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Sad day for The Shore



Sheena McDonald with chef son John and Debbie Armstrong outside The Shore, which is now closed. 01_B21shore01

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The Shore in Whiting Bay has closed its doors for the last time.

Last Saturday was the final day of trading for the coffee shop, takeaway and deli, and it was a sad time for the staff.

Boss Sheena McDonald said it was simply not paying its way.

'The whole island demographic has changed,' she told the *Banner*. 'There are a lot more day trippers now who are simply not using the facilities on the island.

'A lot of them stay in Brodick and if they do travel round the island they seem to head up north.'

It is three years since a major makeover saw the former Village Shop converted into the takeaway and coffee shop.

Sheena said: 'Initially we tried opening later to serve evening meals but when that didn't work we concentrated on the daytime trade, but there just wasn't the customers to keep us going.

'We've really tried to make it work but despite trying lots and lots of dif-

Cooriedoon's 30 years of caring



Celebrating 30 years of caring for the elderly, Cooriedoon care home in Whiting Bay hosted an elegant garden party with founder Celia Butler and long-standing nurse Elaine Kelso being honoured at the event. The afternoon was held in glorious sunshine with luxury foods, drinks and a host of entertainment being enjoyed by residents, invited guests and staff. Full story on page seven. 01_B21front01

ferent approaches we just haven't been able to continue as a viable business.

'In retrospect, opening through the winter was not a sensible idea and at least

now there are jobs available on Arran for our wonderful, amazing and loyal staff.

'Thank you to all our customers both when we were

the Village Shop and The Shore.' It is understood owner Kate Armstrong will put the premises on the market.

'It would be good to see

a new business opening up, the village needs something to bring people in,' Sheena added.

■ Last dough at Douglas Deli, turn to page two.

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Bid to breathe new life into Balmichael

A bid has been made to breathe new life into the Balmichael Visitor Centre near Shiskine.

A planning application has been made for the conversion of existing buildings to form up to nine self-catering accommodation units and install six camping pods with an amenity block and parking.

The application has been made by Steel Stone Holdings Ltd which also bears the name of Callum Ford, who was involved with the previous owner James L Clark.

Balmichael opened as Arran Family Fun Park in spring 2015 but closed in less than two years with the previous owner trying to raffle off the seven-acre estate in a prize draw. Balmichael is still on the market valued at £400,000. The new applicants say Mr Clark is not involved.

In a supporting statement

with their two planning applications, which are under consideration by North Ayrshire Council planners, the company admits there have been problems.

It states: 'The Balmichael Visitor Centre has provided an outdoor leisure and play facility for many years.

'Over this time, there has been a succession of owners who have each added and changed the facility in an attempt to make it financially viable.

'These attempts have proved unsuccessful and the facility has remained closed for over a year while the current owner has marketed it for sale. It was closed for three years under the previous ownership.

'With the introduction of RET on the ferry service to Arran, there has been a significant increase in the number of visitors and accommodation on the island has been

working at capacity, especially in the self-catering sector where visitors are finding accommodation difficult to obtain.'

The numerous outbuildings at Balmichael could be readily converted to form self-catering units for holiday lets, said the statement, as well as providing camping pods on an adjacent area of ground.

The pods would blend into the landscape and would be far less obtrusive than the 15-metre high adventure course, it was suggested.

It is anticipated employment would be created for four people.

'The proposal for a change of use to create self-catering holiday accommodation and camping pods will enable Balmichael to become viable again, providing much-needed visitor accommodation on Arran, and preserve the existing buildings,' the statement adds.



Self-catering and camping plans have been submitted for the Balmichael Visitor Centre.



The deli has now closed its doors. 01_B20deli01

Last dough at Douglas Deli

The Douglas Deli has reached the end of the road and now a new business is being sought for the Brodick shop.

The food outlet, in the Douglas Centre, which latterly was only operating as a pizzeria, never really got fully off the ground since opening last July and now The Douglas Hotel is to consider other options for the site.

Hotel manager Elaine Campbell said: 'We realised early on that margins were going to be very tight, and felt that we could cut no more corners on our product without affecting it too much, so when poor Corey Allan, who was running the deli, injured his leg during a football game, it just seemed that the time was right.

'We feel sad, because we were very proud of our hand-rolled pizzas, they tasted delicious, and maybe these will become part of the Douglas Hotel menu repertoire. Who knows, as we have a new head chef who started with us this week too.

'We do want to thank everyone who bought from us, supported and visited us. We will be looking for a new tenant if anyone would like to rent the unit. We'd be delighted to hear from them. Ideally, for us, a sympathetic business, such as a beauty/hair salon or maybe a niche retail unit.'

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Get ready for plenty of madness at Our House

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There's a whole lot of madness coming to Arran High School.

The school's end of term musical production for 2018 is *Our House*, a musical with music and lyrics by ska/pop band Madness.

Rehearsals are well under way, with students now rehearsing weekly and even committing their evenings and weekends to ensure their show is, as always, professional and polished.

It has been two years since the emotional roller coaster story *Sunshine on Leith* was staged at the Lamlash Community Theatre, and *Our House* is not set to disappoint.

This year, the community is working alongside Ayrshire-based Steven J Swan, a professional creative who will lead on the direction and overall production of the show.

Based in 1980s Camden Town, *Our House* tells the story of London lad Joe Casey, who, on the night of his 16th birthday, takes Sarah, the girl of his dreams, out on their first date.

In an effort to impress her with bravado, he breaks into a building site overlooking his home on Casey Street.

The police turn up, at which point Joe's life splits into two: the Good Joe,



Above, The youngsters practise their dance moves, and right some of the cast in rehearsal.

who stays to help, and Bad Joe, who flees.

Through the music of Madness, writer Tim Firth explores the themes of love, family values, growing up, responsibility and dealing with losing the people that shape us. It also features a collection of the band's biggest hits, including *House of Fun*, *Baggy Trousers*, *Driving in my Car*, *It Must Be Love* and, of course, *Our House*.

This very British musical is sure to be a sell out. Shows are 7.30pm nightly from June 19 to 22 in Lamlash Community Theatre.

Tickets can be bought from Arran High School or The Book & Card Centre, Brodick. Tickets are priced £8 for adults and £6 for children attending school.



New boss takes charge at Brodick Castle

A new boss has been appointed at Brodick Castle and Country Park.

Jared Bowers will take up the post in early July. He is the third property manager at The National Trust for Scotland facility in five years.

He currently works as the general manager for Kelburn Castle and estate in Largs and is the ecotour-

ism project manager for an initiative within Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

Jared has worked in sustainable tourism for more than 14 years. During this time he has held varied positions in tourism management, consultancy and academia, enabling him to live and work in 12 countries

across the globe.

He has worked with a mixture of local and international stakeholder groups and specialises in nature-based, cultural-heritage and adventure tourism.

Jared also has a PhD in sustainable tourism in Guyana from Newcastle University and a MSc in Ecotourism, with dis-

tinction, from Edinburgh Napier University.

He takes over after a major round of redundancies at the castle which has led to 21 job losses. The castle is presently closed for major fire prevention works and will not reopen until 2019.

Interim property manager Chris Mills will remain at the castle in a new role.

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The Contact the Elderly group enjoy afternoon tea at Cruickshanks.



Elderly enjoy high tea in Whiting Bay

One of the two Contact the Elderly groups on Arran enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea courtesy of Cruickshanks B&B in Whiting Bay last Sunday.

The ladies all had a lovely time, and thanked hosts Rob and Nanette Cowieson for their hospitality.

The group's aim is to help isolated older people by holding an afternoon tea one Sunday a month with the help of volunteer drivers and hosts. Across the UK there are hundreds of groups, more than 130 of them in Scotland.

The charity, which start-

ed on the island 22 years ago, needs more volunteers to come forward as hosts once a year, drivers once a month (or reserve drivers) or coordinators to help the existing groups.

Support officer Caroline McGinlay said: 'Please

get in touch with me if you would like to find out more information, would like to refer a lonely older person or to find out how you can help.'

Anyone who can help can contact: caroline.mcginlay@contact-the-elderly.org.uk

Late start to full summer service

The MV Isle of Arran started Arran's full summer service on Wednesday after a turbulent start to the season.

The island's second ferry has only been operating part-time on the Arran route for the past month after the breakdown of the MV Clansman saw the Arran timetable and others on the network face disruption as ferry operators CalMac hurried to redistribute ves-

sels to service other routes.

MV Hebrides, which was due to enter dry dock for its annual service, was also delayed and pressed into further service owing to a shortage of available vessels in the fleet.

Repairs to the MV Clansman – which suffered a breakdown because of a propulsion system failure – was delayed as parts had to be created by a specialist firm in Denmark. A tempo-

rary repair has been undertaken but a permanent repair will be needed in June when a new propeller shaft will be fitted.

Normal service on the Ardrossan to Brodick route has now started with a two-boat service which will continue until Monday September 24. The Campbelltown service, also operated by the MV Isle of Arran, has also started a month late.

Road closures

Residents and drivers using MacKelvie Road and Arranton Place in Lamlash are being warned of closures next week. The affected area will be from the A841 junction to 24 MacKelvie Road, which will be closed from 9.30am to 4.30pm daily, from Monday, May 28 to June 1.

