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Council leader makes pledge

‘We will deliver our investment plans in full’

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The council leader responsible for Ardrossan harbour this week pledged that Arran will get the ferry service it deserves.

North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane made the promise after the government's long-awaited STAG report favoured retaining Ardrossan as the mainland port for the Arran ferry over the bid to take the service to Troon.

In a statement to *The Arran Banner* the Labour leader said: ‘I want to make this pledge to your readers. Just as it is my respon-

sibility as council leader to defend the interests of Ardrossan on this issue, and we have done that throughout our campaign, it also my responsibility to ensure that Arran has the best ferry service possible.

‘That is why we have put a lot of effort into developing our investment proposals for Ardrossan harbour. Should the minister confirm that the ferry is remaining in Ardrossan in the coming weeks let me assure your readers that we will deliver our investment plans in full and ensure Arran has the ferry service it deserves.’

That involves creating a



A jiggy start to music festival

Scottish country dancing adjudicator James Hill presents Shiskine Primary P1 to P3 pupils with the first trophy at the 88th Isle of Arran Music Festival which is being held in the community theatre in Lam-lash. For a full report and lots more pictures see next week's *Banner*.

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new £15 million integrated Maritime Hub at Ardrossan to be delivered by 2018.

It was on Monday that the findings of the all important report on the mainland berthing options for the Arran ferry service were published by islands and

transport minister Humza Yousaf.

The report has been produced following a study which looked at the two options objectively, taking into account a broad range of factors including the impact on users in terms of travel time, fares, and con-

nectivity, as well as reliability and the costs to the public purse. A copy of the report has been shared with all relevant parties and they now have Monday April 3 to respond.

Mr Yousaf said: ‘My officials at Transport Scotland commissioned this re-

port, following consultation with all relevant parties and stakeholders.

‘We have looked at the options under four broad pillars: connectivity, reliability, overall cost to the public purse and socio-economic considerations.

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Rope trouble causes ferry disruption

There was disruption on the Brodick to Ardrrossan ferry route this week.

On Tuesday a rope became entangled in the rudder of the MV Caledonian Isles.

That led to an hour and a half delay of the 11.05am leaving Brodick. A further delay in Ardrrossan was incurred when, as is standard safety practice, a team of divers was called upon to make a below-the-water hull inspection of the affected area.

The divers did not find any damage and service resumed as soon as was possible. However, it meant the scheduled 4.40pm sailing from Brodick did not leave until 7.20pm and then returned to Arran where it berthed overnight. A special 5.30am sailing was made on Wednesday the put the vessel back on timetable.

Military exercise is held in Clyde waters

Arran residents will notice an increase in military vessels and aircraft over the next few weeks as the Clyde hosts the major military exercise Joint Warrior which starts this weekend.

Held twice a year thousands of service personnel from all three branches of the UK military, and personnel from allied and partner nations, will take part in the exercise which is scheduled to begin tomorrow (Sunday) and run until Thursday April 6.

Activity taking place in and around the Clyde will include around 34 fixed wing and 18 rotary wing aircraft from France, Germany, UK and the US

which are being hosted by HMS Gannet at Prestwick and RAF Lossiemouth.

HM Naval Base Clyde will host around 430 additional personnel from the Joint Tactical Exercise Planning Staff who will co-ordinate the giant exercise from the Base's Maritime Operations Centre.

Many of the warships involved will gather at the Clyde base and at Glasgow's King George V dock ahead of the exercise, with most of the activity happening off the West and North coasts of Scotland.

One of the largest military exercises in Europe, Joint Warrior will see maritime activity from 35 naval units



Royal Navy mine hunters HMS Blyth and HMS Ramsey which are taking part in Exercise Joint Warrior.

from Denmark, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Nor-

way, Spain, Sweden, the UK and the US.

The exercise will provide

the UK, allies and partner nations the opportunity to practice the vital skills needed on the modern battlefield. During the fortnight skills such as maritime task force training, anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, mine counter measures training, maritime security operations, close air support, intelligence gathering, electronic warfare training, and GPS denial operations will all be practiced.

Exercise Joint Warrior is held twice a year, in the spring and autumn, and participation is open to all NATO allies and partners, providing high quality operational training.

Council leader makes pledge

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'At this stage, the report supports the view that the mainland port for the ferry serving Brodick and Campbeltown should remain at Ardrrossan. However, before any decision is made, ministers wish to offer an opportunity for representations in light of the report.'

'This invitation is being issued to Associated British Ports at Troon, Peel Ports at Ardrrossan, Argyll & Bute Council, North Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council.'

'The Scottish Government is committed to supporting our lifeline ferry links. This study will help support careful and robust decision-making towards ensuring that the Arran ferry service is fit for purpose, whilst also getting the best value for the public purse.'

Mr Cullinane added: 'Whilst a final decision has not yet been made, the minister in his letter to me has made it clear that at this stage the evidence 'supports the view that the ferry should remain in Ardrrossan'.

'This is something that I obviously welcome but North Ayrshire Council, just like the other interest-

ed parties, have been given time to comment on the report and we will be doing so to reinforce our case.'

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'In this fully comprehensive report it is clear that the independent consultants agree that the case for Ardrrossan to be the lifeline ferry port of choice for Arran is compelling.'

'Given the evidence, I fully expect that when Mr Yousaf makes his announcement it will be in favour of Ardrrossan and investment in new port facilities there.' North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson said: 'I very much welcome this report's findings, confirming, as it does, the view of the overwhelming majority of those living in Ardrrossan and Brodick, that the current route is the best for all concerned.'

'What so many of us have argued throughout this process has now been independently verified. I look forward to the announcement from the transport minister and improvements to Ardrrossan's harbour.'

SNP Arran's candidate at the forthcoming local elec-

tions, Ellen McMaster, said she was 'delighted, but not surprised' by the findings of the report.

She said: 'It's a win-win situation all round for Arran. We have a fantastic multi-million pound new Brodick ferry terminal nearing completion, a brand new ferry due on the route next year, and we can now see further millions being invested by Peel Ports and North Ayrshire Council to deliver improved harbour and terminal facilities at Ardrrossan. The future looks bright indeed.'

Report

A spokesman for ABP at Troon said they had received a copy of the report and were reviewing it with a view to responding formally in due course.

He said: 'We stand by our view that the Port of Troon offers the only genuine prospect of improving the reliability of this lifeline ferry service. On initial review we are genuinely astounded that CalMac's skippers have not been consulted as part of this exercise. We very much hope that the Scottish government will look again at our proposal.'

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Nepalese adventure for Arran pupils

Two Arran High School students are off on the adventure of a lifetime volunteering in Nepal.

Abbie Mckelvie of S5 and Bethany Walsh of S6 will be travelling to Nepal on Friday June 16 to volunteer and assist with two different and contrasting projects.

Working with Projects Abroad, the girls will be going to Ghandruk, a rural town in the Annapurna Mountain range in the Himalayas where they will spend two weeks volunteering on the Annapurna Conservation Area Project. This area is home to a wide range of species such as the Himalayan black bear, more than 122 species of flowering plants, leopards and many species of birds. This project focuses on sustainable development in the area. While there, the adventurous duo will be assisting in wildlife studies involving surveys and camera traps. They will also participate in rubbish clear ups and get to learn



Abbie Mckelvie and Bethany Walsh show where they are heading on a map. 01_B12nepal01

about the work the project is undertaking and the impact and importance of it.

They will then travel to the capital Kathmandu to spend a week in care centres to support the staff in teaching basic life skills, such as health and hygiene. During their visit to Kathmandu, Abbie and Bethany will be staying with a local host family which they hope will give them an insight into normal Nepali life and immerse them in the Nepalese culture.

As this experience is unpaid, the girls will need to

cover the costs for flights, the Projects Abroad programme fee and vaccinations and, while they plan to contribute a significant portion of their own funds, they will hold two fundraising ceilidhs at Brodick Hall on Saturday April 8 and Saturday April 29 to which everyone is welcome.

If anyone would like to support them you can join them at the ceilidhs or donate at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/abbie-mckelvie or www.myprojectsabroad.org/fundraising/4wVnOk

Former hotel to make way for staff flats

New staff accommodation is being built by the Auchrannie.

Planning permission is being sought for the demolition and erection of flats on land adjacent to St Elmo in Shore Road, Brodick, for residential use. Five dwelling flats will be created on the property which will see the demolition of the former hotel known as the Anchor Hotel. Eleven neighbour notifications have been issued and the application is currently pending consideration by North Ayrshire Council planning officials.

The St Elmo's building and land which overlooks Brodick golf course is owned by Auchrannie Leisure Ltd and is currently being used as staff accommodation.

The Auchrannie is also currently converting the former Montrose House into staff accommodation.

