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Easter island bonanza

Arran enjoys its busiest ever weekend break on record

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The weather may not always have been kind but Arran enjoyed a bumper Easter which could well be the busiest on record.

Businesses on the island not only reported an exceptionally busy weekend, but a busier than ever Easter school holiday fortnight.

Across the spectrum of island organisations, from accommodation providers to restaurants, shops and activity providers, all have reported an upturn in business with increased visitor numbers.

The MV Isle of Arran was brought on to provide extra sailings over the weekend, providing an extra boost.

It was certainly the busiest Arran rugby sevens event held on Saturday at Ormisdale Park in recent times, with organisers reporting a threefold increase in takings from last year. And the Easter fun at Brodick Castle was very busy, despite the weather.



Youngsters enjoy the sack race at the Easter fun day at Brodick Castle last Sunday. Full report starts on page 11. 01a_Broundup01

A broad survey of accommodation providers found that, while Easter was usually a busy period, the increased numbers visiting the island had extended the period, with accommodation being booked for weeks before and after the traditional Easter weekend.

Jane Mack, of the Arran Team, a self-catering holiday letting agency, said: 'We have been fully booked for the past three weeks. Most of our bookings are in advance but there were still

people who took advantage of some last-minute deals. The Easter period this year and the lead up to it has been as busy as main summer holidays have been.'

At the Douglas Hotel in Brodick, duty manager Heather Wood reported that both the hotel and the Brodick Bunkhouse had been fully booked over Easter and that the restaurant eventually had to start a waiting list owing to the large numbers of visitors.

She added: 'The Douglas

Hotel and bistro continues to rise in popularity and this year has been no exception.'

At Seal Shore Campsite in Kildonan, owner Maurice Deighton said: 'We are always full over Easter. The difference this year is that we are now busier pre- and post-season, which could either be attributed to the RET fares or the variety of activities that we offer at this time which are well received by our visitors.'

To the north of the island, at Lochranza Field Study

and Activity Centre director Chris Trill said: 'Over Easter there has been a large uptake on activities being booked by families. It would seem that visitors' needs are changing and that they no longer want to just browse shops but are also wanting to have activities to enjoy. This year has seen an increase in visitors wanting to abseil in Sannox, and gorge walking has also increased in popularity this year.'

A spokesperson from VisitArran said: 'Businesses reported a very busy time with tourists from not just across the water but also from further afield, who seemed to love the island and all that it has to offer.'

'It was great to have the extra ferry sailings and hopefully by this time next year they will be on for the whole of the Easter period.'

Hands off our holiday

Parents and pupils have been told that Arran could have a week cut from the October school holidays, but not until 2019.

The situation has arisen due to the scheduling of the Easter holidays in 2019.

The first two weeks in April are agreed holiday dates, but in 2019 Good Friday and Easter Monday are later in the month and two extra days' holidays are needed to accommodate them.

North Ayrshire Council has drawn up four options which are currently out for consultation, and one of them is for Arran to have the same holidays as the mainland – with only a week in October, a November and February weekend and an in-service day in February.

Many parents involved in the tourist industry use the October holiday as the time for the main family holiday and some are worried that if the fortnight is lost for a year that may become the norm.

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Peel Ports pledges 'biggest investment' following win

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The intervention of Troon helped forge a closer working relationship with Ardrossan harbour owner Peel Ports, the Arran Economic Group (AEG) said this week.

There has long been criticism of Peel Ports being unwilling to listen to demands for improvements at Ardrossan. But this week it pledged that it is now able to start on the biggest investment programme the harbour has seen in recent years.

The AEG, which has backed Ardrossan from the start, was among the first to welcome the government

decision which had been expected after a STAG review came out heavily in favour of Ardrossan over its rival Troon.

The AEG praised the 'thorough community consultation exercise' which, it says, helped forged a closer working relationship with Peel Ports, which will be developed further to ensure the communities of Arran and Ardrossan are at the forefront of all planned activity.

It also says it helped connect the communities of Arran and Ardrossan.

This will be further improved by the inclusion of an Arran representative



Peel Ports has pledged a new £15 million maritime hub for Ardrossan shown in this artist's impression.

Scottish Government, we are able to start on the biggest investment programme Ardrossan harbour has seen in recent years.

'The new passenger and marine infrastructure – combined with the new £48.5 million ferry, which will come into service in the autumn of next year – will be of enormous benefit to the people of Arran and Kintyre, and to the hundreds of thousands of visitors who use the ferry service each year.

'From my many meetings with local people and other ferry users over the past few months, they have enthusiastically backed retaining the ferry on its traditional route, but they also made it clear that they wanted major investment in Ardrossan to meet the standard of the new vessel. That's what we're now going to deliver.'

North Ayrshire Council chief executive Elma Murray added: 'The council and Peel Ports will now work towards delivering what we promised during the campaign – a major £15 million redevelopment of the Ardrossan ferry terminal and marine infrastructure to service the route for the next 30 years.'

'The announcement will ensure that the residents of

Arran and Kintyre get the world-class ferry service they deserve. It will also unlock more than £100 million of investment the wider regeneration of Ardrossan.'

Scottish Green MSP Ross Greer said: 'Now that the future of the ferry in Ardrossan is secure, it's time to keep pushing for improvements to the port and the service.'

West of Scotland Conservative MSP Jamie Greene said: 'A number of constituents had raised concerns with me over issues with the current ferry service.'

'It now falls on the operators to ensure that we iron out these issues and make the ferry service even better going forward.'

'Let it serve as a warning that nothing can be taken for granted and that people on Arran and on the mainland expect the very best from us all.'

Bill McIntosh, leader of South Ayrshire Council, added: 'We're disappointed by the decision not to relocate the ferry to Troon – a move I believe would have delivered a more reliable service at no cost to the public purse, with the improvements to the terminal met entirely with private money.'

'However, from the outset, we have maintained that we would accept the report's recommendations and, with the decision now made, that is what we will do.'

on the Ardrossan harbour redevelopment team.

Chairman Tom Tracey said: 'It also focused attention on both Arran and Ardrossan, and their needs for different types

of development and support. Arran's priority is low-cost housing to support economic growth and the long-term viability of the island community. Ardrossan needs economic stimulus to support the existing population.

'Taken together, both will benefit from a successful implementation of the Ayrshire Coastal Growth Deal.'

Peel Ports has pledged a £15 million investment at Ardrossan on a new integrated ferry, road and rail terminal by 2018.

Harbour programme director Doug Coleman has been invited to outline the details of the project to the Arran Ferry Committee on Monday May 8.

Mr Coleman said: 'We were always convinced that the benefits of retaining the ferry service on the shortest, fastest and cheapest route were overwhelming.'

'Now that we have been given a long-term commitment by the

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Hands off our holiday week

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However, a North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'We are currently consulting with school-based staff on the island about the various options for scheduling of holidays in 2018/19. We must stress that, if this was to be the preferred option, it would be for one year only.'

The other options are for Arran schools to have one less day at Easter and only an in-service day in February with no holiday, but keep two weeks in October.

Alternatively, to stop two days later in the summer, keep two weeks at Easter and October and have a holiday and in-service day in February, or have Easter

holidays a week later than mainland, only have one in-service day in February and stop for summer at the same time as the mainland.

In any school year, there have to be 195 working days, 40 days of annual leave and 26 school closure days – days which are not working days or annual leave.

See also page 10.

Eggstraordinary success

COAST Wild Things workshop sees youngsters learn about sea life

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The Community of Arran Seabed Trust, COAST, hosted an eggstraordinary Sea Life workshop on Saturday.

Children learned about sea life and underwater eggs and enjoyed a chocolate Easter egg hunt on the shore at Lamash Green.

More than 100 visitors attended the Wild Things workshop where they enjoyed the hands-on experience of looking at plankton under the microscope, experiencing real aquatic creatures and learning about underwater eggs and babies.

The interactive and



Various photos and objects keep the workshop interactive and held the children's attention. 01_B16coast03

well-attended event saw children undertaking a number of fun education tasks, one of which saw them performing the pipefish dance, which had them in hysterics.

Manuela de los Rios, communications officer

for COAST, said: 'A huge thank you to everyone who attended, especially the 15 volunteers who helped run the activities which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved, including all of the young visitors.'



Children enjoyed learning about sea creatures and their underwater habitats with real examples to handle. 01_B16coast01



Manuela de los Rios of COAST teaches the children the pipefish dance. 01_B16coast02

Andrew leaves trust in good shape

Andrew Binnie, executive director of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) is moving on at the end of June to work freelance on new projects.

Andrew led the successful campaign for the South Arran Marine Protected Area, built its organisational capacity and negotiated the purchase of Lamash tennis courts – soon to become COAST's new headquarters and a marine discovery hub for Arran.

Chairman Howard Wood said: 'We have been very fortunate to have had someone of Andrew's calibre and commitment for the last six years.'

'His wide-ranging exper-



Andrew Binnie is leaving COAST.

tise, passion and determination have been critical to our evolution and achievements. Thanks to him we are well prepared to continue our journey towards the sustainable use of our

seas. While sorry to see Andrew move on, we wish him all the very best in his future ventures and adventures.'

Andrew said: 'It's a real wrench to be leaving such a dynamic group. However, I'll be staying on Arran and am looking forward to contributing to progressive marine management in new ways and to continuing my association with my colleagues and friends here and around Scotland.'

'It's been a privilege working with Howard and the COAST team during such an exciting period.'

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Nautical jumble sale

Scotland's biggest nautical jumble sale is sure to attract sailors and members of the Arran boating fraternity to Irvine later this month.

The West of Scotland boat jumble sale is being held on Sunday April 30, taking up the full length of the Scottish Maritime Museum wharf at Irvine's harbour-side.

Along with chandlery, fishing tackle, sailing gear and anything and everything nautical, there will be various displays and attractions to entertain children and adults during the May Bank Holiday weekend.

The Maritime Museum will be offering reduced price admission, free entry for accompanied children and the RNLI will also be hosting a roadshow at the event.

Gates open at 10am. Admission is £4 for adults and free for accompanied children.

Hustings held in Brodick

Ahead of the North Ayrshire Council elections, Arran CVS is holding a hustings to which all Ardrossan and Arran candidates have been invited.

The hustings will take place in Brodick Hall on Monday April 24 at 7.30pm.

As previously reported in the *Banner*, seven candidates will contest the three ward seats which will be decided by proportional representation on May 4.

RNLI coffee morning

The Arran branch of the RNLI is holding a coffee morning at Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, on Saturday April 29 from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

There will be tea, coffee, home baking and a number of stalls, including a cake stall and tombola.

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. It relies entirely on funding from local communities. Visitors are encouraged to go along and support the organisation.



The well-stocked tombola table was a popular attraction for visitors. 01a_B16lamlash01

Successful fayre at Lamlash

A SUCCESSFUL spring fayre took place at Lamlash church hall last Saturday.

Raising £718, the fayre saw a large gathering of supporters enjoying soup and sandwiches, teas and coffees and a magnificent display of enticing home baking.

Visitors browsed the children's and local craft stalls and had a fling on the tombola and raffle while the children were treated

to face painting, crafting, egg decorating and tasty treats.

The well-attended fayre, which takes place every year, is one of many events throughout the year which is supported by various organisations who help to raise funds for the annual children's Christmas party which involves games, fun activities and a present for each child.



Children enjoy decorating eggs and creating Easter bonnets and baskets with help from mum. 01a_B16lamlash03



A young boy patiently waits to be transformed into a leopard. 01a_B16lamlash04



Visitors filled the seating area to enjoy a lunchtime snack and tasty treats. 01a_B16lamlash05



Stall holders did a roaring trade in interesting crafts and artwork. 01a_B16lamlash02

Arran duo take on Arran summit climb challenge

Two adventurers will attempt to climb all the summits on Arran over 700 metres in one day.

Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) members Kirstie Smith and Lucy Wallace will be attempting the Arran 700s mountaineering challenge to raise £2,000 for the team and the Mulanje Mountain Rescue Team (MMRT) in Malawi.

The challenge will take place on Sunday May 14 and will see the two women climbing all five summits from Brodick to Pirmill.

On Mulanje, the highest mountain in Malawi, mountain rescue services are particularly poor-



Mountain rescue volunteers Kirstie Smith and Lucy Wallace will be raising funds in an adventurous mountaineering challenge.

ly funded, with team members risking their lives to save others with only rudi-

mentary equipment and basic training. They also perform a vital service to their

community, supporting others in times of crisis, in a country where there is little or no safety net. Natural disasters, such as the flooding in January 2015, where 200,000 people lost their homes, saw MMRT playing a key role on the front line.

The challenge has been organised by Lucy who, having previously raised funds for both Mulanje and AMRT by taking part in the Arran trig point challenge, delivered the funds for MMRT directly to them in Malawi during an expedition trip.

Having seen first hand the need for funds for essential life saving equipment,

she recognises the desperate need as they have very little of anything and such a large number of callouts.

Both teams are run by volunteers and dependent on public donations to fund equipment and training. Volunteers give their time to help rescue those who are lost or injured in the mountains they love.

