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Marine centre plan for Lamlash tennis courts

A site for a proposed marine discovery centre has been earmarked in Lamlash.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has reached agreement with Lamlash Bowling Club to buy the shorefront tennis courts and pavilion which they believe is an ideal location for the new venture.

Under the plan, two of the tennis courts would go to build the centre, but the other two would be retained and upgraded. COAST says its plan would add value to the under-used community asset, whilst opening a new space with an outdoor and indoor Arran Marine Discovery Centre.

REPORT

by **HUGH BOAG**

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The first stage of the project would be the renovation of the pavilion as the headquarters of Arran's Marine Protected Area and COAST.

The conservation organisation says it will only go ahead if the local community backs the plan. And a public meeting is to be held later this month to give people a chance to have their say.

COAST has already secured agreement to buy the tennis court land and pavilion, which is owned by the bowling club, subject to planning permission, community

support and fundraising. The bowling club accepted the proposal at its recent AGM. And it has emerged that the club is already planning to close the asphalt courts as they are under-used and a drain on the club's resources. The future of the nearby putting green remains uncertain as the land is leased from Arran Estates.

The proposals were unveiled at a meeting of the Arran Community Council this week in Brodick.

Lamlash community councillor and COAST supporter Jim Henderson said he believed the location could not be better and thought it would provide: 'Another fantastic tourist attraction for Lamlash and the whole of Arran.'

'In the first instance, COAST wants to present the idea to the community and get its support for the idea. It doesn't want to confront the community in any way and will back off should there be any opposition,' he added.

Community council chairman Richard McMaster said: 'It sounds initially much better than the tennis courts closing down. The only opposition may come from peo-

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The tennis courts and pavilion in Lamlash. 01_B14tennis02



Kirsty and Luke Sedman had their faces painted at the fair. 01_B14fair01

Easter fair fun in church hall

Kids enjoyed all the fun of the spring fair held in Lamlash Church hall on Easter Saturday. They had a

busy day having their faces painted and drawing Easter pictures while the mums and dads enjoyed soup, sandwiches, various stalls and the star attraction of the SWI baking stall.

The event was a fundraiser for village children's Christmas party and was run by a group of young mums, plus a few of the SWI members, who now form a committee to raise cash for this fund. More than £500 was raised on the day.

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Rose Sweeney paints and decorates an Easter chicken. 01_B14fair05



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All the fun of the Easter fair



Lewis Gregg has his face painted by Heidi Macfarlane. 01_B14fair04



Tennis court plan for new discovery centre

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better than the tennis courts closing down. The only opposition may come from people who want all of the courts kept open.'

COAST chairman Howard Wood later told *The Banner*: 'Arran's Marine Discovery Centre will only go ahead with community support. It was the community of Arran which backed the No Take Zone and the Marine Protected Area, so it makes sense for us to proactively involve islanders from the very beginning. As well as an interesting new visitor attraction we expect this space to be a community hub. It has the potential to raise awareness about our amazing marine environment and galvanise more sustainable marine activities in the area.'

COAST will be presenting the first stage of the project and listening to the public's comments and ideas at a public meeting to be held at Lam-lash Golf Club at 7pm on the Tuesday, April 26.

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Lamlash SWI president Alison Thompson at the baking stall. 01_B14fair02

Above:
Visitors check out the stalls at the fair. 01_B14fair03

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Committee members and volunteers at the Arran Heritage Museum have been hard at work over the winter preparing for the new season of events. This year they have created some interesting and unique displays featuring vintage clothing and some

recent discoveries of iron and bronze age artefacts.

A display area at the Rosaburn museum in Brodick has various items of clothing which have been donated to the museum highlighting the changing fashion trends of Arran locals since the early

1800s and provides valuable information about our ancestors lifestyles through fashion. Delicate and detailed formal wear that is on display shows how garments were cherished and constantly altered to suit the wearer and how they were often handed down from generation to generation or given a new use instead of being discarded.

Display

Of interest, too, is how waistlines have changed over the generations as the adult wear is so small, by modern standards that finding mannequins to display the garments has been nearly impossible. The display also touches on the clothing of travelling folk and children's clothing and how informally we now dress in comparison to days gone by.

Of particular interest to Ar-

ran residents is the new display of two recent discoveries of pottery shards and food vessels that were discovered in 2005 at the Arran High School and more recently the discoveries of two bronze age cists found at Sannox in 2012. In what is usually a convoluted process of acquiring specimens and relics, the museum is particularly proud to have these relics returned to where they were discovered rather than going to a mainland museum far removed from the original location. The recent discoveries complement the rich variety of ancient artefacts that have been discovered all across Arran, which has a huge and significant amount of prehistoric sites that are of national interest.

The exhibits at the museum, which has been open since 1979, reflects the social history, archaeology and geology of the island and is open from 10.30am and 4.30pm every day.



Secretary Tom Macleod and chairman John Sillars at the new costume display. 01_B14museum01



The museum's archaeology section features recently discovered items from 2012. 01_B14museum03



Some of the many volunteers who keep the museum running and up-to-date. 01_B14museum02

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Mackenzie cuts the ribbon to open new Co-op Food store



Mackenzie Campbell cuts the ribbon as the store is officially opened. 01_B14coop02

It has been 10 weeks in the making and for many is has been worth the wait as the refurbished Lamlash Co-operative Food store held its official opening last week.

As reported in last week's *Banner* Mackenzie Campbell, who won a drawing competition at Lamlash Primary School, cut the ribbon as the Jazz Cafe Band performed at the opening ceremony, giving the event a carnival atmosphere. Store manager Barry Miggan and area manager Alan Campbell were on hand along with staff to welcome shoppers to the new store, which has doubled in size and which now features an in-store bakery and, if a public consultation

which is currently being held is successful, it will soon also have a post office.

After its £1 million makeover, the new store has wider aisles, a larger till area and also an ATM. It also features the old paint-on-glass signs dating back to around 1943, which was discovered underneath the modern signage during the renovations.

Mr Miggan said: 'We wish to thank all of our customers for their patience during the renovations and we hope that it has been worth the wait. With the larger store and improved facilities we look forward to serving our community more efficiently and we thank all of our patrons, new and old, for their continued support.'



Staff, along with store manager Barry Miggan and area manager Alan Campbell, prepare for the grand opening. 01_B14coop06

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Old signage dating from the 1940s has been salvaged and used in the new store. 01_B14coop01



The first customer Douglas Clow pays for his shopping. 01_B14coop04

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The Jazz Cafe Band gave the opening a celebratory atmosphere. 01_B14coop05

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Late night shopping at Arran Active opening

Arran Active held its official opening last week with a late night shopping event.

Last Thursday the doors of the Shore Road shop stayed open until 8pm and there was fruit punch, gin and whiskey tastings as well as sandwiches, cakes and nibbles for shoppers.

The store which had a soft opening last month also entertained the busy shop with music upstairs from the Jazz Cafe Band, where the display of Arran photographs also proved popular.

