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# People power used to drive forward economic plans

**REPORT**  
by **HUGH BOAG**  
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People power is to be used to help drive forward wide-ranging proposals aimed at making Arran a world-class island.

A panel of 300 residents are to be given their chance to have their say on what matters to them most about island life.

The Arran Economic Group is looking for local people to give their views, through a new People's Panel, on key issues such as jobs, tourism, transport and quality of life on Arran.

The panel, which is being established with the support of North Ayrshire Council, will be consulted twice a year on issues that are important to the local community.

The economic group was formed last July with the aim of making Arran a world-class destination and place to live by 2020. Since being appointed later in the year the group's de-



**Sheena Borthwick-Toomey**

velopment director Sheena Borthwick-Toomey has been hard at work behind the scenes compiling a wealth of information to help boost the Arran economy.

And now she is keen to involve the general public in deciding where the group's future focus should be.

'We are really keen to get the residents of Arran involved,' Sheena said. 'For those involved it will only take 10 minutes to answer a short questionnaire which

will be posted or emailed to you and, by sending it back, you can have an influence on important local matters and help shape the future of the island.

'The first questionnaire will be sent out to you during June and a summary of the findings from the panel will be published in *The Banner* in August so you can see what the community feels about specific issues.'

The People's Panel survey is based around the already-recognised Royal Bank of Scotland quality of life survey, which has been conducted annually over a number of years. For Arran the AEG needs at least 300 Arran residents/participants to ensure the stability of results. If you would like to join the panel simply email the group with your name, address and age to: [arranviews@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:arranviews@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) or post/deliver your name, address and age to the AEG at the Visitor Information Centre, Brodick.



**Running up that hill with no problems**  
A line of runners snake their way up Goatfell during last Saturday's hill race. A total of 175 runners took part this year's event including several local runners. See full report and more pictures on pages 6 and 7.



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## Deer sculpture wrecked in random vandal attack

There was anger this week after a wood sculpture carved from a felled tree was demolished in an act of wanton vandalism.

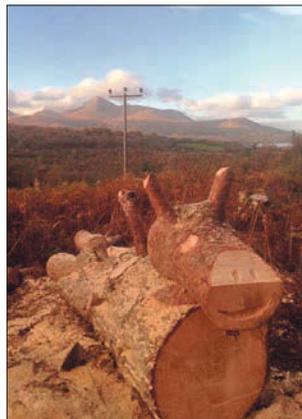
The sculpture of a deer was carved by wood sculptor Mark Bunyan of Lam-lash from a gnarly Scots pine he got from the land-owner last year, after it was felled by Southern and Scottish Energy as it was close to a power line.

However last Saturday, to

his dismay, Mark found the sculpture, in a remote site on Lam-lash hill, had been smashed up and wrecked. He does not know when the attack took place but said: 'The timescale is a difficult one but the tracks/footprints on the banking up to it were pretty fresh, maybe a few days old.'

Mark told *The Banner* the history of the sculpture: 'I took some of the branches for a bit of chainsaw carving and just before I left the site I realised for a bit of fun I could 'see' a deer in it, so after a bit of handy work with my chainsaw I had an end result.'

However, Mark vowed: 'But never fear, it will stand another day soon.'



The deer sculpture before it was demolished.

# CalMac contract award welcomed

There has been support across the political spectrum after Caledonian MacBrayne was awarded a new £900m contract to continue to operate the Clyde and Hebrides ferries network, including the two Arran routes.

As reported in *The Banner* last week, the SNP Government has confirmed that CalMac Ferries Limited is the preferred operator for the next contract which will run for eight years from October, beating private rival Serco.

Commenting on the announcement, newly re-elected Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'I'm delighted by the confirmation that CalMac is the preferred bidder to operate the Clyde and Hebrides ferry services as I have said all along they should and would be.'

'It's great news for travellers to and from Arran and CalMac's 1,300 employees throughout Scotland. After a fair, open and transparent tender process this is a great outcome and one to be welcomed.'

'The contract award lays



The MV Isle of Arran, pictured, is back in service with a temporary repair which CalMac are looking to resolve on a permanent basis. A CalMac spokesman said: 'This means she is restricted to operate in certain weather conditions only and will not be able to sail in all sea states as normal. This may result in more frequent weather related cancellations than normal which, we apologise for in advance. We resolve to give passengers as much prior warning of potential disruption as possible.'

bare the repeated unfounded claims and misrepresentations made by Labour during the recent Holyrood election campaign that the SNP was privatising ferry services, while ignoring the fact that the Conservative Party actually argued for privatisation.

'If Labour demands to halt the tendering process had been followed, months of expensive legal wrangling, uncertainty for passengers and CalMac staff

would have ensued, inevitably delaying this contract award and negating the improvements to services the process secured.'

CalMac's bid makes almost 350 commitments to improve the service to help drive economic growth, improve customer service and deliver value for money.

These include £6 million of additional investment in vessel and port improvements, the introduction of smart and integrated tick-

eting systems on key routes and more opportunities for local employment, including more apprenticeships.

In addition to these proposals, CalMac has committed to retaining the CalMac pension scheme and a policy of no compulsory redundancies.

North Ayrshire Labour councillor Peter McNamara, who represents Ardrossan and Arran, said: 'Congratulations are due to everyone who campaigned against the attempted sell off of these lifeline services; the trades unions, national newspapers and Labour Party members who stood by the island communities in a time of threat.'

Meanwhile, there were reports this week that Serco did not expect to win the contract.

In a notice to the stock exchange the private company, which currently operates the Northlink Ferries service to Orkney and Shetland and the Caledonian Sleeper franchise, revealed that Transport Scotland had deemed its bid 'non-compliant'.

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# Gillian is coming home to headline folk festival line-up



It is time to dust down those sweaters for the 22nd Arran Folk Festival. This year's event boasts an impressive line-up that is sure to attract big audiences from the mainland and across the island.

As usual there will be the hugely popular free afternoon sessions in the newly refurbished Douglas Hotel bar, today (Friday), Saturday and Sunday hosted by 'Uncle Keith'.

As always, feel free to bring an instrument, or a song, and show just what you've got! Or just turn up and be a spectator, everyone is welcome.

Friday night's concert in Brodick Hall features one of the fastest rising bands on the British Folk scene Talisk, Dumfries folk singer Claire Hastings and island singer and poet Tim Pomeroy.

On Saturday there is a welcome return to the island for festival headliner

Arran's own Gillian Frame to launch her new album. She is joined on the bill by double BBC folk awards winner Tim Edey with Mary Ann Kennedy with Finlay Wells completing the line-up.

The evening concerts will be licensed by the Isle of Arran Distillery and the MC on both nights will be Jamie McGeechan (aka Little Fire) and tickets are available to buy online from [www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com) or from Brodick Post Office.

Organiser Jon Hollingworth added: 'We are delighted to introduce a couple of workshops to this year's events: a Saturday afternoon singing session in Brodick Hall starting at 1pm with this year's festival headliner, Gillian Frame 'The second session on offer this year is a guitar masterclass and will take place on Sunday afternoon, again in Brodick Hall at 1pm. This is being hosted by the incredible Tim Edey.'

## Artists Friday, June 3

### Talisk

Winners of the 2015 BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award,

Talisk is one of the fastest rising bands on the British folk scene. Mohsen Amini (concertina), Hayley Keenan (fiddle) and Craig Irving (guitar) come together to create an energetic and dynamic sound.

### Claire Hastings

Claire Hastings is a folk-singer originally from Dumfries. Since graduating in 2011 from the RSAMD with a first class honours degree in Scottish Music, Claire has enjoyed carving out a successful career in singing, songwriting and teaching.

This year sees Claire release her highly anticipated debut album *Between River and Railway*.

### Tim Pomeroy

Tonight's opening act, Tim hails from Hamilton but has lived on Arran for nearly 20 years. Tim plays guitar and sings with an uncommon intensity of feeling. Aably assisted in backing guitar and vocals by Andy McCallum and Robin Fisher on percussion, this ensemble might better be called the Tim Pomeroy band? Look out for the odd rogue poem!

## Artists Saturday, June 4

### Gillian Frame

It is a big night for local lass Gillian Frame as she returns to the folk festival to launch her new album *Pendulum*.

The album, produced by Mike Vass, features outstanding performances by Anna Massie, Euan Burton, Phil Hague and Adam Holmes.

It is her first solo album since 2001, Gillian Frame and *Back of the Moon*. Gillian is a professional Scottish fiddle player and educator based in Glasgow, Scotland.

### Tim Edey

Double BBC Folk Awards winner including 'Musician of the year 2012'. A virtuoso on over 10 instruments and an international tour-



Gillian Frame will headline Saturday's concert.

ing professional musician since the age of 15 and current guest of The Chieftains touring lineup for the last four years.

### Mary Ann Kennedy and Finlay Wells

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est memories of her family rehearsing in the front room at nights, through a hothouse classical musical training to her world today as musician, singer, broadcaster, writer, choral director, composer and producer. Mary Ann will be joined on stage by virtuoso guitarist Finlay Wells.

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# Emergency services on full alert after mine discovered

Island emergency services were put on full explosives alert last weekend after the alarm was raised over a sus-

pected naval mine close to a busy camp-site. Police, coastguards and the local lifeboat crew raced

to the scene at North Sannox. But the all-clear was sounded when experts confirmed the object was a dummy device, which had probably been used during the recent Joint Warrior exercise, featuring warships from several NATO countries.

They believed the metal globe could have caused serious damage to small vessels in the area if it had been left to float freely.

### Dog-walk

The discovery was made early last Friday during a dog-walk by Sannox resident David Kelso.

He said: 'From a distance, the object looked like a mooring buoy, though the closer I approached the more I realised it could not have been that.'

'It was bobbing gently only 15 metres from the shoreline, near the estuary of the burn and the camp and picnic site, where at least six motorhomes were parked.'

'It also had strange nobbly bits sticking out the surface,



The mine is inspected by members of the RNLI.

which prompted me to call the police.

'They immediately sought the assistance of the coastguard and lifeboat from Lamlash.'

'Once they had inspected it thoroughly and con-

firmed it was safe, they began towing it back to their HQ, from where the Royal Navy could retrieve it.'