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Trust to hold open day

Advertorial

Trust Housing is holding an Open Day on Wednesday April 5, from 9.30am to 1.30pm at their Glen Estate development in Brodick and then from 2pm to 6pm at their MacKelvie Road development in Lamlash.

The Open Day is for potential tenants and their families and the local community. The aim is to highlight its one- and two-bedroom homes which are for rent and to ensure these groups have all the information they need about living in a Trust Housing sheltered property.

Each flat has its own bedroom/bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and living room. In each development there is also a large communal lounge where social activities are regularly held.

All the flats are on ground floor level and most have a walk-in shower. The flats are modern, warm and well insulated and heating is charged at a fixed monthly rate. Part-time

coordinator staff presence and Hanover call centre assistance 24/7 also give peace of mind to tenants.

Ann Reid, Coordinator at Glen Estate, Brodick explains the benefits of living in a Trust property: 'I believe that we provide the most practical housing option for many retired people; to have a place they can call home, with no responsibilities for repairs and maintenance and as little or as much care and support as they need. Moving to sheltered accommodation can help older people to remain independent for longer.

'Some tenants who had misgivings before they moved in are now very happy. They have a secure door entry system and their own private self-contained apartment.

'That's why I'd urge residents on the island to come along and see us at our Open Day and get an accurate picture of the accommodation and services we

provide – we think you could be pleasantly surprised,' she said.

The day will give guests the opportunity to talk to staff and find out more about housing benefit, the nomination and application processes, have a tour of the development and get the chance to speak to experts, honestly and openly, about the benefits and actual costs of living in a Trust Housing property.

Trust Housing provides preventative care and support that is flexible and tailored to the needs of the individual which allows tenants to maintain their independence and have an enhanced quality of life, as well as providing peace of mind for tenants' families.

Trust properties are only available to people over the age of 60.

Anyone who is interested in attending should contact Ann Reid on 01770 302716 or Colin Cameron on 01770 600100.

Picture perfect for Lucy



P4 pupil Lucy Blair was the Corrie primary school winner of the Montrose House Art Competition and is seen here receiving her prize from committee member judges

Mari Farqhar and Lesley Wood. Along with a £20 book and card voucher, Lucy will see here landscape of Lochranza displayed in the new Brodick care home.



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Double delight as youth workers lift top awards

It was a double celebration for great youth work on Arran at the National Youth Worker of the Year Awards 2017 in Glasgow last week.

Local youth workers, Graeme Johnston and Hollie Watkins have both picked up national awards for their work with local young people.

The 10th National Youth Worker of the Year Awards, run by YouthLink Scotland, has been an outstanding showcase of the remarkable work that is being done right across the nation. The ceremony was held on Thursday March 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow.

Graeme Johnston from Kilwinning and Hollie Watkins from Lamlash, both work with Arran Youth Foundations. The project aims to address the many needs of the island's young people. Helping those involved to grow in self-confidence, reach their potential and increasingly handle responsibility.

They beat 31 other youth workers and youth projects from all over Scotland to lift for their prizes with Graeme taking the full-time youth worker of the year award, and Hollie Watkins

who started as a modern apprentice with the AYF, was named part-time youth worker of the year.

The AYF is a charity that aims to engage the young people of Arran in fun and meaningful youth work activities. Based in Brodick church hall, they open every day of the week for a great variety of activities and events that have included cooking, film-making, woodcarving and everything else in-between.

Graeme said: 'The great thing about youth work is knowing you are empowering young people and helping them to have a voice. Jim Sweeney, the chief executive of YouthLink Scotland said it best at the awards, 'young people don't need to be told, they need to be listened to'. A big thanks to AYF for giving me the best job in the world, and a massive thanks to the young folk of Arran for making it the best job in the world!'

Hollie Watkins said she was a bit overwhelmed: 'It feels amazing! I'm still in a state of shock. It feels good knowing the young folk have a safe place where they can be themselves. Youth work teach-



Graeme Johnston and Hollie Watkins with their awards.

es our young folk life skills and helps make them happy and content which can only be a good thing.'

The awards turned out to be a triple celebration as North Ayrshire Council's youth services manager Angela Morrell also picked up an award, winning the inspirational leadership category which celebrates the outstanding commitment, service and impact

that youth workers, managers and partners have on the lives of the young people of Scotland.

Angela said: 'It's a huge honour but I know this is very much recognition for the work carried out by the whole of our team here in North Ayrshire. Everyone works together to ensure that our young people are given a real voice and that we listen to it.'

CalMac wins two national trophies

Ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne has picked up two national awards in recognition of its support to Scotland's west coast tourism. At a ceremony in Edinburgh, the UK's largest ferry network operator was named winner in the working together for tourism category at VisitScotland's annual Thistle Awards.

The result comes just days after the company was successful in winning the digital marketing campaign of the year at the UK-wide Travel Marketing Awards for its 'Two Eejits' campaign aimed at millennials.

Recognised as Scotland's travel and tourism Oscars, the annual Thistle Awards bring together businesses from across the nation who have shown excellence, innovation and commitment in the tourism sector.

Shortlisted in the category after regional heats, CalMac was also nomi-

nated alongside the likes of Scotrail and Aberdeen Art Gallery and the NTS at Drum Castle.

In particular, CalMac was recognised for the multiple channels and innovations it has made across the west coast Highlands and islands that it serves, supporting the crucial tourism industry which employs thousands of people and generates vital revenue for many fragile economies.

The company's input ranges from key partnership working with the many destination marketing organisations throughout its network area, as well as more specific products developed to generate tourism interest.

Director of customer sales and marketing Graeme MacFarlan said: 'My team deserves great credit for these awards and I commend all their vision and determination.'

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Family learning venture needs your help

A family learning hub is in the initial stages of being set up in Lamlash.

It will be for early years, primary and secondary pupils as well as their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and they are looking for input on the new venture.

Laurette Paxton, the family learning worker for Arran primary schools, is part of a team working with North Ayrshire Council under education and youth employment. Her aim is to work in partnership with schools to engage parents and families in their children's learning in school and at home.

To shape the future of the hub a family learning conversation will be held on Thursday March 30 at 9.20am at Arran High School, where families will have the opportunity to discuss what they would like the hub to look like and how they can help shape the future of it.

If you would like to know more, contact Laurette on 01294 465591 or email laurettepaxton@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Rescue dog Scarlett is a Crufts winner

From rescue dog to Crufts winner, that's the remarkable achievement of Arran Yorkshire terrier Scarlett.

Scarlett, also known as Fallen Angel at Auchencrowan, was rescued by Lamlash owner Margaret Kay two years ago, yet achieved a very highly commended accolade at the prestigious Crufts dog show last week.

The placing, which equated to fifth place, comes after an arduous process that regular competitor and nine-year veteran of Crufts Margaret went through to have Scarlett registered to compete.

DNA testing

The process to qualify Scarlett involved DNA testing, two reviews, a mountain of paperwork and two placings at dog shows before she could qualify to compete at Crufts.

After a year-long battle to have Scarlett placed, she competed in the very competitive class of post graduate bitch which is a strong category featuring many dogs which have been



Scarlett receives some last minute pampering with fellow competitors before the judging.

shown and campaigned since puppyhood.

Margaret said: 'I am delighted with Scarlett being very highly commended. She might not quite match my other contender Niamh who came third in her class last year but as far as I am concerned, she was the best in show.'



A very highly commended at Crufts equates to fifth position.

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Eilidh re-elected to youth parliament

Eilidh Macpherson has been re-elected as one of the four new Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) who have been elected to represent North Ayrshire.

Following a vote from March 3 to 17, four candidates out of a total of 10, all aged between 12 and 25, were selected after putting forward their manifestos to prospective voters outlining why they deserved to take on the important role.

The newest batch of young politicians was announced by North Ayrshire's Returning Officer Elma Murray on Friday March 17.

The results saw Eilidh Macpherson from Whit-

ing Bay being elected to be the voice of their peers in Cunninghame North, along with Aaran McDonald from Kilwinning and Chloe Robertson from Irvine being elected to represent the views of young people in Cunninghame South and Cadely Paton from Dalry. A second Arran candidate, Leigh Boyd, just missed out in the vote.

In their roles as MSYPs, Eilidh, Aaran, Chloe, Cadely and Eilidh will take part in local youth forums, consult with their peers on a range of issues, help out with training sessions and lobby senior politicians on things that matter the most to young people in their constituencies. They will



Returning Officer Elma Murray with North Ayrshire's new MSYPs Eilidh Macpherson, Cadely Paton, Chloe Robertson and Aaran McDonald.

officially take on the role of MSYP in June this year, for a two-year period.

Speaking about the elections, North Ayrshire's Returning Officer Elma Mur-

ray said: 'It is encouraging to see how passionate and driven our young people are to make a difference in our communities.'