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Consultation helps shape local plan

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Arran residents have been voicing their opinion as part of a region-wide consultation on North Ayrshire Council's future development plans.

At a public meeting at the Ormidale Pavilion on Tuesday, residents, business owners and those with an interest in local development met with strategic planning manager Neale McIlvanney and planning officers Neil McAleer and Joanna Glacken.

Providing information on the proposed Local Development Plan – which sets out how the council will guide development and investment in the area over the next 20 years – the planners provided visitors with details on how their contributions can be lodged to be considered when finalising the document.

Once the consultation period is complete, the proposed plan is passed to Scottish ministers for examination. A reporter is then appointed who pub-



Strategic planning manager Neale McIlvanney and planning officers Neil McAleer and Joanna Glacken with the Local Development Plan. 01_B21LDP01

lishes a report of the findings and outlines whether any changes are required.

The proposed Local Development Plan is then

adopted and becomes the legal document consulted when considering planning applications in North Ayrshire.



Kirstine Wood, Gary Knox and James Tarrant of SSE gather the opinions of Arran locals, including Howard Wood of COAST, on the proposed submarine cable. 01_B21cable01

Talk-in held for subsea cable

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) has been gathering information from Arran residents during its two-day consultation on its proposal to replace the existing submarine cable which connects Arran to Carradale.

The drop-in consultation, which took place at the Auchrannie Hotel on Monday and Tuesday this week, saw the SSEN project team laying out the plans and collating opinions, feedback and concerns which will be taken into account prior to

submitting a pre-application consultation report to Marine Scotland.

Demonstrating what its intentions are and how it wishes to implement them, the project team made use of a video presentation, a host of documents and an example of the marine cable that would be used.

Members of the public, including Howard Wood of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) visited the consultation to find out more about the plans and to offer his local

knowledge and opinions on the subject.

Island businesses, marine users and visitors have until Thursday July 5 to submit comments to SSEN.

Consultees and members of the public will have a further opportunity to comment on the application as part of Marine Scotland's consultation process.

While no fixed dates for the replacement have been set, a timeline of two to five years for completion of the entire process is envisaged.

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The Arran Brewery helipad above Kildonan.

follow when it is known groundworks on the new we have the facility avail- terminal this summer.' able. We plan to begin Once completed, Mr

Michaluk said the brewery hoped to be offering sight-seeing tours through its sister company, HJS helicopters, in the future. He added: 'The regulations regarding flying helicopters over water are quite restricting, but never say never.' The brewery is allowing free landings with prior notification and fuel will be available on site after the terminal is complete. Anyone wishing to use the helipad should contact the brewery on 01770 302353 prior to arrival.

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Cooriedoon celebrates 30 years with garden party

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Private care home Cooriedoon in Whiting Bay marked its 30th birthday with an elegant garden party, where residents, visitors and staff enjoyed a host of activities and events on a sunny afternoon.

Original founder Celia Butler joined in the celebrations and was presented with a bouquet of flowers from care manager Gwen Walker, while long-standing nurse Elaine Kelso was presented with a long-term service gift.

The celebrations took place in the superbly manicured gardens of the impressive sandstone build-

ing which was built in 1900 and suitably started life as the Whiting Bay Hotel.

With a nod to the colourful mixture of nationalities working at the residential home, the garden was adorned with exotic Indian, Philippine, Israeli and Scottish ornaments in the cultural garden.

Elsewhere in the garden, visitors and residents enjoyed strawberries and cream, sandwiches and pastisseries, and Coorie curry, while children were entertained at the bouncy castle and with face painting.

Residents enjoyed holistic therapies and massages from Jill McKillop as everyone was entertained



Above, contenders for the most elegant hat competition. 01_B21cooriedoon05; right, founder Celia Butler receives flowers by Gwen Walker and Greg Butler. 01_B21cooriedoon08

by the harmonic sounds of Arran singer Mike Bailey.

Appropriate for the spring sunshine, a 'most elegant hat' competition and a raffle added to the fun atmos-

phere of the day. The afternoon's celebrations were rounded off with thank you speeches and a symbolic release of peace balloons by Gilbert Norris.



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Singer Mike Bailey entertained the crowds while children put the bouncy castle to good use. 01_B21cooriedoon03



Garden party visitors were treated to an array of savoury snacks during the afternoon. 01_B21cooriedoon01



Visitors were greeted at the entrance to the garden party with a champagne reception. 01_B21cooriedoon02



Elaine Kelso enjoys a sample of the holistic therapies on offer from Jill McKillop. 01_B21cooriedoon07

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Editorial

Real estate

Balmichael Visitor Centre has been many things since it first opened 21 years ago.

It was opened at Easter 1997 by David and Gillian McClelland with three shops, a tearoom, quad bikes and a small motor museum.

Over the years it has had some good times and bad times. For some years it was a thriving enterprise with craft shops and more recently the Arran Family Fun Park, which seemed to have good potential, but did not last long.

Now plans have been unveiled for self-catering accommodation and camping pods and it would be good to see some new life breathed into the site.

But with seven acres of land, we have to wonder if Steel Stone Holdings Ltd, a London-based real estate firm, which has made the application, may have further plans for the site. It says it has ruled out owner occupied homes as it believes such a use would be incompatible with the rest of the business. But what is that business to be?

We will watch developments with interest.

Thought for the week

'In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 8:37

Singing surprise

Sir,
May I thank ARCO, Arran's string ensemble which hails from Lochranza to Whiting Bay, for the surprise they sprung on me recently.

I was totally in the dark when I called at Alice in Wonderland's lovely home to pick her up for a Brodick practice.

Calling 'Alice, where art thou?' I entered her sunny sitting room to find the entire group seated in a circle and playing Happy Birthday.

Thanks to everyone for the fine presents, a framed music score for the tune, Anne Hodge's Jazz Razz Rock - the 80th Arran Rag.

A musical hour or two followed with lovely food made by many, but especially David, the fudge laced with an Arran beverage was fab. Elvis sang song after song and we all joined in.

A pirate sailed in from Whiting Bay and tossed a silver ball to me.

Daisy and Rosie played fine fiddle tunes.

I'm still in my seventies and this was a premature birthday bash, but I hope that being 80 will be as much fun. More to do before I'm done.

Yours,
Anne Hodge
Whiting Bay

Visit delay

Sir,
May I start off with an apology.

I had said that I hoped to travel to Arran this month



New artist's impression of planned hotel

Following our coverage last week on plans being lodged for a new £9 million mid market hotel on the old McLaren site in Brodick the Banner received this new artist's impression of the development from the Abode Group. The company says the new image shows the building to be 'considerably more attractive' with a new render.

to meet with anyone that had an interest in housing on the island but, unfortunately, this isn't going to be possible.

However, I will be heading over to the island on Tuesday June 19 until Thursday June 21. I should be arriving off the 3.20pm ferry from Ardrossan on the 19th and will be leaving on either the 1.55pm or 3.15pm ferry on the 21st. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please do get in touch either by email or give me a call.

Whatever your interest in housing, or even if you just want to hear about Rural Housing Scotland's role in the development of affordable housing in rural Scotland, I would be more

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Yours,
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Schools across Arran benefit from broadband boost

Schools across Arran can now access faster internet after an upgrade across the island.

North Ayrshire Council has upped the broadband coverage – taking advantage of deep sea BT coverage – to secure a more reliable service. And it means pupils at Corrie, Kilmo-

ry, Brodick, Pirrmill and Shiskine primaries can now enjoy a range of technologies to help them learn in the classroom.

It also allows teachers to share resources across the internet to provide further options for the young people.

Shirley MacLachlan, head

teacher of the schools, said: 'We are all delighted with the improvements. Connectivity is now much more reliable. It has allowed us to get new ipads and laptops and made accessibility so much better. The most important thing is it will help provide even more options for learning and, ultimately, help the children achieve more.'

As well as the primary schools, upgrades to existing connections have been made to the coverage at Arran Library in Brodick which will benefit the staff and the public who use the library. A new and faster public wifi network has also been installed in the library.

The next sites to be upgraded will be Montrose House and Whiting Bay Primary School.



P5/6 pupils at Brodick primary, which now has better broadband. 01_B21internet02



Student teacher Rachel Pearson helps P5/6 pupils at Brodick primary during a computer lesson. 01_B21internet01

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Matthew McNeish received the Glaister Shield, Harbourview Cup and the Learig Cup as the overall confined winner.

Three in a row as Matthew takes top spot at Dougarie

Colin Smeeton
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MATTHEW McNeish and his dog Pip have been crowned the local winners of the Dougarie sheep dog trials for the third year in a row.

The trials, which are in their 130th year, took place in near perfect conditions on Wednesday May 16, at Glenloig with a total of 41 dogs from all over the west of Scotland competing, including 10 of which were in the confined class by having Arran handlers.

Challenging sheep led to a higher proportion of runs than usual being abandoned. Nevertheless six handlers and their dogs showed how it could be done, all achieving scores in the 90s, out of a possible 100.