Mr Kelso added: 'The whole experience brought back childhood memories from the 1960s and 70s when my grandfather, the late Ebenezer Kelso of Sannox, was the official Receiver of Wrecks for the Arran coastline, stretching from south of Corrie to north of the Fallen Rocks. 'He had to log the details

of many weird and wonderful objects washed up on the beach and co-ordinate their retrieval or disposal.'

'Among the things he had to deal with were old war-time mines - some of them still live.'

### Harmless

'Thankfully on this occasion, the object was harmless but it was impressive and heartening how slickly and calmly the emergency personnel teamed up to deal with the situation.'



Members of the RNLI lifeboat crew retrieve the mine.

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# Musical success for school

There will be no need to walk 500 miles as Arran High School is bringing *Sunshine on Leith* to the stage in Lamlash.

The school's 2016 production will be the popular 'Proclaimers' musical, which follows close friends Davy and Ally as they cope with life after the army.

Performances will be held from Tuesday, June 21 until

Friday, June 24 at 7.30pm in the AHS theatre and tickets will be on sale in early June.

### Working hard

The cast is said to be working incredibly hard rehearsing the show which is full of humour, romance and heart-break and of course, terrific songs. Audience participation will be expected!



The cast of *Sunshine on Leith* take a break during rehearsals.

## RBS to shut Brodick branch on a Wednesday

The Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Brodick will only be open on four days a week from next month.

Bosses have decided that the branch will be closing on a Wednesday, with effect from Monday, June 13. Staff at the branch have been advising customers about the change and leaflets are being distributed that outline the new opening hours.

An RBS spokesman said: 'Banking has changed significantly over the last few years and the way people want to interact with us is also changing. We have to continually adapt to meet our customers' needs and to ensure we remain viable and relevant both now and in the future.'

'We review our branch network regularly to make sure the services we provide are appropriate for each local community, based on customer usage and other ways to bank in the local area.'

A member of staff at the Brodick branch said: 'Everything remains the same with the exception of the Wednesday closure.' However, there is understood to be uncertainty among staff if they will have their hours cut, or if they may have to go to the mainland to work the day the branch is closed.

From Monday, June 13 the opening hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.15am to 5pm with an hour's closure starting at 12.30pm.

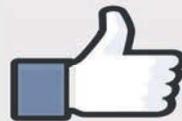
## Open garden to benefit Smile Train charity

Ruth and Alan Thompson will again be opening their garden at 47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash, for the charity Smile Train.

Weather permitting, they will open from Friday June 3 to Sunday June 5 with train memorabilia to enjoy.

The garden will be open from 10am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available at the garden which will feature a variety of wood carvings by Marvin Elliot as well as other

garden and water features. Proceeds are for the charity Smile Train which corrects children's hare lip and cleft palate problems.



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## Fèis Arainn - a reminder

Registration forms for Fèis Arainn, recently distributed via schools, were due to be returned by Friday May 27 either to the schools or by post to Aileen. Anyone who has forgotten should send it in as soon as possible. Additional forms can be obtained from the schools or from Aileen on 700209 but hurry!

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# Jethro is crowned king organisers look to bring



Corinna Goeckeritz passes a struggling runner.  
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Winner Jethro Lennox speeds past the Goatfell sign as he heads for the finish line. 01\_B22race02



Kirsty Smith makes her way up the Goatfell path.  
01\_B22race12



And they're off ... the 175 runners at the start of the race.

Photographs by Hugh Boag in Brodick  
and Colin Smeeton on Goatfell

The Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race could be back on the hill racing calendar next year, the new organisers of the Goatfell Race have confirmed.

The popular horseshoe race has not been run since 2012 having been cancelled at short notice in 2013 following insurance problems. Shettleston Harriers have taken over the organisation of Goatfell Race and organiser Peter Mackie confirmed to *The Banner*: 'We are looking to bring the horseshoe race back next year.'

Meanwhile, the Goatfell Race, held last Saturday, has a new champion, but he has seen it all before. The 2106 winner was Shettleston Harriers runner Jethro Lennox, who won the race six years ago. He completed the course in a time of 1hr 21min and 34sec, but failed to beat the course record which has stood since 1994. Three-in-a-row champion Finlay Wild from Lochaber did not compete this year.

#### Dry and bright

A total of 175 runners took part this year in conditions that were mainly dry and bright, although there were two heavy downpours during the race.

The first woman home was Christina Rankin from Kilbarchan in a time of 1:36:00, taking part in her first race. She finished 16th overall. The first local runner home was Eliot Sedman who finished fourth in a time of 1hr 27min 48sec.



The Westerlands runners who lifted the team prize.  
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# of the hill again as new back horseshoe race



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**A determined Clare Marriot.** 01\_B22race13



**Iain Gilmore, who finished second, makes short work of the descent.** 01\_B22race14



**One of the youngest competitors, 18-year George Doubleday - in black - heads out of Ormidale Park.** 01\_B22race05

Mr Mackie said the organisers had been pleased with the staging of the race and in particular thanked Paul Emslie and Tommy Gilmore of Arran Runners for their help. He also thanked Harry Davidson and the Brodick Improvements Committee for supplying the marshalls and Arran Mountain Rescue Team for providing safety cover on the hill.

The first 20 finishers were: 1 Jethro Lennox, Shettleston H 1:21:34; 2 Iain Gilmore, Carnethy, 1.25.59; 3 59 Gwyn Belamy, Westerlands 01:26:47; 4 Eliot Sedman 1:27:18; 5 John Connaghan, Shettleston H 1:27:29; 6 John Yells, Lochaber 1:27:48; 7 Fergus Johnston, Gala H 1:30:33; 8 Ewan Dytych 1:31:30; 9 47 Niall McAlinden, Westerlands 1:31:47; 10 Matthew Richardson, Saltaire Striders 1:32:32; 11 Adam Anderson, Annan and District 1:34:03; 12 Mark Whitelaw, Annan and District 1:34:44; 13 Colin Glencorse, Kilmarnock H 1:35:06; 14 Gavin MacMillan, Lochaber 1:35:13; 15 Stephen Monk, Lochaber 1:35:42; 16 Christina Rankin, Kilbarchan 1:36:00; 17 James Callender, Westerlands 1:36:34; 18 Geoff Simpson, HBT 1:37:15; 19 Grant MacDonald, Bellahouston 1:37:37 and 20 Graeme Brown 1:38:33.

The other Arran runners taking part finished as follows: 21 David Allsop, Arran Runners 1:38:55; 52 Jon Smith, RunArran 1:49:47; 77 Andrew Walsh 1:56:19; 87 Corinna Goeckeritz, RunArran 1:58:57; 99 Kirstie Smith 2:02:31; 149 George Doubleday, Run Arran 2:23:38; 165 Clare Marriot 2:38:06 and 175 Jackie Newman, RunArran 3.10.18.



**Runners heading for home leaving Goatfell behind them.** 01\_B22race07



**Jon Smith gets encouragement from spectators as he heads into Ormidale Park.** 01\_B22race08



**Eliot Sedman leads the runners out of Ormidale Park.** 01\_B22race03



**Race winner Jethro Lennox with ladies winner Christina Rankin and first local Eliot Sedman, who finished fourth.** 01\_B22race11

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Join the People's Panel

It is good to see that the Arran Economic Group is ready to engage with the public.

The organisation has taken its time to find its feet, and that is no bad thing.

It has big plans and even bigger ideas to make Arran a world class destination by 2020 – an admirable ambition.

Development director Sheena Borthwick-Toomey, who has a lifetime of business experience, has been quietly working away compiling background information and statistics – which have never been put together before in one place.

Now the organisation is ready to see what the public thinks in a process we hope will be extended in the years to come.

Arran folk like to get involved and we have no doubt that a 300-strong People's Panel will quickly be assembled. But just one word of caution: the panel must be representative of all the people on the island, not just some.

The ageing demographic of the island has already been agreed as having to change if the economic fortunes of Arran are to improve, which is why the availability of affordable housing to allow people to take jobs here must be seen as a priority.

Those taking part in the panel will also be asked about key issues such as tourism, transport and quality of life.

Quality of life on Arran goes without saying but key issues surrounding the development of transport and tourism are vital to the island. The new ferry terminal is coming on apace and a new boat is on the way by 2018. However, serious issues remain over the reliability and suitability of the MV Isle of Arran, which is just back from still more repairs.

On tourism, the excellent work by all at VisitArran has to be supplemented and supported at both local and national level to deliver an integrated and coordinated approach to give everyone who comes to Arran the very best experience and to encourage them to return.

So please step forward all who are interested in aiding the economic development of Arran. The panel is not an onerous task – merely a short questionnaire twice a year.

The first results we will see in August should make for interesting reading.

So let us embrace the People's Panel and join the push to make Arran a world class destination.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Tennis plan has overwhelming community support

Sir,

In response to the rather negative slant put on the topic of the tennis courts in Lamlash by the letters in last week's Banner, I'd just like to highlight some positive aspects.

What wasn't mentioned was the fact that due to the bowling club's financial situation (which is apparently due not only to the short tennis season but also to some players not using the honesty box), the alternative would be to sell the tennis courts and clubhouse to a developer for housing.

I'm sure I speak for many people in saying that an attractive Marine Discovery Centre and two upgraded tennis courts is much preferable. As I understand it, the asset will stay in the community and be planned and run by the community. In addition, it will almost certainly contribute to the economic development of the village and promote a healthy and active lifestyle through both the improved tennis courts and the outdoor programme of activities for children.

While perhaps not commonly known, I'd also like to make people aware that there is another tennis court in the village available for public use at Oakbank Farm, as confirmed by the owner at the public meeting.

COAST has worked tirelessly for many years to help create the South Arran Marine Protected Area and successfully increased awareness of the tragic degradation of the marine environment in the Clyde and I am not the only one who feels extremely thankful for their work. A Marine Dis-

covery Centre will surely inspire and delight both adults and children and almost certainly lead to an awareness of the value and fragility of our marine environment in generations to come.

While many of us would like to see all four tennis courts upgraded and a Marine Discovery Centre, this just doesn't seem possible and the solution COAST is proposing seems to be an excellent balance between promoting exercise and education. As the vast majority of those who were present at the public meeting confirmed, the project seems to have overwhelming backing from the residents in Lamlash.

Yours,

**Stuart Turner**  
Lamlash

### Dynamic solution

Sir,

I write to express my support for the COAST project and point out to anyone with concerns about the loss of two tennis courts, that the alternative is the loss of all four courts.