Advantage

Staff were also on hand to help those taking advantage

of the chance for some late night shopping. Owner Andrew Walsh said: 'We have been extremely busy since the first day we opened our doors and we just wanted to say thank you for the loyalty of our customers as well as welcome those who had not yet been in the shop.'



Arran Active owners Andrew and Juliette Walsh, centre, with staff at the official opening of the new shop. Judith Ross is the only member of staff missing.

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The food spread on offer at the shop opening. 01_B14active02



The shop was busy with late night shoppers. 01_B14active03



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Labour leader back on Arran

Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale will be back on the hustings trail on Arran today.

Along with North Ayrshire candidate Johanna Baxter, they will be holding a public meeting at the Ormidale Pavilion today (Saturday) between 10am and noon. On the agenda will be a discussion on the privatisation of the Clyde and Hebridean ferry services.

Labour are opposed to the privatisation of the lifeline ferry service and wish to halt the tendering process.

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Arran's youngest voters prepare for May election

Arran's youngest voter in the forthcoming Scottish parliamentary elections will just be days over 16 when he goes to the polls.

Lyle Robertson will be among the youngest in the country to vote in an election after the voting age was lowered for last year's referendum. Lyle will be 16 years and just over a week old on voting day and he has already registered to vote.

And Arran Youth Foundations project manager Graeme Johnson was at Arran High School last week speaking to pupils about the upcoming elections on Thursday May 5.

In an educational project between the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board and North Ayrshire Council and Arran Youth Foundations (AYF), Graeme held a workshop for those who will be eligible to vote.



Graeme assists the pupils with their political manifestos. 01_B14outreach02

Assisted by AYF youth worker, Hollie Watkins and Eilidh Macpherson, who is a member of the Scottish Youth Parliament, the workshop covered a large list of questions that are relevant to the election process.

In an engaging and fun exercise that demonstrated the political process the young adults formed small groups and came up a political party with a manifesto and a budget.

They then issued their party political broadcast, outlining their ideas and how they would spend their budgets and in a two minute presentation put their cases forward for the highlight of the day, the election.

Elections were held by the charismatic politicians and parallels between the real elections were drawn.

This year, for the first time, 16-year-olds will be allowed to vote in the parliamentary elections and in happy coincidence Lyle Robertson was in the workshop.

Graeme said: 'Many of the

young people at the high school were already registered and the workshop gave us a chance to offer those remaining few who haven't the chance to register ahead of the Scottish elections in May and to encourage all of them to go out and use their vote.'

Pupils reported the workshop as being very informative and appreciated the jargon free information as well as all of the information that they were able to take home with them for when the time comes to vote for their real candidate.



Arran youngest voter Lyle Robertson with Graeme Johnston at the workshop as Eilidh Macpherson and Hollie Watkins look on. 01_B14outreach01

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More of a whimper than a bang

Easter came and went with more of a whimper than a bang.

The 11th hour boost of extra sailings with the arrival of the *Isle of Arran* last weekend came too late to have any real impact.

And that was compounded by ferry disruptions on Easter Saturday due to bad weather which hit the rugby sevens and dissuaded other visitors from coming to the island. But make no mistake the island was busy with cafes and pubs doing a brisk trade - with some having to turn away unbooked customers. The shops and food stores were also extremely busy with the new Lamlash Co-op struggling to keep up with demand for essentials, but that was probably just early teething troubles.

The fact that Easter was so early - a week earlier than last year, and four weeks earlier than 2014 - didn't help. And to then have the schools returning for a few days before their main spring break seems, frankly, ridiculous.

I know the arguments have been well versed, but surely this is unnecessary disruption to classes at a time when many of the older pupils are gearing up for important exams.

But that apart, some of the English schools were on holiday over Easter and that helped boost visitor numbers to the island.

So where does that leave us now? Well, after their long weekend, schools on the island, and across most of Scotland, closed yesterday (Friday) for two weeks and that is bound to bring a new influx of visitors to the island. So maybe Easter was just a trial run.

As one businessman told *The Banner* it is possible that over the course of the season Easter may turn out to be a bonus weekend, given that it did not come in the middle or the end of the spring holidays and maybe got businesses up to speed quicker than normal. Time will tell.

Let's see what the next two weeks bring before the return later this month of the second boat for the summer season.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Honour one another above yourselves.' (Romans 12: 9-10)

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Letters to the Editor

In defence of motorhomes

Sir,
Regarding your article and letters recently on motor-homes, as a motorhome owner I find the unfounded remarks made by Arran Community Councillor Neil Arthur very disconcerting. He states that motorhomes contribute nothing to the local economy and perpetuates the myth that they come stocked up with provisions etc. How does he know this, has he spoken to these people? Space is at a premium in these vehicles, the fridge in them is about a third of the size of a domestic one.

We travel the UK frequently in our motorhome and on route always stop for our breaks at local cafe/tearooms and have our main meal out on a daily basis, the only meals we cook are breakfast and supper, ingredients which are purchased locally.

As for noise from these vehicles, I don't think that people who pay very good money for their motorhomes are the types who create noise during the evening. I sincerely hope that his views on motorhomes are his own and not those of the community council.

Your other correspondent, Nigel Walker moans about the fact of being held up on the road by motorhomes, what's your hurry Nigel, live and let live.

The inaccurate views on motorhomes is almost reminiscent of Whiting Bay in the 1970's when a minority of residents made it virtually impossible to camp there. The campers came with nothing and spent all their money in the local shops, pubs etc. There used to be six pubs in the village, now we have one. Arran is heavily dependent on all types of tourists, let's encourage them, not deter them!

Yours,
Johnny McGovern
Whiting Bay

Easter omission

Sir,
'Easter Special', 'Easter on

Arran', and 'What's on this Easter' were the exciting headlines in your Easter feature of March 26. Sadly, expectations were not fulfilled.

Over the Easter weekend there were over 20 church worship events on the island and not one of these was referred to in your feature!

Church notices appeared as usual but, on this occasion they could have been given prominence in your Easter feature. In addition it would have been appropriate to have found space for an Easter message from a Christian perspective.

Without the above your 'Easter on Arran' feature remains incomplete. The Easter message 'Love is stronger than evil' needs to find expression in these days of international conflict.

Yours,
John G Webster,
Kingscross
Whiting Bay

Couple sought

Sir,
I would be most grateful if I could, through your pages, try and get in contact with John McDowell and Eleanor (Graham) McDowell who lived in Dippin in the 1990s and whom possibly moved on to Largs. The Arran Access Trust would be most grateful if anyone who might know them or know how to contact them could get in touch with us on 01770 303926. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours,
Rachel Sedman
Project Co-ordinator
Arran Access Trust

Raffle winners

Sir,
I would like to thank everyone who supported my fundraising effort by buying tickets for my Alzheimer's Scotland Easter egg raffle.

Congratulations to the winners who are Elizabeth and Morgan Bell and Sarah, John, Ewen and Evie Soutwick who are the owners and children of Belles Boutique in Brodick. The total money raised was £220 which will be added to my total for the continued fundraising which

I will be doing this year, including the zip-line across the river Clyde with Sheila Gilmore this weekend.