The Open Class was won by Neil McVicar from Dunoon with his dog Bill on an impressive score of 98.

The confined class trophy winners were: Learig Cup, confined



Liz Robertson receives the Chairman's Shield for the highest pointed female competitor.

winner, Matthew McNeish of Slidderly with Pip. Baldy Craig Rose Bowl, outrun/lift/pen, Niall McMaster of Shannochie with Gael. The Glaister Shield, best Arran bred dog, Matthew McNeish of Slidderly with Pip. Chairman's Shield, highest pointed female competitor, Liz Robertson of Machrie Farmer's Cup, best fetch/

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MP vows to continue ticket tout campaign

Local MP Patricia Gibson has welcomed UK Government moves to clamp down on ticket touts, but says they must go further to protect consumers from being ripped off by unscrupulous secondary ticketing platforms.

New rules that came into effect last month make it an offence for online ticket touts to use computer 'bots' which allow them to purchase tickets from official sellers faster than members of the public. The legislation also requires ticket resellers to provide information such as the face value of the ticket, identity of the original buyer, exact seat location and any restrictions on the ticket user, such as a minimum age.

Mrs Gibson, the SNP spokeswoman for consumer affairs, said: 'For far too long now ordinary fans have been locked out of events, or forced to purchase tickets at hugely inflated prices because ticket touts using software buy up all the tickets.'

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At nearly 432 square kilometres and with the population of roughly 4,600 people mostly living in the populated coastal villages, Arran is largely a great untouched wilderness, a utopia for nature lovers and an explorers haven for lovers of the great outdoors.

With a burgeoning tourist industry aimed at the enjoyment of Arran's natural heritage, there is an abundance of outdoor activities to enjoy. From scenic self guided walks to professionally guided tours there are a variety of ways to enjoy Arran's scenery. From kayaks to bicycles and Segeways, all the way to a go-anywhere Unimog, there are various organisations that can make the inaccessible, accessible, and in comfort too.



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Scotland's right of access laws allow visitors the opportunity to explore nearly every square metre of Arran's wondrous mountains in the north of the island to the lush forested areas in the South. And thanks to dedicated teams of both private and public organisations such as the Forestry Commission and the National Trust for Scotland, Arran has some of the most expansive and well maintained footpaths in Scotland -helping to get you to remote and beautiful places.

Helping to ensure that visitors get to experience most of Arran's top natural attractions such as Glenashdale Falls, Kings Cave, North Sannox and parts of Goatfell, the Forestry Commission, Scotland take care of Arran's forests, woodlands and natural environment. While not only protecting these areas, they also promote the sustainable management of them and encourage visitors to come and enjoy them through collaborations with tourist organisations and environmental groups. Also involved in the setting out of regulatory care, the Forestry Commission play a huge part in ensuring that Arran, of which a quarter of the island is covered by forests, is accessible for visitors to enjoy.

The lure of adventure is what powers the ethos of the Arran Adventure company, offering exhilarating guided gorge walking tours - while being able to take in the stunning scenery - the unforgettable experiences will allow you to absorb Arran's natural beauty in a unique and interesting way.

Not just for the adrenaline junkies, slower and more sedate methods of exploring are also available with road and mountain bikes available for hire. Cycling is one of the best ways of exploring Arran to help find those hidden gems such as desolate beaches and isolated beauty spots. You can also discover stunning vistas and scenic locations without any strenuous pedalling by joining a tour of Arran's only off-road Segeways which will power you through the scenic Glencloy without raising a sweat. For an ever slower paced, but equally enjoyable activity, Arran Adventure also offers archery sessions which is a popular and fun way of enjoying the outdoors while also experiencing and learning a new skill.

Dedicated to the enjoyment of the great outdoors, the Arran Outdoor Centre in Lamlash specialises in fun activities

DOORS of Arran



for children, adults and families. Offering kayaking, sailing, mountaineering, mountain biking, climbing, abseiling and gorge walking there is something for everyone of all ages and abilities. Able to offer professional guides and instructors, the Arran Outdoor Centre goes out of their way to tailor their activities to individual and group needs, offering half day and full day activities they also offer accommodation and complete holiday packages. For booking, availability or more activities be sure to check out www.arranoutdoor.com/ The Centre is also fully accessible to clients with additional support needs.



Arran Art Trail

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Tennis coach Innes McNicol who has many years of coaching experience on the mainland is seeking to develop youth, adult and tennis in general on Arran. Offering coaching to any age or ability, by the hour or half-hour, he will help to improve your game. Training sessions take place at the Lamlash tennis courts and can be for individuals or for groups. For prices or further information Innes McNicol can be contacted on 01770 700296 or innes.mcnicol@outlook.com.

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wildlife. Lochranza Golf Course stretches from the hills at the head of the glen to the waves at the head of the loch and you are likely to see wild red deer as you play and, if you look up, you may see golden eagles soaring.

Besides the beautiful nine-hole, par 34 course there is also a pitch and putt in which no hole is longer than 120 metres.

Lochranza Golf Course is a pay-and-play course so there is no need to book. They have clubs and trolleys available to hire and dogs on a lead are most welcome.

Prices are affordable and they offer fantastic value multi-day offers such as the Three Day Golf Pass which costs £30 per adult and gives you unlimited play over three days. For more great offers keep an eye on

the website at www.lochranzagolf.com

You can also make a day of your visit to Lochranza and enjoy combining golf with a visit to the Arran Distillery or Lochranza Castle.

Now in its second year, the Arran Art trail provides the opportunity to go on an artistic journey through Arran's dramatic landscapes following a trail of studios and workshops, finding out how the beautiful island inspires the creative people who live and work here.

The small studio signs direct visitors and local people to undiscovered places with some spectacular views. It includes 17 venues, potters, painters, jewellers, sculptors, wood turners, photographers, textile workers, glass workers and furniture makers as well as venues and galleries exhibiting local artists work all year round.

A printed brochure is available on the ferry, at the Visit Scotland tourist office and other venues around the island. There

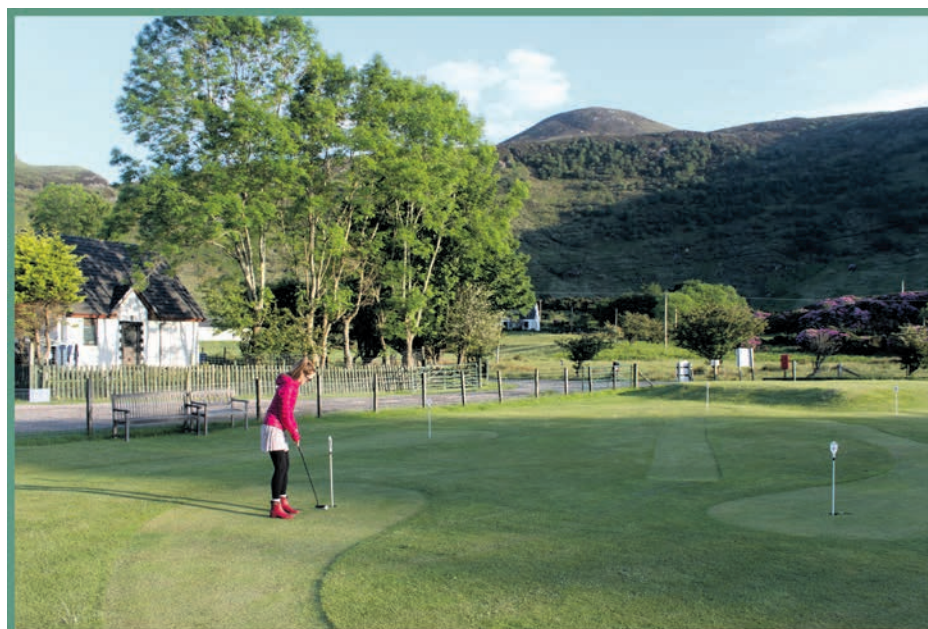
is also an annual celebration of visual art on the island, the Arran Open Studios weekend event, in August. This year August 10 to 13, when many more artists and crafts people open their studios and workshops to the public.

For more information on Arran Art Trail and the Arran Open Studios weekend event, visit www.arranopenstudios.com

Situated right on the shore front in Brodick Arran Active has everything that you could want or need to enjoy the great outdoors. From camping equipment to hiking and outdoor necessities such as maps and guidebooks, the large and well equipped shop specialise in outdoor clothing and footwear for all the family. With regular special offers, there are always bargains aplenty and a wide range of stock to select from. If it is outdoor related, Arran Active is bound to have it, and if they don't, they will happily try and source it for you. From well known brand names to affordable quality products,



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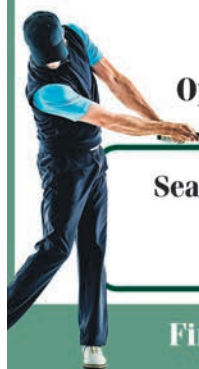
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Strategy in place, these two girls set off with a plan of action and excited determination. 01_B20orient04



With no time for obstacles these boys run and leap over a puddle. 01_B20orient06

Orienteering trophy goes to

Whiting Bay pupils mapped their way to success to be crowned the overall winners of the annual Arran Orienteering Championship held recently at Brodick Castle.

