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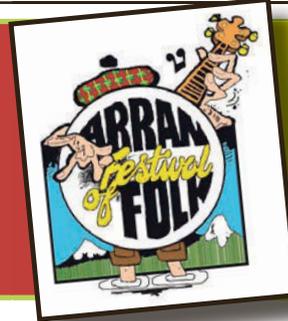
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Plans lodged for new £9m hotel on old McLaren site

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Plans for a new £9 million hotel on the site of the former McLaren Hotel in Brodick have finally been lodged.

An application to build a 97-bedroom mid-market hotel for the eyesore Brodick seafront site has been submitted to North Ayrshire Council planners.

Behind the proposal is the Norfolk-based Abode Group which says the new 'aparthotel', if approved, will fill a major gap. It will accommodate more than 30,000 visitors a year and create between 30 and 40 full- and part-time jobs.

The application is for the demolition of the existing hotel and the erection of a new hotel and restaurant on the site, which has become increasingly run down since the former McLaren Hotel closed in 2015.

The abodeGroup has been having ongoing detailed discussions with the plan-

ning department for more than two years for the development which has been lodged under Class 7 hotels and hostels – which means that 'no significant element of care is provided' at the establishment apart from a restaurant and bar.

The proposals were also the subject of a public consultation exercise undertaken last summer where there was criticism of the design of the new hotel as well as the lack of parking and concerns about where the hotel would find sufficient staff.

As part of the planning application the Abode Group has submitted both an economic impact appraisal and a transport report in support of its bid.

The reports state: 'The design of the proposed new hotel has evolved over a two-year period to accord with the council's requirements and to provide an economically viable devel-

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Calcutta Cup comes to Arran



Pupils at Arran High School were able to get a first-hand look at the historic Calcutta Cup which the Scotland rugby union team won with a famous victory over the Auld Enemy at Murrayfield earlier this year. The cup, which is touring schools in Scotland, made a special appearance at the inter-schools sevens series rugby tournament in Brodick this week. See full report in sport. Photo by Julie McGhee

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 oment that will meet the needs of the target market.

'The hotel will provide 97 mid-market rooms. These will include basic kitchenettes as requested by the council so as to provide additional self-contained accommodation on the island.'

There will also be 52 on-site car parking spaces, space for the storage

of 14 cycles, car/cycle hire will be available and there will be an electric vehicle charging point.

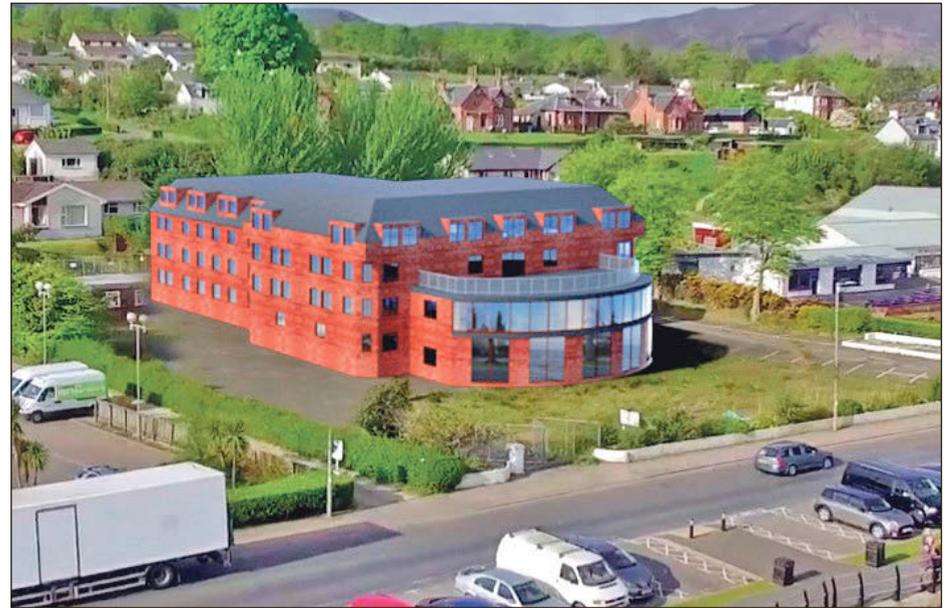
The transport assessment, which was carried out by THaT Consultancy (Transport Highways and Traffic Consultants) and states: 'It is clear from this analysis that the proposed development will enjoy easy, safe and convenient access by a variety of different modes

of travel. The site is easily accessible on foot, by bicycle, by bus and by car/motorcycle.

'The hotel is expected to employ 30-40 people in total with a mix of part-time and full-time workers. It is not expected that there will ever be more than 30 staff on duty at any one time.'

'The council's parking standards would therefore require 39 car parking spaces for guests and 10 car parking spaces for staff. A total of 49 car parking spaces. The proposed site layout shows a total of 52 car parking spaces.'

'It is understood that the council would like the hotel's restaurant/bar to be open to non-residents so as to extend the range of such venues in Brodick. Given the site's location in the centre of the town, the availability of over 150 public car parking spaces



An artist's impression of how the new hotel will look.

es directly outside the hotel site, and given that staff and any non-resident customers are expected to be based in Brodick, it is not considered necessary, or indeed appropriate, to make

any specific additional on-site car parking provision.'

The report adds: 'A wide range of measures are proposed to encourage non-car-based modes of travel by guests and staff. The

majority of the 30 to 40 people employed by the hotel will be recruited locally and will therefore be able to walk, cycle or use public transport to travel to/from work.'

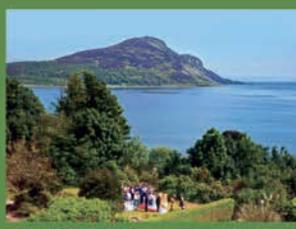


The present eyesore site of the McLaren Hotel.

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New McLaren hotel will give the island economy £1m boost

An economic impact appraisal into the development has been carried out by Bellerby Economics. It states: 'The proposed redevelopment of the McLaren Hotel has the potential to provide a boost to the economy of Arran as it is expected to bring additional visitors and new jobs to the island. It will also replace a current run-down eyesore with a modern attractive new building; this is important in this location, highly visible to tourists arriving by ferry.'

'As a result of the closure of the McLaren Hotel, there are no mid-range offerings on the island. The hotel development proposal aims to fill that gap by providing a high quality, affordable hotel.'

'The aim is both to increase the total number of visitors to the island and to encourage day trippers to stay longer.

The target market is both families and workers, as well as golfers, hikers and walkers.

'This will place pressure on other accommodation providers on the island who employ staff at similar skills levels, who currently are experiencing difficulties recruiting staff. This suggests that there is a pool of non-working labour within North Ayrshire that could fill hospitality vacancies, particularly as the McLaren Hotel is committed to providing training and aims to manage and develop the team skills across every level and promote from within.'

'We estimate that the number of McLaren Hotel guests in a single year will be 31,536, and assuming an average daily expenditure away from the hotel of £50, the hotel guests will spend £1,576,800 in the local economy.'

Consultation on development plans

Arran residents will be given the opportunity to have their say on North Ayrshire Council's future development plans at a consultation meeting next week.

Since the publication of the Local Development Plan – which sets out how the council will guide development and investment in the area over the next 20 years – a region-wide con-

sultation is taking place to help shape and finalise the plans.

Legal document

At the Ormidale Pavilion on Tuesday May 22 between 10am and 4pm, Arran residents will be given their chance to contribute to the plan which will, once finalised, become a legal document the council will refer to when making decisions on funding and plan-

ning applications among others.

Councillor Alex Gallagher, cabinet member for economy, said: 'The Local Development Plan is important to North Ayrshire's future prosperity as it sets out how land will be used and provides a framework to guide development. We are keen to hear from as many local residents and businesses as possible.'

Ferries must stay in Ardrossan during development works

Arran ferries must continue to go to Ardrossan during harbour development works. That was the unanimous decision of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee this week.

It comes following persistent speculation that the Brodick ferry service could go to Troon, even for a short time, while redevelopment work is carried out at Ardrossan, including a realignment of the berth used by the Arran ferry.

The move is said to be favoured by Caledonian MacBrayne. However, the ferry committee is backing the use of the second Irish berth at Ardrossan during the works.

At Monday night's monthly meeting of the committee, Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson raised the issue of Ardrossan Harbour's redevelopment, which was not on the agenda, and made clear his opposition to any possibility of closing the harbour to ferries while it is being upgraded.

After all, he argued, Brodick did not close when it was being redeveloped and



The ferry committee wants to use the Irish berth at Ardrossan Harbour. 01_B20ardrossan01

there are two berths at Ardrossan. Mr Gibson asked CalMac and the committee for their views.

None of the five CalMac representatives in attendance said they knew enough about the Ardrossan redevelopment to give an opinion, although they said 'safety came first'.

However, marine manager Lee McDowall, who is a skipper, said that while safety is always the first consideration 'the Irish berth is safe and is currently used in about eight per cent of sailings'.

Chairman Iain Thomson said: 'The ferry committee is absolutely adamant that we must retain the Ardrossan to Brodick route while Ardrossan Harbour is being redeveloped.'

