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# £5 million masterplan to save Brodick Castle

## Record visitor numbers boosted by RET fares

**REPORT**  
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A £5 million masterplan has been drawn up which will restore Brodick Castle to its former glory.

The news comes as it is revealed that visitor numbers at the castle this year have been record-breaking with April and May seeing the castle making a profit for the first time.

In the months April to August the number of visitors to the castle was 28,000, 11 per cent up on the previous year. The numbers visiting the country park has increased 24 per cent to 43,000 so far this season - the entire number for last year.

**Staggering**  
 While the total number of visitors, including those walking Goatfell, is 105,000 up from 80,000 last year, a staggering 32 per cent rise.

The figures were revealed during a visit to Arran by the trustees and board of directors of the National Trust for Scotland who held their monthly meeting at the castle.

They were also here to see where the £5 million will be spent on the Signature Project plan which will help protect the historic treasure for fu-

ture generations. Much of the work will be in fire prevention and two new fire walls will be installed and there will be new fire suppression systems throughout the castle.

As a result, it means the castle is likely to have to close for 18 months to allow the works, which also include extensive roof repairs and a new biomass powered heating system, to proceed.

The work is likely to be carried out from October 2017 to March 2019.

Four flats are also to be created on the top floor of the castle, including a honeymoon suite, and one with a disabled access lift.

The four star accommodation will be available for letting to generate income for the castle

There will also be a new alarm system.

However, ahead of this work, it has been confirmed by property manager, David Cameron, that the final contract has been signed for the go-ahead for the adventure playground which will be a major tourist attraction.

As first revealed by The Banner in February, the WildArran Adventure Park will be one of the biggest in Scot-

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Sir Kenneth and Lady Ann Calman at the sundial with the trustees and board of the National Trust for Scotland  
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## Sir Kenneth unveils retiral sundial

A sundial gifted to Sir Kenneth Calman on his retiral has been unveiled at Brodick Castle.

Sir Kenneth was given the gift to mark his departure as chairman of the National Trust for Scotland earlier this year after five years at the helm.

However, he decided rather than have it in 'his small garden' at the house he has in Brodick he would prefer it to be sited in the castle grounds. And it was unveiled on Tuesday in

front of the NTS board and trustees during their visit to the castle.

The sundial is of armillary sphere design and the base was carved from Arran stone by apprentice stonemasons of the Trust at Culzean Castle in South Ayrshire.

**Interest in time**

Sir Kenneth, who unveiled the sundial with his wife, Lady Ann, said he had always had an interest in time and sundials since he was a boy.

He said: 'The retiral gift was completely unexpected. It just seemed to make sense for the public to enjoy it as well rather than stand unseen in my small garden, but in a place we love too.'

'I also hope schoolchildren will get a chance to study its intricate workings.'

The Calmans have donated a bench which sits beside the new sundial in the castle grounds.

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# Medical centres to abandon BT switch after phones are cut off for four days

## 'It was a really frustrating and difficult situation for everyone last week'

Vulnerable patients were left unable to contact medical centres for four days on Arran last week after BT engineers cut off phone services to every surgery on the island.

The six surgeries of the Arran Medical Group were left without voice and internet communications on Tuesday, September 8, when BT accidentally disconnected the line required to service the number.

And phone lines were not reconnected until last Friday afternoon.

The problems seem to be connected to a planned switch of service provider which has now been abandoned in the meantime. Practice manager, Ruth Betley, said: 'I am still waiting to hear from BT on how they are going to learn from this event so that it doesn't happen again to

another remote and rural GP practice. I cannot believe that they didn't contact us first to say that they were going to cut us off.

'We were hoping to switch provider to make savings and also to have a simpler process for dealing with any faults/issues. The identified savings would have been redirected to more frontline parts of the practice such as new equipment. However I am no longer pursuing the switch.'

The glitch blocked out calls into main surgeries at Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Shiskine, Corrie and Lochranza.

The doctors of the Arran Medical Group arrived on Tuesday and found that their entire patient phone service was down. Patients who tried calling to make appointments or order repeat prescriptions

using the usual number were unable to get through for the rest of the week.

GP Dr David Hogg said: 'It was a really frustrating and difficult situation for everyone last week.'

Reception staff managed to resurrect an old phone number which connected to Brodick and put this information on social media and their website.

### Concerning

Dr Hogg said: 'Our main concern was that more vulnerable patients who do not use these mediums had no access to the practice. There was no offer to try to put a message on the line. It was just a continuous tone. It was quite concerning if more elderly patients were trying to get through.'

He said there had been situations where the doctors

had wanted to speak to hospital staff on the mainland to urgently refer patients or contact doctors in one of their other surgeries to discuss patient issues during the situation.

He said NHS Ayrshire and Arran had been supportive and the island hospital had noticed an increase in people ringing them about medical problems.

A BT spokesman said: 'The medical practice was in the process of moving to a new service provider, which is not BT. Typically, the new provider is responsible for arranging for their old service to be stopped and their new one to be started via Openreach. While we are still investigating the full circumstances in this case, we arranged for the line to be reactivated on Friday to restore full services.'



Sir Kenneth thanks those attending the sundial unveiling at Brodick Castle 20\_b38castle03



Sir Kenneth and Lady Ann relax on the bench they have donated to the castle 20\_b38castle02

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land and feature treetop walkways, bridges, chutes and lookout towers all designed in wood to blend into the natural surroundings.

It should be ready to open next April.

Mr Cameron said: 'It has been the best season in many a long year both in visitor numbers and the volume of visiting coaches.'

'There has also been a significant increase in the number of day visitors and I have

no doubt that RET has contributed significantly to this. The castle is easily accessible from the pier on foot or on the open top bus. The poor summer may also have actually helped us as the castle is never busier than on a wet day - and we had plenty of them.'

'The board this week reviewed the redevelopment plans and work is proceeding as planned,' he added.

\* Castle gives up its hidden secrets. See centre spread.

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# Alzheimer Memory Walk will also help refugees

Organisers of the second Arran Memory Walk for Alzheimer Scotland are also preparing to help the international refugee crisis. The walk will take place on

Brodick shorefront tomorrow (Sunday) from 1pm starting at the Douglas Hotel and finishing at the Ormidale Pavilion. There is a 1km walk and a 5km walk.

Participants can register online or register on the day at the Douglas Hotel from 11.30am onwards.

At the Ormidale Pavilion, there is a car boot sale, tea, coffee, juice and home baking, face painting, live music and raffles. Arran Zorbs will be there too, as they are also raising money for the 'Help Orin and Olivia get a home' fund - there is a facebook page and donation page. Half the proceeds from the Zorbs will go to the Alzheimer Scotland Memory Walk, the rest will go to their fund.

Organisers are also setting up a drop-off point for the collection of clothing and footwear for refugees, which will all be taken to the mainland and passed to Glasgow the Caring City charity. They will be doing multiple shipments to the Balkan area.

Hungary is closing its border with Serbia and therefore this will be an area with thousands of refugees gathering as winter approaches. Items of clothing wanted are: clothing of all ages and gender; shoes in good condition, in pairs and suitable for walking; socks (clean and in pairs,



Emma Campbell (left) with two year old son Gregor is encouraging everyone to join in along with Alzheimer Scotland supporters Graham Chappell and Heather Raeside who is raising money for the charity by undertaking the Lamdash Splash and the Memory Walk

no holes); hats, scarfs and gloves.

Arran volunteer, Emma Campbell, said: 'Last year was our first ever Memory Walk on the island, it was an amazing day, the sun shone, and there was a great atmosphere. We had a great turnout and support for the day. Many people came together who had been through challenging times and it was the

perfect way to honour and remember loved ones.'

Registration is £10 for adults, £5 for 12 - 16 year olds and under 12s go free. Participants are asked to raise as much as they can in sponsorship. An exclusive Memory Walk t-shirt is also available for just £5. Visit [www.MemoryWalksScotland.org](http://www.MemoryWalksScotland.org) to find out more and to register your place.

## Council offers refugees a safe haven in region

Struggling refugees will be given safe haven in North Ayrshire.

That was the message this week after an urgent motion, reaffirming the council's commitment to helping those affected by the ongoing crisis, received widespread cross-party support at last Wednesday's council meeting.

The motion agreed to support the work of the Scottish government and opposition parties to urge the UK government to accept more refugees.

It also committed to working with COSLA and the government to enable more refugees to come to North Ayrshire.

Depending on family sizes, it is expected that support and accommodation will be able to be provided to between 50 and 100 refugees over a period of time.

A report outlining the support options the council can provide to refugees will now be brought before a future meeting of the council's cabinet for approval.

In addition, council leader Willie Gibson, in his capacity as SNP group leader at COSLA, has been appointed to the Scottish Refugee Task Force which will help to develop a strategic plan to deal with the ongoing crisis.

Councillor Gibson said: 'We can not sit idly by and

do nothing as the present humanitarian crisis - the likes of which haven't been seen since the Second World War - continues to escalate.