The proposal by the bowling club and COAST is designed to create a viable solution to a currently unviable situation, whereby the bowling club can no longer sustain the courts and the land has to be sold. It is very likely that the outcome could be a purchase leading to housing development as it did in Whiting Bay, where we lost our tennis courts altogether and so another valuable village amenity.

This joint proposal is a dynamic solution which will be a huge community asset, both to Lamlash and the entire island, attracting significant numbers of visitors and offering an exciting innovative resource. As an integral and guaranteed part of the plan, there will be two upgraded and maintained

tennis courts, to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Arran residents have consistently demonstrated their support for COAST over the years and for the ongoing commitment and dedication of those working to achieve it's aims, for no personal gain.

Their integrity is without doubt and so their undertaking to incorporate the tennis courts will be sustained. Any assets owned by COAST are owned by the community and it is a non profit-making organisation.

I hope this project will be wholeheartedly embraced by the community and recognised as the fantastic opportunity it is, for the island. I speak as a Whiting Bay resident who enjoys playing tennis on the Lamlash courts - let us all support this move which will enable us to continue that enjoyment.

Yours,

**Sue Archer**  
Whiting Bay

### Thank you

Sir,

I would like to take this short opportunity to say a personal thank you to the people of North Ayrshire and Arran for their votes in the recent Scottish Parliament election. Indeed my thanks is also to the many across the west of Scotland who took part in our regional list ranking process. A democratic selection process which helped elect me to Holyrood as an MSP for the West Scotland region.

Elections do not fight themselves, they are the product of many hours, days and months of hard graft. A hard working team of volunteers from our associations who knocked on doors, telephoned and delivered leaflets. To them I am hugely grateful.

In due course I will be opening an office in the

West region and will be holding surgeries as soon as I have administrative staff on-board to help deal with the various cases and issues which arise. Regardless of your politics or affiliations, I pledge to be a hard working member of our parliament. I promise to be friendly, helpful and approachable during my time as an MSP.

Many voted Conservative for the first time in their lives this year. I am grateful for that support, I was honoured to come second in my own seat of Cunninghame North. I do not take the task in hand lightly however. Many voted Conservative because they responded to Ruth Davidson's message that Holyrood needed a strong opposition and that is what we intend to do. To work hard and honour those votes.

I also thank my fellow candidates of other political parties for their respectful campaign and to those who were elected in the constituency seats across the region I wish them the very best in their roles and hope to provide a constructive dialogue with them where required.

Politics can be a difficult game and you take the highs and lows with trying to get elected but I am hugely appreciative of the support I have been given by many friends, family and even strangers. I hope to repay that support over the next five years as I pursue my new role in public service.

Yours,

**Jamie Greene MSP**  
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Traditionally celebrated on the last Monday of May, the long weekend is accompanied by sunshine, spring gardens in bloom and with visitors and locals taking part in shopping, food, music and outdoor pursuits, and this Spring Bank holiday will offer all of these.

## Altachorvie

If jazz is your way of gently sliding into the summer season then you're in for a treat if you visit the Altachorvie in Lamash on Friday, May 27 where the Chris Clark Quartet will be performing with special guest Joni Keen. The quartet has made a name for themselves as a group but they are renowned in their own rights as being talented and skilled musicians.

Chris is one of Scotland's premier jazz entertainers with an unrivalled knowledge and execution of the American Songbook, whether as a guitarist, vocalist or story teller. His jazz anecdotes are renowned and admired by audiences at home and abroad.

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Arran's own Joni Keen is one of Scotland's best loved Jazz singers and has worked with the finest musicians in the UK. Her show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival was a sell-out and led to international engagements and performing live for BBC Scotland. Her wonderful performances with anecdotes, humour and beautiful music have thrilled audiences and critics alike.

### Pierhead Tavern

Continuing with the theme of live music the Pierhead Tavern will be hosting a weekend of music in the popular venue at Lamlash. On Friday, May 27, The Drambusters will be performing popular classics at 9pm. At the same time on the following evening, Nightfly will rock the crowds with their special style of classic rock on Saturday, May 28. Starting at 4pm on the Sunday visitors will be treated to the Saxophone, guitar and vocals of Biffy's Jazz Trio who will provide the entertainment while the friendly Pierhead staff will provide fabulous food until 9pm. The venue is also well known to beer lovers as the place to find a range of real ales with some unique ales making a special guest appearance every now and then.

### Brodict Castle and Country Park

The rangers and castle guides at the Brodict Castle and Country Park know how to make the most of any weather situation and what better way to enjoy the sunshine than talking a walk down the pathways and hidden wonders of the well manicured gardens of the castle gardens that boast one of the worlds finest Rhododendron collections and a number of trails from easy to moderate difficulty levels. When the weather is slightly overcast or if you are a lover of all things historical the castle itself has a history dating back to at least 800 years and it is packed with treasures and precious collections. The knowledgeable tour guides are always thrilled to share the fascinating history and their knowledge of the castle with the thousands of guests that visit the quintessential Victorian highland estate every year. There is always something going on at the castle so keep an eye out for tours, walks and other events and

don't forget to stop at the castle tearoom for a tasty nibble which can be enjoyed in the castle tearoom or outdoors in the sunshine outside the castle overlooking the gardens.

### Forestry Commission Scotland

Every year the Forestry Commission opens a special route through the forest that is suitable for vehicular traffic for people to enjoy a leisurely drive through the established and lush forests of Sliderry from the comfort of their own cars. The scenic forest track leads from Dyemill to Kilmory and will be open from 11am to 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday over the Spring Bank Holiday. Forestry staff are always on hand to offer help and advice and this seldom-available opportunity is one not to be missed.



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# Great walks and huge fun at 10th mountain festival

Arran is one of Scotland's most attractive places to those who love walking in the mountains, and 2016 has marked another successful year for the Arran Mountain Festival.

The annual festival, this year from May 13 to 16, continues to encourage locals and visitors alike, from as close as Ayrshire and as far away as Australia, to explore its fantastic mountains in the safe hands of experienced mountain leaders.

During the delightful sunny and dry four-day event there were a varie-

ty of walks and scrambles taking folk across Arran's stunning hills and mountains. For many walkers it was an opportunity to meet like-minded people, discover a fascinating island and have unforgettable days in the mountains. With names to inspire the imagination, such as Ceum na Caillich (Witch's Step), Caisteal Abhail (Castles), Cir Mhor and Beinn a' Chliabhain, the Arran mountains encapsulate Scotland's most stunning landscapes. The A'Chir Mountain Ridge Traverse, not for the faint-hearted, is probably the finest is-

land ridge outside of Skye. From learning about the meaning of the Gaelic hill names, to airy scrambles on towering granite ridges, and ascending Goatfell at night in time for the sunrise, this is Scottish hill walking at its best. And, with the festival now in its tenth year, there were anniversary celebrations with Arranach Ceilidh Band's ceilidh on the Saturday night and a birthday tea on the Sunday evening - with thanks to Hilary for the huge cake.

The philosophy of the festival remains 'small groups, great walks, huge fun'. It is a community-run event, organised by a committee of volunteers, to which the festival is forever grateful. Further thanks must go to all the businesses and individuals who supported the festival in many ways including raffle donations, accommodation support, sponsorship, and cake making. However, the festival is only possible because of the dedicated volunteer walk leaders who, year after year, continue to donate their time and expertise.

For photos from this year's event, have a look at [facebook.com/Arran-](https://www.facebook.com/Arran-MountainFestival)



A team photo from the Beinn Bharrain walk. Photo Sherie Walker



Walkers spell out the number 10 at Witch's Step in celebration of 10th birthday of the festival.

Photo: Carina Ferguson



The giant cake at the 10th birthday tea. Photo Walter Brown

MountainFestival and read Alan Rowan's Arran Nights blog at [facebook.com/mun-](https://www.facebook.com/mun-)

romoonwalker. And for information about next year's Festival, 19-22 May 2017,

keep an eye on [www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk](http://www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk) Jo Totty

## Arran Save the Children branch raises cash to help global campaign

Save the Children week ran from the 24th to the 30th April this year, and the Arran branch held a number of events across the island to raise much-needed funds.

These ranged from coffee mornings in Shiskine, Corrie, Lochranza and Whiting

Bay to soup and sandwich lunches in Brodick and Lamlash which were well supported by people attending the events, making donations of home-baking or lending a helping hand in arranging and running the events.

Monies from the events will help Save the Children to deliver its new global campaign, Every Last Child, which is focused on putting the most excluded children first. In the UK it is calling on the government to support this by champi-



The Lamlash soup and sandwich lunch was well attended by supporters.



Brodick Save the Children committee members Jean Robertson, Sheena McLean, Irene Rollo and Myrna Boal, who spearhead the fundraising efforts.

oning a fair global tax system that can raise money to give children the healthcare, protection and education they need; working with partners around the world to make sure that all children are counted and have a say in decisions that

affect them; and helping overturn the laws and policies around the world that discriminate against children. The first part of the three-year campaign will focus on the 10 million refugee children who are fleeing war and torture in

search of safety. If anyone would like to support the charity, its annual quiz, which has been distributed across the island, is still available and the prize winner will be announced at the Christmas Fayre held later in the year.

# Volunteers Week

## 1st of June

### Third Sector Interface

### Arran Community and Voluntary Service

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- Supports, develops and represents social enterprise
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- Connects with, and represents the 3rd Sector, engaging with the Community Planning Partnership in North Ayrshire
- We work with our colleagues at the Ayrshire Community Trust, and as a Partnership, form the Third Sector Interface – North Ayrshire (TSI)

#### Jim Nichols

My varied role as Chief Executive Officer of the Third sector interface includes membership of the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Integration Joint Board, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board, and recently, appointment to a play a lead role in the implementation of the new Locality based arrangements on Arran for both the HSCP and the CPP. I'd be delighted to talk to any local groups who would like more information.