Kirstie said: 'Lucy is the one that came up with the idea and I'm just delighted she has asked me to join her on the challenge to help raise as much money as we can for mountain rescue at home and away.'

'We both want to raise funds for our own team and for MMRT as they both

rely so heavily on fundraising and donations to keep running and saving lives.'

All the money raised by the crowdfunding project will be shared between Arran MRT and MMRT.

If you would like to support Lucy and Kirstie in their fundraising a Just-Giving page has been set up at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Arran700s where donations will be greatly appreciated.

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Cancer charities' fundraising boost

An athlete is embarking on a series of challenges to raise funds for the Beatson Cancer Charity and ArCaS.

Greg Paterson of Brodick will take on the Total Warrior, 110-mile Glasgow to Edinburgh cycle, and walk the top 10 peaks in Arran in a series of fundraising events throughout the year.

As if that was not enough, Greg will also take part in the Goatfell hill race next month after completed the



Edinburgh Kilomathon just a few weeks ago.

Greg, who raised more than £600 by climbing Buachaille Etive Mor last year, said: 'The Beatson

helped my granny through tough times and I admire the work ArCaS does for the people of Arran. It's an amazing organisation. I hope to raise as much as I can for these charities and if anyone is interested in joining me for any of these challenges, please message me. The more the merrier.'

To contact or support Greg, visit his gofundme page at www.gofundme.com/Fundraise2017.

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Cannes winner to show at film club

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Dheepan is a Sri Lankan Tamil Tiger who is forced to flee to France to escape civil war.

He befriends a woman and young girl he has never met before and together they pose as a family in the Parisian suburbs where *Dheepan* works as a caretaker of a block of flats.

He soon finds that the violence he has left behind finds him and he is left fighting for his livelihood and his life.

This is a powerful tale of family, love, social integration and the overwhelming effects of warfare.

Watch it in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm.

All welcome. Non-members are asked to make a small voluntary contribution to hall funds.

School band hits high note with national win

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North Ayrshire schools' senior concert band hit the right note recently, winning the top award at the National Concert Band Festival (NCBF).

Competing in the youth wind band, county class category, they won the prestigious Platinum title after giving a show-stopping performance to renowned adjudicators in Warwick on April 9.

The talented team, comprising 36 pupils from the area's secondary schools, including three from Arran, performed three competition pieces: *Exultation* by Philip Sparke; *Sleep* by Eric Whitaker; and *Into the Light* by Jay Bocock.

The Arran High School pupils were Lois Ashley, who plays the trumpet, and Alison Provan and Lucy Walsh on flutes.

The highly-skilled young musicians are no strangers to success, having taken home the coveted Platinum award just five months ago at the regional heats, and now winning the Platinum



The senior concert band who won the Platinum award at the National Concert Band Festival.

award at the all-important national stage.

The band has a long history of achievements at the NCBF national heat, winning Platinum in 2015, Gold in 2016 and Platinum again in 2017.

Mae Murray, music service manager, said: 'I can't express how proud I am of this talented group of young musicians. Each and every one of them has put

in a great amount of effort to prepare for this competition and they did not disappoint when they got on that stage on Sunday.

'Their performance perfectly showcased their talents and coming home with the Platinum award is the cherry on top.'

As well as the council's music service, the band receives special tuition from musical director Matthew

Chinn, of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, and a number of talented instrumental instructors.

Speaking about the band's success, council chief executive Elma Murray, said: 'These exceptional young people are a shining example of what can be achieved through hard work, dedication and commitment.'

'I know their tremendous efforts are mirrored by

their parents/carers and, of course, the staff who work alongside them to help them realise their musical potential. Being recognised among some of the UK's best in this competition is testament to all of their endeavours.

'They are a true inspiration to all. They should all feel very proud of themselves – I know we all certainly are.'

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World famous cream tea is a real daffodil delight

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The world famous Lochranza Daffodil Tea lived up to its name on Saturday when visitors from all over the globe and Arran visited Lochranza and Sannox village hall to enjoy a special cream tea.

Volunteers prepared a huge number of cream and jam scones which were eagerly enjoyed by the many visitors who filled the seating area of the main hall, while others took advantage of the bargains on sale.

Variety

From pot plants to paintings, and everything in between, there was a variety of items to browse, along with



Visitors take a close interest in the baking. 01a_B16daffodil02

a raffle and tombola which saw a constant stream of customers winning prizes.

For the children who had eaten their fill, there was an Easter egg hunt, painting and various other children's

activities to keep them occupied and entertained.

Money raised from the event goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the village hall and community events.



The Stringer family with grandparents Allan and Cherry Godfrey from the Midlands celebrated a 40th birthday with cream scones. 01a_B16daffodil03



Tables groaning with cream scones at the daffodil tea. 01a_B16daffodil01

Arran community council news

Towards the end of 2016, community council elections were held throughout North Ayrshire and it is pleasing to note Arran Community Council now has a full council once again.

What was apparent during the lead-up to the elections was the lack of knowledge amongst the community, not only of the existence of the council but, at times, what it does.

At the first meeting of the newly-elected council, it was agreed we should attempt to raise our profile and improve our communications both in a digital

and non-digital format.

The community council has no powers as such but what it does have is an important voice in the links between the island, North Ayrshire Council and other organisations.

To improve that important relationship over the coming months it is intended to:

- Use Facebook to encourage awareness and involvement.

- Provide email addresses for all community councillors.

- Encourage the community to visit and use our web site www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk

Encourage residents to attend meetings, possibly holding council meetings a couple of times a year in individual villages.

Hopefully these are steps in the right direction. Your views are more than welcome.

It is important to remind everyone the council is your council and your support and involvement is essential for its success

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Peter Randall

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Editorial

Arran proves more popular than ever

Easter has provided many on Arran with visiting family and opportunities to enjoy the host of activities, but businesses, too, have reaped the rewards of an increased in tourism.

Businesses have enjoyed a bumper Easter which is not only busier than it has ever been, but has also lasted longer.

Many readers will remember when visitors were seldom seen before Easter and after October, but, these days, Arran is becoming an all year round destination.

Surviving and thriving as an island in which 85 per cent of businesses are involved in tourism is a necessity that allows us all to be able to enjoy the many splendours that Arran has to offer, so a busier Easter season is reassuring.

It is difficult to identify the reasons for the surge in tourism. RET fares, of course, play a part but so does the effort to promote the island by VisitArran, Taste of Arran, CalMac and other organisations. Whatever the reasons, one thing is certain, Arran remains a favoured holiday destination that exponentially continues to increase in popularity each year, reaching ever nearer to the goal of becoming a world class island by 2020.

Thought for the week

‘There is nothing in a creation that can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’
(Romans 8: 39)

Backing for Machrie slipway

Sir,
In response to your article ‘Villagers united in fight to stop Machrie slipway’, I am writing in support of the proposed timber extraction slipway at Machrie and to advise not all residents are against the proposed Forestry Commission plans.

I would like to inform Machrie Improvements Committee chairman David Price, who noted no-one was in favour of the scheme, that we are actually very much in favour of this scheme.

I think the concerns over the use of the Machrie Moor road are unfounded as I believe only half of the 3.2 miles of road will be used - a one-mile stretch at the top and 0.6 miles at the bottom.

If the existing extraction site at Brodick were to be used instead of Machrie, the top one mile of the Moor road would still be used, followed by a further nine miles (approx) over the String, passing the many pedestrians en-route past the museum, Brodick Primary School, Brodick seafront and the busy ferry terminal - all for the sake of avoiding using the bottom 0.6 mile of Moor road.

As regards the ‘semi-industrial environmental eyesore’ on Machrie shore, if that’s what a pile of logs in a field can be characterised as, then so be it.

I’m fairly certain the Forestry Commission will have plans in place for getting the timber across the road and loaded onto the barge without causing the anticipated chaos and mayhem and will allay any concerns about the impact this

scheme will have on traffic and the area in general.

Our house is surrounded on three sides by this forest so we are very aware of what impact extraction will have on us, but as we were living here when the forest was planted, we were always aware it would be harvested and, personally, I have always found the Forestry Commission to be good neighbours and very aware of what impact their operations have on surrounding areas.

**Jon Hollingworth
Machrie.**

Who speaks for Arran?

Sir,
Like many others in Scotland we, on Arran, are about to go into the local authority pre-election hustings and the underlying question has to be - who speaks for Arran and on what subject? The worry is the answer is confused.

As someone who, in 25 years, has been on a number of island committees (health, education, housing, local improvements, community council, forestry and communications etc.) and in my time in four fire services in Scotland and England, and a two-year secondment to the Home Office, I believe I broadly understand organisations, their responsibilities, politics and local authority structures.

However, recent events and decisions for the way ahead for Arran on a range of topics has led to serious questions about the structures and who the lead body should be on any topics and how they communicate with others to ensure an island view and agreeable solution.

Currently that is not working, despite what certain groups may think.

In addition, Arran not being a stand alone ward has led to poor representation.

The present representative groups are ostensibly (and not exhaustively and not in any order of priority) Arran Community Council, the ferry committee, Arran Economic Group, the Local Planning Partnership, VisitArran, the Brodick Pier committee, later conveniently renamed Brodick Harbour committee, the Ardrossan Harbour Taskforce (now conveniently renamed to exclude the word harbour), the Elderly Forum, ACVS and all of the local improvement committees.

That is not to exclude North Ayrshire Council and all of the political factions and CalMac, which regularly feel inclined to ignore local advice and consultation as it suits its purpose. And there are always those who advise you behind a cupped hand not to rock the boat because ‘they are working behind the scenes’ to see what they can do, but never succeed.

We need to know who does lead on harbours, toilets, forestry extraction. There are far too many conflicting voices, vested interests and too much misinformation on too many subjects. This needs to be resolved for everyone, including visitors to and residents on Arran, including rural Arran, which for many people is the real Arran.

**Neil Arthur
Kilpatrick.**

Not an asset

Sir,
Margie Currie, in her letter to the *Banner* last

week, suggests that after the woodlands have been cleared around Machrie the proposed jetty will be an asset.

Once the jetty is in use it will be used in perpetuity and, anyway, it could only ever be an asset to those with a landing craft.

She also makes the crossing of ‘a few metres of the C147’ seem innocuous, but it is far from that. This will involve 300 transporter trips across a public road in a 10-hour period, so that is once every two minutes and is inherently disruptive and dangerous.

By contrast timber lorries going through Brodick, whilst not desirable, are not inherently dangerous.

At our first meeting with the Forestry Commission we were told more environmentally sensitive lorries would be used on the Moor road which would cause minimum damage so that should hold with timber movements over the String.

The development is also described as being ‘industrial lite’, but it could only ever be that in the correct location. Tranquil Machrie Bay is most definitely not that.

**Iain Mackenzie
Machrie.**

Helpful driver

Sir,
Please may I say thank you so much to bus driver Garry Tulloch for being so helpful when I felt unwell on the 323 bus to Brodick last week.

It was very busy but Mr Tulloch let me get off the bus to get some air whilst he went to the hospital stop and picked me up on his return. In the event, my mum and sister and I decided to

get off at the next stop and wait for a while so I could recover, but the kindness of Mr Tulloch and all of the very patient and thoughtful passengers on the bus was so much appreciated.

A special thank you also to the lady who gave me her seat when I returned to the bus as it was so much appreciated.

**Helena Constantinides
Ely.**

Not optimistic

Sir,
I think most Arran folk will be pleased that the mainland terminal remains at Ardrossan for many reasons, but this does not take away from the fact disruption of winter sailings to Ardrossan has been the bane of Arran people’s lives for years.

We must put pressure on our politicians to ensure the new ferry has good access to Ardrossan harbour in adverse weather.

This will require Peel Ports to spend a considerable amount of money to protect the harbour entrance.

Given the history since privatisation and the weakness of political pressure by the SNP, I am not optimistic.

**John Cruickshank
Whiting Bay.**

Toilet strategy

Sir,
Two weeks ago I was quoted in the *Banner* as being critical of our local councillors for not taking a proactive role in North Ayrshire’s toilet closure programme.

Last week, Councillor Bruce replied in a letter to the *Banner* in which he

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£2.3m payback charges are 'an absurd amount'

Arran High School cost North Ayrshire Council more £2.3 million last year in payback charges.

Arran is one of four schools in the area built under controversial PPP agreements, the others being Greenwood Academy, St Matthews Academy and Stanley Primary.

Together they cost the council £12,492,144 with the Arran share £2,330,440.

The figures came from a Freedom of Informa-

tion Request (FOI) submitted by GMB Scotland. Under PPP agreements set up by the council, firms front up the cash for investment projects such as schools, but are then paid back amounts from the public purse over decades-long contracts.

They are popular because the initial outlay stays off the council's balance sheet – but the taxpayer often pays up to 10 times the cost of the project.

Both South Ayrshire and East Ayrshire have similar deals costing Ayrshire councils a total of £32 million for 12 schools.

PPP payments

Paul Arkison of GMB Scotland, said: 'This is a completely absurd amount of money for small local authorities to be paying in PPP payments.'

'Many GMB members in Ayrshire have seen their hours of work cut and are worried about their fu-

tures, yet this sickening amount of money gets paid to greedy private companies who have no interest or care for the good people of Ayrshire.'