'We are planning to hold discussions with church groups to see how we can support them in their work. In addition, I know many local organisations, individuals and elected members have been supporting charities providing aid to the victims of the ongoing crisis. This is very encouraging and underlines the strong desire the people of North Ayrshire have to help those living in fear and unimaginable conditions.'

As Germany prepares to accept 800,000 refugees, North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson said: 'While I do not believe the UK could actually shoulder a similar burden, there is no doubt that, as one of the largest and wealthiest countries in Europe, we are capable of playing a serious role in alleviating the crisis - a challenge First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has indicated Scotland is more than ready to assist in meeting and North Ayrshire Council too, is willing to play its part.'

'To this end I have tabled an Early Day Motion in the House of Commons, calling on the UK government to show decisive leadership in ensuring a fair proportion of refugees are allowed to seek shelter across the UK.'

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## Cragfast walkers rescued

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team were called out on Tuesday night to assist two Cragfast walkers in the Cioch na h'Oighe area.

The team Argo cat was utilised to transport team members quickly up Glen Sannox to below the location of the two males.

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# Monster day of fun at first Big Arran Feast

The first ever Big Arran Feast proved to be a day of fun and food at Whiting Bay Hall last Saturday.

Held as part of Zero Waste Arran Week, the challenge for the Eco Savvy volunteers was to have a waste-free day.

The hall was filled with up-cycling, recycling and energy saving ideas while, in the kitchen, food donations were being prepared to provide visitors with an all-day menu of free snacks and baking followed by a feast in the late afternoon.

Music was provided by Heather Macleod, Lucy Cartledge and Mandy Hunter.

The stage was filled with amazing monsters brought in from around the island and by visitors. Some were made at the hall using packaging from the day's food donations.

The competition was very difficult to judge as the entries were all excellent. In first place, with a giant box monster with attitude, called The Terminator, was Eden and Ben. The monster with the best name, Roar I'm a Grizzly Bear went to Stuart. Other winners were: Louis, Fergus and Fraser, Sophie, Greta and Julietta, Eva, Sera

and Leo. Whiting Bay Primary also drew pictures for the Zero Waste Arran, design for a bag for life schools competition.

Judge Lucy Cartledge was very impressed with all the entries, as they showed a great understanding of the relationship between waste and the environment and clearly recognise that Arran has an important role to play in the world.

The winning designs for each primary were: P7 Grace Crichton, P5 Catie MacArthur, P4 Sebastien Bain, P3 Rosie McNamara, P6 Daisy McNamara. Rosie was the

overall winner as the judge thought the design outstanding for a P3 pupil. These designs will be put onto a bag for life for the prizewinners.

The winner of a year's supply of Ecover laundry liquid was Mairi Simpson, with an excellent entry, great ideas and images.

The up-cycle a bag for life Zero Waste competition winner was Sherie Walker.

Eco Savvy would like to thank all the entrants, especially as this was at such short notice, and looks forward to all your entries next year.

There's more pictures and details from Zero Waste Ar-



The Whiting Bay School winning bag for life designs for each primary class I to r: P7 Grace Crichton, P5 Catie MacArthur, P4 Sebastien Bain, P3 and overall winner Rosie McNamara, P6 Daisy McNamara

ran week on the website, www.arranecosavvy.org.uk

So how did the volunteers

get on with the day's zero waste challenge? They succeeded in ensuring that noth-

ing went to landfill, but some soft plastics went to recycling.



Chef for the day, Robert Marr, is hard at work in the kitchen 20\_b38eco07



Fraser and James Hackett with their monsters 20\_b38eco02



Youngsters build a big monster 20\_b38eco05

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## Taste of Arran at world expo

Scottish food, drink, tourism and sustainability were the focus of a four day Scottish showcase at the UK pavilion at the World Expo last weekend in Milan, Italy.

As part of Scotland's Year of Food and Drink 2015, 'Scotland at the Expo' reached an estimated 75,000 visitors at the UK Pavilion from Italy, Europe and the rest of the world.

Taste of Arran, who partnered up with VisitScotland promoted Scotland's great food and drink to an international audience, presented Arran's Bellevue Cheese Company's Arran Blue which was sampled innovatively along with beer, cheese and honey. Arran Blue, a pasteurised, semi-soft blue cheese similar to the French 'Bleu de Auvergn' is produced from milk from Arran cows and was a silver winner at the World Cheese awards in 2013 and also won gold at the awards in 2011.



Fiona Richmond, Scotland Food & Drink project manager commented: 'Milan Expo provided a great opportunity to showcase Scottish produce. Taste of Arran's 'big tastes from a small island' includes award-winning products which are exported around the world.

'Their products demonstrate the quality of Scotland's offering, the skill of our producers and embody what makes Scotland a Land of Food and Drink.

'Taste of Arran products have been an excellent addition to the selection on offer across tastings, chef demonstrations and menus at the event.'

Alastair Dobson, managing director of Taste of Arran said: 'Arran Blue Cheese produced by Gordon and Calum at Bellevue Cheese Co can stand proudly in any international company and we were delighted to be asked to support Scotland's activity at the Milan Expo.

'We are working hard with Taste of Arran and VisitArran during this Year of Food and Drink and into the future to further build Arran's reputation as a fantastic food destination and a great year round place to visit.'

# Police probe crash as residents fight for speed curbs

Renewed calls have been made for action on a danger stretch of road after another crash.

A police probe is underway after a car crashed off the road at the Knockenkelly Burn Bridge outside Whiting Bay last Wednesday night.

The small red car with its front end badly damaged was still lying at the side of the road, cordoned off with police tape, this week.

It was at the same spot an elderly couple were injured in a crash last November and on a stretch of road where local residents have been fighting for speed curbs.

Following a campaign, North Ayrshire Council agreed to install countdown signs before the 30mph one signalling the start of Whiting Bay village coming from Lamlash.

However, a promise to also paint road markings has not yet materialised.

The woman who led the campaign Fen Place resident Jean Miller, said: 'I really don't think the new signs have made a blind bit of difference to the drivers who are still driving too fast on that stretch of road.'

In a letter from the council at the beginning of August,

Mrs Miller was told that the road markings would be painted in the next four to five weeks, but nothing has yet happened.

These markings will consist of a 30mph roundel on the carriageway at the terminal point and a slow message before and after the terminal point.

North Ayrshire Council told The Banner work was due to commence the week beginning September 29.

Yvonne Baulk, head of physical environment, also told Mrs Miller that a 300 metre countdown sign would not now be erected as it would obstruct visibility for motorists exiting Kirkend Nursery and Auchencairn Road.

'The 200m and 100m sets of signs should provide adequate advance working of the 30mph speed limit,' she said.

And added: 'The council has taken steps to put in place measures which indicate the presence of the 30mph speed limit and there is little more that can be done in this regard.'

'Clearly all road users must take responsibility for their actions when using a public road. Enforcement of speed limits lies with Police Scotland and I will raise your



The car lies where it crashed into the bridge 20\_b38crash01

concerns with then at our next liason meeting.'

A Police Scotland spokesman confirmed a police enquiry was ongoing into the

crash and added: 'We are monitoring speed around the island, focussing on areas of public concern, which includes Fen Place.'

## Hot smoked salmon just misses out on top prize

Creelers Arran just missed out on the top spot at the Great Taste Awards in London last week.

But their hot smoked salmon was confirmed as one of the top three products in Scotland taking part in the awards.

And Creels provided the hot smoked salmon for the canape croquettes at the Great Taste 2015 Golden Fork Awards dinner created from a selection of the 3-star winners by executive head chef Steve Munkley, at the at the Royal Garden Hotel in London.

Gigha Halibut was awarded the Golden Fork for Scotland representing the finest Scottish product of the 10,000 entries.

Tim James of Creelers said: 'Unfortunately we lost out to Gigha Halibut, but to be one of the top three products in Scotland is not too bad.'

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### Free concerts to celebrate music day

Today (Saturday) is National Chamber Music Day and to celebrate Enterprise Music Scotland is providing free concerts at the Little Rock Cafe and on the ferry. There they will be presenting Chamberlain and Haywood who are described as 'What happens when a jazz sax player and a classical accordionist combine'.

They play music from around the globe, delving into the seductive world of tango and the rhythmic music of the Balkans with influences from Russia and Scotland.

You can catch their performance at 12.30pm at the Little Rock Cafe and on the 3.15pm Brodick to Ardrossan ferry.

These free concerts will be in addition to the event taking place at Brodick Hall in the evening where the virtuoso quartet will perform Swing 2015.

Everyone is invited to attend the free concerts and the Swing event which is £10 per person and tickets available at Inspirations of Arran or at the door. It starts at 7.30pm.



# Islanders being 'ripped off' by unfair delivery charges

Residents on Arran are still being hit with unfair and discriminatory delivery charges.

A new report, created by Citizens Advice Scotland, (CAS), was released last week on the day that MPs debated the issue in the House of Commons.

