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Three in a row as Kenny goes back to Holyrood

REPORT

by HUGH BOAG

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Arran went to the polls last week with SNP supporters helping to re-elect Kenneth Gibson as the Cunninghame North MSP.

It is the third time in a row he has won an election for the seat, at the same time the SNP was re-elected to an unprecedented third term in government. Mr Gibson, standing for the SNP, was re-elected with 16,587 votes – increasing his majority to 8,724 and securing more than half of all votes cast.

Conservative Jamie Greene overtook Labour and came second with 7,863 votes taking 24.6 per cent of the vote, an increase of 10.9 per cent on the 2011 results. He was elected as a list MSP for West Scotland.

Polled

Labour slid down to third place with 6,735 votes and the Liberal Democrats polled 780 votes in the Cunninghame North poll.

A delighted Mr Gibson told *The Banner*: 'I would like to thank everyone on the island who campaigned so hard and who voted for me overwhelmingly to represent them, their community and Arran at Holyrood.'

'We campaigned on a very positive message and people see that the SNP Government has been busy delivering for the island, such as the new Brodick harbour, affordable housing, road equivalent tariff and the South Arran Marine Protected Area.'

Priorities

'My priorities continue to be inward investment, job creation, improving our education system, digital connectivity, NHS and the integration of health and social care.'

Surgeries

'I have already held my first three surgeries on Arran since being re-elected and look forward to working on the legislative challenges ahead while continuing to be an accessible and assiduous MSP for Arran.'

Mr Gibson, 54, a former Glasgow City Councillor, was first elected as an MSP in 1999.

The sun shone for polling day last Thursday, May 5, as the Arran electorate cast their votes.

Steady

Polling stations round the island reported a fairly steady flow of people throughout the day.

As the clock passed the 10pm deadline and the



Carter Chappell and fellow pupils with dad Graham and the supercar outside the school. 01_B20lamba01

Lamborghini supercar makes pit stop in Brodick

Brodick Primary six pupil Carter Chappell shares a love of supercars with his dad Graham. So when tasked with a school project on a subject of interest to him, he chose Italian car maker Lamborghini.

While Carter occupied himself with the written work, detailing his interest in the high performance world of supercars, his father was busy dealing with Scotland's only Lamborghini dealership in Edinburgh to add a bit of high octane power to the project. And, having

worked with Lamborghini Edinburgh before, he managed to secure one of only three 2016 Lamborghini Huracan LP580-2's in Scotland for his son's project, and which he took to Brodick Primary on Wednesday to the delight of the schoolchildren.

Favourite car

Carter said: 'My favourite car is the Lamborghini Aventador. My dad and I have also driven in a Lamborghini Diablo which we took to a charity show.'

The Lamborghini Huracan is a

mid engine 5.2 litre V10, capable of doing 199 mph and is constructed of aluminium and carbon fibre. The Italian marque is owned by Audi. This model is currently for sale at £192,500 but with the accessories and options this can easily climb to £200,000.

Graham also used the Lamborghini's visit to Arran to raise money for Alzheimer Scotland, a charity close to his heart, which he raises money for with car talks across the country.

polls closed, ballot boxes arrived at Brodick Pier for onward transportation to the Ayrshire coast.

Admiralty pilot cutter *Clyde Spirit*, belonging to Serco Marine Services, had slipped into Brodick Bay

earlier to take delivery of 14 sealed ballot boxes from Arran, under the watchful eye of the police, be-

fore setting off at 11pm for Ardrossan and the election count for Cunninghame North constituency.



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Propeller problems for ferry

Arran has been without its second summer ferry since last week after a technical fault put the MV Isle of Arran off the main Brodick to Ardrossan route.

The vessel, which only started full-time on the route at the end of April, has an issue with a propeller control system which first became apparent on Saturday.

A spokesman for Caledonian MacBrayne said: 'The manufacturer attended the vessel on Tuesday to make adjustments to the system which improved it slightly but not enough to allow the vessel to return to service. More checks and adjustments were carried out through the night and the vessel undertook sea trials on Wednesday morning. The outcome of these trials will determine whether the vessel goes back into service or has to go into dry dock for a permanent repair.'

'We apologise for any inconvenience caused and will provide an update as soon as we have one,' he added.

Double celebration for Jamie gets a list seat

Conservatives in North Ayrshire and Arran had double reason to celebrate after their Cunninghame North candidate Jamie Greene became a list MSP. They were also delighted that the Conservatives beat Labour into second place in Cunninghame North for the first time in a Scottish Parliamentary election.

Mr Greene said: 'I am deeply proud and honoured to have been elected to serve the West of Scotland in the Scottish Parliament. It's hard to say if I was more excited about coming second in Cunninghame North, overtaking Labour, or learning

that I had been returned as an MSP. I am absolutely thrilled at the result, we fought hard in our local campaign and I am proud of the team which helped get me elected.'

Before the night of the election Mr Greene was second on the West Scotland regional list, after Jackson Carlaw MSP. Jackson managed to win his local constituency seat of Eastwood which projected Jamie into pole position on the regional list.

Jamie, 36, was born in Greenock and lived in the Gibbshill estate in his early years. He attended St John's Primary and St Stephen's High School, both in Port

Glasgow. Jamie holds dual UK/Canadian citizenship, his mother was born in Toronto, Ontario.

He now lives in a small rented house near Dalry.

He said: 'I guess I am not a typical Conservative. I have neither the family history nor provenance of what people perceive a typical Tory to be, but my experiences in life made me a Conservative. Our party is a modern, diverse and welcoming home for centre-right thinkers. My commitment to making Scotland, and the UK, a better place to be born into, grow up in, be educated in and grow old in, is the reason I joined the party and the reason I wanted to get into politics. It's been tough, and sometimes it's not easy sticking your neck out, but I'd like to think that people will see me as down to earth, personable and hard working. I look forward to this new chapter in my life.'

He concluded: 'Overall, it was a great night for the Scottish Conservatives, we returned 31 MSPs, our

biggest and best result ever. That makes us the second largest party in Holyrood and allows us to become the official Opposition to the government. I look forward to working with Ruth Davidson and my new team of Conservative colleagues on forming a pro-active, hard-working opposition which holds the government to account.'

Full results

Here are the full results for the Cunninghame North constituency

The total number of votes given to each candidate was as follows:

Johanna Baxter, Scottish Labour Party 6,735

Kenneth Gibson, Scottish National Party 16,587

Jamie Greene, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party 7,863

Charity Pierce, Scottish Liberal Democrats 780.

The total number of votes cast was 32,121. Percentage turnout was 57.7 per cent - this compares to 52.5

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Jamie Greene and supporters after his list victory.



Kenneth Gibson celebrates with his election agent Linda Nicholson at the count.



per cent in the last Scottish parliamentary elections held in 2011. The total number of rejected ballot papers was 156.

Cunninghame North regional result: RISE - 219, Scottish Christian Party - 272, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party - 7,951, Scottish Green Party - 1,488, Scottish Labour Party - 5,861, Scottish Liberal Democrats - 641, Scottish Libertarian Party - 39, Scottish National Party - 14,703, Solidarity - 216, UK Independence Party - 656.

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Roadworks start on Monday which will cause serious disruption to drivers using The String road.

Major carriageway resurfacing works on B880 at The String summit will require a combination of both road closure and traffic signals.

