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Brodick's big sandcastle



"We anticipate moving the sand on to the beach in early May," say Brodick Improvements Committee



A digger piles up the sand at the beach. 01_B17sand08

The giant sandcastle on Brodick Beach resembles the Goatfell skyline in the distance. 01_B17sand01

It has been described as Brodick's biggest sandcastle ever, and what a splendid sight it is.

Piles and piles of lovely sand are now sitting on the low green just waiting to be spread to create a new beach which will be in place for the summer.

There is delight all round the village this week after the deal, which was poised on a knife

REPORT

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edge when *The Banner* went to press last week, went through.

After many days of tense negotiations Brodick Improvements Committee finally got everyone's agreement to store the sand at beach for up to 28 days, while awaiting

the final go ahead to spread it from Marine Scotland. That is expected by the end of the month.

More than 5,000 tonnes of sand has been gifted to the community by the contractors of the new £22.2 million Brodick ferry terminal, George Leslie Ltd. This is surplus sand which has been

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A Thomson's lorry delivers another load of sand. 01_B17sand06



Murray Boal shifting sand beside The Boathouse. 01_B17sand03

Joy all round Brodick gets

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dredged for the foundations of the new pier and which would have been dumped at sea if agreement had not been reached before the dredger *MV Grete Fighter* left the site.

Over the weekend she began dredging what has been described as 'good quality sand' and on Monday the firm, with the help of Thomson Construction, began transporting the material along Brodick shore-front to the beach. By Wednesday there was more than 3,100 tonnes of sand stockpiled above the high tide mark on the low green and the dredger still has one or two more loads to dredge – approximately 1,000 tonnes - which will be transported to the storage area over the next few days. This will leave approximately 2,000 tonnes to be excavated and transported towards the end of May which will be used to reinstate the beach in front of The Boathouse and putting green.

Welcomed

The sand will be fenced off when the transfer is complete to prevent children playing on it. And while the gift is being warmly welcomed it is not enough sand to completely cover the exposed geotextile

bags and, as a result, priority will be given to the beach area nearest the village.

George Leslie Ltd director Neil Doherty said: 'George Leslie Ltd are delighted to have assisted the Brodick Improvement Committee in bringing this sensible proposal to fruition and wish them every success with the reinstatement of Brodick Beach. This tangible benefit meets with our objective of making a positive contribution in the communities where we work.'

A spokesman for CMAL, the terminal redevelopment project client, confirmed: 'CMAL is delighted that George Leslie Ltd, North Ayrshire Council, SEPA and Marine Scotland have been able to reach a mutually beneficial agreement with the Brodick Improvements Committee to re-use the dredged material from our site for such an important local project.'

In a statement Brodick Improvements Committee said: 'The committee would like to thank everybody involved in the efforts to arrange permissions to allow us to take advantage of the very generous offer to the community from George Leslie Ltd which will allow us all to benefit from this

unexpected opportunity. The support and co-operation from the contractor, Thomson Construction, CMAL, CalMac, SEPA, Marine Scotland, Arran Estates and various groups within North Ayrshire Council working with Ian Small, Kenny Morrison and Murray Boal has ensured that we have a great start to the refurbishment of the beach when the Marine Licence application is finalised.

Action plan

'We anticipate moving the sand on to the beach in early May and will be discussing the action plan further with Marine Scotland over the next few weeks as they consider the licence application.'

'Brodick Improvements Committee hopes this work, together with the planned protection work for the Cloy Shore and Fisherman's walk, currently being progressed by North Ayrshire Council, and the anticipated new section of walkway being undertaken by the Coastal Way staff will be welcomed by residents and visitors alike.'

A spokeswoman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We have been working with Brodick Improvements Committee (BIC) for the last few years to

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'We recognise the great opportunity that the dredged sand provides for BIC and that's why we are delighted that a temporary solution has been reached which will see the dredged sand transferred from Brodick Bay over the coming weeks.

'This temporary solution will allow the sand to be stored on the land for a period of 28 days without the need for planning

permission, allowing time for Marine Scotland to make their decision on granting a licence.

'We will continue to work with Marine Scotland to help secure approvals for the transfer of the sand from its temporary location onto the beach.'

Developments have been followed closely on the Save Brodick Beach community facebook page which now has 2,870 followers with many posts sharing their delight at the news. Founder Isobel Mac-

Donald said: 'I am delighted, it will make such a difference to the beach. The generosity of George Leslie Ltd has been fantastic.'

The final approval being sought from Marine Scotland is also expected to include the conclusion of their deliberations for the application associated with the installation of the two fishtail groynes to stop erosion at the beach, but these would cost up to £1 million to install.



The MV Grete Fighter dredges the sand from the ferry terminal site. 01_B17sand07



A view of the wall of sand from a boat in the bay. 01_B17sand02



The sand at the beach looking back towards Brodick. 01_B17sand05



A view of the sand from the shoreside. 01_B17sand04

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Cheers! as Arran Brewery secures a deal with Asda

Isle of Arran beers are to go on sale at Asda stores.

In all, 13 Scottish breweries are celebrating after securing new deals with the supermarket giant to stock a variety of beers in stores across Scotland, with a contract value of £850,000 between them.

As well as working with Isle of Arran, Isle of Skye, Loch Ness and Kelburn breweries, the supermarket has also built a relationship with Craft Beer Clan to recruit the addition-

al nine craft beer lines from: Deeside Brewery, Eden Mill Brewery, Jaw Brew, Knops Brewery, Lerwick Brewery, Stewart Brewing, Loch Lomond Brewing, Wooha Brewing and WEST Brewery.

With a total of 25 new lines launching on shelves from the 13 suppliers, Asda aims to lead the way in supporting the Scottish brewing industry as the demand for craft beer continues in Scotland.

The new deal means that

Asda stores across Scotland will now stock over 75 Scottish beers, ales and ciders, as customers look for more premium drinking experiences from local brands.

Asda has worked closely with the Craft Beer Clan, utilising their expertise in the market and Scottish brewery contacts to secure a range of unique, authentic beers to offer customers.

The final selection of beers was also made to ensure a strong geographical spread from all regions across Scotland.

The Arran Brewery beers on sale will be Brewery Dog (5.5 per cent), Red Squirrel (3.9 per cent) and Arran Guid Ale (3.8 per cent).

