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Navy spy sub drone washed up on beach

£200,000 UAV thought to have malfunctioned

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A malfunctioned Navy spy sub drone has been found washed up on an Arran beach.

The sophisticated equipment, worth more than £200,000, was found lying on rocks by a couple out walking their dogs. Royal Navy chiefs have confirmed it was being tested for its potential military use and officers from the trials team, based at Portsmouth, has been sent to Arran to retrieve it.

Slidery residents John and Jean Fitzpatrick are no strangers to discovering unusual and interesting items on the beach but their latest discovery might be their most unusual and

is certainly the most expensive.

While out walking her two dogs at Windy Corner near Corriecravie, Jean noticed, on the rocks in the distance, a white rocket that had washed ashore.

'That is no toy'

Jean said: 'When I first saw it I thought that it was a child's toy, a rocket that shoots up into the air with air pressure. My initial reaction was that it would look great in my two-year old grandchild's room but as I neared the object I thought, "That is no toy" especially when I saw the Royal Navy logo.'

The unmanned autonomous vehicle (UAV) that Jean discovered is a Royal Navy owned IVER3-580 scientific instrument, much



John Fitzpatrick stands next to the £200,000 Royal Navy UAV discovered at Corriecravie.
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like a drone but used for underwater security, research and environmental monitoring. Jean finished her walk and, along with her husband John, they retrieved the 50kg, two-metre UAV and carried it to

safety where they left it in their back garden.

They contacted a friend, Emily Anderson of Subsea Tooling Services UK Ltd, who directed them to a Maritime and Coastguard Agency wreck and salvage

reporting form which had to be completed and sent to the organisation.

When asked how they knew Emily, John said: 'We know Emily from when we dis-

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Anger as bus service is axed

The bus service which met the first ferry from Brodick has been axed.

Users have expressed disappointment at the fact that the Stagecoach X36 service no longer meets the first sailing at the Ardrossan ferry terminal and some other sailings.

It was well used by many elderly and infirm to get into Ardrossan town or go to Glasgow but Stagecoach says it was only 'lightly used' and says the service is no longer viable.

Huge help

Meilan Henderson from Lochranza said: 'For the past four or five years, this has been a huge help to people of limited mobility, allowing them to avoid the long walk from the ferry terminal to Princes Street.'

'Being able to walk off the ferry at 9.20am and get onto the bus at the ferry terminal seven minutes later was a wonderful bonus. Of course one could also go all the way to Glasgow on it, getting to Buchanan Street by 10.45am - almost as fast as taking the train then

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Anger as bus service is axed

Continued from page one walking, or even bussing, up from Central Station.

'The new timetable came out on June 4. You would have thought Stagecoach would have informed the *Banner* and also CalMac of this change to a service that was of use only to Arran travellers, but no, I found out the hard way, and I'm sure others have too.'

'I hope this will be a way of warning other people before they too miss the train by standing trustingly outside the ferry terminal waiting for a bus that will never come.'

The matter was raised at

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the Isle of Arran ferry committee earlier this month but it is not known if they plan to take the matter up with Stagecoach.

A spokeswoman for Stagecoach West Scotland said: 'Prior to Sunday June 4, three journeys per day on our X36 service served Ardrossan ferry terminal, all of which were very lightly used by ferry passengers. To ensure the stability of the X36 service, changes were required to the route.'

'As part of these changes, the decision was taken to no longer serve the ferry terminal. This was due to tight turnaround times for the services in Ardrossan. In order for the X36 to serve the ferry terminal, an additional vehicle would have been required, the costs of which would have been disproportionate to the level of demand.'

Isle be Wild is ready to open

The new adventure playground at Brodick Castle is ready to open next week-end.

To be called 'Isle be Wild', the all-wooden playground will have something for all ages. And it has been revealed there will be no additional charge above the normal garden entry ticket to the castle and country park for its use.

The National Trust for Scotland is hoping that the new tree-top attraction will bring more tourists to Brodick Country Park and be as successful as a similar attraction at Culzean Castle on the mainland when it opens next Saturday July 1.

New interim property manager Chris Mills said:

'The opening of Isle be Wild, our fantastic new adventure playground, is a major step forward in the development of the castle and country park, one of the many new and exciting features which are due to happen over the next couple of years.'

'It is an amazing place which we are really excited about and we are sure it will prove extremely popular with our visitors, young and old.'

The playpark has two sections – a toddler area for the under-fives and the main adventure area for children of all ages. There will also be a food kiosk.

With an adult entry to the gardens £7 and a fam-



Part of the exciting new adventure playground at Brodick Castle.

ily ticket £18, Chris said the most cost-effective way to use the new park was to buy an annual membership for the National Trust.

NTS Ayrshire and Arran general manager Stuart Maxwell said the Culzean park had been open for two years and had proved a 'massive draw'. 'We believe the new Brodick playground can be as big an attraction and encourage lots more people to come to Arran and to the castle.'

Meanwhile, the extensive fire prevention works at the castle are continuing and are due for completion by the start of 2108 when the castle's collection of artworks, 60 per cent of which are being stored on the mainland, will be returned to be displayed in time for the Easter re-opening. A new refurbished cafe will also open at that time.

Spy drone washed up on beach

Continued from page one covered a marine survey recovery vehicle. A few years ago we found a device which is attached to a UAV and returns it in the event of there being a problem, and Emily helped us identify it.

'She was a bit surprised to hear from us again with our latest find but she identified the UAV for us once more, even though this time it was a Ministry of Defence piece of equipment rather than a private one.'

'She identified the IVER3-580 as a state-of-the-art UAV capable of exploring sub-sea areas at speeds of up to four knots and at depths of 100 metres. It can travel for up to 14 hours autonomously and contains its own on-board computer with sonar, navigation lights, GPS and wifi and advanced mapping abilities.'

Commercially

'The basic model, without the advanced additional equipment on this one, is available commercially for £160,000 so this one should be a snip at about £200,000, according to estimates,' John said.

Remarkably, Jean and

John, who have a long list of beach discoveries ranging from messages in bottles to toy pirate ships and the odd bit of military ordinance, and now UAVs, can also lay claim to a discovery that has contributed to our understanding of the prehistoric world.

Discovered

In 2009, once again while out walking their dogs, they discovered more than 100 footprints from a lizard called Isochirotherium – also known as the hand-beast – which lived more than 270 million years ago in Sliderry, which was then part of a land mass joined with the United States.

Shortly after reporting having found the UAV, Jean received a call from a military official who arranged to retrieve the piece of maritime hardware and, while not a consideration for the Fitzpatricks, they learned that the item is considered lost property rather than maritime salvage which entitles the finder to a financial reward.

According to the Merchant Shipping Act of 1995, it is the duty of the Receiver of Wrecks to ensure that a fair salvage

award payment is made for the return of salvaged property, which could have been a considerable sum in this case owing to the value of the UAV.

John said: 'I respect the good work that the Royal Navy performs around the world and our main intention with the UAV is to make sure that it is returned to its rightful owner.'

