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Family take on running challenge for Rosanna

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Proud parent Kirstin and daughter Charley Weir have raised a total of £2,361 for the Scottish Network for Arthritis in Children (SNAC) by completing a marathon relay race for little Rosanna.

Supported by friends from Arran, the participants undertook the Edinburgh Marathon Festival Hairy Haggis team relay which required a team of four runners to share the 26.2-mile distance.

Hoping to raise £1,000, Kirstin, daughter Charley, Emily Hodgkinson, Ben Downing, Ross Kerr, Sandra McLaren, Louise Moysie and Rhona McLeod managed to more than double their target with the help of generous supporters who sponsored them.

Passionate about the nominated charity, SNAC, the Weir family, who live in Pirmill, have felt the effects of arthritis first-hand since their daughter Rosanna was diagnosed with juvenile idiopathic arthritis at 15 months.

She stopped walking and struggled to crawl, she would scream in pain if you stood her on her feet as her ankles were so swollen. She cried through the night as it hurt to roll over.

Rosanna has had steroid injections in her joints; knees, ankles, wrists, fingers and toes. She also has Uveitis, inflammation of the eyes, a leading cause of blindness necessitating additional treatments to her weekly Methotrexate injections – fortnightly Humira injections and anti-sickness medicines – along with many hospital ap-

Access all areas...



Members of the Lamlash Brass Band show off their VIP access-all-areas passes they received for their rearranged visit to the new Brodick ferry terminal last week. Turn to pages four and five for a full report. 01_B24front01

pointments and frequent blood tests. Despite all of this, Rosanna, who is now seven years old, is a

very happy and active little girl who enjoys ballet, gymnastics and swimming – you would never

guess that she has to undergo these painful and disruptive treatments. She is also proud to be part of

SNAC and loves to attend events arranged by the organisation, where she gets

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Storm Hector batters Arran

Arran took a battering from Storm Hector after it brought high winds gusting up to 70mph from Wednesday night and caused serious disruption to ferry services.

While there were no reports of serious damage, the winds brought a tree down on the String Road early on Thursday morning.

All ferry sailings were cancelled before midday on Thursday and there was expected to be disruption throughout the day before the storm headed northwards.

When the ferries did resume, passengers faced further difficulties with a technical fault on the new passenger access system, leaving foot passengers having to embark and disembark via the car deck. MV Isle of Arran was also affected with the ship's passenger lift out of order.

Greens urge action on second homes

The fact that one-in-five houses on Arran are second homes is having an adverse effect on island residents



Green MSP Ross Greer says second homes are becoming a problem on the island, denying local young people access to affordable homes.

and depriving the council of much needed Council Tax.

According to a new report by the Scottish Green Party, Arran has 629 out of 2,744 dwellings (22.9 per cent) as second homes, with the highest concentration (29 per cent) in and around Lamlash.

While the figures themselves are not new, the Scottish Greens are calling for an overhaul of housing laws to allow councils to control the spread of second homes by making them subject to change-of-use orders. They also want a tax loophole closed that they say allows owners

of second homes to avoid paying council tax by listing their property as a business.

Green MSP for the West of Scotland, Ross Greer said: 'Second homes are becoming a big problem in Arran, denying local people, particularly young people, access to affordable, good quality housing and inflating house prices beyond the reach of many families.'

'This in turn makes it harder to maintain the local services we all rely on as second homes often avoid paying council tax, despite using many of the same services as everyone

else. If we continue this trend islands such as Arran will lose the very heart and soul that make it such a popular destination in the first place.'

'The recent changes to tax rules mean that many of the owners of these properties are no longer paying either council tax or non-domestic rates on their homes, denying North Ayrshire Council hundreds of thousands of pounds each year which could help offset some of the worst effects of the resulting housing shortage, both on the island and the mainland.'

The Scottish Greens' propose that an overhaul of

housing legislation would deliver fresh energy and new powers needed to tackle Scotland's housing crisis. The 16-page report, available on the //greens.scot website aims to tackle the growing affordability gap for young people and the lack of appropriate housing for the elderly and infirm by making better use of the housing stock available. There are currently 162,000 applicants on housing waiting lists across Scotland.

As far back as January 2016 the Arran Economic Group estimated that 22 per cent of houses on the island were second homes.

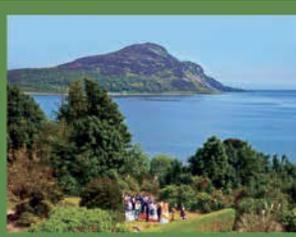


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Family take on charity challenge for Rosanna

Kirstin Weir, Charley Weir, Emily Hodkinson, Ben Downing, Ross Kerr, Sandra McLaren, Louise Moyse and Rhona McLeod, not pictured, have raised over £2,361 for SNAC; and below, Rosanna, Henry and Madeleine Weir.

Continued from page 1 to meet other children who are going through the same ordeal as her. It makes her feel supported and part of a team, and helps to keep her strong.

Kirstin said: 'I would like to thank everyone for the support they have given me, be it running in the marathon, sponsorship, medical or just someone to talk to.'

'SNAC is a fantastic charity which had 60 runners raising funds for it in the marathon. Along with our contribution, supporters have raised a total of £15,000 which will go a long way to helping those



affected by the disease.'

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis affects about one in every 1,000 children under 16. SNAC provides a national support network for children with arthritis and their families through the

provision of factual, practical and emotional support. It aims to pull together the wider community of affected children in Scotland as well as raise public awareness of childhood arthritis.

Worldwide 90th birthday gathering



Generations of Sheila Selkirk's relatives celebrate her 90th birthday at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Pirmill.

Family members from all over the UK, Canada, New Zealand and Australia travelled to Arran to celebrate the 90th birthday of Sheila Selkirk of Brodick.

All six of her grandchildren made the journey, as well as many nieces

and great-nieces, nephews, and great-nephews, who all experienced Arran in blissful summer sunshine.

Sheila arrived on the island in 1954 as a young bride and has lived on Arran ever since, her longevity allow-

ing her to witness many changes on the island over the years. Her love for Arran has been passed down through the generations with many of her relatives visiting Arran on a regular basis, especially to enjoy the hills and mountains.

Roaming caravan rolls into Arran

A moving arts installation which takes place inside a roaming caravan will be visiting Arran next week as part of The Grief Series.

Taking place on Arran for two days starting on Thursday June 21, the installation, which is housed in a beautifully designed domestic caravan, will travel around Arran encouraging visi-

tors to engage in the histories of grief and remembrance. There will also be an event at the Auchrannie, which will include a talk by the artist herself, Ellie Harrison, a Glasgow-based artist and an academic, all three of whom will discuss their ideas of 'what is a father', and will encourage conversation around this concept with interested

locals who will have been invited to join them. Ellie's father spent time as a child in Pirmill. He was absent from Ellie's life, but her mother recently shared with her a map of Arran on which her father had written annotations of locations on the island which had connections to his family and friends.

Ellie is presenting her work in various locations

around the UK and specifically chose Arran because of the poignant connection.

The visit to Arran is a pilgrimage for Ellie to spend some time honouring the people she's lost and she's inviting others to do the same. To find out more detail about the project, including where to find the roaming caravan, visit www.griefseries.co.uk

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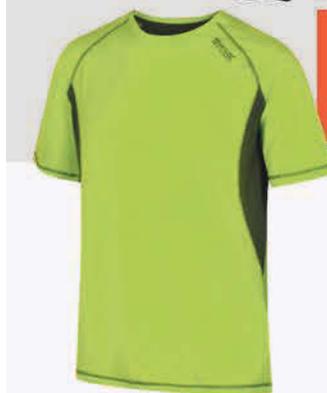
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David Lambert leads the musicians in a rendition of Hot Cross Buns. 01_B24terminal07



Brass band members use their VIP passes to explore the passenger access system. 01_B24terminal02

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Band leader David Lambert joins the CMAL and CalMac bosses who attended the performance. 01_B24terminal04



The captain on the bridge of the MV Caledonian Isles waves at the children and blows the ship's whistle.

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CMAL chief executive officer Kevin Hobbs welcomes the children and thanks them for visiting. 01_B24terminal05

VIP reception at ferry terminal

Lamlash Primary School's brass band finally got the chance to perform at the new Brodick ferry terminal last week, where they received a VIP reception.

Originally scheduled to perform at the official opening ceremony, which was postponed twice, the pupils were on holiday when the terminal finally opened in April.

Determined not to let the children down, executives from Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) with the help of CalMac port manager Colin

McCort, arranged a special visit for the pupils.

Issued with VIP lanyards, the children were given a special tour of the terminal and were given rare access to places where the public are generally not allowed.

With permission from the port manager, children stood on the passenger access walkway and received an up-close view of the ferry departing.

Waving goodbye to the passengers, the ferry captain made an appearance on the bridge and while waving to them,

blew the ship's whistle to the delight of the children.

