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Travelling public have a new ferry champion

‘What is needed are salient facts that can be accurately recorded’

REPORT
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Ferry users have a new champion to take up their fight for improved services. Community activist Neil Arthur has been appointed on to the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee to represent the general travelling public. And he has vowed to make their voices heard, despite continuing concern over the

accountability of the ferry committee. The appointment comes in the week the MV Isle of Arran stopped the summer service with islanders keeping their fingers crossed the winter disruption will not be severe as last year. At the ferry committee annual meeting in June, the only meeting open to the public, one of the strong opinions expressed was that while various trade groups were repre-

sented on the committee independent travellers were not sufficiently well consulted or represented. Chairman Robert Waine has since resigned after three years and stood down from his position as the independent travellers representative. Iain Thomson is the new chairman. Following an advert and selection process the ferry committee have co-opted Mr Arthur of Kilpatrick to the task

of acting as the ‘go to person’ for independent travellers who may have a comment, complaint or a compliment about the Arran ferry service. He will be in post until the AGM next June, when he can stand for re-election. Alan Stout was also co-opted on at that last meeting to represent health and social care. Mr Arthur, a community councillor, who has taken a keen interest in ferry matters for many years, said that

he was happy to take on this role and to see how it would be used and developed. But he stressed that those wishing to contact him should be prepared to share details, days, dates and times etc. in order for the process to work and to allow incidents to be brought to the attention of those responsible where appropriate. The records provided will allow a database to be established and in time the database will be a useful tool to

detect any trends. He said: ‘My summary of the priority issues that effect any traveller is what I refer to as ‘The 3 Rs’ namely: reliability of vessels, service and ports; representation - how the voice of the traveller is represented at the Arran Ferry Committee, the Clyde Ferry Users Group and on up to Transport Scotland; responsibility - in the deliberately complicated structure that we

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Change of opening hours considered for Brodick library

A library shake up will see opening hours likely to change at Brodick Library.

However, bosses have pledged it will still be open the same amount of hours and, despite a £357,000 budget cut, none of the libraries in North Ayrshire will close.

But before going ahead with the move, a consultation process is to take place from Monday, October 5 until December 15.

A range of consultation methods, including online surveys and local focus groups will be used with the

council cabinet set to discuss the results in February next year. It's hoped that changes to the opening hours will build on the efficiency

measures that have been introduced over the last five years including the development of new services, sharing premises and improving processes and procedures, while enabling all libraries to remain open. One option

being considered to help with staff rotas would see Brodick Library opening until 7.30pm on a Tuesday, but closing at 5pm on a Friday. The other would see it closing half a

hour earlier on a Thursday and at 5pm on a Friday, but would instead be open an additional three hours from 2pm to 5pm on a Saturday.

But head of service, Audrey Sutton, told The Banner this week: 'These are only options. If anyone has a better idea of how we can run the service within budget we are open to any suggestions.'

Research has taken place to examine how modern library services are used, including the uptake of digital resources and e-books and this will be used to assist in discussions with library users dur-

ing the consultation period.

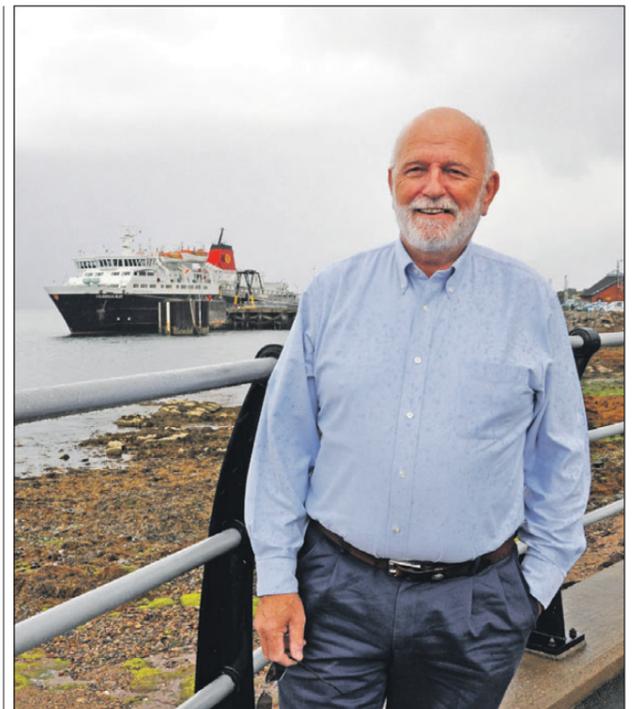
It is hoped that a small reduction in the opening hours will deliver efficiencies and ensure that the impact on service users and staff will be minimal.

Councillor Alan Hill, cabinet member for community and culture, said: 'As everyone is aware, these have been challenging times for local authorities across Scotland.'

'We recognised the importance of libraries and the fact none are being shut is testament to that. We have had to be innovative and creative, exploring every option available to us, to ensure that we provide the best possible services possible.'

'We have looked at each of the libraries and established when they are at their busiest and alternatively when they are most quiet. With that information, and the views of our the public, we can provide viable solutions that best meet the needs of the people who use the libraries.'

'Any proposed changes to the opening hours will be necessary, but small, and I'm sure the libraries will continue to prosper and be invaluable for our communities.'



Neil Arthur is the travelling public's new voice on the ferry committee 20_b40ferry01

Travelling public have a new ferry champion

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complicated structure that we have to work with, (CalMac, CMAL, Transport Scotland) who is responsible for the service we tolerate and how can they be brought to account to ensure a better more reliable service to meet the current increase in capacity.

'Realistically, there is a severe danger of becoming swamped with minutia or apocryphal tales when, what is needed, are salient facts that can be accurately recorded, investigated and analysed for trends and frequency of

occurrence. So I will invite those independent travellers wishing to use the facility to do one of three things: make brief constructive comment or suggestion; supply details in order to make a complaint that can be recorded and pursued if necessary; make complimentary remarks about the service or staff - with details,' he added.

The preferred method of contact for Mr Arthur would be by e-mail to itferryrep@broombrae.co.uk or, if necessary, the phone number, 07522 860435.

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The Arran Medical Group is always looking at ways of getting patient feedback to monitor and improve on the service they provide.

Now the practice is piloting a new feedback platform called Patient Opinion where patients can share their experiences with others and leave a review of the service they have received.

The website has been working with health services in Scotland since 2011 and states that almost 80 per cent of stories shared have been responded to and that seven per cent of concerns raised has led to changes or improvements.

Two years ago, the Scottish government announced their support for the site, citing it as an independent, open and transparent way for patients and the public to share their experiences of health services across Scotland.

Patients can access the website at: www.patientopinion.org.uk to rate their experiences and to see what others have written and, of course, to see the response from the organisations themselves which have led to positive change.

New homes planned

A planning application has been made to build 10 new houses and an access road in Whiting Bay.

The site to the south of Norwood Lodge in Middle Road was previously granted planning permission, but this has expired.

