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Could the council shut The String?

Fears are growing that the appalling state of The String road could lead council chiefs to consider shutting it completely, if they don't find the money to repair it.

Several harsh winters, and widespread concern at a lack of investment on Arran's roads, has led to whole sections of the road crumbling and becoming rutted with mile after mile of potholes.

The situation is most critical on a stretch of the road near Brodick, which one resident described, albeit wryly, as looking like it had been 'carpet bombed'.

However, it has emerged that no money has been set aside by North Ayrshire Council in the

REPORT
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budget to carry out any repairs. Now an emergency meeting is to be held next week to redraw the Arran Roads Programme for 2016/17 to include work on The String - but there will be no extra cash for the urgent repairs.

Ironically, the threat comes 199 years since the road was first opened in 1817, having been designed by the famous Scottish roads engineer Thomas Telford, and while the road has been closed for several weeks in recent years for major road improvements it has been a vital artery for

two centuries.

Arran will have less than £500,000 to spend on road repairs and improvements in the coming 12 months. And, in another blow, a previously pledged £1.4 million from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) over the next two years has been cut to £300,000 - and even that is not certain. All of which makes Tuesday's crunch meeting between council roads bosses and business and community representatives on Arran all the more crucial and tough decisions will have to be made.

The situation is further complicated as the £462,700 pot has to be used in certain ways - so it cannot all be thrown at road repairs. The categories include: carriageway resurfacing, carriageway screeding, and surface dressing. Some £50,000 is also set aside specifically for footway resurfacing.

Roads campaigner Iain Small, who travels The String every day, branded the state of the road 'a disgrace'.

He said: 'I am seriously concerned that someone is going to get killed on that road because of the perilous state it is in.'

'I know that Norwich City Council and other authorities



The String road surface at the top of the hill on its approach to Brodick is badly broken up. 01_B15string01



The road is reduced to single file at this point due to a serious pot hole. 01_B15string02

in England are shutting roads until they can find the money to repair them, and it really concerns me that North Ayrshire Council could consider doing the same.'

Mr Small went on: 'Two weeks ago I broke a spring on my van, and a Thomson lorry did the same on the same day. I was so concerned at what the consequences could have been for me, or any other driver, I reported the matter to the police and was given an incident number. I would

urge other drivers to report incidents to the non emergency police 101 number as they have to be recorded and later raised at council meetings by road traffic officers. It is another way to put pressure on the council, and not just North Ayrshire Council, but any council.'

Blackwaterfoot and Machrie community councillor Neil Arthur said: 'The String is in a very bad state of repair above the top bridge on the Shiskine side and much

of the long straight steep descent down to the top bridge on the Brodick side. It is badly in need of repair. Stretches near the summit on the west side are as bad as I have ever seen it. With existing commercial and domestic use and with a further 54 houses under build in Blackwaterfoot, a distillery planned for Clachaig, and RET-related increased traffic, the importance of The String must not be underestimated.'

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Elsewhere, the SPT promised £2.1 million for road and cycle path improvements on the A841 between Brodick and Lochranza over three years, and while the first £700,00 was made and used on the recent road improvements at Cladach, the remaining cash has been cut to a maximum of £300,000.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'A meeting will be held with the Community Council and local businesses on April 12 to discuss and finalise the scheduled road maintenance works in Arran for 2016/17. Full details will be available once the programme has been agreed.'

'While there has been a reduction in grant funding provided by Strathclyde Passenger Transport compared to previously anticipated levels, the Council has still successfully secured £150,000 for improvements this year. The council is hopeful of a further award of £150,000 next year, although this is still to be confirmed.'

Arran police sergeant Allen Dodds said: 'Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe on Scotland's roads. You should call 101 if you want to talk to your local police officer, get crime prevention advice, or report a crime that does not need an emergency response.'

SSE shuts up shop in Brodick

The Scottish Hydro Electric shop in Brodick will close its doors for the last time next month.

SSE has confirmed to *The Banner* that the island shop is one of the 37 remaining stores in Scotland to close, along with its associated online shop.

The one member of staff, Lorna Logan, will lose her job when the shop, which sells electrical and white goods, closes in the middle of May. She has worked there for eight years.

Prior to that, there will be a closing-down sale at the store at Brodick ferry terminal to clear the stock.

Stephen Forbes, SSE direc-

tor of domestic retail, said changing shopping habits and more customer choice mean the shops have been loss-making for years.

Shopping online

He said: 'Customers' shopping habits have changed considerably since these shops were first opened with more and more people shopping online, especially for larger electrical items.'

'We know some of these shops have been on local high streets for a long time so we did not take this decision lightly, but footfall and sales have reduced considerably and there is, unfortunately, no realistic prospect of that long-term trend



The SSE shop which is closing in Brodick. 01_B15hydro01

reversing. Our priority is to ensure our colleagues are fully supported during this time

and we will work to redeploy staff within the SSE group where possible. All 37 shops,

including Brodick, and the online shop are expected to be closed by May 15.'

New yellow alert will warn of potential ferry disruption

Ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne is changing the way it alerts customers to disrupted services following feedback from passengers.

An additional service status of yellow is being added to the existing green, amber and red categories on their website to give passengers clearer information about potential disruption.

The move follows ferry surveys on all CalMac routes over the last few months, including the two Arran services, when travellers were asked if they favoured the change, or preferred to stick to the status quo.

'We asked the public what we could do to make their journey easier in the face of weather disruption and the overwhelming response was that they wanted more information,' said CalMac's director of operations, Drew Collier.

'Feedback told us that the existing amber alert covered too broad a range of situations and caused confusion. This new yellow alert now separates out potential disruption from actual disruption on a route.'

'We are committed to improving the services we offer, and listening and responding to our customers

needs plays a big part in this. This change comes on the back of the introduction of a dedicated Twitter service updates account which, since it started has sent out 36,000 Tweets helping our customers keep up-to-date with timetable changes.'

'Weather on the west coast of Scotland will always be a challenge, so giving customers as much accurate, up-to-date information as possible will allow them to plan their journey to take account of all eventualities.'

The yellow alert will be used to tell customers to remain aware and check for updates to their service before

travelling, as there is a possibility of disruption. Amber alerts will now be used to inform customers that one or more sailings are disrupted. This includes significant delays, cancelled sailings, suspended sailings, diverted sailings or vessels turned back unable to berth. The red alert will continue to be used to indicate when all sailings on a route are cancelled for the remainder of the day.

The new alert system will be live on www.calmac.co.uk from Monday (April 11) and will also apply to Argyll Ferries' service from Gourock to Dunoon.

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Taking a different view of collections

Familiarisation tours for tourism providers

Visitors to Brodick Castle will have the change to see it from a whole new angle this summer.

The castle is launching some new specialist tours to run throughout the season with the aim of providing more varied and in-depth information about various aspects of the castle and its work.

To help launch the tours, the National Trust for Scotland is running three free familiarisation tours for those involved in the island's travel and tourist trade as a way of encouraging tourism operators to recommend the cas-

tle tours as an engaging and worthwhile activity for their guests or visitors.

The planned dates for the free tours are: Monday (April 11), Friday April 15 and Monday April 25. All will start at 2pm

Five new specialist tours for visitors have been developed by the castle's head education guide, Sue Mills, which delve deeper into the castle history, stories and adventures. These detailed tours will all be led by knowledgeable guides and will allow more visitors greater access to the castle and its collections.



Paula McEwen, castle collections officer, with Sue Mills beside a 17th-century Flemish piece of furniture. 01_b15tour02

The specialist tours, which are being held on Thursdays at 2pm, are: The Treasures of Brodick Castle, The Secrets Tour, The Paintings of Brodick Castle, Caring for a Castle and Beckford – An Eye for the Magnificent.

It is the latter which is likely to prove the most popular as the tour introduces visitors to William Beckford an inveterate collector and noted eccentric. His story is closely interwoven with Brodick's history and collections, and this tour explores his legacy, which is a beautiful collection of paintings and objects d'art housed within the castle.

Ms Mills told *The Banner*: 'The idea of the specialist tours is to give visitors the

chance to see the collections from a different angle. They don't have to be experts, just interested in learning a bit more about how important the collections are.

'The familiarisation days are just that, to let people involved in tourism on the island see for themselves or refresh their knowledge of just what the castle has to offer, and we hope a number of them will take a little time out

from their busy schedules to come and see what we do.'

Ms Mills said there had already been interest and she was hoping to fill each tour.

All of the familiarisation tours will start in the castle's front hall and will last approximately 80 minutes.

Anyone interested can book a place by phoning the castle during office hours, on 302202, or email Sue Mills: smills@nts.org.uk

Three men without a barrow

They are known as the Three Men and a Barrow and their dedicated work in repairing and improving Arran's hill paths and coastal walkways often goes unrewarded.

However, in another blow this week, they discovered someone has 'borrowed' their barrow.

The three men – Kenny Morrison, Henry Murdo and Colin Guthrie – were up Glen Sannox carrying out path work three weeks ago with occasional helper Malcolm Whitmore.

They finished their work for the day and hid the green barrow in some heather knowing they would need it to finish the job later. But when they returned this week they found it had gone.

Malcolm said: 'We were a good half hour walk up the glen from the car park. We looked all over for it but it appears to have disappeared.'

Could the person who has 'borrowed' the barrow return it to the Arran Coastal Path office in Brodick.



Sue Mills at a cabinet containing china from the Beckford collection. 01_b15tour01



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New bottling plant will see more beer bottled on island

The Arran Brewery is to start bottling more of its own beers on the island.

Thanks to support from Scottish Enterprise and the Bank of Scotland, the Cladach-based brewer is to spend £130,000 expanding its own bottling line, which will see more Arran beers being bottled on the island rather than being sent by tankers to England for bottling.

The new equipment will be

used for a portion of the brewer's brands as well as beer from other small independent breweries that will be bottled on Arran. The company has invested in a new beer tanker that can transport 9,000 litres to the brewery.

Managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'I am pleased to announce this investment of more than £130,000 which accompanies a further investment

in our production capacity on Arran. This facility will deal with all our non-core brands and development brands, as well as providing a service to other small independent breweries.

'We will still send the very large volume brands south for bottling, but everything else will now remain in Scotland. We are purchasing a turn key bottling line from IC Filling Systems, one of

the market leaders in this type of equipment. The bottling line will be delivered and installed in June of this year.'