Committee members agreed unanimously that sailings to and from Ardrossan should continue during the redevelopment, with Gourock remaining as the 'port of refuge' in bad

weather. Members added that Troon should not be considered at all, given the impact that would have on the number of sailings and thus capacity, islanders, care and other workers, businesses, visitors and the Arran and Ardrossan economies.

The ferry committee, which operates behind closed doors, has members representing groups ranging from Arran Community Council and VisitArran to Stagecoach and the National Farmers' Union.

Mr Gibson commented:

'I am delighted at the unanimous support for Ardrossan and the views expressed by and at the ferry committee.'

'I will take this clear position to transport minister Humza Yousaf and then to the next meeting of the Ardrossan Harbour Task Force on June 28. I am convinced that, with Mr Yousaf himself among the many preferring continued sailings from Ardrossan during redevelopment, this will now happen and I will certainly urge him to ensure that it does.'



Kenneth Gibson.
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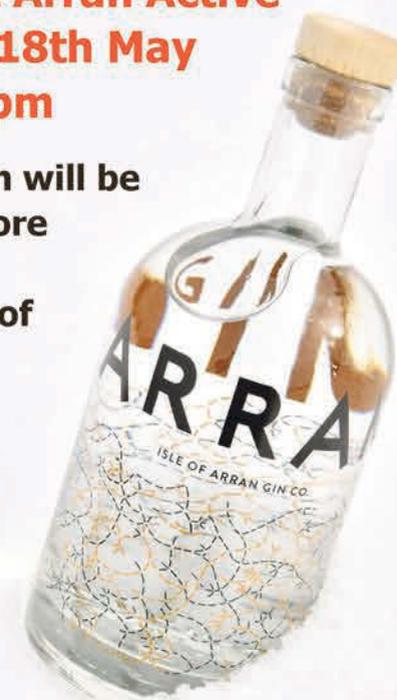
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Arran could become the first island to be dementia friendly

A bid is being made to turn Arran into Scotland's first dementia friendly island.

The idea has the backing of Councillor Jimmy Miller, who is the older people's champion for North Ayrshire Council. He visited Arran last week and said: 'Given the excellent facilities on Arran I think this is something that could be really beneficial to the whole community.'

A scheme, Dementia Friendly Prestwick, is already up and running and this would be used as the base model for any island scheme. Their slogan is: 'If we get it right for people with dementia, we get it right for everyone.'

Being dementia friendly means to support people with dementia, and their families/carers, to be included and remain part of their community for as long as possible.

This can be achieved through raising awareness of dementia locally, in order to reduce stigma and provide education and advice to local residents and businesses.

'Even the simplest of training to teach the shop



Councillor Jimmy Miller outside Montrose House during his visit to Arran. 01_B20dementia01

assistants to keep an eye out customers showing the first signs of dementia can help,' Councillor Miller told the *Banner*.

During his trip he visited Montrose House and spoke to residents who use the Stronoch Day Centre. He said: 'I have been impressed by the standard of care on the island and the facilities which are available.' The Stevenston rep-

resentative also visited the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, which he described as an 'impressive facility' which he said he was keen to spread the word about on the mainland.

Introduced

Dementia friendly communities started in Japan. They are now being introduced in the UK and in other countries, predominantly in Europe and USA. Prest-

wick is be the first dementia friendly town in Ayrshire and one of the few in Scotland.

Collin Adams, the social services team manager for Arran, said: 'It sounds like a good fit for the island and we hope to visit Prestwick in the near future to learn from their experience.'

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Singers prepare for summer concerts

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Starting with Purcell from the 17th century, music from each succeeding century will be featured, right up to the present.

Included will be some of the great choral classics by Bach, Rossini and Brahms, going right through to Eric Whitacre's lovely *Seal Lullaby*, written just a few years ago.

The post-war Broadway musicals will be featured in

music by Lerner and Lowe, and Rodgers and Hammerstein, while the music from the 1960s sees a medley of hits by Simon and Garfunkel.

Two guest groups will also be appearing, Vivace and Ain't Misbehavin', each bringing their own distinctive repertoire and style to the proceedings.

Musical jigsaw

As usual, some soloists from the choir will also feature, and to add other pieces to the musical jigsaw, there will be two different instrumental features too – accordion solos and piano duets.

The first concert is on Saturday May 26 in the community theatre in Lam-lash, the second, a week later, Saturday June 2 in Lochranza and Catacol village hall. Both concerts are



at 7.30pm, and there will be refreshments at the interval.

So mark the dates in your diaries and come to what promise to be a very enjoyable evenings of music.

It's not all serious as some of the choir share a lighter moment. Photos: David and Emma Ingham



The Arran Singers are busy with rehearsals for the shows.

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Residents given say on integrated health care

Health and social care services on Arran are to be further integrated into one team which, officials say, will allow better support and care for the ageing population.

This would result in the creation of one Arran care team working across the island and a health and social care hub, where the majority of services would be based.

However, before that goes ahead Arran residents are being given the chance to have their say on the future services on the island at a series of engagement events.

As well as giving residents an insight into how health and social care services are changing on the island, the events will give

people the opportunity to have a voice in how these changes are implemented.

The first of these is being held on Monday May 21 in Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall at 7.30pm with others around the island in the coming months.

Councillor Robert Foster, vice-chairman of the integration joint board, said that reducing financial resources, combined with an increasing demand on health and social care services, means that the way these services are delivered has to evolve.

'We know that we face a number of challenges in the years ahead but by planning these changes now, we hope that the delivery of health and social care services on the island will be

better future-proofed,' said Councillor Foster.

'We have an ageing population on Arran – and across North Ayrshire – and that means there will be an even greater demand for our services in the years ahead. At a time when we face reducing financial resources, it means that we have to change the way we deliver our services.

'But residents should be assured that they remain the focus of these changes – our aim is to ensure that the services will be person-centred, flexible and the highest quality of care will remain unchanged.'

The other meetings will be held as follows: Monday July 23, Whiting Bay Hall at 7.30pm; Monday August 20, Shiskine Hall

at 7.30pm; Monday September 24, Lamash High School at 7.30pm; Monday November 26, Brodick Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillor Foster added: 'It's important that the people who live and work on Arran contribute to the planning of the changes for future services.

'We believe that a more joined-up delivery of health and social care is the best way forward to meet these challenges but we are very keen to hear from the residents who will be affected.'

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Councillor Robert Foster.

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Arran ladies show off their passion for fashion

More than 100 of Arran's fashionable ladies gathered on a glorious spring evening at Brodick Golf Club on Monday to see some of the latest outfits

that are now available on the island.

Organised jointly by Chameleon Ladies Boutique in Lamlash and the Old Byre Showroom in Machrie and

Brodick, Passion for Fashion featured this summer's on-trend styles. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) to help its continued marine conservation efforts around Arran and beyond.

Lorna Gunaydi, owner at Old Byre, and Lynn Walker, of Chameleon, gave commentary as a series of volunteer models, including a surprise male model from the Old Byre, strutted the stage with this summer's must-have fashions, accompanied by a rousing soundtrack of cheesy 1980s disco and dance-floor favourites.

At the interval, Jenny Stark of COAST ran a light-hearted quiz that demonstrated the audience's knowledge – or lack of – of various flora and fauna on our local seabed.

Lynn said: 'We wanted to showcase to the ladies of Arran a variety of stylish fashions, to suit all occasions from formal to casual. All available on the island without the time and effort of travelling up to Glasgow or the hassle of ordering online. It's great to be able to do that while supporting such a worthwhile cause as COAST.'

'Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and there were some lucky prize draw winners during the show. Thanks to all who attended and especially to Brodick Golf Club for being such excellent hosts.'



Jack Ewing struts his stuff to the delight of the ladies.

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Amy Rickard models a dress and shawl.

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Kate Hartley ready for the rain in her heavy waterproof coat.

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Yvonne Brothers shows off some of the latest golfing gear.

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Marine cable installation talk-in

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) is hosting two consultation events on Arran next week to seek feedback on its proposals to replace the existing submarine cable which connects Arran to Carradale.

Replaced

The existing cable, which runs from Ballicrine to Port Crannaich in Carradale, is naturally coming to the end of its operational life and now needs to be replaced to enable the continued and reliable electricity supply to the homes and businesses that it serves.

The open-door events are being hosted in both Arran and Carradale next week by the SSEN project team to provide interested stakeholders with an opportunity to speak with the team and learn more about the project proposals, including the location of the new cable, the onshore landing points and installation methods being considered.

The pre-application consultation events will take place at the Auchrannie Hotel on Monday May 21, between 2pm and 6pm, and at the same location on Tuesday May 22, between 10am and 4pm.

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Editorial

Hotel homework

It is good to see significant progress this week for the dreadful McLaren Hotel site.

A full planning application has been submitted for a new 97-bedroom mid-market hotel which has been two years in the process. And the developer, the Norfolk-based Abode Group, has certainly done its homework. It has submitted a full and detailed economic impact appraisal and a transport assessment, produced by consultants, in support of its application.

So much of the work during planning applications these days is done during the pre-planning stage and it is clear that the developer has already met many of North Ayrshire Council's requirements.

Of course the public now have their chance to submit their views on the plans with the hotel's nearest neighbours given formal notification as well. We know Brodick Improvements Committee and Arran Community Council will also want to have a say and it will be interesting to find out their views.

The most important thing is that something is done to transform the eyesore that is the McLaren Hotel site.

