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Joy as Arran Aromatics switches to four-day week

'It allows us more flexibility'

REPORT
by **HUGH BOAG**
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Employees at Arran Aromatics have switched to a four-day working week – and the staff are delighted.

Following talks with employees, bosses have implemented the switch, which they see as a benefit to both the company and the workers.

The radical shake-up comes ahead of an exciting few months for the company, which is planning a

complete relaunch of its entire range as part of a major new investment.

The 30 production and packing staff now work a fixed four-day week from Monday to Thursday – giving them a long weekend every week.

The new shift patterns mean they now work a 10-and-a-half-hour day but finish at 5.30pm on a Thursday. The shifts were introduced early last month for a three-month trial period but, if they prove successful, they will be made permanent.

Head of operations Duncan Russell said: 'This is a major shift in our working patterns but all the employees seem to be happy with the new arrangements.'

'Working a four-day week means that they are able to spend more time with their families and friends and enjoy the great outdoors, which many people come to the island to do. It also means they have less travelling costs and we hope the move may also attract more



Duncan Russell.
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End of a Herculean effort . . .

The end is in sight for the men who hauled an anvil up Goatfell. Davy Ballantyne and Fraser Aitchison have just a few feet to go to complete their Herculean challenge and *The Banner* was there to record the moment. The achievement has already raised £13,109 for charity with money still pouring in. Full report and pictures of the final push in the centre spread. 01_B24anvil01



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Patryck lifts prize in space contest

An Arran boy was runner-up in a space mission patch design competition for Mission Discovery Ayrshire 2016, a week-long space school.

Patryck Gwizdowski, nine, of Whiting Bay Pri-

mary School, was congratulated for his award by Arran Councillor John Bruce, cabinet member for education attainment and achievement. He said: 'Patryck should be extremely proud of his work and to

finish runner-up in the whole of North Ayrshire is no mean feat.

'He is a great credit to his school and we're sure Patryck will remember this experience for a long time to come.'

Mission Discovery is a seven-day space school for 200 pupils and students of Ayrshire secondary schools and Ayrshire College. Each of the finalist schools have received £1,000 to be used to purchase science or technology resources, while Patryck himself received £100 as runner-up.

Every primary school across Ayrshire was invited to design a mission patch, which will also feature on T-shirts handed out to every

participant at the start of the week. A panel of judges selected the winning design from each local authority before deciding on an overall winner.

The school is to work on space experiments with NASA leaders and former NASA astronaut Michael Foale CBE, and, at the end of the week, the winning experiment will make its way into space where it will be carried out by a team of astronauts to the international space station.

The winning patch design was created by Mauchline Primary School pupil Kaitlyn Lodge with her drawing of a rocket flying over Ailsa Craig with a saltire as the trail.



Patryck accepting his cheque from John Rainey, chairman of the Ayrshire College Foundation.

Joy as Arran Aromatics switch to four day week

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Management and engineering applicants as we will be seen as a preferred employer.

'We are still a family firm and having that family outlook has made the change possible. It also allows us more flexibility,' said Duncan, who has worked for the company for 25 years and is a son of the founders.

Staff member John McEwan, who is 28 years old and from Brodick, said he almost bit Duncan's hand off when he offered the move a four-day week.

John, who has worked for the firm for four years and does all the product mixing with brother Steven, said: 'I have a year-old son Callum and it is really good to have more time to spend with him and take him places. I don't really notice the extra two hours a day.'

Management and engineers do not work a four-day week, which means they now have Fridays to repair and maintain the machinery vital to production of the cosmetic items.

They also plan to use a Friday to run a day of factory tours over the summer months, which were previously restricted to one evening a week. Duncan said: 'We get many requests from coach parties as well as individual visitors looking to experience how the products are made.'

The new arrangements also give the company the opportunity to increase production at some time in the future, according to chief executive Jacqui Gale, who was visiting Arran.

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John McEwan on the factory floor. 01_B24aroma04

David quits at castle

Brodick Castle manager David Cameron has announced his departure from the National Trust for Scotland after three years. David is moving on to pastures new.

Nat Edwards, the trust's assistant director (south), said: 'We are sorry to see David go. David did a great job running a complex and demanding property. He has made a real contribution towards making it ready for future investments that will attract many new visitors to Arran.'

'All of us at the trust wish him every success with his new endeavours.'

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Brodick Castle's open top bus axed

By Megan McEachern
NEWS that the summer season open top bus service between Brodick Castle and Whiting Bay has been axed has been met with disappointment and a call for it to be re-instated.

The bus provided a door-to-door service between the ferry terminal and Brodick Castle which many day visitors, in particular, found invaluable.

The bus has operated for more than 20 years and has been well used.

But Guy Bodie, Arran Stagecoach operations manager said: 'There will be no open top bus on Arran this summer. The decision was based solely on a lack of popularity and business surrounding the service.'

It is understood the age of

the vehicle may have been a factor in the decision.

The 324 service will still be available for visitors arriving from the *Caledonian Isles* sailings, stopping at the castle road entrance. However, the uphill walk from the main road to the castle and gardens will not be covered by any transport.

The decision has caused concern amongst islanders and visitors and prompted a call for its re-instatement.

Anne Monaghan, a regular visitor from Ayr, said: 'It is quite a climb from the main road bus stop to the castle entrance. This effectively means that elderly, disabled or people with mobility issues, who are relying on public transport as day visitors to the island, are unable to visit the cas-

tle. Could I please ask this bus service be reinstated to enable an integrated transport strategy to be effectively used to enhance the experience for the visitor and benefit the economy of the island.'

The senior assistant manager at Brodick Castle said the service, which brought passengers up to the visitor centre, had, over the years, been well used. 'We are disappointed and slightly concerned this service has been stopped.'

'It is quite a climb from Cladach or the main entrance, particularly in the type weather we have had recently.'

North Ayrshire Councillor John Bruce was also disappointed to hear the service had been axed. 'This is the first I have heard of this,'

he said, 'I will look into it.' The bus, a regular and familiar sight during the summer, also gave visitors an enjoyable sightseeing experience between some of the island's villages, stopping in Lamlash and Whiting Bay.

The bus service between Brodick and Whiting Bay has a more regular timetable than those heading north past the castle however, so service to these villages will not be significantly affected by the cancellation.

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Delicatessen plans seek approval

A new Brodick delicatessen and hot food takeaway is planned.

The Douglas Hotel wants to convert the former Arran Dental Surgery at the Douglas Centre into the new outlet. A small flat is also planned above the new establishment.

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Kayak challenge group to carry out seabird survey

The Arran Silver Duke of Edinburgh kayaking group is getting ready for its circumnavigating Arran challenge.

This year the kayaking expedition has a dual purpose.

Apart from the challenge of navigating the winds and tides and setting up camp at various spots around the

island, the group is using the opportunity to do an Arran seabird survey.

The six participants are Kirstie Kerr, Tom Mowatt, Max Doubleday, George Doubleday, Cameron Logan and Rory Morrison.

The group will be starting the challenge and survey on

Monday (June 13).

The dates of the expeditions are June 13,14 and 15 from Lamlash to Dougarie and then from June 29, 30 and July 1 from Dougarie to Lamlash.

Over the six days at sea the group will be looking for 16 specific seabirds and recording the number of birds within each species they see. They will also be observing and noting any interesting information such as nesting and behaviour.

The Arran Trust has very kindly funded £746 towards the group doing the Arran Seabird Survey from its kayaks and the results will be sent to the RSPB to help provide an idea of how well seabirds on Arran are coping with environmental change and global warming. Surveys such as this are usually done from the land so this will give a new angle to studying the birds and a better chance to see them from their natural habitat.