Brian O'Shea, Asda's regional buying manager for Scotland, said: 'The craft beer culture continues to grow and it's clear customers are trading up to more premium beers, particularly ones which come from local brands.'

'The new lines we have launched are all premium quality and will give customers a new more local choice, with a variety of flavours to suit every palate and occasion.'



Gwen Billson, of the Arran Brewery pours a drink for Brian O'Shea, Asda's regional buying manager for Scotland.



Zebedee has gone missing.

Lost at Dippen

The owner of a cat has made a plea to *Banner* readers to help find him. The cat, named Zebedee, was last seen at Dippen and is described as a big, slender, over-friendly tabby cat, which its owners fear may have stowed away in car or van. Please contact Judith on 820223 with any news.

Arran named in top 10 best-rated islands

Four Scottish islands, including Arran, have been named in the UK and the Channel Islands 10 best-rated, in the latest TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards.

While Jersey took the top spot followed by the Isle of Wight, Skye finished third followed by Arran at 7th then mainland Orkney and Lewis and Harris in eighth and ninth place respectively.

The annual awards are based on the millions of valuable reviews and opinions from TripAdvisor travellers across the globe. Winners were determined using an algorithm that took into account the quantity and quality of reviews and ratings for hotels, restaurants

and attractions on islands worldwide, gathered over a 12-month period, as well as traveller booking interest on TripAdvisor.

The average nightly hotel rate on TripAdvisor for Arran is £123, just £1 less than Jersey.

Malcolm Roughead, chief executive of VisitScotland, said: 'I am delighted, though not at all surprised, that four of Scotland's islands have made it into the TripAdvisor 2016 Travellers' Choice UK and Channel Isles top 10 islands list, as we are lucky enough to boast a plethora of beautiful idyllic island locations here.'

'Each of these islands has its own unique identi-

ty - holidaying in rugged but breath-taking Skye or Arran has a very different feel to the perhaps more remote yet stunning mainland Orkney, Lewis or Harris.

'Visitors are drawn to Scotland for its amazing scenery, rich history and culture. Our recently-launched Spirit of Scotland campaign is built on extensive research that shows that people think that Scotland has a unique spirit - whether it's the magic of the landscapes or the warmth of the people.'

'These latest results show just how special Scotland is as a destination and we would encourage people to share their #ScotSpirit moment with us on social media.'

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Missing teenagers found after taking wrong turn coming off Beinn Nuis

Three teenage hillwalkers who got lost in the hills sparked a full mountain rescue emergency.

Two Arran Mountain Rescue Team members assisted Police Scotland and Rescue helicopter 999 with a search for the group which was reported missing late last Thursday night.

The group of seven had initially set off for Goatfell during the afternoon and had then split up, with four of the group returning to Brodick and the other three deciding

to carry on to traverse over Stacach ridge, North Goatfell, Cir Mhor, A'Chir, Beinn Tarsuinn and Beinn Nuis before coming back into Brodick.

After an extensive search with Rescue helicopter 999 using infra-red thermal imaging equipment and Police Scotland checking all access roads, the three teenagers were eventually found by the AMRT deputy team leader Ewan McKinnon in the Glen Iorsa area, after they had taken the wrong direction com-

ing down off Beinn Nuis. Although very tired and cold, the three teenagers were luckily unharmed.

The team were called out again on Wednesday afternoon to rescue a 67-year-old man who had become stranded on some very steep ground below the head wall of Coire Daingean on the Glen Rosa side. He was rescued by the Argo Cat after he activated his personal emergency beacon sending an SOS message direct to local response teams.



HM Coastguard rescue helicopter taking part in the search. Photo David Hogg ARMT

Public meeting to discuss discovery centre

Plans for the proposed Arran Marine Discovery Centre will be discussed at a public meeting next week.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) would like all interested residents to attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 7pm at Lamlash Golf Club.

Brief presentation

COAST representatives will give a brief presentation, outlining their initial plans, location and phasing for the discovery centre.

After this there will open a question and answer session. As reported in The Banner earlier this month COAST has reached agreement with Lamlash Bowling Club to buy the shorefront pavilion and tennis courts for the new venture, which they believe could be a major tourist attraction.

A spokeswoman for COAST said: 'We are looking forward to your ideas, suggestions or concerns to help us shape this new community project for Lamlash.'

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Demolition bid for Glencloy farmhouse

An application has been made for the demolition of a six-bedroom traditional Scottish villa in Glencloy by the owners, after the rundown building was deemed to be beyond redemption.

Glencloy farmhouse, which was built in the late 19th century is on the gravel road leading into the glen and onto high Glencloy, and has spectacular views over the countryside and towards Brodick Bay.

Having spent its recent past as a three-star guesthouse, the imposing farmhouse has lain empty for several years and it is now believed to be suffering from severe dry rot, which has rendered its restoration as unviable. Owner Charles Fforde, on behalf of Strabane Enterprises, has applied to North Ayrshire Council planning department for permission to demolish the building. Dependant on planning permission being

approved, he will then lodge a further planning application for the erection of two three-bedroom cottages on the site, which has a large mature garden.

Neighbour notifications have been issued and the application is under consideration by planning officials.

Planning documents indicate that if permission for the new development is successful, work will begin on the new cottages in late summer.



The Glencloy farmhouse is in a bad state of repair and is derelict. 01_B17glencloy02



Glencloy farmhouse which might soon be demolished. 01_B17glencloy01

Communities can be 'eyes and ears' in fight against rogue trader crime

The game is up for rogue traders and cold callers trying to operate on Arran and throughout North Ayrshire.

That's the message from the council's trading standards team as they gear up for a major crackdown on the area's fraudsters.

The drive comes in response to increasing reports of people falling victim to unscrupulous tradesmen, mail and telephone scammers and dodgy dealers. Traditionally the number of incidents of doorstep crime increases at this time of year and people are now being urged to be

wary of any uninvited visitors. Often rogue traders who arrive at your door unannounced will attempt to use high pressure tactics to get people to sign up for a service or buy their goods.

This includes traders who claim that your home or garden is in need of urgent remedial work, those who charge unreasonable prices or increase the price as the work is undertaken, or those who take your deposit and don't return. Residents should never feel forced into letting someone into their home and should always ask any cold caller to produce a valid identification card. Additionally, you should never sign any paperwork without a witness present.