Thought for the week

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.' John 1:1

Record straight

Sir,
Getting 'airbrushed from history' is not unusual where the known facts appear uninteresting or not nearly as commercially compelling or as attractive as an alternative story, not that I'm saying the founders of Island Porcelain are not all attractive, I'm not that brave, but nevertheless it is only fair to them to set the record straight.

The story about Island Porcelain in the *Banner* of May 5 coming full circle is a good positive story and it is great to see Tracy resurrecting an old island business. However, the part of the story about the origins and development of Island Porcelain is somewhat misleading and unkind at best to the founders of Island Porcelain.

It gives the strong impression that Alasdair Dunn was the creative mind behind the business and his 'dedicated team' were dragged along in his creative wake. Alasdair was a talented artist and potter but even with his talents he would have found it difficult to design for or manage Island Porcelain given that he died two years before the company was established in 1988 by Ile Ash, Ann Rhead, Janette Head and Marie Park. The reality is that none of the 52 designs created and manufactured by Island Porcelain was created by Alasdair Dunn. They were designed from 1988 to 1996 by Ile and Ann and from 1996 onwards by Ann alone until the business was sold in 2005 and, as I understand it, these comprise almost all the Island Porcelain designs still on sale now.

Alasdair Dunn is recognised as an outstanding artist and potter, and I'm sure

he wouldn't have been averse to seeing these four local girls getting some praise for the effort, quality of workmanship and creative talent they put into the business over 17 years.

Yours,
**Donald McNicol,
Kings Cross.**

Editor's note: The original article was written in good faith largely from information contained in the Banner archive and included all those named in this letter.

Collection pride

Sir,
I was very interested to read the article on May 5 edition telling of Island Porcelain returning to its original home at Studio 4 in Lamlash. Most of the pieces I have go back to the shop days, and I even have one small vase that I bought from Alasdair Dunn when he had a market stall in Whiting Bay on a summer Saturday.

This must have been in the late 1960s or very early 1970s. I am attaching the photo of my Dunn collection and the vase mentioned is the one on the extreme left on the front row. I am very proud of my collection!

Yours,
**Janet Rodger,
Stockport,
Cheshire.**



Janet Rodger's collection of Alasdair Dunn's pottery.

Common sense

Sir,
I would like to see the old CalMac booking office in Brodick reopened so it can continue to be used.

This facility could be for bus passengers and foot ferry passengers as it has a ticket office and a seated waiting room, with toilet facilities already all in place. The new terminal can be used for all vehicles and passengers.

This idea would allow and older/infirm people to travel again for hospital, dental and other appointments. Most complaints I have heard is the lack of space in the two lifts, plus the long walk for a lot of people with mobility problems. Wheelchairs are available but this involves crew members plus pride issues.

This, it seems to me, is not only common sense, but could be quickly achieved if Kenneth Gibson MSP, Stagecoach and CalMac agreed.

Yours,
**Mrs Dorothy Harris,
Whiting Bay.**

Spring Fair

Sir,
On behalf of the pupils, staff and parents of Pirnmill Primary School and early years class, we would like to say a huge thank to everyone who helped, in

whatever way, to make this year's spring fair such a success.

Thanks also to those of you who came along on the day to enjoy the soup, sandwiches, entertainment and outside activities. The sun also put in an appearance, which always helps.

We raised the grand total of £836.38 for the School Fund. Thank you all for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours,
**Alison Campbell,
Pirnmill Primary School.**

Real grumble

Sir,
I am reading this week's *Banner* with disbelief! Poor CalMac being criticised for the NAC road workers (tar trucks) not bothering to show up for their Friday booking.

Not a single road worker turned up, in fact, on the Friday of the bank holiday weekend and, as far as we could see, no work was done that day despite the expectation that they would be working on the Brodick to Lamlash road. Friday wasn't a holiday, only the Monday was, and this failure to turn up is much more of a story in my humble opinion.

The arrival or failure of the arrival of the tar trucks has become a real grumble for us Lamlash residents, as the state the untarred road was left in since Thursday is terrible. The 'angry passenger' quoted in your article should be turning his anger to NAC.

Yours,
**Caroline McArdle,
Lamlash.**

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Thoughtless walkers leave all this mess

Volunteers have been hard at work clearing trees, mending paths and picking up litter at Brodick country park.

This year's first Thistle Camp working holiday group were on the island last week and began clearing rhododendron out of Merkland Wood.

They then spent two days replacing a flight of steps on Dan's Walk. It was tough but rewarding work: demolishing the old steps, bashing in stobs to retain the new treads, dealing with big rocks in the way of construction, barrowing

gravel up a slippery slope, digging up turfs for landscaping, building a water bar and digging a long ditch for better drainage, but the result looks brilliant.

The merry band then headed up Goatfell to clear the drains on the path and pick up litter. What a bonny day they had for it. The nice weather meant the hill was very busy with walkers. Hopefully, everyone out yesterday took their litter home – it was pretty sad to have to collect lots of it all the way from the summit to the forest, including a frying pan.

But volunteering never stops at the country park. While the Thistle Camp had a well-earned day off, the next generation of volunteers donned their waterproofs and wellies to get stuck into some rhodie bashing at the Ryden Trail.

The P7 pupils of Hayocks Primary School in Stevenston scoffed at the torrential conditions to give a huge helping hand with the woodland management programme.

A great day's work and good messy fun. Thanks, pals, well done and hurry back.



The bags of rubbish collected from Goatfell, including the frying pan.



The Thistle Camp volunteers with their shovels at the top of Goatfell.



The young volunteers from Hayocks Primary get to work in the rain.



Picking up litter on their way up Goatfell.



The volunteers are busy as hillwalkers make their way up Goatfell.



Clearing rhododendron in Merkland Wood.



Volunteers relax after their hard work repairing the steps on Dan's Walk.

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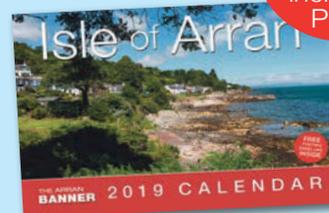
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Another brick in the wall as sea defence is restored

The gaping sinkhole that appeared on the A841 Whiting Bay Road early last month has been repaired after remedial works on the sea defence wall that underpinned it were completed.

The damage on the section of road opposite the Cooper Angus Caravan Park came about after a

particularly violent storm with high tides on Tuesday April 3 breached the sea defences and caused the road to collapse.

The sandstone wall which is at least 110 years old, according to an image at the Arran Heritage Museum dating to 1908, has been repaired using as many of the original large boulders

as possible. Whiting Bay resident Jim Arnold said: 'I took these pictures to add to the museum's photo archive.'

'They were taken from the water about noon on Monday April 30, with about an hour and a quarter still to go to full tide, a spring tide, 3.2 metres above chart datum. It can go higher than this, of course, and can be made worse by a strong southerly wind after heavy rain. You can gain an idea of what attack the wall can be under.'

'You can see from the photographs that a serious and successful attempt has been made to rebuild the breaches in the wall by overlapping the blocks of sandstone. I don't think that would be easy, but it retains the style of the wall and is to be commended,' Mr Arnold added.

The damage to the wall



Two sections of the defensive wall were damaged during an April storm. Photo by Jim Arnold



The repairs to the Whiting Bay wall, using original sandstone, can be clearly seen. Photo by Jim Arnold

and road above it was an eerie reminder of a massive storm in January 1991 when a large section of the wall collapsed and caused the entire village of Whiting Bay to be inaccessible by car.

From one side of the village to the other, the entire road was flooded and strewn with boulders and sea debris, including rental boats. After the storm ended and the water had sub-



The large sinkhole which appeared in Whiting Bay last month. Photo by Craig Simpson.

sided, the sea wall was repaired and gabions built near the Coffee Pot, County Carpets and the local school to protect against further damage.

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North Ayrshire gets extra £213,000 to fix potholes

North Ayrshire Council will benefit from extra funding to help cover the cost of road maintenance and make additional repairs to road surfaces, following the extended wintry weather.

Finance secretary Derek Mackay MSP took the decision to allocate an additional £10 million across all 32 councils. Details of the distribution were decided by the Convention of Local Authorities (COSLA).

Mr Mackay said: 'Scotland experienced unprecedented levels of extreme weather in recent months, culminating in the issuing of our first-ever red alert for snow by the Met Office in late February.'

'The severe weather led to local authorities incurring unexpected additional costs to their maintenance budgets, and simultaneously caused more damage to Scotland's roads network.'

'By assisting councils to keep our road networks safe and efficient, we're not only improving conditions for road users, we're also extending the lifespan of that network, benefiting the wider economy.'

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson added: 'During the severe weather, North Ayrshire Council staff worked hard and with determination to ensure communities were safe, clearing roads and fixing potholes.'

'I am pleased that the SNP government has recognised the impact of the weather and provided councils with this additional funding. Of this, COSLA has allocated £213,000 to North Ayrshire, some of which I anticipate will be apportioned to Arran.'

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Festival of mountain magic reaches whole new heights

Scotland's premier hill walking and mountaineering festival gets under way this weekend with a full programme of activities that attracts hillwalkers from all across the globe to the magnificent mountains of Arran.