As the works get underway on Monday the road will be open, but with traffic signals.

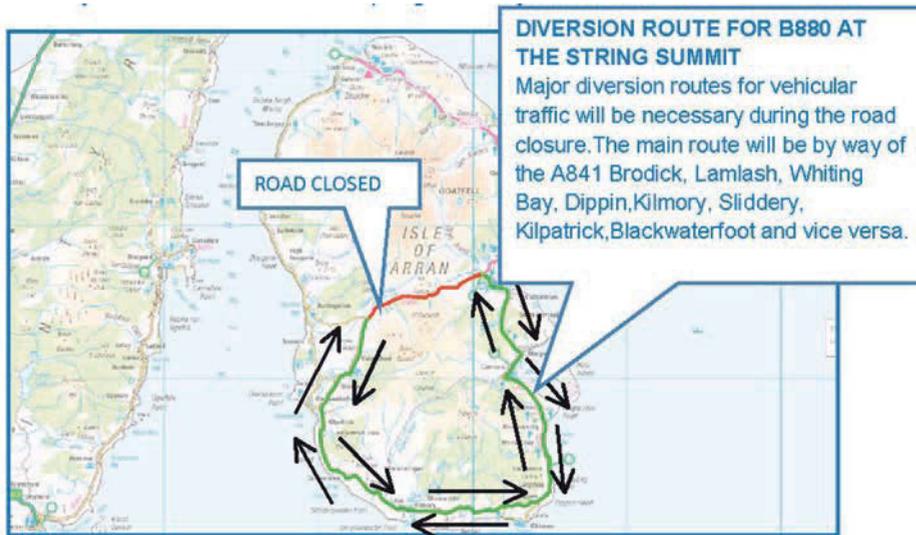
On May 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 26 the road will be closed periodically between the hours of 9.30am-12.15pm and 1pm-3.30pm. On May 19 and 20 the road will be open however there will be traffic signals in place, but will open as normal next Saturday and Sunday.

Major diversion routes for vehicular traffic will be necessary during the road closure period and North Ayrshire Council has produced posters with a map showing a diversion around the whole south of the island.

The £100,000 essential emergency repair works will be carried out on a 1.2km section of the badly potholed road from the summit outside Brodick towards Shiskine.

While the road will require to be closed for set periods on six of the 11 days, the council is making special local arrangements with contractors John Thomson Construction Ltd

(place), said: 'We are really keen to start these essential works on The String as soon as possible. This particular section of road has deteriorated quickly and is now a priority for us.



The council has produced a map showing the diversion required when the road is closed. b20string01NO

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Craig Hatton, the council's executive director

'We've spoken to a number of local businesses, community groups and other stakeholders to ensure we minimise any disruption as far as possible. We have listened to their views and are being as flexible as possible.'

* See letters page

Sandy beach

Get your buckets and spades ready. Brodick should have a new beach by this time next week.

A final licence from Marine Scotland, to allow the sand to be spread on the beach, is expected to be with Brodick Improvements by the end of the week, which could see work start as early as the weekend. The sand, which was dredged from the foundations of the new ferry terminal was gifted to the village last month by contractors George Leslie Ltd.

Seal death

A probe into the death of a seal pup discovered during a music festival at North Sannox has concluded that there was no criminality involved.

The investigation was held by Police Scotland and the SSPCA following the discovery of the seal in a marquee at the Deoch and Dorus Festival last Saturday.

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Pickers, bags and gloves will be provided by the organisers. Volunteers will meet outside the Lamlash Co-op and are asked to wear stout footwear. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Meanwhile, congratulations to Sandra and Neil Morrison of Lamlash who won £100 in the May draw of the Lamlash Improvements 50-50 Club.

The next draw is at the meeting on Thursday, June 9, at Lamlash fire station. New faces are always welcome. Just come along or you can contact Stuart Turner on 600056.

Koffee for Kalimpong

The Friends of Dr Graham's Homes are holding a Koffee for Kalimpong morning at Corrie Village Hall on Saturday, May 21, from 10.30am until noon. As usual there will be delicious home baking, bric a brac and, hopefully, some plants for sale.

One of the organisers said: 'Not to be missed is the fabulous raffle, stimulating company and interesting chat. Please come along and support the Children of Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong. We would love to see you there.'

Craig picks up top excellence award

Craig Lindsay from The Douglas Hotel has picked up prestigious award.

He was named food and beverage manager of the year at the recent Scottish Hotel Awards.

He collected his prize at the 13th annual awards gala dinner which was held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Edinburgh.

Prestigious event

More than 400 people, in-

cluding a delegation from the Brodick hotel, attended the prestigious event to celebrate the accomplishments of Scotland's best hotels and hospitality professionals.

Hotel manager Elaine Campbell said: 'We are really proud of Craig's award. Both he and housekeeping supervisor Janey Clugston were nominated as 'People of Excellence' for their departments, so for Craig to go on and win the national award is wonderful.

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David trains in Oman



Lance Corporal David Burns, pictured in Oman.

A Whiting Bay soldier recently took part in a training exercise in the blistering heat of the Sultanate of Oman.

Lance Corporal David Burns, 23, who serves with B Company, The Highland Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (2 Scots), took part in the exercise designed to forge links with other armed forces in the Sultanate of Oman.

Scots soldiers trained alongside troops from the Royal Army of Oman's parachute battalion as part of exercise Jebel Storm.

Major John Dunn, officer commanding B Company, said: 'The exercise has allowed 2 Scots, reinforced

by reservists from 6 Scots, and the Omanis' parachute battalion to train together in the Jebel Al Akhdar region of the country. It also assisted in forging a closer relationship between the two units.

Excellent

'The exercise went very well and was an excellent opportunity for 2 Scots to improve its war fighting skills following a successful deployment to Afghanistan on Operation Toral.'

The 2nd Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland forms part of the Scottish based 51st Infantry Brigade, which has international defence engagement responsibility for the Middle East.



Volunteers enjoy a well earned break during the construction work.

New meditation platform built on Holy Isle

An old stone jetty on Holy Isle has been converted into a brand new meditation platform.

A band of intrepid volunteers made the journey from all over the UK to Holy Isle to work on the new platform for the Centre for World Peace and Health on the island last month.

The project was organised by Andy and Denise Spragg, Ken Robertson and David Miller, and David, as a civil engineer, was project manager.

The £5,000 cost of the materials was paid for following a successful crowd funding campaign, which *The Banner* reported on last September, and via the supporters of the Holy Isle pro-

ject and Re-Vitalise, Denise and Andy's company, which has held retreats on the island for 10 years.

On a very wet Saturday, many lengths of timber and thousands of screws, bolts and other ironmongery were loaded onto The Ocean Breeze RIB and transport-

ed across to Holy Isle, where the volunteer team of David, Ken, Andy, Denise, assisted by Imelda Maguire, Deb Olujic, Kate Wilding, Carol Pratt, Natalie McCall, John Turner and Jack Attewell, began the task of realising the vision that Ken and David originally had in 2013.



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HMS Vandal submariners remembered after 73 years

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her anchorage on Christmas Eve 1943 at Lochranza.

A Royal Navy search of the area north of Arran finally located the wreck in June 1994, 300ft below the surface.

