be passed to the museum on loan and it is hoped that members will join other Institutes.

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Edible varieties

However, the walk showed their are dozens of edible varieties on our doorstep.

These include the very popular chanterelle and winter chanterelle - although you have to watch out for the false chanterelle.

There are also loads of the bolete family, hedgehog

mushrooms, the invasive honey fungus, which grows on rotting trees, brittlegills and the charcoal burner to name but a few.

But one of the most impressive was the puffball which emitted clouds of dust-like spores, when the mature fruiting body was burst in Mark's hands.

Mushroom feast

After the afternoon's foraging it was off to the Arran Bushcraft and Survival Camp where Mark, who is also a chef, served up a mushroom feast over an open fire and identified all the mushrooms found during the day.

Mark said: 'It has been good day with a number of old friends from the spring walk as well as new faces.

'There are an amazing variety of mushrooms on Arran and a lot to take in so I try not to give people an information overload. I just hope everyone from beginners to more experienced foragers got something to take away from the event.'



Mark cooks up a mushroom feast.

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Mark points out a rare find which he was impressed with beside honey fungus.

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All the mushroom varieties found on the forage. 20_b38mush14



A false chanterelle (left) with the real thing. 20_b38mush04

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Tourists could be put off by road closures

Road closures are a nightmare at the best of times but especially so on Arran.

When you're on the mainland and a street or motorway lane is closed it can add ten minutes to a journey.

On our island, closing a small stretch of road between Catacol and Pirnmill will add an extra hour on to the journeys of delivery drivers and postmen.

It could mean that tourists are put-off visiting the north-end at all as there is no circular route.

Thankfully the road will be open to let the school buses through as normal each day.

But the businesses in Catacol, Lochranza and Pirnmill are bound to suffer as locals can't move around so easily.

The roads are a tricky subject. We all want them to be in a better condition and if this project was going ahead to carry out much-needed road repairs then the locals would no doubt be a little bit more accommodating.

But this work is to change the height of the road so that new lower buses can get around the north of the island.

It is a sad day when we have to change our beautiful landscape to accommodate the needs of Stagecoach.

In this edition of The Banner we are celebrating the fantastic range of food and drink produced here on the island.

Ironically, also this week Scotland's first food and drink trail has been launched giving tourists the chance to follow a route specialising in local fresh produce.

We are incredibly lucky here to have such a varied selection of food and drink produced on our doorstep.

More than just something to eat and drink, Arran's local produce now forms part of the very lifeblood of the island's culture and economy.

Arran produces some of the best, and most sought after, produce in the country.

From mouth-watering venison steaks, to world-renowned smoked seafood such as wild trout and salmon, not to mention our water of life – malt whisky – the 'Made in Arran' stamp has become synonymous with taste and quality.

And in terms of tourism, the 'taste of Arran' is big business.

On what other Scottish island can you sample locally made ice cream and shortbread or beer and whisky?

Taste of Arran have done a great job putting the island on the world-food map and we should be very proud of that.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.' (Matthew 5:7)

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Letters to the Editor



Profound thanks

Sir,

I had the great misfortune to lose my purse earlier this week whilst enjoying a lovely couple of days in Lamlash having sailed from the Isle of Bute with my husband to explore more of your own beautiful island.

Mercifully a kind soul who discovered it deposited it in the letter box of the Police Station but, in doing so, chose not to divulge their identity.

Anyone who has suffered a similar occurrence, and in my case involving all of my credit, ID, travel, health cards, etc, not to mention money, will know how horrendous and extremely worrying an experience that is.

The immense relief felt in receiving contact from PC Graham the following morning confirming she was in possession of my purse cannot be put into words, however, I was saddened that I did not have the opportunity to personally thank the extremely kind individual who took the trouble to make sure it was returned completely unscathed.

Therefore, via the medium of your paper, I wish to extend profound and sincere thanks to the individual concerned, whoever he/she may be, and I will also be making a donation to Cancer Research on behalf of my kind benefactor in the light of his/her humanitarian action.

It has to be said I was hopeful that I might ultimately be reunited with my purse, since I misplaced it on Arran, but that in no way diminished the concern and worry suffered during its 'absence'!

Yours,
Jacquie Anderson
Isle of Bute

Film sought

Sir,

'Arran on Film' is a project run by Arran Theatre and Arts Trust to create edited compilations of Island life from the 1920s from national and family film collections.

I have been made aware that Caledonian Associated Cinemas, who through a Mr Hamilton operated on the is-

land in the 1950s, made a film of a football match between Lamlash and Brodick which was shown in some of the village halls. Other films made by CAC are held by the National Library of Scotland's Scottish Screen Archive, but not this particular film.

I would be grateful if anyone who has any information on or has a copy of this film as an original print or later video copy would contact me on 830208.

Yours,
Ed O'Donnell
Lochranza

Vandalising Arran

Sir,

For many years, and despite protests, the council have cut the roadside verges just as the orchids come in to bloom.

Then the water board laid a new pipe, dug up the verges and re-laid them as ordinary grass and not much else.

Thanks to all that there are now no orchids, no sundew and no butterwort. What vandalism!

With regards to the switchbacks, these roads go away back in time.

Vandalisation again by North Ayrshire Council if they are flattened - like the wild flowers mentioned above which should be part of a protected environment.

Could NAC not provide two 'post bus' size vehicles with access only for disabled passengers, which could be telephoned by those who require to use them beforehand by agreement.