After a spirited performance by the brass band, led by deputy head teacher David Lambert, chief executive officer Kevin Hobbs commended the children on an exceptional performance which included The Skye Boat Song and We Will Rock You. After willingly performing an encore, the children and parents were treated to soft drinks and chocolate biscuits and presented with CalMac goodie bags.

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New couples only retreat at Auchrannie

Auchrannie has unveiled its latest accommodation which is for couples only.

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The latest addition to the Auchrannie Resort were

unveiled at an open day last Thursday. The prefabricated home from home retreats were built just south of the border by Retreat Lodges Ltd in Cum-bia with local slate used to complete the buildings on site.

There are two styles of lodge but they both have a large lounge with a wood

burning stove, a separate bedroom and a small kitchen, the larger one also has a pod, which is also featured in some of the hotel suites. But it is outside the place really comes alive with a superb patio complete with a wood fired hot tub with an uninterupted view of the glen.

The first guests stayed at the new retreat last weekend and bookings are excellent for the coming weeks. 'We have always been proud of the fact that the Auchrannie is family friendly, but we wanted to create a space just for couples, who may just want to get away from it all for a night, a few days or longer, said managing director Linda Johnston.

Ever conscious of environmental issues, the lodges, which have been indi-

vidually built for the Glen Cloy site, have been designed with sustainability in mind.

Contemporary, intelligent and rigidly constructed. The lodges are extensively built from timber, from sustainable forests, the windows are floor to ceiling glass and the interior finish, in a Scandanavian style, is to a particularly high standard. The living sedum roof gives the lodges that 'sco' touch.

With six built, Auchrannie have planning permission for another eight on the site. Business development manager Gordon Hay said they planned to assess occupancy over the summer before taking a decision on when to go ahead with the next phase.

The new lodges are available for booking now.



The living roof of one the larger lodges can clearly be seen. 01_B24retreat03



Managing director Linda Johnston shows some guests around. 01_B24retreat02



One of the hot tubs with the view of Glen Cloy. 01_B24retreat01

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Pupils scale heights in Goatfell challenge

A group of nearly 40 children climbed Goatfell in a partnership between the Arran Outdoor Education Centre and Arran High School aimed at fostering healthier lifestyles and an appreciation of the outdoors.

The Arran Outdoor Centre in Lamlash, which specialises in a wide range of outdoor activities and education, provided specialist outdoor guides who accompanied the children up the 874-metre Corbett.

The event, now in its second year, saw 37 S1 pupils and four staff from the school meeting at Brodick at 8am for a kit check and to receive any additional equipment that they needed

from the outdoor centre.

Shortly after this, the group divided into four smaller groups with two setting off from Corrie and two from Brodick. On a bright day devoid of rain, all of the mountaineers met at the summit and spent an enjoyable time taking in the views and celebrating their achievement.

While at the top of the mountain the group also – encouraged by an ethos of the Arran Outdoor Centre – did a quick scout around for litter and picked up the few items of discarded lunch wrappers left behind by other climbers.

The S1 pupils then divided into their smaller groups and continued their traverse of



The 37 S1 pupils, teachers, outdoor instructors and canine friends celebrate reaching the summit of Goatfell.

the mountain to finish at the opposite side from where they started.

Outdoor centre deputy manager Andy McNamara said: 'For some, it was their

first time on Goatfell, but for all it was a great experience. The most amazing part of the day was that the students were back in time for the end of the school buses.

There can't be many schools in Scotland where it is possible to get all of the first year pupils atop a mountain and back again as part of school day.'

Charlotte gets BEM honour

Charlotte Weir of Blackwaterfoot has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Receiving the British Empire Medal (BEM), Charlotte has been honoured for her voluntary service in Glasgow and Arran, and in particular, her work with the Glasgow City Mission.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, Sheriff Iona McDonald, said: 'I would like to send my congratulations and best wishes to all of the individuals who have been recognised in the honours list. They have made a considerable contribution to our local communities and I am sure that this award comes as a great surprise.'

'I would like to see more people from across Ayrshire and Arran being recognised with an honour and I would actively encourage anyone who is aware of someone worthy of an award to nominate them.'



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Editorial

Keeping it private

The members of the Arran Ferry Committee faced the public this week.

It is not a phrase we use often and will not repeat until this time next year. They deemed the public were worth 52 minutes of their time in 2018 – before shutting the doors on them as they left.

In this week's Banner, they recount all the good they have done over the past year, but how otherwise would we know? They meet in private, seldom speak in public and publish their minutes months after their last meeting, when everyone has lost interest in what they were discussing. The last publicly available minute we have found is from April.

Apart from the Independent Traveller's position, the committee is not elected so it is not surprising that they have, rightly or wrongly, been accused of self-interest in the past.

Unsurprising, too, that by failing to be 'open and accountable', as is expected in this day and age, they will be asked, as they were last Monday: 'What is the use of this committee and why do you bother?'

Why bother indeed? Other ferry committees meet in public, so why can't Arran? Any commercially sensitive items could easily be taken in private, just like any public body.

Thought for the week

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.' Psalm 46

Corrie fair

Sir,

The pupils, staff and parents of Corrie Primary School and Early Years Class would like to say a sincere thank you to the community of Corrie and Arran for the support they gave to the school fair. We raised more than £600 for school funds and every one of us enjoyed the company, weather, stalls and art exhibition. It is also lovely to welcome back Whit week holidaymakers who attend the fair every year as part of their visit. Hopefully, we will see you all again next May.

Yours,

Jane Boyle,

Corrie Primary School.

Fence observations

Sir,

Having just read the headline article on the fencing and partial replanting of Glen Rosa in the Banner of June 9, I think certain observations should be made.

The article states that the glen has been overgrazed for many years by deer and sheep. However, it is at least 10 years since sheep grazed on the hill. This being the case, any current overgrazing is solely down to deer. If the deer are to be fenced off from an area of 400 hectares (1,000 acres), some of which is prime wintering ground, will the National Trust cull an appropriate number of stags and hinds to avoid further overgrazing and winter starvation on adjoining land?

It is proposed that the fence would be in place for around 30 years, which means total stock exclusion for this length of time. Although only 10 per cent of the site would actually be

planted with trees, excluding grazing animals for 30 years could allow scrub encroachment over substantial parts of the total area as can be seen in the area around the Machrie Moor standing stones, which will actually need clearing in the future.

Farmers have discovered that the current wood preservatives used on fencing materials mean that posts and stobs seldom last more than 10 years. This means re-erecting the fence three times before the trees are deemed big enough to survive. Substantially longer lasting but more expensive materials can be sourced from Sweden. In either case it probably means a much larger fencing cost than the National Trust anticipate.

Yours,

Charlie McAllister,
Environment and land use monitor,
Arran branch NFU.

Community support

Sir,

On behalf of the Isle of Arran Junior Triathlon Club, I would like to thank sincerely everyone for their generous donations provided for our Island-2-Island event which took place on Saturday June 2. The weather was brilliant, and the event was a great success providing adults and children with the fantastic opportunity to experience a triathlon on our wonderful island. Without the support of the business community, this event would not have been possible.

We would also like to thank our many helpers and volunteers; the event has received so much positive feedback, and this would not be possible without you providing your time.

Our gratitude extends to the residents of the island who helped cheer on many triathletes as they raced through the villages. Many of our competitors are keen to visit Arran again soon and this is all down to you all.

The funds raised by this island event will continue to provide a free coached community triathlon club for all children between the ages of seven and 17. In the future we will invest the funds in free training sessions and free equipment to all children.

Yours,

Craig Wood,
Isle of Arran Junior Triathlon Club.

Deer needed in Glen Rosa

Sir,

Regarding the recent article in last week's Banner regarding Glen Rosa, I don't agree with the National Trust for Scotland's plans to put a deer fence to stop the deer and sheep grazing Glen Shant and Glen Rosa.

This area needs deer and sheep to keep the ground under control and also the birds of prey and smaller birds need bare ground to survive.

The NTS wants to recover some of the landscape but that does not stop their vehicles using the road up the glen which was repaired a few years ago at no cost to the NTS. So if it is important to recover the landscape, it should look after the road it has wasted.

Yours,

Alastair Hendry,
Glen Rosa.

Litter karma

Sir,

Have you left anything on the hill? If so, it might sur-

prise you to know, beer cans do not become biodegradable when you jam them under a stone, Prosecco bottles do not 'mulch down' when left by the river, likewise wet wipes, cigarette packets and sweetie papers, banana skins and orange peel are not much better.

If this rings a bell, know lovely reader, that I have picked up your litter. You have picked up the karma.

Yours,

Susan Knox,
Brodick.

People's choice

Sir,

Arran Visual Arts would like to thank all the people – both from Arran and visitors – who supported the Arran Visual Arts exhibition and voted for their favourite piece. We had 353 visitors of whom 266 voted for their favourite work.