On Wednesday the group attended a seabird workshop held by Molly Doubleday, who explained to the group the importance of recording the seabirds and how best to



Kenneth Bone and Cecilia Paul of the Arran Trust present the cheque to the silver award group and Duke of Edinburgh leaders Amanda Hogge and Beth Mowatt. 01_B24kayak01

spot them. The group will also be listening out for the birds' specific calls. Kenneth Bone and Cecilia Paul went along to meet the group and presented it with the cheque from the Arran Trust.

The six participants, aged

15 to 18, have been meeting over the winter every Sunday evening at the Arran Kayak Club at the Auchrannie swimming pool.

They have been learning all the necessary skills before taking to the open water. In order to take part in the expedition, the six of them had first to complete their kayaking one- and two-star courses to prove their competence on the water. This has involved not only learning many strokes but also how to do sea rescues, towing casualties in all water conditions and navigating. The second part of

the training programme has been a number of kayaking sessions at sea where they have learned how to cope with different sea and weather conditions ready for the expedition.

The group, which is now ready for its challenge, will be setting off from the Arran Outdoor Education Centre on Monday for the first leg of their voyage.

Last weekend the gold group kayaked from Crinan to Oban for its practice expedition, and the Great Glen route through Loch Ness for an assessed expedition takes place later this month.

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Arran Trust hands over its biggest single cash award

By Megan McEachern
Arran Heritage Museum is now able to proceed with extension plans after a £10,000 donation from the Arran Trust fund – the biggest single award ever given by the organisation.

The plans were put in place almost a year ago to assist the museum in building stores to help with growing archives and to provide a new space for the study of historical material. The proposed cost of building works was between £25,000 and £30,000 and, thanks to the Arran Trust's donation, this will now go ahead in the autumn.

The Arran Trust seeks to maintain and conserve the environment, heritage and communities of Arran and strives to ensure that money is put into projects that will benefit the island as a whole.

Executive director, Sheila Gilmore said: 'It's a big donation but I feel it's a very important one. We wanted to help with the increase of knowledge in genealogy and history surrounding the island. The museum is such an important part of Arran's changing environment, heritage and landscape, which our main aim is to preserve.'

Museum secretary Tom Macleod said: 'We are extremely grateful for the support of the Arran Trust. The extension will allow us to provide a dedicated room for the public to examine our records and will be a great asset for the museum.'

The trust generated over £30,000 in the past 12 months, thanks to trustees and businesses on the island's continued and growing support.

It received a cheque for

£1,000 from the Arran Singers at their concert in Lamlash last Saturday and proceeds from their concert in Lochranza tonight (Saturday) will go to the conservation partnership.

Other donations from the trust have included £746 towards the Arran Silver Duke of Edinburgh kayaking group for their work surveying seabird activity.

The Arran Coastal Way is another project backed by the partnership, helping to create a new path between Cordon and Kings Cross and seeking to avoid environmental damage. The area is currently only accessible at low tide.

A disc golf course is also being planned in the grounds of Brodick Castle, with added support from the British Disc Golf Association. The course will be free to all and is being built in an attempt to encourage



Trust chairman Kenneth Bone (left) hands over the £10,000 to museum secretary Tom Macleod (right) as the others look on.

sport and outdoor activity for young people.

Sheila said: 'The trust is growing from strength

to strength but at the end of the day we are just the caretakers. It's up to everyone to look after the island

and do the best we can to preserve it.'

For more and for donations visit arrantrust.org.

Arran Singers' summer concert is a real triumph

The first of the Arran Singers' two summer concerts was held in the community theatre in the high school, Lamlash, last Saturday evening ... and what a wonderful variety of musical offerings the choir presented, all beautifully sung.

The choir got off to a swinging start with a lively rendition of Cole Porter's 'Just one of those things', followed by the group Ain't Misbehavin's beautiful performance of another Porter standard, 'Every time we say Goodbye'.

Then, in more serious vein, the choir did full justice to

three pieces from Karl Jenkins' Mass for Peace, 'The Armed Man', followed by the first of the evening's fine soloists, with Aileen Wright's lovely mezzo voice in Schubert's setting of Shakespeare's 'To Sylvia', sung in German.

The first half of the evening ended in decidedly lighter mood, with the gentlemen of the choir singing a barbershop-style arrangement of 'The Whiffenpoof Song', followed by the presentation of a generous cheque to Sheila Gilmore for the Arran Trust.

The second part opened

with three beautiful but well contrasted sacred choral items, Stanford's 'Te Deum in B flat', a fine rousing example of late Victorian Anglican church music, with a much more recent example in Archer's 'Creator of the Stars of Night', while sandwiched between was Bruckner's beautiful 'Locus Iste', a choral gem, beautifully sung by the unaccompanied choir.

John Cruickshank, though singing a show song, retained the serious tone in a sensitively sung 'This nearly was mine' from South Pacific. This was followed by another ensemble singing the jazz classic, 'Moonglow', mastering the tricky harmonies, and syncopations really well, with Lillian Smith a sensitive soprano soloist.

Spirituals form a valuable part of the repertoire of many groups, and the choir then sang two fine arrangements by Ken Burton – 'Great Day' and 'Ready to Ride', with Pat Eyres strongly idiomatic in the solo part.

The last two solo items came from one family.

First, John Divine sang the haunting 'Autumn Leaves', his light baritone voice ideal for such a song. Then his teenage daughter, Emily, delighted the audience, and the choir too, with a lovely performance of 'I could have danced all night' from My Fair Lady.

More variety followed. Two lovely choral set-

tings, Stanford's beautiful arrangement of 'My love's an arbutus', then Diana Hamilton's setting of a poem by the late Neil Silsars (Ravey Bulloch's father) entitled 'Arran, Land of the Ever Young'. Then for something completely different – two examples of spoken music – Toch's 'Geographical Fugue', fol-

lowed by Diana Hamilton's 'Arran celebration'.

The concert closed with a fine setting of the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic', rousingly sung by the full choir. So, all in all, a really enjoyable and well performed concert. And if you missed it the programme is being repeated in Lochranza Hall tonight (Saturday).



Sheila Gilmore of the Arran Trust receives a cheque for £1,000 from the Arran Singers' conductor Diana Hamilton as the choir look on.

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Gerald Hearn from Corrie performs with David Crawford from Essex. 01_B24folk05



Heather Macleod on harp sings with Sue Archer. 01_B24folk03



Nickey Summer is all smiles as she performs with fellow musicians. 01_B24folk17



Brychan Cromwell, who is originally from Montana, sings a haunting song. 01_B24folk10



Gus Spankie performs on the table with partner Alison Sim at the Friday night concert. 01_B24folk12

Fine fun festival of sunshine and song

All photographs by
HUGH BOAG

The sun shone and the music played as the Arran Folk Festival took centre stage last weekend.

For three days the terrace of the Douglas Hotel was transformed into a mass stage for the open sessions, and musicians and singers took turns to entertain the crowds – sometimes individually, usually, in the spirit of the festival, collaboratively with all manner of musical instruments.

All of which was overseen, in his own inimitable style, by 'Uncle' Keith Robertson.

Now in its 22nd year, the festival attracted local musicians and those who attend year after year, but there were also some new faces, and visitors came from across Europe and the four corners of the UK to attend.

The two evening concerts in Brodick Hall also attracted packed audiences with some delightful music on offer, all in the capable compering hands of Ayrshire musician Jamie McGeechan, aka Little Fire.