Lieutenant Commander John R Hunnibell, the officer in charge of the Royal Navy's Maritime Autonomous Systems Trials Team, said: 'The Royal Navy trials various autonomous underwater data gathering equipment in order to establish its capability and potential military application.'

Malfunction

'On very rare occasions, this autonomous equipment – which is commercially available – can malfunction, and as a result cannot be retrieved.'

'The navy's trials team is grateful to the members of the public on Arran who found the equipment and reported it to the authorities. It can now be recovered, refurbished and used in later trials.'

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Doug brings his story of endurance and survival

People on Arran will be able to meet legendary mountaineer and explorer Doug Scott CBE when he hosts a special 40-year anniversary talk next month.

Doug, who is known for one of the most dramatic stories of survival after encountering difficulties in the Karakoram mountains in Asia, will provide listeners with details of his adventures using photographs and excerpts from his diary.

In July 1977, Doug and another icon of mountaineering, Chris Bonington, made the first ascent of Baintha Brakk (7,285m) in the Karakoram – descriptively known as The Ogre. Their climb extended the boundaries of what had been achieved before at

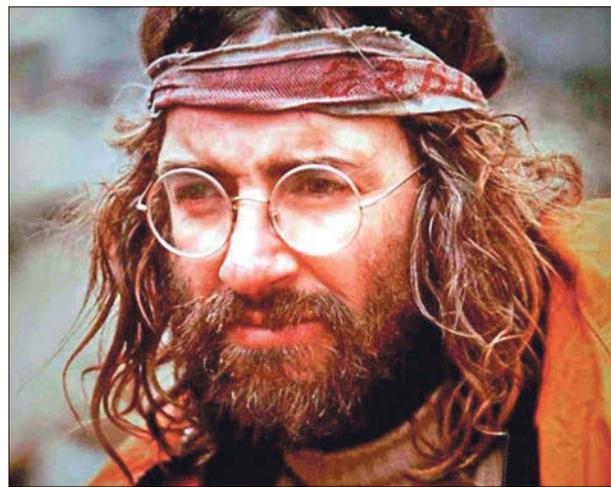
that altitude. But it was the subsequent descent from the summit in the dark, that turned a catalogue of disasters, that would have defeated most people, into an epic journey.

Doug slipped on the abseil below the summit, breaking both legs just above the ankles and losing his glasses and ice axe. He and Chris were forced to spend the night on a snow patch, warding off frostbite. Chris then went on to alert their team-mates, while Doug crawled out on his hands and knees. Storm and starvation followed but they had to carry on regardless before losing all their remaining strength. Chris abseiled off the end of the rope, smashing his ribs and

later contracting pneumonia. With the selfless help of Mo Anthoine and Clive Rowland, it took them eight days to reach base camp but the adventure did not stop there ...

The talk takes place at Arran High School on Tuesday July 4 at 7.30pm and proceeds from ticket sales, which are available online or at Arran Active in Brodick, will go towards the work of Doug's charity in Nepal, Community Action Nepal. Ensuring that the maximum amount of funds go to the charity, Arran Active will cover the costs of the venue, and accommodation has been provided by Sherie and Andrew Walker at Ivybank in Lamlash.

The evening will also in-



Doug Scott during his 1977 climb of The Ogre.

clude a sale of Nepalese goods, cards and posters and the talk will be followed by an auction of signed framed mountaineering prints, all supporting

the post-earthquake reconstruction work of Community Action Nepal. Doug will also sign copies of his award-winning autobiography *Up and About*.

Heather Queen gala day

The annual Lamlash Heather Queen crowning and fun day will be held on Saturday July 15 this year. And as well as the usual fancy dress, there will be a best dressed pram and your cutest pet competitions to enter.

The parade through the village from the clock tower car park will start as usual at 1pm. There will also be a tea tent, home baking, tombola, burgers, a music and dance show, a bouncy castle, face painting, craft stalls and daft stall. For pet owners, there will also be Murray's famous dog scurry and a not-so-serious pet show and more fun activities for a great day out for all.

Community council meet

The June meeting of Arran Community Council will be held on Tuesday June 27 in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick at 6pm.



Summer showcase of talent

The first Summer Showcase of musical talent was held at Arran High School on Tuesday night in a packed community theatre when pupils of all ages performed. The rousing finale, pictured above, saw the assembled company belting out the song *Something inside so strong*. For a full report and more pictures, see next week's *Banner*.

Health board exceeds four-hour target

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson has praised hard-working NHS staff after hospitals in NHS Ayrshire and Arran outperformed the four hour A&E waiting time target.

More than 95 per cent of patients across Scotland's core accident and emergency departments were seen, admitted or discharged within four hours, according to the most recent figures.

Hospitals across Ayrshire and Arran per-

formed above the national figure, with 97.2 per cent of patients being seen within the four-hour target. Scottish hospitals have been the best performing emergency departments in the UK consistently now for more than two years.

Mr Gibson said: 'The excellent performance of Ayrshire and Arran's emergency departments is testament to the hard work of our NHS and social care workers.'

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First ferry docks at new linkspan

The first ferry has docked at the new Brodick ferry terminal.

Caledonian MacBrayne used the longest night of the year and the return of the *MV Isle of Arran* on Wednesday night to carry out the first berthing trials at the new pier.

The ferry carried out the trials following its arrival from Ardrossan. Without any fuss or ceremony, she slipped out of the old pier and began her manoeuvres at the new pier at high tide.

Only a handful of onlookers were there as she, first, backed into the right hand pier without incident before, secondly, reversing into the linkspan, which will be the usual pier for the ferries to dock, and lowered the car ramp.

There were a number of CalMac, CMAL officials and staff as well as representatives of the contractors George Leslie Ltd present but the trials appear to have been a success and more are planned next week.



The first ferry sits docked at the right berth of the new pier. 01_A25pier01



The *MV Isle of Arran* reverses into the new linkspan. 01_A25pier02



Staff look on as the car ramp is lowered on to the new linkspan. 01_A25pier03

Isle of Arran back in service after repairs

The *MV Isle of Arran* is back in service after two weeks of repairs.

The second summer ferry came back into service on Wednesday night making the 4.40pm sailing from Ardrossan to Brodick.

The ferry had been in dry dock in Greenock since her bow thruster engine blew up earlier this month. Op-

erator Caledonian MacBrayne confirmed that all repairs have been completed.

Engine trouble

The 33-year-old vessel developed engine trouble just after leaving Brodick pier on Wednesday June 7, causing a thick pall of black smoke and she limped out of service.

CalMac said the ferry suffered 'significant' damage to her bow thruster and spare parts had to be brought in from across the UK and Europe to rebuild the engine.

The cancellation of services left many passengers frustrated as the *MV Caledonian Isles* struggled to cope with demand on her own.

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Arran potter fired up after video goes viral

Potter Simon Thorborn of Arran Ceramics has received an unprecedented amount of interest in his work since a video of his creation of a Raku bowl went viral on the internet with millions of people viewing it.

The video, produced by Chris and Jan Attkins of Positive Pictures, takes the viewer through the process of making the bowl from a lump of clay to the designing and firing, showing every step in the elaborate

and time consuming process. The upsurge in publicity surrounding the making of the Japanese style of pottery has seen all of Simon's Raku pieces being sold, with demand now outstripping his ability to create new pieces. He has also been inundated with enquiries from as far afield as the United States and Brazil and has been contacted by other artists wanting to emulate his technique.