Meanwhile, upgrades at the brewery, including new bulk malt handling, milling and more fermentation capacity, will be added on Arran. The two small hand-bottling machines that the brewery currently uses will not be scrapped but will be moved to

their small brewery, Devils Dyke, in Cambridge, where they will be used to bottle low volume experimental craft brand-designed ales.

Mr Michaluk added: 'We have also invested in our own beer tanker and will be able to transport 9,000 litres of beer in three tanks, which will mean we can pick up beer from other Scottish brewers and package it on our new equipment in a very cost effective way.'

Great line-up of bands for Deoch an Dorus festival

The Deoch an Dorus music festival to be held at the North Sannox picnic site has secured award-winning headline acts for the day.

More than 30 bands will be taking part in the one-day festival to be held on Saturday April 30 and is a big expansion on the first event held last year in Corrie Hall.

Organiser Ruari Gordon said: 'We have a great line-up of bands and artists coming along to the festival.'

The headliners, Colonel

Mustard and the Dijon 5, recently won the Scottish alternative music award for best live act and are one of the most talked about bands in Scotland today.

Samson Sounds will also be performing their upbeat style of reggae at the festival, while an eclectic mix of bands and DJs including The Girobabies, Sons of Icarus, and the Mojotronic Funk Machine will each bring their own unique musical twists to the event.

There will also be a performance by Glasgow's Sweet Aerobics team, who will be providing festival-goers with an improvised and motivational dance experience that is sure to invigorate everyone attending.

Decorations at the site will be undertaken by the renowned Henge Collective, which will ensure that the festival won't just sound good, it will look good too.

Gourmet burgers

There will be gourmet burgers prepared by Robin Gray for sale during the event and refreshments will be provided by the Corrie Hotel.

The festival kicks off at midday and runs until 3am, so camping is encouraged, as is using public transport to get there because vehicles will not be allowed onto the site.

Tickets are on sale now, priced £20 for adults, ages 12-17 are £10 and under-12s are free. All under-18s need to be accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be bought from tickets-scotland.com/deoch0, or from the Corrie Hotel. Ticket prices include camping.



Colonel Mustard and the Dijon 5 performing in the Corrie Hall at last year's festival.



Last year's Deoch an Dorus festival in full swing at Corrie.

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Ferry traffic moves to new marshalling area as terminal work forges ahead

The redevelopment work is scheduled for completion by the summer of 2017

It will be all change at Brodick ferry terminal next week as the car marshalling lanes move to their new temporary site.

In one of the biggest moves ferry users will see during construction of the £22.2 million new terminal work, cars will be loaded on to the ferry from the other side of the linkspan.

Despite some challenging weather conditions, George Leslie Ltd has made good progress and is now approaching phase two, where ferry traffic will switch to a temporary marshalling area from next week until around the beginning of August.

A short transition period will be in operation from next Monday to Friday to allow CalMac to ensure that all systems are working as expected.

All bus services will continue to use the existing bus stances throughout phase two. The operational details have been agreed and finalised following the construction team's extensive consultation with CalMac and Stagecoach, in conjunction with Strathclyde Partnership

for Transport and North Ayrshire Council.

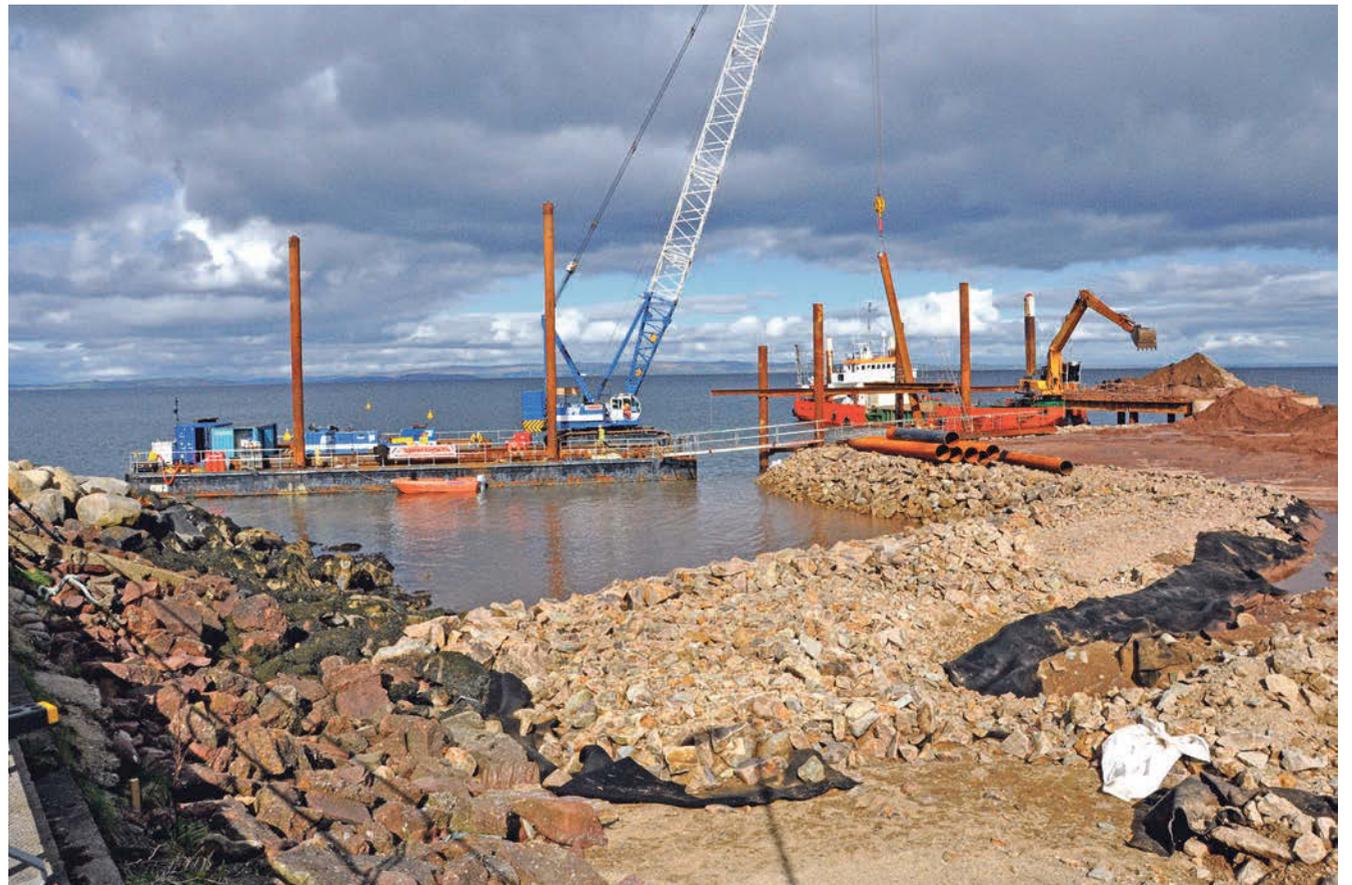
Additional operational staff will be available to assist passengers during the initial transition. It should also be noted that passengers requiring assistance should contact CalMac or Stagecoach in the normal manner.

The existing terminal building will remain fully operational throughout phase two. However to assist passengers, an additional ticket office and mobility-impaired toilet will be provided in the temporary marshalling area.

Pedestrian access to the existing bus stances and ferry terminal building will remain unchanged in phase two, although a new pedestrian walkway will be installed along the north side of Market Road leading from the temporary marshalling area to the existing terminal building and pier.

A new vehicular entrance from Market Road to the temporary marshalling area will be operational in that week, with the existing entry closed to all vehicles.

As reported in *The Banner* last month extensive shore



The MV Grete Fighter dredger at work on the temporary pier. 01_B15terminal02

side works have been undertaken, including construction of the reclamation area 'rock core' and 'secondary rock armour', using material sourced from a local quarry. Three large excavators, have been involved in this work over the past 10 weeks.

A temporary pier has been constructed using a 'crawler crane', to bring ashore large

construction materials and approximately 12,000 cubic metres of dredged material for use as the reclamation infill.

The dredging vessel, MV Grete Fighter arrived at Brodick at the end of March and has been seen working ever since.

A second crawler crane, 100 tonne capacity and 46 metres

high, has also arrived and has been mobilised, primarily to allow a second piling operation to continue with the new bulkhead and pier construction. It will also be used for the installation of the primary rock armour, which will start being delivered from Furnace by the MV Burhou in mid April.

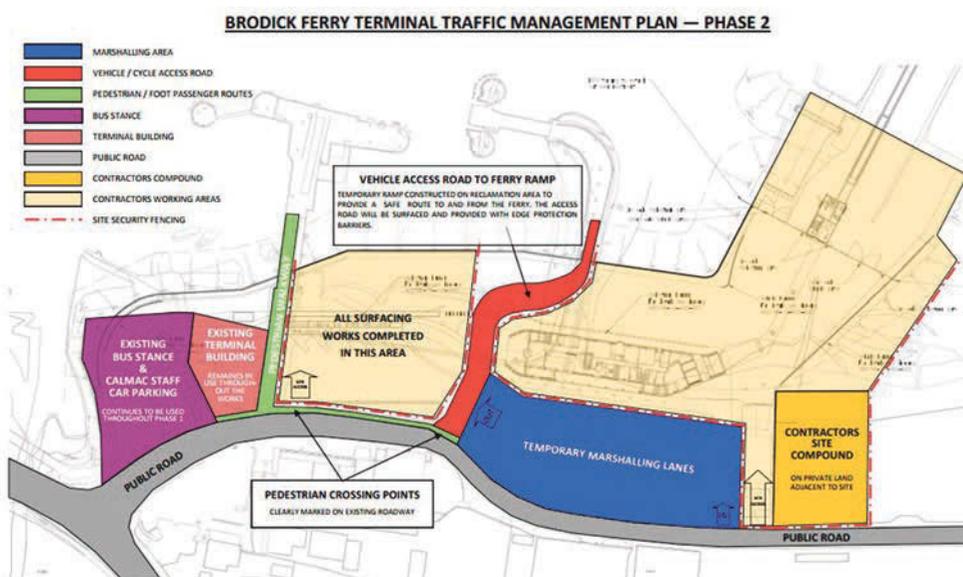
A CMAL spokeswoman

said: 'CMAL is very grateful for the continued understanding and patience of the public throughout the project. In the interests of safety, passengers and vehicle owners using the facilities should adhere to guidance provided by the ferry and bus operators.'