'Many of our members who work in these schools are employed by private companies and are denied the Scottish living wage by profit-making penny-pinching.'

'It is high time Ayrshire councils ordered a review of these contracts.'



Richard's long service in Montrose House kitchen

A man who has been preparing and cooking the meals for the residents of Montrose House for 25 years has received a long-service certificate.

Richard Burns has been working in the kitchen of the Brodick care home since 1992, starting off as

assistant cook, then catering manager and is now catering assistant.

Awarded

Richard, who is married and lives in Brodick, was awarded this certificate by North Ayrshire Council at a lunch in Saltcoats last month.



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The news was welcomed by its Principal, Fraser Durie, who stressed that achieving at college was often a springboard to further education and employment opportunities.

Statistics released by the Scottish Funding Council show the proportion of Further Education (FE) students completing their full-time courses

at Argyll College UHI in 2015/16 has increased by a huge 13.7% over the last three years.

The overall total of 74.9% is now nearly 7% above the national average, putting the college ahead of the pack in terms of successfully supporting its FE students through to the end of their chosen courses.

The statistics also show a 19.6% leap over the last year alone in the corresponding figure for part-time Argyll College UHI students (on courses taking up more than 320 hours), which is now 80.6%. This is 6% above the national average.

At the same time, the College has achieved its target of ensuring that 100% of its full time teaching staff hold teach-

ing qualifications.

'We're very pleased with the progress we've made over the last few years – particularly as regards the FE course completion rates,' Principal Fraser Durie said.

'We believe a significant factor in this success is our network of local learning centres, which enable students to study and achieve, with appropriate support, within their own communities.'

'Successfully completing one of our FE courses is often not an end in itself but a means to progressing on to other courses or employment opportunities. We're delighted such a high proportion of our students are putting themselves in the position of being able to move onwards and upwards.'

'Our staff work extremely hard to help all our students reach their full potential, so it's very rewarding for them when our performance is shown to measure up so positively against the national average. We'll continue to work hard to further improve in the future.'

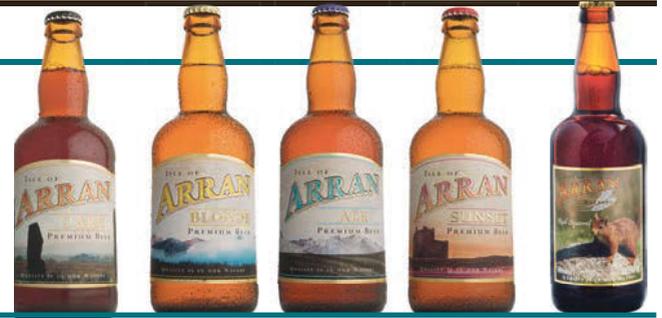
Anyone interested in finding out more about Argyll College UHI and the courses it offers should go to www.argyllcollege.ac.uk, email us at info@argyllcollege.ac.uk, pick up a prospectus from one of our centres or ring us on 0345 2309969.

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Chocolate galore as families enjoy Easter fun at the castle

Rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the hundreds of visitors who flocked to Brodick Castle for Easter fun.

Parents and determined children braved the weather to hunt for Easter eggs and to take part in fun events throughout the day.

The Easter event, now in its tenth year, is held in partnership with chocolate manufacturer Cadbury which provides prizes for the egg hunt which sees children searching the expansive castle grounds for clues which, once solved, earned them a chocolate egg.

Prizes were also awarded in the family fun games which involved the children in three-legged, sack and four-legged races.

Parents also took part in wacky races. Under marquees which housed a home baking stall, children's tombola and various children's games, was

the ever popular egg decorating competition which had children getting their hands full of paint, glue and glitter as they competed to decorate the winning egg.

Rounding up an enjoyable and exciting day was the Easter bonnet competition which featured a detailed array of extravagantly decorated creations which were the highlight of the Easter parade.

The final event of the day was the duck derby when balls were cascaded down the stairs of the castle with the ball reaching the furthest distance taking a prize.

After the winners were announced, the crowd moved into the gift shop and tea room where they warmed up with a tasty bite to eat while children continued with the chocolate theme and enjoyed a hot chocolate drink.



Mum Stephanie, dad Paul and Ava and Lucy Church get into the Easter spirit with the girls sporting bunny ears. 01a_B16easter10



Jack Popplewell who won the best Easter bonnet in the over seven years category leads the pack during the Easter bonnet parade. 01a_B16easter16



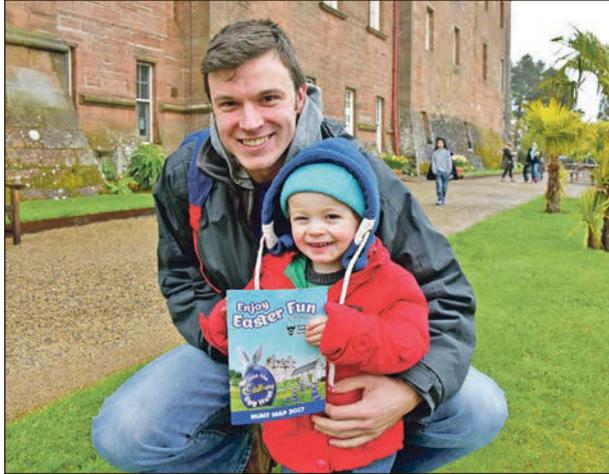
Isla and her younger sister Tia McKinnon tuck into their chocolate treats after finishing the egg hunt. 01a_B16easter08



Participants in the four-legged race prepare to set off. 01a_B16easter14

Rain can't dampen spirit of Easter

Clockwise from right: twins Christina and Annabelle Cleaver of Leamington Spa prepare to set off in search of clues. 01a_B16easter03; young Jenson Roberts and his dad Donald have an enjoyable time using the map to search for clues. 01a_B16easter04; Iris Pettigrew and mum Karen celebrate winning the best Easter bonnet in the under seven category. 01a_B16easter15; Erin and Charley Lappin of Eaglesham searched the castle grounds in search of clues along with mum Christine and dad Brian. 01a_B16easter01; Morgan and Remy Simpson from Bedfordshire enjoy the home baking which was on sale. 01a_B16easter06; The McColl family from Renfrewshire enjoyed their chocolate treats after completing the egg hunt. 01a_B16easter02; mum supervises two budding artists decorating eggs in the egg decorating competition. 01a_B16easter09



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WEST COAST FESTIVAL SCENE: Rich in culture and steeped in history, the stunning scenery of Scotland's west coast creates the perfect backdrop for a whole host of events, festivals and concerts

Festival Fáilte!

We are delighted to produce our 2017 guide to the many festivals that fill the islands, lochs and glens of the West Highlands and islands with the sound of music and laughter.

The rise of the festival scene in these parts is a remarkable success story. Islands such as Mull, Islay, Colonsay, South Uist and Tiree and mainland venues like Oban, Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Kintyre now play host to thousands of visitors each year. From humble beginnings and a huge amount of hard work by the organisers, these festivals have gained a glowing reputation that reaches far beyond the borders of Scotland. People from both far and near flock to these stunning locations to savour the best that Scottish music, food, drink and culture has to offer while at the same time experiencing the vibrant, informal and friendly atmosphere of a true West Highland gathering, be it in a bar, beach, public hall or playing field.

Our guide also has a practical purpose as it highlights the essential services festival-goers need to make their visit truly memorable. From tips on getting the most out of your festival experience to the things you need to remember for camping along with some great places to eat and drink in the areas in which you are visiting. This publication will prove invaluable so remember to pull it out and keep it somewhere handy to refer back to.

We hope this supplement will whet your appetite for an authentic slice of Highland and island culture and will help make your stay as much fun as we had in producing it.

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It's festival

West Coast festival season showcases area's vibrant

THE WEST Coast is bursting with exciting culture. From music to dance, from literature to food and drink, a thriving festival season showcases the 'best of the west.' And if 2016 is anything to go by, 2017 looks to be the best year ever for the festival scene.

Billed as 'the best free festival in the world', the Mull Music Festival April 20-24 sees four days and nights chock full of music in the pubs and hotels of Tobermory. Dubbed a 'literary lock-in', the Colonsay Book Festival, April 29-30 welcomes renowned authors, poets and book lovers for workshops and readings, while the Colonsay Spring Festival looks forward to its fifth year with over 60 events celebrating all things Spring, May 1-21.

Campbeltown hosts two outstanding festivals this season. With a well-earned reputation as 'the friendliest festival in Argyll', the Kintyre Songwriters Festival April 28-30 is a delightful showcase of up-and-coming songwriting talent. May 26 - June 3, the Islay Festival of Music and Malt, or Feis Ile, features a diverse programme of music, dance, Gaelic language and the quintessential Scottish pastimes of golf, bowling and whisky tasting.

Tarbert is ground zero for festivals all season long, with the Scottish Series in May, the Seafood and Boat Festivals in July, and film and music festivals in the autumn.

The Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival held April 28- May 1, is one of Oban's biggest annual events, drawing top talent from all over the world.

Future festival headliners are born at Ceòlas, a summer school for Gaelic music, song and dance on South Uist held in July.

The much-anticipated Oban Live 2017 will feature Skerryvore, Skippinish, Admiral Fallow and national headliners Hue and Cry and Toploader.

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival, July 2-7, is a celebration of classical music at various venues around Mull and Iona. The Tiree Music Festival July 14-16 offers vibrant island culture and fabulous live music.

The Mid Argyll Music and Arts, or MAMA Fest, held in September, is one of the most popular live music events of the season.

Festivals in Scotland are amazing - if it doesn't rain. But even if it does rain, the fun doesn't stop. So make sure to pack a mac and wellies, as well as a change of clothes. And speaking of clothes, always take a warm jumper even if the weather seems warm - you never know when a cool breeze or cloud may appear, plus at night the temperatures drop. Don't let clouds fool you into thinking you don't need sunscreen- rays bounce off clouds and water. A straw hat and sunglasses, along



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with maximum SPF, can prevent a miserable burn. Make sure your camera and phone are charged up, as you won't want to miss a single shot of all the great music, fabulous food and cute kid moments. Tents can be a great way to protect yourself from the elements and provide a quiet place for a rest. But keep in mind you will have to carry all your gear from the car, so don't overload. Fun items such as glow sticks, bubbles and glitter are a great way to jazz up your experience and keep the kids entertained. One of the best parts of any festival is the food, but stock up with your own water and snacks to help get you through the day. Also, it never hurts to carry a bit of toilet roll in case the portable loos run out. And last but certainly not least, don't forget the tickets! There is nothing worse than arriving at a festival just to remember you left them on the kitchen table. Some festivals have print-your-own tickets, so make sure you do this at home in plenty of time.

There is a plethora of small and large festivals on the West Coast leave visitors and locals alike spoiled for choice. Friendly shops and service providers in the area welcome guests and provide everything needed for a relaxing festival experience. There is much on offer, so pack a rucksack and get ready to make festival memories that will last a lifetime!

Programme of Events 2017

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Mull Music Festival	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	20 - 24 April
Colonsay Book Festival	Isle of Colonsay	29 - 30 April
Colonsay Spring Festival	Isle of Colonsay	1 May - 21 May
Highlands & Islands Music & Dance Festival	Oban	28 April - 1 May
Loch Fyne Food Fair	Loch Fyne Oysters, Cairndow	13 - 14 May
Islay Festival of Music & Malt	Isle of Islay	26 May - 3 June
Oban Festival of the Sea	Oban	26 - 29 May
Oban Live	Oban	2 - 3 June
Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	25 - 27 May
Mhor Festival	Perthshire	26 - 28 May
Kintyre Songwriters Festival	Campbeltown	28 - 30 April
FyneFest	Glen Fyne, Inveraray	2 - 4 June
Spirit of Skye Festival	Portree	16 - 17 June
Tee in the Port	Isle of Bute	20 May
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull	2 July - 7 July
Iona Music Festival	Isle of Iona	30 June - 1 July
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert	1 - 2 July
Cantilena Festival	Isle of Islay	9 - 14 July
Arran Malt & Music Festival	Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza	30 June - 1 July
Tiree Feis	Isle of Tiree	3 - 7 July
Ceolas	South Uist - various concerts	2 - 7 July
Heb Celt	Stornoway, Lewis	19 - 22 July
Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival	Tarbert	14 - 16 July
Howlin' Fling	Isle of Eigg	28 - 29 July
Lomond Folk Festival	Balloch	28 - 30 July
Bute Fest	Isle of Bute	28 - 30 July
Tiree Music Festival	Isle of Tiree	14 - 16 July
Tarbert Fair	Tarbert	26 - 29 July
Belladrum	Beauly, Inverness	3 - 5 August
MOKfest	Campbeltown	16 - 20 August
Loch Lomond Food and Drink Festival	Loch Lomond	2 - 3 September
BLAS festival	Various locations	1 - 9 September
MAMAFest	Lochgilphead	1 - 3 Sept
Lagavulin Jazz Festival	Isle of Islay	15 - 17 Sept
Mull Mod	Isle of Mull	8 - 9 Sept
Best Of The West Festival	Inveraray	8 - 10 Sept
Ceòl Cholasa	Isle of Colonsay	September
Tarbert Music Festival	Tarbert	15 - 17 Sept
Jura Music Festival	Isle of Jura	22 - 24 Sept
Loopallu	Ullapool	29 - 30 Sept
CowalFest	Cowal	6 - 15 October
Ullapool Guitar Festival	Ullapool	6 - 8 October
Islay Book Festival	Isle of Islay	29 Sept - 1 Oct
Callander Jazz & Blues Festival	Callander	29 Sept - 1 Oct
Feis na Mara	Mallaig	7 - 9 October
Royal National Mod	Lochaber	13 - 21 October
Tarbert Book Festival	Tarbert	27 - 29 October
Oban Winter Festival	Oban	17 - 26 November
Hogmanay in Oban	Oban	31 December

UK brewing heavyweights amongst first breweries announced for FyneFest 2017.