The first featured one of the fastest rising bands on the British folk scene, Talisk,

Dumfries folk singer Claire Hastings and island singer and poet Tim Pomeroy, who was ably assisted on backing guitar and vocals by Andy McCallum and Robin Fisher, and whose set went down a storm.

Welcome return

On Saturday there was a welcome return to the island for the festival headliner, Arran's own Gillian Frame, who performed songs from her new album as well as past favourites.

She was joined on the bill by double BBC folk awards winner Tim Edey, with Mary Ann Kennedy with

Finlay Wells completing the line-up.

Music workshops were also held over the weekend and the music went on long into the night at Fiddlers and other venues. Then it was the turn of local musicians to round off the festival on Sunday night at the final open mic session.

Bill Fraser from Angus, who has been coming to the event with his guitar for five years now, said: 'I think that was one of the best yet and it was great to get outside at the Douglas to hear some great music. I see you all again next year.'



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Derek Shand always gives rousing performances. 01_B24folk04



The folk festival goes give the photographer a wave. 01_B24folk15



Not quite 10 guitars, but nearly. 01_B24folk16



Young festival goer Aidan Newcott from Milngavie had his own violin. 01_B24folk14



Colin Guthrie entertains the crowds with his lively verse. 01_B24folk21



Host Keith Robertson performs with the backdrop of Goatfell. 01_B24folk02



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A salute to Big Davy

To say that Big Davy's anvil challenge has been inspirational is something of an understatement.

As he fought his way up Goatfell, all Arran fell under his spell, but it did not end there. Word spread, suddenly Scotland was taking note, followed by the rest of the world – and that is no exaggeration judging by where the money has been pouring in from to support his diabetes charity cause.

A Facebook post on *The Arran Banner* site the day after we were there to see him complete the marathon effort has been seen by more than 17,000 users. His Justgiving page stood at £13,109 as we went to press and is still rising every day.

Money thrown in his bucket as he climbed the mountain for 26 days still has to be added, along with the cash from the charity boxes around the island. All this for a man who wanted to raise £3,000.

What began as simple idea of using an anvil being dragged up a mountain to represent the struggle with type 1 diabetes has turned into something very big indeed.

But don't think Davy did this to be the big hero – indeed, he baulks at the very idea.

No, this was a loving father who wanted to do what he could for research into his young daughter's condition and has proved that love conquers all.

To be on top of Goatfell when the anvil made it to the summit, with a gruelling final push, was emotional for Davy and for everyone there. To appreciate fully the achievement, imagine you had an anvil to pull the next time you climb Goatfell.

When Davy was asked if he had known how hard and arduous it was going to be, would he have done it, he replied: 'No way.'

We don't believe that for a minute.

If it was to help his daughter, any of his family, he would do it again. But let's give him the chance to get his breath back.

We salute Big Davy and Fraser Aitchison, who was with him every step of the way, and all who supported him. The world is a better place for men like him.

You can still donate at: www.justgiving.com/Davy-Ballantyne or just search for Big Davy's Anvil Challenge.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moths and rust destroy. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moths and rust do not destroy.' (Matthew 6:19-20)

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Letters to the Editor



Dougal delight

Sir,
Thank you very much for printing the article about my book 'Gorgeous Gwendolen Goose and Other Stories' which includes 'You're my hero, Dougal Eagle' based on Arran in the May 28 edition of *The Arran Banner*.

Last week, while on holiday on your beautiful island, I visited all seven primary schools to distribute posters and personal, social and health education curriculum information about my book. I also visited the Isle of Arran Distillery as the Dougal Eagle story is set in Lochranza. It was great to meet so many friendly people who were so positive about my stories. Thank you also to The Book and Card Shop in Brodick for stocking my book.

We had a marvellous time on Arran and were blessed with superb weather. I look forward to returning again and again.

Yours,
Sue Ellis
Abbotsway
York

Motorcycle show

Sir,
Some readers may remember my letter in the *Banner* back in March regarding this year's Arran Classic Motorcycle Show, which will take place at the Heritage Museum in Brodick on Sunday June 26. The show is now in its fourth year and attracts a large attendance of both locals and visitors to the island.

Since that letter was published many owners have contacted the organisers to tell us that they would like their bike to be included in the show. This is very encouraging because the more bikes we have the more interesting the show becomes. As I said in my previous letter the motorcycles

don't have to be in perfect, shiny condition. Bikes which are showing their age with some rust and bruises or are maybe in the process of being restored can be just as interesting as gleaming showpieces.

We would also like some more old or interesting cars and other vehicles at the show – and they don't have to be in good condition either, so long as they would be of interest to visitors. We see plenty of interesting bikes, cars, 4x4s etc around the island so, if you have one of them, why not put it in the show to celebrate Arran's wonderful transport heritage?

If you've got a motorbike or other vehicle you think would be of interest, there's still time to include it in the show. Please contact any of the organisers as soon as you can. Our email addresses are as follows: Ian Leitch: ian.leitch@bopen-world.com, Ronnie Logan: ronald.logan1@ntlworld.com,

Lenny Hartley: liquidlenny@hotmail.com. We can also be contacted via our Facebook page (Arran Classic Motorcycle Show) or by speaking to us directly. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours,
Ronnie Logan,
Cliff Cottage
Corrie

New craft fair

Sir,
I would like to draw your readers' attention to an event taking place at Lochranza Centre CIC throughout the summer. On Thursday's from July 14 until August 25 we will be hosting an Arran products and crafts fair from 12.30pm until 4.30pm. Local Arran crafts can take stalls at £15 per week or £100 for the duration. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks will also be available.

As well as attracting summer visitors who may be in Lochranza at this time, the event links in with the arriv-

al of the Waverley paddle steamer, which will be coming into Lochranza this summer rather than Brodick. Hopefully, we can have a wide range of products and crafts which can showcase our island at its very best. Booking forms are available from Lochranza Centre. Telephone 01770 830637 or email info@Lochranzacentre.co.uk.

Yours,
Chris Traill
Director
Lochranza Centre CIC

Walking football

Sir,
Thanks for putting the article in about the walking football in last week's *Banner*. I don't know whether the photograph will encourage or discourage future players.

Unfortunately, the email address was hyphenated in the paper. If anyone wants to get involved, write to ronwoods@sky.com.

Yours,
Ron Woods

Getting it right for every child

North Ayrshire is the first authority in Scotland to launch an ambitious plan to ensure children across the council area get the best possible start in life.

Called 'Getting it Right For You', the far-reaching strategy will be implemented over the next four years to improve children's services and meet local needs and aspirations.

The plan is unique from anything done before in North Ayrshire. It is based on the life course of a child, covering the early years, primary and secondary school and contains a range of 'promises' it will carry out to improve children's outcomes.

Response

The plan is the strategic response to the Children Count survey – one of the most powerful pieces of work carried out in developing children's services in North Ayrshire.

Almost 8,000 young people and 630 families with young children took part in the survey, which was designed by the Dartington Social Research Unit – a

pioneering independent charity using data and evidence to influence policy to improve children's outcomes.

A further 1,295 youngsters were then consulted on the plan's priorities and 94 per cent agreed with them while 98 per cent agreed with the plan's vision.

Priorities

The key priorities identified through the plan are:

- *Improving how children and young people engage with school.
- *Helping children and young people to keep fit and maintain a healthy weight.
- *Preventing smoking, drinking and taking substances at an early age.
- *Supporting children and young people's social and emotional development.

North Ayrshire Council leader Willie Gibson said: 'It is an exciting and ground-breaking plan and one to be hugely proud of, given the extensive research and consultation processes that have been carried out with young people and families throughout North Ayrshire.'