The redevelopment work is scheduled for completion by the summer of 2017.



Part of the new road which will take traffic on to the ferry. 01_B15terminal01



A diagram of how the ferry terminal site will operate from next week. The location of the new terminal building can also be seen.

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New signs still failing to slow down speeding drivers

Campaigners have finally won their fight for new road markings at a notorious speeding hotspot.

Residents of Fen Place in Whiting Bay had been pushing for new signs and count-down road markings before the 30mph speed limit sign for a number of months.

However, while the signs were put up last September, the road markings never materialised – until last month.

But despite the new signs residents say the situation has got worse and with the spring school holidays under way, residents are keen to remind drivers that the approach to

the village from Lamash is 30mph from the sign before the Fen Place junction – not after it.

One of the residents, who has campaigned for the signs is Jean Miller.

She said: 'North Ayrshire Council officials were as good as their word, eventually, and we now have the 'slow' signs and 30mph painted on the road on the approach to the village, but there are still drivers driving passed me on the road at such a speed, you wouldn't believe.'

Jean went on: 'When the ferry came in tonight (Monday) at 4.30pm I was walking

the dog, and it was like walking alongside the motorway with the speed they were all driving at.

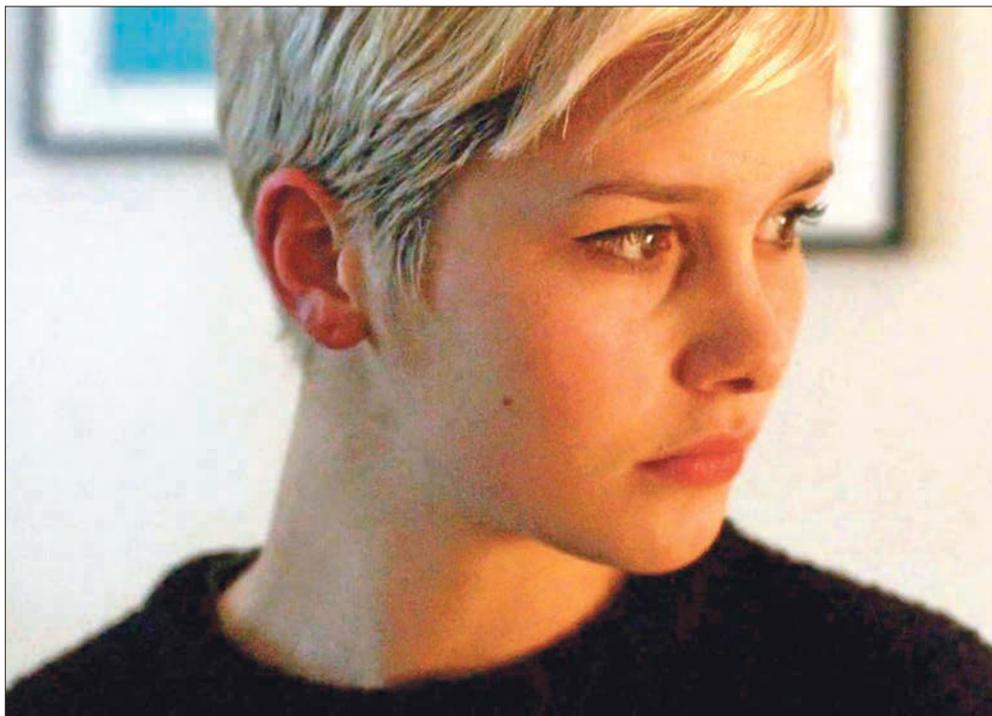
'Where are they going at that speed? Don't they know we live on an island?'

Jean added: 'Last night a car passed me doing at least 80mph and on Sunday a line of at least eight cars, all doing 70, passed Fen Place. I am now 70 years old and I don't want to end up under the wheels of a car on this stretch of road. It is getting worse.'

Arran police say they have issued nine fixed penalty notices in the Whiting Bay area in the last two weeks.



The new 30mph sign have been painted on the road on the approach to Whiting Bay, but are being ignored by drivers. 01_B15sign01



Megan in a screenshot from the short film *Tuesday*.

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Megan picks up top New York acting award

A young Arran actress has won a prestigious US award for her work on a short Scottish film.

Megan McGill has won a lead actress Craft Award at the First Run Film Festival, New York's longest continuously running film festival.

Nominated

The award was for her work in *Tuesday*, a short film shot last year around Edinburgh, and directed by Charlotte Wells. It has been nominated for a Scottish BAFTA new talent award for set design.

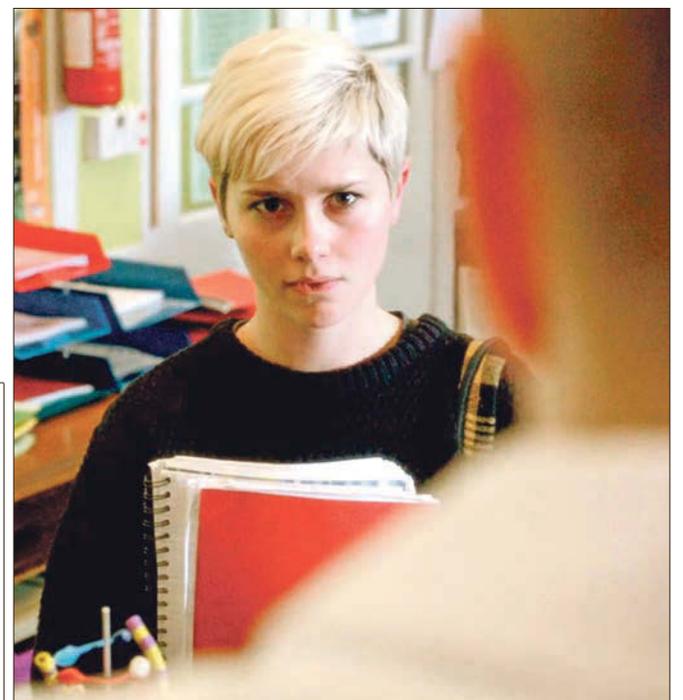
A preview Charlotte wrote for the firm stated: 'Sixteen-year-old Allie begins to accept the magnitude of a recent loss.'

Each spring, the Kanbar Institute of Film & Television presents the First Run Festival to showcase over 120 intermediate and advanced projects in film, video and animation.

This annual week-long festival begins with the Craft

Awards ceremony and culminates with the Wasserman Awards Ceremony, featuring the Charles and Lucille King Family Foundation Awards.

Megan said: 'I couldn't be more thrilled to get an award at a New York film festival.'



Megan in another scene from *Tuesday*.

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Market report from Stirling

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The prices raised were: CharX Blks £890, 216p, Auchenhew; LimX Blks £810, 223p, Auchenhew; AAX Blks – £740, 247p, Glenkiln; LimX Hfcs – £765, 237p, Auchenhew. AAX Hfcs - £595, 213p, Glenkiln

TexX cast ewes, £77.50, Bridge; ContX cast ewes £79.540, Glenkiln; Mule cast ewes, £67.50, Bloomfield; Chev cast ewes, £63.50, Cosyden; BF cast ewes, £52.450, Bloomfield. Chev cast rams, £93, Glenkiln.

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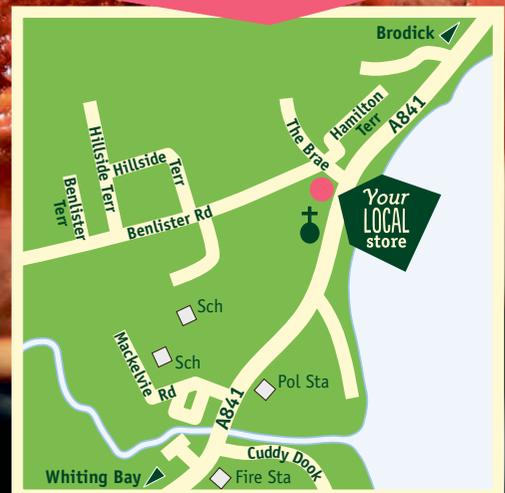
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Puppets on The String

Could the council shut The String? There we have said it and we make no apology for it.

There have been similar scenarios in England with roads being closed until councils can find the money to pay for their repair, but even the most pessimistic of islanders must believe it is a long way off happening here.

However, for the possibility even to be raised, perhaps shows just how serious the situation is. Can a solution be found or will we be left like puppets on The String?

The road - particularly the hill section near Brodick - is a mess and poses a real danger to drivers and needs to be urgently addressed. But given the paltry pot North Ayrshire Council has to play with in the coming financial year, it is difficult to see how this can, effectively, be done.

The new section of road between the Glen Rosa bridge and the castle entrance cost £700,000, paid for the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, which has also now cut future cash for that road.

But this is no overnight crisis. There has been serious underfunding on the roads of Arran for years, which has seen their classification go from A to C even on the vital round island road - which although now classified as the C147 is still signposted, and often referred to, as the A841.

So what can be done? Clearly there have to be some tough choices at next week's meeting. And make no mistake, Peter is going to have to be robbed to pay Paul - but who loses out? We will have to wait and see.

What must be priority is The String which has been wryly described this week as looking like it had been 'carpet bombed'. We know full well, from the horrors of war, that this is not the case, but it does help put across just how bad the road is - and we know - and so does *The Banner* car - as we drive it often.

And 'carpet bombed' or not we are certain next week's discussions are likely to be incendiary.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said: 'Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives so do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' (John 14: 27)

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Letters to the Editor



Motorhomes plea

Sir,
In response to the ongoing camper van/motorhome saga, may I please add my two pennies worth? Hazarding a guess, I think both Neil and Nigel are referring to those once-a-year, or once-only, drivers of these vehicles.

I followed one across the Bougillie yesterday and it was apparent the driver hadn't a clue how to drive it.

The main problem is they do not know the vehicle's width and that, coupled with our dreadful roads, mean they hog the middle of the road.

These fair-weather drivers have little consideration for other road users and tootle along at about 25mph oblivious to others. The one I had the misfortune to be behind had at least five opportunities to pull over to let vehicles overtake, yet carried on regardless.