#### Sophie Clark

Being new to ACVS I am keen to get involved in the community groups and health and wellbeing projects. I'm looking forward to meeting the many active community groups on Arran having already been to the Parkinson's group and Elderly forum. I am assisting to develop many of the ACVS projects on the island including the befriending service, I would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved. [sophie.clark@arrancvs.org.uk](mailto:sophie.clark@arrancvs.org.uk)



#### Carol Kane

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#### Bobbi Mulholland

As Development Officer I support various local organisations by assisting in volunteer recruitment and setting up volunteering opportunities. I provide assistance to groups in a number of ways, from attending meetings for extra support, helping organise events and offering general charities support and advice. If your group or organisation requires volunteers, funding advice or are looking for advice on governance matters please contact me and I'll be happy to help. [bobbi.mulholland@arrancvs.org.uk](mailto:bobbi.mulholland@arrancvs.org.uk)



#### Vicki Yuill

My job at ACVS currently involves a dual role. As Operations Manager I am responsible for the development of new community groups and projects, such as lunch clubs and befriending. Engaging with the Community, a key part in my role, is to seek the views of groups on how we can improve Island voluntary services. As a member of the Health and Social Care Locality Forum, I act in an advisory capacity. A key part of the job is as the Community Connector in the medical centre's on Arran. In this role I assist patients to improve their health and well-being, through providing support and advice for Weight Management and Smoking Cessation. Referral is through either your doctor or nurse and support is given over a twelve week period. Another aspect of this role is to assist people with non-medical topics by offering information, advice and signposting to the many support groups and local services on Arran. Please get in touch for further information or a chat about any of the above and I will do my best to help. [vicki.yuill@arrancvs.org.uk](mailto:vicki.yuill@arrancvs.org.uk)



## TSI North Ayrshire

Arran Community and Voluntary Service and  
The Ayrshire Community Trust form the Third  
Sector Interface

### Hearing Aid Batteries

We hold a stock of hearing aid batteries in our office in a variety of sizes. If you require batteries please pop in and speak to Carol who will provide them

Art in Mind meets every Friday throughout the year and the aim is to introduce local people with mental health problems to Art and self-expression and to help them gain confidence and self-worth. Felicity Walker, a professional artist, comes over from the mainland every week and teaches, helps and supports group members with their artistic efforts. Volunteers are required to support Felicity and the group members by participating in art, setting up and clearing away equipment, making coffee and tea and if possible transporting people to the group which is held at the Ranger Centre in the grounds of Brodick castle. An interest in art is an advantage.



## Umbrella Project

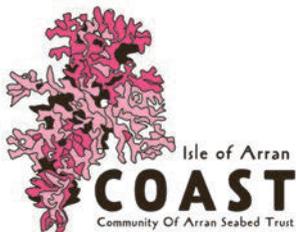
The Umbrella Project has been set up by Arran Community and Voluntary Service to provide social activity to anyone who would like to be involved. There are four different types of activity: The Indoor Group who meet on Monday mornings in Lamlash Fire Station, working on creative projects. The Outdoor Group meet weekly at Brodick Castle to work in a small garden. Lunch Clubs operate for older persons at Glen Estate Sheltered Housing every Monday. A Befriending Service which provides more 1:1 activities and support. We are looking for volunteers for all of the above projects.



If any of these opportunities or you would like to please contact  
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The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) is an internationally renowned community group striving to improve the health of the marine environment around the Isle of Arran and the Firth of Clyde through our research, education and advocacy activities. COAST proposed and successfully campaigned for the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone and the South Arran Marine Protected Area. These are allowing some of our seabed's to recover from damaging fishing methods as well as bringing about long term benefits for sustainable fishing and tourism. We are now planning for a community Marine Discovery Centre in Lamlash.



We rely on our dedicated team of volunteers for our work to succeed. We are always looking for people with a diverse range of skills including media, arts, education, finance, project management or marine science. You can get involved on many levels – whether you want to come along to our beach cleans or surveys (ie: seagrass, nurdles, marine mammals, etc.) or work in our COAST office for a month or two, or do some desk research or campaigning from home. You don't have to be on the island to get involved!

**Riding for the Disabled Association** are dedicated to improving lives through therapy, achievement, enjoyment, well-being, self-confidence, mobility and co-ordination. Arran RDA were launched in 2006 in Lamlash by Barbara Tinto – and a decade later, we are going from strength to strength. We are creating a new outdoor riding arena that will help the riders progress more quickly, allow more interaction with the ponies and ensure the future of Arran RDA for many years to come. This is possible due the generosity of many who have donated to our local Arran charity. The horse itself is the 'therapist' in so many aspects. PHYSICAL – Balance, co-ordination, muscle strength, hand dexterity and general fitness.

PSYCHOLOGICAL - Confidence, self esteem and a real sense of achievement through learning a new skill. SOCIAL – Enjoyment of personal interaction, a real feeling of belonging through communication. And, above all, it is GREAT FUN in the fresh air. BUT we could not function without the volunteers who give their time, energy, expertise and devotion. With new adults and children regularly being introduced to us, we are always looking for more helpers to join our happy bunch. No experience is necessary - only a reasonable level of fitness. Come along to meet us and watch a session. We also have availability for riders if you think you or your child could benefit from the service.



Photos: David Kelso

## The Coastguard

The Arran Coastguard Rescue Team is on call 24 hours a day-365 days a year. As a part of HM Coastguard the team attend a variety of incidents around the Arran coast and are also responsible for marshaling the helicopter landing site in Whiting Bay. The team is recruiting now and although the Coastguard Station is in Lamlash members are welcome from round the island, no nautical experience is required as you will be fully trained in all the skills required including rope rescue and water rescue. If you are interested in getting involved, we have our weekly training on a Wednesday night between 7 & 9pm.



Roots of Arran works to preserve native woodland on Arran and offer education and recreation opportunities in its 30 – hectare community woodland, at Lag a Bheith, near Brodick. The woodland was planted up 10 years ago by a group of volunteers on a forestry clear fell site and now contains a network of paths, a pond and an orchard. It is used by various education providers and local primary schools. The group is able to provide Forest School sessions to school children which includes delivery of the John Muir Award.

Volunteering needn't even involve getting your hands dirty though, as we are always looking for people to help with admin and fundraising, so if you feel an affinity for what we are creating and providing at Lag a Bheith and feel that you would like to contribute in some way, then please do get in touch.



Help the National Trust for Scotland service with the nature conservation and meet local people! We have a volunteer group Healthy Outdoor who meet every week for lighter tasks. Arran is with the morning Thursday about until 4pm. Tasks include species clearance, tree nursery work, host short- and long-term placements for in nature conservation. But it doesn't stop there. We would love to see you on the mountain of ad

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## Community First Responders

There are three Community First Responder groups on Arran covering the North (Lochranza - Pirnmill), West (Blackwaterfoot - Shiskine) and South (Kilmory - Sliderry) of the island. First responders are volunteers who are trained by the Scottish Ambulance Service to attend medical emergencies in their area to provide life saving interventions whilst the ambulance is en route, First responders do not normally attend trauma calls or calls involving children. Not all the groups are on call all the time but provide cover when they can and can only attend an incident when asked to do so by the Ambulance Service.

Volunteers required once or twice a month for footpath maintenance or beach cleaning. Come along to have fun working outside in good company and help to improve our footpaths! Also occasional work for an office volunteer for tasks such as newsletter writing and website updates.



## Become an Eco Savvy Volunteer

Help to make Arran a greener & more sustainable island.

Would you enjoy working for a few hours a week in the community shop?

Our shifts are:  
mornings: 10.30am - 1.30pm afternoons:  
1.30pm - 4.30pm

- fit in with both north and south Arran buses.
- the shop is warm and lovely to work in,
- full of amazing things to keep everyone coming back for more,
- everyone is very friendly and welcoming.

Training is provided and our systems are manual, we don't even have a cash register!

Not looking for shop work but would like to help with this exciting project?

We need volunteers with these skills to help us grow the project; bookkeeping - admin & IT. Can you manage a few hours a week or fortnight? We have a variety of bite sized admin jobs to fill, training will be provided.



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The main aim of the charity is to provide transport to mainland hospitals for cancer patients on Arran, we have been providing this service for 27 years.



# Volunteers Week

## 1st of June

### Why Volunteer?

There are a number of reasons that someone might choose to volunteer:

- Give back to an organisation that has impacted your life, either directly or indirectly
- Make a difference to someone's life
- Help others without a voice or less fortunate
- Spend quality time away from work or a busy life-style
- Improve or learn a new skill
- Enhance your CV
- Improve your employment prospects
- Use your professional skills and knowledge to benefit others
- Meet new people and make new friends
- A chance to socialise
- Get to know the local community



### Befriending

Befrienders can make a real difference to people's lives, they can share interests and activities whilst doing ordinary things like simply having a chat.

ACVS will recruit and train volunteers who will then be matched with individuals who require befriending. This provides them with valuable support, companionship and encouragement. Regular Community-based contact will help people to become more independent, overcome social isolation and develop confidence.

### Saltire Awards

The Saltire Awards acknowledges, reward and celebrate the commitment and contribution of young volunteers. The initiative is supported by the Scottish Government and is open to volunteers aged 12-25.

There are 4 layers to the awards scheme:

**Saltire Challenge** – Volunteer in a one off team event giving you the chance to gain team-working skills and get a real taste of volunteering.

**Saltire Approach** – An introduction to regular volunteering helping you to find out what type of volunteering you might be into. You will receive a certificate for completing 10 and 25 hours of volunteering as well as Young Scot Reward Points.

**Saltire Ascent** – When you are ready to make a longer commitment to volunteer and further develop your skills and strengths through your placement. You will get your certificate and Young Scot Reward Points for completing 50, 100, 200 and 500 hours of volunteering.

**Saltire Summit** - Reward for outstanding contribution to volunteering.



### Volunteering

Volunteer's week begins on the 1st of June and continues until the 12th of June. The week to celebrate the over 21 million volunteers up and down the UK has been extended this year for a variety of reasons. With volunteering contributing millions to the economy it is something worth celebrating and the extra days this year allow for more celebration time and more time to get involved.

# Coastguard volunteers hone their skills

Members of Arran Coastguard rescue team recently undertook two days of water rescue training under the instruction of senior coastal operations officers Peter Stewart and Steve Muldoon.

The water rescue qualification is compulsory for all coastguard rescue personnel and the training saw all seven team members successfully pass the course, which encompassed safety and rescue techniques for both coastal and river inci-

dents. The next few weeks will see the team members also undergoing their regular re-evaluation as a rope rescue team.

Water and rope rescue are two of several disciplines which coastguard rescue personnel need to be competent in order to be HM Coastguard volunteers. The others include search and rescue, first aid, search/incident coordination, marshalling helicopter landing sites and dealing safely with potentially dangerous

items washed ashore, including marine pyrotechnics and unexploded ordnance which can require working alongside the explosive ordnance disposal team, (bomb squad) from Faslane. Coastguard rescue officers also attend reports of pollution on the shore and can act on behalf of the Receiver of Wrecks, liaising with and assisting other emergency agencies is also an important part of their work which can see them assisting in non-coastal emergencies.