'The Scottish Youth Par-

liament plays an important role in North Ayrshire. It provides us with a great opportunity to engage with and listen to young people.'

Bid for holiday cottages

Planning permission is being sought to build eight semi-detached holiday letting cottages at Point House, Kingscross, by Glenashdale Properties of the same address.

The proposed development is an amended application of an earlier successful application in 2004 for six holiday cottages which has already seen the construction of reinforced concrete strip foundations, but it was never completed.

Point House dates back to the early 19th century and has been owned by the same family since the mid 1940s but it has since been divided into holiday letting units. Neighbour notifications have been issued to four properties within 20 metres of the site boundary and the application is pending consideration by planning officials.

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Arran is flying the flag

Arran joined in worldwide celebrations and raised a flag for the Commonwealth last week.

At exactly 10am on Monday March 13 the Commonwealth flag was hoisted at on the flagpole at Brodick pier. The honour went to Innes Thorborn of the Arran detachment of the Army Cadet Force who was joined at the ceremony by Finlay Elliot, Rory Currie and Ciara Wood, Sgt Karen Ward and officers from the mainland.

The Arran detachment, which is part of the West Lowland Battalion, was given the honour of flying the flag for the battalion.

Members of the Army Cadet Force across the UK raised flags at the same time and there were also ceremonies across the Commonwealth. Members of the recently reformed Arran branch of the Royal British Le-

gion were also present with Ted Godfrey reading out a personal message from the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, Patricia Scotland QC, and a specially written Commonwealth Affirmation.

The Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth initiative, now in its fourth year, again caught the imagination of thousands of participants from all walks of life, inspiring them to join with others throughout the Commonwealth. As a collective public expression of commitment to the Commonwealth, it enables participants to show appreciation for the values the Commonwealth upholds, and the opportunities offered for friendship and cooperation with fellow Commonwealth young and old citizens around the world.

The ACF's deputy commander cadets, Brigadier Matthew Lowe, said: 'The



The Army cadets, members of British Legion and port staff with the Commonwealth flag ahead of the ceremony.

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Army Cadets is one of the UK's leading voluntary youth organisations with a mission to inspire young people – from all sorts of backgrounds – to challenge their limits, become more independent, confident and

able to step up to any challenge. Many of our cadets go on to pursue civilian careers but they do so having taken on board the Army's values of selfless commitment, courage, discipline, integrity, loyalty and re-

spect for others – great values for any citizen. Our cadets also develop a strong understanding of the importance of international peace and security which makes us especially proud to be playing such a key role in

the Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth celebration.'

■ The Arran cadets meet at the detachment in Auchranie Road every Saturday from 11am to 1pm and anyone aged between 12 and 18 years can join.



The cadets and British Legion members with the flag flying behind them. 01_A11flag03



Innes Thorborn raises the Commonwealth flag. 01_A11flag01

North Ayrshire Council consider White Label energy option

An initiative that could massively reduce fuel poverty across North Ayrshire is being considered by North Ayrshire Council.

The local authority is set to explore an option which would allow it to create its own local energy tariffs.

Partnership

Known as an 'Energy White Label' the council would form a partnership with a gas and electricity supplier – allowing greater control of the prices available to customers across North Ayr-

shire, although only for electricity on Arran.

White Labels have already proved particularly successful in England as they give councils an opportunity to influence tariffs and engage with customers who may struggle with their energy bills.

The creation of a White Label should bring further opportunities to deploy smart meters in houses across North Ayrshire and allows greater scope to move people away from pre-payment

meters – the least cost-effective way of paying for utilities.

Councillors will hear of the proposals at a meeting of North Ayrshire's cabinet approved the plans which would see the council begin speaking with suppliers to see if there is a willingness to support and meet the council's objectives.

Officers will also assess whether there will be a customer demand for this type of project across North Ayrshire.

Craig Hatton, executive direc-

tor (place), said: 'This has the potential to be a huge and positive development in our battle to get rid of fuel poverty in North Ayrshire.'

Dominated

'The markets for domestic electricity and gas supply have become increasingly dominated by a small number of large suppliers. Ingrained pricing structures often lead to high tariffs for those who can least afford them.'

'But, in recent years, new smaller suppliers have entered

the market some of whom retail energy from renewable sources or operate on a not-for-profit basis. We want to try and capitalise on this and make the market in North Ayrshire much more competitive and affordable.'

Under a White Label arrangement the council creates, markets and promotes a local energy brand and tariff structure. The supply, functions and regulatory burdens of which are then fulfilled by the licensed supplier partner.

The Lochranza Centre lifts top rural award

The centre was praised by judges

The Lochranza Centre CIC is celebrating a win at the 2017 Scottish Rural Awards last week at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.

Winning the highly commended award in the business start up category the centre was praised by judges for the community interest company's restructure and re-launch in October 2015.

Comedian Fred MacAulay took to the stage as compere for the evening, hosting more than 400 guests and presenting three awards in each of the 11 open categories – a highly commended, runner up and overall winner.

Businesses were able to self-nominate, or be nominated by someone else – a friend, family member, customer or member of the public. Finalists in each of the open categories, which encompass every aspect of rural life, from agriculture and food production,

to conservation, education and tourism, were announced in December last year.

Other finalists from Arran included: The Bay Kitchen and Stores for rural enterprise, Isle of Arran Distillers and VisitArran, both Rural Tourism, and the Best Western Kinloch Hotel for rural hospitality.

The Scottish Rural Awards are described as the ultimate benchmark of success in Scotland's countryside, highlighting the enterprise, skill and innovation of those who live and work in rural areas.

It is the culmination of a third year of partnership between Scottish Field, the Banner's sister publication, and the Scottish Countryside Alliance to host the awards, in association with the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, RHASS.

The awards are backed by category sponsors includ-

ing Aldi, the Bank of Scotland and Subaru UK.

Richard Bath, editor of Scottish Field, said: 'More than ever before, Scotland's rural communities are displaying a quite remarkable amount of energy, innovation and imagination as they diversify existing businesses and create new and exciting opportunities from scratch.

'As a magazine we are constantly writing about the rural entrepreneurs who are bringing wealth and jobs to the countryside, so it's exciting for us to be able to honour the men and women who are doing so much to make the economy of rural Scotland a true success story.'

Overall winner in the business start up category was Oban-based telecoms engineering company Craine Communications, with Trossachs Mobility in Callander taking home the runner up award.

Hundreds of people respond to police consultation

Hundreds of people have responded to the Police Scotland public consultation on the future of policing.

In Ayrshire and Arran a top five of what the public want to see tackled has been compiled and it reads: anti-social behaviour/disorder, drug dealing/drug misuse, housebreaking, violent crime and child abuse, including child sexual exploitation.

The police have had more than 1,376 responses so far and have thanked everyone who has taken time out to give views on local policing

Matter most

Chief Superintendent Paul Main, local policing commander for Ayrshire and Arran, said: 'The latest views from our local communities indicate

that anti-social behaviour, drug-dealing and housebreaking are amongst the crimes and issues that matter to you most. They are also the crimes that can personally impact on individuals, families and communities.

'Your views are important to us and together with crime figures and other data, we use this information to help shape our local policing plans. We are working with our partners to tackle these very issues that concern the public most with dedicated high-visibility patrols and specialist teams to tackle specific crimes such as drug-dealing.

'We will continue to work together, listening to residents and partners and respond effectively to reduce crime in our commu-

nities and to keep those people who live, work and visit Ayrshire, safe.'

While the Your View Counts survey provides the opportunity for communities to tell us what is important to them locally on an ongoing basis, the recent launch of the Policing 2026 strategy encourages people to participate in the longer term plan for policing.

Relate

This will allow them to develop a local policing service that addresses the crimes that concern people most as well as dealing with the 80 per cent of calls the public contact them with relating to harm, safety and vulnerability.

To take part in the Policing 2026 consultation visit www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts



Stuart and Liz Blake of the Lochranza Centre CIC receive their award from Robert Scott-Dempster, category sponsor, and host Fred MacAulay, right.



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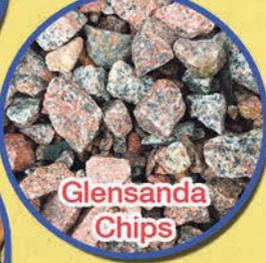
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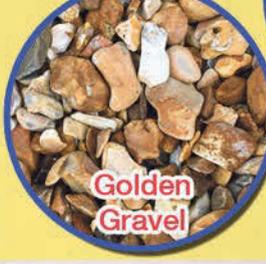
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Editorial

Port pledge a priority

So, the decision is all but made. The Arran ferry is staying in Ardrossan and now the hard work starts.

This week North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane has made a pledge to the people of Arran that the council and Ardrossan harbour owner Peel Ports will deliver in full the promised £15 million Maritime Hub – a new integrated ferry, road and rail terminal by 2018.