The application has been made to North Ayrshire Council planning department by Michael O'Loughlin of Bute based Excel (Clyde) Ltd. The 8,800 square metre site is currently vacant land.

It will be considered in the coming weeks.

All welcome to worship at The Clachan church

The now annual open air worship at The Clachan attracted a congregation from around the island last Sunday.

The celebration of Arran's heritage has taken place every year since the restoration work was completed in 2012.

Welcomed

The service was attended by all Christian denominations and non-Christians, residents

and visitors, who were welcomed to the historic church by the Rev Angus Adamson.

The new Free Church minister on Arran, the Rev Benjamin van Rensburg was also a guest, and gave the English version of a Gaelic reading by Murdina Currie.

The service was led by Liz Clarke and there was a prayer delivered by Bill McLaughlin during the short service.



The historic setting for the service 20_b40service04



The congregation sing the first hymn 20_b40service02



The Rev Angus Adamson welcomes the congregation to the open air service

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A photo of the blood moon as captured by James Cassels in Kilpatrick

Blood moon spectacle visible from Arran

Stargazers on Arran were some of those lucky enough to witness the rare supermoon eclipse in the early hours of Monday morning when the moon took on a red hue and appeared larger than normal as the earth's shadow passed over it.

Also known as a blood moon, this rare event was last seen in 1982 and, with the next one only due in 2033, it was witnessed by people all over the world in North America, Africa and western Europe. Closer to home, some residents in Brodick reported an obscured view due to cloud cover, while others on the west coast en-

joyed the spectacle in all its glory. A supermoon without the eclipse is a slightly more common occurrence and happens when the moon is at its closest to earth along its varying monthly orbit making it appear up to three times larger than usual.

If you missed the supermoon eclipse, 2015 still holds some astronomical events that are worth waiting up for; next month sees the Orionid meteor showers and in November and December we should be treated to the Leonid and Geminid meteor showers respectively where up to 100 meteors per hour are expected to be seen.

Seeds are sown for re-establishment of young farmers club

A bid is being made to restart a young farmers club on Arran.

Last month, a group of keen 14 to 30 year olds met at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick to discuss the setting up of the Arran Young Farmers Club.

Scottish Association of Young Farmer Clubs (SAYFC) development manager, Jenny Baillie, chaired the evening and provided information on the association's opportunities including competitions, training, travel and networking. There were many pertinent questions posed and John Murchie, who attended on behalf of the Arran Branch National Farmers Union Scotland, was on hand to advise and support the group in their aim to officially re-establish a young farmers club on the island.

The group plan to hold a New Members Evening in the very near future and discussed the possibilities of hosting a race night to fund raise for future activities.

Anyone interested in joining the Arran YFC or who



The young farmers who attended the meeting in Brodick

would like more information programme please call the 2445 or contact Jenny Baillie on the new club development National Office on 0131 333 at jenny@sayfc.org

String quartet to serve up a treat

A treat awaits music fans when four of Scotland's leading young professional string players perform in Brodick Hall on Saturday, October 17.

The Sinopia Quartet comprises four of Scotland's leading young professional string players, who are graduates of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Cambridge University and the Guildhall School of Music. They have gained several prizes, and have performed in various countries including Germany, Italy, France, Norway and Mauritius.

Here in Scotland, they have appeared at festivals including the St Magnus Festival, Mendelssohn on Mull, and

the Edinburgh International Festival.

The line-up for their visit to Arran is: Gabi Maas, violin, a former member of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and the European Union Youth Orchestra; Daniel Paterson, violin, recently Daniel has enjoyed playing live to 40 million listeners on BBC World radio. He also freelances with Scottish Ballet; Daniel Meszoly, viola, he has also played with the Scottish Ensemble, BBC, SSO, RSNO and Scottish Opera; and Laura Sergeant on cello, who currently works with groups such as Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet, The Halle, Live Music Now and

Northern Ballet. The quartet's programme in Brodick will include works by Haydn and Schubert, as well as the English composer, Frank Bridge. Praise for Sinopia from previous audiences includes: 'freshness and spontaneity' and 'pretty damn fine' (Strathearn); 'the quality of the performance was excellent and the audience really enjoyed the programme' (Dumfries).

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Youth fete raises £623

The Arran Youth Foundations fundraiser held last month at Strabane raised £623 for the charity, which will go towards the regular activities that are held for youngsters on the island.

Youth work project manager, Graeme Johnston, would like to thank everyone who attended and supported them and especially Lady Jean Fforde for allowing them to use the beautiful gardens at Strabane House.

Monument to mark the walk is well under way

Work is progressing well on the monument which will mark the start and finish of the Arran Coastal Way.

The former flowerbed at Brodick pier is being transformed by stonemasons into the new landmark, which has been designed by award-winning metal worker, Simon Horne of Pirnmill.

The work involves lowering the height of the back wall of the flowerbed, paving the inside of the structure, and adding a copper topography map of Arran, inset in oak, on top of a plinth of stones from around the island.

There will also be Sannox larchwood benches on the inside and outside of the structure to enhance the area for everyone's enjoyment. Also there will be tactile rubbing disks of Arran wildlife and two half whisky barrel flower beds at the entrance to the

monument which should be complete by the end of the month.

It will mean an new and useful purpose for the area which was originally intended as a flowerbed to mark the centenary of the First World War, but which was seen by many to be an eyesore given its size.

Earlier this year, The Arran Access Trust approached North Ayrshire Council about using the flowerbed to mark the beginning and end of the 65 mile circular footpath in a bid to put the coastal way on the map with Scotland's other long distance trails.

Having an official start and finish to the trail will also help improve the Trust's ambition of gaining 'Scotland Great Trail' accreditation.

Indeed, this is the remaining piece of criteria the trust needs to gain the hallmark



Work is progressing well on the Arran Coastal Way monument 02_b40monument01



How the flowerbed used to look 20_b40monument02

and have the coastal way recognised as a national people-powered journey.

The trust embarked on a

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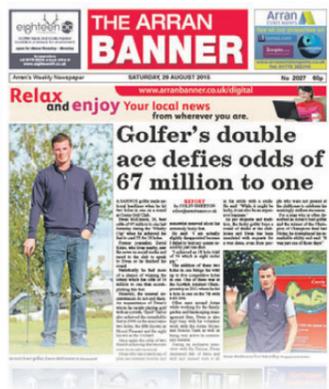
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TV pundit Kirsty's visit helps inspire students on the island

Last Week, the senior pupils of Arran High School were treated to a visit from the journalist, television presenter and author, Kirsty Wark. Her debut novel 'The Legacy of Elizabeth Pringle' is set on Arran during the Second World War and has been well received in the literary world. Gabrielle Allison of S6 gave us this account of Kirsty's visit.

Kirsty began by sharing with us her extensive knowledge of the island, something that I was personally very impressed by. Having lived on the island

for over 10 years, I was under the impression that I had heard every Arran story imaginable, although it soon became clear that I was to be put to shame by a woman

who had a very clear and admirable interest in the history of the island and was very keen to share it with us.