More than 140 school children took part in this year's championship which saw excited youngsters exploring the country park grounds in search of controls during a timed event.

Armed with a map and a list of the various controls, competitors made their way through the rhododendron walk near the coast all the way to the top of the castle property near the prehistoric roundhouse.

At the end of the day, once all of the totals had been added, a prize-giving ceremony was held on the castle steps. Medals were

awarded to the top three positions in each age group with trophies being awarded for P4/5 boys and girls, P6/7 girls and boys and S1/S2 girls and boys.

Whiting Bay pupils received the highest number of top positions and secured the inter-school award, beating off fierce competition from Brodick Primary which was the title holder for two consecutive years.

Organiser and deputy manager of the Arran Outdoor Centre Andy McNamara said: 'I am thrilled to see so many children thoroughly enjoying another orienteering championship. Thank you to each and every participant who have all helped to make this event such a success. Thank you to Brodick Castle and Coun-



Timekeepers Eleanor McNamara and Davie Nichol keep a close eye on proceedings. 01_B20orient03



Winners in the P4/5 girls' category. 01_B20orient09



Winners in the P4/5 boys' category. 01_B20orient10



Winners in the P6/7 girls' category. 01_B20orient11



Winning Whiting Bay Primary pupils show their delight at winning championship. 01_B20orient14



All of the participants at the Arran Orienteering Championship. 01_B20orient15

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Who needs empty chairs?



Championship Whiting Bay

try Park for providing the stunning venue and Ayrshire Orienteering Club for all of the help in setting up and logistics.

Finally well done to Whiting Bay for their well-deserved win.'

A selection of the top Arran competitors will now take part in the Ayrshire Schools Championships at Dean Park, Kilmarnock later this month.

Full results: P4/5 girls: 1 Rosie McNamara, Kitty Townsend; 2 Emma Fleming, Ruby Winship; 3 Lisa Henderson; 4 Tilda Litton, Caylyn Millar; 5 Eilidh McNeish, Poppy Smith.

P4/5 open: 1 Oscar Urquhart-Dixon, Harrison Ross; 2 Fergus West, Jamie Worthing-

ton; 3 Ewan Morrison; 4 Fraser Ferguson, Andrew McKelvie, 5 Myles Lindsay-Smith.

P6/7 girls: 1 Jemma Totty, Kaitlyn Haddow; 2 Beth McCarthy, Lily Currie, Abby Stewart; 3 Rosie Wilkinson, Annie West; 4 Isabella Reid, Izzi Buckby 5 Caitlin Fraser, Catie MacArthur.

P6/7 open: 1 Ross Currie, Charlie Ross; 2 Jesse Townsend, Eden Robertson; 3 Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith, Oscar Inglis; 4 Alfie Robinson; 5 Jack Popplewell, Wiktor Jablonski.

S1/2 girls: 1 Daisy McNamara; 2 Megan McCartney, Isla McKelvie; 3 Julie Hamill, Laila Webster.

S1/2 open: 1 Euan Kinniburgh, Erin McNiven.



Armed with their control cards and maps, competitors await the countdown for their start time. 01_B20orient01



Participants set off at speed to find as many controls as possible in the shortest amount of time. 01_B20orient02



the Arran Orienteering Champi-



Winners in the P6/7 boys' category. 01_B20orient12



Euan Kinniburgh in the open category joins the winning girls of the S1/2 category. 01_B20orient13



Running in all directions, children search for controls in the woodland. 01_B20orient05



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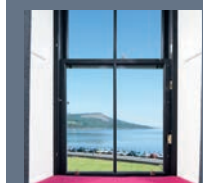


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How tomorrow's technology can aid Arran farmers today

Around 30 farmers gathered in Kilmory hall to discuss the future of farming and the latest technological developments that can help them remain competitive and viable in the modern age. The hi-tech talks were organised by technology consultant Andrew Stirling of Larkhill Consultancy.

Speakers included representatives from Strathclyde University who discussed advances in dairy herd monitoring using smart collars. There was also an interesting talk from CENSIS, a special institute which supports advanced sensing technology development as well as by Broadway Partners, the company behind Arran Broadband. Here is Mr Stirling's report:

Farming stands at a crossroads. It needs to answer questions about how the growing world population can be fed, how the environment can be protected and how it can remain viable as a rural business.

Farmers need to embrace advances in science, adapt to changing market requirements and help sustain the rural society and culture of which they are part-custodians. The extent to which they adopt new data-driven approaches to business is likely to affect their future viability as well as the communities that depend on them. At the same time, farmers must preserve the trust in the quality of their products and safety of their processes, resisting the temptation to sacrifice standards by a narrow focus on lower operating costs.

Digital technology has helped power a new generation of small independent food producers, shops and cafes. The artisan experience offers a personal touch with excellent presentation and fulsome taste which consumers are increasingly prepared to pay a premium for.

Arran's scenic setting, colourful history and focus

on growing tourism would appear to give its farmers a headstart along this road.

The island is a good example of a rural area with a long-established farming tradition supporting a number of communities and hosts a wide range of farm types. The varied nature of the terrain poses practical challenges to farming, limiting the efficiencies that can be achieved – especially in arable production. At the same time, the island is benefiting from growth in tourism, which appears to offer excellent scope for business diversification and direct marketing of food products to consumers.

Revolutionising

The Future of Farming event attracted a strong showing of Arran farmers, to hear industry and academic experts paint a picture of how more effective techniques for gathering and analysing data are revolutionising the farming and food production industry. The speakers also looked at improvements in connectivity and digital skills, as foundations for future farming success.

The event had been organised under an initiative called the Digital Blacksmith, aimed at applying



Farmers share a laugh at the Kilmory event dealing with technology and agriculture.

digital technology to local business and service needs – and fostering local development of digital skills.

The core of the presentations were concerned with how data can now be gathered more intensely and analysed to help farmers get the most out of their land and livestock.

Highlights included wearables for animals, robot milking parlours and multi-skilled drones – enabling farm staff to improve efficiency and spot problems before they become serious for the animals' health and expensive to rectify.

Our farmer audience engaged the experts with detailed questions on costs, reliability and practicalities of the new digital tools, particularly for the smaller farms which are prevalent on Arran, and many other parts of Scotland.

Farmers suggested features, such as potential alternative forms of animal tagging, that would be kinder to animals and improve safety.

The recent announcement that Arran's iconic Tollylinn Creamery is up for sale has raised questions about the potential for increased future cooperation between creamery with the

farms that supply it with milk. With growth in Arran's tourism and strong Scottish government interest in securing a future for the creamery and supporting local farms, there's an opportunity to look at how innovation could yield a sustainable future for the creamery.

Opportunity

The technology in its current stage is not cheap and tends to appeal more to owners of larger farms, who have more budget and staff flexibility to evaluate the benefits. However, as with previous generations of farm technology, there's an opportunity for smaller units to co-operate – acting effectively as a larger virtual farm.

Digital technologies have much to offer towards integration of food production, distribution and marketing – as Graham's Dairies have so expertly demonstrated.

In summary, Arran's farmers seem interested to be open to learning more about the options that new farming technology could open for them. It seems that there's plenty of scope for applying new digital technologies to enhance farming in this beautiful, tranquil and rugged setting.

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

www.arranbrewery.com



Everyday

Trout fly fishing
Brodict Castle
Cafe and Isle be Wild
Soap making and candle dipping
Arran Heritage Museum
Arran Brewery

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Garden only open 9am-dusk
Brodict Castle, 10am - 5pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm
Rosaburn, Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Mon-Saturday 10.30am - 5pm, Tours at 11am and 2pm
Sunday: 12.30pm - 5.00pm Tour at 2pm

Saturday 26th May

Flow Yoga
Rink Game
RNLI Shop Open
Arran CND meeting
Family games
Fun in the pool
The Arran Singers Summer Concerts
Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra
Live Music - Joni Keen Duo
The Tommy Benz Band - The Midwest USA's finest slide guitarists
Over 21's Disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 2.15pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Community Theatre, AHS, Lamlash 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm - 10.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 27th May

Live Music - Joni Keen Duo
RNLI Shop Open
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live Music - Tommy Benz Band
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Folk Music Session

Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 1pm - 4pm
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Monday 28th May

Arran Historical Society, speaker: Hugh Watson
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Circuit Training
Summer Bridge, visitors welcome
Rink Game
Tae Kwon Do
Live Music - Mike Edwards

Brodict Public Hall, 2pm
Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Brodict Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8 - 10.30pm

Tuesday 29th May

Healthy Outdoors
Castle Garden Walk
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Beginners & General Queries Information Technology - Duan Bruce
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Flow Yoga
Whiting Bay & Districts Improvements Association AGM
Arran Rotary Club
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Body Blitz

NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Brodict Castle, 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Glen Estate Lounge, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 6pm
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 7pm
The Douglas Hotel Snug, 7pm for 7.15pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 30th May

Yoga
Hydrofit
Coffee Morning
Chair Yoga Exercise Class
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Dog Classes
RUNclub, mixed ability, qualified coaches
Flow Yoga
Rink Game
Tae Kwondo

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Invercloy Co-op car park 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Arran High School, Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm



Burger and quiz night
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Live Music - Tim Pomeroy
Family Friendly Pub Quiz
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm - 10.30pm
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Thursday 31st May

Morning fitness
Chair Yoga, Exercise Class
AC L I, Volunteer Gardening Day
Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera
Music Matters
Arran Ladies' Netball
Body Blitz
Arran Soul Choir
Arran Garden Club with Sarah Cowan
Live Music - Shenanigans
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodict, 11.30am
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
Arran High School, 6 - 7pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodict Castle Rangers Centre, 7.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8 - 10.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Friday 1st June

Yoga
Hydrofit
Coffee Morning
Soundbath
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwon Do
Friday Night Quiz
Live Music - Mike Bailey

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm - 9pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8 - 10.30pm

Saturday 2nd June

Flow Yoga
RNLI Shop Open
Rink Game
Co-op Salver (members only) Pairs
Family games
Fun in the pool
The Arran Singers Summer Concerts
Live Music - Buchaneers
Live Music - Southbound
Over 21's Disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, Lochranza, 7.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm - 10.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm





Kelvin Ensemble is made up of students from the symphony orchestra based at Glasgow University.