BEERS from the UK's most critically-acclaimed breweries will be available in Argyll this summer at Fyne Ales' annual FyneFest event.

The June festival, which attracts over 2,000 visitors to Glen Fyne, will feature breweries including Beavertown, Magic Rock, Siren, Buxton, and Manchester's Cloudwater Brewing Co, recently named the fifth best brewery in the world by respected beer scoring website, Ratebeer.

Representing Scotland alongside the festival organisers, established names including Fierce Beer and Edinburgh's Pilot brewery will be on offer; while fellow Scots breweries Out of Town, Up Front and Campervan will be featured alongside other new breweries including Cornwall's Verdant and Cheltenham's Deya Brewing Co. In total, over 160 beers from over 35 breweries from the UK and Europe will be available at the 2017 festival taking place from 2-4 June, with more announcements due in the coming weeks.

The breweries announcement is part of an exciting wave of news about FyneFest 2017, including a range of new beer-centric initiatives within the festival.

"While we're proud of the fact that FyneFest

brings together elements of music festivals and food festivals, beer is the star of the show for the majority of festival-goers," explained Fyne Ales Managing Director, Jamie Delap. "Developing on the success of the Brewers' Bar introduced last year, we're putting even more focus on beer for 2017. We're delighted to announce our first batch of brewery partners, and to introduce three new beer concepts for this year's festival: Brewers Panels, timed special-release tapings and an on-site micro-brew."

The Brewers Panels will see representatives from some of the UK's leading breweries come together to discuss beers of specific styles, while in the Main Bar, a tap will be reserved for rare and exclusive keg beers that will be tapped at specific intervals. Edinburgh's Campervan Brewing will use its mobile pilot brew kit to brew an exclusive collaboration beer in the festival field during the weekend.

Alongside the wide selection of beer on offer, the festival will serve ciders, wines, spirits, and cocktails on site to compliment the eleven local and award-winning food vendors confirmed to attend, including long-time Fyne Ales collaborator, Loch Fyne Oysters. The festivals music line-up, known for its diversity of styles, has been confirmed with local act Dr Hip & The Blues Operation headlining

alongside award-winning ska band Bombskare.

Many of festival-goers favourite features will return, with Fyne Ales promising an improved Walkers Bar for those who decide to venture up the glen, and the return of Scotland's biggest pub quiz on the Saturday afternoon in the Brewery Courtyard. The family-friendly event, which also welcomes dogs, has a full programme of children's entertainment planned to keep little ones amused over the three-day event.

Further details of FyneFest 2017, including ticket information can be found on the FyneFest website. Additional festival announcements are expected soon – festival-goers are encouraged to keep an eye on Fyne Ales on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest news.

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- Beavertown Brewery
- Buxton Brewery
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- Cloudwater Brewing Co
- Deya Brewing Co
- Fierce Beer
- Fyne Ales
- Hawkshead Brewery
- Magic Rock Brewing
- Out of Town Brewing
- Pilot
- Siren Brewing Co
- Thornbridge
- Up Front Brewing Co
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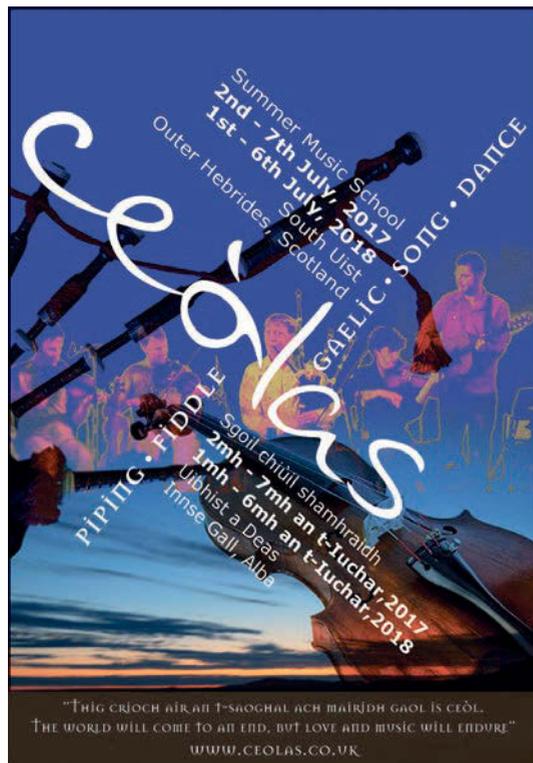
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in the grounds of the magnificent Inveraray Castle from 8-10th September 2017. A celebration of music that shines a light on Argyll as a prominent and world-class dining, drinking and travel destination, this year sees Best of the West expand its offering with the introduction of a Friday night programme.

Music headliners include: Skipinnish and Heron Valley (Friday 8th September); Skerryvore, Blazin' Fiddles and Hunter and the Bear (Saturday 9th September) and Eddi Reader, Tide Lines and Dr Hip & the Blues Operation (Sunday 10th September) with many more bands set to play throughout the weekend.

Masterchef: The Professionals 2016 winner Gary Maclean is all set to cook up a storm at The Best of the West Festival Kitchen on Sunday 10th September 2017. Gary joins a star-studded line-up of celebrity chefs already booked for The Best of the West Festival Kitchen, including: Graeme Cheevers, head chef of Restaurant Martin Wishart, Cameron House Hotel, Loch Lomond and Paul Leonard, head chef at The Isle of Eriska Hotel Restaurant, both Michelin star restaurants.

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SEPTEMBER 2017

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Isle of Jura Music Festival

The 'Isle of Jura Music Festival' Organising Committee is a charitable, unincorporated association. Our purpose, as recorded in our constitution, is to organize and run a Music Festival on the Isle of Jura, provide opportunities for young people to learn/improve their music based skill and help them refine and develop those skills in the future. By bringing in top class musicians every year to perform and run workshops, the instruction and inspiration they provide is invaluable. One of these musicians is Archie Mcallister the fantastic fiddle player. Through our youth education programme we have been able to help through a small annual grant, a number of young people to fulfill their potential and follow their chosen path including music tuition in Small Isles Primary School.

The island has a wealth of musical talent. As well as Pete Smoke and the Roaches, one of the best cover bands on the West Coast, there's RSAMD graduate and fiddle player Simon Moran from Deoch n Dorus; his singer/songwriter brother

Danny Moran, a top traditional musician now based in Dublin; their local partner in 'crime' from 'Cum-A Dol' the excellent accordion player Graham Rozga, the talented local pipers and one of the stalwarts of West Coast style, David MacDonald is an established box player and released two albums with the Jura Ceilidh Band.

One of the many highlights over the years has been when we have been repeatedly nominated in the first Scottish Traditional Music Awards held in Queens Hall Edinburgh in the Best Music Festival category. Celtic Connections won it, but we were up in the top three with them...small things from little acorns grow!

Sponsored by the Isle of Jura Distillery on the Sunday early evening is a stand up concert in the Jura Distillery Cooperage. It is incredibly popular and has featured bands including Skippinish and Wolfstone and Skerryvore. More information on this is available on the website. www.juramusicfestival.com

Cantilena Festival on Islay

Cantilena is a week-long festival of classical chamber music on the beautiful and romantic island of Islay. Along with five professional players Cantilena selects gifted students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to perform and learn alongside musicians who have all worked with Britain's major orchestras. This is a rare and highly sought-after event for these young professionals and Cantilena is the only opportunity for Islay residents and visitors to hear music which ranges from Italian Renaissance to the present day. The festival has been taking place for over twelve years now and attracts audiences from as far afield as Italy and Germany thanks to the intimate and informal atmosphere of the concerts which take place in the Columba Centre in Bowmore and a number of Islay's famous malt whisky



distilleries.

This year's festival is from Sunday 9th to Friday 14th July and also features guest artist Swedish conductor and violinist, Tobias Ringborg, whose previous visits to Scotland have been to conduct acclaimed performances with Scottish Opera. Concerts this year include music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Strauss. For a more detailed programme and ticket information visit cantilenafestival.co.uk. The 2017 Cantilena Festival on Islay will be from 9 - 14 July.



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Mendelssohn on Mull Festival



Founded by renowned violinist Leonard Friedman in 1988, the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival July 2- 7, has become one of Scotland's most brilliant island musical events. Featuring concerts at various venues around Mull, Iona, Oban as well as further afield in Scotland and England, the festival is a chance for promising young professionals develop their skills in the field along with professional mentors. Artists on this year's bill include Leonardo Giovine, Antonia Kesel, Tom Congdon, Fiona Robertson, Christine Anderson, Andre Gaio Pereira, Feargus Egan and Josh Salter.

The repertoire will focus on Mendelssohn's Octet, in a new edition by Richard Jeffcoat, who presents it in its original form, as written by the

16-year-old composer. Other offerings include quartets by Haydn, Dvorak and Shostakovich and a Mozart piano concerto. The concerts are free, and will be held in stunning, intimate venues, such as Iona Abbey, St John's Cathedral, Duart Castle and Creich Church.

With a mission of 'Nurturing a deeper understanding of the art of chamber music for performer and audience alike,' Mendelssohn on Mull is not to be missed by classical music lovers and budding musicians.

The festival is sponsored by Sound Waves, a charity dedicated to the advancement of arts, heritage and culture in Scotland.

For more information and events listing, visit soundwavesscio.org.uk.

Oban's first West Coast Whisky Fèis

The resort town of Oban, home to one of Scotland's most venerated distilleries, is to be the location for a new whisky festival celebrating the water of life.

The West Coast Whisky Fèis will take place in July of this year, and is the brainchild of Oban Whisky and Fine Wines, a local retailer of the spirit.

Euan Finlayson, proprietor of Oban Whisky and Fine Wines, said, 'We wanted to create an event that shows off the incredible whiskies that the west coast has to offer. The aim is to offer a range of whiskies and masterclasses that can appeal to newcomers and aficionados alike.'

The main venue for the event will be Skipinnish Cèilidh House and will feature exhibits from every distiller from the Firth of Clyde to the Isle of Lewis. Ticket holders will be given their own dram glass and will be able to take samples from all of the exhibitors who are present. Water will be available to allow people to cleanse their palates between tasting.

In addition, Oban Distillery will be holding masterclasses. These will be based around their

world famous whiskies. Other masterclasses will be available on the day. The other exhibitors will be more than happy to have a chat about their produce as well.

Local food producers will be selling their wares in the Cèilidh House should anyone get a bit peckish after a few drams. There will also

be a nosing competition where attendees can attempt to identify various whiskies by smell alone. The entrant who is closest to being correct will win a bottle of single malt whisky.

There will be a Fèis shop in the Cèilidh House where attendees can pick up a bottle of whichever whiskies took their fancy during their sampling session. Subsidised delivery will be available for people who don't want to have to lug bottles around with them after they leave.

The Cèilidh House will be open from 12pm to 6pm on 22nd of July 2017. There are likely to be other supporting events during the day which will be announced via the event's Twitter and Facebook feeds closer to the time. Samples are included in the event ticket price and masterclasses are available for an additional fee.





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Arran Malt & Music Festival 2017

Every year, the annual Arran Malt & Music Festival is held in the grounds of the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza. This year it will take place from Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July.

The weekend has become an important date in the calendar for whisky and Arran enthusiasts, bringing together some of the best island food producers, local musicians and bands from the mainland in a celebration of all things Malt and Music!

On Saturday 1st July, the festival starts at 11am and features whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved with the people who make the whisky and hear about their experiences in the industry. This year there will also be the opportunity to take part in a whisky cocktail masterclass with bartenders from the Edinburgh Bon Vivant Bar and the opportunity to purchase rarely available limited expressions of The Arran Single Malt Whisky by the dram.

Their annual special Festival Single Malt Release will be available to purchase on the day – a small batch bottling which is chosen each year by the participants of their Ultimate Masterclass. The festivities are set to continue long into the evening with a celebratory ceilidh led by popular band 'Skippinish'. Entry to the festival Saturday 11am – 5pm is free. Masterclass and Saturday evening ceilidh tickets can be purchased from www.arranevents.com.



MOK Fest 25 First Bands



The 25th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest as it is more commonly known runs from August 16th – 20th.