Working with Police Scotland, the crime busting partnership will be carrying out street patrols to 'catch' bogus workers on the job. The trading standards team is also keen to engage with local community groups and third sector organisations to act as the 'eyes and ears' to detect this sort of crime, while raising awareness within the local community.

Scott McKenzie, protective services manager, said: 'We

would like to reassure people that we are firmly committed to making sure that we protect the public and will target anyone who chooses to flout consumer laws and regulations. We will be working very closely with a number of partner agencies from across the UK to ensure effective compliance.

Chief Inspector Brian Shaw, area commander for North Ayrshire, said: 'We will not tolerate bogus callers and doorstep crime in our communities. It is totally unacceptable to gain the trust of someone only to turn it against them.

'This is in advance of Operation Monarda launching next week, the second year of our national campaign aimed at raising awareness of doorstep crime. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with North Ayrshire Council, and others, in an effort to raise awareness and keep people safe.

'Anyone with any concerns surrounding doorstep crime should contact police via 101.'

For trading standards advice email tradingstandards@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or call 01294 310100.

Exhibition winners

The results of the People's Choice voting at the recent Arran Visual Arts Easter exhibition, held at Lamlash community theatre, were as follows:

The winner was Janet Rawlin, whose *Mac and Belle* and *Rocky Shore* both received 14 votes. In second place was Jane Nichol's watercolour of *Harry* with 13 votes. Phil Holmes oil painting of Kings Cross beaches came third with 11 votes, Yvonne Bailey's *Transitions* had 10 votes and James Williamson's watercolour of Goatfell had seven votes.

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New moorings will be a boost for Arran's sailing tourism

Sailing tourism on Arran has been given a boost with the opening of new moorings around the island.

The investment is part of a wider strategy to increase visiting boats to North Ayrshire and encourage visitors to experience tourism attractions across the islands and mainland.

With new moorings now at Pirmill, Blackwaterfoot and Whiting Bay, in addition to those at Brodick and Lochranza, Arran is playing a key role in raising the area's profile as a quality sailing destination in the west of Scotland. Following more installations also at Cumbrae, the moorings project is targeting sailors from throughout Scotland, Northern Ireland and the South of England, with the message to come and experience world class sailing and enjoy local hospitality.

The new moorings project was initiated by consumer demand and has been brought to life following joint working

from VisitArran, Cumbrae Community Development Group and North Ayrshire Council. It was funded predominantly by the Big Lottery Coastal Communities Fund who provided £100,000 to develop and install the moorings, with North Ayrshire Council contributing a further £20,000.

The island community groups will be responsible for the ongoing management and maintenance of the moorings which officially opened at Easter.

The SetSail North Ayrshire project is about promoting all of the mooring berths in the area, not just council ones, including the moorings at Lam-lash operated by the Holy Isle ferry company.

Audrey Sutton, head of connected communities, at North Ayrshire Council, said: 'North Ayrshire offers some of the best sailing in Europe, with sheltered waters, breathtaking scenery, beautiful islands and superb facilities.



An atmospheric photograph of the moorings at Lam-lash, taken at sunset.


We're therefore committed to developing our marine leisure tourism for the economic benefit of our communities. The moorings project is a su-

perb example of community groups and the council once again working together to improve visitor experience and we are confident it will have

a positive impact on our tourism and local economy.'

A marketing campaign to promote the new moorings in the target areas has now

been launched. Set Sail 2016 includes leaflets, advertising and an extensive website can be found at www.setsail-northayrshire.co.uk






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Sands across the water

So there is, at last, sand on Brodick Beach and there is much to celebrate.

The fact that commerce, community and the authorities were able to come together and find a solution – which has seen sand from the seabed at the new ferry terminal across the bay to provide, much needed, sand cover on the once popular beach – has been a remarkable achievement.

Certainly the generosity of George Leslie Ltd to pay for the dredging and transfer of the sand is to be applauded. The company is committed to helping communities where it is working and it has certainly made a grand, and lasting, gesture on Arran.

But perhaps the biggest praise has to be saved for the community, and one organisation stands out by a mile – Brodick Improvements Committee. They have shown over the past days that they simply wouldn't take no for an answer. Their dogged determination to get all the permissions and permits needed to keep the sand in Brodick is testament to the administrative talent they have in their ranks. Other volunteers gave up their own time to help on the ground.

Could this have achieved on the mainland? Probably in the right places, but not, sadly, in the likes of Dumfries and Galloway where dozens of community councils were dissolved this week leaving whole communities without a voice.

Then there are the authorities. For North Ayrshire to waive planning permission for the sand to be stored on the low green, shows it has a real determination to allow this to happen. And it is no state secret that SEPA, and particularly Marine Scotland, are not the easiest of agencies to deal with, but it all came good in the end.

But there is still work to be done. We still need the final go ahead from Marine Scotland to get the sand spread on the beach, which we should have by the end of the month. Then we can all enjoy, with some satisfaction, a new beach for Brodick.

That will be a sight for sore eyes.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said: 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and other things will be given to you as well.' (Matthew 6:33)

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Letters to the Editor



Bring them back

Sir,
Following the letter in last week's Banner, I too have been wondering where all the hedgehogs on Arran have gone.

I don't think it's the badgers, as there were plenty of badgers around in Arran along with hedgehogs. I used to drive through from Kildonan to Brodick at about 6am and see a few every morning wandering or squashed on the roads. Countryside file says: 'Badgers and hedgehogs have lived in ecological balance for hundreds of thousands of years. It is mankind and modern farming practices in particular that are causing hedgehog numbers to decline.'

Neat gardens give no food and slug pellets can poison them – so use beer traps if possible and leave a wild area. An old Arran Voice article suggested it could have been the seal virus, that also wiped out the mink, that could have affected them.

On Arran there is enough wild habitat, so I don't think that is the problem here. I have noticed less earthworms when I dig. Maybe we should be trying to find out the real cause on Arran and what we can do to bring them back? Is there a breeding programme? Has anyone seen a hedgehog in the last five years? Are there any left on Arran? Can we reintroduce them?

If you make a hedgehog size hole on either side of your fence in garden it will allow them to wander. I think we need to study worms and insects and see if that's what is making the bird and hedgehog numbers decline.