This would give more employment on the island and do away with the vandalism, at great cost, of the roads.

Does NAC ever listen to the voices of the people of Arran, or are we all just nuisances from 'that place over there'?

Yours,
Fiona Gillies
Thunderguy

Capacity queries

Sir,

I was pleased to see in *The Banner* that work has begun on the new Montrose House. I was surprised, however, to read that it will have only 30 residential places.

When Craigielea Residential Home closed its doors at the end of November 2011, North Ayrshire Council stated, as reported in the Banner on 3 December 2011: 'Plans for Montrose House will now change. The capacity for the planned new build will be increased by 10.'

As the existing Montrose House has room for 26 residents (according to the Care Inspectorate) does this not mean there should be provision for 36 residents in the new home?

Yours,
Fran Hadden
Troon

Responsible camping

Sir,
Michael Grant (Letters 14/9/13) asks if Arran can cope with camper vans.

Whilst feeling as outraged as he did because of appalling behaviour apparently related to two campervans, we believe that it is important to recognise that most campervan owners are responsible travellers who contribute generously and significantly to the island economy.

Indeed, there are plenty of us who live on Arran and go camper-vanning ourselves.

This is not to say that there are not problems with a small number of irresponsible camper-van owners that should be addressed.

When wild camping was permitted as part of the Outdoor Access Code we don't suppose that anyone ever envisaged that van owners, parking overnight in public places, would term themselves wild campers. On Arran, this is not due to lack of space in the campsites - the island has several campsites around the island which offer excellent facilities for campervans, it is due to individuals behaving insensitively.

Motorhoming is growing in popularity because it appeals to people who want to tour rather than stay in one place and because it is weather proof.

It is ideally suited to exploring Scottish landscapes.

Many of the camper-vanners who stay at our campsite are on a mini-tour round the island campsites.

They contribute a great deal to the island economy in ferry fares, and in spending in cafes, shops, garages and on activities. They extend the camping season, and are often devotees of Arran who return year on year.

We suggest that a code for responsible camper-vanning on Arran is produced and displayed on the ferries, based on the Outdoor Access Code.

The problems to address include parking overnight intrusively and inappropriately, and using residents' waste bins.

It can be galling to see later that the camper-vanners have posted the location of their overnight stay on the internet, recommending it as a great place to wild camp.

Undoubtedly there is a problem to be solved with a tiny minority of camper-vanners. However, in the big picture, they are, in no way, representative of the majority.

Yours,
Nigel Wells and Kathy Mawson
Lochranza Caravan and Campsite

Great harvest

Sir,
The art of bramble picking dying out?

Not where I live. Just when I thought it might be time to go brambling, the trampled grass and verges indicated that someone had beaten me to it and signposted where the best berries lay.

A great harvest this year and plenty for everyone.

Yours,
Gill Gregory
Whiting Bay

McLellan thanks

Sir,
May I through your columns take this opportunity, on behalf of the Arran Theatre and Arts Trust, to thank all those who were involved with, and who supported in any way, the recent McLellan Arts Festival.

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are due to all those who worked so hard on the steering group to bring this success to fruition.

Particular thanks to Ian Watt and Sarah Cook for tireless fund raising, to Sarah Cook and Josephine Pomeroy for organising and running the highly successful Arran open Studio event, to John Sillars for hours of rehearsal and skilful direction of Carlin Moth, to Diana Hamilton for composition of music to Carlin Moth and chorus rehearsal of Elijah.

Also to Lorna Buchanan for further chorus rehearsals of Elijah, to Joni Keen who brought and guest starred with the successful Ewan Stevenson Trio and provided worthwhile workshops for Arran High School pupils.

Thanks to Cicely Gill and David Underdown for organising such a successful Poetry Competition, evening and workshop from Anne and Peter Sansom, to Ed O'Donnelly for magnificent work on the Arran on Film project, and Margo Wheeler for unstinting work on publicity and printing, to Margaret Wright for indefatigably organising front of house with sterling help from Sarah Cook, Colin Guthrie, Jan McGregor, Maureen Moore and Alison Prince, and to Colin Guthrie for giving use of his house and piano for masterclasses during the music summer school.

There were many others, outside the steering group, who made the Festival possible by generously giving of their time and talents and we are extremely grateful to all of them – to John Inglis, Marvin Elliott, Dougie Bruce and Tom McNeish for set design and building, to the casts and backstage team of The Carlin Moth, to Robin Fisher

and Andy McCallum of Arran Events for lighting and sound expertise, to Arran Jazz Café Band, Sam Easson, Tim Pomeroy, John Sillars and Vivace for wonderful ceilidh entertainment, to those who provided food, newspaper copy, to Peter Alexander Wilson, tutors and students who organised and took part in the summer music school and performances, to Asja Baumgartner and Josephine Pomeroy for feeding the students so well and to all those who provided accommodation and hospitality – Ann and John Bruce, Colin Guthrie, Geoff and Anne Hawkins, David Pfluger, Fay Reid, and Claire and David Underdown.

Warm gratitude also extends to those who gave support financially - Auchrannie Leisure for generous sponsorship of the Music School; North Ayrshire Council, The Scottish Community Foundation and the Heritage Lottery Fund; and to those who supported in other ways – that stalwart supporter of all local productions, the Book and Card shop in Brodick for selling tickets – an irksome and thankless task but so appreciated; Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, Brodick Hall, KA Leisure and MITIE staff at the Community Theatre, Corrie Church, Lamlash Church and Arran on a Plate for providing welcoming venues.