The Arran Mountain Festival, now in its 12th year and taking place from today (Friday) until Monday, offers a range of walks from the modestly-rated Holy Isle mountain walk to the extreme A'Chir ridge scramble – there is something for every level of ability.

This year the jam-packed programme, which offers 20 walks for 156 participants over four days, is already fully booked for Friday and Saturday, with a

few remaining spaces available on Sunday and Monday. Still on offer, but due to be snapped up quickly, are the following walks:

☐ Described as possibly the finest island ridge traverse outside Skye, the A'Chir ridge scramble is an exhilarating challenge which can be tackled with the support of a qualified mountain instructor to guide you.

☐ For something a little different, there is the Three Beinns horseshoe night walk by the moonlight munroist Alan Rowan, which provides a unique opportunity to capture sunrise from this classic Arran high level route.

☐ New to the festival this year is the Beinn Bharrain and Sail Chalmadale option



Walkers enjoy a break during a walk at last year's event.

How busy is your business?

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which offers participants a different but alluring perspective – looking east into the heart of the Arran hills and west towards Jura.

☐ For those with a special interest in Arran's geological history, festival organisers have teamed up with the ranger from Arran Geopark Project to explore the volcanic Ard Bheinn to learn more of this volcano which formed some 60 million years ago. There are also spaces available for walks on Holy Isle, Goatfell and Cioch na-Oighe.

For the less energetic, the mountain festival also provides events down at sea

level in Brodick. Arran Active is playing host to an exhibition of mountain-themed art works inspired by local artist Gordon Davidson as well as late-night shopping on Friday evening with the Isle of Arran Gin company providing gin tasting samples until 8pm.

Free entry

On Friday evening, it's free entry at the Ormidale Hotel where published poet Stuart B Campbell and Alan Rowan – famed for his moonlit munro adventures – share some of their works in an evening of mountain-inspired poetry, recitals and anecdotes.

Saturday night is time to get your dancing shoes on at Brodick Hall with the return of the ever-popular ceilidh. The Arranach Ceilidh Band will get your toes tapping and kilts swirling while Hooked and Cooked will be serving up fish and chips. Ceilidh tickets can be obtained at Arran Active or at the door during the event.

More information on all events and bookings for the remaining walk spaces are available online on www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk and their Facebook page is also packed full of events and walks information and photographs.

Pentecost at the Preaching Cave

Pentecost is the seventh Sunday after Easter, the time when the Holy Spirit came upon special friends – the disciples who followed and believed in Jesus. We read that the gift of the Holy Spirit revealed all truth to them and empowered them to preach the Gospel, writes Helen Kerr.

On this day each year on Arran we celebrate this with an open-air service at the Preaching Cave along Kilpatrick shore. Why there? You may ask.

It is part of our heritage that more than 200 years ago, the congregation of Kilmory, including Shiskine, walked out of the church, rebelling against the patronage of the Duke of Hamilton, who had forced a minister on the congregation whom they

were convinced would not be true to their beliefs.

For several years, until they were allowed to call a minister of their choice, they were led in worship at the Preaching Cave each week by an elder, William McKinnon.

On Sunday May 20 at 3.30pm many of us will gather from churches on the island to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in a place that reminds us of those who, faithful to their beliefs, rebelled against patronage and insisted in having a minister to serve them who would inspire them and help them grow in faith in the Lord Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Come and join us on a special occasion.

Bosses claim bed cuts will speed up discharges

Nearly 90 beds are to go at the University Hospital at Crosshouse in a shake-up of services aimed at reducing delayed discharges.

Affected departments – though not clarified in detail – will include elderly and orthopaedic services while diabetes sufferers could also be hit by the loss of 30 beds which have already been removed from the endocrine ward.

But the move, which is said to be part of new models for care and services, has been criticised by politicians who have accused NHS Ayrshire and Arran of having a ‘culture of secrecy’.

Liz Moore, director for acute services, has defended the move. She said: ‘The new service models will allow patients to be transferred or discharged from hospital more quickly to the most appropriate environment for their needs. This will reduce the need for the additional beds, which were created at the hospital to accommodate patients who had finished their treatment but were unable to be discharged.’

‘As a result of these new models of care, the additional beds will be reduced as patients will be discharged or transferred more

quickly once their hospital treatment ends. These 89 beds will be reduced incrementally over the coming months.’

However, South Scotland Labour MSP Colin Smyth said: ‘It is no secret that NHS Ayrshire and Arran face a huge financial headache and part of the projected £23m deficit is these additional beds because of the problem of delayed discharge.’



‘The local NHS have not set out any detailed plans showing how they plan to end the problem and what these so-called new models of care are. Local people will be concerned that these beds will be reduced to close the massive funding gap but the care needed still won’t be there in the community.’

Jamie Greene, regional MSP for west Scotland, has also spoken out about his concerns about the costs involved in delayed discharges. In March of this year, NHS Ayrshire and Arran had 100 delayed discharges – five of which have been

ongoing for between six to 11 months at an estimated cost of £233 per day each – meaning that these five cases could cost the taxpayer £390,00 alone.’

Mr Greene said: ‘This highlights the government’s continued inability to provide value for money to the Scottish taxpayer and to manage our health service. Delayed discharges mean fewer hospital beds for those who really need them. It’s vital that those who are able to be discharged are done so in order to free up hospital beds for other admissions.’

‘Doctors, nurses and staff in NHS Ayrshire and Arran work tirelessly to provide excellent service for their patients and I think it’s high time that the government take action to make sure that medical staff are better equipped to do their roles. This starts with properly arranging assessment protocols, care arrangements and transport, which have all contributed to the problem.’

The health board says there are no job losses associated with the reduction of beds and any additional staff who work in the affected departments will be transferred to other departments within the NHS.

Board will require further loans, MSPs are told

NHS Ayrshire and Arran is latest health board to warn the Scottish Government that cash saving measures will fail to balance the books.

Speaking to MSPs of the health and sports committee at Holyrood this week, the health board confirmed it will be unable to repay a £23m brokerage loan from the Scottish Government next year, despite proposed plans to close a cancer treatment centre in Ayr.

The loan was the first issued to the board after it was unable to balance its budget in the year 2017/2018.

Chief executive John Burns claimed that financial losses were due to a rise in unscheduled care and difficulties in recruitment for key medical posts during 2016 and 2017.

He said: ‘Those two elements demonstrated pressure in the system and we recognised we needed to do work with our health and social care departments.’ The NHS board also used up to 24 locum staff in their neonatal unit at Crosshouse Hospital.

He confirmed the health board will require two years of extra brokerage.



Up to 90 beds are to go at Crosshouse Hospital.

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A view of the work from inside the building.



The sharp pitched roof.

The new distillery at Lagg is taking shape, as these site photographs show.

Construction of the steel frame of the new distillery and visitor centre is well under way, giving a good idea what the gull-winged building will look like.

Work should be completed in the next few weeks.

The £10m distillery, being built for Isle of Arran Distillers, will see the first legal distillery in the south of the island for more than 180 years and

should be open by spring next year. It will produce a heavily peated single malt whisky, in contrast to the present Lochranza whisky, but in keeping with the traditions of the stills, the majority of which were illegal, at the south end of the island in the 18th and 19 century.

Interior

Once the exterior work is complete, interior designers will move in by September and by October/November the main building should be complete.



A large crane gets to work.



Another view of the roofline.



The coastal view guests will get from the visitor centre.

ing shape at Lagg

in Spring of next year

By January next year, the stills should be installed with whisky production starting in February.

Work started on the site in February 2017 and three 1,000 sq m bonded warehouses have already been built on the lowest part of the site, which are to be followed by three more.

The main contractors are BHC Ltd, the architectural designers Denham Benn, engineers Woolgar Hunter and the quantity surveyors Quantum Solutions.

Local contractor Murchie Sand and Gravel is providing the majority of the plant hire.

A company spokesman said: 'These are very exciting new beginnings for our company and we are enjoying exploring the Arran heritage in this part of the island and making plans for creating another wonderful whisky destination.'

Photographs by Richard Campbell of Woolgar Hunter engineers



Project architect Chris Youd of designers Denham Benn in front of the new distillery and visitor centre.



The distillery and visitor centre take shape.



Another view of the steel structure.



The distillery's distinctive roofline.



A view from inside the new building.

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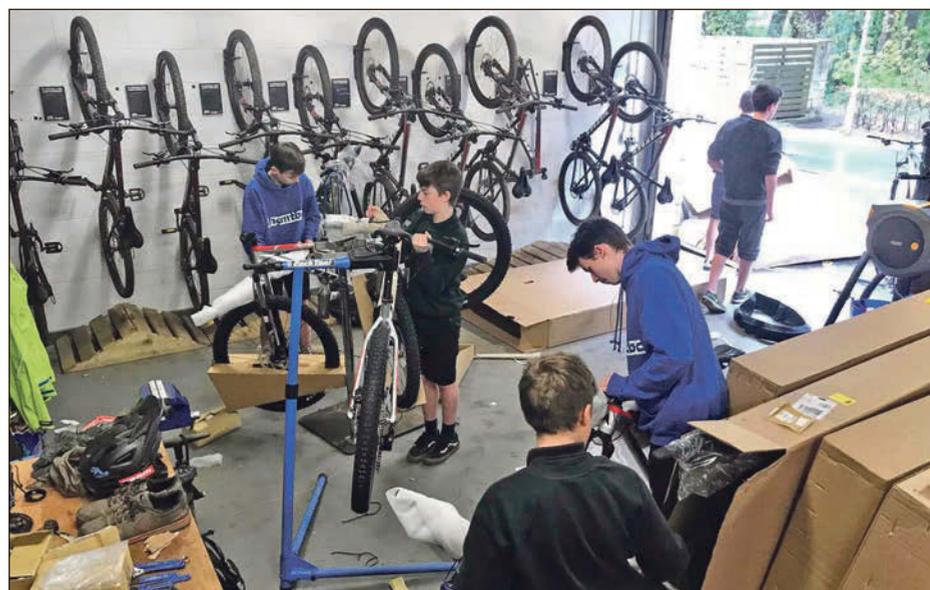
The Arran High School mountain bike club has been able to purchase new bikes and cycling equipment after receiving a funding boost from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All Scotland.