Speaking after the ceremony, conducted by the Rev Iain MacLeod and attended by politicians and local residents, North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson said: 'I was honoured to attend this ceremony and, with Councillor John Bruce, lay a wreath and pay my respects to those men who were lost on that fateful day.'

Coastguard Fiona Laing read out the name of each man lost, which was very moving. Each name represented a tragedy, a family devastated, a life cut short.

She said: 'It is right and fitting that these men, and all those lost in wars, are remembered. They paid the ultimate price to protect us all and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude.'



Patricia Gibson MP, Councillor John Bruce and Coastguard Fiona Laing at the HMS Vandal war memorial.



The group who attended the ceremony.

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Auctioneers return to treasure island

Following a successful visit last year, auctioneers will be returning to Arran next week in a bid to uncover more hidden treasures.

The team from McTear's gave several islanders the surprise of their life last year when a rare Chinese Bronze Foe Dog and spectacular coin collection were discovered during the visit.

The Chinese antique, which featured a female dog lying with a young dog, later sold for £3,400, while the collection of gold sovereigns and highly collectable coin sets was snapped up by collectors for £8,000.

Now auctioneers are look-

ing for islanders to have another look under their beds and in their cupboards for hidden items of jewellery, artworks, whisky and antiques.

'Arran may be known for its beautiful scenery but, judging from several visits over the past year, it also boasts some beautiful antiques too,' said McTear's valuations manager and Asian arts expert, Magda Ketterer.

'We made some fantastic discoveries when we last visited the island and I have no doubt there are some other hidden treasures waiting to be uncovered.'



A rare coin collection discovered in Arran fetched £8,000 at auction.

The team will be on Arran on Monday, May 16, and Tuesday, May 17, and anyone looking for a valuation should contact Magda Ketterer on 0141 810 2880 or email magda@mctears.co.uk.

McTear's is one of the UK's leading auction houses and has gained reputation for achieving top prices for lots of fine art, whisky and jewellery.

In November 2015 a Macallan 50-year-old was sold for £20,000 – the highest live auction price for a whisky anywhere in Europe last year.



The Chinese Foe Dog which sold for £3,400 at McTear's.

what will we discover?



Specialists from McTear's travel the UK visiting clients, advising on the auction values of antiques and works of art. During a local house contents valuation this Victorian peridot and diamond holbein brooch was discovered in an old jewellery box, and sold for £750.

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A league of their own

It's May and time for the new football season on Arran. Brodick will be hoping their blue strips will help them 'do a Leicester City' and sweep away all opposition to win the league again.

But the other teams - including last year's Cup winners Southend and Lamlash - will have other ideas I am sure.

A strong and competitive local league is important for the development of football among the younger players on the island, many of whom had good seasons last year, and it is indeed a pity that the bid by the Isle of Arran Football Association to get a island team into the Ayrshire league did not succeed. But they should not be downhearted and simply try again next year.

The Arran Ladies Hockey Club, who wound up their season last weekend, have proved how successful an island team can be and gives a wider experience for players to travel to the mainland for opposition. It has certainly been hugely beneficial to young players like Ellie Wood and Abbie McKelvie.

Sport on the island is strong and it is indeed great to see the formation of a new youth team Arran United, whose coaches are keen, not only to see the team play on the mainland but try for fully-accredited SFA coaching certificates.

With all this talk of sport on the island it would be remiss not to mention the hard work and dedication of the Arran Rugby Club. Yes they have had a difficult season which has been completely disrupted with repeatedly postponed matches and means they face almost certain relegation. But they have had some good successes too, most notable the recent home win over Waysiders Drumpellier.

There is concern, too, that they will be missing some key personnel, who are going travelling next year, but it is to be hoped there may be some fresh young talent coming through the ranks to replace them.

So all in all a healthy sporting situation across the island - which reminds me; when do the Euros start?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.' (Colossians 3:17)

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Letters to the Editor



Think before condemning motorhome drivers

Sir,
Without my motorhome, which I worked and saved hard for, I could not have got my disabled mother from Hampshire and given her a holiday in Scotland around the Western Isles and as far as Lewis and Harris for her to see the lovely scenery and beaches. Nor could I have taken Harry on a memory tour of the places he cycled as a young man and to Orkney and the Western Isles when he could dance but not walk so far.

Now I am looking after my sister who is suffering from Alzheimer's. It is a nightmare getting her anywhere, especially on public transport, to bring her along to Arran for a holiday. So, before you condemn us motorhome drivers, please consider our reasons for using one. And we are not as big as a bus or a lorry.

Yours,
Linda Ross
Kilmory

Tennis courts plea

Sir,
I would like the Lamlash residents and the people who play tennis on the Lamlash courts to know what I suggested at the meeting called to discuss the proposed marine discovery centre in Lamlash.

I said: 'Yes, do use the pavilion and one court, perhaps the one where the high balls go over the fence into a garden and are not returned at the time of playing. Have the triangle of land to the south of the courts too. Leave three courts for tennis.'

During the summer holidays, the courts are popular and this is over more than six weeks as the English

school holidays are at different times throughout the year. Arran's visitors are increasing in numbers. All-weather courts like these are in demand. Certainly they need to be upgraded.

In Paisley and elsewhere, this has been accomplished using grants. Recently Judy Murray came to Arran and coached primary school pupils. At a committee meeting of the bowling and tennis club a couple of years ago it was stated that the revenue from the tennis courts and putting green was useful to the bowling club. Recent poor weather conditions may have altered this but for a long time these sporting facilities have been a good feature of Lamlash.

Yours,
Anne Hodge
Whiting Bay

Festival thanks

Sir,
I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who made the Deoch an Dorus Festival 2016 possible, especially the locals who were hugely helpful, patient and welcoming.

Can I also thank all of the artists and musicians who put on such a wonderful spectacle on the day, the crew who worked tirelessly to build the event from nothing, the police who

provided a wealth of assistance before, during and after the event, North Ayrshire Council for all of their invaluable assistance, Visit Arran for its support, the Cooperative Store and everyone who came along to Deoch an Dorus; you all made it an incredibly special day.

A final thanks goes to the selection of Corrie folk who gave us moral support, hard graft and steak pie just when we needed it. Thank you all.

Yours,
Ruari Gordon
Organiser
Corrie

Wonderful event

Sir,
I am writing regarding your reporting on the wonderful Deoch an Dorus Festival that was held in North Sannox last weekend.

Here is what I saw at the festival. Lots of happy people enjoying the spectacular scenery of Arran. The sun glinting off the snow in the Devil's Punchbowl and reflecting off the calm sea. Great music, good food, good security, good first aid and welfare provision. Kids and dogs running in happy circles, large bubbles floating by, people hula-hooping, laughing, dancing.

It was fantastically well-organised event, at

which there was no trouble, only joy. Our local paper should be standing up and applauding the organisers, especially our own Ruari Gordon, for managing to create such a wonderful event on our isle. I hope there will be many more.

Yours,
Pam Logan
Corrie

Spring fair

Sir,
I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of Pirmill's school fair on Saturday, April 23. We were overwhelmed to make £866.75.

Thanks to everybody who handed in various contributions, to all the local businesses and friends who donated generous prizes for the raffle and to the community who attended on the day.

It is lovely to see so many familiar faces in the school, especially the parents whose support is invaluable. Then there are the parents, staff and pupils who all worked extremely hard preparing for the event and manned their stalls on the day.