The wide variety of disciplines means that the Arran Coastguard rescue team was tasked by the Coastguard Operations Centre in Belfast to more than 140 jobs last year.

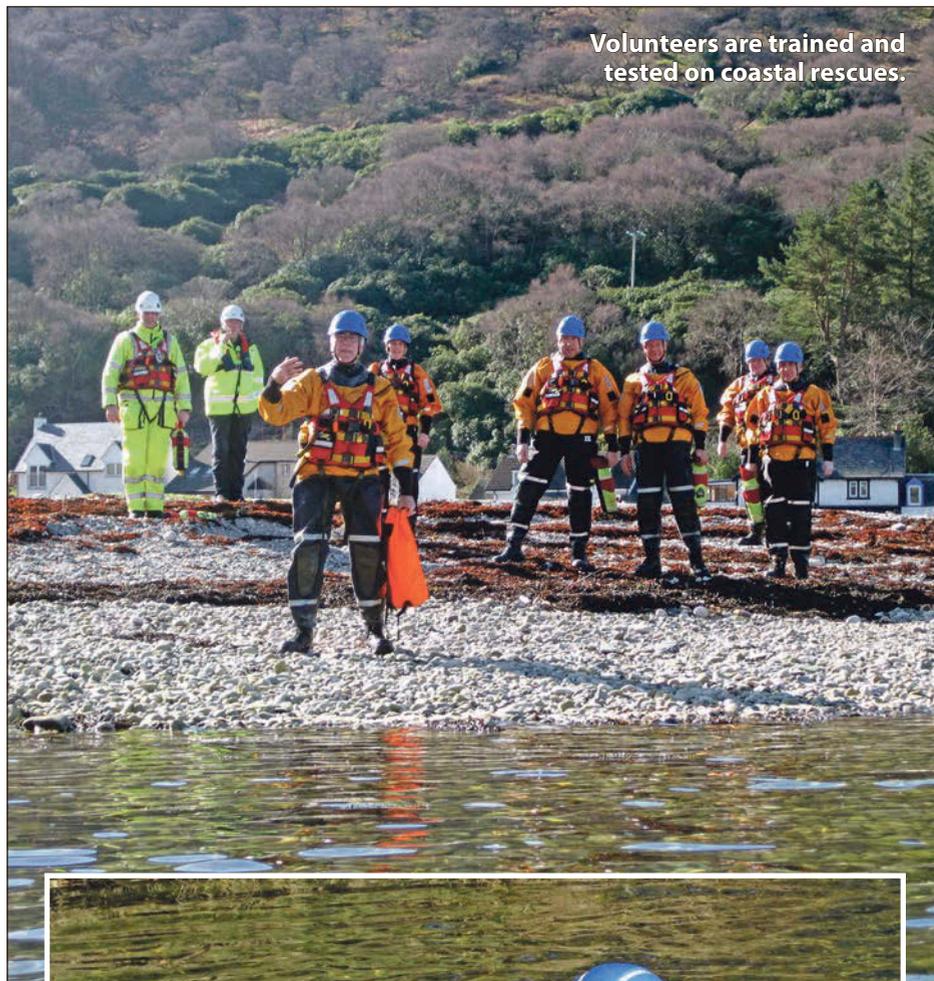
The team is currently recruiting new members so if anyone thinks that they would enjoy being part of such a busy team then please email [area4@mca.gov.uk](mailto:area4@mca.gov.uk) or pop into the station on a Wednesday evening when the team train from 7pm to 9pm.

**Left: Lochranza pontoon was the location for some of the exercises.**

**Right: An instructor teaches the volunteers a river rescue technique.**



River rescues require a group formation in strong currents.



Volunteers are trained and tested on coastal rescues.



Coastguard volunteers practise their rope techniques at the shore. Inset: The Coastguard helicopter comes in for landing in rainy weather conditions.

# Jessica to use medical skills on Himalayan adventure

An Arran student is to undertake a five-week research expedition to the North Indian Himalayas as an assistant medical leader during the summer.

Jessica Gillson from Catcol, who is currently stud-

ying medicine at Glasgow University, will be making the trip, which is run by the British Exploring Society (BES), a branch of the Royal Geographic Society, and aims to change the lives of young people through par-

ticipation in research projects in extreme environments.

Although the BES is a not-for-profit organisation, the cost of logistics, insurance, administration, kit use, food and transport will add up to the sum of £4,000 which Jessica will have to raise for her trip.

Jessica will be part of a team conducting valuable research into climate change and altitude sickness. Glaciers in the Ladakh region of the Himalayas provide the majority of the water for northern India so the speed at which they are receding is alarming and requires immediate attention.

The research work that is being undertaken will help map out the glaciers and look at response times for providing solutions and al-



Explorers traverse the rocky peaks of the Himalayan mountains.



Jessica Gillson, who will be joining the research expedition in the Himalayas.

ternatives to the problem.

The other project, which will be undertaken in the mountainous region, aims to investigate the physiological changes at altitude with regards to nutritional intake and to measure the psychological impact that exposure to an extreme environment can have on people.

The expedition will be joined by 60 young explorers between the ages of 16 and 24 years with the goal of personal development.

The expedition will provide the young people with opportunities to develop skills, build self-confidence and overcome challenges. There will also be some children from disadvantaged backgrounds attending the expedition as part of a special programme by BES that promotes and supports young people who

have had fewer opportunities in life.

Jessica said: 'I know exactly what a life changing experience this can be to someone with a background of fewer opportunities. In 2008 I took part in a similar expedition to Svalbard in the Arctic Circle as a young explorer and the experience gave me the confidence to pursue my dream of becoming a doctor.'

'The expedition was physically, mentally and emotionally demanding and gave me time away to reflect on my life. I couldn't recommend the experience highly enough and it will be a privilege to be able to support the next generation of young explorers in facing and overcoming their own challenges.'

Jessica has already started fundraising with an Arran-themed raffle which has

had goods donated from Arran businesses such as James Chocolate, the Distillery, the Arran Cheese Shop, Arran Aromatics and ArCas, which has already raised more than £275.

Tickets for the raffle are still available and can be obtained at a table top sale in Brodick Hall on Saturday June 11 from 11am to 2pm. The raffle winner will be drawn on Monday June 20. She will also be doing a week-long sponsored walk of the West Highland Way starting in July. If anyone would like to help, there is a crowd funding page at [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/himalayan-expedition](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/himalayan-expedition). Further information about the expedition can also be found at [www.facebook.com/jeshimalayanexpedition](http://www.facebook.com/jeshimalayanexpedition) which will provide updates on the fundraising and her training schedule.

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## David keeps running for his angel

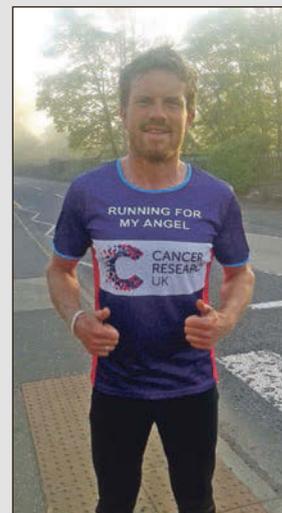
Following on from his success last year in running both the London and Edinburgh marathons in memory of his fiancée, David Allsop will be doing a treble this year while raising funds for Cancer Research UK.

David, who lost his fiancée Deborah Hanlon in 2012 at the age of 36 to breast cancer, will be running the Edinburgh marathon, Loch Ness marathon and the Glasgow Great Scottish Run in her memory.

### Warm-up

Gordon, originally from Sannox and a member of the Arran Runners, completed the Goatfell Race last weekend as a warm-up for the Edinburgh Marathon tomorrow (Sunday) before he takes part in the Loch Ness Marathon on Sunday September 25.

Anyone who would like to support Gordon's cause for Cancer Research UK can visit his JustGiving page at [www.justgiving.com/for-debs](http://www.justgiving.com/for-debs)



Runner David Allsop.

# Dougal Eagle is an unlikely hero in new children's book

A children's author has used Arran as an inspiration for her new book.

Teacher and adviser Sue Ellis has just published *Gorgeous Gwendolen Goose and Other Stories*, a collection of six stories featuring birds as the lead characters, all of whom have to overcome adversity including bullying.

Sue, from York, has been spending every May half-term for five years enjoying what Arran has to offer. She bases herself in Machrie with her family and friends and enjoys golf, particularly at Shiskine Golf Club, walking, local restaurants and tasting Arran beer and whisky.

The result is the story featured in the book titled: 'You're my hero Dougal Eagle' - a shy young eagle who comes to the rescue of a young boy.

Sue encouraged Elish Clemente, the illustrator of the book, to produce a marvellous iconic picture of Dougal Eagle flying in Lochranza. It shows the distinctive roofs of the Arran whisky distillery, Torr Nead an Eoin, behind them and the bay in the distance.

Since the publication of her book, Sue has been visiting primary schools in the North Yorkshire area reading to pupils and leading assemblies on 'making good choices and being

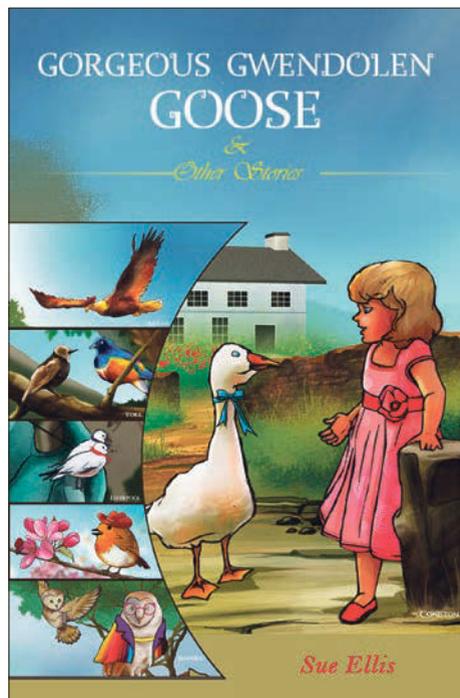
the best version of yourself' just like Dougal Eagle does.