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Arran Aromatics to relaunch product range in September

Arran Aromatics is to completely relaunch its entire product range in September, *The Banner* can reveal.

This will be the first major redesign in the 27 year history of the company and marks exciting times ahead for the business.

The relaunch will involve new design, packaging and repositioning of the products and a new slogan: 'Arran is the heart of what we do.'

The major move was unveiled by chief executive Jacqui Gale on a visit to Arran. She said: 'The water of Arran is vital for our products and we want to emphasise our association with such a beautiful island to sell our products across the world.'

'The only thing that will not be changed in any way is the fantastic product itself.'

Arran Aromatics has teamed with top Dutch design company Oy, who work with Nike and Sonos, to design the total range change which will incorporate new company colours.

The relaunch will see the opening a new flagship store, launching a new website, moving the mainland office, and refurbishing Home Farm and the company logistics centre. There will also be support for new

machinery on Arran and at Dundonald from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise as well as from the SDI for Singapore and Malaysia.

'These are really exciting times for the company. We are looking for a site for a store in London and there will be a major refurbishment of the shops in George Street and Edinburgh and at the Silverburn Shopping Centre near Glasgow ahead of the relaunch, as well as changes at the Glasgow city centre store,' Jacqui said.

New markets

She has spent the 13 months she has been with the company jetting round the world in search of new markets to make Arran Aromatics a truly worldwide company, and with considerable success.

'It is all about lifting the brand.'

'We want to be a global company, but with the emphasis that we are very much based in Scotland.'

The firm has launched in Switzerland, is opening two stores in Hong Kong in November, in the Robinsons chain in Singapore and Malaysia, as well as launching across Australia.

Closer to home, the company is an official branded partner for Wimbledon and launched a private label in



Head of operations Duncan Russell and chief executive Jacqui Gale outside the Arran factory. 01_B23aroma01

Cheval residences. Their products are on the Caledonian Sleeper and available at Auchrannie and the Douglas on Arran and at the new Trump Turnberry, Cromlix House, Sheraton Edinburgh and many more hotels.

The company has also been appointed a new hotel distributor in Middle East and Asia and is in discussions with distributors in the Middle East, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, the Republic of Ireland, France, Hong Kong,

Pakistan, Japan, India, Italy and Germany.

Arran Aromatics was founded in 1989 by Duncan Russell's parents, Janet and Iain Russell, in the kitchen of their cottage, before quickly expanding to its current base at Home

Farm. Duncan's brother, Andrew, also maintains the family connection as he is head of brand.

As well as the 30 staff on Arran, the firm employs 120 people at its shops, head office and Dundonald distribution centre.



Jacqui Gale inspects the production line. 01_B23aroma02

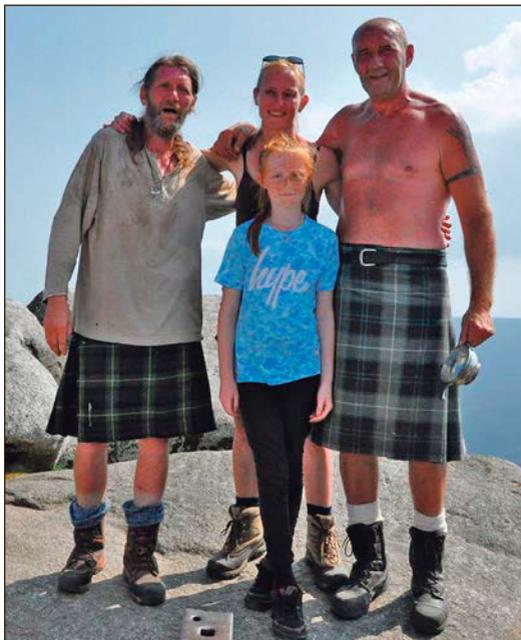
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All smiles Davy and his family with Fraser at the top. B24anvil18



Fraser and Davy take a well-earned break with the path to Corrie, where they pulled up the anvil, behind them. B24anvil08



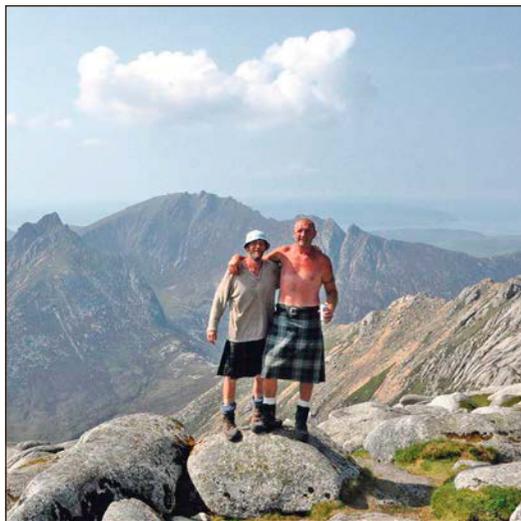
The two men share a well-deserved dram. B24anvil19



No time to take in the view of Brodick Bay with Holy Isle beyond as the pair concentrate on the anvil. B24anvil04



Piper Andrew Earle helps the pair on the final steps. B24anvil13



Look, ma, top of the world. Davy and Fraser celebrate their success at the top of Goatfell. 01_B24anvil20



Another big effort as Roisin looks on and Malcolm Halley helps from the back. B24anvil07



The strain shows on the faces of both Davy and Fraser as they struggle up

The man w an anvil up

... not forgetting Fraser who was

Words and pictures by
HUGH BOAG

He's the man who pulled an anvil up Goatfell. And at 3.30pm on Sunday, in the blazing sunshine, he completed the awe-inspiring challenge.

It had taken Davy Ballantyne a total of 26 days to haul the huge anvil up the 2,866ft mountain. He had hoped to do it in a week.

And he was helped every step of the way by Fraser Aitchison.

The gruelling, Herculean journey saw Davy enduring all weather conditions, swollen hands, sore ribs, struggles with his breathing and a serious weight loss. But, in overcoming these challenges, his tremendous feat has raised more than £13,000 – more than four times his original target – and money is still pouring in. He was raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) after his daughter Roisin was diagnosed with type 1 of the condition last year.

Davy and Fraser began their back-breaking feat on Monday May 2 at Corrie and both celebrated their birthdays on the way up the hill – Davy was 55 and Fraser 56.

As he drove on up the final stretch

on Sunday a large crowd snaked their way up Goatfell to cheer them on their final push. There was a real carnival atmosphere with locals and visitors alike urging him on.

Some of the visitors could not believe their eyes and just had to take photographs of Davie on the front pulling and Fraser at the back pushing the 120kg (18 and a half stone) anvil as the top loomed into tantalising sight.

When people found out it was all for charity, some offered money and others asked for online details. A large



Not far to go now, the boys are near!



Goatfell on the final day. 01_B24anvil02

Who pulled to Goatfell

with him every step of the way

bucket half way up the hill was filled with cash over the course of the day.

Then the final moments came with the trig point in sight and, with one last huge effort, the anvil was heaved again and, with bagpipes skirling in their ears, they made it to the top.

Piper Andrew Earle had been heard heading up the hill by those at the top but his appearance had been kept a surprise, until then, from the two men. And Davy said the pipes helped keep them going the last few steps.

After pulling the anvil on to a flat



at the top. 01_b24anvil11

safe spot Davy raised his hands in the air and hugged Fraser. Maybe there was just a small tear in his eye – or was it just dirt? It didn't matter – everyone around was ecstatic with joy and voiced sheer admiration at such an amazing feat.