Chamber orchestra brings 50 musicians to Lamlash

A student-run chamber orchestra based at Glasgow University will bring more than 50 musicians to showcase their talents to a Lamlash audience.

The Kelvin Ensemble is part of the larger symphony orchestra of 95 students.

At the end of each term it performs a public concert, however, last year it decided to form an additional smaller chamber orchestra and after a successful tour of the Highlands last summer it will now be performing at three venues this year.

Starting in the Lake District, the orchestra will then travel to Arran to perform on Saturday June 2 at Lamlash community theatre, before returning home for a final concert in Glasgow.

The Kelvin Ensemble,



The Kelvin Ensemble will be performing at Lamlash next month.

conducted by John Grant, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary as an ensemble and performed an outstanding Russian-themed concert including Tchaikovsky's epic 1812 Overture and Glazunov's Symphony Number 5 in the university's Bute Hall. This year's programme will include Mendelssohn's 'Italian' Symphony Number 4,

Haydn's 'Clock' Symphony Number 101 and Wagner's Siegfried Idyll. Doors open at 7pm for the concert which starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available at the door priced £10 for adults and £5 for concessions and students. For more information about the upcoming concerts or the orchestra visit www.kelvin-ensemble.co.uk

Distillers claim international prizes for whiskies

Isle of Arran Distillers is celebrating winning the coveted Double Gold accreditation at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition for its 10-year-old single malt.

The competition is one of the most influential and respected events in the industry. The rigorous judging process puts an emphasis on the integrity of the whisky, whilst the blind tasting guarantees every entry is judged fairly.

Recognition from the San Francisco event is a universally recognised indicator of exceptional quality and craftsmanship.

The winning dram – the 10-year-old single malt – is the classic expression of Arran. The initial rush of rich vanilla sweetness gives way to a touch of cinnamon that adds a spicy edge to the soft and sweet texture. The citrus notes have rounded with age and reveal new depths of character against a background of sweet oak.

Speaking about the award, Euan Mitchell, managing director of Isle of Arran Distillers, said: 'We're proud to be flying the flag for Scotland on the international stage by claiming the Double Gold award at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. Our 10-year-old single malt, which many consider to be the flagship whisky for the island, is among esteemed company receiving this prestigious accolade. It is incredibly rewarding for the team to know our whisky is being enjoyed all over the world. Being recognised like this by our peers gives us even more drive and determination to continue experimenting with whisky and growing the business.'

The 10-year-old single malt was also one of four runners-up at the International Spirits Challenge 2018. The Lochranza Reserve, The Bothy Quarter Cask Batch



The award winning 10-year-old single malt.

3 and the 18-year-old single malt also claimed silver medals. The four whiskies passed a blind tasting by a panel of specialist judges to beat strong competition to amass a haul of accolades.

Now in its 23rd year, the International Spirits Challenge is one of the premier events promoting outstanding spirits from across the globe. Organiser Justin Smith said: 'This year has seen more entries than ever before, with producers entering a diverse mix of spirits from across the globe.'



8th - 10th June

A WEEKEND OF SESSIONS & CONCERTS

Friday 8th June

Open Session. Douglas Hotel. 12-5pm. FREE
All Welcome - Bring an instrument, a song, or just your ears!

Evening Concert. Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £18
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



TOMMY BENZ BAND

Sat 26th - 9pm & Sun 27th - 4pm

Pub
Quiz
Wednesday
8.30pm



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FRIDAY
from £9.99

The PIERHEAD TAVERN, LAMLASH
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ARRAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Scottish Charity Number SC002089

Rosaburn, Brodick, Open Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm



THE ISLAND'S FOUR STAR FAMILY DAY OUT

Learn about Arran's Unique Geology, Farming, Archaeology, Social History, Clearances, etc., and visit the 19th Century Cottage, the 1940's Schoolroom, and the Blacksmith's Forge.

Archive and Genealogy researchers welcomed

(on Wednesdays only from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm or by appointment).

Children's Quiz and Play Area.
Riverside Picnic Area. Gift Shop.
Lovely Snacks and Meals at Café Rosaburn.



Author and Arran community ambassador for Mary's Meals Alison Page, above left, with Corrie her West Highland Terrier, who is the inspiration for her new book; and above right, Illustrator Kirsty Oxley is a passionate dog lover.

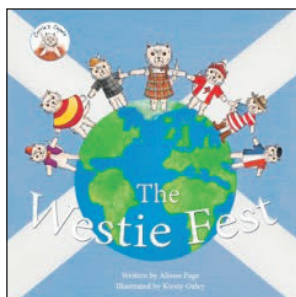
Corrie's capers will help children thrive

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A new children's book set on Arran and written by well-known fundraiser Alison Page is due to be published this summer.

Her first book, called *Corrie Capers: The Westie Fest*, is a not-for-profit project about her West Highland Terrier called Corrie, and will see profits, after costs, going to the charity Mary's Meals.

In what will hopefully be a series of books about Corrie, the storyline for the books will involve Corrie's adventures on Ar-



ran and trips to the mainland.

Bringing the rich story to life, the book has been illustrated by Kirsty Oxley who is a graduate from the Edinburgh College of Art and a dog lover who is regularly seen walking her dog Pablo on Ar-

ran beaches and pathways. A spokeswoman for Mary's Meals wished Alison, who is the Arran community ambassador for the organisation, good luck in her endeavour saying: 'We really hope it does well for you. It's an incredible achievement to bring such a big project to fruition and we are so grateful for you using it as a way to support Mary's Meals.'

Mary's Meals is a global organisation that aims to provide a nutritious daily meal for children at schools throughout the world.

They operate in 15 countries, providing meals for children at their place of education and they also assist with providing emergency relief work during times of crises and upheaval.

The vividly illustrated book will be released during the summer and is already available for pre-order on the website at: www.westie.scot, priced at £7.99 excluding postage.

A number of outlets on Arran have agreed to stock the book and author Alison will be providing readings once it has been published.

Screen Machine Scotland's Mobile Cinema

Brodick, Auchrannie Hotel
Wed 30 May to Sat 2 June

Peter Rabbit (PG) 95 mins
Beatrix Potter's story of the bunny with attitude. *"Altogether lively and funny"* Guardian 30/05 at 5.30pm, 02/06 at 2pm

Edie (12A) 101 mins
Sheila Hancock stars in an inspirational drama set in the north west Highlands. Following the death of her controlling husband, Edie hatches a plan to realise a long cherished dream - to climb Suilven. *"A cinematic delight"* The Wee Review 30/05 at 8.30pm, 31/05 at 5.30pm, 02/06 at 8.30pm

Avengers: Infinity War (12A) 149 mins
Star studded Marvel mayhem. *"A brashly entertaining jamboree"* Variety 31/05 at 8.30pm

Isle of Dogs (PG) 101 mins
Wes Anderson's follow up to Grand Budapest Hotel - animation about a dystopian Japanese island to which dogs are banished. For adults and older kids too. 01/06 at 5.30pm

Finding Your Feet (12A) 111 mins
Romantic comedy drama. *"the cast lend charm to this feel-good fairytale"* **** Daily Express 01/06 at 8.30pm, 02/06 at 5.30pm

Prior to screenings of **Edie** we will show a short film about the Suilven Path Repair Project. Prior to screening **Isle of Dogs** we will screen a free photo presentation of work by Marcelo Brodsky - 1968: The Fire of Ideas.

Book at: www.screenmachine.co.uk. Tickets also at the cinema 30 mins before screenings. Cash, no cards. £7.50 Adults. Concessions £5.50



 NATIONAL TRUST for SCOTLAND

BRODICK CASTLE & COUNTRY PARK

What's On.....