Simon said: 'I have sold out of all studio Raku pieces

and I have closed my on-line store for the foreseeable future as I am struggling to fulfill orders and keep work on the shelves at my workshop and gallery at Home Farm.'

Simon who has been working as a potter on Arran since 1986, and who has had a pottery and gallery at the Balmichael Visitor Centre and at the old Byre Showroom at Machrie, recently expanded his business to the Home Farm in Brodick where he sells and produces stoneware and ceramics ranging from plates, bowls, jugs and mugs and everything in between, including a kitchen sink.

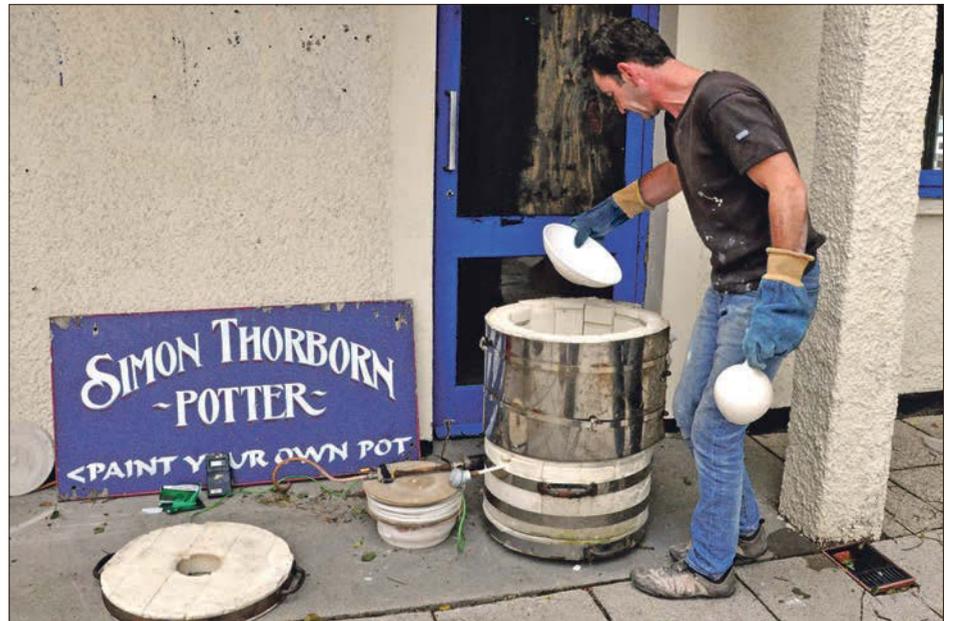
The demand for his work has meant seasonal staff, who are due to start this week, will be kept busy helping to run the pottery while an apprentice has also been secured for later this year.

Simon said: 'I am astounded with the amount of views the video has had. I am delighted with it.

'I particularly like the fact other artists in the area, and those who are part of the Arran Art Trail, have received an increase in interest from around the world.'



Simon shows off his Raku style vase with some of his other designs behind him. 01_B24simon02



Simon loads some pottery into his outdoor kiln for firing. 01_B24simon01

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Top marks for Whiting Bay primary

Whiting Bay Primary School has been given top marks in a new inspection and review conducted by Education Scotland.

The report found that the key strengths of the school were that it has a caring and supportive ethos with a strong focus on well-being.

This has continued to be a priority under the leadership of the new head teacher Shirley MacLachlan, the report said.

It continued that positive relationships across the school and its community are a strong feature of the school. This is resulting in children feeling confident, cared for and respected.

Staff were said to plan engaging and motivating activities that are enriching children's learning experiences. Relevant contexts for learning, outdoor learning and use of local

environment provide children with good opportunities to apply and develop their skills.

Approaches to developing children's skills and interests in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are enriching their experiences and developing their curiosity and ambition.

The school has developed effective partnership working. Staff utilise the skills and talents of parents, community and business partners to support and enhance children's experiences.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from North Ayrshire Council:

- * Develop approaches to self-evaluation that involve children, parents and partners so that

a shared vision for change and improvement drives the work of the school.

- * Ensure that learning is matched well to individual children's needs so that all children make appropriate progress in their learning.

- * Improve approaches to assessment and staff's understanding of national standards to improve attainment for all.

The report concluded: 'We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Our area lead officer will maintain contact with North Ayrshire Council to monitor the school's progress. North Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.'



Douglas in conversation with Dame Gillian Weir.

Organ recital at Lamlash Church

Lamlash Church is delighted to host a recital by renowned organist Douglas Bruce on Sunday June 25 at 3pm.

Born in Perth, Douglas moved to Edinburgh at an early age. While preparing for a career in accountancy, he studied with Noel Rawsthorne (Liverpool Cathedral) and later obtained the ARCO, ARCM (magna cum laude) and LRAM diplomas, conferred by London's three leading conservatories.

Douglas lived in Switzerland before moving in 2011 to Germany. He has continued his organ studies under Felix Pachlatko (Basel Cathedral), and participated in master classes under Kevin Bowyer, Dame Gillian Weir and Ludger Lohmann.

Douglas is a much-travelled recitalist, and has played around 100 recitals in 25 states of the USA. He has participated in recital series in New York, Boston, Chicago and West Point, which is home to the world's largest church organ, and he has accepted multiple invitations from the universities of Harvard and Princeton, the

Roman Catholic cathedrals of Los Angeles and San Francisco, and Washington National Cathedral.

In Canada and Europe, he has played in a further 23 cathedrals and appeared at various organ festivals in the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Scotland and Ukraine, as well as civic venues such as Glasgow's Kelvingrove Museum and Dundee's Caird Hall.

Douglas is currently organist at the Parish Church of Wollbach, in the Black Forest of Germany. The first occasion on which he played for a church service occurred in 1959 at Lochranza Church, where he was one of a number of holiday-makers deputising for the incumbent organist during indisposition. Douglas and his wife are smitten with Arran and holiday here as often as they can.

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Arran Coastal Way is a great trail

The 65-mile long circular walking route around Arran has been added to the Scotland's Great Trails network by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

The Arran Coastal Way is the 29th long distance route (LDR) to achieve this status, along with world-famous paths including the Great Glen Way and the West Highland Way. It is one of the more challenging LDRs, but the rewards for users are well worth the effort.

The trail passes through ancient woodland and along sandy beaches and rocky shores, with amazing wildlife and spectacular scenery all the way around the island.

The route links the 12 coastal villages which offer welcoming accommodation and local food for trail users to enjoy at the end of the day, making it perfect for a week-long walking holiday. Equally, with plenty of side trips and other attractions to visit, the path is also ideal for those wanting to explore particular areas of the island.

To be included in the Scotland's Great Trails branded network, LDRs must fulfil certain criteria. For example, each trail is at least 25 miles long and largely off-road with a clearly defined path. The routes all have a high standard of waymarking and signs in place, with a range of visitor services along the way and an on-line presence with information to help all kinds of visitors plan a trip.