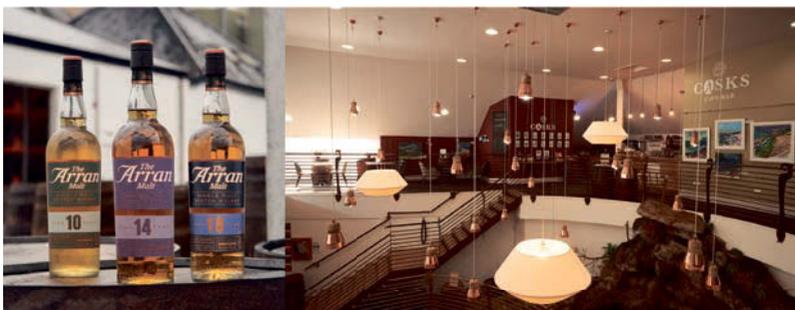
The Saturday night concerts on Aug 19th promise something for everyone with high octane Celtic Dance kings The Peatbog Faeries and Scotland's 9-piece Ska juggernaut Bombskare playing in the Victoria Hall. The Traditional concert the same night in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will feature six piece all female folk band The Shee with singer songwriter Jim Malcolm also on the bill. More acts for the Saturday will be announced shortly.

Herron Valley is guaranteed to get everyone dancing at the Festival Ceilidh Night on Aug 18th. Award winning Gypsy Jazz Swing specialists Rose Room and The Dalriada Connections Band will also perform with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band getting the night started in their usual rousing style.

The Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections on Aug 20th will have another great line-up with Arty McGlynn & Nollaig Casey, Gillian Frame, Ciaran Mulholland, Scooter Muse, Lorne MacDougall Trio and Rhuvaal already confirmed to play.

News on who will be performing at the Festival Gaelic Night on Aug 16th, Young Folk Night on Aug 17th and Survivors Night on Aug 20th will be released soon.

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Gary Maclean Winner of MasterChef: The Professionals 2016 will be cooking live in the Chef's Theatre and so will Scott Davies Head Chef at The Three Chimneys. There will be Creative Masterclasses with Talisker Distillery, Stirling Gin, Cuillin Brewery, and Sligachan Hotel. Dig back into the blues-drenched sounds of clarinet-driven 1920's New Orleans jazz with live music from The Dime Notes enjoy a traditional ceilidh as The Scottish Ceilidh allStars bring together a veritable feast of musical talent.

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Tarbert – a whole world of festivals!



THE CHARMING fishing village of Tarbert, photographed above by the world renowned, late, great Dennis Hardley, plays host to several festivals this season that celebrate its rich heritage in music, sport, food and literature. The excitement kicks off in May 26-29 with the Silvers Marine Scottish Series.

The Clyde Cruising Club organises this long-running event, in which keen sailors enjoy passage racing and Olympic triangles in Loch Fyne.

This year's programme includes the opening 'Clyde Challenger Race' from Largs for white sail, family class and cruisers.

The laid-back atmosphere and good craic of this event have sailors and non-sailors alike coming back year after year. All visitors, whether into sailing or not, will love the spectacle and everyone is welcome. The upgraded facilities at Tarbert Harbour including the well-stocked chandlery shop provide a warm welcome for competitors.

The Seafood Festival, which is held in July 1-2, gives visitors the opportunity to sample Tarbert's culinary delights. The harbour bustles with food stalls, cookery demonstrations and tastings.

A highlight of the weekend is the crowning of the Seafood Festival Queen and her princesses, who arrive in a flourish by sea and parade through the village led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Live music and kids' activities at this wonderful family-friendly festival.

The Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival, 14-16 July draws beautiful vessels of all kinds from across Scotland and Ireland the weekend, providing a spectacle in the harbour for on-lookers. Visitors enjoy boat tours, stalls, live music, demonstrations and family activities.

Tarbert Fair has been held since 1705 and is one of the oldest fairs in the Highlands. It starts every year on the last Thursday of July (26th-29th) and continues the festivities over the weekend. Originally a cattle fair, it's now about live music, amusements and fairground rides.

One of the longest-running music festivals in Argyll, the Tarbert Music Festival has been celebrating song and food for 28 years.

Held the weekend of September 15-17, it features kids' activities and a full programme of concerts by local talent, turning out everything from rock to reggae to traditional music. Impromptu sessions are encouraged and attract musicians from far and wide. Visitors will enjoy the fantastic local seafood and the relaxed vibe.

This lovely book festival in the pretty fishing village of Tarbert is a cracker. Hear book readings by a selection of authors and meet the people behind the characters. There's lots to enjoy for adults and children across various venues from the 27th-29th October

Camping is available in the shadow of Robert the Bruce's castle and scenic walks along the adjacent Kintyre Trail make Tarbert an ideal destination weekend for the whole family, so pack a tent and come along! www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk

TARBERT FESTIVALS 2017

Tarbert is an enchanting and beautiful fishing village sitting on the west shores of Loch Fyne.

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Tarbert Fair
26-29 July



Tarbert Music Festival
15-17 September



Tarbert Book Festival
27-29 October



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Festival Safety by the Summer Festival Guide

Festivals are a great way to spend a summer weekend. Good bands, good beer, good weather: what's not to like? It is important, though, to keep safe. That's why we're going to use today to look at the various ways in which you can ensure that your weekend goes by without any kind of hitches.

Keep a mobile charger on you. The simple fact is that in 2017, it's virtually impossible to get through the weekend without using your phone for something. (No, not Facebook. For goodness sake, give it a rest for the weekend!). In any busy festival, it's almost guaranteed that at some point you'll probably get separated from your friends. Invest in a mobile charger (i.e. one that's powered by batteries rather than the mains) and stock up on a load of batteries. This way, you'll be able to call your mates and meet

up with each other every time you find yourself getting pushed to the other side of the crowd!

Don't bring your valuables. Repeat after us: 'I do not need to take my iPad to Glastonbury'. Most modern festivals are pretty friendly and, generally speaking, people try and look out for each other. However, it's not a good idea to take a load of expensive gear with you. Cameras are fair enough, but leave the laptops, credit cards, tablets and the like at home. You simply don't need them.

Be sensible

At even the most orderly festival, there probably will be the odd group of people insisting on being...well, a word we probably can't use here. The best move to make if anything happens that makes you feel remotely uncomfortable is to simply move to a different section of the area (again, keep your phone on you so you can re-meet friends easily). If you're particularly concerned, try and find a security guard (most festivals have them stationed throughout the venue).

Don't get carried away with moshing and crowd-surfing.

We're not just saying this to be killjoys. It's a simple fact that even the biggest and hardest metalheads get injured in moshpits. Honestly, they do. Don't get the wrong idea: we're not suggesting you start twerking whilst Machine Head are on stage (though that would be sort of hilarious), but don't put yourself at risk unnecessarily. Also, crowd-surfing is even more risky – you're likely to get a bad landing.

Care for your hearing

If you're a regular gig goer, then the chances are you'll know how loud those speakers can get. Well, at a festival you can multiply that noise by about 500 (the volume is needed to project the sound across the site). What does this mean in practical terms? Well it means that if you get stuck by the speakers, it'll REALLY hurt. As in, 'might cause you permanent damage' hurt. Stock up on ear-plugs: even the cheaper ones will be more than enough to stop even Motorhead from deafening you. Places like Alllearplugs.com have a great range that will meet all budgets and ear sizes.

Split your cash

As a general rule, it's not a good idea to take all your cards to a festival. Stick to a certain amount of hard cash and one card for absolute emergencies. Always ensure that you split the cash: the chances are that you'll have at least a couple of hundred with you: that way, if some of it goes missing, you'll still have enough in reserve to keep you going.

Voted 'Best Small Festival in Scotland' for a third time in 2016, the Tiree Music Festival returns on the 14th-16th July with platinum selling act Scouting For Girls heading to the remote island as part of their 10 year anniversary tour. This is the 8th TMF and the festival has sold out every year since its formation in 2010. There are now less than 300 tickets remaining for the 2017 festival so book your island festival adventure quick! www.tireemusicfestival.co.uk



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Bluebell Music Festival – Now in its 8th Year!

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As well as non-stop FREE music thanks to the George there is beer, spirits and cocktails flowing to the wee hours. An amazing BBQ is available all day if you get hungry.

The event kicks off on the Friday night with British Country band, 'Ashton Lane'. Their most recent album Nashville Heart received five star reviews and radio support around the UK and Europe. They are followed by headliners 'Into the Ark' who many will recognise as finalists in this years 'The Voice'.

This highly acclaimed newcomer duo from Blackwood in South Wales will be touring the UK & Ireland in May 2017 – this is a great opportunity to hear them live, locally!

Then it's all day music on the Saturday and Sunday. Picks of the bunch are The Badboys and The Camans on Saturday night and The Wild West fancy dress party on the Sunday night featuring Starsky and The Shiverin' Sheiks among many other country and western artists!

Accommodation can be difficult to get over the weekend so book early to avoid disappointment. Visit www.exploreargyll.co.uk and click on the 'stay and eat' link for a list of local accommodation providers. There is often a minibus to ferry visitors to local accommodation at the end of the night.



Mhor Festival Launches Summer Festival Line-Up

26th - 28th May

Mhor Festival, Scotland's most spectacularly-located, food, drink and music festival, launches their full line-up which includes Lorna McNeen, Scottish Chef of the Year and Phil Kay, previous winner of British Comedy Award Best Live Stand Up.

Run by Tom and Lisa Lewis and family, Mhor Festival takes place on the banks of Loch Voil in the Perthshire Highlands during the May Bank Holiday weekend (26th – 28th). The festival is supported by EventScotland, part of VisitScotland's Events Directorate.

For the first year ever, Mhor Fest will be hosting an all star female chef line-up for the coveted Mhor Feast (Friday 26th May). Lorna MacNee, Scottish Chef of the Year will serve up her signature dish, along with a course each from Rosie Healey of Ottolenghi fame; 'The Café Girls' of Café St Honore; Marysia Paskowska of Monachyle Mhor.

A limited number of 100 Feast tickets are available. Previously selling out within days, tickets for the 5-course dinner are only available on a lottery basis.

Across the weekend festivalgoers will be amongst a selection of Scotland's best artisan producers including; L'Art Du Vin wines, Glengoyne Highland Single Malt Scotch whisky and Great Glen Charcuterie.

Tom Lewis, Chef Proprietor of Monachyle Mhor and Co-Founder of Mhor Festival, said:

"Mhor festival is more than a food festival – it's a great party with an excellent line up of our favourite chefs, DJs and musicians. This year we're excited to welcome sell-out recording artist, Ray Harris, Daft Funk and The Federation Of The Disco Pimp, winners of the Sunday Herald Cultural Awards 'Best Live Performance' last year."

New for this year, the Festival will host Cinemor77, a mobile cinema housed in a yurt, equipped with cushions and beanbags for guests to enjoy a selection of independent films on.

A festival for all ages and tastes, along with award-winning chefs and musicians, the line-up includes the traditional raft race, aerial trapeze performances, bread making workshops and baking competitions, circus skills workshop, the omelette challenge, disco yoga, and much much more.

Paul Bush OBE, Director of Events at VisitScotland, said:

"We are delighted to be supporting Mhor Festival, in what promises to be a fantastic family event. Scotland is the perfect stage for events and the team have brought together another strong programme this year. With live music, theatre, children's entertainment, and of course, a great selection of local food and drink on offer, there really is something for everyone to enjoy."

Mhor Festival has been running since 2012 as an addition to the ever-growing 'Mhor' brand. Beginning as a two day event, it has now grown into a three day festival due to its popularity. Over the years, the Lewis' have welcomed chefs including the two Michelin-starred Andrew Fairlie; AA rosette-winning Fred Berkmitter; BBC Kitchen Café presenter Neil Forbes, and Roy Brett, award-winning Chef Proprietor of Ondine.

Accommodation options include camping in the festival grounds; 'glamping' in the Mhor Bell Tents; or staying in one of the local hotels and B&B's.

Day tickets are available from £20 for an adult, while a weekend camping pass begins at £75. These can be bought online at www.mhorfestival.net/booking. Festival and camping tickets for under 16's are free of charge.

For more information visit www.mhorfestival.net

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Oban Live - the region's biggest live music event!

A whole stream of talented Scots and Irish artists are lined up to play this year's Oban Live, Argyll's largest music event. The concert, which attracted 7,800 visitors last year, takes place at Mossfield Stadium June 2 and 3. Announcing via live stream on Facebook earlier this year, tradfavourites MÀNran, Trail West, and Tide Lines, as well as Toploader and Hue and Cry were the latest additions to the line up.

Daniel Gillespie of Skerryvore and artistic director for Oban Live said: 'We are delighted to announce that Trail West, MÀNran and Tide Lines will join us in Oban as not only are they great friends but they are three of the most exciting acts on the Scottish scene today - all bringing their own brand and fusion of west coast music.'

The three bands join an impressive line-up that includes Admiral Fallow,

Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire, We Banjo 3, Skipinnish, Skerryvore and the collaboration of Argyll Ceilidh Trail and Ceol an Aire. More big named acts will be added to the list very soon.