That is the very least the people of Arran deserve. There has been a lot of loyalty shown to Ardrossan, which everyone knows is not perfect, and that support must be shown in real investment in the harbour facilities.

If the intervention of Troon in to the port debate did nothing else, it at least brought Peel Ports to the negotiating table with promises of investment.

These promises must now be turned into reality to give Arran the ferry service the islanders deserve.

Thought for the week

'For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you, through His poverty, might become rich.' (2 Corinthians 8:9)

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Setting record straight on toilets

Sir,
Following the information in last week's *Banner* I would like to set the record straight on behalf of Lochranza and Catacol Community Association. Your information stated: 'despite the best efforts of the council it has not proved possible to find a group willing to take over the ownership of the public toilets in Lochranza'.

The council took the decision to close public toilets in February 2016. It was not until early 2017 that they contacted local community groups, despite the closure date being the end of March. This left very little time for solutions to be investigated.

Our toilets in Lochranza are located at a fairly busy spot – Lochranza Pier ferry terminal, take away food outlet, yacht pontoon, popular spot for overnight camping and cyclists.

We were told it costs £2,500 per year to run them and they require £6,500 of work to bring them up to standard. Our bank account currently stands at £150.

In Lochranza we suggested a two-fold solution.

1. CalMac (CMAL) should take over the toilets next to their pier or provide a facility in their refurbished waiting room. 2. We would look to provide a public toilet outside Lochranza Hall in the same style as that outside Corrie Hall.

We asked North Ayrshire – through the Arran Community Council as they will not communicate directly with village organisations – if they would support us in these efforts. Having been in touch with CMAL as a community group, they are unwilling to provide toilets at Lochranza Pier. I am not aware of any efforts by North Ayrshire to communicate directly with CMAL to investigate 'joint' solutions. We asked North Ayrshire if they would make the funds obtained from the sale of Lochranza toilets (these are being sold at a commercial building rate, same in Brodick) available to the village hall to allow them to 'step up' where the council have 'stepped out'. Answer so far is 'no'.

Now I applaud all attempts being made to sign petitions. However the only public writing that politicians or councillors take heed of is your 'X' at the ballot box.

I suggest anyone who feels inconvenienced by the lack of toilets on Arran – locals or Ayrshire visitors – think about who voted these cuts through when they cast their vote in May.

Yours,
Chris Traill
chairman
Lochranza and Catacol
Community Association

All change

Sir,
In light of NAC's attitude to the provision of public convenience's in Arran, it may be more productive, to consider a change of local authority.

Perhaps join Argyll and

Bute, or South Ayrshire and take the boat with us. What a small sum £35,000 would seem, in comparison to the loss of revenue from Arran ratepayers. A residential referendum on the issue, would be quite a fashionable thing to do right now.

Yours,
Neil May
Dippin

Very convenient

Sir,
I read in last weeks *Banner* of CalMac's intention to no longer sell six-journey tickets because of abuse. This makes no sense whatsoever. What business would turn down being paid up front for a service not yet provided?

Surely CalMac must know who the apparent culprits are since you have to give your details, including car make and registration, when booking which is checked off at the terminal. They could simply contact these people and ask for a non returnable booking fee for future sailings.

As someone who makes around 20 sailings a year multi tickets are very convenient especially, if on impulse, you decide to risk an unbooked sailing, and since not every unbooked car gets on, it's not as though CalMac are losing out on empty spaces.

Yours,
Clive Mark
Corrie

Darts success

Sir,
Margaret and family would like to thank everyone who made the Donald and James

Mackenzie memorial darts mixed doubles competition such a success once again.

Special thanks to Susan and friends for all help with the draw and for keeping the games going. Thanks to Andrea, Eddie, Vicky and all at the hall and social club. Thanks to Irene for helping to sell raffle tickets, Jimmy for putting up the boards and Phyllis for her patience with the mini bus. Natalie for presenting the trophies, James' son for presenting the highest check-out cup.

The grant total of £700 was raised for ArCas towards transport for cancer patients to hospitals on the mainland for treatment. Anyone who still wishes to donate can still do so at ArCas in Brodick.

Thank you to all who donated and those that donated prizes for the raffles.

Yours,
Margaret Mackenzie
Kilmory

Hotel eyesore

Sir,
Arran Civic Trust has been unable to identify the owner of the derelict McLaren Hotel. This hotel has been an eyesore on the Brodick front for a number of years, a topic of remark to visitors and an exasperating blight to locals. The trust's view is that any private property owner should respect the community where the property is situated and ensure that it does not become an embarrassment to the village.

We understand that local authorities do have some power with regard to cases like this though they are re-

luctant to use them but, in this instance of dereliction over years in such a prominent place, we feel that action is justified. The owner needs to be found, the fences removed, the gardens reinstated, the building made secure but painted and made presentable followed by clear plans for its future or the future of the site within a timescale which does not stretch to eternity.

Yours,
John Inglis
chairman
Arran Civic Trust

Ferry decision

Sir,
I'm absolutely delighted that Mr Yousaf has seen reason and listened to the majority on this. The ferry has been part of Ardrossan for 182 years, it is part of the town's identity and right that it remains on our shores. But it should be noted that many in the community did not give support for the status quo.

I've had many people contact me with extremely valid concerns over the service and its reliability.

I believe that retaining Ardrossan was the best move. Peel Ports and North Ayrshire Council have committed to spending £15 million into improving the mainland harbour which will help a great deal in tackling the issues of reliability with the current ferry service.

The Ardrossan-Arran ferry has served us for 182 years and I look forward to the next 182!"

Andrew Brown
Political Aide to
Jamie Greene MSP

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Strictly Sarah dances her way to raise charity cash

An Arran dancing queen has finished runner-up in a charity contest.

As reported in the Banner last month, Sarah Kelso took part in (A Little Less) Strictly Come Dancing at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow to raise money for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice.

This event saw Sarah and her dance partner, Graham Fox, compete

against five other couples for the coveted glitter ball trophy dancing the salsa.

Sarah, from Shiskine, but who now lives in Glasgow, said: 'I am thrilled to say we were runners up on the night, which meant I got to dance twice but, more importantly, I have raised more than £7,500 for the hospice – more than dou-

ble my original target.

'Needless to say, the Arran support did not let me down – both in the friends and family that came along to support me on the night but also the many generous people who sponsored me and helped with my fundraising efforts. I'm extremely grateful to have had such fantastic community support, as always.'

The event is the hospice's flagship fundraising event of the year to support their 'Brick By Brick' Appeal to build a brand new hospice in Glasgow.

This was the event's eighth year and was hosted by Carol Smillie and Bryan Burnett. The BBC's Strictly Come Dancing's Giovanni Pernice and his professional partner Luba Mushtuk performed on the night and also formed part of the judging panel.

Sarah's fundraising page is still open at www.justgiving.com/StrictlySarah



Sarah on the dancefloor with partner Graham Fox.



Sarah keeps dancing with mum Aileen, brother Brian and dad Jock, who were there to support her on the night.

Fraser stages photo exhibition at Arran distillery



Swans in a rear view mirror – one of Fraser's photographs. B12photo01NO

A new exhibition of work by local photographer Fraser Aitchison is to be staged at the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza.

Launching on Friday April 7, the opening will run from 7.30pm to 11pm and will include music from a local band. The exhibition runs until the middle of July.

Fraser is a well known face on Arran. Originally from Ayrshire, he has been an island resident since the early 1990s, after frequent earlier visits.

His previous careers have included working at the sand plant, delivering coal all over the island and working for Edinburgh Council, as well as helping set up Arran Broadband.

Working with both the coal and Arran Broadband have allowed him unique access to parts of Arran many don't see.

Revelling in the vistas that Arran provides, Fraser is delighted to capture images to stimulate the imagination and relax the mind.

During the recent Anvil Challenge, when Davy Ballantyne took a 120kg anvil to the top of Goatfell in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Fraser both documented and aided in the attempt.

After 26 days the anvil arrived at the summit and the effort has so far raised more than £15,000 for the charity.

Fraser currently lives in the south end, where he is blessed with spectacular views.

Arran Dark lifts gold at awards

Arran Brewery has won a gold award at the SIBA National Craft Beer Awards.

Arran Dark took the award in the keg competition and, for second year in a row, Scottish beers dominated the awards by winning big.

Supreme champion gold went to William Brothers for Williams Dark while Swannay Brewery took silver for Island Hopping. Fyne Ales took a gold in the bottled beer category.

Other Scottish breweries picking up awards were: Strathaven Ales, Alchemy Brewery, Loch Lomond Brewery, Wolf Brewery, and the Edinburgh Beer Factory.

Gerald Michaluk from Arran Brewery said: 'Arran only had one beer in the competition and to win gold for our Arran Dark in keg is fantastic as it won CAMRA Scottish Champion, in its category, for its cask version. Hats off to our brewing team.'