The funds totalling £7,500 have been awarded for their latest project called New Wheels, which went towards purchasing new free-to-use bikes, which, after three years of gruelling work, were showing signs of irreparable wear.

Large club

The club has grown from a small after-school group to a large club that has extended from its simple genesis of having fun cycling off-road to an organisation with loftier ideals.

Now having a dedicated workshop with trained bicycle mechanics, the club offers cycling safety training to local primary schools, free maintenance



Members excitedly assemble the new bicycles, which were purchased with help from the funding grant.

and repairs to the community on their open days along with seasonal events such as building bicycles purchased for Christmas. They also have an arrangement with the local council recycling centre to

collect unwanted bicycles which are then repaired and passed on to those that require them.

Technology teacher Robert McNeice, who runs the club, said: 'We are very grateful for the continued

support of the Big Lottery Fund and that of Chain Reaction Cycles. The funding has allowed us to replace our well-used and much-loved fleet of bikes and to continue to offer equity of access for all. The many experiences, coaching, skills training and residential weekends the children enjoy are enhanced by the support from Awards for All funding.

'Riding bikes in all weathers in our amazing outdoor spaces gives our young people the opportunity to develop resilience and to redefine success. Encouraging our young people to be active is a key part of Arran High School's approach to supporting health and wellbeing,' he added.



Members of the club stop for a quick group photo on a trail overlooking Holy Isle.

Arran pupils take the smart route to school

Pupils on Arran are taking part in an initiative to promote healthier and more sustainable ways of getting to and from school.

Travel Smart activities are taking place throughout May and the campaign encourages pupils, their families and staff to choose alternative modes of transport.

That can mean walking, cycling, scooting, using the bus or train, and

car sharing. You could also leave the car further from school and walk the rest of the way. These different approaches are healthier, better for the environment and safer as they reduce traffic around schools.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said: 'We understand that families have busy lives but we are hoping that the parents will try to participate with their

kids as it is a fabulous way to discover their local environment, while getting healthier and saving money.

'It can also boost a child's road safety skills and independence, and helps to reduce the impact of vehicle emissions on the environment.'

Throughout Travel Smart month, there will be a number of activities taking place in schools on Arran and throughout North Ayrshire.

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| Cafe and Isle be Wild | Brodick Castle, 10am - 5pm |
| Soap making and candle dipping | Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm |
| Arran Heritage Museum | Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm |
| Arran Brewery | Mon-Saturday 10.30am - 5pm, Tours at 11am and 2pm |
| | Sunday: 12:30pm - 5.00pm Tour at 2pm |

Saturday 19th May

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| Engineering competition | Lamlash Church Hall 9.30am |
| Goatfell hill race | Ormidale Park, 12noon |
| Rink game | Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm |
| Family games | Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm |
| Fun in the pool | Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm |
| Mountain festival ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band | Brodick Village Hall, 7.30pm - 11pm |
| Live music - Tim Pomeroy | Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm |
| Live music - Rough Cut | The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm |
| Over-21s disco | Ormidale Hotel, 10pm |

Sunday 20th May

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| Live music - Buchaneers | Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 2pm - 4pm |
| Family games | Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm |
| Fun in the pool | Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm |
| Live music - Danny Mooney | The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm |
| Alcoholics Anonymous meeting | Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm |

Monday 21st May

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| Arran Historical Society, speaker: Hugh Watson | Brodick Public Hall, 2pm |
| JogScotland mixed ability running group | Whiting Bay 5.30pm |
| Circuit training | Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm |
| Summer bridge, visitors welcome | Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start |
| Rink game | Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm |
| Tae Kwon Do | Brodick Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm |
| Live music - Arran Dawn | Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8 - 10.30pm |

Tuesday 22nd May

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| Healthy Outdoors | NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm |
| Castle garden walk | Brodick Castle, 2pm |
| Alcoholics Anonymous meeting | Brodick Church Hall, 2pm |
| Blackwaterfoot bowls | Bowling Club, 2pm |
| Beginners and general queries IT - Duan Bruce | Glen Estate Lounge, 2pm |
| Bridge class (beginners/improvers) | Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm |
| Scottish country dancing | Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Pop quiz | Ormidale Hotel, 9pm |
| Body Blitz | Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm |

Wednesday 23rd May

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| Yoga | Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am |
| Hydrofit | Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am |
| Coffee morning | Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon |
| Coffee morning | St Brides Church, Brodick, 10.30am - 12noon |
| Chair yoga exercise class | St Mollios Hall, Shiskine, 11am |
| Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service | 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm |
| Dog vlasses | Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm |
| Lily McKinnon, Music Matters | Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm |
| RUNclub, mixed ability, qualified coaches | Invercloy Co-op car park 5.30pm |
| Rink game | Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm |
| Tae Kwon Do | Arran High School, Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm |
| Burger and quiz night | Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm |
| Alcoholics Anonymous meeting | Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Live music - Shindig | Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm |



Gaol nan Gael, music and song of Alba and Eirinn
Family friendly pub quiz
Rock and pop bingo

Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 8pm
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9.30pm

Thursday 24th May

Morning fitness
Chair yoga exercise class
AC L I, volunteer gardening day
Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera
Arran ladies' netball
Body Blitz
Arran Soul Choir
General knowledge quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
Arran High School, 6 - 7pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Friday 25th May

Yoga
Hydrofit
Coffee morning
Steak night - build your own steak from £9.99
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwon Do
Friday night quiz
Live music - Mike Bailey
Live rock music from the News Band

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am
The PHT, Lamlash, from 5pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm - 9pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8 - 10.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Saturday 26th May

Rink game
RNLI shop open
Family games
Fun in the pool
The Arran Singers' summer concerts
Live music - Joni Keen Duo
Live music - The Tommy Benz Band
Over-21s disco

Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Community Theatre, AHS, Lamlash 7.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm





The Poozies.



The Jenny Sturgeon Trio.



Davy Lees.

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It hardly seems possible, but the Arran Folk Festival is less than a month away.

Once again organisers are delighted with the line-up for this, the 24th, event. And to show what a celebrated festival it has become, all the acts asked if they could come and play.

John Hollingworth of ArranEvents said: 'This really is an affirmation that the Arran Folk Festival is a good thing, that it always has a great atmosphere at the sessions, coupled with a very appreciative audience at the evening concerts. Or maybe it's the fact that, because it's great to have the opportunity of bringing such esteemed artists over, we do our best to look after them really well.'

The festival attracts musicians and singers from all over the country and beyond, many of whom return year after year, as well as a growing number of music lovers who combine the festival with their visit to the island.

The open afternoon sessions in the Douglas Hotel will, as always, be hosted by Uncle Keith, and are always hugely popular. They are free to attend and all are welcome to take part or just listen. There are also often late night sessions at Fiddlers.

The evening concerts in Brodick Hall on Friday and Saturday night will again be licensed by the festival's good friends at the Arran Distillery. Tickets for these concerts are available to buy online from www.arranevents.com or in person from Brodick Post Office.

'Online ticket sales to date have been fantastic, with the Saturday night being more than half full already so don't wait too long before buying tickets,' John added.

Playing on Friday night are:

The Poozies

The Poozies first burst onto the folk scene in 1991, when folk music wore elaborately patterned woolly

jumpers and was only seen in dingy back rooms and very late at night on BBC2 – yet from the word go they were breaking out and happily exploring the musical universe.

As with all bands that have been on the road for so long there have been various line-up changes, and throughout the years The Poozies have toured worldwide, and attracted recognition and appreciation for their eclectic choice of material, unusual and exciting arrangements, and heart-tugging vocal harmonies. The current line-up includes Mary Macmaster (electro-harp, vocals), Eilidh Shaw (fiddle, vocals), Sarah McFadyen (fiddle, banjo, guitar, vocals) and Tia Files (guitar, percussion, fiddle, vocals).

Ella Munro Trio

Ella Munro is a traditional singer hailing from the Isle of Skye with an impressive resume. Despite her age, Ella has already become a finalist for the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2017 and toured extensively throughout 2017 while studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Music.

Her unique voice has become well-known among the folk clubs of Scotland with her passion for singing loved and forgotten songs setting her apart from other singers. During 2017, Ella toured Scotland twice and has supported artists such as Archie Fisher, Ewan McLennan and Blue Rose Code. Ella will be accompanied by the talented Orcadian guitarist and singer Aidan Moodie, who also appears in Gnoss, and Northern Company's accordionist Sam Mabbett.