SNH developed and champions the Scotland's Great Trails brand to identify, improve and promote the country's network of LDRs so they can be enjoyed by as many people as possible. Collectively, the different routes provide more than 1,900 miles of well managed paths from the Borders to the Highlands, offering great opportunities to explore the best of Scotland's nature and landscapes and to experi-

ence the amazing history and culture.

The route on Arran was originally conceived in the 1990s by two local men who had a dream to create a walk around the island's entire coastline. Several years ago, the Arran Access Trust (AAT) took on responsibility for the route and, with funding from the Coastal Communities Fund, has overseen recent improvements to the path, signs and interpretation along the route.

Dr Mike Cantlay, SNH chairman, said: 'We are really pleased to be able to give this much-deserved award to the Arran Coastal Way. The Arran Access

Trust has worked incredibly hard over the past few years to bring the path up to the high standards required to become one of Scotland's Great Trails. Its vision and commitment is a shining example of what communities can achieve when they have a clear goal.

'The Arran Coastal Way is a fantastic outdoor tourism asset and one of the flagship routes in our National Walking and Cycling Network. We hope recognition as one of Scotland's Great Trails helps to attract many more visitors to this beautiful island over the coming years.'

Malcolm Whitmore, of the Arran Access Trust,



The Arran Coastal Way takes walkers along the island's well defined and established pathways, offering spectacular sea views.

added: 'Arran Access Trust is delighted the Arran Coastal Way has become recognised as one of Scotland's Great Trails. Arran has been called Scotland in miniature as the island encompasses so much of the landscapes, history, geolo-

gy and wildlife of Scotland and, being only two hours from the centre of Glasgow, it offers unrivalled opportunity for folk to visit and enjoy island life. We believe the Arran Coastal Way is the finest walking circuit of an island anywhere in Scot-

land and look forward to welcoming walkers whether they are completing the whole circumnavigation of the island or exploring a taster section for a day.'

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Editorial

Ferry bus service is a loss

The withdrawal of the bus serving Ardrossan ferry terminal will be a blow to many.

Despite the Stagecoach assertion it was only 'lightly used', we have been made aware of many islanders, in good health, as well as infirm or elderly who made use of the service regularly.

Granted, for a lot of people it is only a short walk to the bus stops in Ardrossan, but for many it is more of a challenge. By axing the service, we feel Stagecoach has simply handed passengers to ScotRail but for the passengers there is a cost. Many using the service had their concession pass which meant they could travel free.

The fact that Stagecoach withdrew the service without any consultation or, it seems, without even telling anyone has left passengers even more frustrated. And the Stagecoach explanation seems ambiguous as it now appears to be arguing that for the service to be reinstated it would need another bus – yet the service previously operated without any additional vehicles.

But maybe there is a slim hope yet. If the Arran travelling public make their feelings known to their elected representatives and to the bus company itself, maybe common sense will prevail.

It is now over to you, Stagecoach.

Thought for the week

'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.'
Romans 12: 9-10

Motorcycle show

Sir,
The Classic Motorcycle Show at the Arran Heritage Museum has become a very popular and successful annual event. This year it will take place on Sunday July 16 and the organising committee is busy preparing for this, our fifth show.

We are always keen to welcome anyone who has a bike which they would like to be included in the show. It doesn'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 expensive classics. They don't necessarily have to be very old either, just interesting.

We have included some classic cars and other vehicles in previous shows and we would like to have some more this year. They don't have to be in show condition either, so long as they would be of interest to visitors to the show.

We know that there's plenty of interesting old bikes and other vehicles all over the island. Here's a chance to let folk see them and appreciate our wonderful transport heritage.

If you've got a motorbike or other vehicle you think would be of interest, or know someone who has, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact any of the organisers to let us know. 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,
Corrie.**

Potty decision

Sir,
After just coming back from your lovely island, I was so disappointed to see the loos have been shut. What on earth is going on?

For visitors like us, we need a loo, one of us is registered disabled and one has IBS. What can you suggest we do? Paid 50p at the Kinloch, CalMac toilets were great.

Please can someone do something about this awful state of affairs before we come back next year. Maybe we should bring our own potty.

Yours,
**Linda Hargreaves,
Carlisle.**

Island omission

Sir,
We have just returned from a wonderful two-week holiday on Arran, which we loved. The scenery, walking, sunsets and wildlife were fantastic, and we really enjoyed our stay at the idyllic Lochranza campsite.

We were impressed by the number of seats provided everywhere we walked, and the thoughtful placing of bins and dog bins.

The only omission was the lack of public toilets. With your new ferry next year and more visitors coming to your lovely island, perhaps this is something which does need urgently addressing.

Thanks for a great holiday and we look forward to returning next year.

Yours,
**Elaine and Gavin
Walkingshaw,
Wiltshire.**

MoonWalk Belles

Sir,
The Lochranza Belles would like to say a very big thank you for all the support that we have been given for their MoonWalk challenge. Particularly, we would like to thank Alan Johnston for the lights and thank you cards, Joe Lord for the wonderful bra decoration, Greta and Kenneth Prichard for their most generous hospitality and taxi service, and the *Arran Banner* for all the publicity.

We successfully completed the 13.1-mile half noon challenge in under four hours and it was great fun. Through enormous generosity, we have raised more than £3,000 for breast cancer and would like to say a big thank you to everyone.

Yours,
**Maureen Cumming,
Fiona Henderson and
Hellen Thorburn,
Lochranza.**

Friend in need

Sir,
At Independent Age, the older people's charity, we're always trying to help as many older people as possible. Right now, we want to encourage older people in Scotland who may be feeling lonely to get in touch with us to find out about our friendship services, which could help to reduce loneliness.

We have friendly, trained volunteers waiting to make regular calls to the people who need them to help make a difference to their lives, so we're keen to hear from people who may have lost touch with close friends or family and would like to find someone friendly to talk to.

Receiving a regular call can be invaluable to someone who is lonely. Having a volunteer for a regular

telephone call can provide vital companionship for older people who are lonely, enabling them to feel more connected to their local community.

Older people who would like to receive regular calls from a volunteer can sign up at www.independent-age.org/get-support/receive-regular-phone-calls-or-visits or by calling 0800 319 6789.

Yours,
**Jeanette Bates,
Head of Wellbeing
at Independent Age.**

Diabetes Scotland

Sir,
Living with Type 1 diabetes is difficult at any age. For young people who are also faced with the challenges of becoming an adult and making important life choices, managing a long-term condition can become that bit more burdensome.

At Diabetes Scotland, we are embarking on an ambitious new project to empower young people aged 16 to 25, who are living with Type 1 diabetes, to influence and effect change in care, services and support. Thanks to funding from Young Start at the Big Lottery Fund, we are currently recruiting volunteers from all over Scotland to join our Young Leaders programme. Those involved will be given the opportunity to plan and deliver a range of activities to raise awareness and tackle the issues that are important to them.

To any readers aged 16 to 25 and living with Type 1 diabetes, I'd urge you to go to our website www.diabetes.org.uk/scotland or you can call me on 0141 245 6380.