'The achievement of Scottish breweries as a whole is outstanding. For the second year in a row, Scottish Craft brewers are showing the way and punching well above our weight in the national market place.'

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Closer showing a dream come true for film maker

An audience of more than 50 enjoyed an award-winning documentary made by a film director with strong connections to Arran when the Screen Machine was in Brodick recently.

Karen Guthrie visited the island for the showing of her autobiographical film *The Closer We Get*, a bittersweet story which goes under the skin of an astonishing story of broken dreams, loyalty and, perhaps, redemption. It is told by a reluctantly dutiful daughter, Karen herself, who was working as a film-maker in London when her mother Ann had a devastating stroke that took Karen back to care for her in her Ayrshire hometown.

But Karen isn't the only one who returns in crisis. Her prodigal father, the endearing but unfathomable Ian, also reappears after years of separation from Ann.

Reunited so unexpectedly, Karen seizes her camera to go under the skin of the family story before it's too late to come to terms with the aftermath of the secret her father had tried, and failed, to keep from them all and to find that Ann's stroke has, in fact, thrown them a lifeline.

The documentary has won numerous awards and is highly acclaimed by critics. Karen has long family connections to Arran. Her great grandmother, Mrs Allison, lived in Whiting Bay for many



Karen holds a question and answer session with the audience.



Karen meets up with her brother and sister Alison and her daughter Lila Quinn at the screening. Photograph: by Emma Quinn.

years and the family kept her house on until about 2000.

Karen was accompanied by members of her family, who also appeared in the film, and after the free showing did a question and answer session with

the audience. The event was supported by Lottery Scotland within 'See Beyond Stroke', a campaign that has been built around the film to raise awareness of stroke.

Karen said: 'After the screening several old

friends of my family said hello and it was a delight to catch up. I want to thank everyone in the audience for coming along and for their insightful comments and questions about the film. It was a dream come true!'

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Driving tourism growth in Ayrshire and Arran

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The industry event, hosted by VisitScotland and supported by the Ayrshire Tourism Industry Group, will focus on working together to drive tourism growth to benefit local businesses, boost the region's economy and enhance Ayrshire and Arran's reputation as a top visitor destination.

Tourism supports 12,700 jobs in Ayrshire and Arran

and generates £171 million for the local economy, with tourism and hospitality businesses attracting 666,000 tourist trips from UK and overseas visitors in 2015.

Among the speakers will be VisitArran executive director Sheila Gilmore who will provide insights into the success of partnership working.

The conference will also provide delegates with a chance to meet agencies and organisations offering business support, to network with fellow local businesses and make new contacts.

A penny saved is a penny earned for primary pupils

Brodick primary P7s recently held a fundraising event for their summer trip which saw a line of pennies extending from the bridge near the ferry terminal and along the promenade towards the Co-op.

Pupils who held the event are part of a group of P7s across the island who will take an end of primary school trip to Kingswood in Hexham where they will enjoy an adventure of a lifetime at the residential centre that focuses on educational learning using adventure and physical activities.

With donations provided by bemused pedestrians,

the Co-op, Little Rock and Denise Bodie of the Arran Active haberdashery store, the children raised £450 towards their trip.

The young participants all enjoyed being involved in the fun outdoor activity and even the labour

intensive task of counting and bagging up all of the donations.

Organisers, teachers and pupils thanked everyone who contributed and donated money or time towards the very successful and enjoyable event.



Participants and helpers in front of the line of pennies that extended towards the Co-op. B12penny01



Primary pupils count the pennies and bag them up for the bank.

B12penny02



Bemused ferry passengers look on at the line of pennies with many commenting and donating to the cause. B12penny03

Farm fun for Arran youngsters

The National Trust for Scotland's Young Naturalist Club ventured out of Brodick Country Park to visit June and Mike Taylor on their farm.

The group were introduced to June's white bred shorthorn cattle, including George a newly born calf. After giving the cows a good comb, the kids got to work feeding

the hens and ducks, collecting eggs and strawing down the nest boxes. It wasn't all hard work though as the group got a well deserved rest on hay bales, then retired to June's kitchen for juice and biscuits.

Decided

Half the group have now decided they want to be farmers when they

grow up, so watch out for them in 20 years time, maybe they'll be winning prizes at the Arran Farmers Show!

The next Young Naturalist Club will be Saturday April 8 when they will be finding out all about our squirrels. Contact Arran Ranger Service for more information.



Club members sit on straw bales at the farm.

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The return of The Junkyard Dawgs

Kilmory Hall is delighted to announce that The Junkyard Dawgs are making a long awaited return to Arran for the Easter weekend.

The Easter Eggstravaganza will open at 8.30pm on Saturday April 15 with

tickets available from Inspirations of Arran and online from www.arranevents.com for £10.50.

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9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon

The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
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Sunday 26th March

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Fun in the pool
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
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Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie sports hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Arran High School dance studio, 6.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
Brodick Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Corrie - Breagha Holistic Beauty 5:00pm - 5:30pm
Shiskine Church Hall 5:15pm - 5:45pm
Brodick Church Kitchen 6pm - 6.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 28th March

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowls
RunArran run coaching
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Lamlash Junior Drama Club

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm

Flow yoga
Pilates
Scottish country dancing
Winter bowls
Arran Skinnymalinks

Corrie and Sannox Hall, 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Lochranza Arran Distillery visitor centre 10am - 10.30am

Wednesday 29th March

Rock an pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass rehearsal
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
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Knittner and Nattery
Quiz night
Bus pass club meal
Chair yoga St Molios

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
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie spa, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
The PHT, noon - 2.30pm
Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am - noon

Thursday 30th March

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Ladies' hockey
RUNFIT
Burger and quiz night
Winter bowls
Arran Bridge
Quilt Arran
Flow yoga
Chair yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
RUNFIT
Brodick Embroidery Group
Music Matters

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash front green, 6.45am
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am - 11.30am
Lamlash green, 6.45am
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Lamlash church Hall, 2pm

Friday 31st March

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
Arran Vets
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
AA meeting
Tae Kwondo
Live Music - Matthew Burtenshaw
Karaoke & Open Mic
Live music - The Buchaneers
Coffee morning

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Reception
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Coast, Whiting Bay 8pm
Corrie & Sannox hall, 10.30am

U-boat detection during First World War

Scientists were paid £1 a day for their work

Fifty members of Arran History Society welcomed Diana Maxwell of Aberdour and Whiting Bay to their March meeting, writes *Norma Davidson*.

Aberdour is near Rosyth with its naval dockyard situated on the River Forth. She was aware of the existence of a research station there during the early years of World War I and in the mid-1990s began to research the station. By information gleaned from local folk and the records which had by then come into the public domain she was able to build up a fascinating talk sub-titled, *Memories of Hawkraig Admiralty Experimental Establishment Station, 1915-1919*. Like all shore-based establishments, it had a nautical name, in this instance *HMS Tarlair*.

In the early years of the war, one in every three merchant ships were lost to U-boats and at one time the nation was down to six weeks of supplies; indeed, some sources said as little as two weeks.

Cyril Ryan, an ex-Royal Navy Officer who subsequently worked for Marconi, invented a receiving microphone for detecting underwater sound. Working on the idea of detecting U-boats he took his idea to the Admiralty. Admiral Beatty, commanding officer of Rosyth, gave the idea his backing and the establishment was created at Hawkraig Peninsular. Cyril Ryan lived locally, coincidentally in the house the speaker now owns, and a seaplane was based in a local hotel garden.

The hydrophone, as the device was called, could detect sound underwater from a distance of four miles and eventually it would be fitted to all naval vessels, with 4,000 officers and men trained in its use.

Cyril Ryan was a character who loved his dogs, but not the one who ate

his sandwiches. Being an inventor, he devised an alarm that attached to his lunch and activated to deliver a wee electrical shock to his canine companion, who we assume stole no more sandwiches. Scientists were paid £1 a day for their work, and many eminent names were in their number.

Diana based much of her work on the memoirs of Albert Wood who worked under Professor Rutherford. Sir Richard Paget, a prominent musician and scientist, went on to invent the first artificial larynx and later when the hydrophone was improved to use two detectors, that was masterminded by Professor W H Bragg who won the Nobel Prize for his work on X-ray crystallography.

The hydrophone itself was a receiver microphone approximately eight inches in diameter, which passed through a diaphragm and had a waterproof casing. Many musicians were also pressed into contributing as they were presumed to have a very advanced perception of sound.

Sir Hamilton Harty, founder of the Halle Orchestra, and his wife, the singer Agnes Nicholls, were two such.

In 1916 George V visited the base to observe this major scientific research of World War I, where civilian and naval scientific brains and musicians with their expertise were all working together for the first time.