'Davy said: 'That's it, it's done. 'That was an absolutely horrendous six hours of pulling, but when we heard the bagpipes, it kept us going. Love and thanks to everyone who supported us, because we couldn't have done it without you. And an extra big thank you to Fraser for being there with me every step of the way.'

Wife Annelies Slaats said: 'So proud of Davy and Fraser too. Absolutely incredible. Thanks again to everybody for their support. I have been very touched by it.'

Asked if he would have done the challenge if he had known how long it would take and how arduous it would be he immediately replied: 'No way.'

And the final word to Roisin who said he dad's triumph was 'an awesome feat'.

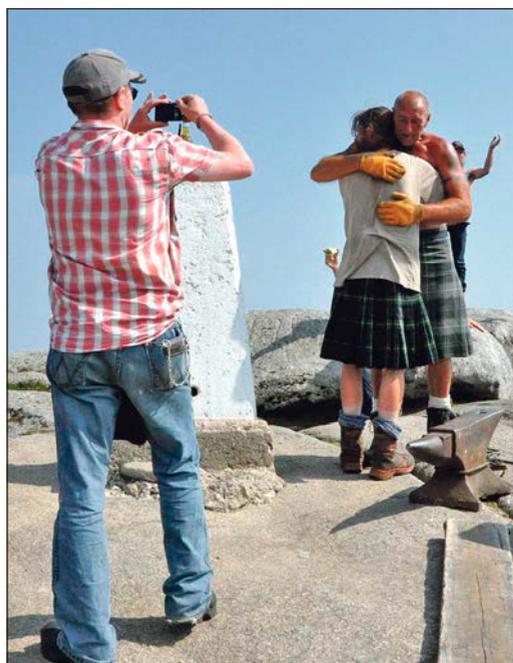
For Davy, he was back at work at 7am on Monday. Now all that has to be decided is what to do with the anvil.



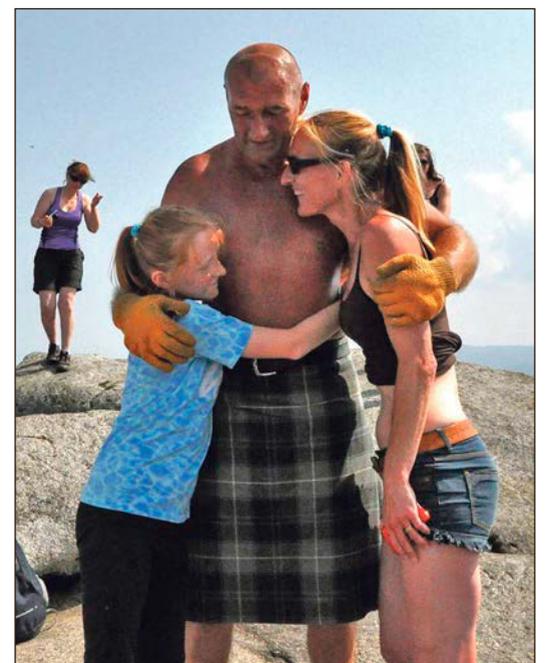
Nearly there as anvil is pulled up the last foot to the top. B24anvil14



A crowd gathers to watch the final stretch of the challenge. B24anvil10



Davy and Fraser hug with the anvil at the top. B24anvil16



A hug from daughter Roisin and wife Annelies. b24anvil18

Three schools work hard on Arran community land



High school pupils putting up way-marker posts.

The Arran Community Land Initiative in Whiting Bay has had three schools working on site in May, helping with the new growing area.

Youngsters from S1-3 at Arran High School, Whiting Bay Primary P6s and 7s and young people from George Watson College in Edinburgh all gave a day of their time to work on the land.

They were kept busy planting trees, filling raised

beds, planting vegetables and seeds, and marking out walks across the site. They were very lucky with the weather – not a drop of rain – which meant the days could end with a bonfire and toasting marshmallows. Thanks go to all the young people who took part.

Everyone is welcome on the community land and there are now three loop walks marked from Golf Course Road to take walkers around the lower end



Whiting Bay pupils on one of the new way-marked walks.

of the site. Visitors can pass through the white-beam woodland area, apple orchard and allotment and growing area before the way markers return them

to Golf Course Road. Have fun exploring, admiring the views and enjoying the sunny weather.

There will be workshops on composting and garden-

ing techniques from June/July onwards funded by a grant from the Climate Challenge Fund and these will be widely advertised locally.

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Whiting Bay Primary pupils planting trees.



High school pupils toast marshmallows over a bonfire.



Youngsters from the high school marking out allotment plots.



Primary pupils work at the raised beds.

Full steam ahead for 180th farmers' show



Riders of the Storm who will be performing on the day.

Closing date for catalogue entries is Friday, June 17

Plans for the 180th Arran Farmers' Show, on Wednesday, August 3, are well under way.

Visitors and locals alike will not be disappointed as the main ring will, once again, be host to Riders of the Storm, Scotland's equestrian stunt team. Kirsty McWilliam and her riders are delighted to be returning and performing two displays of their new acrobatic routines at noon and 2pm.

Murray's world famous dog, Scurry, will be there – any dog who hasn't experienced it should rise to the challenge. The dog agility course is on site to tackle too. All dogs welcome, the secretary would just like to remind them to bring their owners. Other attractions include birds of prey, inflatables/rides for kids, pipe band, Highland dancers, butter churning and chain-saw woodcarving.

Exhibitors in the more serious cattle, sheep and horse sections, all vying for the much sought-after Overhead Champion Trophy for

Best in Show, are reminded that, for entries in the catalogue, the closing date is Friday, June 17.

After the torrential downpour on show day last year, the committee has rejigged the layout of the field to avoid heavy traffic/footfall on the vulnerable spots. The society acknowledges and would like to thank its very generous sponsors: George Leslie Ltd (main entertainment), CalMac (transport costs), Pringle Joinery and Neil Young Joinery (rosettes),

John Kerr Joiner/Glazier, J Cooper & Co and Linton McMillan (cattle and sheep prize money) and Armitage Groundworks (horse prize money). Also the many agricultural suppliers/stockists, from fuel companies to animal feeds, for their tremendous support and prizes.

A great variety of stances have already secured their slot but, as space may be limited this year, anyone interested should contact Christine on 01770 820291 to add to a fantastic day out.

Corrie Film Club

Locke UK 2013. Cert 15 (English)

Locke is a gripping and unusual thriller, directed by Steven Knight, and will keep you on the edge of your seat as you watch the unravelling of a man's life in a tension-fuelled race against time.

It is the story of Ivan Locke, who has the perfect family, his dream job and tomorrow should be the crowning moment of his career.

One phone call, however, will force him to make a decision that will put it all on the line.

See this interesting film – one of the best UK films of 2013 – which has a unique setting for a thriller – no spoilers given, you will have to come and see.

Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, Sunday, June 12, at 8pm. All welcome. Bring a bottle to share if you wish.

Arran in school 'Dragons' Den' final

Arran High School students are in the final of the Sir Tom Hunter Challenge.

The Dragons' Den style competition sees pupils from across Ayrshire come up with an original idea for a product, innovation or business.

In the North Ayrshire semi-final, six schools took part and joining Arran High were Ardrossan Acade-

my, Kilwinning Academy, Largs Academy, St Matthew's Academy in Saltcoats and James McFarlane School in Ardrossan. The pupils had to prepare a business plan before making a five-minute presentation to the three judges - Lorraine Murray, chief executive officer of Sercon support services; successful businessman Walter Smith; and

Kerry McGuire, a business advisor with North Ayrshire Council's economic growth team.