Finally, to all those who came as audiences to the events – thank you so much. Look out later in September for Shearwater in Corrie Hall and in October for Threads in Corrie Hall and Threads.

Meanwhile, if you have any ideas for the McLellan Arts Festival, please be in touch.

Yours,
Heather Gough
Arran Theatre and Arts Trust

Rowing gratitude

Sir,

As I draw my fundraising efforts from my Atlantic Row to a close I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all that helped.

I particularly want to thank the local business who supported the crossing, without your help my journey wouldn't have happened.

I would like to thank the generosity of the local community who exceeded all expectations with their support and donations.

The numerous emails of encouragement I received whilst rowing made a huge difference to morale.

I would like to thank Dr Colin Guthrie for the loan of his rowing boat for training and Mrs Edwina Milesi and primary 1,2 and 3 from Brodick Primary School for their involvement and for helping me through tough nights, mid-Atlantic.

With the recent cheque of £300 from the Arran Mountain Festival my total for the Ayrshire Hospice reached £21,345.

Finally I would like to thank Vicki and my boys for allowing me the time and freedom to pursue this expedition.

Yours,
Calum McNicol
Arran Adventure Company

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Jonathan Douglas, his wife Kimberley and their three sons at the car rally in Newport.

Douglas family's fundraising continues at car rally in Wales

Jonathan Douglas and his family attended a very special car rally in Wales recently to raise money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

In January this year, Jonathan's younger brother Colin tragically died aged just 27 from Leukaemia and since then the Douglas family have been tirelessly fundraising for cancer research.

Jonathan, his wife Kimberley and three boys Toby, Bobby and Kyle attended the rally at Tredegar House, Newport with a friend's vintage tractor.

It is customary at the event for people to decorate their vehicles with pictures of their loved ones who have suffered from the illness, and the red tractor carried lovely photographs of Colin with his family.

Now in its 33rd year, the event is organised by the Gwent Branch of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, which was founded in 1979.

The annual rally has grown to become one of the biggest of its kind in the whole of the UK, raising £52,000 last year and a total of £760,000 since it was first launched.

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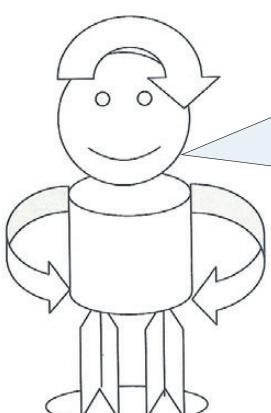
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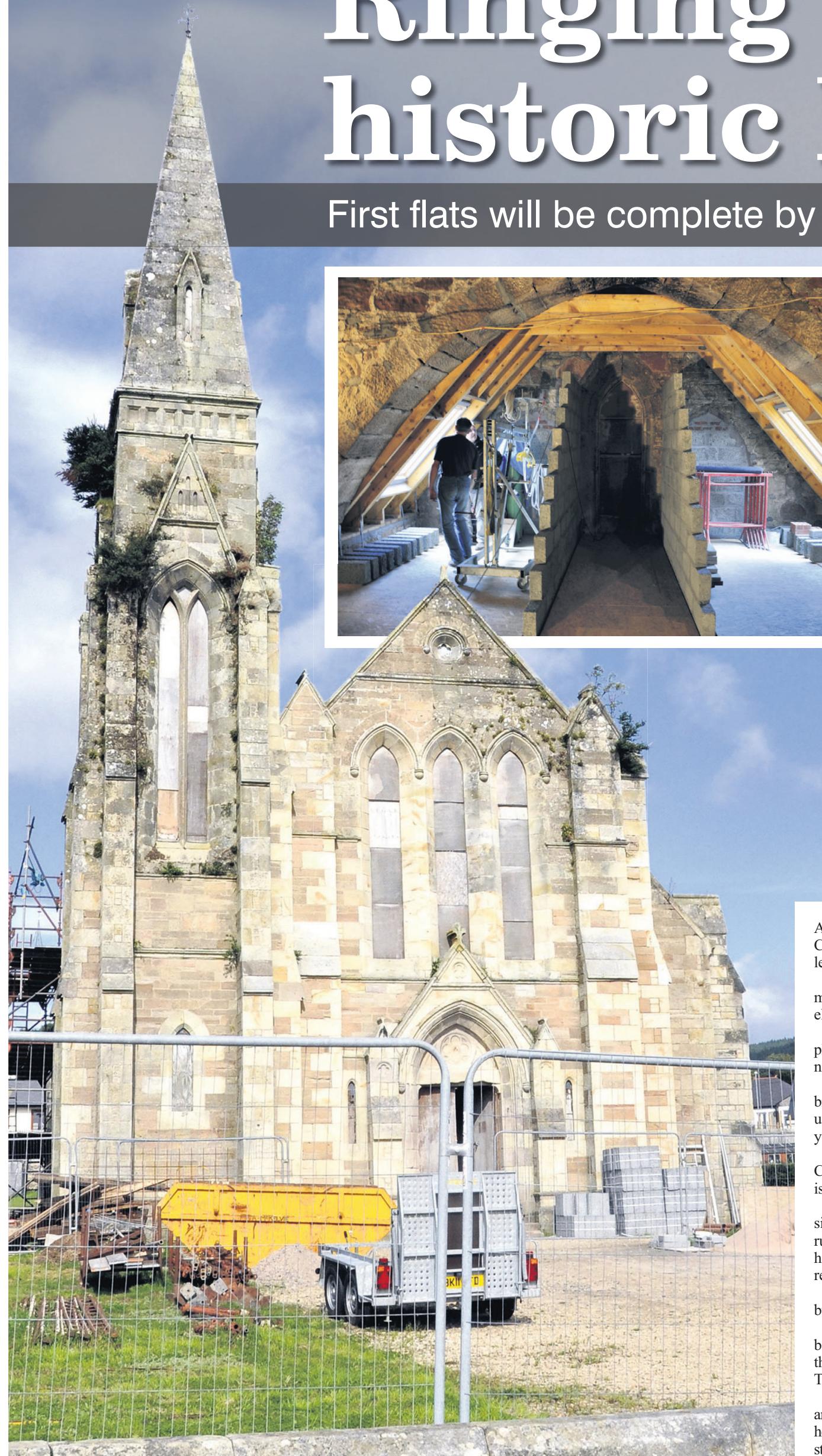