We also learned that she had relatives from Arran, which was useful in the writing of her book because she had an insight into island life. Unsurprisingly, she is a fan of the island and takes visits here when her schedule allows it.

Once we had been suitably blown away by her historical awareness of our island, she went on to discuss her book with us. Despite it being a work of fiction, Kirsty hoped that her book would be fairly accurate in the information it contained.

Many of the places mentioned in the book are areas of Arran that are familiar to us all and are described in a way that highlights the beauty that the island is known for. To add authenticity to the novel, letters owned by her great-uncle were used as inspiration for letters contained within the novel.

When asked why she thought that Arran would be a suitable setting for the book, rather than another rural area



The senior pupils with Kirsty following her talk

around the same time, she replied that Arran is a character in itself and that she and many others believe it to be 'magical'.

When the floor was open for questions, many people took the opportunity to quiz her on a variety of topics. She spoke about how young people have become very engaged in politics and how she is impressed by this.

She gave helpful tips to aspiring journalists in the au-

dience. She spoke about the path she took to get to where she is today. After some time plucking up the courage, I asked a question about my favourite author, Iain Banks. Kirsty Wark conducted his first ever interview for his novel 'The Wasp Factory' and he contacted her for his last ever interview before his death in 2013.

She told us about how it was a very emotional interview because she knew that he was terminally ill, sadly, nobody knew that his death was to be quite so soon after.

Overall, even though we only had a short time with her, I found her to be an inspirational and very knowledgeable person who manages to stay connected to her roots despite her success.

She still provides a fresh perspective on a huge array of topics even after having been in the public eye for nearly three decades.

Her book is currently being enjoyed by many pupils and staff at Arran High School, myself included, after its author made a lasting impression on us all.



Kirsty signs a copy of her book

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Corrie joins the world's biggest cancer support coffee morning

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Helping on the baking stall are, left to right, Jay Atkinson, Gina Boni and Lewis Swandells with customer Hannah-Louise Fraser 20_b40coffee01

Held every year by the Macmillan Cancer Support charity, this is the first time the parent council has organised a support event which was held in the Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

Raffle

An excellent £370.61 was raised on the day thanks to the large numbers of family and friends who came along and from the raffle backed by many local businesses.

One of the organisers, T J Lambie, said all the money raised on the day would go to the Macmillan charity, but that the parent council were keen to see if it was a viable



Children of the Corrie nursery class enjoy their juice 20_b40coffee02

way to raise funds for the school.

The event was supported by Corrie Primary School with the senior children helping out at the baking stall and the younger children and nursery

class enjoyed juice, cake and scones.

'We would like to say a huge thanks to all those who donated prizes, baked or came along on the day. It raised a lot more than we expected,' T J added.



Organiser, T J Lambie, with her children, baby Allaighi and Logan and other Corrie pupils behind the groaning raffle prize table 20_b40coffee04

Arran pink lassies and laddies raise cancer cash

The Arran pink lassies held their annual charity 5k Race for Life event at Dunn Fionn recently.

This year saw a large turnout of all ages and, for the first time, a good few male faces could be seen at the forestry track doing the fun run/jog/walk.

Thanks to the Arran pink lassies and laddie's, nearly £1,000 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

The event, which is one of nearly 300 events held throughout the UK, raises money for research into all 200 types of cancer that affect people in this country.



Participants at the Race for Life event

Plea to help find camera

A woman who has lost a treasured retirement gift is hoping someone has found it.

Christine Harper was on holiday on Arran when she lost her new pocket-size Sony digital camera and black case at Lochranza golf course or camp site on Wednesday, September 16.

She said: 'It was a retirement present and also had all the pictures taken while on holiday, so it would be wonderful if it was found.'

If anyone can help they can call Christine on 07443 530335

Drama club

Members of the Lamash Junior Drama Club are looking for new members to join them on Tuesday nights in the Community Theatre at Arran High School from 6.30pm to 9pm. The cost is £2 per night and juice and biscuits are provided. Anyone looking for further information can contact Mary on 600229.

Lost bag

A beige/brown patterned make-up bag was lost near Brodick ferry terminal on Friday, September 18. If anyone has found this can they please call 860600.

Glasgow's hidden treasures

The speaker at next month's Arran Antiquarians meeting on Monday, October 19, will be David Walker who will give his third instalment of the series 'Glasgow's hidden treasures'.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Libraries are a lifeline

Praise where praise is due. It is heartening this week to learn of North Ayrshire's pledge to keep all of its libraries open. The Arran library in Brodick is a lifeline to many and the mobile service is extremely important to other parts of the island.

But, we accept times have changed and that libraries have to change as well if they are to have a long-term future.

There was a time when a library ticket was your access to all knowledge. In the days before the internet, it was where you went for research and reading pleasure.

Many remember when they first introduced music, computer games and films to hire in libraries which was a revolution in its day.

These days with the internet, e-books, music streaming and all the rest, younger people may ask: Is there still a need for a library service?

The answer has to be a resounding yes.

For many, technology can never take the place of a good book, but libraries these days provide a whole host of other services such as a wide-range of digital resources, including the internet, which not everyone has at home. This is especially true in a community like Arran with an older population, others in short-term rented accommodation and regular visitors.

And, of course, there is the social side. A trip to the library for an older person can be an outing in itself and is a lot more personal than hitting a button to buy a 99p book.

On Arran, we are fortunate to have a team of helpful and resourceful staff keen to assist with any need or request they can help with.

But we appreciate savings have to be made, given the £357,000 budget cut, but library bosses have offered to listen to the public before they proceed with any action.

In Brodick, any changes will be minimal with the likely outcome only a slight change in opening hours.

However, if you value the service, it is worth getting involved in the consultation process, as it is the only way the council will know you care.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Always be joyful. Pray continually, and give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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Letters to the Editor



Defence of cats

Sir,
Regarding last week's anti-cat tirade in The Banner by Arran's bird expert, Jim Cassels, I would like to put forward another way of looking at his statistics.

In his first example, 986 cats brought in 14,370 prey items of which 24 per cent were birds. What, I wonder, comprised the large majority of 76 per cent? I suggest that 10,921 would have been primarily rats, mice and other vermin, the control of which was the initial reason for the domestication of cats as protectors of harvested grain crops, probably in ancient Egypt.

The second example which projected the deaths of some 27 million birds throughout the UK would, by the roughly the same ratios, also have dealt with some 855 million vermin!

I wonder which the general public would really con-

sider to be the more important. It is worth pointing out that, back in Medieval times when cats were seriously persecuted as demons or familiars of witches at the behest of the Catholic Church, Europeans paid a gruesome price when the Black Death arrived via the fleas on the backs of rats. Estimates run from 25 to 30 per cent of the entire population died horribly. Had there been a healthy population of cats to keep rats away from human dwellings, presumably that dreadful toll would have been considerably reduced.

And now Mr. Cassels talks of 'determining appropriate action', a phrase which sounds to me rather like 'finding a final solution'. I wonder where I've heard that before?