The people's choice vote was as follows: 1 Patsy Keen, Daisy (18 votes), 2 Patsy Keen, Horse (15 votes), 3 Jill Hargan, Strip the Willow (14 votes), joint 4th with 10 votes each, Karen Bell, Sunset over Lochranza, Phil Holmes, Kings Cave Walk, and Patsy Keen, Squirrel, joint 7th with eight votes, Yvonne Bailey, Carriage Horses, Mo McKenna, Fleece, Norma Russell, Ayrshire to Arran, 10th Claire McDonald, Winter Falls, North Sannox.

Yours,

Jan MacGregor,
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The Island Cheese Company

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Arran Fine Foods

Arran Fine Foods is located in the picturesque village of Lamlash on the east coast of the Isle of Arran. Their small factory started life in the early 1970s producing mustard and now owing to the quality of their products, and the huge demand, they produce a wide range of delicious products known throughout the world for their quality and superior flavour.

Today, around 20 employees make a selection of delicious chutney, mustard, preserves and salad dressings. The Arran range has scooped 12 prestigious Great Taste Awards since 2002, including a Gold 1 Star Award at the 2008 Great Taste Awards for their Matured Apple and Arran Ale Chutney and a 2004 Scottish Speciality Award for Arran Smooth Honey Mustard.

More recently, they were honoured when professional chef and BBC Masterchef winner, Gary Maclean, chose Arran Mustard to round off his main course sauce in the 2016 final.

Wooleys

At Wooleys branches in Brodick and Lamlash, they freshly prepare a wide range of products which are available daily. Fresh baked bread and rolls, cakes, pastries and tea bread, pies, bridies, sausage rolls and other savoury items. Scones and pancakes, filled rolls and sandwiches and soup. And of course, oatcakes!

But never a company to rest on their laurels, Wooleys has introduced a delicious new biscuit range for you to enjoy. The tree varieties are punchy ginger, seriously coconut and raspberry infused cranberry. they are available from both Wooleys shops and from various outlets round the island.

Isle of Arran Distillery

Today Arran can boast one of the finest ranges of malt whiskies in the world. Using only traditional methods of distilling with wooden washbacks and copper stills designed to an exact specification, the distillery produces award winning whisky which is now distributed all over the globe. Arran Distillery uses no peat in the production process, with the exception of the Machrie Moor bottling, and does not use any caramel for artificial colouring - unlike most other distilleries - and as a result the malt produced can rightly be described as 'the true spirit of nature.'

Today the distillery has also forged close ties with 14 other food producers on the island to develop mustard, ice cream and chocolates all flavoured with this wonderful whisky.

Arran Dairies

To make the famous ice-cream Arran Dairies only use milk produced on Arran. They say it makes all the difference because it has a special taste due to the cows grazing on the clean and green pastures of Arran's micro ecosystem, washed by the Gulf Stream and with rainfall coming straight in from the Atlantic.

It is philosophy which certainly seems to work since sales have soared since the company took the decision in 2014 to stop milk production and concentrate all their efforts on ice cream

The development of the ice cream business, and their partnership with A Taste of Arran, has moved their small island based company into being a supplier of artisan ice cream products throughout the UK and abroad and they

are delighted that their ice cream has won regional and national awards and are justifiably proud to brand is part of the 'big tastes from a small Scottish island'.

Arran Dairies is a 4th generation family run firm, established on the island in 1978, but with a heritage of food production on Arran dating back to the 1930s. It truly is a taste of Arran.

The Arran Butcher

Anyone looking for top quality meats their first stop should be The Arran Butcher shop in Blackwaterfoot. Run by husband and wife team David and Dawn McKinnon the family butchers has been supplying homes and businesses on the Arran for over 53 years.

They offer an extensive selection of quality meats including traditional cuts of naturally reared beef, pork and lamb and wild Arran venison. They also have a fantastic selection of fresh fish and an ever growing range of homemade produce including their delicious freshly baked steak pies, sausage rolls and mutton pies.

The butchers, who were Salsa accredited earlier this year, also make their very own handmade Arran haggis and black pudding which can now be ordered online.

The shop also stocks a range of products, cold meats, cheese and ice cream and also has a fish counter.

If you can't get to the shop on the west coast they also have a mobile shop which can come to you and they deliver free of charge across the island. Look out too for the fortnightly Facebook specials. You can also find their products in the Co-op stores and at local shops around the island. And when you're out for a bite to eat, why not look out for their products on the menu.

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as they have tried, they haven't quite mastered growing avocados in Scotland yet. All Woodside Arran products are delivered to your door or available through their mobile shop - The Real Food Shop - which visits villages around the island during the week - see inset advert for the schedule. New and existing customers can order via their online shop on <http://bit.ly/woodsidearranshop> or get in touch via info@woodsidearran.com

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Keeping villages in full bloom on Arran

Green-fingered community champions have started planting summer flowers in Arran villages.

Following North Ayrshire Council's decision to stop maintaining flower pots on the island, Arran Community Council secured a grant from the Arran Trust to ensure villages are kept in full bloom, as previously reported in the Banner

With the help of Eleanor McCue of Eleanor's Flowers, who organised the planting schemes and ordered flowers, each village association will plant and water the black tubs throughout the island.

Sowing the seeds of the initiative for other Arran

groups, members of Lam-lash Improvements Association have been out in force planting out the summer flowers in the tubs along the village green.

Chairman Timothy Billings said: 'This is a real team effort across the island. A real thank you to everyone involved. As we were planting, we were delighted at the number of people who stopped to chat about the scheme. It really made us feel it was worthwhile doing.'

There are 75 tubs in villages throughout the island, however, following budget cuts the council said it was no longer able to maintain them and it will now be up

to each village to look after them.

At a recent community council meeting, special thanks were extended to Eleanor for her support for the project.

Members of Lam-lash Improvements Association plant flowers in the village green tubs.



Skills on show at craft day

Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick, will host its annual craft day tomorrow (Sunday) - the second special event of the season.

Visitors will see all kinds of local traditional skills and crafts in action. Experts will demonstrate wool dyeing, spinning and weaving, quilting, embroidery, felting, butter making, and many other skills from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. You can join in many of the activities and experts will provide basic tuition or answer any questions you might have.

Arran Pipe Band will be performing and other traditional music-making will be evident throughout the afternoon. There will, of course, be the traditional tombola with great prizes and Café Rosaburn will be serving delicious snacks.

The craft day will appeal to all the family and is an event not to be missed.

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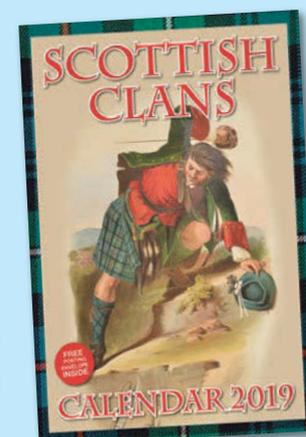
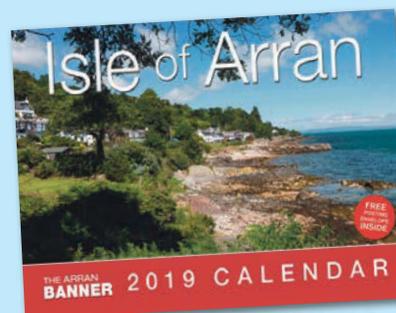
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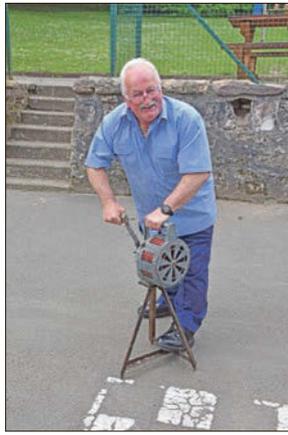
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A parent is convinced to have his nails done while the children have their faces painted. 01_B24WB14



Janitor Allan Little demonstrates a WW2 air raid siren that was donated to the school. 01_B24WB08

Celebrating 50 for Whiting Bay

Whiting Bay Primary School is 50 years old. And to mark its half-century of learning, a day of celebrations for pupils, parents and staff was held at the school last week.

It was in June 1968 that the school opened in a new purpose-built village facility, replacing the classes at the village hall, and it has since taught generations of children.

Donald Ritchie, who was the project leader of the design team at the architectural firm of Baron Bercott and Associates, also made a surprise appearance to mark the occasion when he happened to be driving past the school while visiting his daughter, who lives in Brodick.

To celebrate the school's golden day, visitors were able to take part in competitions, raffles and a tombola while children could

have their faces painted or take part in traditional games on the sun-drenched lawn which included a coconut shy.

In the school hall, parents and visitors were served an array of homebaking with tea and coffee by deputy head Quinton Black, while watching a video presentation of the children with the theme of Through the Ages.

Continuing with the theme, each classroom represented an era from the 1960s through to the 1980s. Pupils representing the 1960s were dressed as hippies and took part in fun quizzes and activities. Catriona Smith, a long-serving member of staff, joined P4 and P5 pupils in representing the 1970s with music and books.