A special thank you must go to James Chocolate Shop for

supporting me and for everyone else who has supported this very deserving charity.

Yours,
Nicole Bunyan
Lamlash



Elizabeth and Morgan Bell are pictured with their prize after winning the Alzheimer's Scotland Easter egg raffle.

Have your say on the future of housing in North Ayrshire

Five surveys, relating to different housing issues, have gone live this week, providing everyone with an opportunity to shape this vital local service.

The themes of the surveys relate to issues affecting disabled people and the people who care for them. There will be questions relating to the over-50s, while there will be focus on the private sector for landlords, homeowners and private households.

But if you have a wider interest in housing and our communities there will be plenty for you to consider.

All surveys can be found on the North Ayrshire Council website at the following address: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/housingstrategy

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Head teacher Barry Smith awards the cheque to the winning team who supported the RNLI.

Pupils win cash prize for RNLI

Four pupils have secured a donation of £3,000 for the Arran RNLI after winning a youth and philanthropy competition at Arran High School ahead of the spring holidays.

The competition was part of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI), which is a secondary school based programme that involves young people researching and presenting a talk in support of a donation for their local charity.

Eilidh Hamill, Caoimhe McCallum, Laurie Miller and Joseph Gosman made a pres-

entation as to why the RNLI should receive the money while the other S2 pupils argued for the money to go to their favourite charities including The Arran Trust, Arran Riding for the Disabled, ArCaS, Arran Mountain Rescue Team and the Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA).

The event was attended by all S1 to S3 pupils, charity representatives and some parents and friends. The judging panel were: YPI co-ordinator Isabel Johnstone, Arran police sergeant Allen Dodds,

author Alison Prince, assistant island officer Brodie Pearcy, Gillian Ross, general manager of 63AD restaurant, and head teacher Barry Smith.

After a short deliberation by the judges, Mr Smith presented the cheque to the winning pupils and praised the high quality of the presentations which he described as showing passion, effort and hard work which along with humour, gave a good impression of the impact that the nominated charities had in the community.



The winning team with the judges and YPI co-ordinator Isabel Johnstone. 01_B13YPI02

The Old Byre Visitor Centre

THE OLD Byre Visitor Centre can be found approximately half-a-mile north of Machrie golf course and is a destination in itself.

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Beside it is Café Thyme which offers teas, coffee, home baking, delicious lunches, pides (Turkish style pizza/

calzone), home-grown salads and loose-leaf teas.

Simon Thorborn's pottery and paint your own pot is on site and there is a fantastic children's play area with swings, giant sand pit, digger den, climbing wall, informal tennis, football and basketball.

Café Thyme will also be open for dinner Mon-Sat via bookings on 01770 840608 and is fully licensed.

Macmillan clan chief gives his backing to the Corrie path plan

The Chief of the Clan Macmillan has offered his support to the idea of constructing a path to the ruins of his ancestor Daniel Macmillan's family's croft above Corrie.

George Macmillan, who lives at the clan seat at the Findlaystone Country Estate in Renfrewshire, is backing the plans first put forward by David Pott, who has now left the island.

He suggested creating a footpath from the main road to the Achog croft at the north end of the village, the birthplace of Daniel Macmillan, and an associated interpretation panel.

Mr Macmillan told *The Banner*: 'If the scheme is to go ahead, it will be essential to find a dynamic leader to co-ordinate fundraising and, once the money is assured, the building of the path.'

'He/she doesn't have to be a Macmillan, because Daniel was probably one of Arran's most famous sons.'

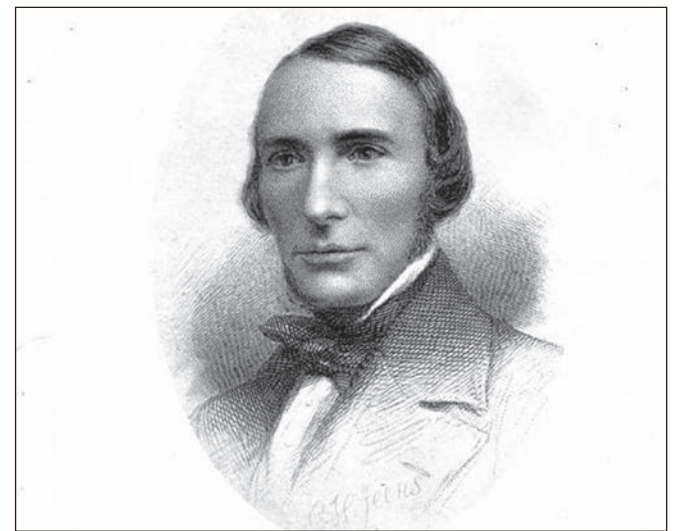
'As Chief of Clan Macmillan, I naturally take an interest in this project. But, since I'm 85 years of age, blind and don't live on the island,

I'm not the obvious candidate for project leader. I would, however, do my best to support any group that might emerge with some cash, but not very much, I'm afraid, some fund-raising among Macmillans with Arran roots, and some manual labour. I'll certainly do what little I can to help.'

Daniel Macmillan was the founder of the global publishing house of Macmillans and grandfather of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

He was born on September 13, 1813 and although Daniel was to spend most of his life in Irvine, London and Cambridge, he always acknowledged the lasting influence Arran had on him.

Harold Macmillan was also particularly proud of the family's humble origins on Arran and kept a photograph on his desk at No 10 Downing Street of the croft at the Cock of Arran which had belonged to Daniel's grandfather Malcolm.



Daniel Macmillan.

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A whole new look at Woo

There is a whole new look at Wooleys of Arran.

The famous Brodick bakers has had a complete makeover with new state of the art counters to ensure their produce is fresher than ever. And with a new coffee machine it is now a one stop shop for all your takeaway needs.

As well as the two new chilled counters and a third for hot food, the Shore Road shop has been transformed by a refit into a light and bright modern outlet to meet all your bakery needs. The shop also has a new floor.

The new look shop stocks an even wider selection from breads, cakes, Danish pastries and sweet treats to homemade pies, sausage

rolls, pastries and quiches, to name but a few. Not forgetting the famous Wooleys oatcakes and oaties.

It is 31 years since the Keir family took over the running of the business, although the Wooley name has been associated with Arran since the 1850s.

It was in January 1985 that Lindsay Keir took over the bakery with the late

Geoff Collins who were no strangers to bakery business, as Lindsay was general manager and Geoff the bakery manager of Crawford's in Edinburgh.

Lindsay is now semi-retired with son Matt now in charge of the main Wooleys shop, a second, in Lamlash, and the bakery.

Matt said: 'The new chilled cabinets are really good both

for us and the customer. We didn't have a chilled unit in the shop and it now means we can keep produce out in the shop for longer at a controlled temperature to keep it as fresh as possible. This will help us extend our cake

range and fresh cream products, including strawberry tarts. We can also produce bigger batches which means we can extend our takeaway ranges.