Many times they do not secure their belongings inside the vehicle which means they inevitably topple to the floor in the hands of these inexperienced drivers.

Last summer I caught at least four people emptying the contents of their toilets over the castle wall at the bottom of our driveway. Yes, it was toilet and not a water cassette. When I challenged them, at least two had the audacity to suggest it was better than throwing in the sea!

Our council has a lot to answer for. They should have realised that RET would bring a lot more of these vehicles and should have made proper provision for them.

In Australia they have excellent 'powered' sites especially for motorhomes, with facilities including showers and laundry rooms. What has Arran got to offer? Nothing! That's one of the reasons these vehicles park up anywhere.

I am not the greatest fan of these motorhomes and have to agree that the majority do not help the economy of the island. They come on at Brodick and often spend a night parked up (usually in the car park just before Corrie) and

then drive off at Lochranza not spending anything in the process. Yes, I agree there are some good motorhomes owners/hirers but, unfortunately, I haven't seen many.

I would welcome them if they drove more considerately, respected the environment and didn't leave their rubbish behind. I have found on several occasions black bin bags full of rubbish left behind by one of these camper vans on the shore at our road end. They can see our bins about 25 feet up the drive but prefer to leave their rubbish for others to deal with.

So please, motorhomes drivers you are welcome, but only if you exercise more consideration and help the island economy a bit more.

Yours,
**Lesley Goodchild
Kestrel
Brodick**

Save putting green

Sir,
We're sure the proposed marine discovery centre to be built on the site of the Lam-lash tennis courts and pavilion will prove an asset to the village and Arran. It's just a pity two tennis courts have to go when people are being encouraged to be more active.

However, at least two will remain and be upgraded. Who will be responsible for their upkeep? Also, what about the table tennis which could be and was enjoyed regardless of the weather?

Of more concern to us is any threat to the putting green. Could it be the bowling club want to be rid of it? It is, in our opinion, the best putting green on the island with well spaced holes and interesting, challenging slopes and undulations.

To us, playing putting has been a daily ritual every July since 1978 when we first came with our children. Now it's our grandchildren and any of our visitors who enjoy this tradition.

Please, please let the putting green continue to exist.

Yours,
**M and D Atkins
Glasgow**

Friendlier place

Sir,
I am writing to you during World Autism Awareness Week (2-8 April) to ask your readers to help make Ayrshire and Arran a friendlier place for autistic people to live.

A recent survey by The National Autistic Society Scotland found that 99.5 per cent of the public has heard of autism - but just 15 per cent of the people we support think it is understood in a meaningful way.

That gulf between awareness and understanding means that autistic people and their families are often faced with unkind remarks, staring and tutting. We found that over time, they begin to retreat in order to avoid pub-

lic judgement, and more than two thirds told us that they feel socially isolated.

We launched a new campaign, Too Much Information, to encourage people to become more understanding.

Our website autism.org.uk/tmi features an interactive map which will light up people's hometowns when they pledge to learn about autism.

I hope your readers will join me in saying it is unacceptable that the 230,000 people affected by autism in Scotland feel so misunderstood that they can't leave their homes, and take action to light up Ayrshire and Arran.

Yours,
**Jenny Paterson, Director
The National Autistic
Society Scotland**



MV Headcorn which was built in 1972 and spotted very close to the Blackwaterfoot coastline. Photo: Victor Iutz

No danger as ship is seen near rocky shoreline

A Blackwaterfoot resident contacted *The Banner* last week when he spotted a boat perilously close to the rocks just off the coast near the Blackwaterfoot harbour.

The vessel was first noticed at 8.30am and after observing it for a while, Michael Iutz and his dad Victor noticed that a diver was dispatched and that three buoys were placed in the water parallel to the coastline.

They said it was the closest they had ever seen a boat to the shore in more than 30 years of living there.

After further investigation by *The Banner*, the vessel is now known to be *MV Headcorn*, a former Royal Navy maritime auxiliary vessel which is now under private ownership and registered in Glasgow. Known as a diving and marine specialist vessel, the boat is presumed to have been undertaking marine work off the coast and it was in no immediate danger of grounding.

'The boat caught my eye because it was so close to the shore,' said Michael. 'I have never seen any vessel that close to the beach before. Now after watching it for a while it could be a research vessel that is able to operate in shallow water.'

After conducting its activities the vessel was seen leaving the area in the direction of Campbeltown.

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Silver success for Whiting Bay Primary pupils after week of science fun

Whiting Bay Primary pupils joined thousands of other children across the country as they took part in the British Science Week before the spring break. The week is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and

maths and is supported by the Scottish Government and the British Science Association.

Events included an exciting visit to the Glasgow Science Centre where the entire school attended workshops, enjoyed various shows and

took part in a variety of hands on activities. The school also held their annual science fair during the week, where they had practical demonstrations of the concepts that they had learnt in science classes. Work included examining opposites – like floating and sinking, pushing and pulling, mixing and separating mixtures and also other other scientific interests like hydrocarbons and space.

Display

The after-school science club also took the opportunity to display their suspension bridge model and their wave energy converter device.

On the final day of science week pupils were treated to a visit by Dr Susan Burr, an educational consultant who fascinated the pupils with her well-received presentations which included the popular ‘how to make gloop’ and the



Whiting Bay primary pupils Lori Prescott and Grace Crichton receive the Primary Science Quality Mark silver award on behalf of the school.



Iona Miggin and Caitlin Fraser learn how snails move during Science Week.

teaching aids she brought along with her, which included some lovely slimy snails.

To complete week on a high note, Dr Burr presented the pupils with the silver award

for the Primary Science Quality Mark for all their hard work over the past year.

CalMac enlists the unlikely help of ‘eejits’ to show millennials just what they’re missing

Caledonian MacBrayne’s brand new campaign for summer 2016 has firmly stuck on a fun badge to challenge the potential ‘millennial’ visitor to head for the isles.

Two slightly doubting ‘eejits’, under the guide of CalMac’s ‘handy’ representative – one Brian Ferry, a rather swanky Harris Tweed clad being – go undercover on a series of adventures with Scotland’s favourite ferry folk.

What those Eejits lack in general savvy, though, they

make up for in enthusiasm, throwing themselves into everything, including Segway riding on Arran, while having a laugh and discovering that there’s more to the islands than they thought.

And they also find that, with reduced fares as a result of the final rollout of RET across the whole network, it’s fantastic value and there’s more left over for a good time – fun, food and beer – than they could ever have imagined.

CalMac’s, head of commercial, Graeme MacFarlan said: ‘Research has shown that our traditional campaigns work for audiences well-served in who we are as a company and what we do. But they seem to mean less to younger audiences who are, after all, the new generation of customers across the network.

‘We know that this campaign is not going to appeal to everyone, but the objective of the Eejits was to create an edgy online presence that was

creative and would attract the elusive millennials – the 18-35-year-olds. It is a fresh, modern and memorable approach which showcases a snapshot of the range of activities, destinations and value for money on offer across our network. And we are confident it will be a hit.’

Keep an eye open across CalMac’s social media channels and website – the Eejits, in a series of four instalments, are out now and you don’t want to miss them. The two ‘eejits’ are, in fact, the BAFTA Scotland-nominated Something Something duo of Ian Greenhill and Jordan Laird.

Get ready to make your own memories – if they can do it, so can you! Your ferry awaits at calmac.co.uk/twoeejits

Running alongside the Two Eejits campaign, Mates Rates with CalMac and Friends highlights the RET-reduced fares, reminding everyone that it is great value to hop on board the ferries – in other words, it’s like having mates rates for everyone!



The two ‘eejits’ on a ferry.

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Eco Savvy backs campaign to 'love food hate waste'

Love food but hate waste was the strong sentiment expressed at the Co-operative Food store last week when Eco Savvy and North Ayrshire Council joined forces to help reduce food waste on Arran.

The campaign, supported by Zero Waste Scotland and the Scottish Government, saw the two organisations set up a stall in the Brodick store where they spoke to members of the public about methods of reducing the 1,800 tonnes of waste that is estimated to be generated on Arran every year. If we all stop wasting food that could have been eaten, the benefit to the planet would be the equivalent of taking one in four cars off the road.

Portion control

Food storage, planning and portion control were the subject of the day at the Love Food, Hate Waste stand where the council's Lynn Lennon was offering free measuring jugs, spaghetti and pasta measures and recipe cards to interested customers.

Eco Savvy volunteers offered banana loaf, along with the recipe from Lynn Ross, a pot-luck soup recipe and

some useful tips to avoid wasting food.

In addition to the campaign, Eco Savvy collected tips and opinions and conducted a short survey on the eating and waste habits of Arran locals; the results of which are used to formulate a plan on how to reduce food waste and to understand the issues around food waste.

The results of the survey indicated that islanders try not to throw food out and most do so very reluctantly.

Vegetables and fruit are the main problem and people make the decision to throw away food based usually on whether it looks bad or mouldy rather than by sell by dates. When throwing food away, slightly more than half of those surveyed use a compost system. Those who did use the black bin often did so reluctantly and wished that they could compost. A few people were able to use waste food to feed chickens.

On a positive note, many people were interested in the ideas of fun cookery workshops during Zero Waste Arran Week in September and there was a lot of enthusiasm both for a cookery roadshow



Barbara I'Anson and Lindsay Marr from Eco Savvy with the council's Lynn Lennon helping to spread the message to cut food waste. 01_B14eco01

around the villages and for a big demonstration cookery event in Brodick. Almost everyone who participated

was more than willing to contribute to a donations box for a foodbank if one were placed in the Co-op store.

For more information on the campaign and for food saving tips you can visit scotland.lovefoodhatewaste.com or

for further information about Eco Savvy, their website can be found at arranecosavvy.org.uk

Friends learn about bats in the castle and the dangers faced by red squirrels

The March meeting of the Friends of Brodick Castle was a very interesting talk by Lindsay Mackinlay, a nature conservation officer with the National Trust for Scotland, writes Marion Melvin.

Lindsay is an ecologist and his role is to study and assist with nature conservation in about 60 NTS properties. Working closely with the rangers, he carries out surveys of wildlife, trees and plants.