Brightly attired and representing the 1980s, Sheila MacAlister taught P1/2/3 pupils about



Visitors have a go at winning fun prizes at the tombola. 01_B24WB15



P4/P5 girls pose for a picture with their friends. 01_B24WB05



Head teacher Shirley MacLachlan enjoys a conversation with school designer Donald Ritchie. 01_B24WB11



Pupils representing the 1960s are engrossed in the fun activities while listening to classic 60s music. 01_B24WB02



Familiar face to many, Mrs Fiona Yates joined the pupils in dressing up for the big day. 01_B24WB12

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50 golden years Whiting Bay Primary

the era that spawned ET, the Cabbage Patch Kids and cassette players.

Overseeing many of the activities and keeping a watchful eye on proceedings, school stalwart Fiona Yates, education assistant, joined head teacher Shirley MacLachlan in welcoming guests. Mrs Yates, as she is known to pupils, joined the newly built school in 1968 – and has worked there for extended periods over the years having previously worked with pupils at the village hall. But her family's association with the school goes even further back with her father being involved in the original school since at least 1930.

Head teacher Shirley MacLachlan was delighted with the turnout of parents and visitors, explaining the secret of the school's

success. She said: 'We work hard to create a safe, nurturing, happy and creative learning environment for all our pupils, encouraging every child to achieve their full potential and have high standards and expectations for all. We believe that learning is lifelong and aim to develop the skills required for learning, life and work in our rapidly changing world.'

'We educate the whole child and everyone feels valued, respected and listened to. Our curriculum supports this through learning a broad general education for all, to develop successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.'

Whiting Bay Primary School currently has 55 pupils on the school roll and offers a broad range of educational opportunities for pupils, including Gaelic, pipes and drums.



P4/P5 pupils show off some vinyl records from Mrs Catriona Smith's collection. 01_B24WB04



Visitors and parents enjoy a short film featuring the pupils while enjoying refreshments. 01_B24WB09



Ava Pringle has her face painted as a butterfly by Katie Litton. 01_B24WB07



Representing the 1970s, Mrs Catriona Smith and P4/P5 pupils assemble for a class photo. 01_B24WB03



Janitor and school assistant Allan Little and depute head Quinton Black, ensure that all visitors are well fed and refreshed. 01_B24WB01



Wearing outlandish shoes, Brodie Atkinson, Sera Bibin and Layla Cociuban join Mrs Shirley MacLachlan in showing off their birthday cake. 01_B24WB13



A pupil enjoys playing a traditional game on the lawn at the coconut shy. 01_B24WB10

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Magic of the mountain festival

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As ever, the philosophy of the festival remains focused on 'small groups, great walks, huge fun' and this year, by careful planning, selection and support, they were able to offer 20 walks for 156 participants. The quality and diversity of walks on offer ensured that they maintained the high standards of walker experience that the festival is renowned for.

In addition to the walks, the festival also provided mountain-themed events for visitors which includ-

ed an art exhibition and guest speakers of the written and spoken word in an evening of poetry, recitals and anecdotes. And once again the Brodick Village Hall was jam-packed on the Saturday night as the Arranach Ceilidh Band attracted walkers, visitors and locals.

Festival committee chairman Jackie Kemp said: 'It's clear that the Arran Mountain Festival is truly established as a fabulous weekend in the Arran events diary.'

'It is important to highlight that the festival is an entirely community-run event, organised by a front line committee of volunteers, to which the festival is forever grateful. Further thanks must also go to all the local businesses and



Walkers and visitors dance the night away in Brodick.

Photo Jackie Kemp.

individuals who support us in many ways, including raffle donations, accommodation support, sponsorship and home baking.

'However, the festival is only possible due to the dedicated, qualified and experienced volunteer walk leaders who, year after year, continue to donate their time and expertise.

Many thanks to you all, and just a note that we are already planning for the 2019 festival from May 17 to 20. We look forward to seeing you there.'

Further information on this year's festival and the 2019 event is available at www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk or on their Facebook page.



Three local participants – Lois Bell, Hannah Taylor and Laura Hemming – at the Old Man of Tarsuinn.

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Carol and Jules Lee recently bought Stonewater House in Lamlash and re-launched it as a Vegan B&B. Moving to Arran was the realisation of a 46 year dream for Carol, who spent many childhood holidays staying with family friends, and always dreamed of coming back to stay. Visiting again with her husband Jules last year, he also fell under Arran's magic spell. When they found Stonewater House, which overlooks Holy Isle and Lamlash Pier, they decided this would be the perfect place for their new vegan B&B, and a few months later their purchase was complete.



Stonewater House
Vegan B&B

With recent advances in technology and the availability of superfast fibre optic broadband on Arran, the couple also realised they would be able to continue their English/Welsh solicitors practice from Arran. Carol, an English solicitor for 38 years, can act for clients selling and buying commercial and residential properties in England and Wales and advise on English/Welsh legal matters. She is also working with a local Scottish solicitor to provide an integrated legal service for under both legal systems. Carol and Jules felt this would offer an additional service and fill a needed gap.

When packing up for the move, Carol came across a photo of her taken in 1972 standing by Lamlash Pier. Carol said, "The rainbow in the 1972 photo almost points to the place where Stonewater House (built in 2008) now stands; I'm not a superstitious person, but this coincidence seemed to have a certain poignancy and to give off good vibes. As we wake up each morning to the glorious views of Lamlash Bay and Holy Isle, we pinch ourselves to make sure we're not dreaming and this is really now our home!"

Why Veganism and why a Vegan B&B?

"Veganism" conjures up all sorts of images to different people. There are many ways to embrace vegan living, but one thing all vegans have in common is a plant-based diet avoiding all animal foods including meat, fish, dairy, eggs and honey, and also the avoidance of products like leather and any tested on animals.

So What Do Vegans eat?

A variety! A vegan diet is diverse and comprises all kinds of fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains, seeds, beans and pulses - all of which can be prepared in endless combinations. Most people's favourite dishes can be adapted to plant-based ingredients.

People become vegans for different reasons:

Better Health

For Carol and Jules it was initially about health. After Jules had a heart scare two years ago (resulting in angioplasty), they looked at alternative diets and having watched various documentaries Forks Over Knives and What the Health, they decided to switch to a whole food plant-based diet. The benefits over an 18 month period have

been immense, and Jules's heart surgeon told him he didn't want to see him again as he was "too healthy". Handfuls of pills are now a thing of the past.

Jules said: "It's fun experimenting with plant-based ingredients and creating new recipes! We want to share this with others. We've welcomed several guests who had never thought of breakfasts without meat, eggs or dairy, but who have said they thoroughly enjoyed trying something different! Our buckwheat pancakes, fruit kebabs, vegan haggis and "creamy" nut milk porridge are all very popular!"

Once the couple had embraced their healthy plant-based diet, they soon realised that there were other compelling reasons for going vegan.

The Environment & Sustainability

One of the most effective ways a person lower their carbon footprint is to avoid animal products. Since the introduction of factory farming, meat and dairy production places a heavy burden on our planet. Huge amounts of grain and water are required, and big agriculture contributes significantly to deforestation and habitat loss. Plant-based diets require only a third of the land needed for animal-based diets, putting less strain on our finite resources.

Animal Welfare

For many, preventing the exploitation of other species is a key reason for going vegan. 60 billion land animals and over a trillion marine animals are killed each year just to satisfy human taste preferences.

Vegan life on Arran

Carol and Jules have been welcomed by Arran people, and are pleased at the number of vegan menu options on local menus. Wherever possible, they source all Stonewater House's ingredients locally, including organic fruit and veg from Woodside Farm; artisan bread from Blackwaterfoot Bakehouse; wholefoods from Bay Stores, Whiting Bay; and marvellous jams and chutneys from Arran Fine Foods.

Further facts on veganism can be found on the The Vegan Society's web-site (www.vegansociety.com).

- GoVegan Scotland team members will visit Arran on 16th & 17th June and will host an information stall in Brodick on Sat 16th June, providing information about veganism.
- Carol and Jules have set up the "Arran Vegan Post" Facebook page to provide information about vegan events on the island.
- For more information about Stonewater House, please see our website www.stonewaterhouse.co.uk, or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- For advice on and quotations for English/Welsh property conveyancing, Carol can be contacted at clee@setfords.co.uk or 01572 453101.