In 2012, 534 online retailers were surveyed which highlighted the problem for rural Scottish areas and in particular the Highlands and islands. The latest report called 'The postcode penalty: the distance travelled' has now surveyed the same online retailers which has shown that, despite the work with government departments and Trading Standards, little has improved over the last three years.

While fewer retailers do not charge a surcharge for island deliveries, those that do, charge more than they did three years ago despite average delivery charges falling in real terms. Scots in the islands pay 15.8 per cent more than they did in 2012.

Patricia Gibson, MP for North Ayrshire and Arran who participated in the House of Commons debate urged Nick Boles MP Minister for Skills to do more to protect consumers in island and rural areas from these charges and that, as a first step, the universal service obligation should be revised to protect rural and island customers.

During the debate, Mr Boles promised to set up a meeting with Patricia who added: 'I will be pushing for progress on this issue to protect rural and island businesses and consumers.'

CAS consumer spokesperson, Sarah Beatie-Smith said: 'Scots in rural areas understand that it costs a little more to deliver to remote areas, but this report shows that surcharges add to a 'rural premium' and can have a serious impact on businesses and the rural economy. We're calling for a concerted effort by the government, working with enterprise bodies and the online retail industry itself. Together we can and must achieve a fairer deal for consumers.'



In training from l to r: Ann Hart, Mike Mellor, Zabdi Keen, Heather Raeside, Eric Milton, Rhona Dunbar, Dean Dunbar and Paul Hewie. Not pictured, but also taking part are Wayne Dale, Georgina Maclean, Andy McNamara and Glen Sloss

## Lamlash Splash aquatic dash

The Lamlash Splash takes place today (Saturday) and, while not strictly a competitive event, first place is up for grabs as Raymond Ollson, who has been first back for a number of years, is not swimming this year.

The 1.3 mile swim starts at 11.30am from Holy Isle with 40 swimmers taking part, ten of whom are local and, with many doing the event year on year, hoping to improve

on their personal best times. One such participant, Dean Dunbar, a partially sighted swimmer, is back again with his wife, Rhona, and his swim 'buddy', Eddie Riach.

### Exciting day

The event is overseen and supported by the RNLI, HM Coastguard and the Lamlash Sailing Club and is always an exciting day with spectators watching the challenging swim from the Lamlash pier.

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# Warning after pensioner almost duped in 'plausible' con trick

## Retired bank manager was hounded by fraudsters for hours

A retired bank manager is warning residents to be on their guard after he was almost duped by a computer scam.

Allyn Dinwoodie, who lives with his wife, Anne, in Brodick, said: 'I am by nature a pretty cautious person, but everything about this scam was extremely plausible and I don't want anyone caught out the same way.'

Mr Dinwoodie was at home working on his computer when his wife took a call from a man claiming to be from Microsoft. He told Mr Dinwoodie that his computer had been hacked and that everything would be wiped off his computer as well as his laptop and any other devices he had.

Concerned at the loss of precious photographs and other

information on his computer Mr Dinwoodie asked if there was anything he could do. He was told the only way to prevent all his information being lost was to become a Microsoft loyal customer. He was told there were four options the most expensive costing nearly £2,000.

He eventually agreed to pay around £700, but when he tried to put it through the Royal Bank it was twice refused and he was put in touch with the bank fraud squad.

Several hours and phone calls later, Mr Dinwoodie was still being hounded by the fraudsters who told him that he could pay through a bank transfer at the Post Office.

He was told he could wire the money through Western Union to New York, but this

is when the alarm bells began to ring for he was told not to mention Microsoft or that it was in relation to a computer. He was told this was something to do with tax.

It was at that point he contacted Microsoft and was told they would never cold call anyone, that their customers had to get in touch with them.

Mr Dinwoodie said: 'The scam was so convincing and put across so well that anyone could have fallen for it. I just ask people to be really wary of all such calls. It took me nearly a whole day to sort this all out.'

Mr Dinwoodie said he had reported the incident to the police. It has been confirmed that his computer has been hacked, but he is hopeful of being able to recover much of the material stored in it.



SBBA education officer, John Boax, Arran High depute headteacher, David Lambert, Daisy Urquhart-Dixon, Innis Thorborn, Lois Ashley and SBBA executive member, Tom Allan, at the handover of instruments to the new Arran youth band

## New youth band ready to hit the high notes

Youngsters on Arran have become the latest recipients of a start-up kit from the Scottish Brass Band Association (SBBA) to help them form a brand new youth band.

The funding boost of £2,500 saw the new community youth outfit receive 16 new brass instruments and a drum kit to help get the project up and running. Consisting of primary school pupils from across the island, the new band will rehearse in Arran High School.

John Boax, SBBA education officer, commented: 'This is very exciting and it was a delight to travel to Arran to deliver instruments bought with the SBBA start-up kit. The benefits of playing a brass instrument are wide-reaching and have a tremendous impact on a young person's musical and social development.'

'We would like to wish the new youth band in Arran all the very best and look forward to welcoming it to SBBA events in the years to come. Hopefully this is the

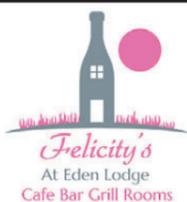
first of many more new youth bands in our commitment to developing young players of the future.'

The Arran project successfully received funding following contact made by May Murray, music service co-ordinator of North Ayrshire Council, and David Lambert, depute headteacher at Arran High School.

Mr Lambert said: 'This project is very exciting and will make a real difference to our young people.'

'The SBBA start-up kit has allowed us to purchase instruments which means we can now start working with the young people and begin what I am sure will be a lifetime of music-making.'

SBBA start-up kits are open to anyone looking to set up a new youth band which is not affiliated with an existing organisation. Anyone looking to apply or find out more information should email Tom Allan, of the SBBA executive at: TomAllan@sbba.org.uk



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## Brodict Castle can be king

There's good news all round at Brodict Castle this week. And that can only be welcome for the Arran tourist industry, the economy and the future, as the castle and country park are Arran's most popular tourist attraction. And now it seems it is more popular than ever. Record visitor numbers have poured through the gates this summer with the new lower RET fares taking much of the credit for bringing more people to the island. But the dismal summer is also getting a little credit, meaning the old adage: it's all ill wind that blows nobody any good, is as true today as it has always been. And the more visitors, the more money for the coffers as the castle battles a crippling annual operating deficit. Now £5 million is to be spent restoring the castle to its former glory, making it safe and securing it for future generations as its Signature Project conservation plan comes together after many months in the planning. And with The Banner having seen some of the 'hidden castle', the work really can't start soon enough. Once complete it can only give the castle another boost. It will generate new revenue strains and help put on better displays of some of the wonderful collections the A-listed building holds, including, of course, the world famous Beckford collections. The work will also allow a better understanding of how the castle, which is often seen as a Scottish baronial mansion house, is in fact much, much more, with parts of it dating back to the 13th century. And the good news doesn't end there, with confirmation that the WildArran Adventure Park will be built and ready to open next Easter which can only bring in more families, provide more fun and bring in more much needed revenue for the National Trust. But while the focus this week has been all about the castle, it is perhaps fitting that the Sir Kenneth Calman sundial has been erected in the wonderful grounds and has been greatly praised by visitors over the summer months. The future certainly looks bright for Brodict Castle.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Look to the Lord and be strong; at all times seek His presence.' (Psalm 105:4)

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## Letters to the Editor

### Some suggestions

Sir,  
It is good news that a government minister plans to turn Arran into 'a world class island' by 2020.

Might I make some suggestions. Firstly, let us have world class roads. The road surfaces in many parts of the island are a disgrace, potentially dangerous to all road users, but especially to visitors unaccustomed to the poor surfaces, narrowness, often bordered by ditches.

Secondly, let us improve much of the ugly 'street furniture' which detracts from the beauty of our island. The most obvious feature is the ugly, utilitarian street lighting. Having holidayed in a number of resorts and tourist areas, most recently in England, I was aware of the fact that much of the street lights were actually attractive, with a clear attempt made to use them to enhance the appearance of the places.

Our island's economy relies heavily on holidaymakers and tourists, and while most, if not all, businesses involved in providing services for visitors are to be commended for providing a good quality service, it seems a pity that the local authority cares so little about doing simple things to enhance the visitor experience.

An obvious third issue is, of course, the ongoing problem of ferry unreliability with its impact on island business, including the tourist business.

I am sure others will have equally valid suggestions to make, but there are some to start with.

Yours,  
**Douglas Hamilton  
Glenburn  
Lamlash**

### Great support

Sir,  
On behalf of our new Scottish Charity, Arran Eco Savy Community SCIO, I am writing to express through your letters page our huge thanks for the support given to the first Arran Zero Waste Week, by so many members

of the community. We ended the week on Saturday with an all-day Big Feast for all who turned up at Whiting Bay Hall, with all food given for free and served for free to everyone who came!

For the food we are deeply grateful to both the Brodict and Lamlash Co-ops, Bay Stores and the Village Shop in Whiting Bay, the Glenisle Hotel and Coast Restaurant, as well as many folk who searched their cupboards and freezers for food no longer needed, and foraged across the land. Special thanks to Arran Community Land Initiative and Pippa Downing for hosting an ACLI forage and barbecue.