Author Sue has been working in the world of education for more than 30 years and has a wealth of experience of children's issues, views and frustrations from the pupils she has taught and her own two children. She was born in Liverpool and spent her early years in Crosby. She has lived in York with her husband and family for more than 30 years.

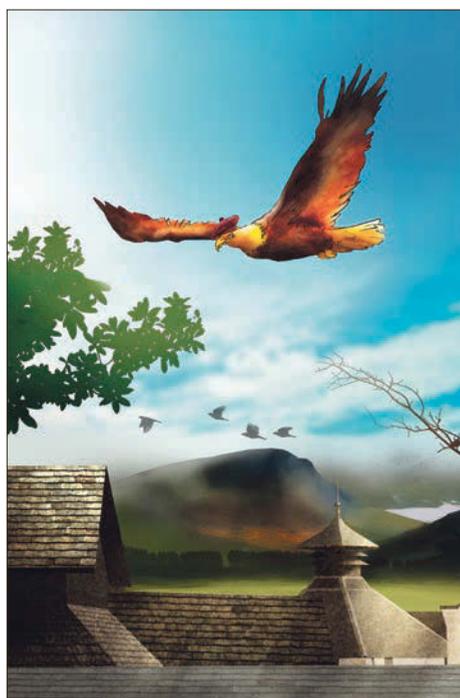
*Gorgeous Gwendolen Goose and Other Stories* is published by Austin Macauley priced £7.99 and is also available to buy in paperback and on Kindle from Amazon.



Author Sue Ellis.



The front cover of *Gorgeous Gwendolen Goose*.



The illustration of Dougal Eagle flying over Lochranza.

## Star Wars troopers climb awakens local generosity

The Ayrshire Star Wars Collective has presented a £1,320 cheque to staff at Rainbow House in Irvine.

The fundraising troopers climbed Goatfell earlier this month in full Star Wars costume, collecting sponsorship before, during and after their climb, as previously reported in *The Banner*.

The collective includes Gordon Smallwood, Josh McGregor and Set Sail Tattoo owners Louis and Victoria McKee. They hold annual fundraisers and decided to dedicate their latest round of local charity work to Rainbow House.

Gordon said: 'Mother of moons! What a positive response from the public we have had. We would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who donated to the cause and everyone who helped and supported us during our hike up Goatfell. The force has definitely been with us.'

### Additional support

Rainbow House is an assessment, diagnosis and treatment centre for children and young people in Ayrshire and Arran who may need additional support with their development. It is also the base for the community paediatric service.

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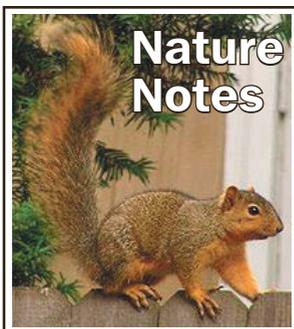


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# Spotting fascinating reptiles on Arran

Words and photos by Jack Ibbotson



The common lizard that can be found on Arran.

The late spring can be a great time to spot some of Arran's fascinating reptiles. Common lizards, slow worms and adders can all be found. On warm sunny days, try walking slowly along one of Arran's south facing glens such as Glen Rosa. Scan the ground a few metres ahead and tread carefully with camera at the ready.

### Slow worms

Despite the name, slow

worms are actually leg-less lizards. They can grow up to about 50cms long and are occasionally mistaken for snakes. Unlike the adder, they rarely bask in the sun and prefer to hide amongst stones, wood and compost heaps. They usually have a dark stripe running down the back and females tend to show a darker belly and sides. Both common lizards and slow worms can shed their tails if caught by a predator, giving them a chance to escape, the tail is later re-grown.

### Common lizards

A sun-loving species which feeds on insects, spiders, earthworms and caterpillars, lizards can grow up to about 15cms and usually show dark and pale stripes running down the body.

Males have a colourful underbelly while females tend to be duller. South facing rocky scree slopes are a good place to look for lizards. Approach very slowly for the best chance of a photograph.

### Adders

Another sun-loving species, adders are the only venomous snake in Britain and the only snake species found on Arran. Adders feed on small mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. They inject the victim with venom then swallow them whole.

Adders can vary in colour but generally males are grey with a dark zig-zag while females tend to be a rusty brown colour with a dark brown zig-zag. Com-



Arran's only snake species, an adder, with its distinctive zig-zag pattern.

pletely black (melanistic) adders are also quite common on Arran. At this time of year males will have already shed their skin and look very fresh ready to attract a mate.

Mating takes place in April/May and males become territorial and compete for females. Females give birth to live young in late summer.

Bites are rare and only happen if the snake is accidentally disturbed or de-

liberately antagonised. If bitten you should seek immediate medical attention but bites are rarely fatal to humans or pets.

Remember the above species are all protected by law and if you find them it is best to admire from a distance.

If you would like to keep up to date with goings on, check out our website [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ArranRangerService/](https://www.facebook.com/ArranRangerService/).



The slow worm is actually a type of lizard.

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## Registry concerns

There are concerns that Arran might lose one of its two registration offices. Until last October there was one at the council office in Lamlash and one in Lochranza that had been established since 1765.

When Mrs Marshall resigned from the Lochranza office, Strathclyde Regional Council said that it would keep it open once someone was appointed to the position which registers births, deaths and marriages.

Now that Strathclyde has fallen away, and has been taken over by North Ayrshire Council, the search for a new registrar seems to have disappeared. The council now say that it is reviewing the situation and if a decision is to be taken to close it, a full public consultation will take place.

## Wild camping

Councillor John Sillars raised the problem of wild camping at Tuesday's community council meeting.

Campers during the folk festival are excused, since there is some monitoring at the time, but at all other times he said the area behind Brodick beach had a 'generally awful atmosphere' which included bad language, drinking and unacceptable behaviour.

Police sergeant Jim Weir explained that police have no powers to move on campers without the permission of the landowner.

The community council is to write to Charles Fforde to ask if he will make a formal request that police move people off his land.

## Official opening

Brodick Golf Club has now set its opening date for next Saturday and Lady Jean will be the one to cut the tape. Following the club championship on Saturday afternoon the opening will take place and club captain Douglas Jenkins will drive off from the fourth, now the first.

Following the play the Ormidale Park will cease to be used as a golf course.

## Locum revision

Despite rumours, North Ayrshire NHS Trust has no proposals to withdraw the surgical unit at the hospital at Lamlash.

This has been confirmed by both the health board and the trust however some revision of locum arrangements are being made along with some staff reductions due to budgetary difficulties.



The Strabane Garden Open day held last Sunday in aid of the Save the Children Fund took place in pouring rain. The weather did not deter people from attending though and the plant stall and tea tent did a roaring trade. B22twe01



The 8th Arran Folk Festival starts on Monday and the Co-op is one of their principal sponsors. Pictured is Co-op deputy manager Tom Copeland handing over a £1,000 cheque to festival committee member and performer Terry Stevens. B22twe02



This is the vintage MacBrayne's bus which has been plying its trade between the pier and the castle since last Saturday. The 1958 bus was previously a long distance bus but because of its diminutive size it is actually very well suited to Arran roads. B22twe03



Arran High School pupils won two gold and two silver medals in a cookery competition at James Watt College recently. The pupils are Ania Waterman, Hannah Jo Robinson, Janette Hamilton and Samantha McMullen with teachers Muriel Tod and Marie Walls. B22twe04



The winners of the Arran Allcomers Triathlon are from left: Gordon Allsop, Richard Lane, Graham Robinson. Front: Corrie Black, Liz Armit and Marion Logan. B22twe05

# What's on

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## Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing  
Brodick Castle, Garden Open  
Arran Brewery  
Arran Brewery tour  
Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green  
Arran Heritage Museum  
Soap making & Candle Dipping

## Saturday 28th May

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
RNLI Shop  
Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Arran Vets - Surgery  
Live music  
Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic  
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game  
WBay Bowling Club Open Day  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Flow Yoga  
Live music - Nightfly  
Women in Black  
Live Music - Michael Clarke (Acoustic Butterfly)  
Craft Fayre

## Sunday 29th May

Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
RNLI Shop  
AA Meeting  
Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome  
Live Music - Biff sings Jazz

## Monday 30th May

Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Morning Fitness  
Badminton  
Arran Vets - Surgery  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Circuit Training  
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
Brodick Bowling Club rink game  
Citizens advice  
Lamlash Aerobic  
RunArran  
Tae KwonDo  
Summer Bridge

## Tuesday 31st June

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Arran Vets - Surgery  
Rotary club  
Healthy Outdoors  
RunArran Run Coaching  
RUNFIT  
Open Cricket Session  
Lamlash Drama Club  
Garden Walk  
Flow Yoga  
WBay Drama rehearsal

## Wednesday 1st June

Rock & Pop Bingo  
Tae KwonDo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Arran Vets - Surgery

Loch Garbad, bank fishing  
9am-dusk  
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Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am-4.30pm  
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Lamlash, 2pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3-4pm  
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Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Brodick Slipway, 1-2pm  
The Douglas Hotel, 9pm  
Upstairs at Arran Active, Brodick, 2-5pm

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

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
9-10.30am and 3-4pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am-1.30pm  
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm  
Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7-8.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
9-10.30am  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm  
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Lamlash, 5.30pm  
Ormidale Park, 6.45am  
Brodick Astro Turf 7-9pm  
Arran High School, 6.30-9pm  
Brodick Castle, 2pm  
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Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
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Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
Brodick, 9-10.30am & 6-7pm

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Parkinsons Support Group  
Brodick Coffee Morning  
Summer Fair

## Thursday 2nd June

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RunArran Mixed Ability  
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## Friday 3rd June