Yours,
Zabdi Keen
Strathwillan Road
Brodick

Urgent priority

Sir,
I am a regular visitor to Arran and drove over the string road today. About two miles of it is in a scandalous and dangerous condition. It was bad enough in a car. However, I

regularly bring my road bike over to Arran and have cycled over the String road many times. Without urgent repairs it is only a matter of time before a cyclist is badly injured or worse on this road. There are lots of large potholes, a very uneven road surface and lots of loose stones and gravel on the road, and this on a section of road with steep climbs and descents. It really should be an urgent priority for North Ayrshire Council to repair this road before there is a serious accident.

Yours,
Nick Scott,
West Linton
Peebleshire

Motorhome site

Sir,
Regarding the problems with the siting of mobile homes. Has anyone thought about the abandoned site on the Corrie road. It was specifically pre-

pared and used in the 70s and 80s by the travelling people for their caravans, so has all the services in situ. I have no idea who owns this piece of

ground, but I think they are missing a great opportunity.
Yours,

Nancy MacLeod
Corrie



Reader Gavin Watson sent us this photograph of graffiti he spotted while walking in the mountains on the north coast of Mallorca last week. 'I thought you might find this amusing,' he said.

Tommy finds mum in old photo

Last week we published an old photograph of the Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music and asked if anyone knew when it was taken. Tommy Robison sent us this reply.

'Re your question on when the photo was taken, my money would be on anytime between 1956-1964.

Policeman

My mum is bottom right. Dad was the policeman in the days when the station was at what is now the restored Prospect House.

My dad was PC Tom Robison and my mum was Jennie Robison. Their memories live on

at the bowling club where I put up a mixed doubles trophy in their name. The lady 3rd in from left in bottom row is Vi Thomson, married to Tom Thomson, the 'vicar' in the middle of the back row. Tom was manager of the village bank when we were there, his son Alan to this day being my best friend.

Top left is the aforementioned in your article, Hamish Cook. Think I know a few other names but as I'm not 100 per cent certain, I'll leave it there.

We are still in touch with many in the village as we have a caravan at Cooper Angus.'



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Vali is doing well and is now helping others in Albania



Vali Gjonpalaj on her mobility scooter provided by the Valdete Trust.

The young Albanian woman who had life-changing surgery paid for by the people of Arran is now working to help others less fortunate.

Valdete Gjonpalaj spent eight months in Scotland while she had surgery and medical treatment for cerebral palsy.

All of this was paid for by people on Arran who raised £8,000 to help her, which she still finds amazing. She returned home in November 2009.

She also inspired Sue Davidson in the formation of the Valdete Trust. Since returning home Vali, as she likes to be called, has dedicated herself to helping other young disabled people in Albania who receive very little assistance in their home country.

Sue told *The Banner*: 'So many people stop us and ask how she is doing and she has very happy memories of the kindness she was shown

by the people of Arran. Vali asked me to send her best wishes to all of her friends on Arran.'

Vali is now 25 years old and works as the secretary and translator at the Valdete Trust daycare centre, working closely with Sue. She is also a student in the education programme the trust runs and has almost finished grade 8. She also benefits from the physiotherapy provided by the centre.

Cheerful

A bright and cheerful young lady, Vali is growing in confidence and, as determined as ever, she is now venturing out to enjoy simple pleasures in life, such as going out for coffee with friends, something that young adults in the UK would consider an everyday activity but which Vali previously would have found impossible.

The Valdete Trust recent bought her a mobility scoot-

er and Sue took it out to her on her recent visit. With her four sisters all married or engaged and leaving home, Vali needs to be more independent and now ventures out on her scooter and, while she was initially a little nervous of the speed, she is enjoying the benefits the mobility brings.

The Valdete Trust is an independent aid organisation that brings hope to Albania through the provision of a daycare centre near the capital Tirana for those suffering from muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy and other similar conditions.

They aim to help sufferers achieve some degree of independent living by providing wheelchairs, walking supports and disabled toilet aids.

The daycare centre also provides suitable education and training through recruiting local volunteer doctors, nurses and physiotherapists who work at the centre.

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Market report

United Auctions in String had forward 2,716 store cattle and cast cows as well as 4,762 prime and breeding sheep.

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An advanced student performs a splits leap. 01_B16gymnastics07



Some of the more advanced participants were able to perform the splits. 01_B16gymnastics05



The children give a cheer of thanks for the gymnastics camp. 01_B16gymnastics12

Jumping for joy at gymnastics camp

Words and photographs by COLIN SMEETON

Young gymnasts jumped at the chance to take part in the Easter gymnastics camp at the Arran High School over the two Mondays of the spring holidays.

Coaches

The camp was run by two professional coaches from Irvine New Town Gymnastics

Club and attracted around 25 youngsters, who took part in the fun activities.

Club coach Tracey Martin, who is also a gymnastics judge, taught the children how to perform the exercises, along with coach Hollie Alexander, before letting them practise on the vaults using springboards and trampolines.

The children were taught

how to do handsprings, front somersaults, as well as back walkovers and other floor skills. The more advanced children took part in acrobatics and many were able to show great skills of balance and agility and flexibility.

Physical

Coach Tracey said: 'The children love the physical activity and especially the jumping ex-

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A gymnast in mid-air during a forward front flip. 01_B16gymnastics02



An improvised forward flip and handstand off the trampoline. 01_B16gymnastics10



Tracey Martin guides a young gymnast over the vault box. 01_B16gymnastics01



Coach Tracey explains an exercise to the youngsters. 01_B16gymnastics03

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ercises and cartwheels. They are a great bunch and keen as mustard. I hope to see some of them at our summer camp later in the year.'

Flyers

The dates for the summer camp will be released by Active Schools coordinator Archie McNicol once they are available and flyers will be distributed closer to the time.