Heather Macleod, Lucy Cartledge and Mandy Hunter generously brought harps and flute to accompany our meals and browsing the many thought-provoking displays on the theme of zero waste.

Chris and Jan Atkins of Positive Pictures worked hard to record the events of the day and the resulting videos will provide a resource for us to build on in the community.

To the children from Whiting Bay School and around the island, who designed and made amazing rubbish monsters, a huge thank you! The monsters will live on at the end of October in a special Halloween display. Many thanks are due too to Whiting Bay Hall and the Whiting Bay Improvements Committee for all their help and support.

Finally, Eco Savy would like to record his deep gratitude to all the volunteers associated with his project, who worked so hard to make Arran's first Zero Waste Week such a success, and to the folk who came along and joined in the spirit of imaginatively re-thinking our ways with waste.

Yours,  
**Sue Weaver  
Kildonan**

### Sad shop window

Sir,  
Loving the island as we do, our arrival this week was saddened by the condition of parts of Arran's shop window i.e. the Brodict shorefront.

The McLaren Hotel, which appears to be under some kind of construction project, looks truly awful. With a little effort even removing the deflated bouncy castle, signs etc and cutting the metre high grass would improve things

considerably. We were surprised that surrounding businesses were not up in arms over this eyesore next to their properties!

Yours,  
**J Howard  
Bearsden**



## Diamond day delight for Peter and Wilma

Postie Andy Robinson handed over a card from the Queen to Peter and Wilma Aitken of Kingscross on their 60th wedding anniversary. Wilma says they have enjoyed many happy years on Arran - swimming, painting, golfing, walking and making new friends. Before retiring, Peter was a well regarded vet, with his own practice in Renfrews-hire, while Wilma was a headteacher in Glasgow. Family, friends and neighbours gathered to help them celebrate their diamond anniversary at an open house, where £500 was raised for their favourite charities, Parkinsons UK and the British Heart Foundation.

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# Arran sets record for number of dogs chipped in one day



One of the dogs being chipped. b38dog02

Arran raised a whopping £1,087.22 for Dogs Trust at a microchipping event where 247 were chipped by the two veterinary nurses from the charity.

That is a record for the number of chips being done at one event in Scotland and Dogs Trust were absolutely delighted with that.

Both girls were overwhelmed by the generosity of those attending the session in Whiting Bay Hall and commented just how patient everyone was. Both say they are just about able to straighten up by now as they spent the four hours on Wednesday stooped over, chipping dog after dog in what can best be described as a wriggling, tail wagging, excited, mammoth production line, which snaked right round the hall

at one point. Margaret Kay, who organised the event said: 'The free microchipping initiative ends in December and normally they would just go to an area once. However, given the support on Arran it may be possible to organise another day before then.'

'On average they look for 50 dogs per event, so we are



Cathie Steed (centre) presents a £100 note from the dog classes to cover the travelling expenses of Debbie Caithness and Lisa Cross from Dogs Trust with Bella who was chipped at the event.

well above that which could sway things for a second visit. I would need to know that I could get about 50 dogs, so if anyone missed out and is interested they should

get in touch with me so as I can organise a second day, which would likely be a lot less busy.'

Anyone interested can contact Margaret on 600725.



The hall in Whiting Bay was packed with dogs all day. b38dog01

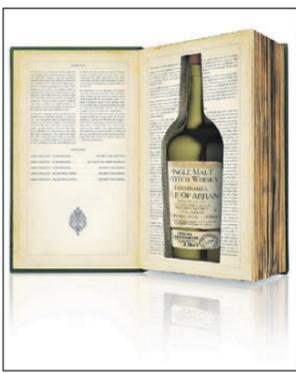
## Smugglers' Series honours the tradition of illicit whisky trade

As the award-winning Isle of Arran Distillery approaches its 21st year, it is celebrating the renowned whisky-making heritage of its home with the first release in its Smugglers' Series.

The series honours the tradition of the illicit whisky trade that operated from Arran and up the Clyde to Glasgow.

Each new release will be 'smuggled' in unique packaging reminiscent of the hiding places used in the 18th and 19th centuries. Smugglers' Series Vol. 1 The Illicit Stills features hidden packaging that mimics a beautiful hard-bound book, complete with a cut-out compartment that conceals the bottle.

The whisky itself pays homage to the distillery's fore-



The Smugglers' Series whisky with its unique packaging.

bears with an Arran dram of a robust body and heavier peat influence, redolent of the whisky produced on the island in days gone by.

Managing director, Euan

Mitchell, said: 'We're justifiably proud of the whisky-making heritage of the island. Visitors have been fascinated by the illicit industry that ran between Arran and Glasgow in centuries past.'

'With the distillery turning 21, it felt like the perfect time to commemorate that exciting time in Scotch whisky's heritage with a series that pays homage to its ancestors while looking forward to the distillery's future.'

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One of the rooms to be converted into four star letting accommodation 20\_b38castle01



The windows of the new flats will look out onto the battlements 20\_b38castle11



David with the oldest part of the castle behind him 20\_b38castle14



The damage can clearly be seen around the fireplace in Cromwell's room 20\_b38castle21

# 'Hidden castle up its man

## Work will secure a sustainable future

The full extent of the £5 million of major works which are required at Brodick Castle can be revealed.

The Banner was given a tour of the 'hidden castle' which is not open to the public by property manager, David Cameron, to see the scale of the work which is needed.

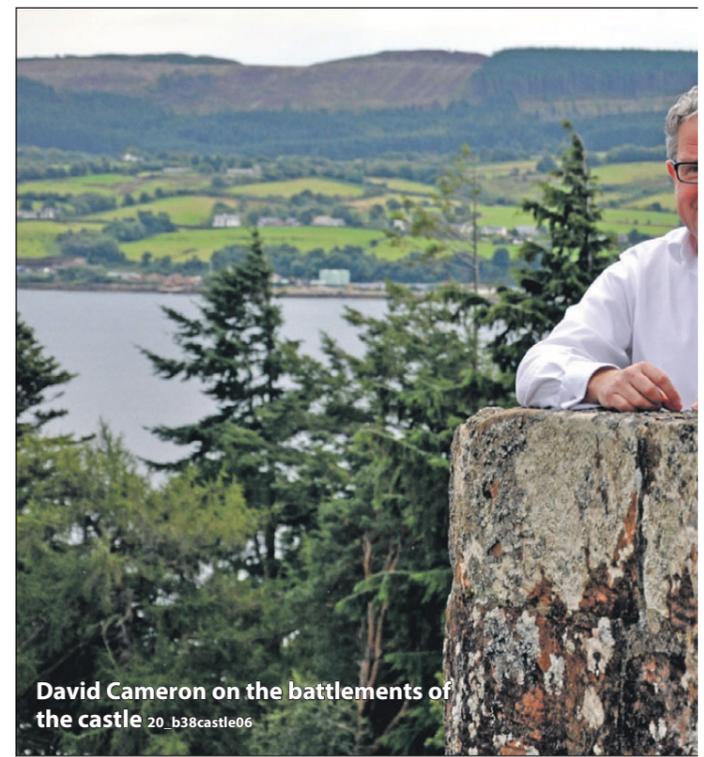
Experts have spent many months in a detailed inspection of all aspects of the castle and have come up with a comprehensive conservation plan which runs to 93 pages.

Brodick is one of the first of the Signature Projects of the National Trust for Scotland to be the subject of such a study with the primary objective aim to secure a sustainable future for the property.

Until recently the castle is believed to have had an annual operating deficit of around £440,000 and, as the report states: 'The Trust cannot sustain an ongoing deficit of this magnitude at Brodick.'

Last year, chartered architects Robert Potter & Partners, were appointed as lead consultants to draw up the report.

It states: 'The significance of the castle and the wider estate is of paramount impor-



David Cameron on the battlements of the castle 20\_b38castle06

tance and must be protected, retained and enhanced by any future development within the site.'

At the core of report is the need to protect the castle against fire risk.

A 2010 fire safety report concluded that while the risk from fire was very low, the

building was likely to prove defenceless in the event of a fire taking hold.

While fire improvements have taken place since, the report states: 'The potential loss of historic fabric could be catastrophic.'

Now two new fire walls are to be installed and there will be new fire suppression systems.

## A brief history of Brodick

The significance of Brodick Castle is exceptionally high in terms of historical, cultural and aesthetic heritage.

The castle is A-listed and is considered of national importance in terms of both its architectural and archaeological significance. Dating back to the 13th century, it is steeped in Scottish history.

Through the years it has been in royal ownership, destroyed and left in a ruinous condition, before being rebuilt, serving as an English garrison and as the administrative, judicial and symbolic centre of a Ducal Estate.

The exceptional 1840s mansion addition by James Gillespie Graham, the leading Scots architect of his day, dominates

perceptions of the castle today.

The property is well used as a local recreational resource and is exceptionally important to the local economy, being the most visited tourist attraction on the island.