Yours,
Alan McBain
Lamlash

Heartfelt thanks

Sir,
I would like to write to show

my appreciation to everyone who looked after me when I became ill and suffered a heart attack while I was on holiday on Arran in late spring of this year.

The ambulance paramedics, doctors and nurses at the Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash were all very attentive and caring.

I also want to convey my thanks to the helicopter crew, who made sure I was safe and comfortable on my flight over to the mainland.

The medical staff at Cross-house Hospital are also due a special mention, and are a credit to their profession.

I look forward to returning to Arran soon to continue my recuperation.

Yours,
Lana Robb
Glasgow

Post Office closed

Sir,
This week, Lamlash Post Office closed and hopefully the Post Office will find some

way of providing a service for this community. Many have depended on it for regular services, be it pensions, payments, or parcel posting.

Sadly, small business closures continue to be a feature of Arran, as we see facilities and services closing; this makes village living more difficult for those without their own transport or ready access and skills in using the internet.

It also erodes that dimension of social interaction and personal communication so important to our local communities.

To Andy and Irene, our thanks for your service to our local way of life. As an island, we need to be actively looking at essential services and how they can be safeguarded, particularly for the permanent, year-round residents of Arran.

Is there a strategy?
Yours,
Sally Campbell
Lamlash

Even the jellyfish avoided the orange-headed shoal

Swimmer, Zabdi Keen, was the recipient of the Ali Bodie memorial plate at the Lamlash Splash and here gives us her personal account of the event.

I rode over on the Holy Isle ferry apprehensively eyeing up the route back, the water looked perfect and calm. Ferry captain, Jim, handed me the strong mints and told me what bets he was making on how long it would take me to return.

Rinsed

Lots of small boats carrying the 40-odd people arrived at the Holy Isle jetty where we all stood. I rinsed my goggles nervously next to a jellyfish before Mike Mellor said: 'Everyone in the water' and we dropped in either side, it seemed a bit rude to Holy Isle to come this close and not even set foot on the island, I will need to come back soon. My stomach fluttered with excitement.

Mike told us that faster swimmers should head off first, follow the yacht, and it will lead you to Lamlash

and with this, we all started swimming. I think the other creatures in the sea would be scared at the sight of this shoal of orange-headed neoprene-skinned humans that made the water froth and bubble.

After a while of swimming following the mast of the yacht, I looked back. Holy Isle looked just as near, and I did that three times before it seemed to change in size and I felt that I was getting somewhere. There was a lot of plankton in the water and it felt like I was swimming in primordial soup. The jellyfish lurked around, but they seemed to be deeper and didn't get in my way, I think they were avoiding us!

The thing I found when swimming with others was that when I tried really hard, I went slower, I might have a bad kicking technique. To go

faster, I needed to do less, just lay on the water, stop kicking, point my toes, relax my shoulders and give powerful pulls through the water and glide in between. It's all about getting the breathing right. It worked, I pulled away again and started to creep up on a pair of feet ahead of me. Three of us started to converge again after being well spread out which meant that I was swimming in frothy water. I decided I would rather be in front so I zig-zagged behind, then choose a side and slowly pulled ahead.

Very happy

I made it to the pier in 58 minutes and came 26th. I was very happy as I had no idea how long I would take, but I thought it would be more than an hour. As I came out of the water my son, Kieran, greeted me with the words: 'Can we go for a swim now mum?' my answer was: 'Yes, you can!'

When the presentation came I thought the trophy would

be handed to the winner, but I was shocked and delighted when it was given to me. I received the Ali Bodie memorial prize which is awarded to the swimmer who has shown the most courage and determination. A rare honour indeed.

Initially when I had started training in the sea, I had worn a thick old wetsuit and thought I wouldn't be able to do the splash. The Arran swimmers, Ann, Heather and Mike, had persuaded me to get a thin neoprene wetsuit designed for swimming which made all the difference. Open sea swimming has been much more fun and more challenging than swimming in a pool.

It just shows what training can do. So, if you have driven past the Lamlash Splash and have seen the swimmers coming out the water and thought, I can never do that - well you can if you want to. The only thing stopping you is you. Get swimming!

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Brodick primary pupils look shipshape in their new strips

When Brodick Primary School put out an appeal for sponsorship for a multi-use sports kit, local business, Auchrannie Resort, came to their aid.

Previously when the school competed in athletics or football with other primary schools on the island, they had worn 'what they had', but now with this sponsorship the children will be able to represent their school in these multi-use strips.

Headteacher, Susan Kelly, said: 'I would like to thank the Auchrannie owner, Linda Johnston, and general manager, Richard Small, for this very kind and generous sponsorship. The equipment will be put to good use by the children and we very much appreciate the local support.'

Linda said: 'Auchrannie is delighted to support the local youngsters by providing their football strips. The children all seem really delighted

which is great and we look forward to seeing them play in their new kit soon.'

When the Banner visited last week, the children had had a visit earlier in the morning from Brodick's prolific football goal scorer, Archie McNicol. So the youngsters were very keen to show off their new kit and to support Archie in his nomination for the North Ayrshire Achieves Customer Excellence Award 2015.



Brodick primary pupils with Auchrannie owner, Linda Johnston, and general manager, Richard Small, show their support for Archie 02_b39bp01

Talking timber with castle friends

A small group of Friends of Brodick Castle enjoyed a very interesting talk by Douglas Johnston on 'Wood, nature's genius'.

He gave a very enlightening picture of just how dependent we all are on wood and its products and how many trees there are in the world - about 420 for each human being. It is the only building material which is renewable, and it satisfies all five human senses: we touch wood for luck, we enjoy the sound of the wind in the trees, the smell of the resin and the taste of various leaves and we love to see them.

In the First World War, ac-

cess to the European forests was cut off and so the Forestry Commission was formed in 1918 to replace the timber used in mining, construction, paper manufacture and the other multitude of industries reliant on wood.

Anecdotes

During Douglas's career as an international timber trader, he has visited just about everywhere that timber is produced and has a wealth of anecdotes relating to his travels.

Brazil was mentioned as a place prone to spring surprises, be they of a medical nature or the frontier-like lifestyle of the people he met and

traded with. He spoke about working with Glasgow dockers in his early days to luxury camping in Nepal and, at the end, there were so many questions that the tea ladies thought they were redundant.

Douglas had brought some pieces of different types of timber and its products and these were examined and admired by his very appreciative audience.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 21, at 7.30p.m. when Tim Keyworth, the castle's head gardener will give a talk on 'A year in the gardens'. All are welcome whether members or not.

New creative writing award

Robin Whyte who died earlier this year, was not only a much-respected Irvine lawyer, but was also a talented creative writer whose skills enabled him to craft numerous short literary pieces including some fine poetry.

To mark his lifelong interest in creative writing, and by way of encouraging others to follow that same path, a number of his friends have launched a creative writing award in his name.

Entries are now being invit-

ed from writers aged 16 years of age and over with the only caveat being that the entrant must come from, or be resident within, Ayrshire and Arran.