Eco Savvy says: 'Don't be confused, if you can't reuse, recycle. You can put all these items into your blue bin - plastic bags, other plastic wrapping, polythene and cling film, as well as sweet and crisp packets.'

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Ringing in the changes at historic Lamlash

First flats will be complete by next summer



After an astonishing 64 years St George's Church in Lamlash is about to get a new lease of life.

Work is progressing well on the £1.4 million redevelopment of the long derelict building into luxury flats.

And The Banner can reveal that the first phase of eight flats should be finished by next summer.

It will bring the long running saga of bringing the B-listed building back into use which has raged for more than 20 years.

We caught up with owner Barrie McCall during a flying visit by him to the island.

Mr McCall who bought the property six years ago admitted: 'We haven't been rushing because of the market but I would hope the first phase of eight flats will be ready next summer finance permitting.'

'I am not a millionaire and I can only build as my own finances allow.'

'Once we have the roof finished we will be introducing them and giving people the option to buy them off plan,' he said. That could be later this year.

Mr McCall, 54, who is also the architect and developer Dunacre Ltd, says that when he brought the property it was in a terrible state because of the years of neglect.

The roof is being compensated as it had sunk on the rotting timbers and foreman Marius removed one and half metres of sandstone dropping from the belfry.

Work has now been progressing steadily at the church for 18 months. The eroded sandstone walls have been repointed with lime mortar.

Inside the church considerable work has been made in dividing the space into the eight flats using the original walls and internal refitting.

Mr McCall said: 'I altered the planning permission as the architect did not take advantage of the church.'

'Instead we are now using the full height of the building to their full advantage without losing the volume height and other features of the church.'

'When you carry out a restoration of this sort, there has to be a balance so that it is also a restoration project.'

Most of the flats are two or three room with a one or two bedroom upper gallery.

Mr McCall accepts the fact that the three bedoomed upper flats have magnificent open views over the Isle of Arran from the three front windows.

changes at church

By Hugh Boag



Captions, clockwise from top left:

Work progresses on what will be two bathrooms together with what will be the main entrance to the flats. 20_b38church08

The view residents will have from an upper window of the church. 20_b38church07

A workman busy repointing the stonework of the church. 20_b38church12

Barrie in the belfry which will be a stunning dining room. 20_b28church04

The upper floor of one of the split level flats. 20_b38church02



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former church and their dining room in the belfry with views to two sides.

Entrance to the flats will be from the rear of the church where the foundations have already been laid for six additional flats which will be built in an extension.

Mr McCall who studied architecture at Glasgow University presently has four men working on the site under the foreman. He visits the island once a month or more often if it is needed but controls operations from London, where his companies are based.

In the meantime the Scottish Civic Trust added the church to the register of 'Buildings at Risk' in 1993 but have now recognised that

A chance to save the building arose in 2005 when a team of architects and surveyors from Glasgow were given planning permission for the conversion of the church to form 14 flats, but the development never materialised and a further study in 2007 failed to spark any interest.

In April 2010 renewal of unexpired planning permission to convert the church into eight flats with an extension at the rear to form six flats was granted and final approval with amendments agreed in February last year.

And finally in just months it could see a stunning new lease of life next year.

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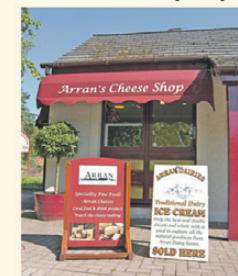
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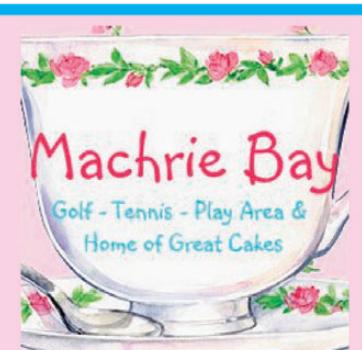


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Arran produce

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Local meats

At the Co-operative stores in Brodick and Lamlash they place the highest importance on making sure all of their own-brand products are responsibly sourced so you can have total confidence in the integrity of products you buy from them.