His first topic was on long eared bats which live in large houses and castles, including Brodick Castle's attics. They are protected, so a licence is required to carry out roof repairs and this will have an impact on the fire walls due to be installed in the castle. Bat droppings can now be analysed to determine which type of bats are using the premises.

Habitat monitoring is carried out to inform the managers of properties. This includes the effect of red deer on trees and plants, removal

of rhododendron and reseeded to bring back different species of plant. Following surveys carried out on Arran, orchids have been discovered in the castle park meadows and juniper, golden rod and wild thyme are to be found on Goatfell.

The main topic for the talk was on red squirrels. They are considerably smaller than the greys but are not totally red. Only reds have ear tufts and they have about three to five kittens each year in about March or maybe June/July.

Predators

They live for about five to six years. Their main diet is pine cones with other seeds and insects. The squirrels need woodland and links between the areas so they can move around the islands, they mainly move about in the tree tops. Their main predators are pine martens, goshawks, cats, dogs and cars!

The majority of red squirrels are in Scotland. The Victorians brought in the grey squirrels. They do not attack

the red squirrels but they forage on the ground whereas reds spend more time in trees. Greys can digest the pine cones when they are less ripe, so food is taken from the red squirrels. Greys also carry squirrel pox which does not affect them but kills the reds.

The main ways to improve the habitat for red squirrels are to manage the woodlands and also to cull the greys. There is a stronghold strategy in place with Arran and Argyll being major areas with reds. Protection lines have been drawn up in Scotland and this appears to be successful. A study in Ireland suggests that pine martens actually pushed out greys not reds possibly due to reds living more up in the trees.

Lindsay finished his talk by telling us of other issues which are being studied for their effect on wildlife and their habitats. These include tree diseases, flooding, roe deer problem, foxes and reintroduction of species such as beavers and wolves.

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John Sillars won the Best Exhibit In Show with his arrangement of five daffodils.

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Jenny Hume from Brodick Nursery picks up second prize for her garden in a tray.

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Organisers reported one of the best



Shiskine Primary won the Neil McLean Cup for the best exhibit in the children's section with this entry.

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Ava McNeice took first place in the Coloured Picture category with her spring lamb painting.

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Showing a fine amount of detail, this entry by Olivia and Ava McNeice was highly commended in the Garden In A Tray category.

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The bulb class saw many daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and amaryllis being entered into the show.

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There was a particularly high number of beautiful daffodils in bloom this year.

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The scarecrow category saw a large number of entries.

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Shiskine Primary trophies at spring

'Considering the weather, the high standards have been maintained this year. I especially wish to make mention of the extraordinary effort by the primary school teachers who have encouraged the children to participate and which has seen a large amount of entries from the primary schools on Arran. I hope that they continue with their efforts and that they are inspired to enter the summer show.'

The floral smells at the Brodick Hall last Saturday left the many visitors under no illusion that spring had arrived as the Isle of Arran Horticultural Society held their annual spring flower and bulb show which was well attended by visitors and participants alike.

This year's show saw a large amount of entries from Shiskine Primary School and the results of their hard work earned them a top three place in almost every category in the children's sections.

Entries in the various categories such as bulbs, cut blooms, floral art and children's displays had all increased this year, which led president John Sillars to say that this had been the busiest spring show he had

seen in years. He said: 'I am impressed with the quality of the entries, especially considering the weather in the run-up to the show and once again the high standards have been maintained this year. I especially wish to make mention of the extraordinary effort by the primary school teachers who have encouraged the children to participate and which has seen a large amount of entries from the primary schools on Arran. I hope that they continue with their efforts and that they are inspired to enter the summer show.'

The full results of the show are as follows: Section 1: Bulb Class. 1 Daffodils/ Narcissi; 1 K Stefanuti, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 J Logan. 2 Crocus; no entries.

3 Tulips; 1 J Sillars, L Currie, 3 C.V Boyle. 4 Hyacinths; 1 J Logan, 2 J Logan, 3 C.V Boyle. 5 Cyclamen; 1 S Harding, 2 S Harding, 3 S Harding. 6 Amaryllis; 1 J Logan, 2 A Raeburn. 7 Miniature Daffodils; 1 A Stefanuti, 2 Brodick School. 8 Miscellaneous; 1 K Robertson, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 S Harding.

Section 2: Cut Blooms. 9a 5 Daffodils/ Narcissi – Trumpet; 1 J Sillars, 2 N Leckey, 3 L Currie. 9b 5 Daffodils/ Narcissi – Large Cup; 1 J Sillars, 2 I Currie, 3 A Raeburn. 9c 5 Daffodils/ Narcissi – Small Cup; 1 N Leckey, 2 S Harding, 3 S Harding. Highly commended, L Currie. 9d 5 Daffodils/ Narcissi – Double; 1 S Harding, 2 S Harding, 3 S Harding. 9e



ggest turn-outs in years as visitors flocked to the show. 01_B15bulb11

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ave been maintained' – president John Sillars

5 Daffodils/ Narcissi – Multi Headed; no entries. 10 3 Tulips; no entries. 11 3 Spikes of Hyacinth; 1 S Harding. 12 Any other flowering bulb; no entries. 13 1 Bloom of Narcissi; 1 A Stefanuti, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 A Stefanuti.

Section 3: Floral Art. 14 Flower arrangement; N Leckey. 15 Floral art theme; no entries.

Section 4: Miscellaneous. 16 1 Vase foliage; no entries. 17 Garden in a tray; no entries. 18 Pot plant – Foliage; 1 E Winship, 2 L Hocking, 3 L Hocking. 19 Pot plant – Flowering; 1 C.V Boyle, 2 S Harding, 3 S Harding. 20 Patio pot – Spring collection; 1 S Harding, 2 S Harding. 21 Patio pot – 1 or 2 varieties; 1 Shiskine School.

22 Cut flowering shrub; no entries.

Section 5: Children. 23 Garden in a tray; 1 Shiskine Primary Early Years, 2 Brodick Nursery, 3 Whiting Bay School. Highly commended; Olivia and Ava McNeice, Kirsty Hume, Hector and Ruby McArthur. 24 Painted decorated egg; 1 Shiskine 4, 2 Shiskine 5, 3 Shiskine Early years. Highly commended; Lily Glover. 25 Bowl of bulbs; 1 K Rogers, Kilmory Primary, 2 Shiskine Primary, 3 Isla Monteith, Kilmory Primary. 26 Scarecrow; 1, Shiskine Primary, 2 Shiskine Primary, 3 Kilmory Primary. 27 Coloured picture, under 8; 1 Ava McNeice, 2 Jamie Ferguson, Brodick Primary, 3 Kaleb

Turner, Shiskine Early Years. 28 Coloured picture, 9 to 12; 1 Donald Currie, Shiskine, 2 Julie Hamil, Shiskine, Beth McCarthy, Shiskine.

Section 6: Photographic. 1 David Kelso, 2 David Kelso, 3 Andrew Stefanuti.

Trophy winners

Royal Bank of Scotland for best exhibit in show – John Sillars.

RW McKelvie Cup for best exhibit in section 1 – Janet Logan. School Trophy: The Neil McLean Cup for best exhibit in section 5 – Shiskine Primary School.

Arran Horticultural Society Trophy for the Best in Photographic section 6 – David Kelso.



Cara Henderson of Shiskine Primary receives the Brodick Castle Gardens Trophy for the school or nursery that gained the most points. 01_B15bulb12



Janet Logan receives the RW McKelvie Cup for best exhibit in the bulb class. 01_B15bulb13



In the Best Decorated Egg category, Lily Glover's farmyard themed egg was highly commended. 01_B15bulb06



ge number of entrants, including



James McCarthy collects the prize for the Best Decorated Egg on behalf of Shiskine Primary. 01_B15bulb01



This entry by Nicola Leckey took first place in the flower arrangement category. 01_B15bulb07



The slimming ladies who raised £1,500 for charity proudly show off their certificates



Arran Skinnymalinks roll away a stone for Easter

'I am so proud of your achievements'

A group of dedicated women have not only lost weight but raised nearly £1,500 for charity in the process.

Arran Skinnymalinks embarked upon the 'roll away a stone for Easter' campaign at the beginning of January. For the past 11 weeks, whilst many have been eating their comfort food during the dark, dreich wintery evenings, Arran Skinnymalinks have been meeting in Lamlash, Brodick and Corrie.

The goal in mind was to lose some weight before spring and at the same time provide life-changing meals to hungry children through the charity Mary's Meals.

The wonderful news is that

whilst many pounds - several stones in fact - have been shed by the now sylphlike Skinnymalinks, they have also raised the magnificent sum of £1,434.93 for Mary's Meals. This generous donation will feed 117 children in a place of education for a whole school year.

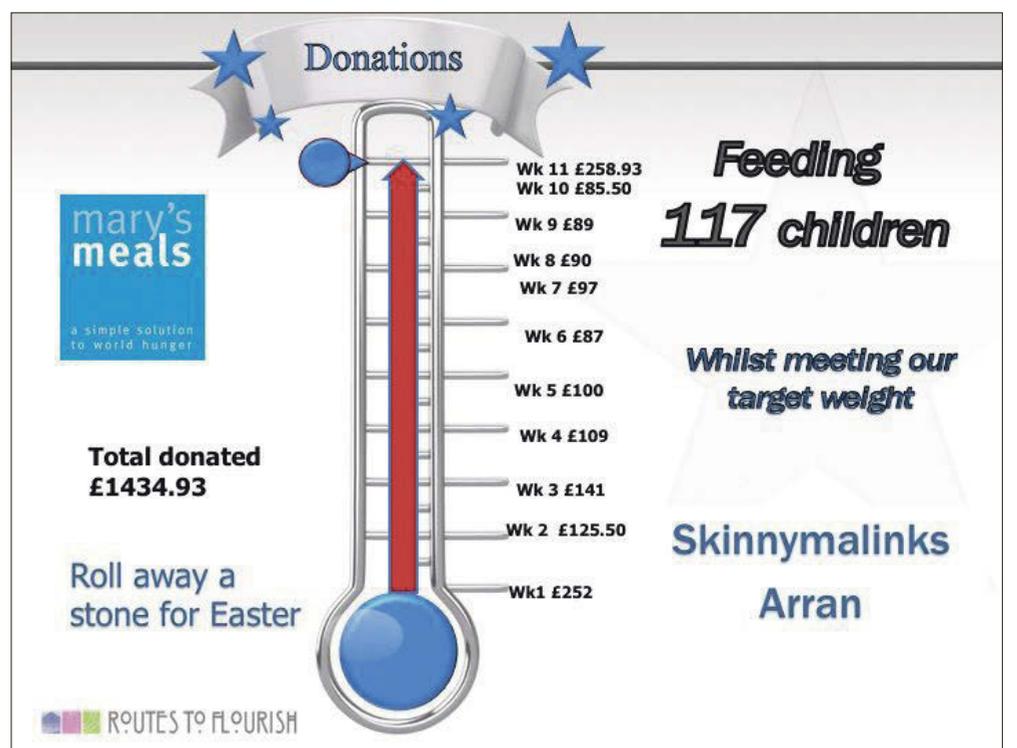
Mary's Meal volunteer Alison Page, who ran the event, said: 'I would like to thank Lamlash and Brodick churches and Brèagha Holistic Beauty for the use of their premises for the weigh-ins.