Please be assured the money raised will be spent wisely on the pupils.

Yours,
Pirmill Primary School
staff

Whiting Bay Music and Drama Club identified

A picture of the Whiting Bay Music and Drama Club that was published in The Banner on April 16 asked readers if they could identify the year in which the photo was taken and, after a large amount of responses, we can now identify all of the members who are pictured but the exact year that it was taken remains a mystery.

Prompting a visit following the letter from Tommy

Robison in an earlier edition of The Banner, some individuals were identified but Archie Nicol, who has lived in Whiting Bay for 80 years, came into The Banner office and named every single person in the picture.

Archie was a member of the Whiting Bay Music and Drama Club and his son, Allan Nicol, is still very much involved with the group who celebrate their 70th birthday next year. 'I

could not give you an exact date that the picture was taken but it might be the cast of See How They Run so my guess would be that it was taken in the early to mid 50s,' said Archie.

The members according to Archie are: back row, Hamish Cook, Stephen Gill, Alister Brown, Roy Ure, Tom Thomson, Alister Lennox, Claude Gill, George Faulkner, Mary Rusell; front row: Eloise McDonald, Anne Hamilton, Kathleen Shaw, Mary Christie, Kay Brown, Ella Lennox, Vi Thomson, Joey Grieve, Mamie Howie.

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Arran's oldest resident lived her life to the full

Beatrice Mary Wilson (Molly) 28.05.1912 to 23.03.2016

Arran's oldest resident, Molly Wilson, died last month at the grand old age of 103. Here her daughter Mary Robinson who lives in Whiting Bay gives a personal account of her life and times.

Molly was born Beatrice Mary Plater on May 26 1912, the year the Titanic went down, in Aylesbury. Her parents were Harry and Beatrice Plater. Harry was a bespoke tailor.

Molly was the eldest and only girl of the family and her father spoiled her. She was able to wheedle whatever she wanted from him – so much so that he bought her a very large silver ball which became known as Molly's moon, which we still have.

She seemed to have had a happy childhood and was very keen on her dancing classes. She changed schools often as she got older because her mother wanted her to go to better private schools although mum told us she liked the local grammar school best as there were boys there.

On finishing school, she started her nurse training at the Princess Alice Hospital in Eastbourne, where the family now lived. It was there she met our father, Charlie, a young very shy doctor, the son of CTR and Jessie Wilson. CTR was a Nobel Prize laureate.

They were married in Eastbourne in 1938 and moved up to Gorebridge, a mining village south-east of Edinburgh, where my father became a junior partner in a very busy mixed practice of miners, farmers and commuters, where they stayed until they retired.

Molly became part of the National Hospital Reserve, was a hospital bank, and she worked at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh.

In 1939, her first child, Andrew, was born, followed by Mary three years later, then Margaret in 1944.

Molly then became more involved in local community affairs becoming a commandant of the Red Cross and leading the Girl Guides and Rangers. Molly was always interested in politics and seldom missed a meeting of the local Labour Party, later becoming a district and later county councillor.

Molly canvassed for the Labour Party at elections and at one particular poll she phoned Tam Dalziel to ask if he would like her help as her own constituency was a safe seat and didn't need her. He welcomed her help and to this day he felt it was her support that got him into parliament.

In 1956, when the Hungarian revolution took place, Molly ran the Hungarian refugee camp at Middleton, and many of the Hungarians she befriended then remained friends almost 60 years later.

There are many funny stories we can tell, such as her driving into Edinburgh (15 miles away) and, if she couldn't find an easy parking space, she would drive home. She did take her driving test 10 times.

When our father died after not driving for many years, she decided to start driving again so we persuaded her to have some refresher lessons. The only thing was the driving instructor went off sick every week!

Molly was also known for her frightful hats and my sister Maggie and I were in fear and trepidation as to what creation she would be wearing to our sports day.

Molly was a JP and, as such, she was a magistrate and often had the embarrassment of meeting my father's patients when she was on the bench.

She was also on the board of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and worked tirelessly for SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen Family Association). Molly organised the

blood transfusion sessions in the village and people would rather donate blood than say no to our mother.

Molly and Charlie loved to travel and planned their holidays themselves, going to Europe and working their way east to the then Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland and Russia, making friends wherever they went.

They travelled all over Russia, then Albania, India, Tibet, Nepal, China and many other countries.

When we went with them we were a bit perturbed when mum took the wheel as she was very drawn to Holland – not on the itinerary – and we always seemed to end up in a station yard.

When father retired, they went first of all to live in the family home at Carlops, before moving to an apartment in Dalkeith. When Mary moved to Arran in 2002, she asked Molly, who was then 90, if she would like to go too. Molly's reply was that she always wanted to live by the sea again.

Molly loved Arran but gradually became more disabled, becoming bedridden seven years ago and requiring much help from carers. They became her close friends. There was always a lot of laughter when they came, mum telling them funny stories about her travels, including an elephant winking at her when she passed him.

There was the occasion when a carer left her with the phone handset instead of the TV handset and Molly inadvertently kept on pressing the keys to change the TV station but was in fact dialling 999. The police rang but on getting no reply came to find out what was happening.

I had chosen that afternoon to take my nephew up to Lochranza and, on arriving home saw the police vehicle coming out of our road. I remarked to him, I wonder who has been naughty in our road – Molly. She had

had a most enjoyable afternoon with these handsome smart young men and continually asked when they would come back. I had to take them a box of chocolate Heroes on her behalf.

Toward the end she lived on porridge and chocolate often shouting for porridge any time day or night. She died peacefully at home.



Molly Wilson.



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Two of television's favourite antiques experts return to the Isle of Arran

Two of Television's favourite antiques experts will be returning to the Isle of Arran this month by popular demand. Simon Schneider and Tim Hogarth are best known for their many appearances on daytime television and will be appearing at The Douglas Hotel on the Isle of Arran on Friday 20 May 2016. The dealers will be offering top prices for antiques, gold and silver and are inviting people looking for a good deal to come along and meet them.

Simon and Tim regularly appear on television as antiques experts and are highly

trusted and respected for their knowledge and expertise. With almost 60 years' combined experience of buying and selling antiques, gold and silver, they joined forces to offer the public an opportunity to sell their heirlooms direct and regularly visit Scotland.

Simon Schneider said: "Tim and I receive so many enquiries from people asking us to value and buy their antiques, gold and silver that we decided to work together and offer the public a direct opportunity to meet us. We pay top cash prices and have hundreds of satisfied clients who were happy to get a great deal. We had a great response the

last time we visit the Isle of Arran and we are looking forward to returning and to discovering some interesting and unusual items."

Tim Hogarth commented: "Although we're rivals on television Simon and I get on really well and the venues are great fun. Simon and I have our own specialities and together we cover all aspects of the antiques busi-

ness. This means we can ensure we are able to offer the very best prices for those items we want to buy and we hope people will search their



cupboards and bring along their unwanted antiques and forgotten treasures."

The dealers hope the venues will prove popular and promise no-one will have to wait long. Simon Schneider explained:

"Tim and I aim to see everyone who wants to meet us as quickly as possible. We guarantee no queues and no appointments are necessary however we are always happy to do home visits if anyone is unable to come along during the day or has something too large to bring in, in which case please phone or email us to make an appointment."

Simon Schneider and Tim Hogarth both deal extensively in general antiques.