Davy Lees

Davy has extensive experience in the music industry. He hails from Motherwell where, during the

8th - 10th June

A WEEKEND OF SESSIONS & CONCERTS

Friday 8th June
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The Poozies, Ella Munro Trio, Davy Lees

Sat 9th June
Open Session. Douglas Hotel. 12-5pm. FREE
Evening Concert. Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £20
Old Blind Dogs, Jenny Sturgeon Trio

Sun 10th June
Survivors' Session. Douglas Hotel. 12-5pm. FREE
Brochures and further info available from local shops.
Tickets now available on-line and at Brodick Post Office.
www.arranevents.com

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late 1970s, he was a member of the well respected Auld Howff Band in which he provided vocals, and played guitar and flute. He is indeed a former Scottish amateur flute champion and started his musical career when he was 10 years old. He has toured Europe extensively and has played at Orkney and Shetland Festival, Le Triskel Festival in Breste, Roe Valley Festival in Ireland as well as at Ballerup Festival in Denmark.

Davy is the caller, singer and guitarist of the very talented and busy ceilidh band Freereelin'. He is also a very accomplished performer and storyteller with a vast repertoire of songs ranging from traditional Scottish, including many Robert Burns compositions to popular contemporary folk standards.

His television appearances include ITV's Secret Scotland, while his radio broadcasts include Moray Firth Radio All Scottish Show, and the hugely popular Strings and Things, which he presented on Radio Avon FM. His latest radio appearance was on Celtic Music Radio where he started the very successful programme Strings and Things with Davy Lees with listeners from all over the world.

Playing on Saturday night are:

Old Blind Dogs

The legendary, multi-award-winning Old Blind Dogs bounded into their 25th anniversary year with a brand new album *Room with a View* and a hugely successful Scottish tour. With a line-up from the world of Scottish folk music that is approaching superstar status, founder member Jonny Hardie (fiddle/vocals) is joined by Aaron Jones (guitar/bouzouki/vocals), Ali Hutton (pipes) and Donald Hay (percussion).

Together they create a sound that is uniquely Old Blind Dogs and which still stands at the forefront of the Scottish roots music revival. It's fair to say that their style, drawing as it does from the rhythms of

Middle Eastern, rock, reggae, jazz and blues music went on to influence many bands but nobody does it like the Dogs! Twenty-five years on, they show no signs of slowing down – indeed they are performing at their very peak.

Reviews of their new album included: 'There isn't a disappointing moment on *Room with a View*. In fact, it could well be a contender for Scottish album of the year,' said Folkwords. 'They really understand musical storytelling, and know how to hold our attention, riveted, to each twist of the story,' said FROOTS.

Jenny Sturgeon Trio

Jenny Sturgeon has been winning fans wherever she goes. She plays in a trio with Jonny Hardie of Old Blind Dogs (guitar and vocals) and Charlie McKerron of Capercaillie (fiddle).

Hailing from the north-east of Scotland, Jenny is a hugely talented singer songwriter whose passion for music lies in her interest in traditional folk song, combined with the enjoyment of creating fresh new compositions.

The inspiration for her lyrics comes from folklore, historical events and observations of modern society, and as a biologist her enthusiasm for nature creeps into all her work.

Jenny was recently commissioned by the National Trust for Scotland to compose new songs and tunes inspired by St Kilda to mark the archipelago's 30th anniversary as a World Heritage Site. The resulting work, *The Wren and the Salt Air*, was described as 'a genuinely inspiring work' by RnR magazine.

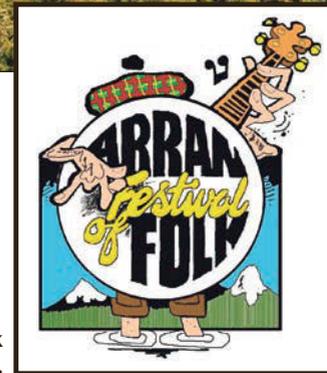
Her album, *From the Skein* was released to some wonderful reviews. Mike Harding said: 'A superb album – I love every track.' While Boo Hewerdine said: 'Jenny Sturgeon is wonderful singer who can change the atmosphere in the room with her affecting delivery. This is a very special record.'



The Ella Munro Trio.



Old Blind Dogs.



The Malky McCormick designed festival logo.



What's On.....

Brodick Castle from the Outside - 11.30am (daily) 1pm (Mon, Sat & Sun only) 2.30pm (Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri only) A guided historical tour of the exterior of the Castle – stout footwear advised. Please book at Reception on arrival **Adults Free with Garden Entry**

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It pays to advertise in the Arran Banner

Third charity challenge held in memory of Rob

Participants prepare to set off on the cycling portion of last year's Rob Worboys Arran Challenge.



Excitement is building for participants in this year's annual Rob Worboys Arran Challenge with the addition of a host of new team entries who will be competing for the challenge cup.

The popular event, now in its third year, is organised by Rob Worboys's colleagues at Cushman and Wakefield in honour of the young property agent's who died suddenly in 2016, aged just 27.

The challenge will see participants cycling 55 miles around the island and then climbing the 2,866ft Goatfell. There is also an option to do a shorter version of the challenge with a 28-mile cycle prior to the ascent.

Teams from Aberdeen Standard Investments, ACCA, Corran Properties, Pinsent Masons, Dentons, New River Retail and

the Royal Bank of Scotland are among those who have signed up to take part in the challenge on Friday June 22, with all money being raised going to a selection of worthy charities, including Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice and the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH).

Battle

There is expected to be a real battle for the Rob Worboys Challenge Cup this year, according to Stuart Dorward, Cushman and Wakefield's Scottish head. He said: 'Some of our more competitive client teams and members of staff are training every day and there is a lot of good-natured rivalry with people hoping to beat their times from previous years.'

'We are delighted that

so many clients and colleagues have got behind the challenge and signed up to take part again. I know it means a lot to Rob's family and his friends, many of whom are attending. Rob is greatly missed.'

Rob was a keen sportsman and played American football for East Kilbride Pirates and took part in trials for the GB team. The events held in his name have already raised £40,000 for charity and it is hoped this year's event will raise a further £10,000 breaking the £50,000 target.

To find out more about the challenge or to get involved in the fundraising campaign, email laura.mclaren@cushwake.com or visit the website at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RobWorboysArranChallenge>

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New Look

HMRC warns on tax refund scams

HMRC is calling on people to stay vigilant in the fight against fraudsters, who are using email and text messages to scam them out of their savings while the tax authority is processing tax refunds after the end of the 2017/18 tax year.

However, criminals are taking advantage of this by sending out scam emails and SMS-messages to trick the public into thinking they have received a tax rebate so they hand over their account and personal details.

Treasury minister Mel Stride MP, the financial secretary to the Treasury, said: 'HMRC only informs you about tax refunds through the post or through your pay via your employer. All emails, text messages or voicemail messages saying you have a tax refund are a scam. Do not click on any links in these messages and forward them to HMRC's phishing email address and phone number.'

'We know that criminals will try to use events like the end of the financial

year, the self-assessment deadline, and the issuing of tax refunds to target the public and attempt to get them to reveal their personal data. It is important to be alert to the danger.'

Many of these fraudulent emails and texts include links which take the user to dubious websites where their information can be stolen. These sites are a focus of HMRC's efforts to tackle fraud. In March 2018, it requested 2,672 phishing websites be taken down and received 84,549 phishing reports. This kind of phishing is expected to continue in the coming months as genuine tax refunds are issued.

Income tax for Thursday April 6, 2017, to Thursday April 5, 2018, will be calculated over the coming months and anyone owed a genuine tax rebate will receive a tax calculation letter by post between June and October.

If you haven't paid the right amount at the end of the tax year, HMRC will post you a tax calculation. This can be a P800 or a simple assessment letter.

If you have paid too much tax, the letter will explain how you can get your refund paid to you. If you have not paid enough tax, the letter will tell you how much you owe and how you can pay.

Market report from Stirling

United Auctions had forward 1,687 store cattle, 127 cast cows, 628 store sheep and 3,103 prime sheep and 550 cast ewes at its sale in Stirling recently.

Leading prices were: store cattle, bullocks: The Moor (CH) £1,250 and 230ppk; Tighnafreoch (HO) £600 and 157ppk; Glenkiln (AA) £520 and 250ppk. Cast cows: Bellevue (Sim) £1,050 and 174ppk; Cloughlands (HO) £825 and 117ppk.

Hogs: Altgolath (Tex) £123; Altgolath (Mule) £114.50; Altgolath (BF) £92; Ceithir Gaoithe (BF) £81.50; Ceithir Gaoithe (EasyCare) £65.50; Glenkiln (BF) £59. Ewes: The Moor (Tex) £99; Ardbheinn (Tex) £97; Ardbheinn (Mule) £87; The Moor (Chev) £78.50; Altgolath (BF) £70; Sheddock (Mule) £66; Braehead (Goats) £52.

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday May 9, 1998

A horse named Brodick

Two horses and their handlers visited Arran last week as part of a road safety weekend exercise. One called Argyll and the other Brodick, they are named, like motor cars, with a different letter depending on the year they joined the force. Thus Argyll joined the force one year earlier than Brodick. All Strathclyde horses are named after parts of the region and they used to have a horse named Arran but, as they are now only in the year 'G', it will be a long time before there is another one. Brodick and Argyll travelled over on the ferry by horsebox and were stabled at Kingscross. They were the first two police horses to come to Arran and there are no plans to repeat the exercise but they certainly attracted a lot of interest wherever they went.