'The new coffee machine, which produces freshly



Bakery manager Gordon Hendry, shop manageress Rebecca Bell and boss Matt Keir. 01_B14wooleys02



An old photo of A Wooley & Son from the 1920s in what is now Inspirations. B14wooleys08NO



The new biscuit range. 01_B14wooleys04

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The shop manageress is Rebecca Bell who has been a forefront of the redesign of the shop with Matt's wife Debbie. Rebecca said: 'The refit makes life easier for all the staff. The products and all to hand in the new units and can be filled to capacity as they are all temperature controlled for hot and cold food. We have a high turnover so it is good to have more stock in the front shop'

The bakery, at the back of the shop, is managed by Matt's right hand man Gordon Hendry who is in charge of the breads and rolls and the bigger bakes.

Along with the refit Wooleys has launched a new range of biscuits which are about to go on sale in the shop. The raspberry infused Cranberry Rounds, Punchy Ginger Rounds and Seriously Coconut Rounds have been developed by Matt, in co-operation with food technology expert Louis Frew, and are already available in the hotel rooms and with teas and coffee at the Auchrannie and with teas and coffee at The Douglas.

Matt said: 'These are really good biscuits which we believe could be a real growth area for us. We are planning



The new hot and chilled food cabinets.
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The refrigerated fridge cabinets with the new coffee machine behind them.
01_B14wooleys07

to produce them for sale on the mainland through Taste of Arran but to do so we need to invest in new machinery, which would allow us to develop other new products. We are just waiting on the final packaging to go into full production.' Indeed all the packaging in the shop has been upgraded.

The bakery employs 15 full and part-time staff and will also take on some additional seasonal cover.

Matt said: 'We have had a very good start to the year, which was helped by the 10 week closure of the Co-op in Lamlash. The Easter weekend was a bit mixed given the weather and some ferry disruption, but may turn out to be bonus as it fell before the school spring holidays.'

Wooleys, which began life as A Wooley & Son from the 1850s, incorporating the present Inspirations of Arran gift shop, which was the

grocery store. It later became Beatties Bakery before being bought in the 1960s by Danny Brown and was, in turn, taken over by his daughter Helen McGregor, who along with husband Innes ran the shop until it was bought by the Keir's in 1985.



Customers being served in the new look shop.
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The famous Wooleys shopfront in Shore Road.
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BIG TASTES FROM A SMALL SCOTTISH ISLAND



Rory Kay and his sister Sarah in deep concentration as they decorate their eggs. 01_B14castle06



Children search for the clues to solve the Easter egg trail puzzle. 01_B14castle07



Balls are thrown down the castle steps with the furthest ball winning the prize. 01_B14castle18

Families have fun at Easter At Castle

More than 900 people visited Brodick Castle last Sunday to enjoy the annual Easter at the Castle event which is now in its ninth year and has become the 'must-do' activity for many families who visit Arran over the Easter weekend. Organised by the National

Trust for Scotland and in partnership with Cadbury, families were able to take part in a host of events, including the popular Easter egg hunt which saw children following trails around the castle in the search of clues to solve a puzzle that rewarded them with an Easter

egg. Castle staff, assisted by the volunteers of The Friends of the Brodick Castle, were kept busy with the egg decorating competition which was held in a marquee and where paint, glue and glitter were all available to create an egg. These were judged in a com-



Rose Sweeney of Renfrew went fishing for ducks and won a chocolate treat. 01_B14castle01



Grace, Molly and parents, Jen and Huggett of Yorkshire at the sunny Easter egg hunt. 01_B14castle03



Entries for the Easter egg decorating competition were bright, fluffy and colourful. 01_B14castle11



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Eva Curley took first place in the under-sevens Easter bonnet parade. 01_B14castle15



Some of the excellent creations on display at the Easter bonnet competition. 01_B14castle14



The egg and spoon race attracted a large number of entrants. 01_B14castle09



Children take part in the sack race on the tennis court lawn. 01_B14castle10

Fun at fantastic extravaganza

petition held later in the afternoon.

Entertained

Another highlight of the day was the wacky races that were organised by the castle rangers who ensured that the children were entertained with sack races, three legged races and

the ever popular egg and spoon race.

Rounding off an exciting afternoon of fun activities was an Easter Bonnet Parade and a prizegiving where the winners of the bonnet competition and egg decorating competition received even more chocolate

prizes and the children could proudly display their handwork. The day was rounded off with a 'duck derby' where numbered balls were cascaded down the sandstone steps of the castle with the ball that travelled the furthest winning a prize.



Alexander Simantiri-Coates enjoys his chocolate after completing the Easter egg trail. 01_B14castle04



Ellie Harper took first place in the Easter egg decorating competition for over-12s. 01_B14castle17



A slight wind had children holding onto their bonnets at the bonnet parade for under-sevens. 01_B14castle12



Annabel Foster was runner-up in the egg decorating competition for seven to 12-year-olds. 01_B14castle16

Arran Blonde sales show strong growth

Sales of Arran Blonde jumped by 21.5 per cent in 2015 making it the 15th best selling ale in Scotland.

Arran Brewery managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'The figures reflect our overall growth this year which is only capped by our access to working capital. We have a lot of brands doing really well and Blonde is still our best selling ale by far.'

'I think it is a great introduction ale to the world of craft beer and the one that our craft beer drinkers keep coming back to. All Arran Blonde is made by us on the Arran with only natural ingredients and its quality price ration still makes it exceptional value for money.'

Despite the high growth rate Arran Blonde is still only the fourth fastest growing brands in the top 15 ales, with Punk IPA leading the growth at a massive 96 per cent in the Off Trade sales figures, gathered by Nielsen Research.

Gerald said: 'The market is exploding and we need to keep up, we have invested heavily in infrastructure as well as in brewing capacity on Arran.'

A new treasure trove for knitters

ADVERTISING FEATURE

It might seem like a huge challenge to take on – with two children at university and another two in primary school Denise Bodie already has her work cut out. But opening up a wool and haberdashery store has been a lifelong dream and when the opportunity to create a store in the Arran Active shop presented itself, she leapt at the chance.

Being an enthusiastic knitter and having practised the art since she was 10 years old, Denise has been selling wool and haberdashery at craft fairs and to friends for years and understands the difficulties in sourcing good quality wools and equipment, as well as the possible pitfalls of ordering online.

'With wool and yarns it's not the kind of thing that you want to order online, you want to feel the texture and see the colours for yourself before buying them. Often when you want to finish a garment and you require an

extra ball of wool or two to complete it, you don't want to have to wait several days for it to be delivered,' explained Denise.

Her Woollen Crafts on Arran is located inside the huge new Shore Road store and carries a variety of quality wools, needles, buttons, curtain tape and a generous amount of all of the related haberdashery that one would need for sewing and knitting. If there is something that you need and she does not have it in stock, she will source it for you, particularly for those who are not too familiar with the internet.