The large Co-op now stocks an incredible range of Arran food and drink that ranges from Kirkend jams, Creelers smoked seafood, Arran Dairies milk and ice cream, local meat from the Arran Butcher and Wooleys world famous oatcakes - not to mention beer from the Arran brewery and a large selection of whiskies from the Isle of Arran Distillery.

There's nothing better than tucking into dishes made with locally reared meat. At Braehead Beef and Lamb you can buy the very best cuts directly from the farm at Sliddery. Braehead also have a stall at the Farmers Market in Brodick every Friday between 10am and 2pm and they deliver free of charge to anyone on the island.

Cheeses & Chutneys

Everybody loves cheese and the island is famous for its delicious Isle of Arran range made at Torrylinn Creamery. Visitors can watch this award winning Isle of Arran Dunlop cheese being made by hand in open vats from the viewing

gallery, Mondays to Fridays, with recommended viewing times from 11am to 2pm.

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At Arran Fine Foods in Lamlash, around 20 employees make a selection of incredible preserves, mustards, chutneys and salad dressings.

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The Island Cheese Co at Home Farm was initially established to supply delicious flavoured cheddars to a local and tourist market on the island, but since then they have grown to become one of the most popular cheese producers in Britain.

Now incorporating Bellevue Cheese Company in Blackwaterfoot, they produce the Gold Taste Award-winning Arran Blue, Arran Camembert and Arran Mist on the island.

Dining out

And with so many fantastic ingredients on our very doorstep, it's little wonder that Arran is also home to some of the most innovative, talented chefs serving only the very best locally sourced produce.

At Machrie Bay Tearoom they serve some of the freshest, locally sourced ingredients on their menu to tantalise the tastebuds.

Similarly at the Drift Inn, which is in the centre of Lamlash, they use their fantastic menu and specials board to showcase the very best seasonal Arran produce.

There is a new menu starting in October which will feature the freshest seafood and most sumptuous steaks and they are now doing a two-course lunch special for an incredible £10.

At The Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot you can sample some of Arran's finest produce in their mouth-watering and inventive menus.

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Shearwater - seabirds, stories and songs

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and songs is coming to Corrie and Sannox Hall later this month.

On Tuesday 24 September,

Support group starts again

The Arran Parkinson's Support Group has recommenced for the new season and the members would like to invite anyone interested to join them at their monthly meetings.

They are held at Lamlash Fire Station on the first Wednesday of every month.

The next meeting will be held on October 2 when members will be treated to a talk on the history of the Arran War Memorial Hospital by local historian Stuart Gough; a good turnout would be appreciated.

The meetings take place between 2pm and 4pm and they are open to everyone.

the McLellan Arts Festival is bringing Shearwater to the island which is written and performed by Tim Dalling, actor and musician and Malcolm Green, biologist turned writer and storyteller.

It gracefully balances the heartfelt and the humorous, never losing its footing but letting the audience know they are on the edge.

In 1969, storyteller Malcolm Green spent three months on a small, uninhabited island off the coast of Iceland studying huge colonies of seabirds.

His experiences there form the frame into which many

different journeys are woven: from the extraordinary life of the shearwater to a young man's coming of age and the transformation of the gull-woman.

This show was created not simply as a piece of entertainment but to help raise awareness of the very real threats to the survival of seabirds.

The show is suitable for children.

See it at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Tuesday 24 September at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available at the door or online. See advert in this paper for details.

Obituary:

Alan Paterson 1924-2013

One of Arran's most devoted and loyal visitors, Alan Paterson, sadly died in February at the age of 89.

He first holidayed on the island as a child in 1928 at Whiting Bay but thereafter the Paterson family transferred their affections to Lamlash; a yearly connection that lasted until his final visit in 2011.

Before the Second World War the Paterson Family, then living in Partick, would rent a cottage from Charlie and Millie Stirling at Hamilton Terrace, next to the post office. As was tradition in those days the Stirlings would move from their front house to the back cottage.

The Paterson children, Alan and his three siblings, were privileged to spend a month in Lamlash and their father

would come down at weekends from Glasgow.

Of course the war years brought an end to such glorious annual summer holidays.

After the war ended, Alan having completed his civil engineering degree at Glasgow University, he started his working career in local government and resumed his annual Arran connections.

There were always various ports of call in Lamlash, often with his sister and family from London, in tow.

As with many visitors, Arran would work its magic and draw back Alan and his family year upon year.

To polite enquiries as to why he had never considered retiring to the island he would reply that Arran was his 'Shangri-La'.

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Alan Paterson, who has died, aged 89.

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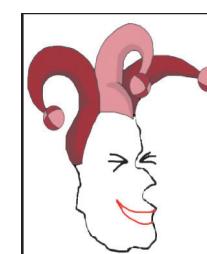
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Saturday 25 September, 1993



Pupils at Brodick Primary School learn how to play steel drums. b38twe01



A youngster on the cymbals. b38twe02



The new path which has been opened to the Kings Caves. b38twe04

Building scheme

A housing development for 28 dwellings is being proposed in Brodick.

Described as 'low cost housing' the development will be in the field bounded by the Anchor Hotel, Auchrannie Road and Glen Estate, will cost an estimated £1.54 million and will be built by John Thomson Construction.

The development is to include one and two storey houses and among those most concerned are the residents of the Glen Estate who do not want two storey houses to be in the line of their view.

The design looks a little similar to The Park, Lamlash which was completed just two weeks ago.