'Special mention to Shona Dunsmuir, Anne Ferguson, Lynsay Scott and Liz Rose for supporting me each week. To Arran Graphics for their

professional printing services for our weigh-in cards and presentation certificates, so thoughtfully created by talented local artist Marjorie McDougall and autographed by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder of Mary's Meals.

'Finally, to all our Arran Skinnymalinks - well done, I am so proud of your achievements and very grateful for your donations. You are absolute stars.'

A diagram shows how the ladies raised the money week by week.



Antiquarians hear that cameras never lie - or do they?

The March meeting saw more than 60 members of the Arran Antiquarians meet to hear chairman Harry Davidson introduce Graham Chappell, the well-known proprietor of Arran Graphics.

Mr Chappell proceeded to show the audience some of the tricks of his trade, writes *Norma Davidson*.

The hall was festooned with television screens, wired the like of which members had not seen before, so everyone knew they were going to be in for something special.

Graham was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1965. He has a diploma in hotel management and has 15 years' experience as a chef, having cooked for celebrities and royalty. In 1986 he was reprimanded by Dennis Thatcher for cooking him a boiled egg without his permission and whilst in Canada in 1988 was asked by Burt Reynolds to demonstrate how to cook a T-bone steak.

Before moving to Arran in 1995, he ran a hotel in Shetland for three years. He started Arran Graphics in 1996 after buying a £700 photocopier. Having no experience or qualifications of any kind in design and printing, it was a steep learning curve. Arran Graphics now prints a significant percentage of signs, leaflets and brochures on the island, together with half a million labels each year. New games and clothing ranges are now sold and the chairman heartily endorsed their excellent t-shirt range. He has done the interior signs for Lamborghini in Edinburgh twice in the last three years, a project he loves to do as he gets the use of a car for a weekend. On the same scale, his work for Wooleys of Arran, its biggest customer since the company was founded, gives him the occasional perk of a free Chelsea bun.

He visits America frequently and this year will be his 16th trip. Sometimes son Carter

gets to go too. Although a self-confessed sports car fan he is not a Jeremy Clarkson fan. He has a V8 Mercedes but regularly gets to drive a friend's Lamborghini during the summer at charity events and car shows. The business will be 20 years old this year so we were warned to look out for new products.

Graham assured us he still sees himself as an amateur with 'Photoshop' but the magic he proceeded to display made us doubt that. He explained about pixels and that everything on the internet was made up of 72 dots per inch.

We were told always to take photographs, by whatever method, in the highest possible resolution. 'Photoshop' he described as a fantastic tool.

Using a 150-year-old sepia photograph of three unknown urchins he proceeded to digitise it and auto tone it so the contrasts were vastly enhanced. A beautiful i-phone picture of Brodick Bay was shown and he demonstrated how to eliminate boats, mooring and buoys and explained how he would air brush things from aerial photographs. He could superimpose text or delete it and amazed the audi-

ence by transposing the Brodick Bay shot into the window of an apartment in Minorca. It became patently true that cameras, or certainly their operators, do lie.

Members were shown how to formulate a brochure which, when completed, showed Grace Small's Auction selling a red leather handbag for £455. Graham could make a composite picture consisting of four or five totally disparate subjects. Pictures can also be converted immediately from colour to black and white, to sepia and by superimposing a textured surface can be made to look very old. Prints can be made to look like a canvas.

The antiquarians were all amazed and even the digitally minded amongst them must have been envious. We shall never look at a picture, brochure or label in quite the same way again. Thank you Graham.

The members were sad to hear of the recent death of Tony Black, a long-standing loyal member.

The society is always looking out for speakers so if any member has one in mind they should contact the new secretary Hugh Brown on 01770 303577 with details.



Chairman Harry Davidson in conversation with Graham Chappell.

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Memories of Whiting Bay are being sought for reunion

Memories of Whiting Bay are being sought for a reunion which is being planned for July.

The reunion is being held on the village hall on Saturday, July 16 and is being organised by Whiting Bay Memories, a facebook group created in 2012 and took just three years to reach a membership of nearly 700.

'Everyone is welcome to join this group and contribute in any way. We hope to build history with memories, stories, photographs, articles and pay tribute to the people who made this village the place it is today,' said a spokeswoman for the group.

So many people have contributed to this group by adding their amazing collections

of photographs and memorabilia we now have hundreds of images to enjoy.

Many iconic images have generated contributions of wonderful happy memories and stories of people enjoying living, working and visiting Whiting Bay and the beautiful districts of Kings Cross and Largybeg.

From out of these memories



A photo from yesteryear dated around 1924.



A steamer calling at Whiting Bay pier in the early 1930s. B14memories01No

came the desire to re-live some of them!

The reunion is being held to reunite old friends and families, share stories and memories and preserve them for future generations to enjoy and involves a daytime event with an exhibition of village photography, memorabilia and history.

Storytelling of treasured memories will be held at the Big Blether Café in the village hall, with filming and group photographs to capture the event.

This will be followed by a

buffet supper where you can wine and dine and hear more tales and fond memories of village life as recalled by local speakers, followed by a chance to dance the night away and relive the decades with nostalgic music with a licensed dance and ceilidh, a 60's -70's -80's disco and a live band.

All proceeds will go to Whiting Bay and Districts Improvements Association and Whiting Bay Village Hall

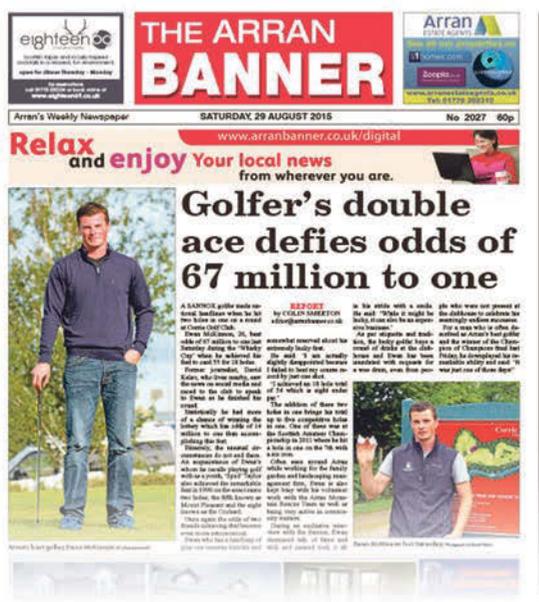
But organisers need your stories and pictures!

If you would you like to write some of your favourite

memories to share you can upload them the Whiting Bay Memories facebook group or you can send your stories, memorabilia and photographs to the address below. Copies are preferable but if you would like items returned following the event, please clearly mark them with your identification.

Send them to: Whiting Bay Memories Reunion, Arran Eco Savvy Community shop, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran KA27 8PR. For further information email: whitingbay.memories@gmail.com

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Voters urged to register as election approaches

Voters are being urged to make sure they are on the electoral register with the deadline less than two weeks away.

Scotland will go to the polls on Thursday May 5, to elect 129 members to the Scottish parliament but only those who are on the electoral register will be able to take part.

As the countdown to the big day continues, people are being reminded: 'Your Vote Matters - Don't Lose It'. For the first time ever at a Scottish parliament election, 16 and 17-year-olds are being given the chance to vote. However, about one in three of these first-time voters in North Ayrshire is not currently registered and will miss out unless they sign up.

Youngest voter

As reported in last week's Banner, Lyle Robertson will be Arran's youngest voter as

he turns 16 days before the poll. Returning officer Elma Murray said: 'No-one should miss out on their right to be part of the democratic process and I would encourage everyone, including those who will be 16 and 17 on May 5, to activate their entitlement to vote.

'If you're not registered by the deadline, then you won't be able to have your say on issues that directly affect everyone's day-to-day lives in Scotland.'

Residents have until Monday April 18 to register in time to vote in the election while those applying for a postal vote have until midnight on Tuesday April 19. The deadline for new proxy applications is 5pm on Tuesday April 26.

People can check they are registered by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or by

contacting the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board, 9 Wellington Square, Ayr, KA7 1HL, on 01292 612221.

Alternatively, a special app has been created by Ayrshire Voter Registration, which allows people to update their name, address or other details on the Electoral Register.

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The voter registration app is available for download at www.moderndemocracy.co.uk/ayrshire_valuation_joint_board.html for Android or Apple devices.

On Thursday May 5, Voters in North Ayrshire will elect constituency MSPs for the Cunninghame North and Cunninghame South areas. In addition, North Ayrshire forms part of the West of Scotland Region which elects seven list MSPs to represent the area in the Scottish Parliament.

Familiar grey heron and the search for Arran heronries

Gaunt grey herons are among the most familiar of our local water birds. Fresh or salt, clear or muddy each is acceptable so long as it will yield something worth eating. Sometimes, when hunting, the grey heron will stand very still, watching and waiting. At other times the bird stalks through the shallows with long deliberate strides, neck muscles tensed. Eventually a fish will pay the price of carelessness as the heron's kinked neck is straightened with startling speed and the sharp bill stabs its prey. Not only fish, the grey heron takes a wide variety of food including frogs, mice, rats and young water birds, up to and including, the size of moorhen.