The base had 12 naval ships, including a remote controlled boat, submarine, destroyer, trawler and a seaplane. There was also access to *HMS Pegasus*, the first aircraft carrier. Seaplanes launched from a slipway were used as observers to spot U-boats from above. They were used in the Battle of Jutland as observers and when they were armed at a later date sank three U-boats. Even-

tually 31 listening hubs were installed around Britain and more than 55 detections and sinkings were recorded.

Professor Alexander Rankine perfected a photophone, which projects a voice using a light beam. This technology went on to contribute to the first talking pictures and eventually laser beams. Sound travels four-and-a-half times faster underwater than above, and the ever-improving hydrophone could now detect at a distance of 12 miles.

A 'porpoise' was designed which could be towed behind a boat, the equipment being housed in a bomb-shaped capsule.

Also there was a magnophone which was a hydrophone housed in a mine, and when it detected its target it would be programmed to detonate. One U-boat was destroyed in this way in Scapa Flow. Another success was the indicator loops which were installed at every naval dockyard by the start of WWII.

Cyril Ryan combined his love of dogs and his inventing by constructing the first remote controlled dog. The base must have been a very busy area at the time, and bizarrely, Paderewski, the great pianist, came and gave a concert which had to take place in the centre of a large field as the planned venue, the officers' mess, could not accommodate the huge audience. He went on to become the Prime Minister of Poland but for sure, he never forgot performing in that field.

The base closed in 1919, and the huts were demolished. Today only the concrete bases and a small remnant of the slipway remain. *HMS Tarlair* has certainly been productive in its four year history. Sonar replaced the hydrophone as it was based on the same principle, but Rosyth says the hydrophone is still in use because it cannot be detected.

This was a subject of which we knew nothing, but Diana Maxwell made us well aware of the contribution to the war that was made in the remote corner of Fife, a hive of activity now returned to nature.

The next meeting of the society will be on Monday April 24, one week later than usual because of Easter, at 2pm in Brodick Hall, when the speaker will be Stuart Wilson who will talk about Sir Alexander Fleming, and his work on Penicillin.

Visitors are always most welcome.



Diana Maxwell who gave the talk.

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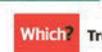
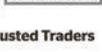












Defibrillator registration campaign launched

The Scottish Ambulance Service is appealing to communities and organisations on Arran to register potentially life-saving public access defibrillators on its dedicated website.

Launching its Registration to Resuscitation campaign, the service's national community resilience manager Murray McEwan said: 'Public access defibrillators can be found all over Scotland, including many communities in Ayrshire and Arran, and are vital pieces of equipment in the crucial early minutes following a cardiac arrest before an ambulance arrives.'

'When someone experiences a cardiac arrest they are unconscious and not breathing, or not breathing normally, and their life is in immediate danger, which is why these defibrillators are so important.'

On Arran, thanks largely to Fiona Laing of the Community Access Defibrillator Project, Arran residents have access to 21 defibrillators across the island.

Private institutions and commercial organisations who are in possession of their own defibrillators might raise that number significantly and provide an even larger coverage area for the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Mr McEwan went on: 'Currently, anyone can acquire a defibrillator and they are often based in community centres, sports facilities and other public places. While there is no legal obligation to register defibrillators, the Scottish Ambulance Service now has a dedicated registration website and we are appealing to local communities to ensure we know where these are, so when someone calls 999 we will know where the nearest defibrillator is if it is required.'

The Scottish Ambulance Service public access defibrillator registration website address is: pad.scottishambulance.com.



Sebastien Bain, Katrina Frost and Rosie Wilkinson with their syringes. 01_A12science03



Older pupils at work on their experiments. 01_A12science06



Ben Worthington and Louis Gray show how electrical currents work. 01_A12science09



Daisy McNamara demonstrates her hydraulic lifting arm. 01_A12science05

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Pupils put their skills to the test

Parents and grandparents were invited to Whiting Bay Primary School last week for the annual science fair, where pupils put into practice what they have been learning in science.

P1/2 and 3 have been learning about magnets. They have also been investigating sound and making models as well as finding out all about living things and life cycles. P3 have been using pneumatics in their model making.

Investigated

P4/5 have been learning about how animals survive in a cold climate. They also investigated how to use a microscope effectively and have been finding out about the human skeleton.

They have also been researching weather systems.

P6/7 have been learning how to use a microscope to observe evidence to solve a crime as well as finding out about systems in the human body. Before that they were investigating flood emergency procedures and recently they have been building and programming Lego models.

The after school science club has also been working on two projects, the construct a crane challenge, which involves designing and building a model crane, and designing and building a model hydraulic lifting arm.

They have also been soldering lights and investigating robotics.



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Roslin McLean, Nina Szwaliec, Logan Park and Zak Stone with experiment. 01_A12science04



Pupils show off their microscope skills. 01_A12science08



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Businesses are at risk

Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in North Ayrshire are at risk of being taken out of the Scottish government's small business bonus because of Derek Mackay's business rate revaluation, West of Scotland MSP Jamie Greene has claimed.

Mr Greene grilled the finance secretary in the Scottish Parliament but was unable to get a clear answer on how many businesses would be affected.

The Conservative list MSP said: 'Once again the SNP deflect a genuine question on a matter concerning my constituency. SMEs in North Ayrshire have a real concern regarding the small business bonus and the business rates they will be paying but the finance secretary has shrugged them off. It's essential that businesses across North Ayrshire are given clear information on what funds they will receive and what rates they will be paying for the financial year. If not, they are not able to adequately plan for the long-term and jobs will end up being cut. I wasn't impressed by the finance secretary's attitude in the parliament and I will be following this up with him.'

Bridge club results

Results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition held at Brodick on Thursday March 16 were as follows: N/S: 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Janie Macclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Elaine Duncan and Alison Bilsland. E/W: 1 John Baraclough and Jennifer Wales, 2 Margaret MacGill and Jim Peacock, 3 David and Fiona Henderson.

The results of the aggregate competition held at Lamlash on Monday March 20 were as follows: N/S: 1 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Margaret MacGill and Elizabeth McKellar. E/W: 1 Alison Bilsland and Fiona Henderson, 2 Doug Chase and Jennifer Wales, 3 Ellie and Mel Jones.



Black, deputy head teacher of Whiting Bay, Kilmory and Shiskine, gives a science demonstration to younger pupils. 01_A12science01



Eden Robertson demonstrates his raft experiment. 01_A12science10



Luke Goatley and Alec Fraser watch as Annie West gives a demonstration. 01_A12science02



He shows his constructed crane model. 01_A12science07



Kirsty Morrison demonstrates a pulley system. 01_A12science11

Obituary: George Tod, 1946-2017

George brought a smile to everyone that he met

George Tod was a family man, a hard-working farmer and a keen sportsman. Born on January 25, 1946, he lived all his life on the island and passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at Balgowan on Saturday March 4. He was 71.

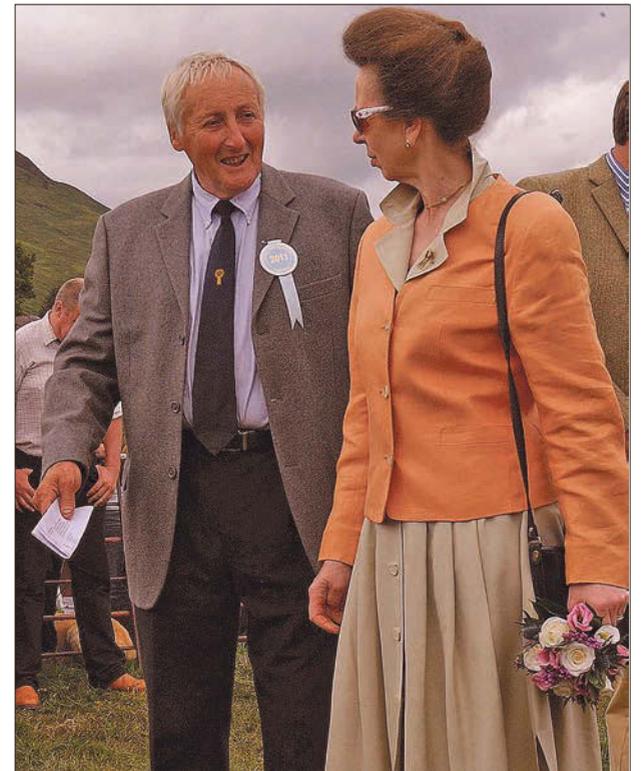


George as he will best be remembered.

George was raised at Glenree and started his married life with Lillian at Balnree in Whiting Bay. He would joke that he should never have been a farmer, but his lean and wiry frame belied the heart of a lion. In 1978 they moved to Glenree, the largest hill sheep farm on the island, and like generations of his family before him, shepherding and farming were very much in George's genes. He and Lillian brought up four children; Alison, David, Jennifer and Graeme and moved from Glenree to Balgowan in Shiskine in 1996.