An enthusiastic young gymnast builds up speed before reaching the trampoline. 01_B16gymnastics08



Full steam ahead, this youngster gains momentum for her leap. 01_B16gymnastics04

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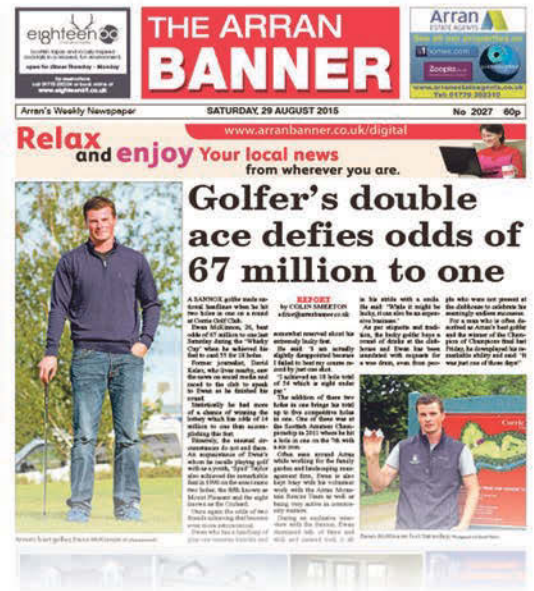
A student somersaults off the vault box. 01_B16gymnastics09



Cartwheels were one of the moves the youngsters enjoyed and were keen to perfect. 01_B16gymnastics06



The camp group pose with coaches Tracey Martin and Hollie Alexander. 01_B16gymnastics11



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Community land allotments are a gardeners dream

What can you get for a £1 these days? Well a lot more than you think at Arran Community Land Initiative (ACLI) in Whiting Bay.

For just £1 a week keen gardeners can rent an allotment to give them a year round

supply of fruit and vegetables.

ACLI has been granted planning permission by North Ayrshire Council for allotments and the initial site, measuring 1.3 hectares, will offer plots of varying sizes,

which growers can rent, as well as have the use of an indoor raised bed in a polytunnel. In addition to this, allotment holders can also make use of the hub building to relax, shelter, drink tea and chat to other growers. The hub is



Public allotments will be located on this field where the showcase allotment is sited.



Raised beds start taking shape on the showcase allotment.

also where free workshops and courses are held.

On the site, a showcase allotment is also being created which will be used as an educational resource where people, schools and interested parties can learn what can be done on an allotment, and to see these principles and methods in use.

Funding for this double-sized plot is already in place from Community Food and Health Scotland which will demonstrate allotment structures and ideas. This will be particularly useful for holding courses to support growers.

The planning permission will also pave the way for the creation of a community garden which will provide re-

laxation, recreation and food for local residents. This will also provide the opportunity for people to get their hands dirty in a collaborative effort, but without the commitment of renting their own plot.

Anyone interested in getting involved in developing the community garden is encouraged to get in touch with ACLI, which will be running regular sessions through the summer so that everyone can enjoy planning and planting the community garden.

The initiative was established in 2013 and aims to advance education, training and skills, and to encourage public participation on its 32 hectare (80 acre) piece of disused farmland in Whiting Bay, which was bought with a

grant from the Scottish Land Fund. The site sits to the west of Golf Course Road above Whiting Bay village and extends up to the forest to the west and to the Glenashdale track to the south.

To find out more about the allotments and the community land email: development@arranland.org or go along to the meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 7.30pm at Whiting Bay Golf Club.

The meeting will be an update on the first year of the community land development and will also be a curry night to celebrate the planning permission for the allotments. The cost is £12 per head and those interested are asked to please try to let organisers know in advance.

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Volunteers can be seen working on building raised beds on the showcase allotment.

Chalk pastel workshop sees a messy weekend of fun

Arran Visual Arts (AVA) welcomed Bryan Angus from Aberdeenshire to do a two-day chalk pastel workshop over the Easter weekend at the rangers centre at Brodick Castle, writes Lynda Davidson.

Bryan, who studied at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen, has a diploma in fine art. He runs residential art

workshop retreats from his home in Gardenstown, on the Banffshire coast. This was his first, and very successful, visit to Arran.

New techniques

Eleven people enjoyed learning new techniques using this medium, and created several pieces of artwork to take home.

Bryan was really interesting to watch as he demonstrated exercise pieces for us to work on individually, doing landscape and shapes through mark making, blending and under painting with the chalks using tonal values.

He had brought along a large selection of chalk pastels for us to use, together with rough



Artist Bryan Angus demonstrated pastel technique to AVA members.

Beetle drive rounds off successful winter session at Lamlash SWI

It's hard to believe that another winter session of Lamlash SWI is over, with the AGM taking place on Wednesday April 6.

After a warm welcome to those present from president Alison Thomson the meeting got under way and she quickly worked through the items on the agenda provided by the secretary Kathleen and the finance reports from treasurer Liz. Both reports showed evidence of another successful year and were proposed and seconded with no further matters arising.

Changes proposed for the coming session by the president included having an opening meeting in Septem-

ber, a Scots Night in January, an outing in May, and a smaller choice of catering at supper. Those were all agreed on willingly.

The result of the voting for the new committee was announced and the first meeting organised was held last Wednesday.

The craft tray and food tray meetings were also planned and as many people as were able were urged to attend. For further information contact Alison or Kathleen for dates and venues.

The in-house competition winner's trophy will be presented at a later date.

Jean McInnes had organised a beetle drive and,

amidst a great deal of noisy hilarity, members threw the dice furiously trying to be first to complete their Betty Beetle. Gaining most points, a very proud Carole was presented with her gold medal and ribbon.

This was followed by the raffle and a delicious buffet supper, with all items and drinks supplied by members.

On a final cheerful note, Liz presented Alison and Kathleen with flowers to show the members' appreciation for all their hard work over the winter session and their part in making Lamlash a very happy institute to be part of.

Janet Mair



AVA members proudly show off their artwork, some with decorated faces.

boards he had created, which he uses himself to paint on.

On the second day, he worked on a portrait from a photograph he'd been given by one of the class, which was amazing to see come to life. There were also a variety

of cards and books available to purchase of his own work, which is mainly in chalk pastel oils and lino-cut prints.

We all had great messy fun with the chalks and all enjoyed the banter and laughs, being together and creating

memories through our art work.

The AVA hopes to welcome Bryan back again to Arran, as he uses several mediums and different styles of art which would certainly make another interesting workshop

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Meningitis scare

A 12-year-old boy was airlifted to Cross-house Hospital on Monday with suspected meningococcal meningitis. The diagnosis has not been confirmed but because meningitis is so difficult to diagnose and because of the speed at which it can become dangerous; the child has been administered medication.