'My prices are on-par and in many cases better than online haberdashery stores, so I encourage people to come in, have a browse and a friendly chat and you might be surprised at the quality and price of some of the items that I have for sale,' added Denise.

The shop stocks quality wool brands such as Wendy, Robin, Debbie Bliss and Si-



Denise Bodie at her haberdashery and craft store. 01_B14Wool01

dar to name a few, and with a special offer on the 400 gram Aran wool they are proving to be an extremely popular choice for knitters in the know.

Knitting is facing a resurgence as people move away from buying cheap sweatshop factory clothing and are instead, once again, taking pride in making their own clothing and repairing and extending the life of their favoured garments.

'It's great to see these skills

returning, says Denise. 'In fact, one of my biggest sellers are the scarf kits which are incredibly popular with young girls who are becoming more interested in knitting as more and more schools are offering knitting lessons again. It's a fun and useful activity to do with your hands and, as times have moved on, it has become cheaper to get involved than ever before. I used to buy patterns that were incredibly expensive but these days you can buy a book which

will have about 10 patterns in them for a fraction of what they used to cost. My pattern books cover everything from children's clothing to adult wear and toys and blankets.'

The shop is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm and Denise is keen to meet the many knitters on Arran. She would be happy to help in any way that she can, from sourcing products, stocking specific items to even knitting ready made products for customers.



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Primary pupils prove they are well versed in Burns



All 54 youngsters recited beautifully

More than 50 school children took part in the recent Lam-lash Burns Club verse recital competition which was hosted at Arran High School with the assistance of primary school teachers.

All of the island's primary schools took part in the competition which saw 54 children reciting Burns verses for the second year running, after the contest was revived by the club last year.

All of the 54 youngsters recited beautifully and Tony van Breugel rewarded each one with the club's certi-

cate containing Isla Agnew's winning illustration from the club's drawing competition, covered in The Banner last month.

The competition was judged by Jock Kelso, Archie Nicol and Fiona Wyper and Fiona Fyfe from the Professional Learning Academy North Ayrshire who had the difficult task of selecting the best performances. Heather Gough was, once again, compere for the event.

The children took part in five categories, according to class year, as they competed

for the coveted framed Burns club medals and a quiaich, which was donated by the North Ayrshire education department which will be displayed at the schools.

Lamlash Burns Club have set themselves the task of securing the Burns tradition's future and Arran can be proud of its youngsters. The tradition is definitely secure for many years to come.

The winners were: P1/2 Michael Innes, P3-4 Kirsty Hume, P5 Daisy Innes, P6 Kirsty Morrison, P7 Lori Prescott.



Primary 1-2 certificate winners.



Archie Nicol congratulates P5 winner Daisy Innes.



Fiona Wyper with P3-4 winner Kirsty Hume.



Lori Prescott P7, the winner of last year's art competition, won again with her recitation.



Kirsty Morrison, P6, gets the medal from Jock Kelso.



Fiona Fyfe hands Michael Innes, P1-2, his medal.



Primary 5 certificate winners.



Primary 6 certificate winners.



Primary 3-4 certificate winners.



Primary 7 certificate winners.

Youth triathletes put in some fine performances in first club outing

The Isle of Arran Junior Triathlon Club recently took part in their first event. They competed against the top clubs in Scotland at the annual Glasgow Aquathlon, which kicks off the junior triathlon season and was held at the Allander Leisure Centre in Bearsden.

Fourteen children, aged from seven to 15 years, represented Arran becoming the first triathletes to compete for the island in its history and they didn't disappoint.

Even though the club was only formed two months ago the children all completed their age group distances, which includes up to a 400m

swim and four-km run.

Club coach Craig Wood said: 'It was a brilliant day and it was so pleasing to see such enthusiasm from the children and I was so proud to see them all complete their first event.'

'We had some stand out performances, Innes McNicol and Rhea Webster coming in third and fourth in TriStart.'

'We then went through the age groups producing excellent results all the way up to youths. Well done to all the children involved and the parents for providing fantastic support.'

Craig said he would also

like to thank the Wineport for extending the day and excitement for the children by giving the children well deserved pizza and chips on their return to Arran.

He added: 'It's been a dream come true for me. The club has gone from strength to strength. We started with a small group of children and already we have increased to more than 22 members.'

Training is on Sunday morning and Thursday evening. Anybody interested in joining the club from seven years upwards can contact Craig Wood at: isleofarrantriathlon@outlook.com.



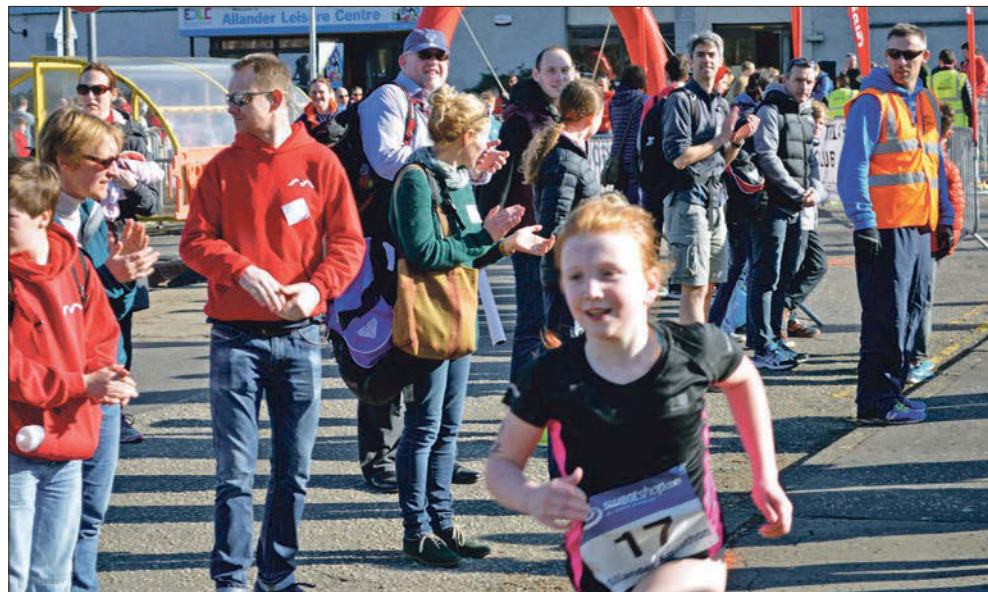
The new triathlon club at their first event.



Craig Wood with Innes McNicol and his medal.



A face of concentration on Kirsty Kerr during the race.



The Arran triathletes took part in the 4km race.



Coach Craig Wood with the team on their return to Arran.



The children enjoy their treat at the Wineport.



The 4km race in progress.



Determination is shown during the 4km run.



The young triathletes at the race finish line.



Parents cheer the runners on.

Young engineers rise to the challenge to win top prize



Daisy McNamara and Alice Lockhart look on as their cantilever takes the weight.



Sam Hirshfield discusses his design with the judges.



Rachel van Rensburg looks on anxiously as her design lifts the weight.