Of the six, three schools were chosen to go forward to the Ayrshire final where they will meet three schools from both East and South Ayrshire. They were Arran High, Ardrossan Academy and St Matthew's Academy. The winning pupils from North Ayrshire will now hone their business ideas for the final, which is being held on June 13 at the Park Hotel in Kilmarnock. The Hunter Foundation has donated generous prizes for the final with £6,000 to be split between the teams at the semi-final and on the evening of the final, with a first prize of £3,000.



The Arran pupils who have reached the final.

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Inauguration day

Last Saturday Brodick Golf Club handed over Ormidale Park to the Arran Sports Association and the three new holes came into use as part of the course.

Cutting the ribbon to mark the commencement of the 'new' course was Lady Jean Fforde. It was she who permitted the change of land to allow the golf course to become the new sports field.

A good crowd gathered to watch the first drive and when Douglas Jenkins teed off the ball was speedily pursued by scurrying boys and retrieved by Calum McFadzean who won a new £5 coin. Thereafter the company retired to the clubhouse to toast the continued success of the club with champagne.

Ladies and gents committee members of Brodick Golf Club pose with Lady Jean and club captain Douglas Jenkins in front of the fourth, which is now the first fairway. B24twe02

**Coach crash**

A coach containing 33 Dutch visitors went too close to the edge of the road near Brodick Castle on Tuesday and flopped into a ditch at the side.

A breakdown wagon came to the rescue, manoeuvred itself into position and then flopped into the ditch too. A lorry from John Thomson Construction was eventually able to pull the two vehicles out. No-one was injured in the incident.

Back to play

The adventure playground at Brodick Castle has long been a great attraction for children, but for safety reasons it has been closed for some time.

Now, thanks to the intervention of James Wilson of the Barchapel Trust, work has been able to proceed upgrading it. Last Friday it was reopened for the benefit of the cheerful children and those who bring them.



James Wilson of the Barchapel Trust and NTS director Douglas Dow at the new Brodick Castle adventure playground. B24twe05



Stacey Millan shows off a new three-seat buggy, which the people of Shiskine raised money for, to help transport her triplet brothers Fraser, Eion and Graham, who are not yet six months old. B24twe01



Matthew Fox clears the bar in the high jump at Arran High School's sports day. B24twe03

Meet Tonkey, a newborn mule at North Sannox Farm Park. He is seen here with his mother Tiny, a miniature Shetland pony and was sired by a donkey – hence the name. B24twe06



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Trout fly fishing
Brodick Castle, garden open
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Arran Heritage Museum
Soap making and candle dipping

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
9am-dusk
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm, Sunday - 12.30pm - 5pm
2pm (limited spaces, call for availability)
open all day
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 11th June

Army Cadets
Over 21s disco
RNLI shop
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Live music
Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic
Lamlash Bowling Club rink game
WBay Bowling Club open day
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Arran Singers concert
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Flow yoga
Live music - Leanne and The Radix
Live music - Michael Clarke (Acoustic Butterfly)

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
Brodick, 9.30am - 11am
Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-noon
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lochranza Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
The Douglas, Brodick, 9pm

Sunday 12th June

Family games
Fun in the pool
RNLI shop
AA meeting
Open session - all musicians and singers welcome
Live music - Heather McLeod on harp

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

Monday 13th June

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 aerobix
RunArran
Taekwondo
Summer bridge
Isle of Arran ferry committee AGM

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 3pm - 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 and over 10s, 7pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm
Mountain Rescue Centre, Brodick, 7pm

Tuesday 14th June

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Rotary club
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowls
RunArran run coaching
RUNFIT
Open cricket session
Lamlash Drama Club
Garden walk
Flow yoga

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6.45am
Brodick astroturf 7pm-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm-9pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm

Wednesday 15th June

Rock and pop bingo
Taekwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass rehearsal
Arran Vets surgery
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum Archives and Genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
Live music
Drift Inn quiz
Mixed hockey
Dog classes
Knitting and crochet drop-in group
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Lamlash coffee morning
Spring snacks
Arran Elderly Forum
Brodick coffee morning

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran High School kids - 6.30-7.30pm adults - 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Brodick, 9am - 10.30am & 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie spa, Brodick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12 noon
Lochranza Field Centre, 11am - 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 11am
Brodick Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon

Thursday 16th June

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Ladies hockey
RunArran mixed ability
Cardiac rehab
Burger and quiz night Felicity's
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Tennis senior club night
Mixed martial arts/XFit
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
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Factory tours

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am
Ormidale pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Brodick, 5.30pm
Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Balmichael Centre, 7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Lamlash Green, 6.45am
Rangers Centre, Brodick, 2pm - 4.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 6pm - 8pm

Friday 17th June

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Live music
Lochranza kids badminton
Lochranza adults badminton
Quiz
Arran Vets surgery
AA meeting
Live music
Taekwondo
Frydays at Lochranza Field centre
Factory tours

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
9am - 10.30am and 3pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash - Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Field Centre, Lochranza, 5.30pm - 8pm
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Margaret Hogg IJB Chief Financial Officer
Cunninghame House IRVINE
30 May 2016

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

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

16/00484/PP; Otterden Lodge, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Formation of boat shed and jetty to Benlister Burn (part retrospective).

16/00498/PP; Arran Dental Surgery - The Douglas Centre, Alma Road, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of ground floor from dental surgery to delicatessen and hot food takeaway, to include external alterations.

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Laura Friel Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support)
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30 May 2016

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Kenneth Gibson MSP



Kenneth Gibson MSP will hold advice surgeries on the following date:

Monday 13th June
Whiting Bay Village Hall 11.15 - 12.15
Kildonan Village Hall 13.00 - 14.00
Brodick Health Centre 15.00 - 16.00

To contact Kenneth outside these times, please contact his constituency office:

15 Main Street, Dalry, KA24 5DL Tel: 01294 833 687
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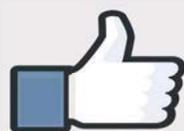
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Sunday 12th June

Holy Communion, 11am.

Rev Canon

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Coffee after service.

Wednesday 15th June

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

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Sunday 12th June

Lochranza Church, 9.30am

Morning Worship.

Pirmill Church 10.45am

Morning Worship

Shiskine Church, 12noon

Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am

Morning Worship including

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Corrie Church, 11.30am

Prayer Meeting,

12noon Morning Worship.

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CHURCH

Sunday 12th June

Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST

CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 12th June

Service 11am at Ormidale

Pavilion

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Sunday 12th June

Shiskine 11am (Church on

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Brodick 6pm (Church behind

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Rev Benjamin von Rensberg

DEATH

DOLAN - THOMAS

Peacefully at Arran War Me-

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Betty. Much loved and devot-

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ma, David and Susan. Sad-

ly missed. Funeral service at

Seaholme, Pirmill on Tues-

day, 14th June, at 12 noon and

thereafter, to Lochranza Ceme-

ttery to which all are welcome.

Flowers appreciated. Gus am

bris an Latha



The Arran United players in their new tracksuits.

United's away day

Arran United played well at Campbeltown Football Festival last Saturday. The competition is non competitive at this stage but the boys had some wins, loses and draws on the day.

The festival involved 450 children in 52 teams. Three teams from Arran competed, including Lamlash Primary,

coached by John and David Copperwheat, and Arran United, who brought their 2008 and 2009 teams.

The Arran United teams had seven 15-minute games and the Lamlash Primary team had four 22-minute games.

The Arran United boys and their families described a great day and all boys and coaches received a medal.