Theme

Named simply, The Robin Whyte Creative Writing Award, the theme for the initial award is 'In the Shadow of Edgar Allan Poe', a particularly appropriate theme as this year marks the bi-centenary of young Poe's extended visit to relatives in Irvine

from his permanent home in the USA. During that time he attended the primary school adjacent to Irvine's Old Parish Church and Kirkyard.

Entries, which can be from amateur or professional writers, should be submitted, either electronically or typed on paper, to George Watson, 65 Bentinck Drive, Troon, KA10 6HZ (geowat110@gmail.com) and should be of no longer than 2,000 words.

The closing date for entries is October 31, 2015

Corrie shoppers start patient fund



A regular group of customers who come to the Brodick Co-op from Corrie on a Monday for their shopping and cups of tea and coffee, have been collecting savings stamps and have completed a £50 book which was presented to nurses, Ailsa Weir and Louise Douglas by John Barbour as shown, left.

This is going to be used to start a patient fund in order to buy items such as combs and shampoo which are often forgotten by patients when they enter hospital.

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The youngsters following the presentation ceremony with the course leaders. 20_b40course06



Some of the group try their hand at kayaking



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Another team of intrepid hillwalkers.



The Green Team high in the hills.

Arran Medical Group Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme

The seasonal Flu Campaign will be starting in October. The campaign includes the following groups

- Children 6 months to under 2 year in an at risk group
- Children pre-school – 2 years to 5 years
- Primary School children – P1 – P7
- Secondary school children up to 18 years in an at risk group
- Aged 18 years to under 65 years in an at risk group, this is for people with a serious medical condition such as lung and heart problems, diabetes, kidney disease or who have a lowered immune system.
- All pregnant women
- All people aged over 65

Primary school children will be vaccinated at school. The practice will be contacting patients in at risk groups and parents of eligible children to make an appointment in October and November. If you are unsure if you are in an eligible group please do not hesitate to contact the surgery. All our Flu clinics will be by appointment only.

To make a flu vaccination appointment at any surgery please phone on 01770 600516.

Island youngsters 'better friends' after completing leadership challenge



Third year pupils at Arran High School have become the first youngsters on the island to complete an intense leadership course.

A total of 27 pupils have recently taken part in the week-long residential course at the Arran Outdoor Education Centre in Lamlash.

Led by Darryl Urquhart-Dixon, the course aimed at the youngsters being able to identify leadership skills in themselves and in others.

Tasks and opportunities were set to take them out of their comfort zone and

Third-year Arran High pupils enjoy week-long stay at outdoor centre

challenge them physically, mentally and environmentally in solving problems, both individually and in teams.

In the evenings, they all got together to reflect and discuss the day's events improving their communication skills.

As well indoor work, the pupils spent a good deal of time outdoors hillwalking, abseiling, kayaking and bridging a gorge to improve their core skills. Darryl said

the week had been: 'Very successful and very beneficial for the pupils who may have put in 100 per cent but they took out 500 per cent.'

'They were all better friends at the end of the week than they were at the beginning and they have found out things about themselves they were not going to find in the classroom.'

'The course is an ongoing process as, in two years'

time, they will be the senior pupils and will be there to help provide leadership at the school,' he added

The youngsters received their certificates at the presentation ceremony at the centre to which parents and family were invited.

Darryl was assisted during the week by Amanda Hogge, Robert McNeish, Jack Simmons and Mara Gosman.

The course has been running for five years and has been attended mainly by schoolchildren from North Ayrshire.

The course is also suitable for adults and has been used by them too.

S5 and S6 at Arran High will be coming to the outdoor centre before their final exams in a bid to better equip them to perform on the day.



One youngster ropewalks over a gorge.



Making a splash after a kayaking adventure.

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Mountain rescue team hopes to attract new recruits

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) welcomed members of the public to its annual open day on Saturday, September 19. It aimed to showcase the valuable work being done by volunteers, the specialised equipment they use and how the team oper-

ates from their base at Claddach. The open day was for anyone interested in the AMRT and to meet the team. Members were on hand to demonstrate how the equipment works and to answer any questions that people had.

Deputy team leader, Ewan McKinnon, explained: 'The open day is mainly for the public to come and have a look at what we do here at the AMRT, but it also acts as a useful recruitment tool for people interested in joining the team. It is especially important, as this year has already proved to be one of the busiest on record, and we are always looking for new recruits to join. The team meets on the first Sunday of the month and, with additional training or kit-checking taking place on a Thursday, it should be possible for those, even with a busy schedule to join.'

One member who has been with the team for 36 years, Jake Kerr, joined when he was 17 and can remember when the base was situated near the fire station and did not even have a kettle for making a cup of tea after rescue operations.



AMT members at their base in Claddach



The guided walk of the Three Beinns led by AMRT volunteers

As part of the open day, people were given the opportunity to join mountain leader qualified members on a guided tour to the popular Three

Beinns walk or to climb Goatfell. Positions were limited and were very quickly taken up, some by people that Ewan hoped would be inter-

ested in joining. Ewan went on to thank the public for all the support received over the years and to everyone who attended the open day.

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Eco Savvy to reveal his autumn surprise

'Come and find out what I have been up to'



When you spend an evening with Eco Savvy, you're sure of a big surprise.

Last year, guests witnessed a fashion show with an Eco twist and rumour has it that he is up to something again.

Since June, a group of dedicated Eco fans have been gathering in Whiting Bay village hall to scheme, plan and create. No-one is quite sure exactly what they have been doing, but you can guarantee Eco is in on it. What is known is that skills have been shared, stories have been re-written

and new friendships have been made. That makes Eco a very happy little green man.

Eco Savvy upcycling workshops have been running through the summer with many preparing for the autumn show. Between 12 and 30 people have been hard at work making costumes, props and decorations using various upcycling techniques and trading skills which means that those involved have been able to work across a wide range of mediums.

On Friday, October 23, at



An Eco Savvy workshop with Fiona Doubleday

7.30pm the doors will be thrown open at the village hall and all invited to see just what has been going on. A gentle rumour suggests that Eco is telling another story, but this time it is truly upcycled and not to be missed.

All the weeks and weeks of laughter and eating cake will reach its conclusion and it promises to be an evening of entertainment unlike anything witnessed before.

Everyone is welcome to come and join in and you are invited to bring friends and a bottle of wine or two! Entrance is free, but donations to the charity will be most welcome. You will find out what the little green man has been up to and it promises to be a fun evening for all.

Keil school centenary celebrated in Kintyre

MacKinnon-MacNeill Trust bursaries are still available

Last month, about 50 former pupils of Keil School made their way to Kintyre to celebrate the centenary of the founding of the school at Keil House in Southend.

Activities began on the Friday afternoon when Andrew MacKinnon, chairman of the MacKinnon-MacNeill Trust, unveiled a plaque on the statue of Sir William MacKinnon in Campbeltown, to acknowledge his contribution, together with that of his nephew Duncan MacNeill to the establishment of the school.

Among those present were three Arran 'boys': Iain Glen (1953-58) and Donald Brown (1947-51) from Corriecrievie, and Colin Fleming (1955-60) from Whiting Bay.