With two person amenity cottages, three person flatlets and four or five person semi-detached houses it will be another step towards providing good housing at the lower end of the market.

Keep Cunningham

The people of Arran neither like nor want to be part of the new single tier authority to be called North Ayrshire.

They want to remain within Strathclyde Region and Cunningham District. But if we must be part of a new single-tier all-purpose authority it should be called Cunningham.

The people of Arran - at least the 40 or so who are sufficiently interested in the government's reorganisation of local government - were quite clear about this at the first public meeting called to discuss the topic. After a vote 29 people supported the name Cunningham.

Steel drums

Eleven talented students from Bishop Grossete College in Lincoln visited Arran this week and delighted schoolchildren with their

unusual music created mainly for oil drums.

The students are training to be primary teachers specialising in music and with their oil drums they travelled round the primary schools and visited the High School both playing and allowing pupils to have a go too. Calypso of course is associated with steel drums and they played tunes from Mozart to modern and the instruments gave it all a wonderfully mellow sound.

Information day

An Information Day was held in Brodick Hall by the Council of Voluntary Service.

The aim was to bring together as many of the voluntary, statutory and commercial services as possible which offer assistance to those who may be in need of help either through disability or age.

More than 100 people attended on the day and organiser Jan Schofield said it had offered the chance for people in roughly the same line of work to meet, something which rarely happens.

New path

MP Brian Wilson officially opened a new path to the Kings Caves at Drumadoon constructed by the Forestry Commission.

The path starts at an attractive car park, which should help with parking problems at Machrie, and was constructed from existing materials at a cost of £25,000.

Volunteer painters

Many hands are making light work at Corrie Hall and the whole hall should be repainted in a week, completely free of charge with free paint and labour.

Mrs Elma Stevenson of Sannox entered a competition in the Ideal Homes magazine for a community project and she won all the Dulux paint required for the hall and more than 30 volunteers provided the labour.



A lady learns about aromatherapy at the Information Day. b38twe03

What's on

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
Brodick Castle, Garden Open
Arran Heritage Museum
Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour

Saturday 21st September

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
Corrie Open
Rachel Hair Trio
Arran vs Uddingston
Lamlash Splash
Coast Fancy dress party
Car Wash

Sunday 22nd September

Family Games
Fun in the pool
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
Corrie Open
Open Mic

Monday 23rd 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
Lunch club
Paintings Tour
Yoga - Arran
Shirley & Sarah fitness class
Wee Blether cafe

Tuesday 24th 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

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2pm

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1pm.
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 Golf Club
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Pavilion, 3pm
Lamlash Pier, 11am
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 10-3pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm – 3.30pm
Corrie Golf Club
Bar Eden, 2pm

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, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 6.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12noon
Brodick Sheltered Housing, 12.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Kinnel, Lamlash, 3-4.30pm
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.30-1.30pm

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

Youth Club
Weight Watchers
Junior Hockey Club
Healthy Outdoors
Lawn Bowls
Quiz
Food and craft market
Metafit
Garden Walk
Shearwater
Scottish Country Dancing

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

Wednesday 25th September

Hockey
Tae Kwon-do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Shiskine Tennis Club
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games
JogScotland beginners group
Mixed ability running group
Yoga-Arran
Isle of Arran Drama AGM

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
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 Brodick, 6.30pm
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
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Arran High School, 7.30pm

Thursday 26th September

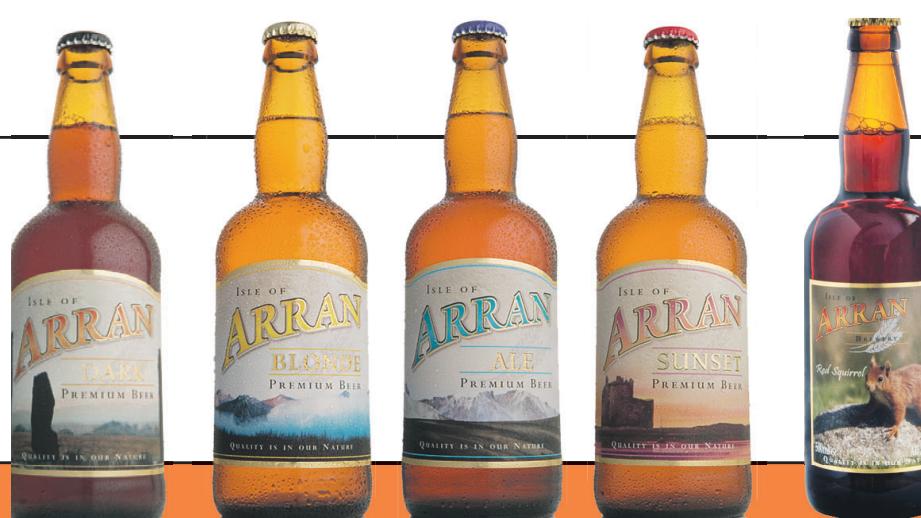
Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Live music
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Lawn Bowls
Shiskine Tennis Club
Yoga
Bronza Age Roundhouse Experience
Shirley & Sarah fitness class
Brodick Embroidery Group
Quilt Arran
Metafit
Garden Club

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-11.00pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Adults 6pm onwards
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Castle, 10.30-12 & 2.00-3.30pm
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm
Brodick Library, 7.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 6pm
Rangers Centre, 7.30pm

Friday 27th September

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

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
Brodick Castle, 11.30am-1pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 10.15am



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Monday 23rd
September**

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**NHS 24
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In an emergency please phone 999

Please ensure you have enough medication for this period.

**NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
(C147 RUBHA AIRIGH BHEIRG, ISLE OF ARRAN)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013**

On the 18 September 2013 North Ayrshire Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle (with the exception of vehicles engaged on carriageway improvement works) on the C147 (Coastal Road), Rubha Airigh Bheirg, between Pirmill and Catacol, by reason of works proposed to be executed on or near that road.

Order effective 8am 24/9/13 and will remain in operation for 10 weeks or until such date when the works are completed, whichever is earlier.

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

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Development Planning Services, Cunningham House, Irvine*, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at The Council Offices, Lamlash. Written representations may be made to the Corporate Director (Development & Environment) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 11.10.13. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development 13/00531/PP; Glencloy Garage, Auchranie Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Deletion of condition 1 of planning permission N/11/00468/PP to allow for continued operation of Farmers Market.
13/00532/PPP; Site to the North of The Stables, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick; Erection of a detached dwelling house.
13/00533/PP; Golf Driving Range, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Formation of access road and car park.
13/00523/PP; 6 Shiphouse, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Change of use of holiday letting dwelling house to dwelling house for private residential use.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
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GRADUATIONS

Helen Elizabeth Sell graduated from University of Stirling with a 2:1 BA Hons in Business Studies and Marketing. She is now going to continue her studies with an MSC in Creative Advertising at Edinburgh Napier come September.



Congratulations to Charlotte Fletcher of Sliddery who graduated with MSc in Environmental and Waste Management with distinction from UWS.

WHO IS ROBERT?**WHO IS ROBERT?**

I am Pam, he loved my glasses, introduced himself and asked my name. He was dressed in full kilt regalia and I smiled at him as he was putting on his regimental type hat. He even called from several feet away in Glasgow's Central Station last Sunday and wondered if I was married (I said no and laughed and he said something else but I couldn't hear him and was preoccupied with meeting a friend I hadn't seen in four years) and then he had to rush for his train and connection to the ferry to Arran on Sunday, 15 September, around 3.45 pm. He said I was from Arran (or had a doppelganger) and weirdly I HAD been on Arran last week for one night - the first time in nine years and only my second, lovely, visit. So WHO IS ROBERT? Was this just a moment in time or something more? If he is married I will let this go but if not, I am definitely intrigued. But how to find him?!

Please get in touch Robert. Contact the Arran Banner with your details. Thanks

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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay
Sunday, 22nd September
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.

Wednesday 25th September
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran
Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza,
Pirnmill and Shiskine
Independent but working
together.
Minister: Rev Angus Adamson,
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter.
Worship will be conducted in
the above churches at the
following times, to which
all are invited.
Sunday 22nd September
Brodick Church, 10.30am,
Morning Worship
Corrie Church, 12noon,
Morning Worship.
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.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
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Sunday 22nd September
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 22nd September
Worship will be conducted by
Rev Elizabeth Watson
at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in
the transept immediately after
the service.

Please stay and enjoy more
fellowship.
Everyone most welcome.

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Golf

Brodick Golf Club

Gents: Wednesday 11 September, Summer Cup Final Round 44 played CSS 64. 1 D Roxburgh (6)62 acb, 2 A Raeburn (13)62, 3 G McCrae (6)63. Scratch D Roxburgh 68. There were nine twos. Overall Summer Cup results: Winner Gordon Hendry 313 (On better sixth round), Runner up Gordon Robertson 313. Scratch Jug Winner Ewan McKinnon 314, Runner up Gordon Hendry 337. Eclectic Trophy Winner Ewan McKinnon 47, Runner up Iain Macdonald 48. Jinty Trophy Winner Ewan McKinnon 13. Twos Runner up Gordon Hendry 12.

Ladies: Tuesday 10 September, Thistle Brooch, 14 played, CSS 69. 1 Susan Butchard, 81-12=69, 2 Gege Kroner 94-23=71, 3 Ellie Jones, 89-15=74. Twos Kay Kitson. Nine-hole Stableford, 7 played. 1 Liz Lawrie 12pts (13) BIH, 2 Mairi Thompson 12pts(18), 3 Janette McBride 10pts (12).

Fixtures: Gents: Sunday 22 September, Start of Winter Cup. Open draws at 8.30am and 12.30pm. Sunday 29 September, Winter Cup Open draws 8.30am and 12.30pm. Ladies: Monday 23 September, outing to Shiskine. Wednesday 25 September Winter Cup will commence at 12noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 10 September, Stableford Sweep played from the yellow boxes. 1 John Pennycott 36, 2 David Brookens 34, 3 David Wilkinson 33. Scratch John Pennycott 77.

Fixtures: Tuesday 24 September, Sweep tee off 12.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies: Thursday 12 September, 12 Hole Medal winners, 10 played, CSS 45.

1 Lesley Murray 58-14=44, 2 and Scratch Alice Anderson 56-9=47.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 September, 12 Hole Medal (Gents). Thursday 26 September,

THANK YOU

Margo' 50th - 31/8/13

A huge thank you to everyone who
helped me celebrate my birthday. Thanks
for all presents, cards and donations.
Calum's Cabin has benefited from your
generosity to the sum of £1530.



Machie Bay Golf Club.