Celtic rock group, Skerryvore will also be joined on stage by Oban High School (OHS) Pipe Band. OHS Pipe Major, Angus MacColl, said: 'We are incredibly honoured to be invited to play on stage with the sensational Skerryvore. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young band members to showcase their talents to an audience of thousands, and in their local town, too.'

Daniel added: 'Angus MacColl is a piping legend and a real hero of ours growing up on Tìree learning to play traditional music, so to have him join us on stage in Oban along with his brilliant group of pupils will be a very special collaboration for us.'

Local talents Ceol an Aire and The Argyll Ceilidh Trail will join forces to open the show on Friday June 2. Ewan Macdonald from Ceol an Aire said: 'Having seen how incredible last year's Oban Live was, it is a great privilege to have been invited to open Oban Live 2017. Ceol an Aire was formed following the success of the first Argyll Ceilidh Trail so it is exciting to now be forming a collaboration with the latest line-up seven years on.'

More local talent will be added to the bill as the event team hunt for an unsigned group in an exciting 'battle of the bands' competition. Check the event's website and social media pages for more information.

Tickets to Oban Live 2017 are now on sale. To buy tickets and for the latest line-up announcements, visit www.obanlive.com. Follow the event on Twitter @obanlive and www.facebook.com/obanlive.



Skerryvore at last year's Oban Live

Toploader and Hue And Cry to bring new material to Oban Live this June

Noughties household name Toploader and 80s legends Hue And Cry are confirmed for the line-up at this year's Oban Live, June 2 and 3.

The two acts have been added to an already impressive bill at Argyll's largest live music event, at Mossfield Stadium. The event attracted 7,800 visitors last year to Oban. Playing Friday night, June 2, Toploader will perform tracks from their highly

anticipated fourth album *Seeing Stars*, released May 12. Their new single, *Roll With The Punches*, was premiered on Graham Norton's Radio 2 show in February. Classics such as their global hit *Dancing in the Moonlight*, from 2000, are also set to be highlights on the night. Their visit to Oban will be the band's second trip to the West Coast since they headlined Tìree Music Festival in 2012, a gig that saw Skerryvore piper Martin Gillespie join them on stage for a bagpipe solo during *Dancing in the Moonlight*. Meanwhile, Pat and Greg Kane of Hue And Cry are all set for their

evening performance at Oban Live as an eight piece full band on Saturday June 3.

The brothers, who hail from Coatbridge near Glasgow, made a huge impact in the late 80s with hit singles, including *Labour of Love*, and albums *Seduced and Abandoned* and *Remote*. Their Oban Live gig will showcase tracks from their new *Pocketful of Stones* album, due for release this year.

To date, Hue and Cry have sold in excess of two million records worldwide. Martin Gillespie from the Oban Live team and piper for Skerryvore said: 'We



Hue and Cry

are thrilled that these two iconic bands have agreed to join us at Oban Live in June and we are excited to hear their new material, as well as performances of their classic songs.

'It will be great to see the Toploader lads again after joining them on stage on Tìree back in 2012 - perhaps something we can do again in June!'

The Oban Live 2017 line-up also includes Skerryvore, Skipinnish, We Banjo 3, Trail West, MÀNran, Tide Lines, Admiral Fallow, Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire,

Ceol an Aire and the Argyll Ceilidh Trail, and Oban High School Pipe Band. Special guests are still to be announced.

This year's festival is supported by EventScotland, and is part of Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Tickets for Oban Live 2017 are on sale now. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.obanlive.com or follow on Twitter @obanlive or Facebook: www.facebook.com/obanlive.

toploader



Cowal Highland Gathering 2017

The Cowal Highland Gathering held in Dunoon, Argyll, is the largest, most spectacular Highland games in the world. Nowhere else will you see world-class pipers, dancers and athletes competing on such a scale. It's an unbeatable event for all the family. Just ask the 23,000 visitors who come here every year to soak up the unique, friendly atmosphere and stunning Highland location.

There really is something for everyone, from watching the world championship competitions to running in the 5K fun run. The salute to the Chieftain is one of the highlights. As the sun sets down the Firth of Clyde, the massed pipers and drummers play 'Highland Laddie' in unison. It's an unforgettable experience and a fitting end to this, the most spectacular of Highland games.

The kids will love Artie's Tartan Tails, mountain bike displays, the arts and crafts tent, magic shows, puppet shows, face painting and much more! The ceilidh tent is one of the event's huge highlights and if you want even more of that, be sure to get tickets for the Friday night's Gig at the Gathering.

The headline act this year is four piece band Tide Lines supported by the ever-popular young Argyll band Heron Valley, who have become firm Cowal Gathering favourites. Also playing will be Trongate Rum Riots, a Glasgow nine-piece band who play their own brand of 'turbo sea shanties'.

As usual, the Gig won't simply boast top ceilidh music. It will also feature whisky and gin tasting and street food will be available throughout the evening. But hurry, tickets will sell fast. Gig at the Gathering is held on Friday 25th August with the Cowal Highland Gathering is held on Saturday 26th August.



Festival Survival Guide for Parents with Children

Kids love music festivals, and nowadays, there is often as much for the wee ones to do as for the grown ups. With a bit of preparation and patience, you can feel free to take the whole family to the festival!

Festival goer Libby Wilkinson has these tips for surviving a festival with children.

Preparation is key – Prior to the festival we took a camping trip to get an idea of what it might be like in a possibly cold and wet field with a baby. If you get the chance, pitch the tent and spend the night. You'll get a taste of what's to come and if all goes well, you might find yourself registering for next year's Glastonbury festival.

Plan ahead – Make a list of everything you'll need, you don't want to find out you've forgotten the rain cover half way to your destination.

Safety first - A first aid kit complete with hand sanitizer is essential. As is a torch and flask for preparing bottles and changing nappies in the middle of the night.

Do some research – Some festivals are more geared toward families than others. Have a look around, check out the site maps and figure out if you'll have a long way to carry all your gear and whether or not it'd be



worth staying in accommodation near-by.

Foodies – If you're bottle feeding take sterilisation tablets to hygienically clean feeding equipment. Breast feeding? First aid tents are great places to discreetly express. Also, festival food can be expensive and in some instances might be too exotic for little pallets, so ensure you have plenty of jars and finger foods to keep tummies happy throughout the day.

Safety first – Most festivals issue security tags for you to write your number on, stick a couple on your children in case they wander off, or write it on their wristbands of course.

Festival must-haves – Ear defenders -If you want to get a bit closer to the stage a pair of giant headphones is a baby's best festival accessory. They're not only practical, but adorable too. Secondly -Fairy lights. Wrapping a string of solar operated twinkly lights around the pram makes you visible during the night and you're therefore less likely to get trampled on by drunken revellers. It also turns your baby's transport into a space-age disco buggy, certain to turn heads!

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TOP 10 FESTIVAL CAMPING TIPS

1. Buy a suitable tent

If there are two of you, don't choose a two-man tent. A two-man tent is perfect for one person, but once you are both inside there will be little room for anything else. Ideally you want space to keep any wet clothes away from your sleeping area. Make sure your tent is waterproof.

2. Practice pitching your tent

Before you leave, have a trial run pitching your tent. Make sure you have all the necessary bits and that you know how to set it up quickly. You don't want to spend your time wrestling with your tent in the campsite when you could be enjoying the music.

3. Buy a good quality sleeping bag and sleeping mat

You may not plan on doing much sleeping, but when you do, you will be glad you've spent the extra money on a good sleeping bag and sleeping mat.

4. Choose your spot

Get there early to have the best picks. You don't want to be too far away from the toilets, but you don't want to be too close either. Choose a spot roughly in the middle and preferably downwind from the toilets. Remember where you have pitched your tent. It might help to tie a coloured ribbon or balloon to the top of your tent so it stands out from the crowd.

5. Keep your valuables with you

Most people are trustworthy, however, there are the odd exceptions, so do not leave any valuables in your tent. Money, car keys, tickets, phones and cameras should all be kept with you at all times in an arm wallet, bum bag or small day pack, allowing you to keep your hands free to bust out your best dance moves.

6. Do not lock your tent

It might seem like a good idea to lock your tent, but the opposite is true as it says to potential thieves there is something valuable worth stealing in your tent. A small knife will easily cut through the fabric of your tent rendering the lock useless.

7. Stock up on essentials

Food and drink can be expensive at festivals and although many won't allow you to bring alcohol in, you should plan to take plenty of water and non-perishable food items with you. If you are planning on cooking, take a small camp stove and frying pan. Do not use an open fire.

8. Make friends with your neighbours

You will be living in close quarters, so introduce yourself.

9. Bring midge repellent

Let's face it, if you are outdoors in the west of Scotland, the dreaded midge won't be far away. Don't let them ruin your festival experience. Bring a good quality midge repellent with you and test for any potential allergic reactions before you leave. Top this up with a basic first aid kit.

10. Bring your wellies

It's Scotland, chances are the rain won't be too far away, even if the sun is splitting the sky. Keep your feet dry with a decent pair of wellies and change your socks regularly.

Camping essentials checklist

- Tickets
- Money
- Ear plugs
- Torch
- Poncho
- Bin bags
- Wet wipes
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Arm wallet/bum bag
- Portable phone charger
- Midge repellent
- Food
- Water
- Toiletries/first aid
- Sun cream
- Wellies

Keep safe and enjoy your festival experience!

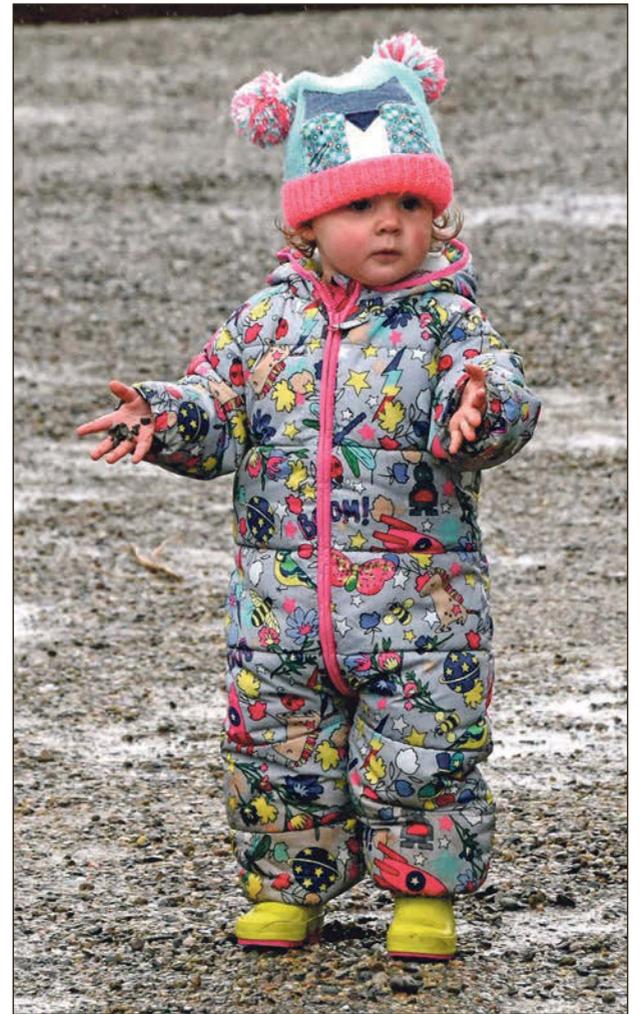
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01a_B16easter13; a triumphant win for these two participants in the two-legged race. 01a_B16easter12; a young visitor enjoys the mud puddles and the rain.

01a_B16easter05; the gift shop and tea room did a roaring trade as people warmed up after searching for eggs. 01a_B16easter11; Ewen Southwick fishes for ducks, hoping to win as many eggs as his sister Evie won. 01a_B16easter07; the balls come tumbling down at the stairs during the duck derby. 01a_B16easter18; winner and runner-up in the egg decorating competition were sisters Annabel and Jessica Foster with their egg creations. 01a_B16easter17



What's On.....