What's on

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Every day

Trout fly fishing	Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Brodick Castle	Garden only open 9am-dusk
Cafe and Isle be Wild	Brodick Castle, 10am - 5pm
Soap making and candle dipping	Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm
Arran Heritage Museum	Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Arran Brewery	Mon-Saturday 10.30am - 5pm, Tours at 11am and 2pm
	Sunday: 12:30pm - 5.00pm Tour at 2pm

Saturday 16th June

Gents' seniors open – Stableford	Whiting Bay Golf Club
Flow yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Pop-up bike workshop – free MOTs	Blackwaterfoot Harbour, 10am - 1pm
Arran Coastal rowing regatta	Lamlash Pier, 11am - 4pm
RNLI shop open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Royal Bank Trophy (members only)	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Rink games	Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Rinks bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Live music – Fatman & the Angel	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
Live music – Backwater, Status Quo tribute band	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 17th June

Arran Coastal rowing regatta	Lamlash Pier, 10am
Save Arran House craft day	Whiting Bay Village Hall, 11am - 3pm
Traditional crafts day	Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick, 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Live music – Joni Keen	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm - 4pm
RNLI shop open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Live music – Aimee Penman, pianist and singer	The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Folk music session	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 18th June

JogScotland mixed ability running group	Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Adult tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Circuit training	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Summer bridge, visitors welcome	Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
Rink game	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Tae Kwon Do	Brodick Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Live music – Mike Bailey	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm

Tuesday 19th June

Healthy Outdoors	NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Castle garden walk	Brodick Castle, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot bowls	Bowling Club, 2pm
Technology with Duan Bruce	Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)	Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Flow yoga	Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 6pm
Our House, Arran High School Musical	Lamlash Community Theatre, 7.30pm
Trev's pop music quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Body Blitz	Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm

Wednesday 20th June

Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Arran Elderly Forum	Ormidale Pavilion 10.30am for 11am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Coffee morning	Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - noon
Coffee morning	St Bride's Church, Brodick, 10.30am - noon
Chair yoga exercise class	St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am



Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
 Arran Pacemakers running group Brodick, 5.30pm
 Flow yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
 Rink game Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Tae Kwon Do Arran High School, Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 Burger and quiz night Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Our House, Arran High School Musical Lamlash Community Theatre, 7.30pm
 Live music – Arran Dawn Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Family friendly pub quiz PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
 Rock'n'pop bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Quiz night Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm

Thursday 21st June

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Chair yoga exercise class	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
ACLI, volunteer gardening day	Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera	Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
Whiting Bay Thursday Club	Lesser Hall, Whiting Bay, 2pm
Adult tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Arran Ladies' netball	Arran High School, 6 - 7pm
Our House, Arran High School Musical	Lamlash Community Theatre, 7.30pm
Carpenter and May - Set menu £45pp	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm for 8pm
Body Blitz	Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm
Tommy's general knowledge quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 22nd June

Arran Historical Society, Bannockburn Trip	Leaving on 8.20am ferry
Yoga	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
T'ai chi with Sue Thurogood	Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Our House, Arran High School
Musical	Lamlash Community Theatre, 7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do	Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm - 9pm
Friday night quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Live music – Fatman and the Angel	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8 - 10.30pm
Open mic and karaoke night	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm - Midnight

Saturday 23rd June

Flow yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
RNLI shop open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Lamlash Church fete	Lamlash Church, 2pm - 4pm
Rink game	Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Rinks bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
COAST film show	Lamlash Community Theatre, 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Live music – Michael Clark	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
Live music – The Sell Out, The Who covers plus...	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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Lou Hanlon and Simon Thorborn perform a duet. 01_B24folk12



Father and son Mungo and Alistair Paul in harmony.

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Stone Age Genga made their second appearance at the festival. 10_B24folk21



Mally Smith from Boston gave the festival an international dimension.

A real fea

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With the sun splitting the sky, it was clear the 24th Arran Folk Festival was going to be a bit special this year.

And so it proved, with the terrace of The Douglas Hotel a magnet for musicians and folk music fans all weekend. Uncle Keith Robertson, as always, kept the music flowing and with the range of instruments on show, the festival may have to be renamed the folk and jazz festival.

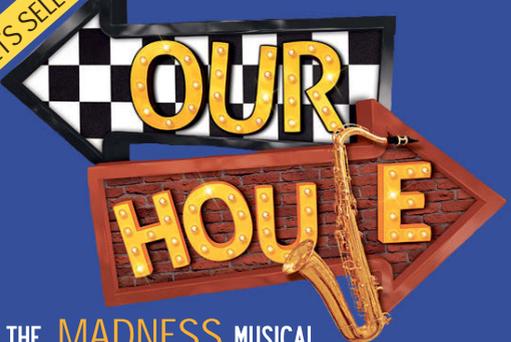
All that and two sell out concerts on Friday and Saturday night, with 165 cafe style seats squeezed into Brodick Hall, and late



Folk and all that jazz led by Nickey Summer, with Heather McLeod

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night sessions at Fiddlers and elsewhere on the island made it a festival to remember. The event has been getting bigger and better in recent years and organisers have pledged to make the quarter century of festivals something special in 2019.

'What a weekend'

Jon Hollingsworth of Arran Events said: 'Wow! What a weekend! Thanks to everyone for making this year's festival one to remember. To Davy Lees, Ella Munro, The Poozies, Jenny Sturgeon, Old Blind Dogs and Uncle Keith Robertson and his afternoon sessioners ... awesome. Here's to next year and number 25.'

■ See next week's Banner for more folk festival photos.



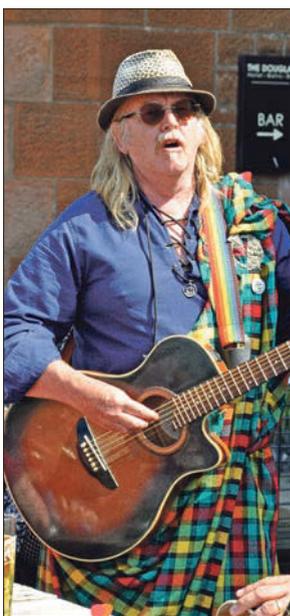
on harp. 01_B24folk20



Corrie's Gerry Hearn and regular Bill Fraser entertain the crowd. 01_B24folk03



Visiting newspaperman Toni Carver, right, plays to a packed Douglas terrace. 01_B24folk05



Uncle Keith Robertson in full voice. 01_B24folk19

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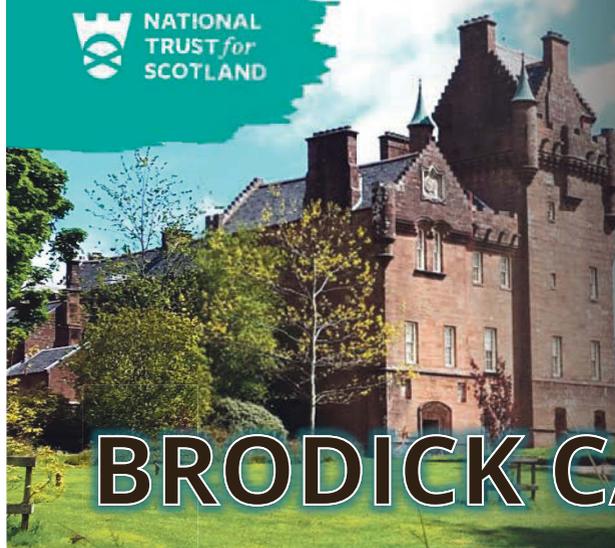
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Author's gift to Beatson families

Families dealing with cancer have been the chance of respite care on Arran thanks to the generosity of author Angela Proctor.

Angela, who pens the Thumble Tumble children's book series based on Arran, has donated her cottage, where she lives part-time, to families dealing with cancer.

Having already raised over £20,000 for the charity through donating book profits, speaking at charitable events and helping to raise awareness through a charity auction for a character in her latest book, she is still lending her support to the Beatson Cancer Charity in any way that she can.

The death of her mother, due to cancer, was one of the reasons for the creation of the book series, using her writing as a way of dealing with the loss.

Angela said: 'I would never have written my book series if I hadn't lost my mum, and so wanted the books to honour her memory in some way. As



Author Angela Proctor speaking at a Beatson charity event.

my mum spent her last months in the Beatson, I decided to use the books to help support the Beatson Cancer Charity which had supported her.'

Six young families, currently dealing with cancer, will use the cottage over the next few weeks for some re-

laxation, respite and escapism. The cottage is home to the extraordinary little witch in the Thumble Tumble books, with nooks and crannies and a real broom cupboard under the stairs, just as any self respecting witch's house would have. Angela continued: 'The

idea is to allow these families to drift into my fairy tale world, the way I did when my mum was ill. I still miss my mum every single day, but I now feel as though some good has come from my loss through my books and the magic that is Arran.'

Arran debut for award winning comedian

Scott Gibson, also known as The Big, Bald, Bearded Glaswegian, has been making quite the name for himself in the past few years.

After undergoing major brain surgery in 2009, he gave up his job in a call centre determined to live his life to the full as a storyteller. He won best newcomer award for his debut show at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2016, and will be on Arran tonight (Friday) for the first time to give a taster of what to expect from his forthcoming shows.

A naturally skilful and riveting raconteur, Scott mixes a conversational style with his own unique brand of dark humour, gloriously bad language and shrewd observations. He is also the recipient of a Scottish Variety award, and a



Glasgow comedian Scott Gibson.