The Engineering Challenge for school children took place at the Kildonan Village Hall on Saturday March 19. The competition was open to all children under 17 on Arran with a cash prize of £500.

There were three entries, two from Arran High School and one from Whiting Bay Primary School. The entries were all different and each had considerable merit. Unfortunately, two entries were let down by their chosen adhesive which failed at the critical moment.

The task was to build a cantilever of 1m, to carry a weight of 3kg, out of softwood, paper, fishing line and glue. Components could be

pre-assembled, however, re-assembly was limited to a certain size and final assembly was to be completed over a period of two hours at the venue.

First to compete was Sam Hirshfield, who had an 'I' beam approach supported by fishing line threaded over stump masts. Next up were Daisy McNamara and Alice Lockhart who had a simple beam approach supported by a tall mast located at the cantilever origin. The final competitor was Rachel van Rensburg who had a fish plated beam approach supported by an A frame at the beam origin.

Entries were carefully as-

sembled and rigged before being submitted for scrutiny and testing. All contestants showed a good understanding of their solution and the standard of presentation was well considered, even to the extent that some had chosen ink over paint as a finish for reasons of weight reduction.

The best part of the day was the weight testing and all were eager to see the results.

First to be tested was Daisy and Alice's entry. Weight was added incrementally up to the required 3kg and the flexure was most impressive as the weight was progressively supported as the rigging took up the strain. Next to the test was Sam's entry but unfortunately his cantilever suffered a glue failure very early on in the test.

Last to be tested was Rachel's entry which was doing very well until the final addition of 500gms when it too suffered a glue failure.

The result was a win to Daisy and Alice. Organiser and retired engineer Rory Cowan said: 'Well done to all competitors for taking part, for thinking about how to solve the problem, turning that into a solution, and for turning up on the day. Special thanks to Donald McNicol and Willie McNish for their help with the judging.'



Winners Daisy McNamara and Alice Lockhart receive their prize money.

Communities to benefit from wind turbines

North Ayrshire Council cabinet has approved a new policy on community benefits from wind turbines. The policy recommends that renewable energy developers provide a community benefit of no less than £5,000 per installed Mega Watt.

The introduction of the policy follows the findings of a public consultation on the council's recommendation for a 60/40 split in community benefit. This recommendation would see the community in which the wind turbine is immediately located receive 60 per cent of funds and the wider North Ayrshire

community would receive 40 per cent. Distribution of the 60 per cent funding would be determined locally and the 40 per cent funding would be determined by cabinet.

Applications for community benefits would be made from established community groups within North Ayrshire, for example, sports clubs, parent councils and community associations. The rate of £5,000 per installed Mega Watt would be index-linked from the date that energy generation begins or the date from which government subsidy is paid to the development, whichever is the earliest.

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Saturday 6 April, 1996

Beef off the menu

At the first meeting of the new North Ayrshire Council this week they made a decision on the serving of beef in all council-run facilities. It was that an alternative choice to beef should always be offered, where there is a choice. At any outlet offering only a single choice, beef is to be deleted from the menu. Beef will also be deleted from menus of nursery, primary and special needs schools. Beef will continue to be offered, together with non-beef alternatives, at secondary schools where children are deemed old enough to make an informed choice.

Meanwhile, routine testing of cattle by local vet Malcolm Wheeler has revealed a suspected case of tuberculosis on the island. This is not yet confirmed and can only be properly confirmed next week. Mr Wheeler emphasised that all milk is pasteurised and that there is therefore no risk to public health whatsoever.

Lamlash Primary School won the Association Challenge Shield for country dancing at the 67th Arran Musical Festival, which was held in Whiting Bay Hall last Thursday and Friday. B14twe05



Adjudicator Joe Rae presents the John Thomson Memorial Cup to Megan Dee and Emma Yates of Shiskine Guides for country dancing at the music festival. B14twe06

Van blaze

A furniture removal van from Kilmarnock went on fire at around 4am while parked in Lochranza last Wednesday. The van was fully loaded and two crew were asleep in it. It is believed that they had brought in a heater to keep them warm. Nobody was injured in the fire but all contents of the van were destroyed.

The day before firefighters had to deal with a heath fire at Pirmill. During the emergency, with local services stretched, units on the mainland were put on standby and plans were in place for a special ferry to bring them over. But in the end they did not have to be called on after local firefighters brought the blaze under control after six hours.

Steamer Club

Last weekend the Clyde River Steamer Club, to mark the 25th anniversary of the Gourock to Dunoon linkspan, chartered MV Iona. They sailed down the Clyde, across to Lochranza, down by Pirmill and then to Campbeltown, taking the route which TS Duchess of Hamilton used to take, although at that time there still was pier at Lochranza.



Angie Yates, a fifth-year student has been conducting, as part of her community involvement work, a class of computer knowledge for the APACHE (Arran Pensioners Association covering Hobbies and Education) group at Arran High School. Angie along with other pupils have been tutoring the group this week.

B14twe01



The proceeds of the Arran Red Cross whist drive were put to good use when an outdoor wheelchair was presented to Montrose House last Friday. The picture shows from left: Evelyn Sillars, Lady Alexander, Kate Whyte and Margaret Davidson and a seated Margaret Baker who accepted the gift on behalf of the residents.

B14twe03



Whiting Bay Golf Club have just held their first ladies' championship for more than 20 years. Pictured are the competitors: Fay Green, captain, Lesley Wood, champion, Janice McVicar, runner up, Ena Burke, Celia Butler, vice captain, Hilary Stein and Irene l'Anson. B14twe04

What's on

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Everyday

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

Saturday 2nd April

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 Live music
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Live music from Upshot
 St Brides ladies spring fayre
 Phil Differ – Comedy Night
 Public meeting with Labour leader Kezia Dugdale
 Annual Flower & Bulb Show

Sunday 3rd April

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
 Live music - Biff sings jazz
 Arran Visual Arts

Monday 4th April

Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Morning Fitness
 Badminton
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Circuit Training
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Citizens Advice Bureau
 Lamlash Aerobix
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Tae Kwondo
 Arran Visual Arts

Tuesday 5th April

Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club
 RunArran Run Coaching
 Open Cricket Session
 Non- competitive bridge
 Lamlash Drama Club
 Winter Bowls

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
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 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am-4.30pm

Auchrannie Road 11am-1pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Brodick, 9.30-11am
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-noon
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.15pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 The Douglas Hotel, 9pm
 Ormidale, Brodick, 10am-noon
 Brodick Hall, 2pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 2pm
 Arran High School, 10.30am-5pm

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 9-10.30am & 3-4pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am-1.30pm
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
 Lamlash 5.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7-8.30pm
 Arran High School, 10.30am-5pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 9-10.30am
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am-1pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
 Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7-9pm
 Arran High School, 6.30-9pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm

Arran Visual Arts
 Family Arts & Crafts – Arran Visual Arts
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club AGM