Castle Time Travellers Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd April 11am & 2pm

A family journey through the times of the Castle – dressing-up optional! Stout footwear advised – Please book at Reception on arrival

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Loch Garbad, bank fishing 9am-dusk
 Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm
 Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm

Saturday 22nd April

Army Cadets
 Over 21s disco
 Family games
 Fun in the pool
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Blackwaterfoot bowls – club competition
 Live music – Alan Frew
 Spring fair
 The Nescio Ensemble
 Bingo
 Live music – North Country Winters
 Castle time travellers
 Ceilidh
 Live music – The Absolute Jam

Auchrannie Road 11am –1 pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
 9.30am - 11am
 9.30am - noon
 Bowling Club, 2pm
 The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Pirnmill primary school, 12noon - 2pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 7.30pm
 Whiting bay Golf Club, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 11am & 2pm
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Sunday 23rd April

Family games
 Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool
 Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
 AA meeting
 Castle time travellers
 The Nescio Ensemble
 Ormidale 10K

Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm - 5pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 11am & 2pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Ormidale Park, 12noon

Monday 24th April

Over 50s badminton
 Badminton
 Morning fitness
 Badminton
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Circuit training
 Lamlash Aerobix
 Tae Kwondo
 Summer bridge tournament
 Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau
 Adult tennis
 Hustings
 Live music – Mike Bailey

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Auchrannie sports hall, 7-9pm
 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
 Arran High School dance studio, 6.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Arran high School, 6.30pm - visitors welcome
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Shiskine golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th April

Pop quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth club
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Healthy outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot bowls
 Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
 Lamlash Junior Drama Club
 Flow yoga
 Pilates
 Scottish country dancing
 Live Music – Shenanigans

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Bowling Club, 2pm
 Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
 Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
 Corrie and Sannox Hall, 6pm
 Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm

Wednesday 26th April

Rock an pop bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass rehearsal
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
 Mixed ability Run (Arran Run Coach)
 Yoga-Arran
 Mixed hockey
 Dog classes
 Flow yoga
 Knittnerly and Natterly
 Quiz night
 Bus pass club meal
 Chair yoga St Molios
 Burger and quiz night
 Lamlash Moorings AGM
 Live music – Arran Dawn

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
 Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
 Dunfion Carpark, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
 Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
 The PHT, 8.30pm
 The PHT, noon - 2.30pm
 Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am - noon
 Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm

Thursday 27th April

Morning fitness
 General knowledge quiz
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Ladies' hockey
 Winter bowls
 Arran Bridge
 Quilt Arran
 Flow yoga
 Chair yoga
 10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
 Adult tennis
 Music Matters
 Live music – North Country Winters
 Brodick FC vs Southend FC Friendly

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm
 Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am - 11.30am
 Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Ormidale Park, 6.30pm

Friday 28th April

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Lochranza children's badminton
 Lochranza adults' badminton
 Arran Vets
 Arran Vets
 AA meeting
 Tae Kwondo
 Coffee morning
 Open Mic

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
 Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
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Wildlife conservation on Ailsa Craig

On Thursday April 6 the meeting of the Arran Natural History Society began with the AGM, which included the chairman's report and the treasurer's report, and election or re-election of office holders and committee.

The new chairman, Terry Southall, gave a speech of thanks and a presentation to Fiona Laing who stepped down as chairwoman after an amazing 17 years in the role.

Terry acknowledged what a hard act it will be to follow on from Fiona's great work, but said the society members were relieved that Fiona had agreed to stay on the committee.

Also on that evening, Ann

Laing retired from tea-making duties after many years of carrying out this most important function. Ann was thanked by Terry and presented with a Chris Rose print on behalf of the membership.

After the agm there was a presentation by Bernie Zonfrillo with the title: 'Island restoration-wildlife conservation on Ailsa Craig.' Bernie is currently the Scottish Ornithologists Club recorder for the Clyde oslands. He was formerly the honorary secretary of the Isle of May bird observatory for 10 years and a research associate at the former Marine Biological Station at Millport. He was also one of the editors

of *The Birds of Scotland*, a best-selling publication covering all species recorded in Scotland.

Bernie's association with Ailsa Craig began as a small boy visiting the island on summer holidays. Hardly a year passed without a visit. Later as a bird ringer, the Ailsa gannetry was one of the very few accessible colonies. Studies became more serious in 1989 with his PhD investigations on Ailsa sea-birds, while based at Glasgow University.

These showed that rats were not just scavengers but active killers of sea-bird chicks and predators of their eggs. From these revelations and with the support of the Marquis of Ail-

sa, the island's then owner, it was decided to have an attempt at removing the rats completely. It was also hoped that a rat-free island would attract 'lost' species like puffin. His talk was about the process involved, the success and the results of recolonisation over the years.

The first rat was found on Ailsa in 1889, shortly after the lighthouse was built. At that time there were numerous puffins and other sea-birds nesting on the island. All but the gannets were wiped out as breeding species on Ailsa by the rats over subsequent years.

Bernie began the rat eradication project in 1991 and gradually the birds have re-



New chairman Terry Southall thanked outgoing chair Fiona Laing after 17 years at the society.

turned. First, black guillemot, shelduck and wheatear were recorded, then ringed plover, swallow, wagtails, fulmar, eider, razorbill, guillemot, and many others, and then finally puffin by 2002. It is also possible that storm petrel and manx shearwater have returned to breed recently. Bernie showed slides of each stage of this recolonisation in a fascinating presentation.

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Peter Chappell

24th July 1933
to 3rd April 2017

A personal appreciation by Graham Chappell

Peter Chappell, who has died at 83, retired to Arran from a variety of highly-trained jobs, but who quickly became known as a singer, gardener, business advisor and accomplished speaker.

We had visited Arran as a family on many occasions since the 1970s. A house was purchased in Lochranza in 1992 and my parents moved up to the house full time in 1993.

Dad worked part-time for the local enterprise board and his spare time was taken up with the Arran Gilbert and Sullivan productions. One of the final shows, *South Pacific*, had dad wearing a coconut bra and a grass skirt. Mum tried, begged, me to go but I was doing my hair that night, sadly.

In good weather, he and mum would be in the garden. They would introduce some radical new ideas as well as making sure the trailing clematis would strangle anyone trying to gain access to the back door.

Mum and dad were instrumental in the idea behind the Open Gardens in Lochranza in the early 2000s. The garden gate would be replaced to show a maple leaf design, courtesy of son David, which reflected mum and dad's love of Canada. The gate is often commented on by visitors.

Dad was keen to involve himself in any musical productions on the island – either at the local hall, or at the high school. He worked tirelessly on ideas, some of which never saw the light of day, but it kept him busy on the island during the winter. He also carried out comprehensive research into links between Arran and Canada and held many talks in village halls. These talks would often 'go on a bit', but it gave mum extra time with her quilting friends.

The four older grandchildren arrived annually – Carter was more local and thus a more frequent visitor, and dad would suggest we all went out for our dinner. This usual-

ly meant cramming into his tiny boat so we could catch some mackerel for the barbecue.

Occasional return trips were made by mum and dad to Canada in the early 2000s until around 2009, after which mum contracted Alzheimer's. Mum moved into a care home in 2011. Dad suffered hugely from living without mum and yet made two further trips to Canada and one to the southwest USA in 2014 to fulfil a promise to his own mother that I'd get dad to see the Grand Canyon.

By this time, with signs of dementia himself, dad moved into sheltered housing and then, in September 2015, to Templeton House Care Home in Ayr. Mum passed away in July 2016, with dad sadly following just 35 weeks later.

Dad's ashes will be taken to a suitable part of the forest on the shores of Moira Lake, Ontario, where their close friends still have their lakeside home.



Peter Chappell will be sorely missed by many.



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Spring is a great time to be birding

March was warmer and drier than February. While March this year was a little warmer, overall it was a little wetter than the same month last year. There was a lovely settled spell from 24th to 28th of March.

It is an exciting time of year, awaiting the arrival of our summer visitors and seeing the last of our winter visitors leaving.

The timing of the northerly spring migration is dependent on the weather, not just locally, but throughout the whole length of the migration route. The first summer migrants arrived earlier than last year. The first chiffchaff was reported at Sannox on 11th, 16 days earlier than 2016. The first house martin was reported at Blackwaterfoot on 22nd, almost a month earlier than last year. The first wheatear was reported at Kilpatrick Point on 20th, eight days earlier than 2016. The first swallow was reported at Kilpatrick Farm on 26th, seven days earlier than last year. The first sand martin was reported at Machrie Golf Course on 28th, three days earlier than 2016. The first sandwich tern, a group of five, was reported at Machriewaterfoot on 31st, a day later than last year.

While these first arrivals are interesting, by the end of the month the bulk of our migrants was still anticipated. Please keep me posted.

April should also see the arrival of other mi-

grants like manx shearwater, white wagtail, willow warbler, whinchat, common sandpiper and cuckoo – all signs of the approaching summer.

In March, our winter visitors were still to the fore. The highlight was an adult Iceland gull in the fields in Slidderly and Corriecravie on 17th and 18th. This is the first Arran record of this white-winged gull since March 2014. Other wintering species included: five purple sandpiper



A grey heron collects sticks for nest building.

Photograph: Arthur Duncan.

at Silver Sands on 1st, one greenshank at Claulands on 9th, three brambling in Slidderly on 17th, 15 redwing in Slidderly on 18th, 22 fieldfare on Kilbride Hill on 26th, two rook in Slidderly also on 26th and 13 wigeon at Tormore on 31st. In the Shiskine Valley the wintering geese included 250 greylag geese and 13 white-fronted geese on 9th. Towards the end of the month skeins of wildfowl were heading north to their breeding grounds including: 40 whooper swan over Clachaig on 26th, with a similar number over Brodick Golf Course on the same date, 120 pink-footed geese over Dippen on 27th and 100 whooper swan over Shiskine also on 27th and a further 80 whooper swan over Shiskine on the 29th.

In March there were many signs of this ongoing mi-

gration including: in fields 28 skylark on Kilbride Hill on 5th, 30 lapwing in Clachaig also on 5th and a male merlin in the Roddin on 9th.

By the shore there were more signs of migration including: 10 twite on Cleats Shore on 6th, three black-throated diver and four common scoter off Cosyden on 7th and four great northern diver in Machrie Bay on 21st.

In gardens there were further signs of this northerly movement of birds with 32 siskin in High Kildonan on 17th, three lesser redpoll in Slidderly on 28th and 13 goldfinch in Torbeg on 31st.

In a month in which records were received on 103 species, these are a small selection of other interesting records: four little grebe in Loch Ranza on 1st, seven common crossbill in High Kildonan on 7th, two goosander in Whiting Bay on 20th and a moorhen in Mossend Pond on 26th. In addition, it was encouraging to get short-eared owl records from five different locations in March.

Spring is a great time to be birding, as most birds are getting on with the business of breeding, attracting a mate by song, courtship display and ritual, defining a territory, nest building, and generally establishing relationships.

In March the signs were there, including: a grey heron carrying twigs in Stronach Wood on 5th, seven fulmar on nesting sites on Drumadoon Cliffs on 6th, house sparrows exploring nest holes in Lam-lash on 7th, six eider courting in Loch Ranza on 12th, hen harrier displaying over Machrie Moor on 24th, 14 black guillemot in breeding plumage on Pladda on 25th and among many reports of birds singing, there was one of a yellowhammer in Slidderly on 29th. If it stays to breed it will be the first confirmed breeding of this once widespread familiar farmland bird on Arran



Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
FOR MARCH

Siskin, one of many migrant species that visited during March. Photograph: Angela Cassels.

since 1999. I am interested in all records of arriving summer migrants and any signs of breeding birds.

Enjoy your birding and please send any bird notes

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A wheatear, one of the first summer visitors.

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Groups benefit from Co-op community cash

Arran Pipe Band and Arran Highland dance club held a performance outside the Brodick Co-op last weekend to thank the store for grants from the local community fund, writes Colin Smeeton.

Beneficiaries of the fund, collected over the previous six months, were the pipe band, which received £7,057, the Hospital Supporters League, which received £7,691, and the Highland dancers who received £6,806 from a total of £21,554 raised by the Brodick branch for local groups.

Representatives of the organisations visited the store where they thanked

the management and staff for their ongoing support.

The Brodick Co-op, which contributes one per cent of the value of own brand products to local community causes and five per cent back to customers, provides a grant scheme of up to £15,000 for eligible organisations. Staff also hold numerous cake sales, raffles and in-store events throughout the year to support local charities. So far they have provided more than £9 million nationwide.

Hospital Supporters League secretary Jim Arnold said: 'We hope to use most of the money to buy a Cubescan Biocon 700



bladder scanner, at just over £6,000. This equipment will be based at the hospital, but because it is portable it will be used by the community nurses.

'In the last two years that she was secretary, the late Sheila MacLeod said to me that there were at least two of our donors who had been very pleased with the



Two members of the Highland Dance Club who will use the funds to secure a tutor for the club, left; and above, Arran Pipe Band performed outside Brodick Co-op to thank them for their support.

level of care and attention that their relatives had had from our community nursing staff, all thanks to the generosity of the Co-op and their customers.

'The committee is able to do what it does, and has done, because of the generosity shown by the people of this island and many of our visitors.'



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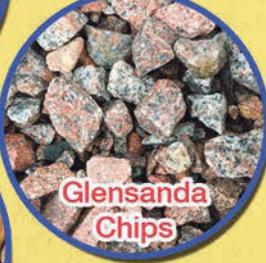
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Store manager Liz McLean, above, with two young members of the pipe band; and above right, Hospital Supporters League secretary Jim Arnold and Sandra Hall collect their £7,691 cheque at the Co-op.



Arran gardens open for charity

Brodick Castle gardens will be open on Sunday April 30 and Sunday July 9 as part of the Scotland's Gardens charity events.

Dougarie Gardens is also taking part again this year and will be open on Wednesday July 5. Teas will be in the 19th-century Boat-house.

Pirnmill Village Association will be the recipients of 40 per cent of the takings for

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New development

Arran will once again be considering a housing development in Brodick with the application for a new housing development at Cora Lynn.