Castle Time Travellers - Monday 28th May **2pm**

A family tour through the times of the Castle - dressing-up optional! Stout footwear advised - Please book at Reception **Adults & children Free with Garden Entry**

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**

Garden Walk - Tuesday 29th May - **2 - 3.30pm**

A guided walk of our amazing gardens with our senior gardening staff **Free with Garden entry**

Squirrels & Bacon Butties - Tuesday 29th May 9 - 10.30 £8pp (includes breakfast) **Booking essential** - Watch our charismatic red squirrels over breakfast with the Rangers - **01770 302462**

Badger Watch for families Wednesday 30th May Time to be confirmed **Adults £10 u16 £5** **Booking essential** . **01770 302462**

Roundhouse OPEN - Wednesday 30th May **11-3pm**

Immerse yourself in Bronze Age Life

Free with Country Park Entry

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Volunteer Arran 1st-7th June



Arran Community and Voluntary Service



Big Arran Lunch

COME ALONG, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Brodict Hall
 Sunday 3rd June
 11am -2pm

Bring along food to share for a community meal and we'll celebrate what makes Arran great...You!

Arran, relies on people giving their time and effort freely, so we want to bring everyone together to celebrate both formal and informal volunteering.

Invite the people who volunteer with you, invite your neighbours, your friends and your family, invite the guy down the road who seems a bit lonely. Let's come together and celebrate all we have done, are doing and want to achieve.

If you run a community group and want to publicise the work your organisation does please get in touch to find out about having an information stall.

For more information call 01770 600611



#YOYP2018

Year of Young People 2018 provides a platform to promote and celebrate the talents, achievements and contributions of Scotland's incredible young people.

Young volunteers are involved in some inter-generational projects which are proving beneficial to both the young and old. On Arran, there is a diverse range of talented, willing and caring young people and this is the year to celebrate them!

We would love to hear what you or your organisation are doing to celebrate the Year of Young People. ACVS can support the development of your celebrations and legacy projects.

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Arran Community Network

Arran CVS recently held their first Community Network meeting. This has already proven successful in forming working links between existing Arran groups. The main focus is to develop a network of island organisations which work together on suitable projects. Through these meetings Arran CVS will support organisations with information, training and workshops on funding, governance, social enterprise and will also present networking opportunities and the showcasing of local good practice. The next meeting will be in September, invitations are open to all volunteers and volunteer involving organisations.



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Why I am a young volunteer

My name is Abbie Jackson and I have been volunteering at Arran Youth Foundations for approximately seven months now. I help throughout the week at the various clubs that are run by AYF. Such as a Monday cooking club, Wednesday art club, Thursday youth forum and LGBT and a Friday night youth club for young people aged 12-18. I regularly attended the youth club when I was in high school and had always considered the possibility of becoming a youth leader. Through the encouragement of both Hollie Watkins and Graeme Johnston, the youth leaders, they have helped to make my transition from young member to youth volunteer comfortable and easy. I have used my experience that I have gathered over the past few years within the education spectrum to enhance my knowledge and expand my skill sets within the youth cabin. I continue to use my experience from different scenarios within the youth club to enhance my confidence. Throughout my experience within the youth club I have learnt how to be more patient and to consider all the outcomes from situations. I've gained knowledge in how to successfully approach situations and how to make the young folk benefit from their experiences. I would highly recommend people to come forward and volunteer as I believe my tie in the youth cabin has been worth it and I will continue to volunteer for as long as I can.



Arran Lunch Clubs

Arran Lunch Club is run fortnightly at Glen Estate Sheltered Housing by several hard-working and committed volunteers. Without these volunteers, the club would not be sustainable. There is currently opportunity for more volunteer involvement if you have time to give to this much loved and rewarding group, please get in touch with us. No previous experience is required.



Who Are Arran CVS?

Arran CVS was founded in 1965 to assist with community groups and to champion for social change.

Today we support, develop and represent volunteers, their organisations and social enterprises here on Arran. Along with The Ayrshire Community Trust we form the North Ayrshire Third Sector Interface, which champions for voluntary organisations and charities across Ayrshire and Arran, representing their views and providing them with a collective voice. We still offer printing, photocopying and admin services as well as assisting with the volunteer run Glen Estate lunch club, Umbrella group and the Befriending Arran service.

The Arran Community Link Worker, who provides non-medical information and support is also a valued member of the Arran CVS team.

Arran CVS also provide Message in a Bottle and Hearing Aid batteries, for more information, check our Facebook or Twitter pages or come along to our Big Arran Lunch and meet the Arran CVS team!

Year of young people

Positive pictures

The production company behind *Uncowed*, the full-length comedy film that will empower its audience to stand up to bullying, is offering two production trainee opportunities to any young Arran residents keen to learn about film production. Chosen candidates will form part of the production crew and work alongside experienced professionals. Depending upon your availability you may join them part-time prior to the actual filming during the last fortnight in July, work full time during those two weeks, and, if you choose, carry on working with them on the post-production following the shoot.

If you have any aspiration to work in film or television, this is an opportunity to learn about:

- Pre-production planning ~ location scouting, obtaining permissions, scheduling, catering
- Location filming ~ familiarisation with equipment, lighting, sound recording, continuity
- Working with actors ~ costume, makeup, script rehearsal
- Post-production ~ shot logging, editing, colour grading, music and sound dubbing

You will be selected based upon your enthusiasm and demonstrable abilities and remunerated accordingly. To apply, please complete and submit the form at: <https://www.uncowed.com/application-form>

Arran Community Land Initiative

Arran Community Land Initiative set up as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2013 and bought an 80 acre site of disused farmland for the community to use for the purposes of education, recreation and sport with a grant from the Scottish Land Fund. This acquisition happened after a public consultation using a Community Engagement Officer who found out that the most popular choice of activity for the site was a recreation and gardening space. The site now boasts 12 community allotments, a community garden with orchard, two large polytunnels, an apiary run by the Arran Bee Group, larger crop growing areas, grazing lets for local pony owners, a compass course for teaching map reading skills, an endangered Arran Whitebeam tree plantation and walking paths.

For the past two years, there have been twice-weekly visits by local primary and high schools and North Ayrshire Schools via the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, and the children have helped to start planting up different areas of the site. There are now many users with regular dog walkers, runners, mountain bikers, school and outdoor centre groups, Duke of Edinburgh participants, volunteer gardeners and allotment holders.

The aim for this year is to build on recent successes, in particular, educating children about where their food comes from and healthy eating options. They have a strong team of trustees and gardeners with considerable charity and business acumen who have a passion to further the aims of the project, in particular, providing further horticultural and outdoor skills training for all ages. The proudest achievement of the Arran Community Land Initiative is getting an infrastructure designed and put in place which includes a hub building, composting toilet and polytunnels. Without these, it would have been hard to accommodate year-round learners and visitors to the site.

Ever since 2013 when Scotland's former First Minister Alex Salmond announced that 2018 would be the Year of Young People, there has been a renewed enthusiasm for celebrating and promoting young peoples' role in culture, education, business and well-being.

Year of Young People 2018 aims to inspire Scotland through its young

people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

Taking these values aboard, organisations on Arran have long championed the cause of young people and involved them in the heart of everything that they do.



Education initiatives involves school children play a large part in the ethos of the Arran Community Land Initiative.



Youngsters planting squash at the Arran Community Land Initiative



The mountain bike club is not just about cycling members of also learn about bike maintenance and repair.



Mountain bike club members explore the pathways and trails in some of Arran's most scenic areas.

Arran High School Mountain Bike Club

The Arran High School Mountain Bike Club was established in October 2014 and has rapidly increased in popularity. What started out as a cycling group to encourage healthy outdoor pursuits has blossomed into a burgeoning club which operates from its own incredibly well stocked workshop which has not only offered cycling proficiency lessons to primary schools in the area, but through their mechanic qualification courses, have offered free bicycle MOTs to school children and the public at their open days.

In addition to this, members of the group are given the opportunity to visit cycling camps held throughout the country and the group have also established a public bike repair station at the high school where passing cyclists can use the equipment to perform minor repairs and maintenance on their bicycles.

Donald Currie, from Shiskine says he is enjoying the club a lot. 'Being a member of AHSMTBC has improved my fitness as well as teaching me a lot about bike maintenance. I can now fix a lot of problems myself'. Donald went on to say that his skill levels have improved and that has encouraged him to go out by himself, in his spare time.

Duncan Coyne, a senior member of the club, enjoys the trips to mainland venues most. Glen Tress, one of the Seven Stanes trails is one of his favourites but he still enjoyed Glen Livet, Nevis Range, Comrie, Lagganlia and Wolf Trax. Duncan also says his fitness and bike skills have improved a lot.

Ellie Bonner said that the club had helped with her confidence, both on a mountain bike and as part of a team. She said that the organised trips to mainland venues was great as she got to go with her friends and meet other people as well. She said: 'I would never have thought to do mountain biking before but I am so pleased to be part of it, now I have tried off road'.

Do you dislike bullying?



Please support our Arran production of *uncowed* a comedy feature film to empower people to stand up to bullies
 Chip in and choose your rewards at
<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/uncowed#/>

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BLACKWATERFOOT
16TH JUNE 10AM-1PM
FREE BIKE MOTS
MADE WITH FONT CANDY

ARRAN COMMUNITY LAND INITIATIVE
 VOLUNTEER GARDENING THURSDAYS
 11.30 - 3.30
 Community Garden, Golf Course Road
 Whiting Bay
 Bring a packed lunch and make a day of it
 Tasks to suit all ages and abilities
 Stay for whole session or part of it
 Some free veg at the end of the season

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday May 16, 1998

Cladach clearing

Charles Fforde of Arran Estates is clearing trees at Cladach, which will be a car park for those visiting his latest, and exciting, project which includes the refurbishment of Neary's House.