Simon is very well known and respected for his knowledge of 20th Century Decorative Arts. He specialises in Art Nouveau and Art Deco but also deals extensively in Silver and Oriental antiques and has a passion for fine ceramics.

Simon said: "The market for early 20th Century silver and ceramics is particularly strong at the moment so this is a good time to realise their value. We are always very keen to purchase Moorcroft, Clarice Cliff and Royal Worcester and the market for Oriental ceramics and antiques is very buoyant. I also hope people will bring in some original Art Deco and Art Nouveau items as this area is my spe-

ciality and I'm sure we'll be able to tempt the public with our prices!"

Tim Hogarth specialises in gold, silver and antique jewellery. He is an experienced dealer and an expert in valuing diamonds and precious stones. He also has an extensive knowledge and experience of dealing in gold and silver, medals and vintage wrist watches.

Tim said "I'm hoping we'll find some lovely antique jewellery and I'm keen to buy whatever the condition. Diamond jewellery is particularly sought after at the moment and we we'll be offering top prices for quality examples. Good quality amber and coral beads are also very wanted and we are always keen to purchase vintage wrist watches, especially Rolex, Cartier, Omega and Patek Phillipe. Gold and silver remains very strong and we will be offering top cash prices to anyone who wants a deal and I'm sure we will discover some interesting and valuable items."

For more information please contact Simon Schneider by telephone on 07801 474331 or email info@simonschneiderantiques.co.uk



Simon Schneider and Tim Hogarth will be on Arran for the first time this May, offering great prices for your unwanted gold, silver and antiques.

We asked the dealers for their wish list of the items they would particularly like to purchase. They came up with the following, so go check your cupboards now!

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Nest survey to help find out why house martin numbers are falling

House martins are summer visitors to Arran. They undertake incredible journeys from south of the Sahara to reach our shores to breed. Their nests can take up to 10 days to build and use over 1,000 beak sized pellets of mud. Many of us

marvel at this effort and respect these delightful birds and their nests which are so much a feature of summer on Arran - but for how much longer?

The house martin population across the UK is changing. From long term

monitoring data held by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), while there was a 69 per cent decrease in house martin abundance across England between 1967 and 2012, there was a 125 per cent increase in Scotland between 1994 and 2013.

Why? We do not know. The changes across the UK may be being influenced by changes in insect abundance, nest site availability, problems in wintering grounds and changes in timing of migration. In an attempt to find out more and to increase our understanding of these changes in the house martin population, the BTO is organising a house martin survey.



A house martin scavenges for nest building material. Photo by Brian Cooper



Bird notes
by Jim Cassels

Two house martins in their nest. Photo by Doug Welch

In June and July last year hundreds of BTO volunteers, including some on Arran, completed the first part of the survey when they searched nearly 3,000 pre-selected one kilometre squares counting any house martins that they found. The analysis of this data should produce a UK population estimate.

This year the second part of the survey should be more interesting and easy for anyone with house martins on or near their property to take part.

Unlike in 2015 survey sites are not pre-selected and participants will be able to choose nests to monitor, so it will be ideal for people who have house martins nesting on their house.

After submitting a few simple details about the site, all you will need to do is to spend around fifteen min-

utes once a week throughout the breeding season observing your nests from ground level and record the condition of the nests and details of the activity you observe (eg adults feeding young). This will enable the BTO to compare factors such as egg laying dates and breeding success at different sites across the country.

Not restricted

The survey is not restricted to nests on your own house, so even if you do not have house martins yourself you can still take part. You can survey nests at your place of work or a neighbour's house, provided you have the owner's permission.

Observations can be shared and others can be encouraged to record observations so, for example, a team could cover an area.

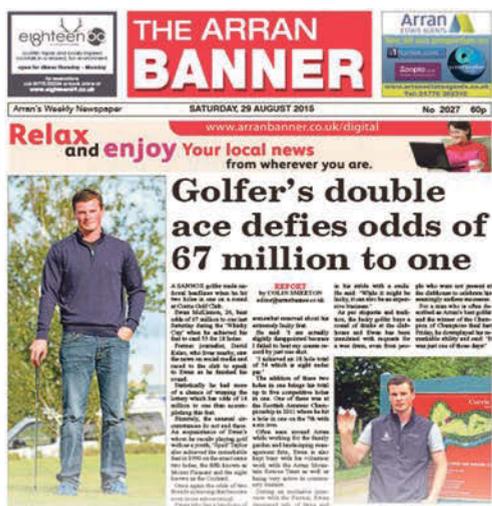
In order to make regional comparisons, the BTO need as many people as possible to take part.

Please consider doing this. It is free to join. To find out more information and to register your interest visit this website <http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/house-martin-survey/house-martin-nest-study-2016>

It should be fun to do. Enjoy your birding

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Taking flight this house martin leaves the nest. Photo by Doug Welch

A gala evening of swimming fun and games

The atmosphere was raucous and the temperature hot at Auchrannie as primary school swimmers were cheered on by proud families and friends.

More than 100 children from primary schools across Arran converged on the hotel leisure centre for the 2016 Primary School Swimming Gala.

Under the watchful eye of coach, race supervisor and starter, Sally Hunter, the

event ran very smoothly and the kids had a great time.

Thank

The organisers would like to thank the Auchrannie for once again hosting this event.

Shiskine Primary School took the honours in both boys' and girls' champions races as James McCarthy (P7) and Julie Hamill (P6) took home the trophies.

Results: P1 girls, one width: 1 Eva McCrae, 2 Nara Wood, 3 Greta Renan

P1 boys, one width: 1 Luke Sedman, 2 Darrah McNiven, 3 Calum Glister

P2 girls, one width: 1 Grace Poppellwell, 2 Shaila Campbell 3 Lisa Henderson

Boys' race (1): 1 Archie Innes, 2 Ewan Southwick, 3 Alfie Gilmour

Boys' race (2): 1 Alex Haddow, 2 Fergus West, 3 Jay Pearcey

Champions race, girls: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Freya McNicol, 3 Jessica Reid

Champions race, boys: 1 James McCarthy, 2 Donald Currie, 3 Dario Devisme

P3 girls, one length (1): 1 Rhea Webster, 2 Lily Keir, 3 Kirsty Hume

P3 girls, one length (2): 1 Jen-

ny Currie, 2 Nina Szwalec, 3 Olivia McNeice

P3 boys, one length (1): 1 Andrew Currie, 2 Logan Park, 3 Harvey Dale

P3 boys, one length (2): 1 Myles Smith, 2 Innes McNicol, 3 Michael Nicol

P4 girls, one length: 1 Ruby Wright, 2 Annie West, 3 Kaitlyn Haddow

P4 boys, one length: 1 Jack Poppellwell, 2 Kieron Geraghty, 3 Jan Matusick

P5 girls, back crawl, two lengths: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Kayleigh Easton

P5 boys, back crawl, two lengths: 1 Ruaridh Smith, 2 Patryk Gwizdowski

P6 girls, back crawl, two lengths: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Daisy McNamara, 3 Laila Webster

P7 girls, back crawl, two lengths: 1 Freya McNicol, 2 Charli Hodgart

P5 girls, breast stroke, two lengths: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Daisy Innes, 3 Isabella Reid

P5 boys, breast stroke, two lengths: 1 Ruaridh Smith, 2 Archie Gunaydi, Lewis Campbell