Although Brodick Castle now appears as a Scots Baronial mansion house, its complete history dates back to the 13th century. The substantial works in 1844 by Gillespie Graham effectively doubled the size of the castle and obscured what was a medieval castle of simple construction built for defence.

The castle is built in red sandstone, probably quarried from the immediate vicinity as there were quarries in Lam-

lash, Brodick and Corrie.

Later extensions continued into the 20th century with 1912 extensions into the north courtyard including a second floor extension over the butler's room and the construction of the 1920s Bobby's buildings in the rear courtyard together with a single room extension (vault) located on the first floor.

The 10th Duke of Hamilton turned a castle built for defence into a Victorian country house. He commissioned the transformation for his son, the Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale and new daughter-in-law Princess Marie of Baden, cousin of Napoleon III. The castle therefore provides an insight into the

# Castle' gives y secrets le future for the property



'Also areas of the castle are currently underused and there is a risk of localised neglect.'

Externally there are other problems. Inappropriate cementitious repairs are said to detract from and continue to damage stonework, there are unsightly uPVC connections, close vegetation obscures and damages historic stonework and features, the battery stonework and asphalt roof are in poor condition and the list goes on.

Inside, historic decorative schemes have been lost/ blurred behind 19th and 20th century schemes, 19th century re-plastering works detract from the understanding of the medieval sections, the heating distribution is extremely prominent and unsightly and modern doors confuse the understanding of the historic fabric.

Converting the upper floors of the castle into lettable accommodation will also necessitate the introduction of a lift which will also help to significantly reduce the risk of fire within the castle, while also providing disabled access to the upper floors.

The inspections also found water ingress, woodworm infestation,

rot outbreaks, internal leaves from distribution pipe-work, and rising damp.

In addition the report states: 'Ivy continues to grow around the vicinity of the castle and can cause irreparable damage to wall fabric through root damage and abrasion through wind action.'

The report states that visitor experience could be improved by interpretation/re-configuration of spaces, there is a lack of wheelchair access to floors above lower ground level, modern office accommodation is inappropriately located and the cafe function could be extended to operate for events.



The castle roof requires extensive repairs. Bobby's buildings, which will be new offices, are on the left 20\_b38castle29



Peeling plaster and paintwork in what will be the honeymoon suite 20\_b38castle24



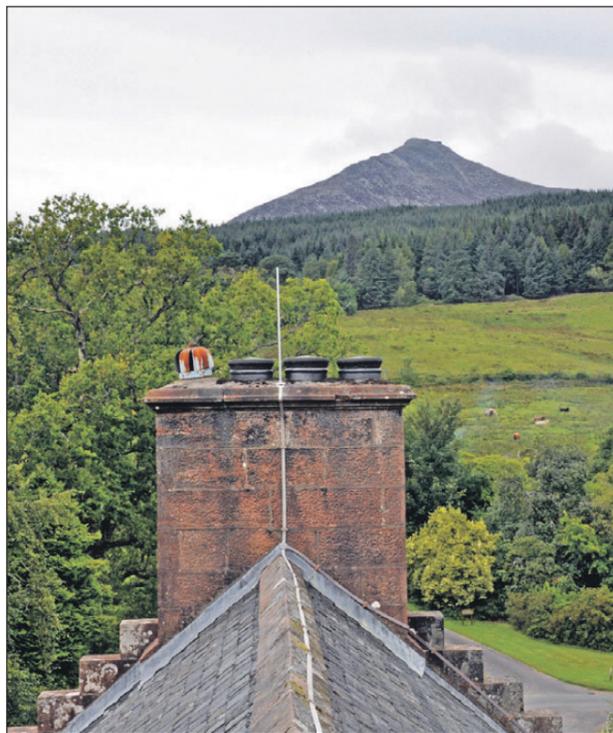
Extensive damage in a castle recess 20\_b38castle22

## Castle

Dukes of Hamilton, one of Scotland's grandest aristocratic families.

Prominent visitors have included the Grand Duke Constantine of Russia (July 1847), Louis Napoleon (October-November 1847), Louis Phillippe, former King of the French (September 1849), Duchess of Kent (August 1851) and Viscountess Canning (September 1851 and September 1852).

Being the principal stronghold for the area from the 13th until the 18th century, there are numerous historical records and accounts of encounters including links with the Wars of Independence, Rough Wooings and the Wars of the Three Kingdoms.



A splendid view of Goatfell from the castle roof 20\_b38castle17



Damage can even be seen in the main hall of the castle outside the drawing room 20\_b38castle31



The rocking horse, said to move itself, outside the most haunted room in the castle 20\_b38castle30

# Kelpies creator to speak at Arran Saltire Society event

Andy Scott, the renowned sculptor behind the iconic Kelpies at Falkirk, will be the guest speaker at the second ever meeting of the Arran branch of the Saltire Society in October.

The event is due to take place on Monday, October 12 at 7.30pm at Altachorvie in Lamlash and is open to all interested members of the public.

Educated at the Glasgow School of Art, Andy Scott is known for his large, impressive sculptures and has completed over 70 works to date.

Andy specialises in public art and the award-winning Kelpies are not only the largest works of art in Scotland, but also the largest equine sculptures in the world.

Andy's hand-crafted sculptures utilise traditional dexterity with contemporary fabrication techniques, which combine to create striking landmark artworks. The Kelpies are part of the Helix

Development at Falkirk which won the prestigious 2014 Saltire Civil Engineering Award, hosted by the Saltire Society in association with Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Scotland.

The newly-inaugurated Arran branch held its first ever meeting at Altachorvie on Tuesday, September 1 and was well attended by local residents and members of the public. It featured poet and Glasgow University Professor of Literature, Alan Riach, in conversation with celebrated Scottish painter, Alexander Moffat OBE.

Mr Moffat is an accomplished artist whose critically acclaimed portraits of the poets of the Scottish Renaissance Movement now hang in the National Portrait Gallery. Mr Riach has made considerable contributions to Scotland's literary landscape, imparting his knowledge to a new generation of Scottish poets and producing several books and poetry collections. The two guest



Guest speakers for the first meeting of the new Arran branch of the Saltire Society, Alan Riach, left, and Sandy Moffat, right, with branch convener, Hazel Gardiner

speakers recently co-authored a book entitled Arts of Resistance which explores the impact of artists and writers on

20th century Scotland.

The Saltire society is a non-politically affiliated organisation which exists to foster and nurture Scottish talent and cultural contributors. It seeks to protect and enhance the vibrant heritage of the nation.

The society's annual awards and recently launched Saltire Trust, aid in the growth of Scotland's valuable creative industries.

Saltire Society executive director, Jim Tough, who introduced the two speakers at the first Arran branch event, said: 'Arran has a rich cultural tradition and a unique contribution to make to Scottish culture and society today.'

'So we are delighted to

have been able to establish a new branch of the Saltire Society here, in order not only to share in Arran's own rich culture, but also to bring some of the best of Scotland's cultural talent to the island.

'Our first event was well attended and proved to be a thoroughly enlightening and enjoyable experience for all involved.'

'With another fascinating speaker, I am sure October's event will be equally successful.'

'I would encourage anyone with an interest in Scotland's arts and culture to take the opportunity to come along and find out more about the work that went into creating the Kelpies as well as Andy Scott's many other creations.'

## CalMac flies the flag for independent voices

CalMac's MV Isle of Arran ferry exhibited artwork from North Ayrshire independent advocacy service AIMS, to highlight the importance of people having their voices heard.

The project sprung from a discussion on differing viewpoints on independent advocacy and how it could be expressed through art. The group incorporated aspects of pinhole-photography, collage and printmaking with workshops running on Arran and the mainland.

Run in collaboration with Art In Mind, project co-ordinator, Elena Harris said: 'The underlying aim of this art project was to help raise public awareness of different viewpoints of independent advocacy and its impact on people's lives. Support from an advocate can help people access their rights and entitlements and enable them to speak up for themselves. We wanted to see how the group could illustrate the importance of this through art.'

Since the project involved more than 30 people from Arran and the mainland, Elena said the obvious venue for exhibiting the work was on the ferry.

Artwork made by the group was flown from the vessel's flagpole while on its regular Brodick to Ardrossan crossing.

'It was a pleasure to have the AIMS advocacy group on board,' said CalMac's area manager, Simon Richmond.

All images will be shown at a pop-up exhibition across North Ayrshire from October 18 to 23 as part of Scottish mental Health Arts and Film Festival.

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Pilot Robert Guest who will be flying the Barra route

## Arran man to pilot the famous Barra beach aircraft

The career of a local man, Robert Guest, is about to take-off as he joins the ranks of Loganair's flight crew division through a partnership with Dundee airport-based Tayside Aviation.

For the first time in the history of the partnership, a Tayside Aviation pilot will be trained by Loganair to operate the Twin Otter aircraft that is famous for its iconic beach landing at Barra.

Robert 37, from Arran, will be trained on one of the recently-introduced replacement Twin Otter aircraft, which were bought by the Scottish Government to operate the Public Service Obligation (PSO) services between Campbeltown, Tiree and Barra.