Chortle award nominee. The show at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick starts at 9.30pm and tickets, available from behind the bar, are priced £7.50.

Chorus singers wanted for show

This year, as part of the Arran Summer School, McLellan Arts Festival, there will be a performance of Puccini's Messe di Gloria.

As in the past, the solo parts will be sung by the talented young students of the summer school, but the chorus will be Arran people or visitors who enjoy singing. There will also be an opportunity to sing the piece from the Brahms Requiem, How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place. The date of the performance is Sunday September 9 with a dress rehearsal on either the morning of Saturday September 8 or Sunday 9.

All you have to do is call Margaret Wright on 01770 700384 or email mwright06@btinternet.com and she will arrange for a score to be delivered or collected.






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Edna Picken – a true champion of the south

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Born Edwardina McNab, but knows as Edna, the youngest of eight girls and a sister to three brothers, their home was Castle House, Kildonan, and her parents were Helen and Edward, a seaman with the Caledonian Steam Packet Company.

She was educated at Kildonan Primary School and Rothesay Academy. Her playgrounds were the fields and the shore which she loved – rock pooling and gathering brambles at the bottom of cliffs.

Edna, David and Dougie learned all the names of the shipping companies by the colours of their funnels. The Clyde was busy then and she saw everything from cargo ships, liners, Queens and convoys. Edna's father died when she was 11, but she was always close to her mum, especially as older family members got married, went to university or the services. Sadly, by the late 1950s, four of her sisters had died.

Edna worked in the tea-room at Cook's Stores, Breadalbane Hotel and a boarding house in Machrie. She met John Crawford Picken and they married on January 30, 1946, in the Kildonan Hotel. They farmed at Levencorrach for seven years. In the beginning there was no electricity or running water, shopping came in vans to the main road, then you had to carry everything back up the hill.

Edna was kept busy but happy as three of her children – Elizabeth, Sandy and Catherine – were born while at Levencorrach. In 1953, the family moved to Lanamhor where Edna and Johnny worked hard together to build up the farm. The family was complete with the arrival of John and Edward.

Lenamhor was a busy

place in the summer – the farmhouse was always let as were other holiday houses and eventually a large campsite on the shore fields. Over the years lifelong friendships were made and still continue with Edna's children. Youngsters on holiday were never turned away from the farm but it was usually Edna that gave the stern 'health and safety' talk. Winter was more relaxed but just as busy as it was a dairy farm.

Tragedy struck in 1972 when Johnny was killed in a car accident. Edna found her inner strength and faith that got her through this part of her life – she just needed to get on with it. That was her way.

Edna was always community-minded and was soon involved with the community council, senior citizens and parents' association, and wasn't slow in writing the odd letter to the local press. The village hall was always important to her and the family with fundraising events helping to keep the hall used and to make funds for many organisations.

Edna was also a lifelong member of the 'rural'. She loved it and everything about it, from the village hall to the Highland Show and she spent some time at federation level. Meeting people, making new friendships, learning new things – it was all about taking part and she was always trying to get new members for Kilmory Institute.

The RNLI was the charity that she raised funds for. With a father, brother, son and grandson all seafarers, it just had to be. Edna had a great respect for the sea and all its moods and she had to live near it. Her fundraising over the years was very successful. She had great help from the community especially with house-to-house collections and



Edna Picken as she will be fondly remembered.

family and extended family – she had a great relationship with them all. Young and old, large and small, from near and far, spent time with her, listening and learning from her stories, asking questions even if it was just to know how her chair worked. She loved when family, friends, neighbours called and spent time with her. After her last great-grandson arrived she worked out that since be-

coming Mrs J C Picken it had taken 71 years, five children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren before there was another J C Picken and that she was still here to meet him and have a cuddle at age 93 was wonderful.

Edna considered herself blessed in her senior years because she could read, watch TV, have a conversation, get around on her zimmer, write letters and use the phone, and she was still in her own home, albeit with support and help. She was happy and content.

To see Kilmory Church full and overflowing with family and friends for her final service was a measure of the woman the Southend of Arran knew as Edna.

Elizabeth McLay

coffee mornings. Kilmory Church was always a special, peaceful place to her and, before churches had to be locked, she would let herself in and sit awhile. She was the first woman elder to be appointed.

In the 1950s, six Southend farmers – Elizabeth Cook, Archie Morrison, Duncan Mulholland, John McNeish, Gordon Yates and Edna – started to campaign to upgrade the junior secondary school to a high school. Eventually the whole island got involved. It took about 14 years to win the fight and the original six were proud of what they had started and pleased and happy that island children could complete their education on Arran.

Edna loved gardening and found it relaxing. At Bruce Cottage she had plant pots established that gave a good splash of colour ... despite John's sheep. She was a good baker and always put baking into the 'rural' section at the agricultural show, sometimes winning, sometimes not. Her grandchildren saw no problem with her baking, and were always ready for more.

The most important people in Edna's life were her

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To enter, send separate entries (in the same envelope) with your name, address, telephone number and email address to **Scottish Field Competitions, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2DL** or enter at www.scottishfield.co.uk. Closing date, unless otherwise stated, is 31 July 2018. **Winners drawn from all competitions also enter a prize draw to win a bottle of Berry Bros. & Rudd Islay Reserve whisky.**

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Galloway Country Fair, one of the biggest events in the Scottish rural calendar, returns to the beautiful Drumlanrig Castle and Country Estate in the heart of Dumfries and Galloway on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 August 2018. And to celebrate, we've joined forces with the team to offer readers the chance to win tickets.

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Ferry committee vows to keep fighting

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Members of the public were afforded a rare glimpse into the inner workings of the Arran Ferry Committee on Monday night at their annual general meeting, which is their only gathering open to the public and not held behind closed doors.

Included on the agenda was the election of a representative for the Independent Traveller which was won, by ballot, by Neil Arthur, who has served in the role for three consecutive years.

Present at the meeting were chairman Iain Thomson, two representatives from CalMac, along with other representatives from Stagecoach, Arran Community Council, Arran Community Voluntary Services and VisitArran. Arran councillors Timothy Billings and Ellen McMaster and MSP Kenneth Gibson were also in attendance, as were about 30 members of the public and those representing their own interests.

Giving his report, chairman Iain Thomson said it had been busy year for the ferry committee, which had held 11 meetings, and brought all those in attendance up to speed on the recent developments within CMAL and CalMac and Transport Scotland. Chief among these were

the Brodick ferry terminal, which has now been completed, and the Ardrossan harbour work, which has seen the plans finalised, but no timetable for the development proffered so far.

The chairman said the ferry committee would continue to lobby CMAL and Transport Scotland to extend their services on Arran and to address issues with capacity, timetables and to listen to their concerns regarding the age of the fleet.

Stating that their financial and economic case for an extension to the services on Arran which had been submitted to CMAL and Transport Scotland had fallen on deaf ears, and intimidating frustration, Mr Thomson then spoke of the process which involves submitting a request to the organisations, only to have to wait three months to receive a reply.

Later the election of a representative for the Independent Traveller was held. Current post-holder Neil Arthur and John Ford, a member of the Lochranza and Catacol Committee, both stated their cases for being elected to the position.

Starting, Mr Ford, who mentioned his part in helping to establish the waiting room at Lochranza Terminal, said his motivation was to try to influence a better

service, especially with regards to booking difficulties, which he had himself experienced when trying to attend mainland appointments. Mentioning the excellent work that the current incumbent had done, and which he aimed to live up to, he also added that he had the full support of the Lochranza and Catacol Committee behind him.

Mr Arthur, hoping to retain the position, outlined his use of the ferry since 1948 in various guises from being a lorry driver to a farm worker to a business owner. Stating that he was aware of the roles played by all involved and having a network of friends, colleagues and associates across the island, he was well known and well placed to represent the independent traveller. Listing his involvement in the Arran Community Council and on the Ferry Committee, he mentioned having contributed to meetings positively over the years. Neil Arthur concluded his motivations by saying that he took a sense of enjoyment from the role that he had played and which he hoped to continue. After a ballot, Neil Arthur was re-elected for the role.

In concluding, attendees were then invited to contribute by way of question or comment to the any

other business item listed on the agenda.

A question raised by a member of the public regarding the synchronising of the ferry and bus service offered by Stagecoach was dealt with directly by a Stagecoach representative who spoke of the knock-on effect of altering timetables and the limited resources that they had at their disposal. Pressed by further questioning on the topic, the Stagecoach representative made clear that the timetables were set by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and that any request for alterations would need to be made by them.

Provoking a ripple of excitement in the meeting room at the Mountain Rescue Station, a member of the public, making mention of the numerous instances of stonewalling received by the committee and seeming ineffectual in his opinion, asked: 'What is the use of this committee and why do you bother?'

Mr Thomson reminded the audience member that they did not have decision making power as they were a lobby group.

But Sheila Gilmore said the ferry committee had helped to see many changes to the ferry service in comparison to the service provided 20 years ago.