Yours,
**Catriona Stewart,
Youth Officer,
Diabetes Scotland.**

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Lochranza gala day is back after 20 year wait

After more than 20 years, Lochranza gala weekend has been revived by a new generation with a distinctly watery theme.

Three local residents first got together months ago with a plan to bring back the gala day and now things are coming together. A packed weekend of events will see the return of Sea Queen at the head of a jellyfish umbrella parade and a Bogie McBoatrace.

Long time

The women behind the revival are Holly Murdoch, Lorna Logan and Jess Kerr-Fearon. Lorna said: 'We all felt it was time the village had its own gala day again. It has been a long time without one.'

Anyone wishing to take part in the bogie race are urged to start getting creative as there is only a few weeks to the event on the castle spit on Saturday July 22.

Events will start on Thursday July 20 with Ceilidh Trail performing in Lochranza Hall at 7.30pm.

The following night there will be a Kilbride vs Kilmory quiz night with Brian Millar asking the questions.

Saturday will see the main gala events starting with a parade from Catacol and a procession from Lochranza pier at 2.30pm led by the Sea King and Queen and the pipe band to Lochranza village hall followed by the jellyfish umbrella parade.

The Sea Queen will then officially open the gala.

Duck derby

There will be stalls on the hall green, children's games, a dog show, live music, barbecue and bar. The Bogie McBoatrace starts at 3.30pm and the day will round off with a duck derby from the Golf Course Bridge to the doctor's surgery at 5.30pm.

At night there will be a chance to dance away to the sounds of the excellent Falkirk band Soundcradle in the hall which will have a licenced bar.

And the fun doesn't stop there as Sunday will see a Texas Scramble at Lochranza Golf Course at 10am along with a chil-



Organisers Holly Murdoch, Lorna Logan and Jess Kerr-Fearon outside Lochranza Hall.

dren's putting competition at 11am.

Later there will be a sausage sizzle and other children's events from 2pm at

the hall followed by the prizegiving with the Sea Queen handing out the prizes.

'It should be a good fun

weekend with something for everyone and we hope the public will come out and support us,' Lorna added.



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Local residents enjoyed a coffee morning in Kildonan Village Hall to celebrate the relocation of the Post Office.

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Postmaster Nicola Greig explained the reason for the move: 'Kildonan Post Of-

Postmaster Nicola Greig and assistant Jane Gillespie will provide customers with a welcoming smile and a range of postal services.

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Well-wishers and supporters attended a coffee morning showing their support for the new Kildonan Post Office. 01_B25PO01

ice has operated at the Kildonan Hotel for many years but feedback from the community highlighted it was a bit out of the way for many residents.

'We have listened to these concerns and, along with the hall committee, have secured use the village hall in the centre of the village

to better serve customers. The consensus among residents is that the community would be better served at our new central location. 'I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and everyone who has visited this morning wishing us the best of luck.'

Post office assistant Jane Gillespie will be assisting Nicola who also runs a Post Office in the village hall in Lochranza which is open on a Tuesday and Friday from 9.45am to 1.15pm and the Post Office in Blackwaterfoot which offers a full range of services, Monday to Saturday.

Kilmichael Country House Hotel returns to residential home

Permission has been granted by North Ayrshire Council planning officials for the former Kilmichael Country House Hotel to be returned to residential use.

Owners Geoffrey Botterill and Anthony Butterworth closed the hotel last October but continue to live in Kilmichael House, outside

Brodick, which was built as a private residence. Planning officials heard there was physical evidence internally to suggest that the earliest part dates to before 1681, which means it was a private dwelling for at least 250 years before it became a 'boarding house' in 1950. It is said to be one of the

oldest houses on the island. There is no record of any formal planning application for change to commercial use and throughout the period of commercial operation the house retained its character as a private home, with the owners living in it alongside guests.

No significant structural alteration is required for the reversion to a private dwelling.

Change of use has also been granted in respect of Peacock and Vane Cottages from 'self catering apartment in association with the hotel' to independent dwellings.

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New Kilmory hub is first in Eco Savvy network

The first of eight planned Eco Savvy reuse micro hubs has opened at Kilmory Hall.

Hub manager David Payne officially opened the community hub, surrounded by eco partners.

After a brief introduction by project manager Michael Gettins, David welcomed the visitors and partners before P3 to P5 Kilmory Primary School pupils entertained the assembled group with a musical performance played entirely with recycled instruments; bottles, tissue box guitars and toilet roll shakers.

The new micro hub is the

first of a series, making up a network across the island where people can offer up, for reuse and recycling, items that can be given a new lease of life under a new guise to avoid it ending up on a landfill site.

The hub will also play a large part in delivering educational events, promoting environmental awareness and swap shops.

Partnering up and sharing ideologies and hosting a table at the opening of the Kilmory hub were members from the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), Arran Community Land Initiative, Lochranza Field Cen-

tre and other partners who encourage eco responsibility and sustainability.

David thanked the Kilmory Hall committee members for their assistance and welcomed his first volunteer, Bruno Baumgärtner, who will assist with community events and encourage responsible and ecologically friendly methods of sustainability.

As previously reported in the *Banner*, the £65,000 project funded by the Scottish government through the climate challenge fund and the European Union's regional development fund, will see seven more hubs open across the island.



Kilmory Primary School pupils inspect some of the items available at the Eco Savvy stall.

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Project manager Michael Gettins, hub manager David Payne and volunteer Bruno Baumgärtner at the Kilmory Eco Savvy micro hub.

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Kilmory pupils perform using musical instruments made out of recycled materials.

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Pupils and visitors learn about other community organisations on the island.

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Visitors meet with stall holders to discuss the work of environmentally-friendly organisations on Arran.

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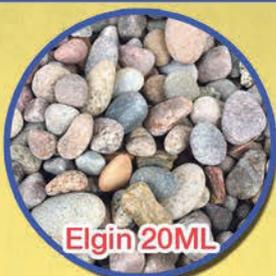


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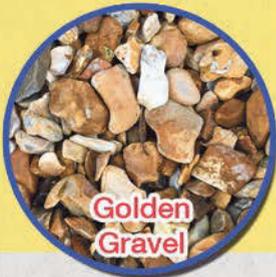
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Day centre raises funds for the Sandpiper Trust



Service users Bella Kelso and Margaret Logan present Dr Greg Hamill with a cheque for the Sandpiper Trust. 01_B25sandpiper03

Users of Stronach Day Services held a coffee afternoon last week where they raised funds and presented a cheque to the Sandpiper Trust.

The day centre, which is based at Montrose House in Brodick, provides support and social care for older people aged 65 and over. They meet regularly, holding meetings every six weeks where members unanimously decided on the Sandpiper Trust as their nominated beneficiary for their coffee morning.

Receiving £179 on behalf of the charity, Dr Greg Hamill thanked the residents and users and talked about the valuable work



Dr Greg Hamill spoke to residents and visitors about the work of the Sandpiper Trust and demonstrated one of the bags that they provide. 01_B25sandpiper02

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that the charity undertakes. Established 15 years ago, and with the assistance of BASICS Scotland, which provides emergency training, the Sandpiper Trust provides portable medical equipment in a large bag for dealing with emergency situations. These bags, along with defibrillators, are used by the doctors and first responders and other emergency personnel on the island.