Intrepid aviator David Murchie is making good progress on his home-built twin-seater aircraft. First featured in 1995 in *The Banner*, the framework is now complete except for the detachable front wings. The next job is the skin of the aircraft and then the engine goes in before David can take to the skies high above the Shiskine valley. B17twe05

The only people that the youth has been in contact with has been his immediate family and they too have received treatment. The Shiskine boy is believed to now be out of danger and is recovering well.

Stagecoach strike

There is a hint that Stagecoach Buses on Arran might be going on strike. Meetings have been taking place with Stagecoach Western with a view of balloting employees over strike action. The dispute is over pay and conditions and particularly over the starter rate of pay offered to new drivers who have started since April 1995.

Next month during May will also see the return of the open top bus that runs tours to the castle and back and shortly a heritage bus, which was used in the TV series *Take the High Road*, will be visiting Arran shores.

Post Office Upgrade

Kildonan Post Office has from this week onwards been given an upgrade to give it a full post office service. Russell and Elspeth Cheshire who have been there for 18 months applied to the post office and are now able to offer National Savings, Giro Banking and a full financial services. Only road tax and passports services cannot be offered, but they can be obtained at the Brodick Post Office.

East side broadcast

A new television station Channel 5 is to begin broadcasting programmes on 1 January 1997 but it will only be available on the east side of Arran due to reception coverage. Luckily this covers 70 per cent of the Arran population which is probably good going as the national coverage is expected to be well below 70 per cent.



These are the two ladies golf teams of Lamlash and Shiskine that were finalists for the Kiscadale Salver last week. They are from l to r; Fiona Crawford, Sheena Murchie, Ellie Jones, Liz Crofts, Yvonne Brothers, Karen Haggarty, Lizz Kerr and Pat Adamson. B17twe01



A duel retirement ceremony was held at the castle this week. Castle administrator Olive Raymond was retiring after seven year, while John Sillars was retiring from gardening after 20 years. Pictured from l to r; Charles and Olive Raymond and John and Grace Sillars. Olive is hoping to spend more time in her garden, while John will have more than enough on his plate as Arran's first representative on North Ayrshire Council. B17twe02



Gillian McCreadie of Lochranza Distillery inspects the new stickers that have been applied to all of Stagecoach's buses on Arran. The aim of the advertising is to attract visitors to the guided tours at the distillery which are very busy and which will get even busier once the new visitor centre is completed. B17twe04



Brodick Players and the Shiskine Drama Club got together last Friday for a repeat performance of two of their plays from last February's Drama Festival in Shiskine Hall. B17twe03

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 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Pirrmill Primary School, noon-2pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm

Sunday 24th April

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Open Session – All musicians & Singers welcome
 Live music – Biffy sings Jazz
 Ormidale 10k

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 2pm
 Ormidale Park, Brodick 12 noon

Monday 25th April

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

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

Tuesday 26th April

Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 RunArran Run Coaching
 Open Cricket Session
 Lamlash Drama Club
 Winter Bowls
 Flow Yoga
 Arran COAST Marine meeting

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 9-10.30am
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am-1pm
 Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
 Arran High School, 6.30-9pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm
 Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
 Lamlash Golf Club, 7-9pm

Wednesday 27th April

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Yoga-Arran
 Live music
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog classes
 Knitting & Crochet drop in group
 Vile Victorians
 Flow Yoga
 Lamlash Save the children Lunch
 Lamlash Moorings AGM

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

Thursday 28th April

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Cardiac Rehab
 Burger & Quiz night
 Winter Bowls
 Tennis senior club night
 Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
 Quilt Arran
 Flow Yoga
 Spring snacks
 Dementia Music Matters
 WBay & Kildonan Save the children coffee morning

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 9-10.30am
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
 Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
 Balmichael Centre, 7pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm-4.30pm
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Lochranza Field Centre, 11am-2pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm-4pm
 WBay Hall, 10.30-12.30

Friday 29th April

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 Arran Vets – Surgery
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo
 Frydays at Lochranza Field centre
 Coffee Morning

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45-10.45am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 9am - 10.30am and 3-4pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7-8.30pm
 Field Centre, Lochranza, 5.30-8pm
 Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am



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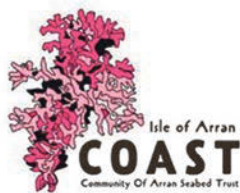
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Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine*, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
16/00280/PP; Khartoum, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DE; Erection of detached single storey craft workshop.

REVIEW OF NORTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME

Notice is hereby given, in terms of Section 53 of the Local Government, Etc. (Scotland) Act 1973, of adoption of a revised North Ayrshire Community Council Scheme.

At a Special Meeting on 30 March 2016, the Council considered consultation responses received during the third and final period of public consultation which ended on 25 March 2016. The Council agreed to approve (i) the retention of four community councils serving the wider Irvine area from four at present (Irvine, Dreghorn, Girdle Toll and Springside) and (ii) the inclusion of an option to allow postal and/or electronic voting in community council elections. These matters were approved in addition to changes previously approved by the Council at a Special Meeting on 17 February 2016.

A copy of the Community Council Scheme is available for public inspection:-

- in Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE (via Committee Services, Chief Executive's Service)
- at North Ayrshire Council's website (www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



Lamlash Moorings Association

AGM

Wednesday 27th April 2016

at 7.30pm

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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday, 24th April

Holy Communion, 11.00 am.

Mr John Roberts.

Coffee after service.

Wednesday, 27th April

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together

Minister:

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

Sunday 24th April

Lochranza Church

9.30am Morning Worship.

Pirnmill Church

10.45am Morning Worship.

Shiskine Church

12noon Morning Worship.

Brodick Church

10.30am Morning Worship.

Corrie Church

11.30am Prayer Meeting,

12noon Morning Worship

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 24th April

Rev Dr Ian MacLeod

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30 am

In Lamlash:

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Please bring your own flask!

Shortbread will be provided

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(continuing)

Sunday 24th April

Morning Service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge, Glen

Estate, Brodick

Evening Service. 6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 24th April

Tea and Coffee after the service.

Wednesday at 7.30pm

Home Fellowship Group for

Bible Study and Prayer.

Contact phone no 600222

Everyone warmly invited

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)

Sunday 24th April

The Sacrament of

Communion will be celebrated

by the minister, Rev Elizabeth

Watson, at 10.30am.

All who love the Lord will be

most welcome at His table.

There will be the usual activities

for our young people in the

Church Hall.

Tea and coffee will be served in

the transept after the service.