In creating an entire visitor centre, an old cottage has been refurbished for a bistro and another cottage is earmarked for the Arran Brewery. There is also the possibility of Neary's House housing the Museum of Childhood which is currently based in Pitlochry, but which is looking for a new home for the exhibits.

Mr Fforde said: 'We are trying to get a variety of different interests so that people would spend a morning here.'

Title indemnity

Kildonan School and school house, which was advertised recently, has attracted considerable interest. At the time, under the previous authority, there had been some

doubt about who might be the owner of the property.

The *Banner* has seen the schedule in which North Ayrshire Council specifies no price but asks to know what plans the purchaser might have. Most onerous, however, is the fact that no title has yet been found for the property and the buyer will receive a 'title indemnity policy'. This has dissuaded a few potential purchasers off the property but there is still a great deal of interest in purchasing the property.

Tulip display

The council offices in Lamlash have some dark purple tulips decorating the garden at the front. Council officer Gus MacLeod said that they were not given any bulbs this year due to cutbacks but that gardener Stevie Bunyan had seen bulbs rotting unused at the Co-op and asked if he may have them. It was arranged and now the council offices have something akin to Dumas' black tulip display.



Lavinia Gibbs and Ann Banks of the Arran Civic Trust are hosting an exhibition on kit houses at the Brodick Library over the next two months. 01_B21twe01



A jubilant young Brodick team which defeated Shiskine 2-1 in last Saturday's Arran Haulage Cup final at Lamlash. Brodick goals were scored by schoolboys Calum McFadzean and Russell Hendry. 01_B21twe04



Dave Tapson was one of 157 people who gave blood in Brodick Hall last Sunday. Attending him are the Blood Donor team of sister Joyce Campbell, staff nurse Pam Morrow and donor attendant Ann Cranney. 01_B21twe02



Ellen Ferguson plays the first bowl of the season at the Whiting Bay Bowling Club opening last Saturday. 01_B21twe05



Former guide leader and now brownie leader Sheena Miller presented a Shiskine team of guides with a trophy for winning a cooking challenge at the Dyemill last Saturday. 01_B21twe03

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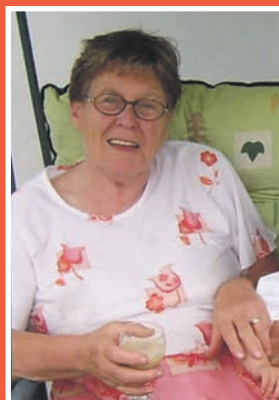
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Jenna Thomson of Lamlash and Ben Cook from Sydney, Australia were married at Lamlash Church on Saturday 19th May by the Rev Angus Adamson followed by a reception in The Douglas Hotel. They are honeymooning in the US before settling in Sydney.

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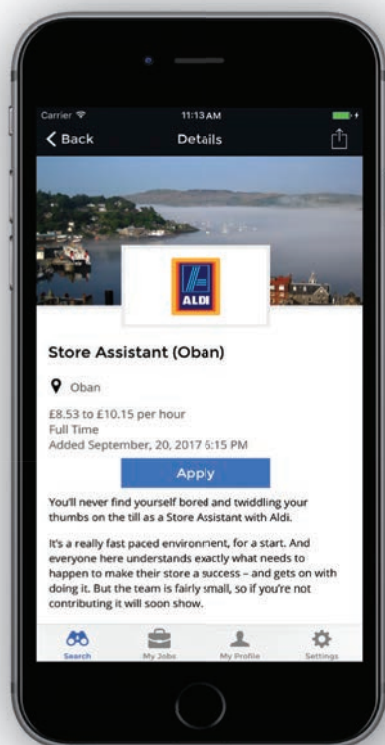
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Sunday 27th May
Lochranza Church, 9.30am. Morning Service.
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am. Morning Service
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship. Including the Sacrament of Baptism
Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship.
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There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 27th May
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(continuing)
Sunday 27th May
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Evening Service 6.30pm
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Saturday 26th May
Vigil Mass, 7.30pm
Sunday 27th May
Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

DEATH
AHARA - George Alfred Unexpectedly but peacefully at his home, Laurel Bank, Lamlash, on Sunday 13th May 2018.
His passing leaves a legacy of love for his family.
All are welcome at Kilmory Church on Wednesday, 30th May at 2:30pm. A private cremation will follow.

GENTLEMAN - William Wren; Formerly of Glenartney Hotel, beloved husband of Marion, dear father of Heather, Angus and the late Hamish, brother of Sheena, proud grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at Lochranza Church on Monday 28th May at 12 noon and thereafter to Lamlash Cemetery. Family flowers only please.



Brodick Golf Club
Wednesday May 16, Summer Cup, 33 played, CSS 64. 1 David Hendry 76-13=63, 2 Derek Roxburgh 72-8=64, 3 Alastair Dobson 76-11=65. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 65.

Thursday May 17, McCarrfrae Trophy, CCQ round two, 16 played. 1 Ross Duncan 67, 2 Ewan McKinnon 72, 3 Matthew Keir 72. Sweep, CSS 64. 1 Ross Duncan 67-3=64, 2 Alistair Hume 77-11=66, 3 Matt Keir 72-5=67.

Sunday May 20, McCarrfrae Trophy, CCQ round three, 15 played. 1 Ross Duncan 72, 2 Ewan McKinnon 73, 3 Matthew Keir and Gordon Hendry 74. Sweep, CSS 64. 1 Nicol Hume 77-14=63, 2 Jimmy Armit 77-12=65 ACB, 3 Finlay Sillars 78-13=65, ACB. McCarrfrae Trophy, Club Championship qualifying. 1 Ross Duncan 67+72=139, 2 Ewan McKinnon 68+72=140, 3 Matt Keir 72+74=146.

Ladies' Section: Tuesday May 15, St Elmo Cup. Won by Yvonne Brothers who is on something of a roll at the moment. The Club Trophy was won by Ann May. Ladies please enter your name on the sheet for Helen's Vases to be played on Tuesday May 29.

Fixtures: Saturday May 26, Club Championship final. Sunday May 27, Sweep 8.30am and 12 noon. Tues-

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
CURRIE - Allan; The Currie family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the support received, not only in these last weeks but over the past few years. Particular thanks must go to Mo, Seonaid and Davey whose help has been invaluable and to all who regularly visited dad. Special thanks to dad's wonderful Homecare Team, the District Nurses and for the excellent care given at the Acute Stroke Unit at Crosshouse Hospital. Thanks also to Lodge St Mollios, those involved in dad's respite care at Montrose House, the staff at the Arran Medical Practice and Lamlash Hospital. Grateful thanks to Rev Elizabeth Watson for her very personal tribute to dad and to Clair & David Hendry, the team from Lamlash Golf Club, Eleanor's Flowers and Phyllis. To the large number of people who attended dad's service and for all the cards and visits, we thank you. £1,500 was raised in dad's memory and will be split between ArCaS and the Hospital Supporters League.

DEATH
CROSS - Dorothy Joyce; formerly of Brodick. Died in Norfolk 28/12/2017. Interment of ashes at Brodick New Cemetery, 2pm Tuesday 5th June to which friends are respectfully invited.



Arran Ladies' Golf Union players took part in the Flockhart Trophy at Brodick. The competition was won by Yvonne Brothers, as reported in last week's Banner.

day June 5, Medal and Medal finals.

Lamlash Golf Club
Thursday May 17, Summer Cup, CSS 66. 1 Graeme Andrew 71-10=61, 2 Willie Currie 71-9=62, 3 Neil Young 70-5=65. Scratch Neil Young 70. Magic twos Graeme Andrew and Stuart Campbell @2nd, Scott Campbell @13th, Paul Jameson @16th.

Sunday May 20, Jamieson Cup, CSS 64. 1 Alan Smith 76-11=65, 2 Hugh McLelland 87-19=68. Scratch Alan Smith 76.

Fixtures: Sunday May 27, Summer Stableford, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday May 31, Summer Cup, make up own games, See starter for times.

Ladies section: Wednesday May 16, Stroke two, CSS 66, Par 65, 8 played. 1 Sheena Murchie 79-16=63, 2 June Richardson 95-26=69. Scratch Sheena 79. Magic twos Sheena @16th. Friday May 18, Grace Cannon



Shiskine and Whiting Bay golfers in the sunshine at the AGA Seniors Bowl at Shiskine. The match was won by Whiting Bay, as reported in last week's Banner.

Foursomes. 1 Sheena Murchie and Gay Mackay 66.5.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Friday May 11, Ladies May Medal, three ladies played and the CSS was 66. 1 Jean Davidson 30pts, 25, 2 Lynda Blair 29pts, 30.