The birds breed colonially in spring in 'heronries', usually building their nests high in trees. The heron's breeding season is prolonged. In early February in a mild season, they may be seen soaring over the nesting wood and chasing one another, tilting from side to side and diving head-long. It's an exciting performance to watch. Endless displays take place on old nest platforms and consist of elaborate neck movements with crest and neck plumes erect, accompanied by bill-snapping and a variety of blood-curdling calls. For short periods the normally yellow-coloured bill and legs change dramatically to deep orange, especially when a group assembles on the 'dancing grounds' running and skipping first in one direction and then another with

open wings. Occupied herons' nests may be readily recognised by numerous droppings on the ground beneath them. The pellets are the indigestible portions of heron's food. Unless blown down by storms, the same nest is used each spring. Old ones, massive platforms 3ft across, may also provide homes for

being fed by both parents. Heronries are busy, noisy places throughout the long breeding period, enabling grey herons to be monitored efficiently and accurately by counting 'apparently occupied nests' in their heronries.

The British Trust for Ornithology's (BTO) Heronries Census has gathered nest

but there may be more. Please keep your eyes and ears open. If you find a colony of nesting grey herons, and suspect it may not be known to the Heronries Census, please report it to me in the first instance and I will inform the BTO. Hopefully if you do find a 'new' heronry you would be prepared to monitor it and help to increase our knowledge of this familiar bird.

To find out more about taking part in the Heronry Census visit <http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/heronries-census/taking-part>

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on birding on Arran buy the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2015 and visit www.arran-birding.co.uk.



A heron in search of prey. Photo Jackie Newman

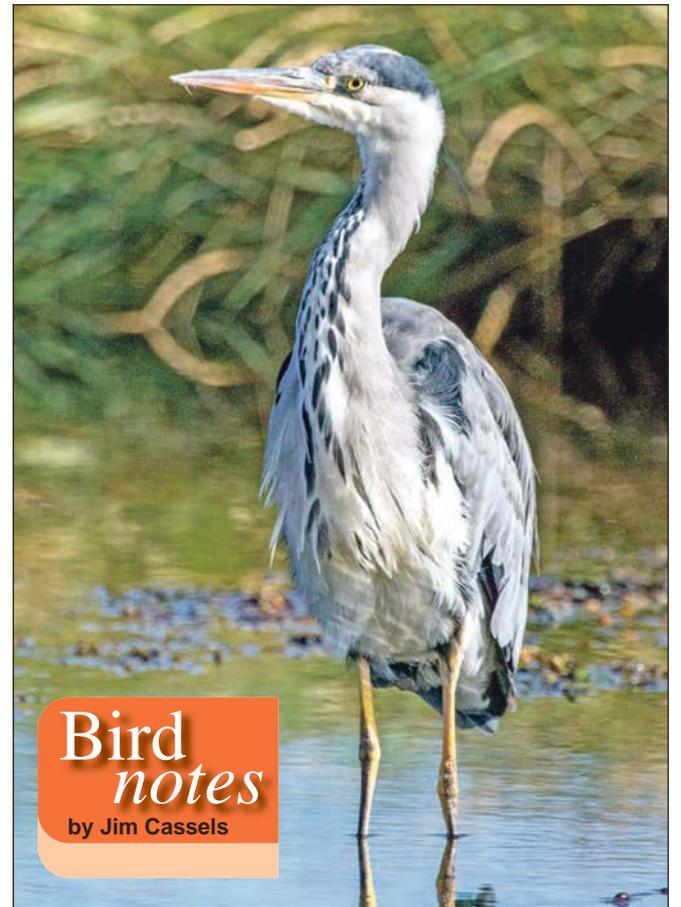
nesting small birds. They are built in the highest trees and constructed by branches and sticks. Local preferences include alder and Scots pine. Eggs can be laid from late February into March and April. Three or four is the average clutch. The eggs take about 25 days to hatch. The young make a regular clicking sound and remain in the nest for about seven weeks,

counts annually since 1928 at an increasing proportion of the UK's heronries. The BTO aims to count as many heronries as possible each year and to ensure that newly established sites are quickly discovered and brought into the programme of annual counts.

On Arran at present, four heronries are monitored. These are in Lochranza, Brodick, Lamlash and Lagg,



A close up of a heron's nest. Photo Charlotte Clough



Bird
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A heron standing proud. Photo Jackie Newman

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Sun comes out for Brodick spring fayre

The ladies of St Brides church in Brodick held their annual spring fayre last Saturday which saw a steady stream of families and visitors arriving at the church hall to take part in the events.

With traditional stalls such as a tombola, a raffle and a lucky dip, as well as a small book stall, visitors ambled around the hall before

joining others in the coffee and tea area at the back of the venue – which provided a good opportunity for a catch-up and to sample some of the delights of the large assortment of homebaking that was on offer.

The fayre raised more than £650 to add to the church coffers for charitable causes, both on Arran and on the mainland.



There were various items for sale along with a tradition raffle and a tombola.

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Irene Rollo, Jean Robertson and Grace Bleakley provided friendly smiles at the baking stall. 01_B15fayre03



Robin Wishart visiting from Livingston collects his prize from the lucky dip. 01_B15fayre02



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Petrol pressure

The recent closure of the petrol pump at Pirnmill means that around 35 miles of road around the island offers no place to buy petrol.

Now the people of Northend are taking steps to try and once again have petrol sales in either Pirnmill or Lochranza. Pirnmill's community councillor Tom Campbell said that the improvements association was considering a community-controlled pump and, while he said he was keen on the idea, he could see problems with the plan. One was finding a site for an underground tank, another was having a rota of volunteers and the third was that the danger element of pet-

Brodick bridge players have been meeting to play for 50 years and last Thursday they all met in the Brodick Bar to honour their longest standing members by making Alastair McBride, Ian Campbell and Jimmy Murchie honorary members. Although none have been a member since 1946, all have been playing bridge in the club since the early 1950s. B15twe04



rol means that the whole operation would be blanketed in regulations.

The association is starting to collect peoples views on the matter.

Census day

After the disastrous 1985 census which was conducted on different days in different areas and the 1990 census where some information went missing, doubts have been cast on the accuracy of the enumeration which showed the population on Arran as having fallen. This year though, Jim Lees and Mike Lunan have offered to undertake the census on behalf of the Council for Voluntary Service to ensure that Arran has its own detailed census which will be carried out on Friday, November 29. Prior to 1985, figures revealed that between 1965 and 1980 Arran's population rose from 3,162 to 4,024.

Office break-in

The offices of John Corbett Construction Ltd at Strathwhillan were broken into in the small hours of last Friday morning. In all, 18 wage packets were stolen. It is understood the cash had been collected a day early because the banks were closed on Good Friday.



An 80-strong congregation and three dogs attended a special Easter Sunday sunrise service at Kingscross Point where, for the 14th year, the Rev Elizabeth Watson conducted a service at 6.20am on the craggy headland by the Viking Fort. A quick service was held before worshippers headed back to the church hall for breakfast.

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These men have a total of 132 years' service with the fire brigade in Lamlash. They are, left to right, Jack McAdam, Sandy Kerr, Hugh Miller, Eric Cannon and Mick Cannon. B15twe02



Brodick Co-op has won the 1996 Store of the Year Award in the annual competition run across its 60 supermarkets across the country. The Brodick store was judged to offer its customers the highest standards in customer service. Pictured receiving the award is manager Brian Murrie, with cup, and deputy Tom Copeland, with certificate, from Scottish Co-op general manager Martin Weir, right, and operations manager Ken MacKenzie. B15twe03



Chris Stanger is brought down as Jimmy Morrison and Paul Jameson come to the rescue in the Arran Rugby Sevens semi-final against the Irish Crowbars last weekend. Arran were knocked out of the semi final by last year's winners. Stirling County won the tournament this year. B15twe05

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 9th 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 - The Mysterons
Flow Yoga
Casino Night
Live Music

Sunday 10th April

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
Live music - Biffy sings Jazz

Monday 11th April

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Morning Fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit Training
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Citizens advice
Lamlash Aerobix
RunArran Mixed Ability
Tae Kwondo

Tuesday 12th 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

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

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Brodick, 9.30am - 11am
Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.15pm
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Lochranza Hall, 8pm - 1am
Corrie Hotel, 8pm til late

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

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 3pm - 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, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 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, 7pm - 9pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm

Winter Bowls
Sannox Cricket club AGM
Flow Yoga
Scottish Country Dancing

Wednesday 13th 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
Vile Victorians
Roundhouse Open
Flow Yoga
Save the Children Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Thursday 14th April

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Ladies Hockey
RunArran Mixed Ability
Cardiac Rehab
Burger & Quiz night
Winter Bowls
Tennis senior club night
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
Castle Treasures Tour

Friday 15th April

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

Auchrannie, 7pm
Ormidale Hotel, 7pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

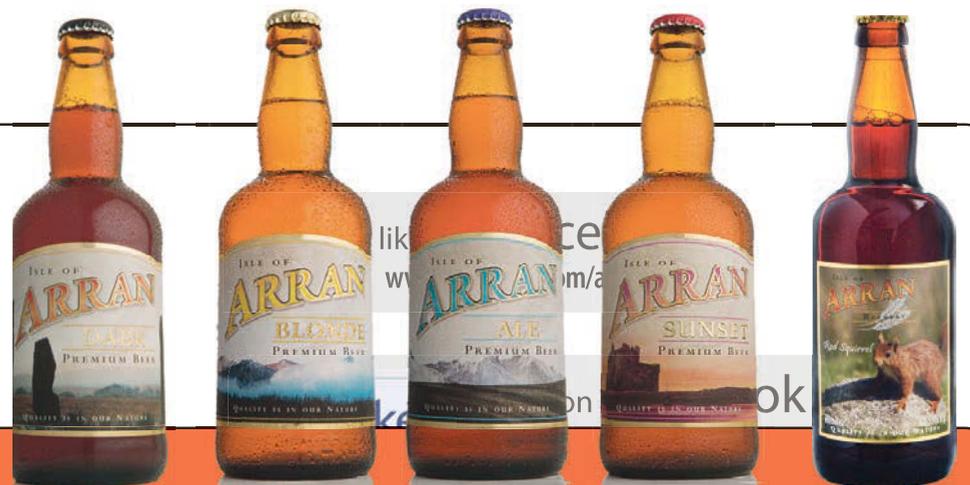
Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Brodick, 9am - 10.30am & 6pm - 7pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Brodick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm
Brodick Castle, 12noon - 3pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 12 noon-2pm

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 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
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Balmichael Centre, 7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick castle, 2pm

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



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Catering and bar experience preferred but not essential as training can be given. Flexibility and a friendly, positive outlook essential.