Having worked as a professional jockey and as an assistant racehorse trainer,

Robert moved to Pasadena in Los Angeles where he worked with renowned trainer, Neil Drysdale.

It was in America that he took up flying as a hobby and got bitten by the flying bug after having grown up watching the Twin Otter aircraft flying over his parents' house on its flight path to Campbeltown.

Robert joined the training programme at Tayside Aviation in 2012 before becoming an instructor in July 2014.

And, while he said that he still misses horseracing, he doesn't want to be doing that when he is in his 50s.

Robert added: 'It's amazing to think I'm going to pilot the Twin Otter aircraft soon.'

'I've just been up in one of them on a flight to Tiree and it's a fantastic aircraft.'

# Green-fingered winners at Ormidale growing contest

As the second annual Ormidale vegetable competition slowly establishes itself as a regular highlight of the Ormidale Hotel's social calendar,



The undisputed best in show, the dressed carrot of Adrian Cannon.



A small selection of the many entries.

the not-too-serious competition saw 30 entries from more than 10 contestants at the judging on Sunday, September 6.

The competition has one firm rule and that is: 'rules will be made on the day and strictly adhered to'. As for categories, these too are made up on the day.

The seeds were handed out in April for growing over the summer and this year saw three green-fingered people take the gold-coloured garden fork prizes for the following categories: Most pathetic won by Shirley Anderson, best presented won by Adrian Cannon, most sexiest won by Trevor Halliwell and best in show for his dressed carrot undoubtedly had to go to Adrian Cannon.

The Ormidale Hotel wishes to thank all of those hardy competitors who entered the event.

Patrons are reminded that the chutney competition will take place on Sunday, October 25.



Competition winners, Shirley Anderson, Adrian Cannon and Trevor Halliwell with their gold-coloured garden forks.



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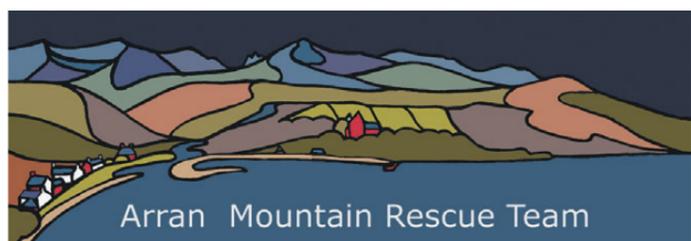
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1) Three Bienns 2) Goat Fell via Coire Lan 3) Glen Sannox to Glen Rosa over the Saddle

All 3 are Guided by Team Members who are ML qualified.

The team base is open during the day, please come along and see how the Team operates. Anyone interested in Mountain Rescue and keen to become part of your MR team here is a good opportunity to sample at first hand.

## THE ARRAN

## BANNER


 TWENTY  
YEARS AGO

Saturday 23 September, 1995

### Wait goes on

The people of Brodick are still awaiting a verdict on the Charters Towers development.

More than 230 people attended a public meeting in the Brodick Hall last Tuesday where planning chief, Rob Loney, told the audience that he had received 23 letters in favour and 57 against. But, he said, after consultation with other departments, road, water supply, sewerage and drainage they were all happy with the development.

Celia Urquhart the developer attended with two architects who listened intently to Evelyn Sillars who opened the case for the objectors. She summarised a document listing the main concerns which were that the development would be unsympathetic to Arran and Brodick and that this over-development would be out of character for the village of Brodick.

Harry Phillips an architect representing CU Developments dismissed most of these concerns and called them 'meaningless' to a loud murmur from the audience who seemed overwhelmingly opposed to the development. Representation was made by various individuals including Ian Leader, whose house would almost be surrounded by the development if it were to go ahead.

Councillor Sam Gooding who chaired the meeting invited anyone in favour of the development to step forward to which no-one stepped forward. It would be unfair to say that Mr Gooding was arguing for the scheme but what he did seem to be saying was that only valid planning points could stop the development and that there were none.



Dr Robin Whitla makes an impassioned plea at the Charters Towers public meeting. At the table are James Gordon, councillors Tom Knox, Sam Gooding, Tom Morris and planning chief, Rob Loney. b38twe01

### Prefect system

Arran High School has adopted the prefect system. Yes they have had prefects in the past but, in reality, in name only. Now it has been decided to take the matter more seriously for the mutual benefit of the prefects and the school. Careful selection, some authority, responsibility and perhaps a few perks too are all now part of the Arran High School's prefect system.

Around one third of all S5 and S6 pupils applied to be a prefect which consists mostly of supervisory duties, running the tuck shop, helping with events and in short, representing the school.

Rector Iain Murray said that it was more about learning and maturing through taking responsibility rather than dishing out punishments willy nilly.

### Beautiful visitor

A rare and beautiful visitor was on Arran last weekend. Malcolm Ritchie of Corriegills Farm spotted a hoopoe in his garden. A little like a cinnamon pink curlew with an Aztec headdress the hoopoe is probably about the most exotic looking bird which ever visits Britain.

Mr Ritchie contacted John Rhead and soon twitchers from around the island were out searching for it. It was suggested that the hoopoe would have been feeding up to return to Spain or North Africa which would see it sifting through cow-pats looking for insects. This insalubrious habit is a little bit out of keeping with its very elegant appearance.



The annual rally of the Scottish section of the Veteran Cycle Club was held in Lagg last weekend. Thirty members took part with their old velocipedes, which have no brakes and require dismounting on hills. The penny farthing pictured at the front was built in 1855 b38twe03



Aquafizz is now four years old. Liz Faulkner has been teaching the class of about 80 women three times a week. Aquafizz is very much like aerobics but it is practised in a swimming pool. It exercises every part of the body which boosts its metabolism and tones the muscles b38twe04

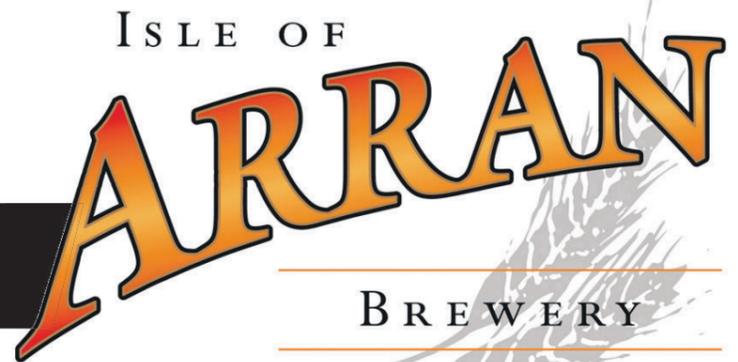


A photograph of the model of the proposed Charters Towers development b38twe02

# What's on

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## Everyday

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

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

## Saturday 19th 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  
Bingo  
Arran Music Society present Swing 2015  
Ann Miller Cup  
Lamlash Splash  
AYF Annual Fundraiser  
Mountain Rescue Open Day  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings - W Lees

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling cCub, 1.45pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Park, Brodick, 3pm  
Lamlash Pier, 11.30am  
Strabane House, Brodick, 11am - 4pm  
Cladach Base, 9am - 4.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm

## Sunday 20th September

Family Games  
Fun in the Pool  
AA Meeting  
Open Session - All Musicians & Singers Welcome  
Alzheimer Scotland Memory Walk  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings - W Lees

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm  
Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 1pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm

## Monday 21st 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  
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Lamlash Aerobix  
RunArran  
Summer Bridge  
Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic  
Tae Kwondo  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings - W Lees

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling club, 7pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm  
Whiting Bay 5.30pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm  
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 5-8pm  
Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm

## Tuesday 22nd September

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary Club  
Healthy Outdoors  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink Game  
RunArran  
Open Cricket Session  
Dog Obedience Class  
Garden Walk  
Metafit

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm  
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Lamlash, 5.30pm  
Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.00pm - 8.00pm  
Brodick Castle, 2 - 3pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash 6pm

## Wednesday 23rd September

Rock & Pop Bingo  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Service  
RunArran  
Yoga-Arran  
Live Music  
Drift Inn Quiz  
Mixed Hockey  
Dog Classes  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Knitting & Crochet Drop In Group  
Roundhouse Open  
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game  
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
Vile Victorians Tour  
Brodick Coffee morning

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 & 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

## Thursday 24th September

Morning Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Ladies Hockey  
RunArran  
RunArran  
Paintings Tour  
Live Music  
Cardiac Rehab  
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Senior Tennis  
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Brodick Embroidery Group

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

## Friday 25th 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  
Coffee Morning  
Live Music with Matt Johnston

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  
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am  
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Details of the current Scheme, including a boundary map, will be available for public inspection from the date of this notice:-

- in Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE
- at North Ayrshire Council's website ([www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk))

Any submissions should be made in writing to the undersigned no later than Friday 13 November 2015

## 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 Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at [www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk) and at The Council Offices, Lamash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to [eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) by 09.10.15. 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

15/00485/PP; Site To North Of Doonhill, Harbour View, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick; Amendment to planning approval N/11/00776/PP to amend house type on plot 2.