Sir William MacKinnon was born in Campbeltown in 1823, and it is believed that

his parents, Duncan MacKinnon and Isabella Currie, came from Arran.

He became a businessman and ship-owner and built up substantial commercial interests in India and East Africa.

He established the British India Line and was the founder and president of the British East Africa Company.

He and Duncan MacNeill left bequests which were used to form the MacKinnon-MacNeill Trust with a mandate 'to provide for the education of deserving Highland lads'.

By 1915, the trust had accumulated sufficient funds to set up Kintyre Technical School at Southend with James Mason as the headmaster. The school was to be open to boys from the counties of Argyll and Inverness, from Bute and Arran and the Western High-

lands and Islands, with most being supported with bursaries provided by the Trust.

Among the first intake of 18 boys were four from Arran: G.C. Kerr and A MacMillan from Lochranza, John Craig from Machrie and David Cook from Slidery.

Following a disastrous fire in 1924, the school relocated to Helenslee House in Dumbarton, where it remained, apart from 1941-46 when it evacuated to Clachan in Kintyre.

In later years, the school expanded to around 200 pupils and began to accept girls and day pupils from the surrounding area. Sadly, a declining number of boarding pupils and other financial pressures made closure of the school in 2001 inevitable.

Over the years, many Arran



Keil 'Old Boys' from Arran, l to r, Iain Glen, Donald Brown and Colin Fleming, who attended the centenary in Campbeltown

boys and latterly some girls completed their secondary education at Keil, but the expansion of Lamlash School from a Junior Secondary to a High School in 1974, and similar changes in other parts of the Highlands, reduced the need for a school like Keil. However, the MacKinnon-MacNeill Trust continues to support the education

of students from the original catchment area by the provision of bursaries towards university or other college education.

The statue of Sir William MacKinnon was originally erected in the port city of Mombasa, but following Kenyan independence in 1963, the new government requested its removal. The

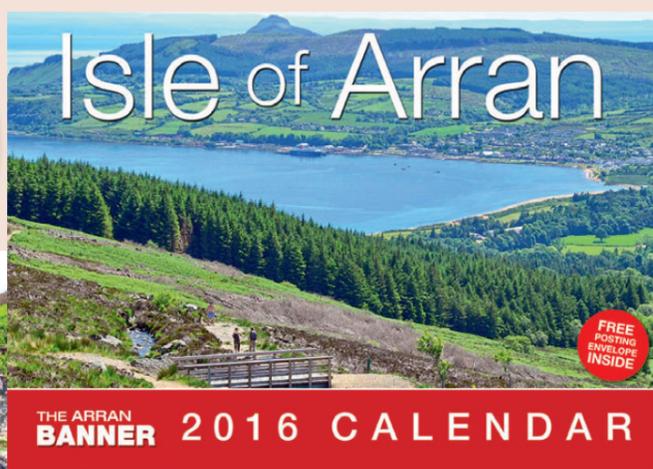
Trust arranged its transport to Helenslee where it remained until 2001 when the Rotary Club of Campbeltown and others funded its return to his birthplace.

Further information on MacKinnon-MacNeill Trust bursaries can be found on the Keil School Old Boys website at www.keilschoololdboysclub.co.uk.

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Arran's darkest day of the First World War

In the latest of an occasional series of articles to commemorate the centenary of the First World War, Fiona Laing investigates the Arran men and women who fought and served. Here she recounts the island's darkest day of the war . . .

It is September 1915, the war many thought would be over by Christmas 1914, was now one of attrition and stalemate. Arran had suffered her losses through the late spring and into the summer of the year.

James Allen, whose parents lived in Lamlash, was a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, he died at ANZAC cove on 2 May 1915. John Stevenson, a farm labourer resident in Pirmill when he enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry, died on 23 May 1915 in Flanders. James McDiarmid, with Shiskine connections, was part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force that fought in the Battle of St Julien. He was wounded on 18 May 1915 and died from his injuries on 5 June 1915.

John Saul a Royal Scots Fusilier, and a resident of Benlister, died from wounds in a hospital in Calais on 11 August 1915.

Perhaps one of the most tragic deaths was that of Simon Lawson, who worked at Rosaburn. A member of the 6th Dragoon Guards, he was wounded in October 1914 and taken prisoner by the Germans in December of that year, being released in August 1915.

Accidnetally

While on leave in Glasgow on 11 September, he was shot when a soldier's rifle went off accidentally as he was preparing to disembark from a tramcar. The bullet narrowly missed two passengers before striking Simon as he stood with his brother on the



A beacon was lit at the centenary service held in Dundee Photo: www.westernmorningnews.co.uk

pavement. He died later that evening. Apart from Simon Lawson's accidental death, these losses had been part of the attritional nature of the war. Various attempts had been made by both sides to break through the stalemate

of trench warfare, with little success.

The allies decided to have one final attempt that year at breaking through the German lines before winter set in and, for the British forces, this was to be the largest scale offensive of the war so far, the Battle of Loos. Part of a wider allied offensive, six Divisions of the British Army were deployed in the area around the French mining village of Loos, near to Lille and the Belgian border. Every Scottish regiment was represented in the battle, making up half of the 72 infantry battalions taking part; this made it the most significant battle in the whole war for Scotland.

The earlier losses of the war meant that this battle also saw the entry to the war of Kitchener's 'New Army', made up of the thousands of young men who had enthusiastically enlisted to serve their country. These keen young men, including hundreds from Arran, had joined up alongside their friends; one small section of a trench would be filled with men from the same village, neighbourhood, football club, or office.

The whistles blew for the men to 'go over the top' at 6.30am on the morning of 25

September 1915. Amongst the first wave of attack were the Black Watch, KOSB and HLI who, during the battle, were to suffer casualties on a scale which almost wiped out their battalions. A battalion is usually around 700 men.

The 7th KOSB suffered 631 casualties killed or wounded, 6th KOSB 650, 10th HLI 648, 12th HLI 553, 9th Black Watch 680, 8th Black Watch 511 and the 7th Cameron Highlanders 687. Hardly a town or village in Scotland was unaffected by the losses at Loos. By the time it eventually ended on 16 October, over 20,000 British soldiers had died. Over 7,000 of these from the Scottish Regiments.

Darkest day

On September 25, six Arran men lost their lives. It was Arran's darkest day of the war. Brodick lost three young men that day: George Goulthorp, John Mcallister and 19 year old William McIntyre who all served with the 9th Black Watch. Archibald Kelso, whose parents farmed Holy Isle, lost his life serving with the 7th Cameron Highlanders. Ronald Robertson, 2nd Black Watch, 20, of Penrioch became the second son of Duncan and Mary Robertson to be killed, Duncan having

been killed five months earlier, and John Craig of Imachar fell at 7am that morning.

The particulars of John Craig's loss are recorded in a remarkable letter written by his friend, Jock Henderson of Whitefarland, to John's Uncle Donald. In it he explains, quite matter of factly, of the moment John fell and how, after asking if there was anything he could do for John, he shook his hand and bade him goodbye with the promise that he would let John's folks know what happened. Jock returned to the battlefield that night to see if he could find his friend, but without success. Jock survived the war ending it as a Sergeant Major in the Black Watch having been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre and twice mentioned in despatches.