P6 girls, breast stroke, two lengths: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Daisy McNamara, 3 Megan McCartney

P7 boys, breast stroke, two lengths: 1 James McCarthy, 2 Donald Currie

P5 girls, front crawl, two lengths (1): 1 Isabella Reid, 2 Beth McCarthy, 3 Lily Currie

P5 girls, front crawl, two lengths (2): 1 Daisy Innes, Rhiannon Gardiner, 3 Kayleigh Easton

P5 boys, front crawl, two lengths: 1 Ruaridh Smith, 2 Archie Gunaydi, 3 Patryk Gwizdowski

P6 girls, front crawl, two lengths: 1 Julie Hamill, 2 Isla McKelvie, 3 Erin McNiven

P6 boys, front crawl, two lengths: 1 Connah Wright, 2 Aidan Hewie, 3 Addy Millar

P7 girls, front crawl, two lengths: 1 Freya McNicol, 2 Jessica Reid, 3 Charli Hodgart

P7 boys, front crawl, two lengths: 1 James McCarthy, 2 Donald Currie, 3 Sam Reid

Medley relay: 1 Lamlash, 2 Brodick, 3 Combined schools

Freestyle relay: 1 Combined schools, 2 Lamlash, 3 Brodick



The champions display their trophies – both from Shiskine Primary School; P7 pupil James McCarthy and Julie Hamill, who is in P6. 01B20swimgala07



Shiskine Primary School's Donald Currie swims the breast stroke. 01_B20swimgala01



Plenty of medals were on offer for the keen and talented young swimmers. 01_B20swimgala02



Daisy Innes from Pirnmill Primary School comes home in the breast stroke. 01_B20swimgala04



James McCarthy wins the boys' champions race. 01_B20swimgala06



Ready for action – Keiran Geraghty of Brodick, in the orange cap, gets ready to dive in. 01_B20swimgala03



Action from the championship races. 01_B20swimgala05

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Changing hands

Bannatyne's Garage in Blackwaterfoot formally changed hands last week and Angus and Christine Cameron, who own the Post Office, became the new owners. Angus is a marine engineer by trade and so he is not entirely unfamiliar with the task ahead of him although he says that he has never sold petrol before. The staff will all be kept on and his plans are to keep it as a garage with all of the usual services. Angus said: 'Blackwaterfoot still has its garage and it still has its petrol. The only



Former Brodick Castle administrator John Forgie visited Arran again where he fished at the new Port-na-Lochan Fishery at Kilpatrick and was rewarded with this 4lb rainbow trout for his efforts. B20twe06

change at the moment is its name which will be Blackwaterfoot garage.'

Not ready

Following a historic game played between the captain and the secretary of the Brodick Golf Club, which took place last Wednesday, it has been decided that the new fairways and greens are not yet ready.

The first test game could have allowed a whole chain of events to start taking place, from the club championship to the handing over Ormidale Park to the Sports Association to begin work on the new sports field. It could also have meant that the Highland Games could have taken place in its usual setting.

But last Friday the verdict was made that the new parts of the course are not ready and the club is now looking at June 8 for an official opening so that the chain of events can be set in motion.

Lamb worries

Sannox farmer James McKinnon was having trouble with one sheep lambing last week. When the lamb was eventually born, dead unfortunately, he found that it had three front legs and that the extra legs had two hooves. Until this year he'd never had such abnormalities and he said: 'That's the second lamb this year with abnormal limbs.'

Mr McKinnon's farm was one of those affected by the ban on sheep movements following the Chernobyl accident 10 years ago. Could there be any connection, we asked him: 'Well, I find it strange that there's two,' he said.



The Arran Haulage Cup winners were Shiskine who won against Southend with a score of 3 - 2 at Lamlash last Friday. B20twe02



Calum Gilmore of Shiskine was awarded his 20-year Fire Service Medal in the Kinloch Hotel last Wednesday by assistant firemaster David Kennedy. B20twe03



The BT Scottish Ensemble returned to Arran last week for their second Arran Music Festival. The special guest was Aly Bain, who is pictured on the left, and the Ensemble manger Roger Pollen, who is on the right. B20twe04



Pagans on Arran celebrated the arrival of summer with an unusual festival last Sunday where 'Rebecca from Dalbeattie' dressed as a jester as she took part in what is known as the Beltane Festival. B20twe05

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 Arran Brewery tour 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green Open all day
 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 14th May

Army Cadets Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
 Over 21s Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery Brodick, 9.30am - 11am
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 WBay Bowling Club Open Day Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Live music from the Highway Sons The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Live Music from Jonnie Scotland The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 May Fayre Madness Shiskine Primary School, 10.30am - 12noon
 Arran Mountain Festival Ceilidh Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

Sunday 15th May

Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 AA Meeting Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 Live Music - Acoustic - Highway Sons The PHT, Lamlash, 2pm

Monday 16th May

Over 50s Badminton Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Morning Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Badminton Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery 9am - 10.30am & 3pm - 4pm
 Arran Junior Football Club Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Circuit Training Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Brodick Bowling Club rink game Brodick Bowling club, 6.45pm
 Citizens advice Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Lamlash Aerobix Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
 RunArran Mixed Ability Lamlash 5.30pm
 Tae KwonDo Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Summer Bridge Arran High School, 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th May

Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Youth Club Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery 9am - 10.30am
 Rotary club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
 Healthy Outdoors NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 RunArran Run Coaching Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Open Cricket Session Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
 Lamlash Drama Club Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm

Garden Walk
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Flow Yoga
 WBay Drama rehearsal

Wednesday 18th May

Rock & Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Tae KwonDo Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran Brass Rehearsal Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery Brodick, 9am - 10.30am & 6pm - 7pm
 Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 RunArran Mixed Ability Brodick, 5.30pm
 Yoga-Arran Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Drift Inn Quiz Lamlash, 9pm
 Mixed Hockey Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Knitting & Crochet drop in group Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
 Brodick Bowling Club rink game Brodick Bowling club, 6.45pm
 Flow Yoga Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
 Lamlash Coffee Morning for Christian Aid Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - noon
 Elderly forum Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 11am
 Spring Snacks Lochranza Field Centre, 11am - 2pm

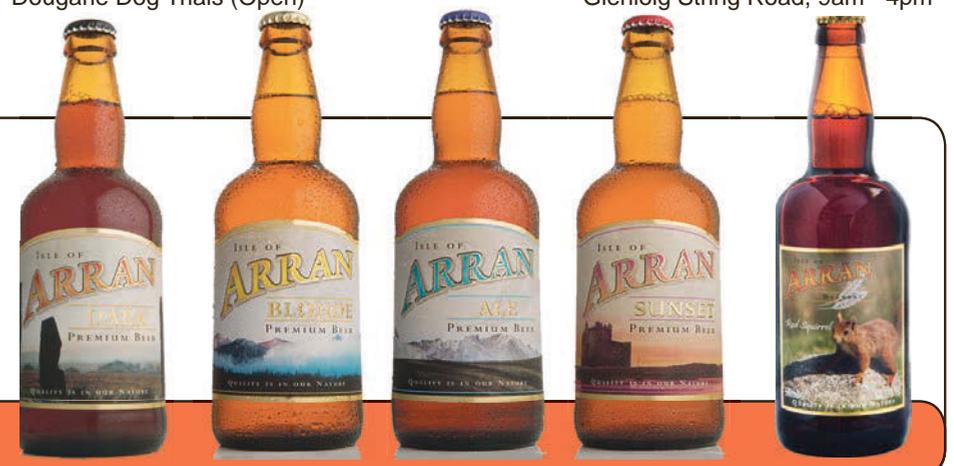
Thursday 19th May

Morning Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery 9am - 10.30am
 Ladies Hockey Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 RunArran Mixed Ability Brodick, 5.30pm
 Cardiac Rehab Auchrannie Leisure Club, 2-3.30pm
 Burger & Quiz night Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Winter Bowls Auchrannie, 7pm
 Tennis senior club night Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
 Mixed Martial Arts/XFit Balmichael Centre, 7pm
 Quilt Arran Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
 Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
 Spring Snacks Lochranza Field Centre, 11am - 2pm

Friday 20th May

Yoga Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Arran Youth Foundations Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Lochranza Kids Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Adults Badminton Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 3pm - 4pm
 AA Meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Tae KwonDo Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
16/00358/PP; Church Hall, Alma Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of extension to side of church hall.

THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (B880, THE STRING ROAD) ARRAN (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

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Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

To be held in the
Arran Mountain Rescue Centre, Brodick
on **Monday 13th June 2016 at 1900hrs.**

Nominations are invited for election of representative of The Independent Traveller and should be submitted with name and address, proposed and seconded to Mr Iain Thomson,
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 15th May
Holy Communion, 11am
Rev Canon Simon Mackenzie, Priest-in-Charge. Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 11th May
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine
Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 15th May
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship including Sacrament of Baptism.
Corrie Church,
11.30am Prayer Meeting,
12noon Morning Worship
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.
Annual Pentecost Service in the Preaching Cave, Kilpatrick, at 3pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 15th May
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
In Lamlash:
Tea/coffee served at back of Church 10.45-11.15am
Please bring your own flask!
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 15th May
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Benjamin von Rensberg

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(continuing)
Sunday 15th May
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All welcome

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Sunday 15th May
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service. All very welcome.
Christian Aid Week begins on 15th May.
Please give generously to help those in need.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Vigil Mass Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 15th May
Service 11am at Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and Coffee after the service.
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DEATH

ALLISON - DOUGLAS - Son of the late Robert and Rose Allison of Whiting Bay, died on 31st March in Winnipeg, Canada.

WOODEN - TONY - Suddenly at home on Tuesday, 3rd May 2016. Tony, aged 74 years, beloved husband of Patty and much loved Dad of David, he will be so deeply missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service to be held at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn on Tuesday, 17th May at 1:00pm to which all friends are welcome. Transport available from Ardrossan Harbour off the 11:05am ferry. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to ArCaS.

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Margaret Mackenzie and Kilmory Primary pupils with their new cooker.

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Memorial darts contest cooks up a treat for primary pupils

The Donald and James Mackenzie Memorial darts competition has donated the proceeds of its fundraising to be shared among the Kilmory Church and Kilmory Primary School.

The competition, which has taken place for 28 years and is held in the Kilmory Hall in March, donates the proceeds from the annual event to various groups. One of this year's beneficiaries, Kilmory Primary, has invested in an electric oven which will help pupils improve their culinary skills. The Baby Belling electric cooker is small enough to be mobile and so can be easily moved about the school. The cooker was

officially presented to staff and pupils by Mrs Margaret Mackenzie last Thursday in a small ceremony held at the school.

Head teacher Irene Mark-

ham said: 'We would like to thank Mrs Mackenzie for her very generous donation which will allow pupils to learn cooking and baking within the school.'



Margaret Mackenzie cuts the ribbon on the donated cooker. 01_b20kilmory02

HAPPY 80TH



Happy 80th
Love from all the family x

Bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer competition played at Lamlash on Monday, May 2. were as follows. N/S: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 John Dick and Andy Martin, 3 Douglas and Margaret Bruce. E/W: 1 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 2 Libby Alexander and Jenny McIntyre, 3 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie.

The results of the competition played at Lamlash on Monday, May 9, were as follows. N/S: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Ellie Jones and Elizabeth McKellar, 3 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie. E/W: 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson, 3 Douglas Chase and Jennifer Wales.

Arran prove no match for rampant home side

Annan 62
Arran 5

Arran Rugby Club were comprehensively beaten by 62 points to 5, away to Annan Rugby Club last Saturday.

Arran travelled to the match with confidence as they hoped to build on the previous week's great home win over Waysiders Drumpellier. However, they faced a hugely difficult task as Annan currently sit second in the table, having thrashed third placed Clydebank 110-0 the previous weekend.

The gulf in class between the two sides was evident before kick off as the match entry for supporters was listed as £3.50 and there was even an official match programme. This is perhaps the clearest example of the standard Arran have been competing against this season.

Playing into a strong wind in the first half made life tough for the visitors and they struggled to get the ball out of their own half. Annan clinically took advantage of this by scoring four tries in the first period, all of which were converted giving the home side a comfortable 28-0 lead at the break.

In the second half Arran started to tire and the home side took full advantage, shipping the ball wide at every opportunity. This yielded a further six tries, two of which were converted. Nonetheless, Arran refused to throw in the towel and scored a consolation try with 10 minutes remaining as Stuart McMaster battered his way over from close range.

In truth, though, Arran struggled to deal with the pace and organisation of the home side throughout and were well beaten. The defeat leaves Arran bottom of the table without an away win all season. They will be looking to bounce back today (Saturday) as they take on Cumnock in a must win game at Ormidale Park with a 2pm kick-off.

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Shiskine Golf Club
Saturday, April 30, Shiskine Gents Stableford Open, 78 played. 1st Class: 1 C Watson 27pts BIH, 2 J Tully Jackson 27pts, 3 R Forgie 26pts. 2nd Class: 1 G Kennedy 26pts BIH, 2 D McNally 26pts, 3 A Bannatyne 25pts BIH. Magic twos, L Kennedy, H Bannatyne, C Rutterford, L Keir, D Tod, W McNally and R Forgie x 2. Thanks again to the sponsors and helpers.

Sunday, May 5, Murray Cup, gents foursomes, nine pairs played. 1 Mike Adams and Peter McCalla 45-4=41, 2 Donald Logan and Graeme Andrew 51-6=45. Magic twos @12th, Joe and Gator. Nearest the pins @4th, Duncan Robertson and @10th, Colin Rutterford.

Fixtures: Sunday, May 15, Rock Plate, ladies at 10am and gents at 1pm. Thursday, May 19, ladies club championship, qualifying round three, 1pm and 5.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club
Ladies section: Monday, May 5, Josie Sanderson Stableford, CSS 67, RO, 23 played.

The 27th annual Josie Sanderson Stableford was held at Lamlash on a very cold and blustery evening. Pat Adamson, a veteran of many of those occasions and good friend of the late Josie, was a very popular winner with a score of 32 points. Pat's three cousins - Rion, Lesley and Piet - were also there, making it a real family occasion.

1 Pat Adamson 32 BIH,

2 Kate McAdam 32 BIH, 3 Isobel MacDonald 32 BIH, 4 Yvonne Brothers 32. With four ladies sharing the lead, thank goodness for computers.

Isobel MacDonald had a magic two at the 16th.