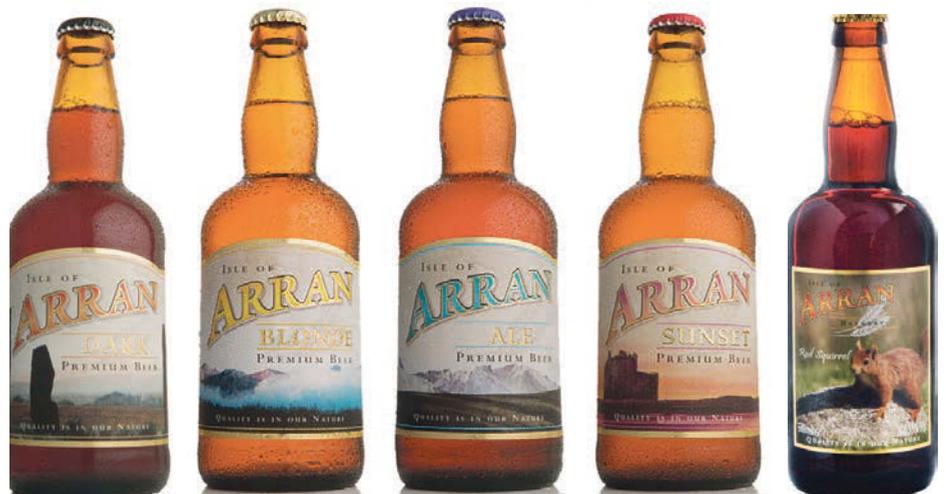
Yoga  
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Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Quiz  
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Folk Festival  
Folk Festival Evening Concert  
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Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45-10.45am  
10.30am-12.30pm and

Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 5.30pm  
Kinnell, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
Lamlash, 9pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm  
Brodick Library, 4-6pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am-noon  
Lochranza Field Centre, 11am-2pm  
Lamlash Fire station, 2-4pm  
Brodick church hall, 10.30am-noon  
Corrie School, noon-2pm

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
9-10.30am  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
Brodick, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie Leisure Club, 2-3.30pm  
nightFelicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm  
Balmichael Centre, 7pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6-7.30pm  
Lamlash Green, 6.45am  
Rangers Centre, Brodick, 2-4.30pm  
Brodick Castle, 2pm  
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 6-8pm

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45-10.45am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7-9pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
9-10.30am and 3-4pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, Adults, 7-8.30pm  
Field Centre, Lochranza, 5.30-8pm  
Open Session, Douglas Hotel, noon-5pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
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We have submitted to Scottish Ministers today, 26 May 2016, recommendations for councillor numbers and wards in each of Scotland's 32 council areas.

Our recommendations can be inspected on our website [www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk), and copies of our reports have been made available to councils for display at selected council offices or libraries.

It should be noted that under the provisions of section 17(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Scottish Ministers may not make an Order giving effect to the proposals contained in the Commission's reports, either as submitted to them or with modifications, until after the expiry of 6 weeks from 26 May 2016, that being the date arranged for the formal submission of the reports.

LGBCS

26 May 2016

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

16/00454/PP; Site to West of 35 Margnaheglish Road, Lamlash, Brodick; Variation of planning permission N/13/00558/PP under Section 42 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to revise wording of condition 1 to extend the duration of planning permission for a further 2 years.

16/00467/PPM; Site to West of Clachraig Farm, Kilmory, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Proposed development of a new distillery, visitor centre and bonded warehousing, associated landscaping, infrastructure, access and car parking.

16/00415/PP; Rokpa Trust, Ross Road, Sliderry, Brodick; Construction of a micro hydro-electric scheme, comprising of a powerhouse, pipeline and intake constructed in 2 phases.

Elma Murray  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
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**Sunday, 29th May**

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Mr John Roberts  
Coffee after service  
**Wednesday 1st June**  
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
ALL WELCOME

#### ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on **Thursday 2nd June** at 7.30 pm in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.  
ALL WELCOME

#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine  
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Rev Angus Adamson  
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Mrs Jean Hunter:

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**Sunday 29th May**  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am  
Morning Worship.

Pirmill Church 10.45am  
Morning Worship  
Shiskine Church 12noon  
Morning Worship.

Brodick Church 10.30am  
Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church  
11.30am Prayer Meeting,  
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There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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**Sunday 29th May**

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Sunday 29th May  
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Morning Mass 11am

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(continuing)

**Sunday 29th May**

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**Sunday 29th May**

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.

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**Sunday 29th May**

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#### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 29th May**

Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

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### DEATH

**Cook - Jean -** nee McAllister Peacefully at Montrose House care home on Monday, 23rd May 2016. Jean, beloved wife of the late Finlay, much loved mother, mother-in-law, Gran, Great Gran, Great Great Gran of the family. Funeral service at Craiglea, Sliderry on Friday, 27th May at 12 noon and thereafter to Kilmory Cemetery to which all are welcome. Family flowers only please.



#### Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday May 15: Ladies Rock Plate, 12 played, 1 Sheila Gray 24pts, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 22pts. Rock Plate winners are Sheila and Elizabeth. Winter knockout winner is Sheila. Well done to both!

Sunday May 15: Rock Plate, 18 played. 1st Class: 1 Donald Logan 22pts, 2 Brian Sherwood 21pts BIH, 3 Graham Andrew 21pts. 2nd Class: 1 Jack McNally 23pts, 2 Phil Betley 22pts, 3 Graham Kennedy 21pts. Magic twos A Gray, J McNally and D Logan. Well done to the Rock Plate winners Jack and Donald.

Sunday May 22: CCQ, 29 played. 1st Class: 1 A Napier 71-8=63, 2 D Jeffrey 73-8=65, 3 A Gray 74-8=66, BIH, Scratch, D Tod 70. 2nd Class: 1 W McNally 82-20=62, 2 A Stewart 77-13=64, BIH, 3 P Bryceland 80-16=64. Magic twos D Tod, J Morrison, A Gray, C Laing and G Andrew.

#### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday May 18: Summer Trophy 6th round, 19 played in the qualifying round for the Club Championship. CSS

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### ROBERTSON - Angus Mackenzie

Kate and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy for their recent loss of Gus. Special thanks to Gordon, Russell and Ian for their loyal support, to Doctors, nurses and staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital and Cooriedoon Nursing Home. Many thanks also, to Rev. Angus Adamson for an excellent service, to Trish for catering at Brodick Golf Club and David & Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements.

**WOODEN -** Pat and Dave Wooden would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the many cards, phonecalls and messages of sympathy at this sad time. We would like to say a very special thank you to Bob, Aileen, Dr Guthrie, Dr Hamill, paramedics Stuart and Martin who did all they could for Tony. David and Clair for all the funeral arrangements and Eleanor for the beautiful flowers. Once again a heart felt thank you to all.



#### The 18th green at Lamlash Golf Club.

63. 1 Frazer Barr 12, 62, 2 Kerr Drummond 5, 63, 3 David Brookens 12, 64. Kerr had the lowest scratch with 68 and there was only one Magic two, by Frazer Barr at the 17th.

Sunday May 22: McKelvie Cup 2nd round. 22 played in lovely conditions with the CSS dropping to 62. 1 Danny Head 6, 61 acb, 2 David Morrison 9, 61, 3 Frazer Barr 11, 62. Danny won scratch with 67 and there were Magic twos by Jamie MacPherson and Peter Towndrow. The overall winner of the McKelvie Cup was Danny Head. The draw for the Club Championship sees Danny Head playing Kevin McAlaney, Jamie Stewart V David Morrison, Jamie MacPherson V Andy Martin, Nicol Auld V Frazer Barr.

Fixtures: Sunday May 29, Gents Medal. Wednesday June 1, Summer Trophy. Sunday June 5, Gents Club Championship final and JC Reid final.

#### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday May 19: Summer Cup, CSS 67, par 64. 1 Dougie Macfarlane 67-0=67, 2 Andy Smith 86-17=69. Best scratch D Macfarlane 67. Magic twos Ian Bremner @ 16th, twos rollover still in place

Sunday May 22: Scratch Cup, CSS 67. 1 Drew Wales 76-9=67 BIH, 2 Billy O'Connor 86-19=67 BIH, 3 Paul Jameson 76-9=67. Best Scratch Drew Wales 76 BIH over Paul Jameson. No magic twos, rollover still in place.

Fixtures: Sunday May 29, Hastings Cup R1 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday June 2, Summer Cup, make up own groups. Draw for Thomson Cup (match play) on Sunday, May 29. Entry sheet in locker room.

Ladies Section: Wednesday May 18: Stroke 2, 12 played, CSS 66. 1 Rachel Wren 89-21=68, 2 Jackie Winship 102-29=73, Scratch, Rachel Wren 89. Friday May 20, Grace Cannon 2 ball foursomes: 1 Ellie Jones and Jackie Winship, 2 Morag Gardner and June Richardson.

#### Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday May 18: Summer Cup, 29 played, CSS 65. Dougie Robertson 78-17=61, Gordon Hendry 68-6=62, Ewan McKinnon 63-+1=64. Scratch, Ewan 63.

Thursday May 19: Club Championship Qualifying round 2, 15 played. Ross Duncan 70, Gordon Hendry 71, Iain MacDonald 73. Sweep, CSS 65, David Hendry 77-14=63, Iain Sillars 79-14=65, Gordon Hendry 71-5=66.

Sunday May 22: Club Championship Qualifying round 3, 21 played. Ewan McKinnon 65, Matthew Keir 71, Donald McKinnie and Bob McCrae 73. Sweep CSS 64, Donald McKinnie 73-11-62, Iain Keen 83-19-64, Dougie Robertson 80-16-64.

McCarfrae Trophy, Ewan McKinnon 69 65 134, Ross Duncan 67 70 137, Matthew Keir 68 71 139.

Fixture: Saturday May 28, Club Championship finals.

#### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday May 17, Peter Sutton, seven played, CSS 65 R/O. 1 R Betley 97-28=69, 2 P Betley 82-12=70 BIH, 3 C Laing 87-17=70. Lady Mary, one played. CSS 68 R/O. 1 F Scott 109-26=83

Fixtures: Tuesday May 31, first round of the Club Championship qualifiers for ladies and gents 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Saturday, June 4, second round of the gents qualifiers and the Duncan Sillars Cup 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

#### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday May 18, Wednesday Cup. 1 G Andrews 70-9=61, 2 A Napier 72-8=64, 3 D Jeffrey 73-8=65, Scratch, G Andrews 70.

Fixture: Saturday May 28, Jack Logan Memorial Trophy, ballots at 9am and 1pm.

Visitors welcome outside these times.

#### Arran Golfers Association

Friday June 3, Kelso Cup. This year's Kelso Cup takes place at Corrie Golf club, unfortunately Lamlash and Whiting Bay can't get a team together so there's only one tie which will act as the final, Brodick against Shiskine from 4.30pm. Saturday, June 11, Thomson Cup 2016 semi and final at Machrie Bay Golf Club at 1pm and 5pm.

Final can commence as soon as players are ready to go.