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*Regional Member for the West of Scotland* is holding a public surgery on **5th October**, in the **Ormidale Sports Pavilion** from **3.00pm – 3.45pm.**



## BRODICK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

### MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

### THE MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Notice is hereby given that Brodick Improvement Committee, Brookside, Knowe Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8BY plans to hold a pre-application consultation event regarding a proposed licensable marine activity at Brodick Beach, Isle of Arran (OS grid reference NS 01503 36492, NS 01669 36130, NS 01489 36048, NS 01323 36410). The activity consists of the construction of two "fishtail" rock groynes along a 250m section of the south end of the shoreline (adjacent to the tennis courts and the bowling green of Brodick) to reduce the existing erosion that is currently prevailing.

Further information, can be obtained concerning the proposed construction of two "fishtail" rock groynes at Brodick beach from:

Mr Bill Calderwood Mobile no: 07826578774

The pre-application consultation event will be held between 12hrs – 1830hrs on 3/11/2015 at:

Ormidale Pavilion  
Shore Road  
Brodick  
Isle of Arran, North Ayrshire  
KA27 8DL

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed construction of groynes at Brodick Beach can do so by writing to the prospective applicant at:

Email: [billcalderwood@btinternet.com](mailto:billcalderwood@btinternet.com)

Or by post to

Brodick Improvement Committee, Brookside, Knowe Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8BY and not later than 13/11/2015

Comments should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return email or postal address of those making comment. Comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If Brodick Improvement Committee submits an application for a marine licence to Scottish Ministers, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

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CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 20th September**  
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
Mr John Roberts.  
Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday 23rd September**  
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill 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 20th September**  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.  
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.  
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship, including ordination of elders and deacons.  
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church,  
11.30am Prayer Meeting,  
12noon Morning Worship.  
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 20th September**  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
Rev. Lily McKinnon  
All welcome, including families; children's area  
Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 20 September**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge,  
Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday 23rd September**  
5 Glen Road.  
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 20th September**  
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
Rev Benjamin von Rensberg

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)  
**Sunday 20th September**  
Worship will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.  
Everyone most welcome.  
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service.  
There will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and other items.  
Please stay and enjoy more fellowship.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass: Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 20th September**  
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick  
Tea and Coffee after the service.  
Wednesday at 7.30pm  
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.  
Contact phone no 600222  
Everyone warmly invited

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RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakers meet every Sunday at 11am. For meeting venue ring - 830622, 820223

DEATH

**HANNAH** - Marion Grant 1925 - 2015. Andrew Hannah and his family are sorry to announce that Marion has died peacefully in Wishaw Hospital. Having spent many happy years living in Brodick, Marion moved with Andrew to Auchloch on the mainland in 2012. The funeral service will be held in Brodick Church on Friday 18th September at 11.30, and there will be a memorial service in Auchloch on Monday 21st September at 13.30. She will be much missed by all.  
**THOMPSON** - Iain. Peacefully at home on Wednesday, 16th September 2015. Iain, aged 66 years, beloved husband of Nancy, father of Darren, step-father of Gary and Samantha and Grandpa of Bonnie. Memorial service at Port-na-Lochan, Blackwaterfoot on Wednesday, 23rd September at 11:30am to which all are welcome.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday, September 9, The Bannatyne Cup, 25 played with the evening starters struggling to finish in the fading light. It's that time of year already! 1 Peter Towndrow (10)62, 2 Corey Allan (7)64, 3 Jamie Macpherson, (6)65. ACB and lowest gross score, 4 Jamie McKechnie (6)65. There were three magic twos Gus Macleod @11th, Kevin McAleney @5th and Pete Towndrow @17th.  
Sunday, September 13, an excellent day was enjoyed by all who played in the Cooper Angus Par 3 competition, generously sponsored by Jim Meehan. Many thanks go to Jim for the excellent prizes and hospitality in the clubhouse afterwards. There were magic twos by Jamie Stewart(2), Alan Kay, Danny Head, Jamie McKechnie and Gege Kroner. First class winner and overall winner as well as scratch winner was Jamie Stewart with 55, 2nd was Jamie McKechnie with 56 and 3rd Jamie MacPherson on 59 ACB. The winner in 2nd class was John Penneycott with 59, 2nd Sandy Pringle at 62 ACB, 3rd Graeme Crichton also on 62.  
Fixtures: Saturday, September 19, AGA Seniors Handicap at Shiskine, 1pm. Sunday, September, 20, the Captain's Prize this year will be a Stableford (non counting for handicap purposes) from the yellow tees. There will be one draw for partners at 10am and any ladies who wish to play from the yellow tees are

welcome to join that draw, but failing that, ladies can make up their own pairings as they wish and their scores from the red tees will be counted for prize-winning purposes. Any ladies who play are welcome to enter the sweep or run a 'ladies only' sweep and there will be a prize for the best placed lady golfer in the overall competition (in addition to any other prizes won by that lady in the overall competition).  
Wednesday, September 23, Medal.

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies section: Tuesday, September 8, September Medal, CSS 67, eight played.  
1st Div: 1 Gege Kroner 88-20=68, 2 Carole Stewart 90-16=74, 2nd Div: 1 Kay Kitson 94-24=70, 2 Ann Hart 97-22=75.  
Tuesday, September 8, nine hole stableford, five played. 1 Irene Rollo 14pts, 17, 2 Jean Robertson 14pts, 13.  
Fixture: Tuesday, September 22, Outing to Machrie. Please check notice board for times.  
Wednesday, September 9, the last Summer Cup of 2015, 33 played, CSS, 64. 1 Gordon Hendry 66-5=61, 2 Matthew Dobson 71-9=62, BIH, 3 Jim Green 83-21=62.  
Scratch Ewan McKinnon 63.  
Sunday, September 13, the first Brandon of 2015/16, 18 played, CSS, 65. 1 Alistair Hume 72-12=60, 2 Robert McCrae 69-8=61, 3 Ian McDermid 79-16=63.  
Scratch Robert McCrae, 69.  
The last Summer Cup was played on the 9th and again some very good scoring, Matthew back to form after his travels to the colonies. Also great to see one of the afternoon players, Jim, doing well with Gordon sealing his victory in the Summer Cup Trophy. Very well done, also with some excellent scoring, Ewan winning the Scratch Jug, the golden ball was hole 13, there were a number of winners.  
The first Brandon was played on



Arran Grouse winners at Machrie Bay Golf Club David and Raymond Jeffrey (left) and runners-up, Alan Smith and Andy Smith

Sunday and once again Alistair produced another great round, so much so that the software used to calculate scores and handicaps recommended that Alistair should be reduced by a further shot. This advice was taken. Alistair wins the 1st class Brandon and Ian the 2nd class, hard luck Bobby, at least you won the scratch.  
Ladies section: Tuesday, September 22, Thistle Brooch, CSS 69, 10 Played. 1 Brenda Livingstone 83-14=69, 2 Isobel Macdonald 89-18=71.  
Tuesday, September 22, 9 Hole Stableford, 4 Played. 1 Jennifer McArthur, 13 Points, 2 Jean Robertson, 9 Points.  
Fixture: Tuesday, September 22. Outing to Machrie, shotgun start at 10:30 am

Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday, September 8, eight played. 1 Phil Betley 79-14=65, 2 Campbell Laing 90 18=72, 3 David Wilkinson 92-18=74. A magic two at 2nd for Alastair Macdonald.  
Tuesday, September 15, Medal, 6 played. 1 Hamish Bannatyne, 77-6=71, 2 Fiona Scott 101-29=72, 3 Piet Johnston 99-25=74.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday, September 10, ladies 12 Hole Medal Winners Medal, CSS 46, 15 played. Silver: 1 Elizabeth Kelso 56-11=45, 2 Sheila Gray 56-9=47. Bronze: 1 Fiona Scott 63-14=49, 2 Piet Johnston 65-13=52. Scratch: Kema Genda 56, BIH. Congratulations Fiona, winner of the medal winners!  
**Lamlash Golf Club**  
Ladies Section: Wednesday, September 9, Breakthrough Brooch and Fleet Medal, six played. 1 Elizabeth Sinclair 84-17=67, BIH, 2 Sheena Murchie 82-15=67. Scratch, S Murchie, 82.  
Thursday, September 10, Summer Cup. 1 Mark Wren 72-11=61, 2 Stuart Campbell 67-5=62, 3 Neil Young 70-5=65, Best Scratch, Stuart Campbell 67, 2s Mark Wren at 5th, Stuart Campbell at 8th, Robbie McGunnigle [2] at 5th and 16th, John O'Sullivan at 16th.  
Sunday, September 13, Captain's

Prize. 1 Paul Jameson, 39 pts, BIH, 2 Stuart Campbell, 39 pts, 3 Mark Wren, 37pts, BIH over Dougie Macfarlane. 2s Stuart Campbell at 16th, Dougie Macfarlane at 4th, Iain Murchie at 14th.  
Team Game. 1 The Taffies [June Richardson, Paul Jameson, Stuart Campbell, Alan Smith], Total 147pts to Stableford.  
Coming Fixtures  
Sunday, September 20, Scratch Cup, Final Day, 09:30am and 12:30pm.  
Thursday, September 24, Summer Cup, Final day, Yellow Tees, make up own groups.  
Saturday, September 26, Ken Western, Texas Scramble, make up own 4s.  
Sunday, September 27, Medal Shield, Final day and also Final day of Eclectic Cup.