Wednesday May 16, Summer Trophy, CSS 64. 1 Andy Martin 12, 61, 2 Mark West 12, 63, 3 Ryan Armstrong 8, 65, 4 Colin Wannop 28, 67. Magic twos Paul Robson @2nd Kevin McAleney @4th.

Friday May 18, Ladies Boyd Quaich, 9 hole. A total of four ladies played in lovely golfing weather. 1 Lynda Blair 17, 15, 2 Jean Davidson 16, 12.

Fixtures: Sunday May 27, McKelvie Cup Round two. Tuesday May 29, Club Championship quarter finals and JC Reid Trophy. Wednesday May 30, Summer Trophy. Thursday May 31, Club championship semi finals and JC Reid Trophy.

Machrie Bay Golf Club
Lady Mary, Tuesday May 22, red tees medal, qualifier, par 66, SSS 65, CSS 68R/O. 1 Barbara Waring 81-12=69, 2 Kema Genda 89-15=74, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 95-21=74.

Peter Sutton, Tuesday May 22, white tees medal, qualifier, par 66, SSS 63, CSS 63. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 67-6=61, 2 Brian Sherwood 79-15=64, 3 Phil Betley 76-11=65. Magic twos Hamish Bannatyne and Brian Sherwood.

Fixtures: Tuesday May 29, Club Championship qualifier first round, ladies/gents tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Saturday June 2 Duncan Sillars and second round of the Gents' Club Championship qualifier. Monday June 4, quarter finals of the Gents Championship from 5.30pm. Tuesday June 5, second round of the Ladies' Club Championship & Peter Sutton, tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Corrie Golf Club
Wednesday May 16, Wednesday medal and magic twos. 1 D Jeffrey 72-8=64 and scratch, 2 A Napier 73-8=65. Magic twos D Logan and G Andrews - but not magic so the pot grows. Saturday May 19, Medal. 1 R McLean 76-15=61, 2 R Logan 70-6=64 and scratch.
Fixtures: Saturday May 26, medal ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday May 30, Wednesday medal and magic twos, ballot at 5pm.

Cross-country success for Arran

Arran has achieved a good deal of success in the North Ayrshire Schools cross country league they have been taking part in over the past four months.

Organisers from the schools, led by Arran High head teacher Barry Smith, have consistently taken a team of 22 young people from the island to the series of four races on the mainland.

Arran had two outright winners - James McCarthy in the S2 boys and Rhea Webster of Shiskine Primary in the P5 girls. The other places were: S3 boys, Charlie Bonner, second; S3 girls, Ciara Wood, second; S2 boys Milo Godwin, second; S1 boys, Connah Wright, second; S1 girls, Daisy McNamara, second; S1 girls, Julie Hamill, third; P7 boys, Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith, Lamlash Primary, second; P7 boys Archie Gunyadi, Shiskine Primary, third.



Clockwise from above: Team Arran who took part in the cross country series; Erin McNiven heads for the finish line; The Arran team go through their warm-up routine; Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith is second and Archie Gunyadi is third on the podium; High school race briefing.



Lamlash grab a late equaliser to deny Shiskine win in Arran Dairies match

Arran Dairies League

Shiskine	3
Lamlash	3

The Arran football league was minutes away from an early season shock on Monday night.

Lamlash had to score an injury time goal to prevent a surprise defeat to Shiskine, which would have been a first for a long time.

The home side went into a 2-0 lead with their new signing Conner Jack grabbing both the goals.

Lamlash got goals back through a penalty and a



Concentration etched on Shiskine players' faces.

Shiskine own goal. Jack scored once more to get his hat trick and also the man of the match award from referee Willie Sil-lars. In the dying minutes Ben Tattersfield produced a

great finish on his wrong foot to secure a late point for the visiting team to make it 3-3.

Shiskine midfielder Callan Taylor picked up a nasty injury in the game by breaking his elbow.

Hopefully the youngster will make a speedy recovery and get back to playing for the reds this season.

Northend 3 Brodick 9

In the other game Brodick romped to victory against a Northend side who only managed to find their way in the second half of their game.

Northend were the hosts at the Ewe Camp in perfect, midge-free conditions.

Brodick romped to a 5-0 half time lead but didn't get things all their own way in the second half as, although 7-0 up, Northend found the net through a speculative free kick which caught stand-in goalie/manager Alan Murray off guard.

Nathan Carey then scored a screamer and David Jamieson pounced on a defensive lapse to make the final score 9-3.

Brodick scorers were Joel Small – hat trick,

Toby Wingham – hat trick, Cameron Logan with two and Alister McMillan.

Acting captain Euan Smith had the chance to make it double figures but his chance at a penalty was saved.

Referee Stevie Judge gave the man of the match award to Joel Small.

The next fixtures in the Arran Dairies League will be on Monday May 28, when Northend take on Southend at 7pm and Lamlash go head to head with Brodick at 6.30pm in a repeat of the Arran Haulage Cup final.

Runners beat the heat in Goatfell hill race



First local female Corinna Goeckeritz receives her medal and the traditional prize of beer. 01_B21race01



Ken Hogge keeps his eyes firmly on the path. 01_B21race24



First local male runner, Malcolm Wilkinson, receives his medal and traditional beers from race organiser Peter Mackie. 01_B21race27



Eventual winner Tom Owens reaches the top ahead of the rest of the field. 01_B21race02



First time runner, Abbie Mckelvie, runs alongside the experienced runners. 01_B21race23



First-time runner Danny Head and last year's first local male, Jon Smith, prior to the race. 01_B21race02



A swarm of runners snake their way up the hill. 01_B21race07



A contingent of Arran runners look on as the race begins. 01_B21race03



Karen Lindsay-Smith makes her way over the finish line. 01_B21race22



Leading the pack from the start of the race are eventual first and second place winners, Tom Owens and John Yells. 01_B21race05



Organiser Peter Mackie of the Shettleston Harriers presents the winners trophy to Tom Owens. 01_B21race26

Photographs by Colin Smeeton in Brodick and Hugh Boag on Goatfell



Jon Smith powers down the descent. 01_B21race14



George Doubleday takes the descent in his stride. 01_B21race28



Andy McNamara heads for the finish. 01_B21race18



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On your marks, get set, go!
175 runners set off at the
start of the race. 01_B21race04



crosses the line with two support-



Familiar face on Arran,
Hannah McLellan smiles
as she finishes the race.
01_B21race17



ing fresh and well prepared prior



A mixture of relief and
accomplishment as Andrew
Walsh completes his race.
01_B21race16



Graeme Johnston leaves Goatfell far behind him as he
approaches the bridge. 01_B21race30



First female Ruth Crewe leaves the summit far behind her.
01_B21race13



A runner takes a fall on the tricky descent. 01_B21race21



Chris Lorimer makes the descent look easy. 01_B21race12



Tristan Hamade powers
through the finish line with
a smile on his face. 01_B21race19



Looking relaxed, Tom
Nichol of Arran Runners
crosses the finish line.
01_B21race11



First female over the line, Ruth Crewe of Westerlands
Cross Country Club. 01_B21race09



Arran Fell Runner, Michelle Williamson is joined by her
two daughters over the finish line. 01_B21race25



First local male Malcolm Wilkinson crosses the finish line.
01_B21race10

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Runners beat the heat in Goatfell hill race



Andrew Walsh at the front of a long line of runners on the hill. 01_B21race08

Tom is king of the hill

Photographs by Colin Smeeton in Brodick and Hugh Boag on Goatfell

It may have been a glorious day for the Goatfell hill race last Saturday but the temperatures, in the mid-20°Cs, were too hot for the runners.

That did not deter 175 hardy souls to take on the 874m Goatfell challenge - now organised by the Shettleston Harriers - with only six people unable to finish the gruelling 15.5 km race. But

there was to be no record breaking runs this year.

Arran was well represented by around 16 runners, including a number of first-time participants.

They included Danny Head, who chose to celebrate his 27th birthday by running the race, and Juliette Walsh, who joined her husband Andrew for the first time. Several also sported bright yellow Arran Fell Runners t-shirts.

After a mass start at Ormidale Park the runners headed out the

castle drive and up the tourist path to the top of Goatfell and back which this year, given the fine day, was busy with walkers making another obstacle for the runners to have to avoid.

In first place, with a remarkable time of 1:17:19, was Shettleston Harriers runner Tom Owens, followed, by some distance, by John Yells of Lochaber Athletic Club with a time of 1:22:37, while Lochaber fellow Richard Macleod took third spot with a time of 1:27:43. First female over the

line was Ruth Crewe of Westerlands Cross Country Club, who finished with a time of 1:40:44.

Trophies are also awarded in a local category for the first male and female to cross the line. Taking the honours were Malcolm Wilkinson, who came in first place with a time of 1:44:47, while the first female was Corinna Goeckeritz with a time of 1:55:26.

Race organiser Peter Mackie of the Shettleston Harriers said: 'A great day out was had by all,

with special thanks to our helpers from the club, the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, Arran Pipe Band, Brodick Improvements Committee and our friends at Salomon for generously donating some cracking prizes.'

The course record, which had stood for 23 years, was broken by not one but two runners last year, with Murray Strain of Hunters Bog Trotters now holding the record of 1:12:11.

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