Arran earthquake

Arran has been struck by an earthquake. The epicentre of the earthquake was half way between Colonsay and Jura and its magnitude was 3.4 on the Richter scale. It occurred on Sunday morning at 3.15am and the first reports came from Lochgilphead to the British Geological Society in Edinburgh. Subsequently, more reports came in with people saying: 'We were woken in our sleep' and 'We heard a rumble like a train passing'. There was at least one report from Arran.

The BGS seismic listening devices had already picked up seismic activity before any reports had come in. With almost all reports coming from Argyll and only one from Arran, it would appear that Arran was on the outer edge of any tremors. As for the actual cause, even the BGS cannot say but it does say it is not to do with tectonic plate movement but with a fault at great depth within the earth.

Outdoor weddings

A proposal to conduct civil marriages outside the office has been put forward to North Ayrshire Council. Up until now the registrar can only marry people only in their office. A minister may marry people in a hotel or other place although often the preference is to conduct weddings in their own churches.

Now a proposal is before North Ayrshire to conduct civil marriages outside the office with mountain tops and country parks listed as venues that have been requested. One couple who went to register their marriage at the Registry Office at Lam-lash had to use their own minister to conduct their wedding on Cleats Shore. There was a strong suggestion that they had chosen the location to benefit from the known designation of the beach, but they were not able to ask the registrar to marry them there.



Over the past six months, parents and pupils of Arran High School have collected 31,528 Co-op music vouchers which have been used to purchase musical instruments. Pictured outside Lamlash Co-op are Iain Soutter, Robin Smith, Laura Keeney, Richard Bentley, Laura Nicholson, Shiona Murchie and Andrew Norris with Co-op manager Iain Struthers and music teacher Ann Lee. 01_B20twe01



Former members of the Arran lifeboat crew attended the opening of the new Lifeboat House at Lamlash Pier. They are Ian Thomson, Archie Stevenson, Ian McNee, Peter McBeath, Jock Kelso, Peter MacKay, Miller Crawford, Ian Wood, John Robertson and Mick Cannon. 01_B20twe04



Last week horse riders on Arran enjoyed a road safety weekend organised in conjunction with the British Horse Society and the mounted police section. Pictured are the organisers who helped students attain their BHS road safety badges. 01_B20twe03



Maryhill Eagles, a women's league football team from Glasgow which includes Whiting Bay footballer Catherine McBain, visited Arran for a friendly against a men's team at Sandbraes Park last weekend. 01_B20twe02



Current lifeboat crew line up outside the new station which was opened by Lady Jean Fforde last Saturday. 01_B20twe05

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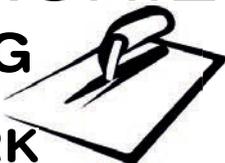
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A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - DETERMINATION NOTICE

North Ayrshire Council has determined under section 8 (1) of the above Act that the Zero Waste Strategy and Implementation Plan 2018 - 2022 does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Copies of this notice and the screening reports, providing the statement of reasons, are available from the Council's website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk or can be viewed during normal office hours at North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 09.00-16.45 weekdays (16.30 Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 08.06.18. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

18/00419/PP; McLaren Hotel, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8AJ; Demolition of existing hotel and erection of new hotel and restaurant.

18/00422/PP; Kildonan Hotel, Kildonan, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Conversion of 2 hotel rooms to form a private self-contained apartment, construction of dormer, demolition of part of existing building and external alterations to existing building.

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Sunday 20th May
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Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship, including the 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. A Service of worship will be held at the Preaching Cave, Kilpatrick at 3.30pm for Pentecost Sunday.

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(continuing)
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 20th May
Service 11am, Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
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CURRIE: Douglas and Linda would like to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy received on the loss of their uncle, Iain. Also Fr. McVicar for spiritual comfort, AW Blair & Sons for funeral arrangements, and all who attended at St Peter's and at Holmsford Bridge.

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Youth rugby tournament the Calcutta Cup



A bruising encounter between Auchenhavrie and Largs players. 01_B20rugby06



An Arran player sprints away from the opposition. 01_B20rugby07

Youth rugby on Arran has received a welcome boost with the hosting of the Rugby 7s Series at Ormidale Park last Thursday where participants also had the opportunity to see at first hand the historic Calcutta Cup.

The series, which involves Largs, Ardrossan and Auchenhavrie rugby teams, saw the youngsters competing in three age groups – S1/S2, S3 boys and under-15 girls.

Scoring for the tournaments is through accumulated points and is calculated



Arran High School under-15 girls

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Arran bowling fixtures drawn

The Federation of Arran Bowling Clubs have made their draw for this year's inter-club competitions, which are as follows:

Laidler Gardiner Trophy. All matches start at 6.45pm prompt at home team's green.

Tuesday May 22, Whiting Bay v Blackwaterfoot and Brodick v Lamlash. Thursday May 24, Blackwaterfoot v Whiting Bay and Lamlash v Brodick. Tuesday May 29, Blackwaterfoot v Lamlash and Brodick v Whiting Bay. Thursday May 31, Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot and Whiting Bay v Brodick. Tuesday June 5, Brodick v Blackwaterfoot and Lamlash v Whiting Bay. Thursday June 7, Blackwaterfoot v Brodick and Whiting Bay v Lamlash.

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Federation Trophies. All matches to be played at Brodick starting at 6.45pm.

Monday June 12, ladies' singles: Brodick v Lamlash and Blackwaterfoot v Whiting Bay. Gents' singles: Brodick v Lamlash and Blackwaterfoot v Whiting Bay. Tuesday June 13, pairs: Lamlash v Brodick and Blackwaterfoot v Whiting Bay. Triples: Brodick v Blackwaterfoot and Whiting Bay v Lamlash. Thursday June 15, all finals, followed by prize-giving in Brodick Hall.

Tournament brings to the island

over three tournaments taking place on Arran, and in Largs and Ardrossan.

Requiring a huge amount of organising, the series involves Scottish Rugby development officer Andrew Duncan, Scottish Rugby coach Euan Rains and high school physical education teachers Steve Evans, Julie McGhee and depute head Suzie Dick among many others.

Defending their title after winning the series last year, Arran High School were competing in their new red

kits which were provided with the assistance of Scottish Rugby and the school's parent council.

Rugby enthusiast Steve Evans said: 'Arran High School has a rich tradition of playing rugby so it is great to see it taking off and gaining traction again.'

Coach and Arran rugby player Euan Rains said: 'This is a great tournament.

'We are all here for the enjoyment of rugby and to have fun while doing it.

'The players are very enthusiastic and it is inspiring to

see more than 30 Arran pupils getting involved.'

Creating a huge amount of excitement at the tournament, Scottish Rugby education manager Paul Kesterton brought with him the historic Calcutta Cup which Scotland won at Murrayfield in February with their first win over England in the Six Nations Championship in a decade

The cup, which dates back to 1879, and which is at present touring schools around the country, has been won by England 70 times and 40 by Scotland.



Scottish Rugby education manager Paul Kesterton shows off the Calcutta Cup dating back to 1879. 01_B20rugby02



Players practise their tackling skills under the tutelage of Scottish Rugby coach Euan Rains. 01_B20rugby01



Arran players receive support from the sidelines from their team-mates. 01_B20rugby05



Largs players have a post-game strategy discussion. 01_B20rugby03



Arran and Largs players shake each other's hands after their match. 01_B20rugby04

Yvonne takes duel in the sun prize

Arran Ladies' Golf Union Saturday May 12, Flockhart Trophy, 17 ladies played on a wonderful sunny day at Brodick Golf Club in the last competition of the ALGU year.

Congratulations to the winner, Yvonne Brothers 90-19=71 the runner-up, Jenni Turnbull 91-17=74 and the scratch winner, Susan Butchard, 86. The ALGU would like to thank the greens staff for all their hard work in preparing the course after the rain on Friday, Chris, the new caterer and his staff for the lovely lunch, and Brodick Golf Club for making us feel so welcome.

Fixture: The ADM will be held at Brodick Golf Club on Monday May 21, at 7pm. Sunday June 24, the President's Prize will be a 12-hole tri-am at Shiskine Golf Club at 1.45pm.

Arran Golfers' Association

Monday May 14, Seniors Bowl. Congratulations to Whiting Bay Golf Club for winning the AGA Seniors Bowl, beating Shiskine at Shiskine in the final. This game was rain-delayed from Friday and it was a very close match going up the 18th. John Pennycott and Willie Kelso both spoke about how friendly a game it was and played in the right spirit. Can WB make it a hat-trick next year?

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday May 10, Summer Cup, CSS 67. 1 Ian Bremner 69-7=62 BIH, 2 Calum Rae

76-14=62, 3 Dougie MacFarlane 66-0=66. Scratch Dougie MacFarlane 66. Magic twos Ian Bremner, Graeme Andrew and Dougie MacFarlane, all @5th, Paul Cowan @16th.

Sunday May 13, Hamilton Bowl round one, par bogey, CSS 67, RO. 1 Alistair Crawford -3, 2 Serge El Adm -4. Scratch Alistair Crawford -12.