Ladies Pink Day. Monday 30 September, Ladies Arran Challenge Starts.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 4 September, 28 played in the Bannatyne Cup, CSS 63. 1 Nicol Auld (3) 61 acb, 2 John Pennycott (12) 61, 3 David Morrison (9) 62, 4 Peter Towndrow (8) 63. Nicol Auld won scratch with 64 and there were magic twos from Kevin Jackson (2), Jack Simmons and Jamie Stewart.

Sunday 8 September, 18 played in the annual Cooper Angus Par 3 competition, where the white tee boxes have been moved closer, and often 'interesting', positions! Scoring was spectacular - at both sides of the scale. The overall winner was David Brookens with a superb 52, 2 Gus MacLeod with 53 and 3 David Morrison with 58. Gus MacLeod won scratch with 60. A fine crisp tee was the prize for a magic two, and the lucky winners were Dave (NR) Hackett (2), David Brookens (2), Gus MacLeod (2), John Pennycott and Sandy Pringle. Alas nobody won the £100 note for a hole in one. Huge thanks go to Jim Meehan and Cooper Angus Caravan Park for the amazing prizes and generous hospitality in the clubhouse afterwards.

Wednesday 11 September, 19 played in the second last round of the Summer Trophy, which was a non counter because of work on the greens. 1 Stephen Judge (11)59, 2 John Dick (14)60, 3 Andrew Martin (12)63. Stephen Judge won scratch with 70 and there were magic twos from Gordon Provan, Jack Simmons and Stephen Judge. The Captain's Prize was cancelled on Sunday 15 September due to the rain and will be replayed at a later date.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 September, Gents Medal. Wednesday 25 September, Gents Medal.

Arran Golfers Association

Saturday 14 September, Seniors Handicap, Machrie Bay Club, 18 played in the seniors at Machrie Bay - two

Burke 74-12=62, 3 D Logan 73-9=64, best scratch R Logan 70. Magic twos from A Burke and R Burke.

Saturday 14 September, 9 played, non-counter. 1 Paul Bremner 62-5=57, 2 Jim McConnachie 67-6=61, 3 John McGovern 75-9=66. Best scratch Paul Bremner 62. Magic twos from J McConnachie, Paul Bremner and Russell Adams.

Fixtures: Saturday 21 September and Sunday 22 September, Corrie Open played over 36 holes. Sponsored hole, £20 entry covers sweep for both days. Saturday 28 September, Captain's Prize, shotgun start 1pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 12 September, Seniors' Medal, CSS 63, 1 Jim Gibson 76-12=64. Summer Cup, CSS 64, 1 Jim Young 77-12=65 BIH with two at the 16th. Fixtures: Sunday 22 September, Hastings Cup Final Round 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday 26 September, Summer Cup Final Round, make up own groups. Friday 27 September, Seniors' Open, see starter for times. Saturday 28 September, Texas Scramble Cup - make up own 4s - minimum of one lady per team.

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Arran RFC simply could not match Paisley's performance. 01_b40rug01

Ruthless Paisley prove too good for Arran

Arran say they are unhappy at the standard of refereeing

RBS West Region
Division Three

Paisley 34 Arran 10

This was a game in which the first half will be quickly forgotten.

Paisley were in ruthless form in their first home game of the West Region Division Three season.

The Buddies ran in five tries, four of them before the half-time break, to secure a bonus-point win and the maximum five points available against old foes Arran.

Right from the Arran kick off, Paisley collected and transferred the ball to their winger who ran 40 yards without an Arran hand being

laid on him and scored easily. From the resultant kick off the same thing happened and one wondered what had happened to an Arran team who, until recently were renowned for the security of their tackling.

Paisley continued to play good rugby which Arran simply could not match and, consequently, surrendered further points. When they did manage to mount an attack the handling was woeful.

Half time came as a welcome relief. Arran collected themselves at the interval and improved noticeably.

Lachie Jones scored a try

from a typical cut through which he himself converted and also kicked a penalty goal.

Fraser Thomson 'scored' what appeared to be a perfectly good try but the referee detected a forward pass and disallowed it – given the final score it didn't make much difference.

Significantly, Arran were now playing almost to their best and had it not been for the aforementioned handling, the tries were there for the taking.

The most serious problem for Arran was that their tight five who have ruled most recent games were completely

dominated by Paisley with the result that Iain Keen at scrum half was not getting good ball with which to feed his backs.

A member of the team said: 'The referee appeared to believe he was there as a spectator and he appeared to allow Paisley to lie on the ball at the ruck and to get away with stamping on their opponents.'

'He even seemed forgot to give the order 'right nine' at the scrum with the result that Iain Keen had to ask whether it was OK to put it in'.

None of this detracts from Paisley's performance or enhances Arran's.

For the record, Paisley

scored five tries, three conversions and a penalty goal to amass 34 points.

This week has to be better! Arran are at home to Uddingston today (Saturday). Kick-off will be 2pm at the Ormidale Park.

Please come along and support the island's team.

Run Arran start new classes

The local running group RunArran are now operating a Mixed Ability Running Group every Wednesday night at 6pm.

For great company, lovely routes, coaching and running support this is ideal.

The sessions are open to anyone who wants to come along and there are also Beginners Groups and will travel to any village for six or more people.

Active Buggies for mums/dads/buggies takes place at the Ormidale Park every Friday at 10am.

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