George had a special sense of humour second to none. Sometimes a bit off the wall some may say, but always kindly and fun-loving. Being so active, he was perhaps accident-prone, but always came up smiling and saw the funny side of situations. He was a keen footballer, with the highlight of his playing career being part of the 1972 Arran Cup winning Southend team. Badminton, squash and golf were other activities that he excelled at, even competing as a family in the Corrie Capers fun run on one occasion.

As well as raising first class stock, George won accolades in the championship showing rings, ranging from the champion beef animal at the Christmas Fatstock Show and Sale in Brodick to best overhead sheep at the Arran Show in summer. His successes in the show ring came not only from his time at Glenree, but also after the family moved to the homely steading of Balgowan in Shiskine. The Arran Farmers Society played a huge part in his life and George was a lifetime supporter of the Arran Show, holding various offices – as director, chairman, and hon-



George with Princess Anne when she visited the Arran farmers' show in 2011.

orary vice president. He was never more proud than when he was asked to be the first 'non-gentry' president of the Society, taking over that role from the Lady Jean Fforde just last year. Among his favourite sayings were: 'My work is my hobby and, life is a holiday, enjoy every minute'. He brought a smile to the

faces of all he met. The amazing turnout of family and friends at his funeral service in St Molio's Church was testament to a life well-lived and well-loved. George is survived by daughters Alison and Jennifer, sons David and Graeme and grandchildren Rory, Lily, Stanley, Florence and Tod.

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North Ayrshire Council's planning team is providing a top-quality service for people and businesses across the region.

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All local authorities are asked to provide an annual Planning Performance Framework (PPF) which evaluates every area of the planning process. This in turn is passed on to the Scottish Government, which reviews the results and makes recommendations.

This then informs the council's next PPF.

The latest feedback – received at the end of last year – reflects the high level of performance and customer service delivered by the planning service for North Ayrshire.

It notes a successful performance and notes a range of positive achievements in service delivery throughout 2015/16. The average time for local and household applications to be determined in North Ayrshire – around 5.8 weeks – over half the national average of 12.3 weeks. For major ap-

plications, the average decision time is 24.3 weeks, which is again quicker than the national average of 38.8 weeks.

Councillor Alex Gallagher, cabinet member for economies, said: 'We are a council that is always looking to improve and be innovative, and our planning team is very much setting the bar with its approach.'

'It's done incredibly well to bring average times down and we are sure that it will continue to make steady improvements to the service over the coming months.'

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday 29 March, 1997

Doctor, Doctor

Dr Malcolm Kerr, who has been a single handed practitioner since coming to Arran 13 years ago, is to get help in the form of a new partner Dr Liz Guthrie.

Dr Guthrie, has been doing locum work for all the doctors on the island for several years and is already known to many patients, but this is a more permanent arrangement.

Dr Guthrie, who is also Mrs Liz Kerr, is no relation to Dr Kerr but is married to Alaister Kerr of Shiskine. It is convenient she should practise under her maiden name to avoid confusion, although she has used it since she graduated from Aberdeen University.

Another doctor will add a new dimension to the practice and Dr Guthrie, who specialises in homeopathy and acupuncture, will be practising at Brodick Medical Centre.

Rickshaw ride

Looking for a lift to Brodick Castle? Well now you can get there by rickshaw. In an enterprising move, Richard Lane and Jane Barker start their new transport service this weekend.

Between them they have formed the Isle of Arran Rickshaw Company and have bought a splendid new rick-



On Tuesday evening at the Kinloch Hotel, Jennifer Ingham and Eilidh Kerr turned into rainbows. Leader Alice Anderson enrolled them into the group of Girl Guides for girls, aged five to seven. B12twe02



Ian Small and Alastair Dobson receive cheques totalling £180,000 on behalf of the Arran Sports Association. The cheques were presented by representatives of the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, The Football Trust and by MP Brian Wilson dressed in a Brodick goalkeeper's top.

B12twe01

shaw from Oxford which will convey passengers between the ferry terminal and the pedestrian entrance to the castle.

Not surprisingly ex-nurse Richard and country park ranger Jane got the idea in India. It was while visiting the country two years ago they thought it might be a good idea for Arran. They have deliberately chosen their first route because there are no hills!

Service surprise

Some local television viewers watching Hamish McBeth last Sunday were surprised when one character took his transistor radio into the hills to listen to a church service and when he switched it on out came the Rev Ian McLeod and singing from Brodick Church. One of these viewers was Mr McLeod himself and it was as much a surprise for him as anyone. But a pleasant surprise and one that afforded him much fun.



Brodick playgroup won the Meynall Cup for action songs on Thursday morning at the Music Festival. They are pictured here on the Whiting Bay hall stage with the cup being held by Hannah Dobson and Oscar Gentleman. B12twe03



A group of high school musicians known as 'Children of the Monkeybasket' are preparing for their first public performance at Whiting Bay hall on Saturday night. They are, left to right, Joanna Kingsbury, Douglas l'Anson, Grant Park, Caroline Turner and Kirstie Smith. B12twe04



The Cairnhouse winter points championship took place in glorious weather on Sunday. Jenna Thomson on Trooper took first place with Moira MacAlister on Nugget a close second. B12twe05

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17/00167/PP; Shealladh Breagh, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of 2 no timber log cabins to form workshop and cafe/shop and associated access paths to rear of existing dwelling.

17/00263/PP; Site To West Of Altardoch, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Installation of telecommunications apparatus, ancillary equipment cabinets and fenced compound.

Elma Murray
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MACHRIE TIMBER SLIPWAY

Drop in meeting

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Wednesday 29th March, 4pm - 6pm

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CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay
Sunday 26th March
(Mothering Sunday)
11am Holy Communion
Rev Adrian Fallows
Coffee after service
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran
Brodict, Corrie, Lochranza,
Pirnmill and Shiskine
Independent but working
together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter

Worship will be conducted in
the above churches at the
following times to which
all are invited.

Sunday 26th March
Lochranza and Pirnmill
Churches, 10.15am Morning
Worship in Lochranza Church
Shiskine Church, 12noon
Morning Worship
Brodict 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.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 26th March
Worship will be conducted by
Mrs Sharon MacLeod,
Reader, at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served
in the transept after the
service. All most welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a
fellowship to share"
Sunday 26th March
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
All welcome, including
families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 26th March
Sunday Mass 11am

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 26th March
Morning service 11am
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Glen Estate, Brodict.
Evening service 6.30pm
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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

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Shiskine 11am (church on
road between Blackwaterfoot
and Machrie)
Brodict 6pm
BACK IN THE CHURCH
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CURRIE - Rena

The Currie family would like
to express their sincere thanks
to so many people for all the
support received over the past
few months. All the care and
compassion shown by the
Doctors and Hospital Staff
here on Arran, our Carers,
and all District Nurses who
attended mum and supported
us all is very much appreciated.
Special thanks to Rev Elizabeth
Watson & Mrs Jean Hunter for
their support and assistance at
a difficult time and to Clair &
David Hendry, the team from
Lamlash Café and Lamlash
Golf Club for their help and to
Davie Crossley who came to
our aid. To all who attended
mums service in such terrible
weather last Friday and for all
the cards and visits, we thank
you. The collection raised of
£1,285 at mum's service has
been split between ArCaS
and The Hospital Supporters
League.

TOD - George

George's family would like
to thank the doctors, nurses,
visitors, bakers, the Hendry's,
St Molios Church, Angus
and all at Kinloch for their
fabulous care and kindness
shown to Dad and to all those
who attended and contributed
to the over £2,500 collection
for Arcas and Cancer Research
at the services in Shiskine and
Ayr.

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Ladies score six

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a fantastic second half,
blocking many a pass be-
tween their players in mid-
field and feeding the ball
back up the pitch to the Ar-
ran forwards.

Lorraine Hewie, who
scored the opening goal
for Arran in the first half,
was also able to out run
the Strathclyde defenders
with her controlled sweeps
down the left wing, con-
stantly turning and twist-
ing to evade the back line
defence before putting her
second goal in the back of
the net.

However the goal of the
game came from young Ab-
bie Mckelvie who showed
such calm, controlled play
in mid-field throughout the
match. When the opportu-
nity presented itself to Ab-
bie, she positioned herself
at the top of the attack-



Abbie Mckelvie halts the progress of an opponent. 01_A12hockey02

ing 'D' and stuck the ball
which such accuracy that

it lifted from the end of
her stick and shot over the
goalkeepers pad and into
to the top corner of the net,
giving Arran their first goal
in the second half.