Since the old Co-op was pulled down the site has lain bare and has become an eyesore. Celia Urquhart and CU Developments previously submitted plans for Charters Towers on the site which led to protest meetings and culminated in a public local inquiry which eventually found against the development.

The new application is different from the previous large block development. It comprises four pairs of semi-detached houses plus two blocks, each containing eight flats. This makes a total of 24 dwellings on 0.4 hectares with 32 parking spaces being provided.

It looks like another version of Low Glencloy which will leave the people on Arran considering whether this is a beneficial, or merely a commercial development.

Long ordeal

A 72-year-old woman who had spent almost 48 hours on Goatfell this week was found suffering from hypothermia but otherwise well, by the Arran Mountain Rescue Team on Thursday afternoon.

The woman from Kilmarnock had last been seen at home on Sunday and by Tuesday, when relatives had not seen her,

they entered her house and found a note that she had gone off to Arran to climb Goatfell.

By Thursday local police had been alerted and a helicopter from HMS Gannet was called in which ferried members of the mountain rescue to the top of the mountain. At around 4.15pm the woman was found alive in the heather on the route to Goatfell. The helicopter returned and took her to Crosshouse Hospital where, apart from the hypothermia, she was found to be okay after her long ordeal.

Water improvements

Arran's water is not without its problems. There have been criticisms over the number of additives in it and lack of storage also means that, despite a wet climate, a brief drought can mean a water shortage.

The water round the shores is also not as clean as it should be, with untreated sewage pouring into it. West of Scotland Water is working on these issues and this autumn construction will begin on new treatment facilities at Corrie and Lochranza. A new water storage tank using membrane filter technology will be built at Lochranza and a new main laid between Lochranza and Pirmill.

Water treatment sites are being sought although West of Scotland Water is only legally bound to provide these by 2005. That is a long way off but it is likely that the sites will be in Brodick and Whiting Bay.



A final polish is given to the new marble memorial at Lochranza under the watchful eye of port manager Robbie Brown. The memorial honours the 37 young men who died when the HMS Vandal sunk on 24 February 1943. B16twe01



Rhod Sharp of Radio 5 Live visited Arran to get material for an article. The picture l to r shows: piper Willie Robertson, Frank Masson, Rhod Sharp and Charles MacVicar of Paterson Arran. B16twe04



Pictured at the Drift Inn last Thursday night are all the trophy winners on the final night of the pool season. They are: John Copperwheat and Stuart Kearney, doubles champions, Crawford Duncan and Gordon Davidson, league championship and knockout trophy. Bobby Sloss and Dougie Macfarlane, champion and runner up, Dennis Smith league runner up and doubles runner up with Matthew McNeish. B16twe02



Bryce Walker and Dougie Macfarlane, representing the winning Gift Shop Gladiators, are presented with the Licensed Trade Trophy after their charity golf day last Saturday in Brodick, by club captain Willie Innes and secretary Hamish MacRae. B16twe03



Jean and Roger Peacock hosted a dinner for Contact the Elderly in their Brodick home. Pictured are Jean and Roger along with Alex McIntosh, Margaret White, Mary MacDonald, Minnie Coney, Margaret Gray, Eileen Turton, Peggy Dutton, Jan Schofield and Ruth Russell. B16twe05

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Still time to enter Ormidale 10K

There is still time to enter the Isle of Arran Ormidale 10K which takes place tomorrow (Sunday).

Always popular with island runners and visitors alike, this year's race will start, and end, at the Ormidale Park sports pavilion in Brodick.

The event is sponsored by ArranShand Business development Services and the Ormidale Hotel with a 12noon start.

Entries should be made on the Sientries website: www.sientries.co.uk or can be made on the day. Anyone wishing to help please contact the Ormidale Hotel.

Seven marathon challenge for David

David Allsop, who is originally from Arran but now lives in Kilsyth, will be running seven full and half-marathons this year in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Starting with the Virgin Money London Marathon tomorrow (Sunday), he will also take part in the new Stirling marathon, Edinburgh, Shiskine half-marathon, Newcastle's Great North Run, Loch Ness and Glasgow's Great Scottish Run.

David has been taking part in various marathons over the past four years since his fiancée Deborah

Hanlon died, raising money for different cancer charities.

Supportive

David said: 'I chose to raise money for Macmillan as they provide vital information and supportive services to people living with or affected by cancer.'

'I got my place for the London marathon through Arran Runners as I'm still an active member and it would be great if people would consider supporting me every step of the way by sponsoring me on my JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/david-fordeborah.'



David Allsop will take part in seven marathons this year.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday April 12, Summer Trophy round two, 19 played and CSS stayed at 63. Danny Head started with four straight threes and kept that standard going to come home in 66 shots and win with a net 61. 1 Danny Head 5, 61 and lowest gross, 2 Kerr Drummond 5, 62, 3 Stuart McGregor 18, 63, ACB, 4 David Brookens 11, 63. There were no magic twos.

Sunday April 16, medal. Perhaps tragically misled by an over-optimistic weather forecast, eight hardy golfers played on a morning when any promised improvement in the weather never arrived.

Only three of the field completed the course and CSS went out to 64. Unsurprisingly, there were no magic twos. 1 Murry Foggo 9, 65, ACB and lowest gross, 2 Stan Rainey 10, 65, 3 Gus MacLeod 11, 67.

Fixtures: Sunday April 23, Captain's drive-in and prize. One draw at 10.30am, prize-giving at end of round. Wednesday April 26, The

Richard Parfitt Trophy. Friday April 28, AGA Seniors Bowl at Machrie at 5pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies Section: Wednesday April 12, medal one, CS S67, 10 played. 1 Kate McAdam 88(18)70, 2 Jackie Winship 100(29)71 BIH, 3 Yvonne Brothers 89(18)71. Scratch Kate McAdam 88. Magic two @16th Ruth Hardy.

Thursday April 13, Summer Cup, CSS 67, Par 64. 1 Todd Jameson 66-5=61, 2 Scott Campbell 80-14=66, 3 Dougie MacFarlane 67-0=67. Scratch, Todd Jameson 66. Magic twos, Dougie MacFarlane @ 5th, Iain Murchie @ 12th, Matt Harvey @ 16th.

Saturday April 15, Glenislie Cup. This year the weather was kind and 14 teams played. The results are: 3 Donald and Anne Blackwood 93-22=71, runner-up Alistair and Val Crawford 82-11=71. Congratulations to the winners, Colin Richardson and Ruth Hardy, 89-20.5=68.5.

Sunday April 16, Texas scramble. Only a few brave souls ventured out into the heavy rain. However, a good day was had by all. The results are: runners-up, A Crawford, D Nicol, A and A Ferrer 63-7.8=55.2. Winners, V Crawford, S El Adm, J O'Sullivan, S Nicol 61-8.5=52.5.

Ladies' section: Wednesday

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Fixtures: Sunday April 21, Jamieson Cup, first round, 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Thursday April 27, Summer Cup, make up own games, see starter for times.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday April 9, gents 18-hole medal, 11 played, par 65, CSS 65. 1 Jack McNally 76-11=65, 2 Phil Betley 80-13=67, 3 Brian Sherwood 80-12=68. Scratch, W Paton 75. Well done Jack.

Thursday April 13, ladies 12-hole medal, 17 played, par 44, CSS 43.

Silver: 1 Piet Johnston 52-12=40, 2 and scratch Christine Maxton 48-5=43 BIH. Bronze: 1 Fiona Scott 59-15=44, 2 Julia Salton 63-18=45. Congratulations Piet.

Fixtures: Thursday April 27, Rock Plate, gents and ladies, tee-offs 1pm and shotgun start at 5.30pm.

Fish and chips available in the evening. Saturday April 29, gents Stableford Open, tee times all day and good fun. Please call on 01770 860226.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday April 12, Wednesday medal. 1 S Beardsley 72-7=65, 2 R McLean 87-20=67 BIH. Scratch, S Beardsley 72. Magic twos, R I McMillan.

The first Wednesday medal of the season was held in very difficult wet and windy conditions. Only one magic two recorded, but alas for 'Bung' his number did not come out the hat, leaving an even larger pot next week.

Saturday April 15, sweep. 1 A Napier 67-7=60, 2 G McKinnon 65-3=62, 3 E McKinnon 65-1=64. Scratch Gilbert

and Ewan 65. Magic twos Ewan McKinnon. Good to see Gilbert back at Corrie for a visit and still playing well on an extremely windy day.

Fixtures: Wednesday April 19, Wednesday Cup. Saturday April 22, Grouse qualifier, pairs, two-ball foursomes, ballots at 9am and 1pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday April 12, Summer Cup, 32 played, CSS 66. 1 Ian Keen 75-10=65 ACB, 2 Gordon Hendry 70-5=65, 3 Russell Duncan 79-13=66 ACB. Scratch Gordon Hendry 70.

Sunday April 16, British Legion Cup, Stableford, 12 played, CSS 34. 1 Jimmy Armit 11, 36pts, 2 Iain MacDonald 8, 34pts ACB, Gordon Hendry 5, 34pts.

Fixture: Sunday April 23, The Belhaven, draw at noon on Saturday, or turn up on the day, prior to starting times of 8.30am and noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday April 11, Peter Sutton, CSS 65, R/O. 1 B Sherwood 82-13=69, 2 J Penny-cott 84-14=70, 3 C Laing 90-18=72. R Traill wins the sweep with a net 67 for handicap.

Fixture: Tuesday April 25, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Fixtures: Wednesday April 26, AGM at Lamlash Golf Club, 8.30pm. Friday April 28, Seniors Bowl at Machrie Bay Golf Club, first round from 5pm. Draw: Lochranza v Shiskine, winners play Machrie. Brodick v Corrie, Lamlash v Whiting Bay.

Junior medal at Shiskine Golf Club on Monday May 1 from 4pm. Sunday May 7, Spring Handicap at Shiskine Golf Club, sheets in locker rooms.

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In loving memory of my dear husband Tom, who died suddenly at Arran War Memorial Hospital on 23 April 2016 aged 77 years.

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Thank you

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Sevens heaven



Above from left: The Marr team from Troon. 01_A16rugby01; It takes two Garnock players to try and stop Arran's Stuart McMaster. 01_A16rugby19; Garnock jump highest at the line-out during the final. 01_A16rugby25.



Second row, far left: The Irvine line up. 01_A16rugby11; left, The young squad from Cartha Queens Park. 01_A16rugby12

Third row, far left: It's my ball as Glasgow Accies power to victory in the final. 01_A16rugby26; left, The Arran team got to the semi final. 01_A16rugby05

Fourth row far left: A sidestep from a nimble Glasgow Accies player. 01_A16rugby16; while, left, the hardest working men at the sevens - the barmen, Ian Small, David Boal and Gator at the back. 01_A16rugby24



Below: A tough clash between Marr and Glasgow Accies players. 01_A16rugby03

Bottom far left: An Irvine player makes a diving tackle to try and stop a Big Birds Barbarians attack. 01_A16rugby23; and middle bottom left, Greenock make a thumping tackle to stop an Irvine attack. 01_A16rugby14



SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Sevens heaven - Garnock jump highest at the line-out during the final

Accies are champions after splendid sevens

Glasgow Accies emerged as champions after a feast of rugby at the Arran Rugby Sevens in Brodick last weekend.

A dry and largely bright day attracted a big crowd to Ormidale Park to watch a field of 12 teams battle it out throughout the day.

Teams travelled from Bannockburn, Glasgow, Greenock and across Ayrshire to take part in the competition alongside the Arran Rugby Club team.

There was also a large young squad from Cartha Queens Park which included three Arran youngsters who travel to Glasgow to play for the team.

The early round robin games, featuring four mini leagues of three, saw the late entry of a second Kilmarnock team after Ardrossan were a 'no-show' on the day. Fast, free-flowing rugby entertained the thirsty crowd, which saw the beer tent run out of beer three times.

The winners of each group went into the cup semi final and the runners up into the plate competition. In the plate semi-final Big Birds Barbarians, from Greenock, beat Kilmarnock 20-0. In the other



A triumphant Glasgow Accies are all smiles as they pose with the sevens trophy. 01_A16rugby29

match, Irvine beat Greenock's second team 31-5. In the final the Big Birds Barbarians proved too strong for Irvine and ran out 36-12 winners.

Early results went well for Arran who made it to the semi final where they faced a strong Garnock side who ran out 35-0 victors. In the other semi final, Glasgow Accies beat Clyde Coast 36-14.

This saw Glasgow Accies facing Garnock in the competition final and, after a closely fought first half, Accies,

who play in the BT National League division three, proved stronger to win by 45-10.

The presentation of prizes, provided by sponsors the Isle of Arran Distillery, followed and were handed out by Lois Crawford to the winning teams and the referees, who kept a good grip on proceedings throughout the day.

Organisers said the successful day will give a good boost to club funds.

For more photographs turn to page 23.



Clockwise from top right: The referees are presented with their gifts by Lois Crawford. 01_A16rugby27; Glasgow Accies in full flow against Marr. 01_A16rugby04; The big crowd watch Arran's Frazer Barr try to evade a Garnock tackle. 01_A16rugby20; The Big Birds Barbarians won the plate trophy. 01_A16rugby21



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