Fixtures: Sunday May 20, Jamieson Cup round one, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday May 24, Summer Cup, make up own games, see starter for times.

Ladies section: Monday May 7, Josie Sanderson Stableford. 1 Ann May 32pts, 2 Jenni Turnbull 31pts BIH, 3 Gay Mackay 31pts. The assembled group played in excellent conditions this year – no wind, no rain and, most importantly, no midges – but many competitors nevertheless found the greens very tricky while others were attracted to the brilliant yellow of the gorse at its best just now. Only one magic two was recorded by Kate McAdam at the 16th.

As ever, the main attraction were the cakes! Produced by a small select group of bakers, they excelled themselves this year. Our thanks also to our new caterer for the tasty sandwiches and to our captain, Mary, who took on the tea and coffee making duties and welcomed our guests.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday April 25, Richard Parfitt Trophy, CSS 66 (33pts). 1 Douglas Auld 22,

37pts, 2 Stephen Judge 10, 34pts ACB, 3 Nicol Auld 5, 34pts.

Sunday April 29, Eric Wood Memorial, CSS 63 (36pts). 1 Kevin McAleney 35pts, 2 Stan Rainey 10, 34pts ACB, 3 Jamie Stewart 5, 34pts.

Thursday May 10, Summer Trophy, round five, CSS 64. 1 Jamie Stewart 5, 61, 2 David Morrison 9, 65, 3 Danny Head 4, 66.

Sunday May 13. The sun shone for captain Wolfi Kroner for his Captain's Prize day and a good turnout of 24 players enjoyed his hospitality and usual kind words of advice. The members would like to thank Wolfi for his generous prizes and refreshments, as well as appreciation for all his hard work as captain. The competition was a Stableford from the yellow tees. 1 Eddie Hope 16, 39pts ACB, 2 Alan Kay 19, 39pts, 3 Andy Martin 12, 37pts, 4 John Pennycott 13, 36pts ACB.

Fixtures: Sunday May 20, McKelvie Cup round one (qualifier for club championship). Wednesday May 23, Summer Trophy and second qualifier for club championship. Sunday May 27, McKelvie Cup round two, and final qualifier for club championship.

Brodick Golf Club

Thursday May 10, Summer Cup, 18 played, CSS 64. 1 Chris Pattenden 74-13=61, 2 Bruce Jenkins 72-7=65, 3 Iain Sillars 82-15=67 ACB. Scratch Bruce Jenkins 72.

Sunday May 13, McCar-



Yvonne Brothers, winner of the Flockhart Trophy, with runner-up Jenni Turnbull, scratch winner Susan Butchard and Carole Stewart, ALGU president.



frae Trophy, CCQ round one, 23 played. 1 Ewan McKinnon 68pts, Bob McCrae 74pts ACB, Greg McCrae 74pts. Sweep, CSS 66. 1 Bob McCrae 74-8=66, 2 Nicol Hume 82-14=68 ACB, 3 Billy Armit 79-11=68.

Fixture: Sunday May 20, McCarfrae Trophy, CCQ round three. Entry by clubhouse notice board only. Championship matchplay rounds will then be played on Monday, Thursday and Friday, followed by the final on Saturday May 26.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday May 10, Ladies' Club Championship qualifier round two, par 67, SSS 67, CSS 67. 1st Class: 1 Carole Stewart 87-19=68, 2 Alice Anderson 86-15=71. 2nd Class: 1 Fiona Scott 94-26=68, 2 Esther Henderson 99-28=71.

Sunday May 13, gents 12-hole medal, 15 played. 1st Class: 1 Colin Dair 50-7=43, 2 Allan Napier 50-5=45 BIH. Scratch H Bannatyne 48. 2nd Class: 1 Colin Rutterford 57-9=48, BIH, 2 Willie McNally 57-9=48. Magic twos A Napier and H Bannatyne.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday May 12, Summer Cup. 1 R Logan 67-6=61, 2 A Smith 75-11=64, BIH, 3 A Burke 84-20=64. Scratch, E McKinnon 63.

Fixtures: Saturday May 19, Medal. Ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday May 23,



Captain Mary Adams, right, presents the Josie Sanderson bowl to winner Ann May at Lamlash Golf Club.

mid week medal and magic twos, ballot at 5pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday May 15, Lady Mary. Barbara Waring 81-12=69, Kema Genda 89-15=74, E Kelso 95-21=74. CSS 68.

Tuesday May 15, Peter Sutton. Hamish Bannatyne

70-7=63, Brian Sherwood 83-15=68, Cambell Laing 88-18=70. CSS 66.

Fixtures: Tuesday May 22, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee off at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

The sheet for the Lawson-Cameron is now on the notice board and starts in June.

Goatfell hill race runners at the ready

More than 200 runners will today (Saturday) take part in the annual Goatfell hill race.

A total of 212 runners have entered are and looking forward to making the gruelling 15.5 kilometre, 870 metre climb to the summit and back.

Setting off from Ormidale Park at midday, the runners will follow the tourist path to the summit with members of the Brodick Improvements Committee marshalling the road route and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team assisting on the mountain.

The course record, which was broken last year by the first two runners, is now 1 hour, 12 minutes and 11 seconds.

While most of the competitors come from the mainland, a number of Arran runners also take part with brother and sister, Jon and Kirstie Smith, both taking first place in the local male and female categories respectively last year.



AGA president Jock Kelso hands over AGA Seniors Bowl to John Pennycott and the Whiting Bay team, including captain Wolfi Kroner.

Brodick win Haulage Cup

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side of the bar and went in. Toby added his second goal of the match along with Andrew getting a brace as well. Archie McNicol, who had also got off the boat just before kick-off to help his team out, had been provider for most of the goals and finally got on the score sheet himself.

With the score at 6-0, Brodick were just going through the motions. It could have been a lot more if it wasn't for some brilliant last-ditch defending from Fraser Thomson of Lamlash.

Brodick's only blip on an otherwise perfect display was when Babbies MacNeil was given his marching orders after picking up two yellow cards for repetitive fouling.

Referee Danny Head gave the man of the match to Tony McDowall for a faultless display in the middle of the park with almost every bit of his play wreaking havoc in the Lamlash ranks.

Willie Anderson of Arran Haulage was on hand to present the trophy to captain Matthew Dobson of Brodick for their first trophy win of the season.

Refreshments

A spokesman for the Isle of Arran Football Association said: 'Thank you to Struan and Rachel Armitage for their generous sponsorship and support of football on Arran. The refreshments provided to both teams after the game on such a warm day were also very much appreciated.'



Celebrating their success, Brodick break open the bubbly. 01_B20footy09



The Lamlash goalkeeper looks on helplessly as the ball flashes past him and into the net. 01_B20footy07



Johnnie Sloss, in full flow, dances through the defenders. 01_B20footy02



The Brodick keeper punches the ball after a Lamlash attempt at goal. 01_B20footy04

Southend get league off to a flyer

Arran Dairies League

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| Southend | 8 |
| Shiskine | 1 |

Monday night saw the first Arran Dairies League games of the season played in lovely conditions once again.

In Whiting Bay, the Southenders ran riot against Shiskine with Donald Park scoring four goals for the home side. Referee Greg McCrae gave Ryan Arm-

strong man of the match for his play and for his scoring. Lewis Kennedy and Stephen Judge also scored and James Mitch achieved his first goal in Southend colours.

Young Calum McAlister scored a consolation goal for Shiskine.

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| Lamlash | 2 |
| Northend | 0 |

In the other league game, Lamlash had to have a

quick turnaround from their cup final defeat as they hosted Northend two days later. In a close game, the home team came out on top with goals from Luc El Adm and Sam Tattersfield. Grant Adamson was given man of the match.

The next fixtures on Monday May 21 will see Shiskine taking on Lamlash at 6.30pm and Northend at home to Brodick at 7pm.



Southend start another attack in the middle of the park. 01_B20southend02

SPORT



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Six of the best sees Brodick lift the Arran Haulage Cup

Arran Haulage Cup final

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| Brodick | 6 |
| Lamlash | 0 |

League champions Brodick secured their first cup win of the season with a rout of last year's beaten finalists Lamlash.

In the Arran Haulage Cup final played in Lamlash last Saturday, it was to prove a second final defeat in a row for the home side, who lost to Southend in the inaugural competition last year.

Supported by a large crowd of spectators on one of the hottest days of the year, the old rivals battled it out in a one-sided match, with Brodick barely putting a foot wrong and romping to victory.

Lamlash looked to have drawn first blood when Grant Adamson powered the ball into the Brodick goal only for it to be ruled offside. Two minutes later, it was Brodick who made it 1-0 when Toby Wingham opened the scoring for the blues.

Tony McDowall had made the trip back down from Glasgow for his side and he was on hand to make it 2-0 before half-time.

In the second half, it was one-way traffic as Brodick were playing down the hill and ran riot. New signing Andrew Brisco made it 3-0 in the first minute of the second half after his thunderous strike hit the under-

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Willie Anderson of Arran Haulage presents the cup to Brodick captain Matthew Dobson. 01_B20footy10



Archie McNicol maintains possession as a defender blocks his way 01_B20footy06



A thwarted attempt at goal goes awry. 01_B20footy08

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