The war was to go on to claim the lives of many more Arran men, but that day in September 1915, for Arran and Scotland would never be matched for its losses.

It is for this reason that Scotland marked this day in particular last Friday with a National Commemoration in Dundee, the home of the Black Watch, where a beacon is lit annually in memory of the men who died at Loos.



The village of Loos after the battle with the mining works in the background

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Brodick break-in

A window was smashed in Kames Antiques Shop, Brodick, during last Friday evening.

The same night, the door of Wooleys of Brodick was broken down and the cash register removed with around £450 in it. The till was later recovered from the sea.

Police Sergeant, Jim Weir, said he was very disappointed that a number of people appear to have watched the door being broken into and yet not one of them reported it to the police.

Nuclear resistance

The French, in the face of world opinion, began their nuclear testing three weeks ago.

A second explosion was detonated just this week causing people to call for a boycotting of French goods. Local couple, Bruno and Assya Baumgartner, owners of the Argentine House Hotel, have found a more pointed way of showing their contempt for French intransigence, using their three new flagpoles at the front of the hotel.

The couple originally from Zurich, Switzerland, have three flags flying - Swiss, French and German - to show visitors that these languages are spoken fluently, but they have lowered the French flag to half mast to show a visible sign to all those who pass of their strong disapproval of the country's attitude towards these tests. When the planning permission was sought for the flagpoles, one neighbour only gave his approval on the condition that no flag flew higher than the Saltire on his roof next door.



Bruno and Assya Baumgartner with baby son, Frederick, in front of the Argentine House Hotel beside the three flags with the French one at half mast

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Lamlash Primary PTA set off on a sponsored walk from the school last Saturday to raise money for the school funds b40twe03



Left: Dick Hewitt, head of marketing for Ordnance Survey with some of the guests at the launch of the new Arran outdoor leisure map held at the Auchrannie Hotel b40twe05

Map launched

The official launch of the new Ordnance Survey outdoor leisure map took place at the Auchrannie Hotel last Friday.

Dick Hewitt, head of marketing at the O.S. invited people who frequently use their maps to the launch, which included NTS rangers, members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team and natural historians.

The 2.5 inch map now has the whole of Arran on the one map, with north on the one side and south on the other side. Previously, at this scale, walkers needed two maps to cover the whole of the island.



Neil Maclean with Alex Reid of Clauchlands Farm at a dinner last Friday to mark Neil's retirement from the Torrylinn Creamery where he was the manager for 33 years and a cheesemaker for 42 years. b40twe02

Right: The Round Arran Triathlon that took place on Saturday was won by David Atkinson of Newcastle pictured in the back row with two of his team mates who were second and third. In front are Colin Turbett, Helen Thomson and Neil Gillies who were runner-up, first lady and winner of the half marathon with Jane Barker who was the first local lady in the triathlon. b40twe04



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

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

Bridge
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Lamlash Drama Club

Brodick Golf Club, 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm

Wednesday 7th October

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Yoga-Arran
 Live music
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog classes
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Knitting & Crochet drop in group
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Lamlash SWI
 Parkinson's support group
 Brodick Church Coffee Morning
 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
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 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
 Lamlash Bowling club, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 7.30pm
 Lamlash Fire station, 2pm - 4pm
 Brodick church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon

Saturday 3rd October

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

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm

Sunday 4th October

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm

Monday 5th October

Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Live music
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
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 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
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 Tae Kwondo

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
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 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
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 Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 8th October

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran Jogscotland Beginners
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Live music
 Cardiac Rehab
 QuiltArran
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
 Brodick Embroidery Group
 Burger & Quiz night

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Brodick, 9.30am
 Brodick, 6pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 (arranphysiotherapy.co.uk) 5pm - 8pm
 Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm

Tuesday 6th October

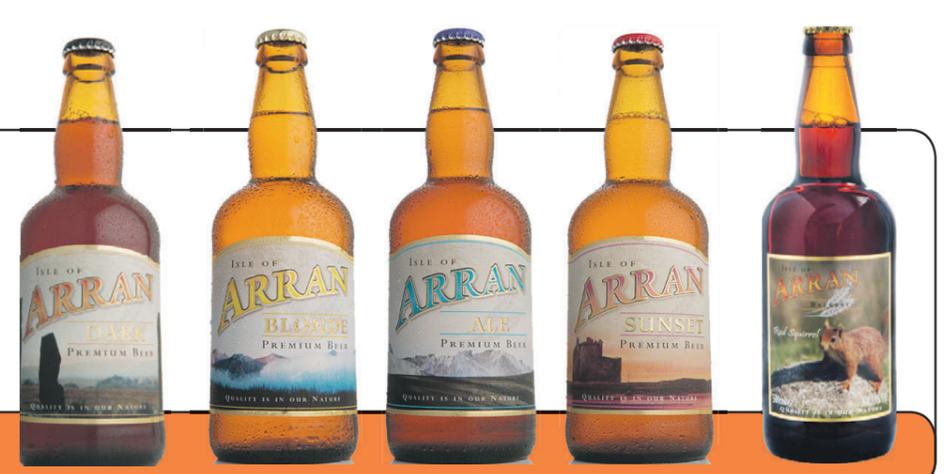
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 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 RunArran Run Coaching
 Open Cricket Session
 Garden Walk

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
 Brodick Castle, 2 - 3pm

Friday 9th October

Yoga
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 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 Family fun night
 Brodick Market
 AA Meeting
 Live music
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Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 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
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS
2013 REGULATION 20(1)**

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

15/00498/PP; Site to South of Norwood Lodge, Middle Road, Whiting Bay; Erection of 10 detached dwelling houses with associated access road.

15/00514/PP; Burican Farm, Sliderry, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Modification to remove condition 2 of planning approval CH/76/727 relating to occupancy restriction.

Elma Murray
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**“WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003
WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES)(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011
APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF AUTHORISATION
ST MOLIOS FISH FARM**

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd to vary water use licence number CAR/L/1015850 authorising the carrying on of a controlled activity at, near or in connection with St Mollo's Fish Farm, as follows:

Description of change to controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
Increase in the maximum weight of fish held at the	Lamlash Bay premises	NS 0449 2927
Increase in the limitations on the use and discharge of medicines and chemicals from the premises	Lamlash Bay	NS 0449 2927

SEPA considers that the above change to a controlled activity may have an impact on the water environment. Other activities are included in the application that are considered not likely to have such an impact and are not listed here. Details of all the activities applied for can be seen in the application.

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- Consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- Assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
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CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday, 4th October

Holy Communion, 11.00 am.

Mr John Roberts.

Coffee after service.

Wednesday 7th October

: Pop-up service, Catacol Hotel,

12.00 noon.

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 fol-

lowing times to which

all are invited.

Sunday 4th October

Lochranza Church, 9.30am

Morning Worship.