The 2008 man of the match was Euan Morrison, who scored some outstanding goals on the day and the 2009 man of the match was Luke Sedman.

Mark West of M West Flooring Ltd bought and presented the players with new Arran United tracksuits on the day.

Triathlon juniors do well at Stirling

Isle of Arran Junior Triathlon Club competed at Stirling University in one of the main sporting events for adults and juniors within the Scottish calendar. The event is used as a warm-up for the Scottish Junior Championships and 489



Determination on the young Arran runner's face.

of the best triathletes took part.

The club punched well above its weight and the results are as follows: Tri-Star - Rhea Webster finishing 5th, Tri 1 - Beth McCarthy finishing 16th, Ruby Wright finishing 25th Rory Lindsay-Smith finishing 13th, Archie Gunaydi finishing 24th, Myles Lindsay-Smith finishing 32nd, Tri 2 - James McCarthy finishing 24th and Tri 3 - Ciara Wood finishing 12th.

Club coach Craig Wood, who was racing in the men's event, finished third behind pro-triathlete Fraser Cartmell the multiple Scottish champion, three-time Ironman 70.3 winner and Ironman UK winner.

Fraser will be taking a coaching session on the island for the club which is open to children aged seven to 16.



Coach Craig Wood with the Arran medal winners.

Craig said: 'It was the closest I ever got to him the whole day. I stood next to him on the podium. It's fantastic we have one of the best pro-triathletes expressing an interest in the club.'

'Next week it's the national championships for our young triathletes. We should all be so proud of these young men and women as they represent the island so well, and support each other through the hardest sport on earth.'

Craig added: 'Good luck to the 17 children competing at nationals today (Saturday).'

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Last chance for splash

Lamlash Splash organisers are urging locals to enter the competition.

There are now only seven places left so if any other locals wish to enter, they need to get their entries in quickly to save disappointment. A total of 13 locals have currently entered. Forms can be downloaded from the Lamlash Splash Facebook page or by contacting Ann Hart at ann-gartconner@yahoo.co.uk.



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Paul takes Open title at well supported championship

The Arran Open Championship held at Brodick Golf Club last weekend attracted a field of 120 golfers.

A fabulous weekend with excellent weather, course in great condition and clubhouse buzzing led to the most successful and well supported Arran Open for many years. Thanks to all who contributed.

The results were: Scratch, Taste of Arran Trophy winner Paul McKellar 64, 63 127, 2 Thomas Morrison 63, 70 133, 3 George Higgins 71, 64 135, 4 George McKay 68, 68 136, 5 Ross Duncan 68, 70 138.

Handicap, Douglas Hotel Trophy winner Chris Park 59, 63 122 (also wins Bo Wallace Cup), 2 Iain Keen, 65, 59 124, 3 Jamie MacGregor 65, 63 128, 4 Iain Davidson 65, 63 128, 5 Calum Duncan 65, 63 128.

Fixture, Sunday June 12, Brandon Qualifier, 8.30am and 1pm

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday, June 5, Club Championship. The final of the club championship for 2016 saw Nicol Auld and Danny Head go head to head on one of the finest days for our championship final in many a year. Conditions overhead were perfect and the two finalists matched that with a fine display of precision golf.

At the closing hole of the morning round Nicol struck his only loose drive of the morning, his ball flying out of bounds, to give Danny the hole and a three-shot advantage for the afternoon round.

Nicol at this point was 10 under 4s for the 17 holes he had completed while Danny's card showed him to be 13 under 4s. Some golf!

The afternoon round saw an early reversal of fortunes, however, and by the 7th tee Nicol had fought back to level the game. Nicol won the 7th and 8th holes to go two up which was the state of play at the turn.

Danny steadied things with halves at 10 and 11 and another turn around seemed to be on the cards. On 12, however, his par four was bettered by a superb birdie three from Nicol to give him a three-hole advantage on the 13th tee.

But from there, his tee shot found the rough on the right hand side, while Danny's shot flew to the top right corner where his ball came to rest on the green-side fringe. He promptly sank his putt for his second two of the day at 13.

Having regained the honour, and perhaps conscious of holes running out, Danny pulled his tee shot on 14 into heavy rough on the left side above the green. Neither that ball nor his provisional, which landed in the same area, were seen again and Nicol teed off three up at 15 knowing he could win the championship with a win on that green.

He managed it in style with a birdie three after Danny's underhit approach from the right side of the fairway trickled down into thick rough below the green.

After an unsuccessful attempt to hole out from there, Danny conceded the match. Hands were shaken giving Nicol his 16th championship by 4 and 3.

Congratulations to Nicol for another championship and also to Danny for a fine performance, especially in the morning round. The game was played in the best of spirit and in the finest traditions of WBGC and the game itself.

Thanks also to the caddies, Jamie Macpherson and



Chris Park, winner of the Douglas Hotel Trophy and Bo Wallace Cup, with Arran Open champion and former Walker Cup player, Paul McKellar, with the Taste of Arran Trophy.

Jamie Stewart, and to George McKechnie for refereeing the tie with is usual expertise.

Sunday, June 5. The J C Reid Trophy. Having battled through the qualifying rounds John Dick and Gordon Provan met in the final of the J C Reid Trophy.

In a closely-fought encounter, John continued his fine form to win by 4 and 3.

Fixtures: Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, WBGC Senior Gents Open, places still available. Telephone 700487 to book your spot or just turn up and play. Wednesday, June 15, Summer Trophy.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday, June 2, Summer Cup CSS 65, par 64 1 Ian Bremner 69-7=62, 2 Norrie MacIntyre 71-8=63 BIH 3 Ian Taylor 81-18=63 BIH 4 Todd Jameson 68-5=63. Best scratch Todd Jameson 68. Magic twos Alan Smith @8th, Norrie MacIntyre @16th, Todd Jameson @7th, 8th & 13th, rollover still in place - 4th hole drawn out.

Sunday, June 5, Hamilton Bowl CSS63 +1 to Hamilton Bowl - ParBogey. 1 Mark Wren -1 2 Ian Bremner -2 Best scratch - Ian Bremner -7 to bogey twos Ian Bremner @ 13th, Alan Smith @16th, rollover still in place - 4th hole drawn out.

Fixtures: Sunday, June 12, Fleet Cup (36 holes) 8.30am and 3pm starting times

Thursday June 16, Summer Cup, make up own groups and see starter for times.

Ladies section: Wednesday, June 1, Fleet 3 and Championship qualifier 2, CSS 65, 13 played. 1 Jean Barclay 85(19)66, 2 Rachel Wren 89(21)68, 3 Yvonne Brothers 85(17)68. Scratch Jean Barclay and Yvonne Brothers 85.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday, May 31, Championships first qualifier, gents, 13 played, CSS 65. 1 S Murray

69-6=63, 2 D Jeffrey 73-8=65, 3 B Sherwood 82-13=69. Ladies, six played, CSS 65R/O. 1 E Ross 99-23=76, 2 V Parks 94-17=77, 3 P Johnston 98-20=78.

Saturday, June 4 Duncan Sillars Trophy, 12 played CSS 65 R/O. 1 B Sherwood 80-13=67, 2 D Logan 80-10=70, 3 S Murray 76-5=71.

Fixtures: Monday, June 13, 5.30pm, semi finals of Championships and President's Cup. Tuesday, June 14, 12.30pm and 5.30pm, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary/SLGA.

Saturday, June 4, Duncan Sillars Trophy, 12 played CSS 65 R/O.