## Summer bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer competition held at Lamlash on Monday, May 16 were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie, 3 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock. E/W 1 Eendy McNiven and David Boag, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Iron Culpan and Pat Adamson.

# Ellie celebrates under-14 district hockey selection

Two young players from the Arran Junior Hockey Club, who also play for the Arran Ladies Hockey Club, recently went along to the U14 girls South West District hockey trials to be

picked for the squad to play at the Inter-District Tournament held at Pfeffermill Playing Fields in Edinburgh on Sunday, May 15.

There were 51 girls from across South West District

schools and clubs who were selected by their coaches to be put forward for the trials. Elyse Aitken and Ellie Wood, both made it through the first cut, which left 28 players, then after completing a couple of training sessions before the final cut down to an 18 player squad.

Elyse didn't make the final cut but she showed great promise and growing strength in her skills and ability and it is hoped that she will return next year to trial for the U16 squad.

Ellie was selected to play in the 18-strong squad and, although she was played in a position totally foreign to her, she had a superb tournament day. Ellie usually plays in a right defensive position stopping people from scoring goals but, during the tournament, she took on the position of a forward and even scored two goals for her team. The South West squad finished the tournament in fourth place but put up a good fight.

During the last hockey



The under-14 South West District squad which Ellie Wood is now a member.



Vice-president of the West District squad, Rhoda Howe, presents Ellie Wood with her award for man of the match nominations.

season Ellie received the most nominations for man of the match in the Ladies West District Division 4 League where the nominations came from the opposing team after each match was played. Unfortunately Ellie was unable to attend the official awards evening held in Glasgow where she would have received her award so her

club coach, Lorraine Hewie made arrangements with the vice-president of the West District committee, Rhoda Howe, to have Ellie presented with her award at the end of the under-14 district tournament in front of her fellow players and the other teams.

Junior club coach Lorraine said: 'This was such a well deserved award.

Ellie shows such commitment to hockey in both the junior and ladies clubs. I have coached her for five years now and watched her progress from strength to strength.

'I look forward to continuing to coach and play hockey with Ellie and can't wait to see what the future brings for such a talented young player.'

## Get in training for the Lamlash Splash

The Lamlash Splash, a 1.3-mile swim from the Holy Isle to Lamlash Pier, will take place this year on Saturday, September 17, at 11.30am.

This very popular open

water swimming event is limited to 40 places, with 10 places initially reserved for local swimmers. It is hoped that this year might see more locals participating as there is now an Ar-

ran open water swimming group on Facebook, so it is easy to find out when anyone is training at Brodick or Lamlash. In fact, a number of locals have already been in the icy waters – about

eight degrees – hopefully warming up to about 12 degrees in September. The group are keen for more local swimmers to join them for training sessions.

In order to take part in the splash, swimmers should be able to swim at least 2,200 metres in a pool, preferably front crawl. It can take some time to adapt to swimming in the sea wearing a wetsuit and also acclimatising to the cold water and sometimes choppy conditions, so it is essential that all swimmers get in as many open water training sessions as possible before the event.

If anyone would like to swim this year or would like to join in a training session, please contact Ann Hart at [anngartconner@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anngartconner@yahoo.co.uk) or on 07742 922228 for further details.

Also, if anyone would like to volunteer with marshalling or catering at the event please contact Ann.



Swimmers prepare to go into the water at last year's event. 01\_B22splash01

## Heavy defeat confirms relegation for Arran

### Stewartry RFC 94 Arran RFC 5

Arran Rugby Club were heavily beaten in their final league match of the season as they went down 94-5 against Stewartry Rugby Club on Saturday.

The defeat confirms Arran's relegation back to West Region Division 3, following one very difficult season in West Division 2.

Arran were looking to build on their fine home win over Cumnock the previous weekend but with several key lads missing they could only muster 12 players for the match.

Stewartry allowed them to borrow a couple so the match could go ahead, but Arran struggled to deal with the pace and organisation of the home side and were blown away in the first half as Stewartry scored 55 unanswered points.

Arran, however, refused to give in and scored a

consolation try midway through the second half as Stuart McMaster touched down following a great break from his brother Niall. Nonetheless, Stewartry continued to run in tries leaving the final score 94-5.

The result brought a hugely challenging season for Arran to a close, as they finished bottom of the table with 15 points.

However, having struggled to fulfil fixtures throughout the season due to bad weather and a shortage of players, it was a testament to the resolve of the club that they managed to complete the season. Furthermore, when they were able to field a strong side, Arran played some great running rugby and if some close matches had gone their way, and a six point deduction not been implemented, they could have comfortably stayed in the division.

# Successful season as Hunter brothers bid for Tokyo 2020

The Hunter brothers from Lamlash are continuing their 49er Olympic campaign with a successful 2016 sailing season.

The season got off to a busy start for Rory and Neil with January and February spent in Florida training and competing in both the Miami World Cup round and the World Championships in Clearwater. They were fortunate to have sponsorship from Tunnock's for the American tour.

They were then on to the Princess Sofia regatta in Palma de Mallorca followed by the European Championships in Barcelona. All regattas have provided steady results in this

very tough year, with teams still fighting for places at the Rio Olympics.

As well as their ongoing 49er campaign, Neil has been competing in the Extreme Sailing series with the Ben Ainslie Racing Academy for up-and-coming Americas Cup sailors.

The extreme sailing series consists of 10 events throughout the year sailed in the GC32 class, a five-man, high speed, foiling catamaran which is at the absolute forefront of high performance sailing. Neil has taken very well to his role at the bow of the boat and has enjoyed the high adrenaline racing.

He said: 'Sailing a 32ft

foiling catamaran is an incredible experience. The speed of the boat is amazing and my role in the boat is extremely physical which suits me perfectly as fitness has always been one of my greatest assets in sailing.' The team so far have been very successful, taking third place at the first event in Oman and fourth in Qingdao, China. Rory also hopes to race with the team and will be trialing over the coming weeks to get a place at the helm of the boat.

Rory and Neil found the time in April to come back to Arran for a couple of weeks, which gave Rory the opportunity to com-



Neil and Rory Hunter at the Miami World Cup.



Neil and Rory Hunter competing at Clearwater at the Florida Championship.



Neil is pictured on the bowsprit in Muscat, Oman where the team took third place.

plete an extremely physical challenge called 'Everesting' on his bike. An 'Everesting' involves riding up and down the same hill until the same elevation is gained as the top of Mount Everest in one day, a challenge which Rory completed on the Lamlash side of the Ross Road in 18 hours, starting at 2.30am and finishing at 8.30pm.

Rory said: 'I was struggling to switch off from the stress of competition from earlier in the year so I made a fairly spontaneous decision to attempt this and to give myself something to focus on; it turned out to be extremely hard to get my-

self through the final few hours but I'm really glad I completed it and I feel I learned a lot about my mental strength during it.'

The brothers are now back in Weymouth training and preparing for Delta Lloyd regatta in The Netherlands and the Weymouth World Cup round. After this they will have all of summer to train before the Junior World Championships at the beginning of September.

They are currently looking for a sponsor to help fund their campaign and they feel this would be a great opportunity for local businesses as Rory ex-

plains: 'When we are competing we are not only representing Great Britain but also Scotland and Arran. We would love to get local businesses on board with our campaign and in return we can offer great advertising for Arran on an international scale.'

After the Olympic Games this summer, a new Olympic cycle starts and the road to Tokyo 2020 will begin for Rory and Neil. This will see the boys spending more time competing in the Far East as well as the usual European circuit.

Follow their progress on Facebook by searching for Team Hunter 49er.



Neil Hunter took fourth position in the Qingdao at Fushan Bay in China.

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## Southend play Shiskine for first trophy of the season

Southend will play Shiskine in the final of the Arran Haulage Cup today (Saturday)

**Southend 3 Brodick 1**  
In a re-run of last year's final, Brodick travelled to Southend. Both teams came out well with the game being played at a good tempo in a very even first half, and neither keeper had much to do. This resulted in the first half ending 0-0.

The second half kicked off with Southend pushing further on and after a mix up in the Brodick defence, Davie Morrison provided a neat finish to give the hosts a 1-0 lead.

Brodick rallied well and they were back in it when Archie McNicol fought off Jack Simmons on the edge of the box to score in the corner of the net with a crisp, low strike. Archie thought he had given Brodick the lead when he scored

again only to be disallowed by the linesman's flag for offside.

Southend continued to impress going forward and Fraser Gilbert found the corner from 25 yards with a stunning strike. Iain Keen was awarded the only yellow card of the evening after kicking out at Ryan Armstrong. Brodick then changed it to playing three at the back and left holes all over their defence. Davie exploited this to get his second of the match after some good link up play with Finlay McGill.

Referee Sam Tattersfield gave his man of the match to Fraser Gilbert after he put a tireless shift in the middle of the park and was rewarded with a wonder goal as well.

**Shiskine 4 Northend 0**  
In the other semi-final, Shiskine beat Northend to book their place in the cup final. Despite the scoreline being 4-0 it was a much tighter affair between the teams.

Donald Mulholland stole the show on the night with a man of the match performance. After making some mazy runs he was rewarded with the opener to make it 1-0. Jordan Crawford made it 2-0 to the home team after he was first to pounce on a rebounded shot to fire past Michael McGuire in the Northend goal.

However, Jordan then had a moment of madness when he was fouled by Lennon Deary and lost his cool and proceeded to push him and bounce the ball off his



**Brodick have new strip sponsors. They are Alan and Agnes Murray of Orwin House B&B. Previous sponsors Skelf and Len (known as the Jingly Jangly men) are now part of the club logo on the brand new kit. 01\_B22footy01**

head. Referee Jamie Sillars had no choice but to show Jordan a red card.

The central midfielder will now be suspended for the final, much to the annoyance of his manager, Franky. John Murchie and Donald Mulholland also picked up yellow cards on the night.

Donald then scored a deflected goal from 25 yards and the scoring was rounded off by Joel Small to take the Reds into their first final in more than five years.

The Arran Haulage Cup Final will take place at Lamlash 3pm today (Saturday).

The first league games will be on Monday, May 30, with Southend hosting Shiskine in a rematch of the cup final with a 6.30pm kick off.

Lamlash will travel to Lochranza for a 7pm kick off against Northend.



**Jamie Picken makes a strong run forward pursued by a Brodick player. 01\_B22footy03**



**Passing cruise ship passengers enjoy a good view of the game. B22footy02**

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