Arran High School, 10.30am-5pm
 Arran High School, 2-4pm
 Club House, 7pm

Wednesday 6th April

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Yoga-Arran
 Live music
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog classes
 Knitting & Crochet drop in group
 Coffee Morning
 Arran Music Theatre Workshop
 Coffee Morning
 Parkinsons Support Group
 Arran Visual Arts
 Corrie Golf Club AGM
 Flow Yoga

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
 Brodick, 9-10.30am & 6-7pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45-10.45am
 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm
 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 Library, 4-6pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am-noon
 Rehearsal in Lamlash Church Hall, 2-4pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
 Lamlash fire Station, 2-4pm
 Arran High School, 10.30am-5pm
 Corrie Tearoom, 7pm
 Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm

Thursday 7th April

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Cardiac Rehab
 Burger & Quiz night
 Winter Bowls
 Embroidery group
 Tennis senior club night
 Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
 Arran Music Theatre Workshop
 Arran Visual Arts
 Family Arts & Crafts - Arran Visual Arts
 Flow Yoga

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 9-10.30am
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
 Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm
 Brodick Library, 7.30-9.30pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
 Balmichael Centre, 7pm
 Rehearsal in Lamlash Church Hall, 10am-3.30pm
 Arran High School, 10.30am-5pm
 Arran High School, 2-4pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm

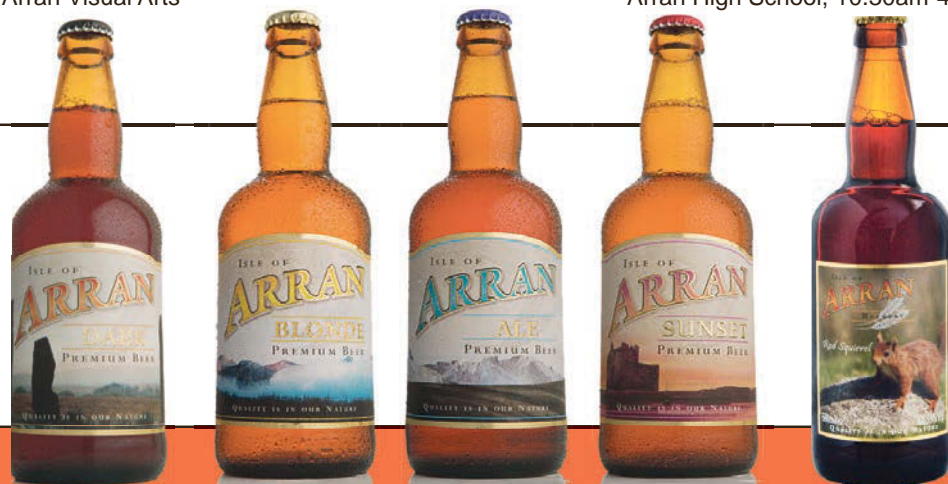
Friday 8th April

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo
 Arran Visual Arts

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45-10.45am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 9-10.30am and 3-4pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7-8.30pm
 Arran High School, 10.30am-4pm



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Whiting Bay Bowling Club

AGM

Tuesday 5th April

At 7pm

In Club House

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

16/00222/PP; Site to East of Morven, Whiting Bay, Brodick; Material variation to planning permission 13/00489/PP to allow for alterations to rear elevation and increase in height.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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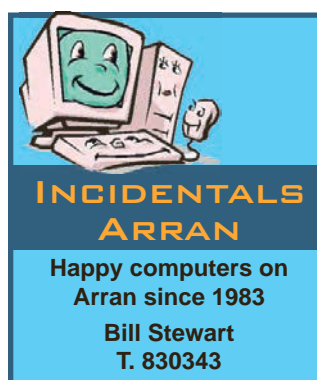
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 3rd April
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 6th April
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on
Thursday 7th April
at 7.30 pm, in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran
Broddick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine
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Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 3rd April
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church 10.45am Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Broddick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting,
12noon Morning Worship
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
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Sunday 3rd April
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 3rd April
Morning Service, 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Broddick
Evening Service 6.30pm
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Sunday 3rd April
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There will be no service in Cooriedoon.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 3rd April
Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 3rd April
10am Easter morning breakfast followed by service at 11am in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Broddick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 3rd April
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Broddick 6pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Benjamin von Rensburg

DEATHS

GILL - Stephen

Artist and printmaker Stephen Gill died in Kildonan on Thursday, March 17th. He was 83 years old. A memorial service to which all are invited to attend will be held at Whiting Bay Church on Friday, April 8th, at 11.30am. There will be no wake following the service; an exhibition of Stephen's work will be held later in 2016.

WILSON - Beatrice Mary (Molly)

Peacefully at home on Arran on Wednesday, 23rd March 2016, in her 104th year. Wife of the late Dr C M Wilson (Gorebridge). Much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. Family Funeral.

MURRIE - Jacqui

Jacqui passed away peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Saturday, 26th March 2016 after a short illness. The funeral service will take place at 11.30am at Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church on Thursday,



Attending the Broddick Golf Club annual dinner were, left to right, Neil Frost, Don Rudge, Wolfgang Kroner, Charles O'Neill, Lindsay Keir, Jim Green, Michael Holmes, Derek Roxburgh, Douglas Robertson, Brian Allison, Gordon Sillars, Harry Davidson.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

COOK - Richard, Linda and family wish to thank friends & neighbours for their support, kind words and thoughtful cards following the death of his father, William (Willy) Cook who passed suddenly on Monday 22nd February at Crosshouse Hospital. The family were overwhelmed by the number of people who managed to attend the funeral on Friday 4th March at Church of Scotland, Whiting Bay. They were very grateful for kind words and thoughtfulness of everyone. They would also like to thank you for the generous donation of £425 towards The Leukemia Trust. There are no words! Special thanks also goes to Rev Ian Macleod for the moving service and tribute, David & Clair Hendry for all funeral arrangements, Lucy for stunning flower arrangement & Jane & Co at The PHT Lamlash for wonderful purvey following the service at Lamlash Cemetery, where a glass or two were raised in Willy's memory. Willy, 'The Laird Of Montrose' Cook will be very, very sadly missed.



Broddick Golf Club

Wednesday, March 23, Wednesday game. Seven played and got round before the rain started. There were no magic twos so the stake was passed forward to the annual dinner. The winner was Jim Green 80-20=60.

In addition the Dorothy and Walter Bainbridge Stableford trophy was won by Jim Green with 42pts. Winter Trophy. 1 Heather Raeside 58pts, 2 Brenda Livingstone 55pts.

Wednesday, March 23 saw the annual senior prizegiving dinner in the Broddick clubhouse.

Prizes were as follows: Winner with 5 best scores, Derek Roxburgh, 2 Charles O'Neill. Most magic twos, Derek Roxburgh. Norman Peach Trophy, Jim Green. Duggie Graham Pairs, Derek Roxburgh and Jim Green. Dorothy and Walter Bainbridge Stableford, Jim Green.

A very pleasant evening transpired with entertaining and jovial company.