Pirmill Church, 10.45am

Morning Worship.

Shiskine Church, 12noon

Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am

Morning worship.

Corrie Church,

11.30am Prayer Meeting,

12 noon Morning worship.

There will also be a Service of

Worship in Montrose House

at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash

"A faith to proclaim ~ a

fellowship to share"

Sunday 4th October

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30 am

Rev. Ian McLeod

All welcome, including

families; children's area

Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF

SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 4th October

Morning Service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge, Glen

Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

Wednesday 7th October

Prayer Meeting 7pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

All welcome.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF

SCOTLAND

Sunday 4th October

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 4th October

Worship will be conducted by

the minister, Rev Elizabeth

Watson at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in

the transept after the service.

All most welcome.

There will be a service in

Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which

all friends will be most welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC

CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 4th October

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

Quakes meet every Sunday at

11am. For meeting venue ring -

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DEATH

CURRIE - In loving memory of

Allan (Pirmill) 80 years, passed

to rest in hospital Cape Town,

South Africa on 23rd September

2015. Son of the late Shonnie and

Grace Currie, a devoted husband

to Margaret, father of David and

Donald and Grandfather to their

children. Beloved brother of

Morag and Jeanette and his late

brother Donald. A lovely uncle to

their family's here and overseas.

Will be sadly missed but leaves us

all with happy memories of a kind

and gentle man.

MCIVOR - ELSPETH The

family of the late Elspeth McIvor,

who died peacefully at Arran

War Memorial Hospital on the

21st September in her 90th year,

would like to thank all those in-

involved in her care. In particu-

lar we want to thank her lovely

Homecarers, social work staff,

the helpful people at the medical

centre and all who looked after

her so kindly at the hospital.

Thanks also to the registrar and

to the Hendrys for their personal

and professional assistance, and

to friends for their support and

expressions of sympathy.

Elspeth's funeral took place at her

home church, St Andrews East in

Glasgow.



The children who took part in the swimming gala



Brodick Golf Club

Sunday, September 27, Winter

Cup, 18 played. 1 A Dobson, 37

pts BIH, 2 J Beattie, 37 pts, 3 A

Hume, 34 pts. The first winter

cup was played on Sunday and

was won by Alastair just edging

John, with Alistair third. It was

great to play on a dry day. There

have been very few this summer

and it is quite ironic that on such

a good day we started our winter

cup. Will members please note

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THOMPSON - IAIN After

a long struggle with MS Iain

passed away on the 16th Sep-

tember, Nancy & family would

like to thank careers & nurses

past & present for there excel-

lent care. We would also like to

thank Clark, Mari, Anne, Roddie

& Flora. Thanks to Angus for a

lovely service, Clair & David,

we were overwhelmed with

cards, flowers & phonecalls. He

will be sadly missed.

IN MEMORY

MEMORIAM

Bannatyne Colin Currie

26.4.1922 - 5.10.2014

'To live on in our hearts is not to die'

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

Phyllis would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and presents for her birthday. To all the family and deceitful friends who organised the surprise party and everyone who came. Many thanks for making it such a special day.

Collette Robertson 56-6.8=49.2;

3 Mark Wren Alastair and

Ann Ferrier 60-8.5=51.5.

Sunday, September 27, Med-

al Shield final and Eclectic

Cup. 1 Iain Murchie 67-5=62,

2 Drew Wales 74-9=65. No

magic twos. Overall win-

ner Iain Murchie 67+62=129,

runnerup Drew Wales 73+65=138

Winner of Eclectic Cup Iain

Murchie 48, 2 Todd Jameson 49.

A good day for the Captain as

he cleaned up, well done to Iain.

Fixtures: Sunday, October 4,

Glenburn Cup, tee times 9.30am

and 12.30pm. Thursday October

8, Front 9 Medal, see starter for

times.

Ladies Section: Wednes-

day, September 23, Stroke,

six played, CSS 65, par 65.

1 Jean Barclay 86-19=67, 2 Kate

McAdam 91-19=72, Scratch,

Jean Barclay 86.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday, September 27, Medal,

12 played on a glorious Autumn

morning. Bright sunshine and

a light breeze made for perfect

golfing conditions that were re-

flected in the scoring. CSS came

in at 62 and there was a three way

tie on 61, placing's being deter-

mined by a count back. 1 John

Pennycott, 13-61 acb, 2 David

Brookens 12-61 acb, 3 Graeme

Crichton, 13-61, 4 Jack Adair

17-64. Lowest gross was Alan

Foggo on 69 and there were

magic twos from David Morris-

son at the 7th and 16th and from

Graeme Crichton at the 11th.

Fixtures: Sunday, October 5,

Winter Cup, round 1. The Winter

Wednesday sweep is now run-

ning and the Friday sweep will

continue at least until the club-

house goes on to winter hours.

Preferred lies operating from

October 1.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday, September 26, Corrie

Golf Club Open. 1 J Milesi 74-

First gala for young Arran swimmers

Arran children competed in their first competitive swimming gala for North Ayrshire Amateur Swimming Club on Saturday at the Auchenharvie Leisure Centre in Stevenston.

Parents said it was a fabulous day and it gave the kids a view of what to expect with rules and times they could aim for at swimming galas. All 11 of the Arran youngsters who took part came home with medals.

21=53, 2 E McKinnon 55+1-56

BIH, 3 W McNally 76-20-56.

Scratch E McKinnon 55.

One of Corrie golf clubs most

successful opens for some time.

Marvellous scores from the first

three with John's net 53 ensur-

ing a hefty revision of handi-

cap, Ewan again just one shot

away from his course record and

the masked raider from Shiskine

third. Congratulations to Pablo

on the terrific condition of the

course. Finally many thanks to

the competition sponsors.

Fixtures: Saturday, October

3, Captains Prize, 1pm shotgun

start.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday, September 24, La-

dies 12

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The Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club end of season gathering.



Members toast the Thorburn Trophy winners.

Annual Thorburn tournament rounds off bowls season at Blackwaterfoot

Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club members had their annual Thorburn Trophy tournament on Saturday, September 17. This, not too serious, competition is held towards the end of the season and is followed by a party. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon in perfect playing conditions despite the midges eventually finding the players. Dave and Marian Brambles came first and third respectively with Peter Harper taking second place. After the competition, members had their annual party at John and Christine Robinson's house. When the summer season finishes, members continue to play on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons at 1.45pm throughout the autumn and winter playing on the all weather carpet. Anyone interested in joining in, whether they have played before or not, is welcome to come along. Phone Keith on 01770 860 463 or Vic on 01770 860 749, for details.

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Second outing for rugby club

Arran Rugby Club will have only their second outing of the season this weekend with an away game at Cumnock. Their stop-start season has already seen two call-offs

by Paisley and Waysiders Dumpellier and their only game was a defeat to Clydebank in their newly promoted BT West Division 2. After today (Saturday) it will be another two weeks

before they play next, this time in Cumbernauld, on Saturday, October 17. Their first home game will not be until Saturday, October 24 when they entertain Annan at Ormidale Park.

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