First B Sherwood 80-13=67, second D Logan 80-10=70, third S Murray 76-5=71

Shiskine Golf Club

Saturday, June 4, gents club championship qualifying round two, 28 played in fine conditions. 1st class 1 W Paton 67-6=61 BIH, 2 I Maclean 67-6=61, 3 G Andrew 73-10=63. Scratch W Paton 67 BIH. 2nd class 1 W McNally 80-19=61, 2 B Sherwood

75-13=62, 3 A Liddell 78-13=65. Magic two's from W

Paton x 2, J Faulkner, J McNally, B Kelso x 2, G Andrew, W Kelso, W McNally and H Bannatyne.

Thursday, June 2, ladies 12-hole medal, 16 played. CSS 43. Silver: 1 and Scratch: Jenni Turnbull 51-8=43, 2 Sally Brookes 57-11=46. Bronze: 1 Mary Tod 62-20=42,

2nd Fiona Scott 65-15=50. Saturday June 4, Duncan Sillars Trophy, 12 played CSS 65 R/O. First B Sherwood 80-13=67, second D Logan 80-10=70, third S Murray 76-5=71 Well done Jenni - congratulations!

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday May 1, Wednesday Cup. Again another big entry of over 20 chasing the ever-increasing magic twos pot. Yet again no winner so the pot rolls onward and upward! 1 A Napier 63-7-56, 2 P McKinnon 83-23-60 BIH, 3rd M MacDonald 74-14-60. Scratch A Napier and D Henderson

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 1, Summer Cup, CSS 64. Michael Holmes 78-18-60, Billy Armit 70-9-61, Derek Roxburgh 68-7-61.

Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 65. Fixture, Sunday June 12, Brandon Qualifier, 8.30am and 1pm

Ladies section: Tuesday, May 31, Stableford, 14 played, CSS 66 (37 Stableford points). 1st. Brenda Livingstone, 38pts (13), 2nd. Isobel Macdonald, 38pts (19), 3rd. Susan Butchard, 36pts (11) Fixtures: Tuesday June 14, Centenary Quaiach, Tuesday June 21, Captain's Prize, tee off shotgun start at 4.30pm. Lifestyle 5.30pm.

Arran Golfers' Association

Up and coming: Thomson Cup 2016 semi-final and final, Saturday, June 11, at Machrie Bay Golf Club at 1pm and 5pm. Final can commence as soon as players are ready to go.

Hope Cup 2016 at Corrie Golf Club. First round Saturday, June 18, from 1pm, semi-final and final day Saturday, June 25, 1pm and 6pm.

Draw for the first round: Brodick v Whiting Bay (winners play Corrie), Machrie v Shiskine, Lochranza v Lamlash.

First game takes place at 1pm and the rest will follow at 10 minute intervals.



Brodick team, Matthew MacDonald, Alistair McMillan, Adam and Kyle McNicol won the Kelso Cup at Corrie by beating Shiskine in the final.



John Dick receives the JC Reid Trophy from Whiting Bay Golf Club captain David Brookes.



Nicol Auld receives the Club Championship Trophy from captain David Brookes.



Brian Sherwood won the Duncan Sillars Memorial Trophy at Shiskine.

Goals feast on Monday night

Monday night's Arran football league saw a 19-goal feast in the two games.

In the clash between Lamlash and Brodick, the visitors came away with the points after scoring five to three from Lamlash in reply.

James Todd, with two, and Grant Adamson were scorers for Lamlash.

Archie McNicol got a hat-trick and man of the match for Brodick with Toby Wingham and Iain Keen the other scorers.

In the other match, Shiskine rattled in nine as they beat Northend who could only manage two in reply. The Shiskine scorers included John Murchie (4), Jordan Crawford (2), Fred Galbraith and Gary Kelso. Andy McNamara scored both Northend goals with John Murchie was man of the match.

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Orienteering success for Arran pupils in Ayrshire

A team of 74 Arran students attended the annual Ayrshire Orienteering Championships at Dean Park, Kilmarnock, on Thursday, May 26.



Daisy McNamara finds a control marker in Dean Park.

Team Arran swept the board in several categories and Shiskine secured the Small Schools Trophy.

The championship, which saw 18 schools and more than 400 entrants compete, follows hot on the heels of the Arran Schools Championship where the top orienteering pupils were selected for the Arran team.

Orienteering, which has been organised in Ayrshire since the 1970s, is only in its second year on Arran but, despite the relatively recent participation in the sport, the pupils presented some challenging competition for those on the top of the leader board and in some cases even winning the category.

Team leader Andy McNamara, of the Arran Outdoor Centre, said: 'Many thanks to the teachers of Arran and Archie McNicol for sup-



The team of 74 Arran school pupils who travelled to the championships.

porting orienteering on the island.'

The results of Team Arran are as follows: Individual: In the P4/5 girls category Abby Stewart and Beth McCarthy, Shiskine, took first place, Ruby Wright and Imogen Alison, Lamlash, took second place and Daisy Innes and Rhiannon Gar-

diner, Pirmill, took third.

In the P6/7 boys category James McCarty and Donald Currie, Shiskine, took second place and in third were Callum Haddow and Zara Wilson, Brodick. In the S1/2/3 boys categories James Reid and Joe

McHugh took first place, second went to Gregor Crichton and Kyle McNicol and third went to Liam Bremner and Charlie Bonner.

Team Arran High came first and third in the team events with the first team made up of James Reid and Joe McHugh, Gregor Crichton and Kyle McNicol and Liam Bremner and Charlie Bonner. The third place team was made up of Darren Hewie, Lewis MacVicar and Fierun Hunter.

Arran High took second place in the S1/2/3 girls category and they were made up of Ciara Wood and Abi Trail, Eilidh Hamill and Megan Duncan and Caitlin MacVicar.



Beth McCarthy and Abbie Stewart race to find their markers.

Sad start to Brodick Bowling Club season

After a showery morning, the afternoon of April 30 saw the opening game of the Brodick Bowling Club season and the weather stayed sunny and mild throughout. A total of 18 players entertained a number of spectators, and a very happy opening game ensued. It was good to have four players from other clubs with us on the day.

The club was saddened just three days later to hear that Tony Wooden, a very enthusiastic and loyal member of the club and who had thrown the first jack on opening day, had died very suddenly. Tony played both indoors and outdoors bowls very successfully, and it was fitting that a number of bowlers from around the

island attended his later cremation at Holmsford Bridge.

The club will be only too pleased to welcome anyone wondering about trying out the game of bowls. Every day of the week there are members on hand (weather permitting) to explain the basics of the game – just come along any time from 10.30am to 4.30pm which is when the bowling green and tennis courts are open to the public, or at rink games held at 6.45pm Monday and Wednesdays and 2pm Saturdays. All equipment is provided.

The month's results were as follows: April 30 John Lauder, Iain Hendry and Ian Davidson (+17); May 2 Andy McCrindle and Ann Holling-

worth (+7); May 7 John Robertson, Robert Crawford and Lavinia Hendry (+12); May 9 Charlie Weir and Ann Hollingworth (+18); May 11 Charlie Weir and Lavinia Hendry (+30); May 14 Colin Haggarty, Andy McCrindle and Aileen Latona (+15); May 16 Charlie Weir, Ann Hollingworth and Jim Gourlay (+11); May 18 Charlie Weir and Iain Hendry (+13); May 21 John McConnachie and Ann Hollingworth (+14); May 23 Charlie Weir, Ernie Stanger and Lavinia Hendry (+7); May 25 John McConnachie and Charlie Weir (+20); May 28 Peter Milne, Vicky Milne and Charles Hendry (+15); May 30 Robert Crawford and Geoff Rhodes (+13).

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