Applications in writing to The Hon Secretary, Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay KA27 8QT or by Email at info@whitingbaygolf.com
Applications to arrive by Monday 18th April.

ARRAN Community Land Initiative
Climate Challenge Fund
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Is looking for sessional workers to assist in the delivery of its 'Growing Our Community' project funded by Climate Challenge Fund Scotland.

Applicants should have:

- relevant prior experience in growing, cooking or low carbon activities
- experience of working with and managing volunteers and/or groups of young people
- an understanding of low carbon living choices and how to practically apply them to everyday life
- prior teaching or workshop leading experience

£11.53 per hour up to 6 hours per week per sessional worker (6 month and 1 year contracts available).
Applications by CV and covering letter emailed to info@arranland.org
Deadline for applications 5pm, 27th April 2016

Lamlash Golf Club
BAR MANAGER
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May to October
Part time October to March
Applications in writing with references to the club secretary or email
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WHITING BAY CLUB OF DRAMA AND MUSIC
The A.G.M of the Club will take place on **Tuesday 19th April at 7.30pm, in Whiting Bay Hall**
Everyone is welcome at our A.G.M, so if you would like some friendly company, and would like to help us either on stage, or behind the scenes, lighting, make-up, costumes etc. we would be delighted to meet you. Please come along.

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(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 10th April
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
The Rt Rev Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Argyll and The Isles.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 13th April
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson, Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 10th April
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirnmill Church 10.45am Morning Worship
Shiskine Church 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamblash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 10th April
Lamblash 11.30 am
Joint Service with Kilmory Church
Karen Gillon
World Mission Council
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 10th April
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 10th April
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Benjamin von Rensberg

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 10th April
Worship will be conducted by the minister,
Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
All welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service and everyone is invited to stay and enjoy more fellowship afterwards.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Mass at 11am.
Mass will be said by Bishop Brian McGee and there will be an opportunity to meet our new Bishop when tea, coffee and home baking will be served after Mass.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 10th April
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

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

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.

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Brodick Golf Club

Sunday, April 3, Brandon Monthly Medal CCS 65. 1 Billy Armit 73-9=64, 2 John McKean 78-13=65, BIH, 3 Gordon Hendry 70-5=65.

The scoring was good considering the very wet conditions, Billy winning the 1st class Brandon and John the 2nd class with Gordon having the best scratch.

Fixture: Sunday, April 10, British Legion 36 holes. Sweeps at 8.30am and 1pm for those less fit. Tuesday, April 12, Stableford and 9 hole Stableford. Please check the notice board for competitions and entries.

Ladies section: Tuesday, March 29, Medal Final. 1 Gege Kroner, 92(21)71, 2 Susan Butchard, 84(11)73. March Medal, 21 played, CSS 69. Div 1: 1 Ann May 72(6)66, 2 Yvonne Brothers, 86(18)68. Div 2: 1 Gege Kroner, 92(21)71, 2 Lesley Murray, 103(25)78. Scratch Ann May 72.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday, April 3, Winter Cup

DEATHS

LAWRIE - Alexander Samuel
Lawrie 'Poppa' - 28/08/30 - 27/03/16 It is with great sadness that the family announce the sudden, but peaceful, passing of Alex Lawrie on Easter Sunday, at his home on The Isle Of Arran, Scotland. Alex will now be reunited with his deceased wife Sue. Alex leaves his beloved wife Liz with whom he spent many happy years on The Isle Of Arran. Alex was a loving father of Elspeth, Janet and Andrew, father-in-law of Chris, Andy and Catriona, step-father of Fiona and Bobby, grandfather of Karen, Emma, Simon, Beth, Kathryn, Mathew and Imogen and great-grandfather of Eloise and Darcey. A great man who will be sadly missed by all. Cremation will take place 1pm Thursday 14th April at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Ayrshire, followed by a celebration of his life in St Brides Church Brodick on Friday 15th April at 11.30am. All welcome at both events. There will be a retiring collection in aid of RNLI Arran.

DIAMOND WEDDING

THANK YOU

Bob and Ina would like to thank all family and friends for their cards, flowers and gifts on the occasion of their Diamond wedding. They were very much appreciated.



Willie Kelso presents the Winter Cup to Colin Rutterford at Shiskine Golf Club.

and 12 Hole Medal. 1st Class: 1 W Paton 46-3=43 BIH, 2 J Salton 50-7=43, 3 G Stewart 50-6=44. Scratch, W Paton 46. 2nd Class: 1 M Hesp 59-11=46 BIH, 2 C Rutterford 56-10=46, Bih, 3 W McNally 55-9=46. Magic twos, W Paton and W McNally. Colin Rutterford wins the Winter Cup.

Ladies Section: Sunday, April 3, 18 hole Coronation Foursomes. Six pairs played. 1 Alice Anderson and Jenni Turnbull 32pts, 2 Ann May and Rion Culpan 31pts, 3 Carole Stewart and Piet Johnston 30pts.

Fixture: Sunday, April 10, 18 hole medal, gents. Thursday, April 14, 12 hole medal, Ladies.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday, April 3, The Roy Ure Tankard. A damp morning brought nine golfers out to contest the first trophy of the new season. Despite the conditions, Jamie Macpherson stormed home with a magnificent 42 Stableford points to win by a margin of five from Stan Rainey's very creditable 37 points. 1 Jamie Macpherson 6-42pts, 2 Stan Rainey 10-37, 3 Danny Head 6-35, 4 Adam Kelso 13-33.

Jamie Macpherson bagged the only magic two of the day at the 14th.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday, March 31, Yellow Medal, final day. 1 W O'Connor 73-21= 52, 2 I Taylor 77-18=59. Magic twos, J Gibson, J Henderson

and A Wales. Sunday, April 3, Winter Stableford, final day. Best scratch, D MacFarlane. 1 N Stewart 39pts, 2 Andrew Smith 38 pts. Magic twos, I Murchie, N Stewart (3).

Overall Stableford winner, best two scores, I Bremner (on his 70th birthday) 35 +35=70.

Fixture: Sunday, April 10, Carpenter Rose Bowl. Start times, 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Thursday, April 14, Summer Cup. Make up own groups and see starter for times.

Saturday, April 16, new date for the Glenisle Mixed Fours.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Thursday, March 29, Winter Cup final round. 1 D

Brookens 66, 2 M Sherwood 67, 3 P Betley 70. Overall winner of Winter Cup, B Sherwood, runner up, P Betley.

Fixture: Tuesday, April 12, Arran Grouse. 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

This is a gents foursomes competition but ladies are welcome to come along for a bounce game.

Corrie Golf Club

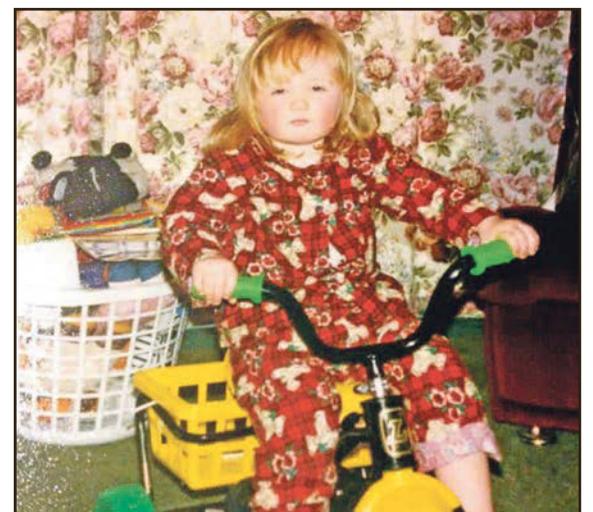
Saturday, April 2, Medal. Only three brave souls played, the rest assumed the course was underwater. 1 J McGovern 76-10-66.

Fixture: Saturday, April 9, Sweep, ballots at 8.30am and 1pm.

PERSONAL NOTICES

THANK YOU

Anne Bennett for the retired Greyhound Trust a generous donation of £355.
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Judith Ross narrowly misses a goal as the ball ricochets off the goalkeeper. 01_B15hockey04

Arran Ladies end their season on a high with a six goal rout

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The Arran Ladies hockey team finished their season with a convincing win over the Glasgow High Kelvinside Ladies 4's in last Saturday's game at the Ormidale astro-turf pitch.

There was plenty of good hockey along with some fine play by Arran. But the visitors also had some fantastic attempts at goal and showed spirited play, but in the end they were dealt a convinc-

ing defeat with a final score of 6-0. The result sees the Arran Ladies finish in third place in the West District League Division 4 table and GHK fourth. However, sadly Arran were only two points away from promotion. GHK voted Ellie Wood as man of the match and the Arran Ladies voted Abbie McKelvie as dame of the game.

The win was bitter sweet though for the Arran players as not only was it the last

game of the season but it was also the last game for captain Victoria McNicol who will be returning to university and will be moving off the island before the next season starts.

She has been accepted by Strathclyde University for a post graduate course in teacher training.

Victoria said she was incredibly sad to be leaving but that she was also looking forward to her new adventures.

She said: 'I wish the Arran

Ladies the very best of success for the next season and that the hope the club continues to grow.'

Hockey training will continue every Thursday evening between 7.30pm and 9pm and anyone, including men and boys, are welcome to join in the training sessions.

There will be a few mixed friendlies organised throughout the summer and everyone of any ability is invited to join in the fun.



A GHK player leaps out of the way as Helen Thomson takes a shot at goal. 01_B15hockey02



Man of the match Ellie Wood maintains possession of the ball despite a challenge. 01_B15hockey01



Abbie McKelvie, who was voted dame of the game, has another attempt at goal. 01_B15hockey03

Defeat on the road for Arran

The Isle of Arran rugby team suffered a heavy defeat when they travelled to Fintry in Stirlingshire to play Strathendrick RFC with the game finishing 36-3 to the home side last Saturday.

The result leaves Arran routed to the foot of the BT West Division 2 after a badly disrupted season.

Arran have a weekend off but the following week Saturday (April 16) they have a home match against Cumbernauld.

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