The Arran Ladies then
had pleasure in hosting the
Strathclyde team to an ex-
cellent after match tea in
the Ormidale Hotel, who
have sponsored and sup-
ported them throughout
this year. Such was the en-
joyable after match atmos-
phere that neither team
were in a hurry to head
off from each other, hap-

py to sit and chat, discuss-
ing many of the matches
they had played in. It was
pointed out that every time
Arran and Strathclyde had
played together the sun had
come out for the game, as it
did today much to the del-
ight of the players and the
supporters on the sidelines.

Abbie Mckelvie was
awarded man of the match
by the Strathclyde Uni
team for her excellent play
on the pitch and the Arran
Ladies voted young Mia
Walker as the team's dame
of the game.



Lorraine Hewie smashes home the first goal. 01_A12hockey04



Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday March 9, Yel-
low Medal, CSS, 62, Par
61. 1 Hugh McLelland 81-
21=60. Magic two by Alan
Smith.

Sunday March 19, Lam-
lash v Whiting Bay at Whit-
ing Bay. Unfortunately due
to adverse weather this fi-
nal match was cancelled.
An alternative date will be
arranged. Watch this space.

Fixtures: Sunday March
26, final day of Winter
Stableford at 9.30am and
12noon.

Thursday March 30, final
Yellow Medal of the win-
ter season at 11am. Sun-
day April 2, Carpenter

Rose Bowl at 9.30am and
12.30pm.

Brodict Golf Club

Wednesday March 15,
Wednesday Cup. Ter-
ry Raeside was the
best with a net 63.
Runner up was Bert Mc-
Gunnigle with a 64. John
May had the only magic
two.

Sunday March 19, Win-
ter Cup, Stableford, sev-
en played. Iain Mac-
Donald 7, 36pts, Donald
McKinnie 10, 33pts,
Bruce Jenkins 8, 32 pts.
Fixtures: Sunday March
26, final round of Win-
ter Cup, 9am and 12noon.
Wednesday March 29, first
round of Summer Cup. Ar-
range own games and play
any time.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday March 19, friendly
v Lamlash at Whiting Bay.

The heavy rain at the tail
end of the week put paid
to hopes of any golf over
the weekend and unfortu-
nately the final match of
the winter friendlies had to
be postponed. With the se-
ries on a knife edge howev-
er it will have to fit it some-
time soon. Watch the club's
website and Facebook page
for a new date.

Fixture: Sunday March
26, Yellow tees Stableford
sweep, 10am draw.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday March 18, Sweep.
A low turnout but won
in some style by Smithy
with a net 60. 1 A Smith
71-11=60, 2 R Burke 76-
11=65. Scratch A Smith.
Magic two D Currie@2nd.

Fixture: Saturday March
25, Sweep, ballots at
9.30am and 12.30pm.
Members are reminded that
the Club AGM will be held

in the tearoom on Wednes-
day April 5 at 8pm. All
Welcome.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday March 19, 12 Hole
Medal and Winter Cup, 16
played. First Class: 1 R
Crawford 46-4=42, 2 B
Patton 46-3=43 BIH, 3 A Napi-
er 47-4=43. Scratch, B Pa-
ton 46 BIH. Second Class:
1 P Betley 54-8=46 BIH, 2
W McNally 55-9=46, 3 G
Kennedy 55-8=47. Mag-
ic twos A Napier, W Kelso
and B Paton. Well done to
Shiskine captain R Craw-
ford who won the Winter
Cup!

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday March 14, Win-
ter Cup, 1 S Brookes 89-
23=66, 2 F Scott 96-28=68,
3 J Pennycott 76-7=69.

Fixture: Tuesday March
28, Winter Cup last round,
noon.

United bring home the silverware

Arran United junior football team played a return tournament against St Cadoc's at Eastwood High School, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, last Sunday where they won a clutch of trophies.

Four teams travelled over on the ferry, two with players born in 2006, one 2008 and a 2010 team, which saw 30 children excitedly taking part in the matches.

They brought home three trophies out of a possible four and had an enjoyable day out. The main trophy was presented to Arran United for winning the tie, three matches to two, which St Cadoc's will be trying to win back at a future event. Players were treated to take away Domino's pizza after the game at a local rugby club and equally as satisfying was

when the CalMac ferry captain wished the players good luck over the PA system, which they loved. The next trip away for all of the Arran United teams is on Saturday June 3 when they are attending the Campbelltown Football Festival. Any new players interested in joining the team should make contact through their facebook page, Arran United Football Club.



Arran United footballers and coaches celebrate with their trophies at the ferry terminal before returning home.



Arran United players proudly hoist one of their trophies into the air at the prize giving ceremony.



Arran United players look on as their team mate launches the ball past a St Cadoc's defender.



The trophies kept on coming as Arran United players receive the third of their four trophies.



The young footballers enjoyed a day away with some fantastic football being played by both sides.



Coach Ross Dobson proudly poses with his team for a pre match pep talk.

Junior triathlon club celebrate first podium finish of the season



Ruby Wright, left, finished in a time of 10 minutes, 46 seconds to claim third place in the Girls Tri 1 race.

Last Sunday, 15 triathletes from Arran Junior Triathlon Club (AJTC) travelled to compete in the Allander Youth Aquathlon hosted by Glasgow Triathlon Club. Making their debut appearances in the Tristar race were Grace Popplewell, Luke Goatley and Gregor Gunaydi. Ruby Wright ran in with a finish time of 10 minutes 46 seconds to claim a fantastic third place in the girls Tri 1 race, placing the first Arran junior triathlete of the 2017 season on the podium.

In the Tri 1 Boys race Myles Lindsay-Smith obtained a well-earned personal best followed closely by Jack Popplewell. Tri 2 Girls race was completed fantastically by Julie Hamill, Beth McCarthy,

Erin McNiven and Abby Stewart.

Followed up next by the Tri 2 Boys, James McCarthy, Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith and Archie Gunaydi. Nearing the end of a great day, Ciara Wood, competed in the Tri 3 Girls race. Clearing the final race, Eilidh Hamill showed a tremendous transition to the youth category. Proving a wonderful role model to all the other triathletes, Eilidh completed her race with a huge smile and was rewarded with the biggest cheers from all of the AJTC children and parents on the sidelines.

Organisers congratulated everyone who competed and thanked all of the parents for their support and encouragement.



Arran Junior Triathlon Club members pose for a photo before competing in the Aquathlon.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Junior triathlon club celebrate first podium finish of the season

Arran Ladies lesson in tactical team play

Arran Ladies 6
Strathclyde University 2s 0

What started out as a wet and windy day last Saturday became an outstanding 6-0 win for the Arran Ladies hockey club at home against the young ladies from Strathclyde University, writes Pauline Reid.

With only 10 players available for the match, the team strategy was left to left-wing player Lorraine Hewie to come up with a plan to get the best out of the depleted team. And come up with a plan she did!

Keeping goalkeeper Ali Hollingworth fully padded and in goals was the first decision she made, rather than allowing her to play as

a kicking back field player. Lorraine then lined the defence with four players along the 23m line with clear instructions that two players must remain in defence at all time and they should employ zone marking and the 'steering wheel' manoeuvre, moving from side to side to cover each other when challenged by the opposition.

With Freya McNicol, aged 12, as left back, Mia Walker, aged 13, as right back and Elyse Aitken, aged 14, as centre left, it was left to Pauline Reid, (who in her own words, was older than the lot of them put together), as centre right to relay the positioning calls and advice from Ali in goals as



Elyse Aitken on the attack supported by Lorraine Hewie who masterminded the win. 01_A12hockey01

well as reading the game herself.

As ex-goalkeeper and current umpire for the team she is very familiar with watching what was happening and what needed to be done. The young defence did a spectacular job of repelling almost every attack that came towards them, moving into blocking positions ahead of the running Strathclyde forwards knowing their teammates had moved into support po-

sitions behind them.

Up front the team had Judith Ross as right wing, Juliette Walsh as centre right, Abbie Mckelvie as centre left and Lorraine Hewie as left wing, with match captain Anne Watts playing the prominent attacking forward. This formidable line was hard to stop especially when Judith Ross ran the ball up the right wing at such a speed that the Strathclyde defence just could not keep up. As well as scoring

her own goal in the second half, this enabled Judith to set up many a shot on goal. Had the Strathclyde goalkeeper not been as good as she was, Anne Watts would have added more than just one goal to her annual tally after the half time whistle. Juliette Walsh, who scored the second goal in the first half, was a constant source of frustration to the Strathclyde forwards, as she had

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Final games of the season

Arran Ladies have their final two games of the season this weekend.

They are away to Uddingston Ladies' 3s today (Saturday) in Glasgow with a push back time of 1.30pm, and at home tomorrow (Sunday) to GHK Ladies 4s at the Ormidale astro turf. The push back time is to be confirmed. All supporters are warmly welcome.



Judith Ross in the thick of the action. 01_A12hockey03

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