All very welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 24th April

Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 24th April

Tea and Coffee after the service.

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 24th April

Shiskine 11am (Church on road

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Machrie)

Brodick 6pm (Church behind

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Rev Benjamin von Rensberg

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Alex was greatly loved by us

all and will be sadly missed

by many.

We would like to thank the

Rev Angus Adamson for his

fitting eulogy at the moving

service in Holmsfordbridge

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Thanks also are due to Clair

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Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday April 13, Daniel

Ferguson Trophy, 14 played. 1

J McNally 49-8=41, 2 H Bannatyne

47-3=44, BIH, 3 W Paton

47-3=44. Scratch, H Bannatyne

47, BIH. Magic twos,

H Bannatyne @10th. Hamish

wins the Daniel Ferguson Tro-

phy.

Sunday April 17, AGA Arran

Grouse Foursomes. 1 Mike

Hesp and Colin Rutterford

44.5, 2 John Salton and Willie

McNally 45.5, 3 Jack McNally

and Quintin Oliver 51.

Final (top two pairs will pro-

gress) is at Shiskine on Satur-

day September 10. 1pm tee off,

18 holes.

Ladies section: Thursday

April 14, Ladies 12-Hole Med-

al, 6 played, PAR 44, CSS 44.

1 and scratch, Esther Hender-

son 60-16=44, 2 Isobel Mac-

Donald 62-11=51. Congratu-

lations Esther.

Fixtures: Sunday April 24,

Gents 12-Hole Medal, 1pm

start. Thursday April 28, Rock

Plate for both ladies and gents,

1pm tee-off or 5.30pm shotgun

start. Saturday April 30, gents

Stableford, 12-Hole Open.

Please phone 860226 to book

a time between 9am and 4pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday April 13, Summer

Trophy. After a wet Tuesday

and early Wednesday morning,

the weather relented enough to

let us get the Summer Trophy

under way.

A reasonable turnout of 10

determined golfers saw Jamie

Stewart continue his fine re-

cent form with a scratch 64

to lead the field on 59 net. 1

Jamie Stewart (5)-59 and low-

est gross, 2 Nicol Auld (4)-62,

3 Adam Kelso (13)-63. CSS

stayed at 63 and there were

magic twos from Adam Kelso

at 4th, David Morrison at 11th

and Jamie Stewart at 13th.

Sunday April 17, Medal. The

early draw proved surpris-

ingly popular for the April medal

with most of the field of 11



Hamish Bannatyne with the Daniel Ferguson Trophy he won at Shiskine.

choosing to go out early - there must have been something on the telly.

Conditions were so tricky that the CSS went out to its maximum of 66 but that didn't stop Gus Macleod who stormed home with a magnificent net 59 to win by eight clear shots.

He really had his eye in! Well played Gus. 1 Gus Macleod (10) 59 and lowest gross, 2 John Simmons (12)67acb, 3 Stan Rainey (10)67, 4 Jamie Macpherson (5)69. Magic twos went to Kevin McAleney at 4th and 16th and to Jamie Macpherson at 5th.

Fixtures: Sunday April 24, Wolfi and Gege's Stableford, ladies and gents competitions with 10am draws for rolling starts. Wednesday April 27, The Richard Parfitt Stableford. Friday April 29, AGA Seniors Bowl. 5pm start at Brodick.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday April 12, Arran

Grouse. 1 B Sherwood and W.Kelso 72.5, 2 P Betley and R Betley 75, 3 M Hesp and C Laing 75.5.

Fixtures: Tuesday April 26, Peter Sutton and Lady Mary, 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Sunday May 1, AGA Spring Handicap at Machrie, entry sheets available in clubhouses.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday April 14, Summer Cup. Chris Pattenden (13) 61, Terry Raeside (10) 64, Jimmy Armit (11) 65, Scratch, Greg McCrae 74 acb. Great score by Chris, which proves that practising does bring success!

Sunday April 17, British Legion Cup, Stableford. Bruce Jenkins (8)40 pts, David Hendry (15) 39 pts, Iain MacDonald (7)38 pts. Bruce's third magic two of the round, which came at the 18th, proved decisive.

Fixture: Sunday April 24, Belhaven Medal.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday April 13, Wednesday Sweep. Dry overhead but wet underfoot with the greens in great condition.

Allan Napier celebrated his 70th birthday with a victory, Greame Andrew was second. 1 A Napier 66-7=59, 2 G Andrew 71-10=61, 3 S Beardsley 70-8=62. Scratch A Napier 66. Stephen Beardsely scooped the magic twos pot with his 2 at 17.

Saturday April 16, Saturday Sweep. Return to form for Jim McConnochie with

two steady halves to win by two from Mathew MacDonald. 1 J McConnochie 69-8=61, 2 Mathew MacDonald 78-15=63, 3 B Rooney 79-13=66. Scratch J McConnochie 69.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday April 14, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 D Currie 81-20=61, 2 M Wren 72-10=62, 3 J Henderson 82-18=64. Magivc twos M Wren (3), Alan Smith and W Currie.

Sunday April 17, Hugh Hutchison Greensome. 1 A Crawford and M Wren 74-10.8=63.2, 2 J O'Sullivan and Alan Smith 79-13.4=65.6.

Fixture: Sunday April 24, Drift Inn Quaich (Stableford), 9.30am and 12.30pm starts.

Arran Golfers Association

The AGA 2016 season starts with a bang, for seniors, handicap and juniors - golfers take notes for your diaries.

Wednesday April 27, Association AGM in Lamlash Golf Clubhouse from 8.30pm

Friday April 28, Seniors Bowl, 1st round at Brodick Golf Club, 2nd round Friday, May 6 with final on Friday, May 13 - all games starting from 5pm.

Sunday May 1, Spring Handicap at Machrie Bay, draw at AGM. Qualifiers for the Thomson match play 1st round by May 22, 2nd by June 5, 3rd on June 11 at 1pm with final at 5pm. Monday May 2, Junior handicap at Machrie Bay 4pm.

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Round Arran relay ride to raise cash for charity

'I have been totally overwhelmed by the support'

The local horse riding community of Arran will be taking part in a relay ride round the island this weekend in memory of Amanda Saville who sadly lost her battle with cancer in February.