Kenneth Gibson MSP



Neil Arthur has been re-elected as the Independent Traveller for the fourth consecutive year. 01_B24ferry01

added his opinion to the assertion, citing an extension to the summer season sailings, new ferries and being a catalyst for change, as reasons, in part needing to be credited to the committee. Using the words 'tremendous work' and 'invaluable', he added that the committee had become a model for other ferry committees across the country.

Mr Thomson, having already spoken of their liaising with the NHS and mainland hospitals in streamlining the service to

accommodate patients during his chairman's report, added nothing further to the question.

Further questions regarding notices of assistance being available to additional needs passengers and the use of the Brodick terminal for bus passengers were dealt with swiftly by informing the inquisitor that assistance was available with a mention of this at various opportunities and that, the Brodick Ferry Terminal was a public area, with seats and toilets.

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Now Mr Johnstone is embarking on a much greater project, a leisure centre. Plans show a development that could cost £6 million and will include four outdoor and three indoor tennis courts, a 25-metre swimming pool and a large foyer. The hotel will gain another 30 bedrooms and there would be a lake and a pitch-and-putt course in the landscaped gardens.

Adventure playground

Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay will have a new adventure playground by the end of June. The new playground is the brainchild of Ruth McCarthy of Auchencairn, who first considered the idea while on holiday four years ago.

The project has been funded by a Lottery grant of £24,000 and donations from North Ayrshire Council, among others, while planning fees were paid for by Whiting Bay Improvements Committee. The planners received no insurmountable objections to the project so work, originally scheduled to start earlier this week, will now begin on Monday June 22 and should be complete inside seven days.

Beach sand

Council workmen this week began dumping 400 tonnes of gravel from Moss End quarry on Brodick beach. They put all 60 lorry loads of it in the vast hole left when the seas denuded the beach a couple of months ago.

Local officer Gus MacLeod said: 'This is only a short-term measure. We do not know how well it will work but hopefully it is going to stay and give the foreshore a reasonable protection for the summer. There is natural sand beyond that and children should be able to walk over the gravel to the exposed natural sand.'



Brodick Bowling Club has taken over the running of the village tennis courts and here Charles Rundle, Matt Smith, Lawrence Cant and Bert Cooper, not one of them a day under 70, hoe the courts ready for the new season. 01_B24twe01



Ross MacKay of the Cameronia Hotel in Whiting Bay is pictured handing over a cheque to George McGovern of the village hall committee. The funds will go towards the Whiting Bay Hall Millennium Project. The money was raised through Monday evening quiz nights. Also pictured are Cathie Steed of Bay Stores, who provided raffle prizes, and quizmaster Angus Cook. 01_B24twe04



Heritage Museum president Grace Small and chairman John Sillars with the overall winner of the East Ayrshire Car Club event at the museum. Pictured with his winning Wolsley 1500 is Paul McCafferty. 01_B24twe02



Provost Robert Campbell, representatives of the tourist board, Stagecoach, Caledonian MacBrayne, the National Trust for Scotland and Brodick Castle are pictured on board a vintage 1950s MacBrayne's bus to mark the release of the tourist board's 1998 essential guide. The photo was originally printed in the Banner in black and white. 01_B24twe05



Preparations for the high school production of The Boyfriend continue apace. Leading cast members took time out from rehearsals to pose in front of the school. 01_B24twe03

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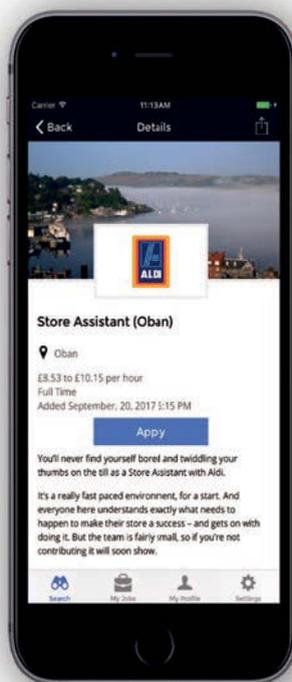
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Pirnmill Church, 10.45am. Morning Service
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship
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Vigil Mass, 7.30pm
Sunday 17th June
Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

DEATH

DICK: Moira Dick. Peacefully, after a short illness at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Sunday, 3rd June 2018. Funeral service at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium on Monday, 18th June at 1:00 pm. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COOK: Ronnie - Tina and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy for their recent loss of Ronnie. Special thanks to Doctors Gregory and Faye Hamill, Dr Elizabeth Guthrie, district nurses, Kate and Gillian for their wonderful care and support. Many thanks also, to Rev. Angus Adamson for an excellent service, to The Kinloch Hotel for catering and David and Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 7, Summer Cup, CSS 66. 1 Ian Bremner 70-6=64, 2 John O'Sullivan 89-22=67 BIH over, 3 Iain Murchie 72-5=67. Scratch Dougie MacFarlane 68. Magic twos Iain Murchie @12th and 13th.

Sunday June 10, Fleet Cup round one, CSS 65. 1 Drew Wales 72-9=63, 2 John O'Sullivan 86-21=65, 3 Alan Smith 80-11=69. Scratch Drew Wales 72. Magic twos John O'Sullivan @16th.

Round two, CSS 64. 1 Lee Dutton 86-21=65 BIH over, 2 Alan Smith 76-11=65, 3 Andy Smith 83-15=68. Scratch, Alan Smith 76. Magic twos, Ian Bremner @16th.

Fleet Cup overall result: winner Alan Smith 69+65=134, runner up Lee Dutton 70+65=135.

Fixtures: Sunday June 17, Jamieson Cup, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday June 21, Summer Cup, make up own games, see starter for times.

Ladies Section: Wednesday June 6, Medal round three and Championship qualifying round three, 11 played, CSS 64, par 65. 1 Ruth Hardy 94-27=67, 2 Mary Adams 102-35=67. Scratch Sheena Murchie 83.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DUNCAN: Daniel Crawford Duncan 'CRAW'. The family would like to thank Paul Stevenson funeral directors for a professional and courteous service. The Glenisle Hotel for wonderful hospitality for dad's wake. To everyone who were involved in the care of dad over the years. Thank you. Finally to everyone who sent cards, flowers or called, we'll be eternally grateful. The sum of £205 was collected for the hospital supporters league.

GENTLEMAN: The family of Wren Gentleman would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the kindness and support following his death. A special thanks to Angus Adamson and David and Clair Hendry for the funeral arrangements and to Brodick Golf Club for refreshments. A generous collection was divided between R.N.L.I and Mary's Meals.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 6, Summer Cup. 32 played, CSS 64. 1 Ian McDermid 77-18=59, 2 Gordon Hendry 67-6=61 ACB, 3 Charlie O'Neill 81-20=61. Scratch Gordon Hendry 67. Congratulations to Neil Duncan on his hole in one at the 7th.

Sunday June 10, Brandon qualifier. 20 played, CSS 63. 1 Matt Keir 65-5=60, 2 Finlay Sillars 76-13=63 ACB, 3 Bob McCrae 72-9=63. Scratch Matt Keir 65.

Fixture: Sunday June 17, Royal Bank Shield.

Ladies Section: Tuesday May 29, Helen's Vases, a greensomes competition, was won by Heather Raeside and Pat Adamson.

Tuesday May 22, The Coronation Foursomes, qualifying for regional finals, was won by Heather Raeside and Yvonne Brothers.

Tuesday June 5, June Medal and the Medal finals was won by Pat Adamson with a nett 63, runner up and lowest Division One score, with a nett 69, was Kate McAdam.

Fixture: Tuesday June 19, Wilkie Trophy. Tuesday June 26, Centenary Quaich.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 12, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 67-6=61, 2 Brian Sherwood 80-15=65, 3 Ross Trail 83-17=66. CSS 63 A Latona 102-23=79. CSS 68 R/O.

Fixtures: Monday June 18, finals of the ladies and gents Club Championship and the President's Cup final, tee off at 5.30pm. In the ladies final Kema Genda plays Jenni Turnbull, the men's final is between Hamish Bannatyne and Sandy Murray and the President's Cup is to be played between David Jeffrey and Alistair MacDonald. Tuesday June 19, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 6, Summer Trophy, 21 played, CSS 63. 1 Frazer Barr 9, 61, 2 Ronnie Mann 13, 62, 3 David Blair 15, 78, 4 Sandy Pringle 13, 63. Lowest gross, Danny Head 64. Magic twos David Blair @17th.

Sunday June 10, Medal, 15 played, CSS 63. 1 Alan Kay 10, 59, 2 Stuart McGregor 15, 61, 3 David



Arran Open Champion Craig Young with the Taste of Arran Trophy and Alan Hunter, handicap winner, with the Douglas Hotel Trophy. See full results in last week's Banner. No_B24golf01

Brookens 12, 62 and lowest gross, 4 Andy Martin 13, 63. Magic twos Stan Rainey @2nd, Graeme Crichton @4th.