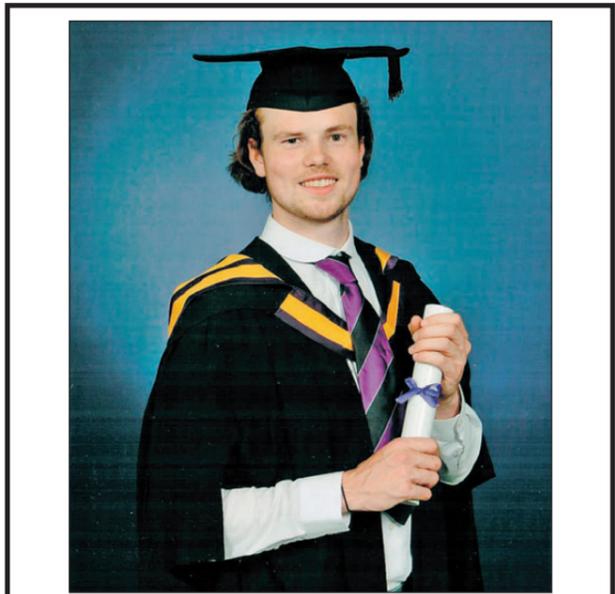
Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday, September 9, Wednesday Medal. 1 G Andrew 70-10=60, BIH, 2 P Moran 80-20=60, BIH, 3 R I McMillan 74-14=60, BIH, Scratch, A Napier 67. Twos by A Napier and D Logan at the 5th, needless to say five didn't come out the hat so all to play for on the final night when a winner is guaranteed!  
Fixtures: Saturday, September 19, AGA Seniors at Shiskine at 1pm. For the youngsters a sweep at Corrie 8.30am and 1pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Saturday, September 12, The Arran Grouse, two ball foursomes, played at Machrie Bay Golf Club. There were 10 teams of two, representing six island clubs. The course was in excellent condition, but the two teams who elected to play in the morning had the rain and, unfortunately, both were non-returns. The afternoon games were played in the dry.  
The winners, with an excellent score of 75-11.5=63.5 were brothers, David and Raymond Jeffrey, representing Lochranza Castle. Runners-up were Alan Smith and Andy Smith with a score of 81-14.5=66.5, representing Lamlash. David and Raymond also managed three magic twos, the only ones on the day.  
Well done indeed.

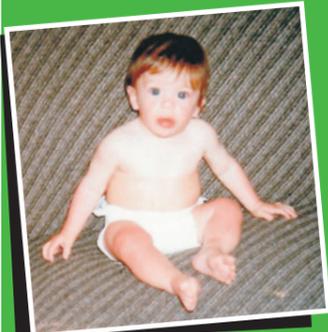
GRADUATION



Michael Jenks recently graduated from the University of Manchester with a M.Eng (Chemical Engineering) Congratulations from the family.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy 21st Birthday love from all the family x



Happy 30th Birthday, love from all the family xx

# Arran hit Rottenrow for six and get off to winning start

## Arran Ladies 6 Rottenrow BlueSox 1

The Arran Ladies hockey team started off their season with a convincing 6-1 win against the Rottenrow Blue-Sox at the Ormidale astrotrurf last Saturday.

Spirits were high as the game started off and Arran scored within the first 25 minutes and then again just before the BlueSox retaliated with their only goal of the game making the score 2 - 1 at half-time.

Jenny Duncan and Élysé Aitken, who were playing their first league game, both played extremely well, especially considering that many of the players from the opposing team were actually from the BlueSox first team and were exceptionally nimble with their hockey sticks.



**Dame of the game Judith Ross who scored a hat-trick**

Judith Ross scored a hat-trick and was voted man of the match and also dame of the game.

Final score was 6-1 with other goals from Anne Watts and Lorraine Hewie. Special

thanks to Calum McNicol for umpiring and of course 'firm but fair' Phil Adams. Also thanks to the Douglas Hotel who supplied the much appreciated teas.

This weekend, the team have a double header with top of the league team, Uddingston, today (Saturday) with pass back at 12noon and the first round of the cup away tomorrow (Sunday) at Hillhead. Hillhead are two divisions above the Arran team, but team captain, Victoria McNicol, is characteristically upbeat. She said: 'We will play our best and use this game as experience and hopefully learn a few tricks from them too.'

The team are currently training with Laura Aitchison of RunArran every Tuesday night.



The 2015/16 Arran Ladies hockey squad 20\_b38hockey01



Catriona Galbraith stops the Rottenrow player from approaching the goal 20\_b38hockey02



Lorraine Hewie keeping the opposition on their toes 20\_b38hockey04



A challenge from Arran's Élysé Aitken 20\_b38hockey03



## Rowing skiff to be launched

A community rowing skiff is to be launched in Lamlash later today (Saturday).

It was almost a year ago that The Banner published an article about a group of people attempting to form a club with a view to building two community rowing skiffs.

Around 40 people showed an interest and formed the Arran Coastal Rowing Club and managed to acquire grants for two boat kits, safety equipment and a trailer.

Arran High School offered first class premises for the build and, in Rory Cowan, they found someone who had already successfully built a similar design.

After literally hundreds of hours of work, the team led

by Rory and Steve Garroway and helped by high school pupils and club members, the first St Ayles Skiff is now complete. These beautiful wooden boats, crewed by four rowers and a cox, are now cruised and raced all over Scotland.

Club founder, Dr Angus

Campbell, said: 'Please come along and see what it is all about, support a local project and perhaps have a go - very few of the members have rowing experience so they are not expecting style!'

The launch will be at 1pm immediately after the Lamlash Splash has finished.



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# Lamlash lift cup to put an end to 10 year trophy wait

**Lamlash 2 Brodick 0**  
Saturday saw the Arran FA cup final take place between league champions, Brodick and Lamlash, who were looking to end a 10 year trophy drought.

The game was played at Ormidale Park in slippery conditions after a morning downpour of rain. Lamlash were almost at full strength while Brodick were missing their top goal scorer, Archie McNicol, and player of the year, Tony McDowall.

The game kicked off and early on it looked like Lamlash were the better team dominating the midfield and having the majority of possession. Euan 'Smithy' Smith had to go off early on after struggling with a recurring knee injury. Young Alistair McMillan replaced him and straight away pounced on a slip from Martin Ross at the back, but McMillan sprayed his shot wide despite being one-on-one with Lamlash keeper, David Heenan.

Lamlash opened the scoring

after half an hour when some brilliant link-up play resulted in the ball falling to jinky winger, Johnny Sloss.

He then went on a mazy run cutting through the Brodick defence before placing the ball into the bottom corner of Greig Adamson's net. Johnny was in the thick of the action again when he was wiped out by a reckless challenge from Gordon 'Nog' Hendry. Referee Danny Head gave Nog a yellow card, but it should have probably been a straight red for the defender.

The second half was similar to the first half with Lamlash playing the better football and Brodick getting more and more frustrated and giving away silly fouls.

Matthew Dobson picked up a yellow card for a late challenge on Barry Smith in the middle of the park. Not long after, it was 2-0 when Sam Tattersfield came up from the back for a corner and struck the ball into the back of the net to give the Lamlash boys

one hand on the cup. Some of the Brodick boys started to lose their discipline and Nog repeated his earlier crunching foul which resulted in his dismissal to leave the league champions with 10 men and a mountain to climb. Babbies MacNeil and Adam McNicol were also given yellow cards and Dobby was lucky to stay on the pitch after another bad challenge.

Greig Adamson should have also been sent off for running out of goals and wiping out Johnny in a re-enactment of German goalkeeper, Harald Schumacher, in the 1982 World Cup.

Lamlash kept their cool and held on to win their first cup in a decade, ending the Brodick and Southend domination of the cups since Shiskine won the treble in 2006. Danny gave the man of the match to Johnny Sloss for an impressive performance in which the Brodick team couldn't deal with his fast feet.

\*See next week's Banner for player of the year results.



**Above: A tense moment in the penalty box after a corner kick** b20\_b38footy02



**Right: Brodick's Babbies MacNeil prevents Barry Smith from getting the ball** b20\_b38footy03



**Danny Head hands Lamlash captain, Sam Tattersfield, the Arran FA Cup** b20\_b38footy01

## Rearranged Ann Miller Cup

League champions, Brodick, will play an Arran Select team for the Ann Miller Cup today (Saturday) at Ormidale Park at 3pm, after being rearranged from earlier this month.

Players and supporters from all teams are urged to go along to ensure a big turnout for the last game of the season which is always entertaining.

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