Wednesday, May 4, Fleet 2 and Medal 1, CSS 65, 10 played. 1 Rachel Wren 21, 68 BIH, 2 Kate McAdam 19, 68, 3 June Richardson 24, 72. Scratch, Kate McAdam 87.

Thursday, May 5, Summer Cup, CSS 65, par 64. 1 N Young 66-5=62, 2 D MacFarlane 62-0=62. Best scratch, D MacFarlane 62. Magic twos, D MacFarlane, Stuart Campbell, M Wren.

Sunday, May 8, Hamilton Bowl, par/bogey, CSS 64, Par 64. 1 M Wren -5, 2 I Bremner -6, 3 A Wales -9. Magic two M Wren.

Fixtures: Sunday, May 15, Jamieson Cup. Starting at 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Brodick Golf Club
Wednesday, April 27, Summer Cup, CSS 65, 40 played.

Chris Park 76-21=55, Bruce Jenkins 70-7=63, Iain Keen 84-20=64, Scratch, Bruce Jenkins 70. Chris matched his father-in-law's excellent score from over 50 years ago.

Wednesday, April 4, Summer Cup, CSS 66, 40 played. Matthew Dobson 69-8=61, Gordon Hendry 68-6=62, Nicol Hume 78-14=64 acb, Scratch, Gordon Hendry 68. Matthew's great score sees him better his father's handicap for the first time.

Sunday, May 8, Brandon Qualifier, CSS 64, 24 played. Calum McFadzean 73-11=62, John McKean 76-13=63, Russell Duncan 78-14=64 acb, Scratch, Ross Duncan 70. Calum is starting to show the form of old, which will see his handicap reduce rapidly. Fixtures: Sunday, April 15 and



Jenna Wood presents winner Christine McLeod and runner-up Jean Davidson with their prizes at the ladies Eric Wood Stableford at Whiting Bay.

Thursday, April 19, first and second rounds of club championship qualifying.

Ladies section: Tuesday, May 4, May medal and CCQ3, nine played, CSS 70, RO. Div 1: 1 Susan Butchard 83-11=72, 2 Isobel Macdonald 93-18=75. Div 2: 1 Aileen Latona 99-22=77, 2 Lesley Murray 103-25=78.

Fixture: Tuesday, May 17, club trophy, first round.

Corrie Golf Club
Saturday, April 23, Famous Grouse qualifier. David Henderson and Graeme Andrew won the Grouse foursomes by a country mile, second place went to John McGovern and Bob Rooney.

Saturday, April 30, sweep. Congratulations to young Ben Innes on winning the sweep on his return to golf after a lengthy sabbatical. 1 B Innes net 64, 2 J McGovern net 66

Wednesday, May 4, Wednesday Cup. Having heard there was a big magic twos pot available, David Jeffrey made his first appearance of the season and proceeded to win. He even had a two, but at the wrong hole, so the pot increases for next week. 1 D Jeffrey 68-8=60, 2 G Andrew 72-9=63, 3 B Innes 84-21=63. Scratch, D Jeffrey 68. Magic twos from B Innes and D Jeffrey.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Wednesday, May 4. On a day when the wind made for rather challenging conditions, 20 players competed in the fourth round of the Summer Trophy. Although scoring was tricky the CSS re-

mained at 63. 1 Keith Kelsall 21, 64, acb. 2 David Morrison 9, 64, 3 Alan Kay 17, 65, acb, 4 John Dick 16, 65, acb. Scratch was won by Danny Head with 71 and Owen Pele Quigley had the only magic two at the 14th.

Three of the first four also played on Friday night in the Seniors Bowl semi-final, defeating Lamlash by seven holes. They face hosts Brodick in the final next week. For those not sure, David Morrison has not yet reached senior status, and John Penny-cott was the fourth member of the team.

Sunday, May 8, gents Eric Wood Memorial, CSS 63, 36pts. 25 played. The winner was Wolfi Kroner with 38 pts, 2 Ronnie Mann 37 pts, 3 Nicol Auld 35 pts, acb, 4 Kevin McAleney 35 pts.

In the ladies Eric Wood Stableford seven ladies played. CSS was 65, 35 pts. The winner was Christine McLeod with 36 pts, 23 and a cut to her handicap and runner-up Jean Davidson 30 pts, 24. A big thanks go to the Wood family for their generous support of the competitions.

Machrie Bay Golf Club
Tuesday, May 3, Peter Sutton, six played CSS 62. 1 R Woods 83-18=65 BIH, 2 C Laing 82-17=65, 3 P Betley 81-12=69. Saturday, May 7 Hugh Steel over nine holes, nine played. 1 R Woods 34pts BIH, 2 E Ross 34pts, 3 B Sherwood 34.5 BIH.

Fixture: Tuesday, May 17, Peter Sutton and Lady Mary, at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.



Jenna Wood presents Wolfi Kroner with the gents trophy in the Eric Wood Memorial competition at Whiting Bay.



Mike Adams and Peter McCalla, winners of the Murray Cup played at Shiskine.

Arran football season kicks off with cup ties next week

The 2016 Arran football season will kick off on Monday, May 16 with the Arran Haulage Cup preliminary round.

Lamlash will host the cup holders, Southend, behind the high school with a 6.30pm kick off. The winner will have a home tie against Brodick in the semi-finals the following Monday. The same night Northend will travel to Shiskine to determine who will make the final.

Over the winter many of the footballers on Arran were playing twice a week with the hope of creating an Arran team to play in the Ayrshire leagues. However, Arran's application was sadly rejected after a vote at the AAFA meeting in April.

Danny Head of the Arran Football Association said: 'It had been hoped that teams would have embraced an Arran team with them only having to make one away game trip to the island a season. Many of the team's contacted Arran to give them their backing and to organise friendlies but unfortunately these teams were in the minority. I would like to thank Archie McNicol and Michael McGuire for their efforts and to all the boys who trained throughout the winter.'

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Hockey club celebrate their success

... and also say a sad farewell at prizegiving

The Arran Ladies Hockey Club wrapped up their season with a prizegiving dinner, provided by their sponsors at the Douglas Hotel, where there were celebrations at the team's achievements as well as the sad departure of their founder and captain moving away to the mainland.

Player Ellie Wood also received a prestigious award after being voted player of the season for the entire West District League Division 4. She received the most votes for man of the match by players from all of the clubs in the division. The mood was also jubilant as the players celebrated Ellie's other success - being selected for the South West District Under 14 squad, playing her first game for the squad in Edinburgh last Sunday.

Captain Victoria McNicol awarded the captain's trophy to Ali Hollingworth and the coach's player was awarded to Abbie McKelvie for their outstanding work throughout the season.

The team, while celebrating third in the league, sadly had to present team captain Victoria McNicol with a good-bye gift of a signed picture of all of the players as Victoria is returning to university and will be moving back to the mainland. The team thanked her for all of the tireless work that she had done since setting up the club and Victoria wished the team the very best for the future.

Vice-captains Cat Galbraith and Lorraine Hewie announced that submissions would be accepted for a new team captain in due course.



The hockey team pictured at their prizegiving ceremony. 01_B20hockey01



Ali Hollingworth, who received the captain's trophy, shares a laugh with captain Victoria McNicol.

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Captain Victoria McNicol congratulates Ellie Wood for being voted as player of the season.

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Cat Galbraith and Lorraine Hewie present Abbie McKelvie with the coach's player award.

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