Amanda, an award winning disability coach, ran the Chariots of Fire Driving Centre near Lockerbie and established the Charity Sports Driving Unlimited, which makes the sport of carriage driving more widely available to anyone who is disadvantaged, has a disability or is terminally ill.

Everyone taking part has been kindly sponsored and there will be a massive raffle and auction taking place tomorrow (Saturday) at The Drift Inn, Lamlash, at 9pm. All money raised for this event will be donated to the Sports Driving Unlimited in Amanda's Memory.

Event organiser, and friend of Amanda's, Janis Murchie

said: 'I have been totally overwhelmed by the support and backing from everyone taking part, business' that have donated prizes and the local Arran community. I really can't thank everyone enough.

'I would also like to take this opportunity to ask drivers to please pass the horses and riders widely and slowly as we make our way around the island for this fantastic cause, your patience really is appreciated.'

The relay ride starts at noon today (Friday) at the Ormisdale Park Pavilion and will travel anti-clockwise round the island. The ride will reach Lochranza on Friday night and by Saturday afternoon will reach Corriecravie, returning on Sunday via Whiting Bay and Lamlash, with Janis and another carriage driver driving the ponies through Brodick at around 4.45pm to the finish.



The late Amanda Saville teaching a youngster carriage driving.

Three hundred runners set to hit the trail

The first Arran Coastal Way 12km trail run on Saturday April 30 looks set to be fantastic event, with all of the 300 available places for runners

taken up. Nearly 85 per cent of people are coming from the mainland to enjoy the run, as well as our island and its' hospitality.

The off-road route is based around Blackwaterfoot, starting and finishing on the beach below Shiskine Golf Course, and taking in Drumadon and

King's Cave. The race starts at 12.30pm and most competitors will have finished by 2.30pm.

Organised by the Arran

Coastal Way team, they have been assisted in the organisation by Laura Aitcheson of RunArran, and a number of members of the island running club are also taking part.

Thank

Coastal Way project co-ordinator Rachel Sedman said: 'We would like to thank the many businesses who have supported the event, including RunArran, Arran Cheese Shop, Brodick Bunkhouse/The Douglas Hotel, Shiskine Golf Club, The Arran Butcher, Wooleys Bakers, Gillian's Handmade Sweets, Arran Aromatics, The Old Byre Visitor Centre, The Kinloch Hotel, Brodick Cop, Thomson Construction, Blackwaterfoot Bakehouse, Arran Graphics, Forestry Commission, Shiskine Valley Improvements Committee, Shiskine Hall, Arran Coastguard and more.'

If you would like to be involved in the event, either marshalling or welcoming and directing people, please contact Rachel on: 01770 303926 or by email at: arran@coastalway.co.uk

New bowling season begins

Brodick Bowling Club open their season on Saturday, April 30 at 2pm, and extend an invitation to all island bowlers to join them on that day. The club is keen to encourage anyone who wants to try out the game to come along any weekday between the hours of 10.30am and 4.30pm, when the green and tennis courts are open to the public.

Members will be on duty each day and are very willing to explain the game to novices who want to have a go. Age is no barrier, as the club has sets of bowls for youngsters as well.

The club's rink games are held at 6.45pm each Monday and Wednesday, and on Saturdays at 2pm, and an open invitation to join in, or try it out for the first time, is extended to all.

Summer bridge

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer competition on Monday, April 18 were as follows: 1 Jan Beattie and Margaret McGill, 2= Jennifer Mc Arthur and Liz Robertson, 2= Jim Peacock and John Baraclough.



Part of the coastal path the runners will use.

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Heartbreak for Arran as final minutes prove very costly

Arran RFC 14 Cumbernauld 17

Arran Rugby Club were beaten in heartbreaking fashion on Saturday as they went down 14-17 against Cumbernauld at Ormidale Park.

Arran were looking to build on last weekend's good solid home win against Strathendrick, and playing against the team directly above them in the league Arran were keen to earn key points in their battle against relegation.

The home side named a strong starting line up, however captain Neil McMaster and centre Gregor Adamson remained sidelined through injury.

Conditions were ideal for running rugby and Arran made the perfect start to the game with a try in the opening minutes.

Lachlan Jones made a lovely break in the mid-field following a well-timed pass from Frazer Barr, and

showed good pace to out-run the covering defence for a well executed score. Barr was unfortunately off target with the conversion, giving Arran a 5-0 lead.

This advantage was immediately reduced to 5 - 3 as the home side conceded a needless penalty at the restart which was well converted by the visiting scrum half. Both sides struggled to exert their dominance for the rest of the half with the only further score coming from the boot of Barr, who landed a easy penalty giving Arran a 8-3 lead at the break.

In the second-half more ill discipline from Cumbernauld allowed Barr to further stretch Arran's lead with a well struck penalty. This seemed to spark the visitors into life and they pinned Arran back in their own 22, as the home line out started to misfire.

This pressure finally paid

off with 20 minutes to go as the Cumbernauld pack rumbled over from close range. The visiting scrum half made no mistake with the conversion cutting the home lead to a single point. The Arran cause was further damaged as Barr withdrew from the action, nonetheless Arran managed to force a penalty with around 5 minutes to go and Iain 'Keeno' Keen stepped up and coolly slotted the ball between the uprights giving Arran a 14-11 lead with minutes remaining.

All Arran had to do was retain possession and see out the match, but they were unable to do so as a lack of composure cost them dear. Arran had the ball in the final play of the match, however Keeno, the hero moments before, critically missed touch with his kick, handing possession back to Cumbernauld.

The visitors took full ad-



Robbie MacDonald dodges a diving tackle during a surging run.

Photos: Christopher Hogge

vantage of their reprieve and worked the ball through the phases into the Arran 22.

From here they shipped the ball wide and managed to score in the corner with the home defence stretched. The try was converted giving the jubilant visitors a 17-14 victory and cruelly denying Arran a much-needed victory.

The home side can have few complaints about the result as they had the opportunity to see out the game but were unable to do so as a lack of composure allowed basic errors creep into their play, handing the win to Cumbernauld.

As has so often been the case this season Arran competed well for 80 minutes but were unable to get the win they so desperately needed.

They will have to pick themselves up for today (Saturday) when they face a tough away trip to Waysiders Drumpellier in Coatbridge.



John Mulholland is met by a high tackle as he tries to force his way through.



A Cumbernauld player takes a blow as he tries to stop Liam Boal.

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