Fixtures: Saturday and Sunday June 16 and 17, Senior Gents Open. Wednesday June 20, Ballantyne Cup.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday June 6, Wednesday Medal and Magic twos. 1 J McGovern 74-14=60 BIH, 2 R Logan 66-6=60 and scratch. Nice to see John back in the winners circle.

Saturday June 9, Medal. 1 B McNeill 83-24=59, 2 A Smith 71-11=60. Scratch, R Logan 70. Magic twos M Elliot and A Smith.

Fixtures: Saturday June 16, 18 Hole Medal. Wednesday June 20, Wednesday Medal and Magic twos.

Arran Golfers Association

Saturday June 9, The Thomson Match Play final, hosted by Lamlash Golf Club, was a re-run of the 2015 final at Corrie with Jamie McPherson's steady game proving too good for Dougie Robertson who won by four and two.

As the Arran community enter the week of the final journey for Willie Innes who won this magnificent trophy (arguably the best cup on the island) on three occasions having to match

and prevail against the best Arran golfers of that time. Like Kenny Morrison, Brian Morrison, J McSporrin and J C Reid to name just a few.

This year's competition has been a strange one partly due to illness and holiday arrangements. In the past it was sometimes difficult to qualify as the top 16 recorded scores just above the CSS.

Of the 16 who qualified this year with the score of 74, seven did not play in the first round and only two games were played in the second round, at the top of the draw.

For the semi-finals only one game was scheduled as W McNally scratched due to work commitments giving Jamie McPherson a clear run to the final without having to play one game. At the last minute T Mitchell who beat Lee Dutton also scratched due to an ankle injury giving Dougie Robertson who beat D Head a place in the final.

Winner of the Thomson Cup was Jamie McPherson who won the AGA prize of £50, runner up, Dougie Robertson who won the AGA prize of £35.

The Association thanks Lamlash Golf Club green staff for a course well presented in the trying conditions of this long spell of good weather and for the hospitality of the clubhouse.

Arran rowers ready to host second regatta

There will be some exciting action in Lamlash Bay this weekend as the Arran Coastal Rowing Club hosts only its second regatta.

More than 11 clubs, including some from as far afield as Islay and Anstruther, will be bringing around 170 rowers to what should be a very exciting event.

All the action will start and finish at Lamlash Pier today (Saturday) and tomorrow (Sunday) between 11am and 5pm. If you'd like to go cheer the home team, visitors and spectators will be most welcome.

Ahead of the event a crew of 13 rowers from the

club set off early on Saturday June 2 with their skiff Seabag to attend the Troon Regatta for a day of competitive racing against clubs from around the Clyde: Greenock, Largs, Prestwick, Maidens as well as two skiffs from the hosts, Troon.

The first ferry was delayed by fog and there was concern that they'd not make it in time but thankfully the regatta organisers also had to delay the start due to the fog and racing got under way only an hour later than planned at noon.

The first three races were the three open categories: mixed, women and men,

in which Arran did well against stiff competition to get two seconds and a fourth. The well-earned lunch break that followed was a chance to recover, chat with rowers from other clubs in a friendly atmosphere, discuss tactics and prepare for some tough races ahead.

As the day progressed the wind got up, making the water increasingly choppy and a good challenge for the afternoon session, which began with a surprise sprint followed by over 45 mixed, in which Arran battled hard to get a third and a second.

This was followed by the mixed decades, each crew



The Arran Coastal Rowing Club team who took part at Troon.



Rowers prepare for the race.

having to have every rower in a different decade.

The spectators held their breath as Arran and Greenock very narrowly avoided a collision shortly after the start, leaving ACRC at the back of the field.

Not deterred by this, Arran dug in and powered past all of the competitors over the two-kilometre course, finally coming over the finishing line first by around 500m.

With one official race to go, ACRC were one point

ahead of Troon and the scene was set for a tense last encounter, in which every skiff was coxed by their own club but had rowers from four different other clubs. A second place for Troon put the clubs neck and neck in the overall competition with nine points each.

An extra race for the 60+ men was then held in which Arran flew round the course to win very convincingly, several hundred metres ahead of the next skiff. Un-

fortunately this race wasn't included in the overall points tally and after two discards the 'Troon A' team pipped ACRC to the post by having more first places and won the competition trophy.

A club spokesman said: 'A big thank you to the hosts and to the clubs that very kindly lent rowers to replace one of ACRC's members who had to pull out at the last minute. Particular congratulations go to Ronnie and Heather for their first regatta wins.'

Long-distance trail run to boost charity

Three Edinburgh runners are planning a three-day long-distance run round Arran for charity next week.

Angus Rooney, his brother Stewart and good friend Andrew Arnott are planning to run from Brodick to Lochranza via Goatfell on day one (30.16km), Lochranza to Blackwaterfoot (via Beinn Bhreac) (37.47km) on day two and Blackwaterfoot to Brodick on day three (via Kingcross Point and Dun Fionn) (43.63km) over three days from June 21 to 24.

Stewart and Andrew are final-year medic students at Edinburgh University, and Angus is the transport adviser for an Edinburgh-based company called Change-works.

Angus said: 'We all have a very keen interest in trail running and the outdoors, but this is a serious undertaking. We are aiming to raise £2,000 for two very important charities: the Archie Foundation, which provides support, training and extra facilities for sick children in hospitals across the north-east, and, the Compassionate Friends, which offers support for families suffering from the loss of a child or loved one. Both are children's charities that are very close to our hearts.'

Whiting Bay bowls trio lift memorial trophy



Left to right: Neil Pringle, Neil Cook and Mirrette Pringle receive the Angus Cook Memorial Trophy from club president Robert Frame.

Neil Cook and Neil and Mirrette Pringle were the winners of the Angus Cook Memorial Trophy held at Whiting Bay Bowling Club last Sunday.

Whiting Bay Bowling Club president Robert Frame presented the winners of the triples bowling competition with the award while Johnny McGovern and Kirsty and Roy Lewis were named as the lollipop winners.

New members or those interested in joining are welcome to visit the club and will be made to feel most welcome. The club is open on a Monday and Wednesday at 6.30pm and on a Saturday from 2pm.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Arran rowers ready to host second regatta



Putting Brodick on the defensive, Southend create chaos in the Brodick goal within minutes of the game starting. 01_B24footy03

Southend go top after shock win over Brodick

Arran Dairies League

Brodick	3
Southend	5

Southend produced a surprise on Monday night when they earned their first away victory against Brodick in many years at the first meeting between the two in this year's league.

Southend scored first when Brodick conceded a free kick just outside the box. Defender Willie Sillars stepped up and scored a screamer to get his first goal for his new club since joining from Shiskine.

The lead did not last long though as Toby Wingham's mazy run down the left flank resulted in him powering a strike low into the

Southend goal. Babbies MacNeil then got Brodick in front after finishing a corner swung in by John Drummond.

Southend captain Danny Head and Babbies were each given yellow cards after a collision ended in some wrestling and referee Ian 'Loci' McDonald put a prompt stop to the situation before it escalated. Brodick went into the break with a 2-1 lead.

Southend came out on the offensive and Lewis Kennedy finished from inside the box after a mix up in the Brodick defence to pull the scores even again. Toby then almost instantly put the home side back in front again after he went on one

of his trademark runs and finished brilliantly again.

Lewis then also grabbed his second of the match after chipping the ball over Finlay Sillars in the Brodick goal from a very narrow angle.

The game was neatly poised at 3-3 with both teams looking like they could edge it. Southend were then awarded a penalty after Ross Dobson handled the ball in the area. Ryan Armstrong stepped up and calmly despatched the ball from 12 yards. Ryan then headed in a free kick taken from Danny to make it 5-3. Celebrating in fine style, it was evident to see how much it meant to him to win against a Brodick team who have been dominant in the league for the last four years.

Loci gave the man of the match award to Toby for a great performance in the middle of the pitch despite being on the losing side.



The Southend team who secured the win away to Brodick. 01_B24footy02

Arran Dairies League

Shiskine	2
Northend	1

This fixture has become a thriller in recent years with a new rivalry to avoid the wooden spoon in the league. Shiskine edged the game on Monday night in

a close encounter. Jordan Crawford was given man of the match by referee David Copperwheat after a dominant display which included him getting on the score sheet as well.

Shiskine new boy Conor Jack continued his great goal scoring form by get-

ting the other goal on the night. Young Dominick Demazeux scored Northend's sole goal on the night.

The next fixtures in the Arran Dairies League will be on Monday June 18, when Northend face Lamlash at 7pm and Shiskine take on Southend at 6.30pm.

Arran Dairies Football League Table 2018

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Southend	4	4	0	0	+23	12
Brodick	4	3	0	1	+15	9
Lamlash	4	1	1	2	-6	4
Shiskine	4	1	1	2	-13	4
Northend	4	0	0	4	-17	0

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