The staff of Montrose House and Stronach Day Services, who organised the event, which included a game of bingo and a singalong, thanked all of

the residents, family and friends who attended the coffee afternoon and for their contribution to the Sandpiper Trust which they said, was appreciated and which would be put to good use in the community.



Staff of Montrose House dressed as Disney characters for the coffee afternoon. 01_B25sandpiper01

Pupils go wild for the Arran coast

Pupils from Arran High School have teamed up with the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) to create a website about Arran's coast and marine life called Wild Arran Coast.

The blog-style website features articles, short videos and information on a number of topics involving marine wildlife, activities and conservation. It also features a diverse range of interviews with people in the community, from swimmers, walkers, photographers to kayakers and rowing clubs.

Articles cover a broad range of topics, from beach cleaning to dog walking and horse riding and swimming, to a few that focus on specific marine species such as

common seals and sea anemone. There are also details about the Arran South Marine Protected Area and the Lamlash No Take Zone, as well as information on photography along with 100 reasons to love the sea which is a series of 15 videos from local figures who describe what their reasons are for appreciating and enjoying the Arran coast.

The group of high school pupils who created the blog, which went live earlier this month, describe the project as 'participative' and they hope 'to attract attention to the amazing and unique sea life and sea beds' around the island.

The website can be found at: www.wildarrancoast.wordpress.co.

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Craft fair proves to be a hand-made success

Crafters, artists and nimble-fingered knitters filled the Whiting Bay hall at the first Crafts & Company collective craft fair on Tuesday.

With decorative displays and items for sale, many of the exhibitors offered interested visitors the opportunity to try their hand at a new craft and possibly even find a new hobby. Among the live crafts where people could learn new skills was a crochet workshop, a wool spinner and many friendly and approachable crafters who were happy to share their knowledge and spend a few minutes chatting about their craft.

The fair offered like-minded people the opportunity to see what is being hand-made on Arran and offered various interesting and novel goods for sale. Stall-holders ranged

from jewellery to knitted items, cards, tins, boxes, prints and paintings to tie-dyed clothing and embroidery and woodwork. Popular too, was a selection of home-baking by Cheryl McIernon of Brodick, whose scones were incredibly well received and much commented on.

The fair, which will become a monthly event, is the brainchild of Fiona Doubleday who, along with Coral Smith, started Crafts & Company as a monthly craft club supporting various charities such as Mind, RNLI, Dresses for Africa, Ayrshire Hospice and Mary's Meals. Its popularity became so great that five new people joined its ranks to become the new Crafts & Company Collective, which has expanded to a monthly fair which will take place across the island. The two charities

selected to benefit from the work of the collective will be Knit A Square for orphans in South Africa, which will be made into blankets, and the Arran Duke of Edinburgh group to assist with their expedition costs.

Fiona said: 'I am delighted with the turnout today and also with the live crafts where people are sharing their skills. We are celebrating hand-made items which are all produced on Arran. If you would like to learn a new skill or a chance to try something new, or even just to meet new people, pop along to one of our craft fairs where you will be made to feel very welcome.'

The next craft fair will be held at the Whiting Bay hall on Tuesday July 18 from 11am to 3pm. If you wish to exhibit, Fiona can be contacted at craftsandcompanyarran@gmail.com.



Yvonne Bailey, who creates folk art and traditional narrow boat decoration artworks, demonstrates her craft. 01_B25craft02



Sharing and learning new skills, the Make and Take learn to crochet workshop was a huge success. 01_B25craft01



Linda MacCallum of Granny's Knits specialises in baby and children's knitwear. 01_B25craft04



More than 20 exhibitors displayed their handiwork at the fair, which was well attended. 01_B25craft03



Liz Dale, Mhairi MacMillan and Jean Glen sing traditional Gaelic walking songs as they wauk the tweed. 01_B25craft04



Farmer John Murchie demonstrates traditional sheep shearing. 01_B25craft03

Traditional skills on display

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

Arran Heritage Museum started its summer of special events with its annual Crafts Day which attracted a large number of visitors, both young and old.

The museum, whose exhibits reflect the social history, archaeology and geology of the island, hosted a day of demonstrations of traditional skills and crafts, many of which have been lost in today's modern world.

Starting off the day with an agricultural display, farmer John Murchie of Corriegills demonstrated sheep shearing to the delight of the children who were able to touch and feel the shorn fleeces.

Equally exciting for the children was an exhibition by Phyllis Picken who churned milk into butter in an old fashioned butter churn that the children were allowed to try by cranking the handle.

Adults took their turn to appreciate their efforts as the handmade butter was spread on scones and pancakes that were available with cream and jam.

Under a large marquee, spinners Alison Barr and Rorie Rutherford spun fleece into wool which was then woven or knitted into traditional woollen wear.

Waulking, the practice of beating newly-woven tweed to soften it, was also on display and accompanied by the traditional

Gaelic waulking songs which filled the air and drifted across the manicured grounds while visitors enjoyed the edible delights of Rosa Burn Cafe.

In the shed, which operated as a smiddy from the early 19th century until the 1960s, the art of the blacksmith was resurrected, using original tools and equipment by Barry Taylor who crafted metalwork items out of metal ingots.

Rounding off a fantastic day in bright sunshine which included the excitement of tombola winners claiming their prizes, Isle of Arran Pipe Band, as usual, attracted a great deal of interest as they performed traditional songs for the crowd.



Arran Pipe Band march into the garden for their performance. 01_B25craft06



Alison Barr and Rorie Rutherford demonstrate the two methods of spinning fleece into wool. 01_B25craft07

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Dornie, Village Hall	4 July
Lochcarron, Battery Park	5 July
Torriford, Torriford Inn	6 July
Gairloch, High School	7 - 8 July
Ullapool, Leisure Centre	10 - 11 July
Lochinver, harbour area	12 - 13 July
Kinlochbervie, High School	14 July
Durness, the Square	15 July
Bettyhill, opp Bettyhill Hotel	17 - 18 July
Lairg, Community Centre	19 July - 20 July
Tomintoul, main car park	21 July
Newtonmore, Newtonmore Grill	22 - 23 July
Fort Augustus, main car park	24 - 25 July
Kinlochleven, by Ice Factor	26 - 27 July
Lochaline, West Pier	28 - 29 July
Tobermory, Ledaig car park	30 July - 1 August
Bunessan, car park	2 August
Lochgilthead, Resource Centre	3 - 5 August
Inveraray, main car park	7 August
Tarbert Loch Fyne, Campbelltown Rd	8 - 9 August
Portavadie, Spa & Leisure car park	10 August
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Brodick, Auchrannie Hotel	16 - 19 August

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Arran Brewery
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Saturday 24th June

Army Cadets
RNLI Shop
Over 21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Arran Coastal Rowing Regatta
Live music – Little Miss Debby & The G Men
Women in Black
Live music – Mic Clark
Craft sale for Karelia House
Live music