Final Round, Winter Cup, non counter. 1 David Hendry 43pts, 2 Gordon Hendry 39pts, 3 Bruce Jenkins 38pts. An excellent round from David with son Gordon close behind, which all means that the final results for the Win-

ter Cup, the five best rounds played over the winter are: 1 David Hendry 189pts, 2 Douglas Robertson 185pts, 3 Gordon Hendry 185pts.

Those of you who are observant may have noticed that 2 and 3 have shared the same score, but Douglas had the best sixth round. The highlight of the competition was undoubtedly David's final round a very good round of 43pts.

This reporter thought wrongly, as it clearly turned out, that only Gordon had any chance of overtaking Douglas, but it was David that raced past all to claim the Winter Cup, well played.

Fixture: Tuesday, April 5, April Medal and CCQ1, 9 hole Stableford.

Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday, March 27, Texas Scramble. 23 played. 1 Iain Murchie, Frazer Nicol, Sherrie Walker 62-8.5=53.5. 2 Ian Gillan, Allan Short, Ian Taylor and Mary Peats 62-6.3=55.7, 3 Scott Campbell, Andy Smith, David Nicol, Sheila Nicol 63-7.1=55.9.

The Glenisle Mixed Fours fixture for Saturday, March 26 was cancelled and will be played at a later date in April. Fixture: Sunday, April 3, Final day of Winter Stableford. 9.30am and 12.30pm start.

Thursday, April 7, Summer Cup. Make up own groups and see starter for times.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday, March 27, Stableford, Yellow Tees. A bright Easter Sunday morning saw 18 players take to the course for this non-counting sweep. Unfortunately four of them forgot it was from the yellow tees so only 14 cards were returned. Continuing his fine run of form in the winter sweeps, Peter Smith came home in first place with a creditable 38pts. 1 Peter Smith (18)38pts, 2 Stan Rainey (10)37, 3 Gavin Bell (28)36, 4 Danny Head (6)35. Ronnie Mann bagged the only magic two of the day @7th.

Fixture: Saturday, April 2, Poole Trophy, mixed fours. Sunday, April 3, Roy Ure Tankard, Stableford. Draws at 9am and 10.30am. Wednesday, April 6, Summer Trophy.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday, March 22, Winter Cup, penultimate round. 1 P Betley 67, 2 B Sherwood 68, 3 A MacDonald 69.

Fixture: Tuesday, April 5, Peter Sutton and Lady Mary. Start times at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday, April 2, Winter League final day. Ballots at 9am and 1pm. Wednesday, April 6, AGM at 7pm.

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Jean A Strachan would like to thank everyone who have contributed to her recovery. The offers of help, visits, prayers, cards and flowers have been much appreciated.

BRODDICK GOLF CLUB

Group golf lessons for juniors will be held on Friday evening from mid April. Age groups 6-10 and 11-15
For further details and to register please contact PGA Pro Ewan Macpherson on 01770 302349 or email: enquires@broddickgolf.com

All the action from the Arran Malt rugby seven-a-sides



The Sewer Rats collect their trophy and whisky prizes from the distillery's Ben Tattersfield, far right. 01_b14rugby20



The Arran RFC team which took part. 01_b14rugby02



The No Neck, No Problem team from Heriot Watt University. 01_b14rugby01



An Arran player moves in to foil a Heriot Watt attack. 01_b14rugby05



The Clan mixed ability team. 01_b14rugby10



A Carrick player holds on to the ball as he is tackled to the ground. 01_b14rugby16



The Carrick team which finished runners up. 01_b14rugby07



Heriot Watt make a splash as Arran foil an attack. 01_B14rugby06

Ormidale 10K race is back this year

The Arran Runners Ormidale 10K race will take place this year on Sunday, April 24, starting at noon. With space for 150 runners, there should be plenty opportunity for local entrants to enter, as well as the usual entrants from Ayrshire and elsewhere on the mainland.

After last year, when the race was cancelled at short notice, Arran Runners are confident that this year's race, the first of the season, will go ahead. Entries are being handled by SiEntries and, to ensure a place, competitors

should enter through their website: www.sientries.co.uk The event is sponsored by the Ormidale Hotel and ArranShand Business Development Services and the Brodick improvements committee has volunteered marshals for the event, but more helpers are always needed. Anyone wishing to help, or requiring further information about the race, should contact Tommy Gilmore at the Ormidale Hotel on 01770 302293 or 302246.

The race starts at the Ormidale Pavilion and the course

is flat, so PBs are a possibility for the serious runner. The route takes runners out of Brodick to the bottom of the String road and then continues along the A841 in the direction of Corrie. After 5km the runners turn around at Merkland Woods and return back along the same route to the pavilion.

Tommy told *The Banner*: 'The route is a relatively flat 10K meaning a fast time is achievable should you want it. That said the race is open to runners of all abilities and you'll be made welcome

whatever your ambition is timewise. Arran Runners are particularly keen to encourage the growing number of local runners to participate in the race as 10K is the perfect distance - hard enough to test yourself, but not so far as it seems unachievable. It's also ideal to get the last few miles in your legs if you're thinking of doing the inaugural Arran Coastal 12K Trail Run next Saturday.' Competitors must be 15-years or older on the day of the race and, if sufficient places remain, it may be possible to enter on the day.



RunArran winners collect their medals

Four novice runners have just completed their 10 week RunArran beginners course in Brodick and were presented with their medals at the final session last Wednesday. They are, left to right, Lisa Percy, Jane Hamilton, course leader

Jean McInnes and Kathleen Boag. Juliann Smyth also completed the course. RunArran has just started a new 30 minute Morning Runfit class which meets every Tuesday at 6.45am at Ormidale Park. 01_B14run01

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Splashing spectacle as Sewer Rats win sevens

The Sewer Rats came and conquered in the rain last Saturday. Despite the wet conditions the Arran Malt Rugby Sevens provided a good spectacle for the hardy crowd at the Ormidale Park.

Worries over the ferries sailing saw three late withdrawals by teams who had been planning to take part in the tournament, but the day went ahead with five teams who played each other in a league during the day.

The teams who took part, alongside the home Arran RFC team and the Sewer Rats from Ayr, were: Carrick, The Clan, a mixed-ability rugby team from Kilmarnock and Edinburgh and No neck, no

problem - a team of students from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh.

And while the park cut up badly there was some good fast-paced rugby and some hard fought encounters during the day.

Close game

In the end the final was between the Sewer Rats and the winners of the past two years Carrick, with the Sewer Rats coming out on top in a close game 10-7.

The prizes were presented by Ben Tattersfield from sponsors, the Isle of Arran Distillery, as the crowd took cover in the beer tent.

More rugby sevens pictures on page 23.



The Sewer Rats celebrate their success at a wet Ormidale Park. 01_B14rugby17



Euan Bone jumps highest to win the lineout against Liam Boal. 01_B14rugby08



Eventual winners the Sewer Rats on the attack against Carrick. 01_B14rugby14



Robbie MacDonald is stopped just short of the line during an Arran attack. 01_B14rugby11

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