Sunday 25th June

Family games
Fun in the pool
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA meeting
RNLI Shop
Live music – Little Miss Debby & The G Men, unplugged
Organ recital

Monday 26th June

Over 50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobix
Tae Kwondo
Summer bridge tournament
Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau
Adult tennis
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran skinnymalinks
Arran skinnymalinks
Coffee Morning
Live music – Dakota Jim
Live music
Resilience The biology of stress and science of hope

Tuesday 27th June

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy outdoors

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
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Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm
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Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Green 2pm
Lamlash Pier, 11am
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
The Coastal Way Start, Brodict, 1pm
The Douglas Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Hall, 9.30am - 2.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 2.30pm - 5pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Lamlash Church, 3pm

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie sports hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Arran High School dance studio, 6.30pm
Brodict Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - visitors welcome
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Shiskine Church Hall, 5.15pm
Brodict Church Kitchen, 6pm
Whiting Bay and Kildonan church hall, 10.30am - 12noon
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 5pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm

Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Pilates
Brodict Castle garden walk
Live music
Scottish Country Dancing
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Wednesday 28th June

Rock an pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass rehearsal
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
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Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
Dog classes
Knittnerly and Natterly
Family friendly pup quiz
Bus pass club meal
Coffee morning
Burger and quiz night
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran Skinnymalinks
Coffee morning
ArCaS AGM
Live music

Thursday 29th June

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Ladies' hockey
Winter bowls
Arran Bridge
Quilt Arran
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Adult Tennis
Live music – Whisky Moon Face and Dakota Jim
Music Matters
Live music

Friday 30th June

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
Arran Vets reception
AA meeting
Tae Kwondo
Open mic led by Cams Campbell
Coffee Morning
Live music
Live music – The Buchaneers

Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7.30pm

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
Dunfion Carpark, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
The PHT, noon - 2.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall 5pm
Brodict Church hall, 10.30am - 12 noon
Glencloy suite, Auchrannie, 7.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm

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Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
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9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
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Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
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The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Lamlash church Hall, 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
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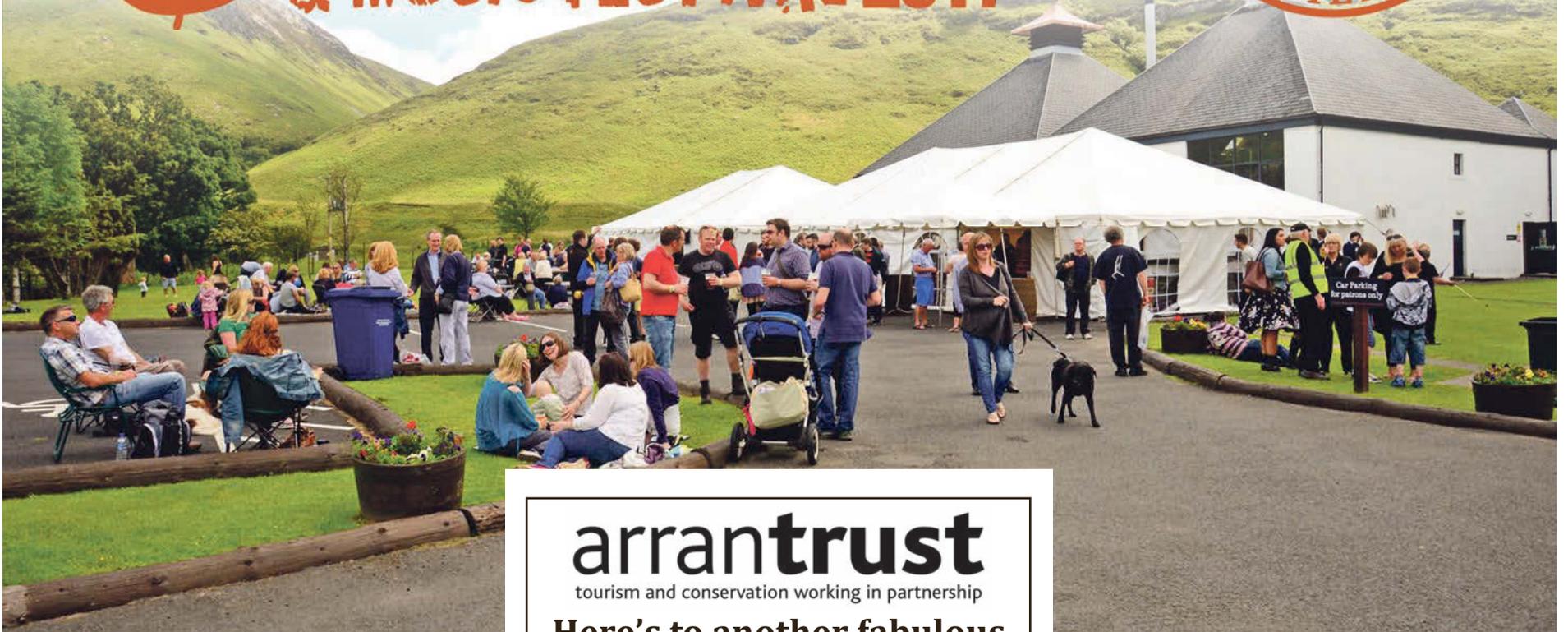
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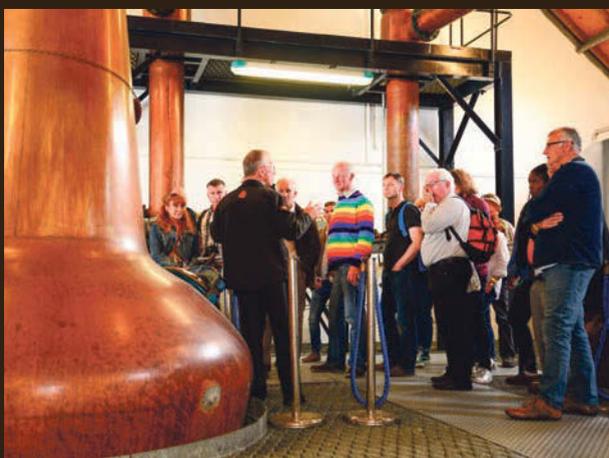
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from 11am - 3pm. Packed lunch and special dram are included. Tickets for this are still available from Arran Events priced at £50 each. A few spaces are still available. The White Stag Dinner will be held in the Grand Marquee in the grounds of the Distillery at 7pm on the Friday evening. Tickets for this wonderful event are already sold out and the lucky attendees can look forward to enjoying a wonderful evening in great company, tasting some very exclusive drams from our island whisky hosts! Saturday 1st July 2017 The main Festival takes place on Saturday 1st July 2017 from 11am - 5pm. Masterclasses, mini tours and tastings, live music, a specialist rare whisky bar and a cocktail bar will be available. Food will also be available to purchase on the day. Entry is free of charge.

Masterclass tickets are mostly now sold out, however there are still a few places left on the following classes:
 Arran Cocktail Masterclass - hosted by the team from The Devil's Advocate
 Arran Whisky & Chocolate Pairing Masterclass
 Arran Whisky & Food Pairing Masterclass
 Arran Whisky & Beer Masterclass
 Visit www.arranevents.com for last minute tickets!
 The annual ceilidh will take place on the Saturday evening in the Grand Marquee in the Distillery grounds, from 8pm. Tickets for this are already sold out!
 Sunday 2nd July 2017 The Survivors Lunch will be held on the Sunday 12.30 - 14.30 with Master Distiller James MacTaggart. Tickets are priced at £25 and a few are still available.



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Mystery of the Orkney murals

The search is on to find out more about a series of murals recently spotted in Orkney which have their



One side of the Magnus panels.

origin on Arran nearly 40 years ago.

Robert Osborne from Belfast is a regular visitor to Arran. Last month he was in Kirkwall and visited St Magnus Cathedral, where he spotted a series of murals depicting the story of St Magnus. And it turns out the murals were presented to the people of Orkney by the pupils of Arran High School in 1980. Now he is keen to find out more.

In the first instance, he contacted the cathedral custodian, Fran Hollinrake. She told him: 'From my understanding, the impetus came from a teacher at the school, a lady called Maureen Farquhar or Farquharson.

'She wanted to take her pupils to Orkney, particularly to the St Magnus Festival, which is held in the islands every June.

'It was not possible for her to justify the trip on its own merits, so she needed

a reason for the children to come here. She hit upon the idea of making a work of art, which could be presented during the festival, and gifted to the cathedral.

'These lovely painted panels were the result and they were duly presented by the Arran children in Orkney.'

She added: 'I remember someone telling me that they had spoken to one of the children (now an adult) only a few years ago and her abiding memory of Orkney was the great excitement caused by the fact that Kirkwall had a Woolworths.'

Now Robert has turned to the *Banner* to see if he can find out more. He wants to know: Who remembers completing the murals? Did anyone go to Orkney in 1980? Who organised the painting of the murals?

Anyone who can help Robert is asked to contact the *Banner* and we will put them in touch.



The other side of the Magnus murals.



An inset of the Magnus murals.

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In the swim

The Auchrannie swimming pool, due to close to the public on Monday, will now be kept open after an 11th hour agreement. During May this year an announcement of a reduction in the subsidy by North Ayrshire Council saw much anxiety, letters and public opposition to the move which would have seen the pool closing and only available for hotel residents use.

Owner of the Auchrannie Hotel Iain Johnston was telephoned by NAC's director of finance telling him that he and the director of leisure had been given authority by the councillors to set the subsidy of £37,000 for another year. Iain Johnston said: 'It is a very satisfying outcome really, everybody is delighted. The pool will remain open to all comers and the council is to be congratulated for listening to the community.'

Price is right

The recently published Rural Scotland price survey has provided a fascinating in-

sight into the prices that we pay on Arran compared to other areas.

The study of prices taken from throughout rural Scotland uses Aberdeen as a benchmark. Results show that a basketful of food which costs £54.70 on Arran will cost £52.65 in Aberdeen and a litre of petrol costs 68.9p on Arran and 57.9p in Aberdeen. The results vary wildly and it is not a case of getting more expensive as you get more remote.

Petrol prices require a special mention as it is notoriously expensive on Arran. In fact, three other locations have a petrol price which exceeds 70p a litre and in a Lewis township it is 75p a litre. The lowest petrol price is in Edinburgh where a litre will cost 56.9p.

Maritime news

The Waverley is back visiting Arran on a weekly basis again. Lurching from financial crises to financial crises these problems seem to have been solved with the announcement of a grant of £2.69 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This will go towards a £3.5 million restoration which appropriately comes in the Waverley's golden jubilee year.

In other maritime news, HMS Dasher, the present one, is to visit Ardrossan. Accompanied by two other Royal Navy vessels, the ships will send men ashore at Lochranza to join war veterans in a ceremony at the memorial to HMS Dasher which sunk off Arran in 1943.

Mrs Betty Ure of Whiting Bay has commissioned and donated two new stained-glass windows for the north end gable of Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church. Attending the presentation was designer Christian Shaw of Edinburgh. B25twe04



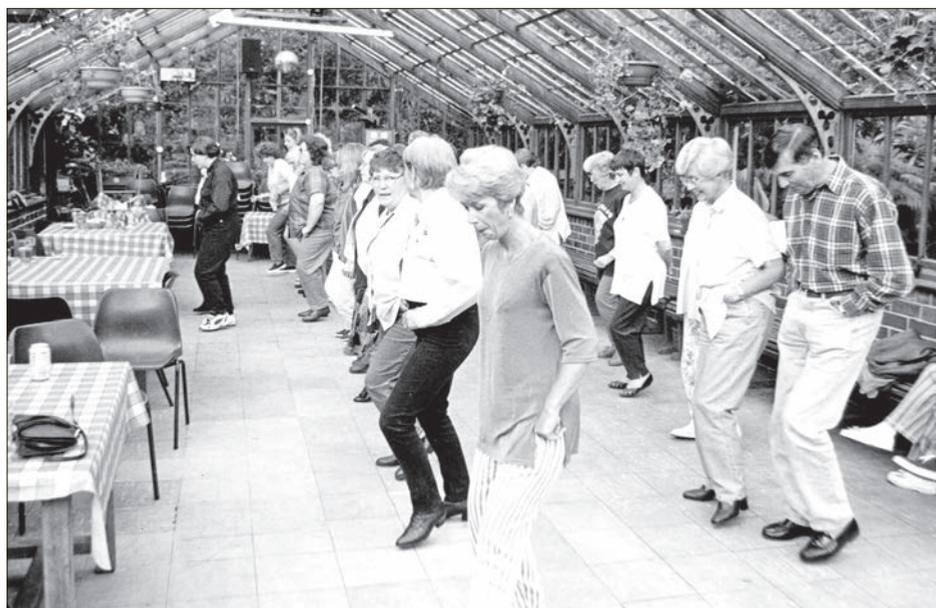
Celebrating their success, Alice Anderson and Linda Murchie each won a pair of complimentary tickets to the Loch Lomond World Invitational Golf next month. The tickets, put up by Carnegie International Sports, allows them and a guest to attend all practice and competition rounds. B25twe05



All of the trophy winners at the Arran Bowls Federation which was held in Lamlash where, following the presentation of trophies, Lamlash Bowling Club presented the federation with a new Rinks Shield. B25twe01



Darren Thompson and David Hamilton race in the 800 metres at the Arran High School Sports Day last Monday where Sannox House were crowned champions for the fourth year in a row. B25twe02



Line dancing is alive and well at the Ormidale glasshouse and evidently very much enjoyed by those seeking a bit of fun and exercise for those that feel their disco dancing days might be in the past. B25twe03

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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 25th June
11am Holy Communion.
Rev Adrian Fallows.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 28th June
12.15pm. Holy Communion.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 25th June
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship
Pirmill Church, 10.15am Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Charity Number: SC014005)

Sunday 25th June
Family Worship will be conducted by the minister,
Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. This service, the closing service for the Sunday School, will be an all age service and all ages are most welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served after the service.
All most welcome to stay and enjoy more fellowship.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 25th June
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 25th June
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
in Lamlash: Parish service
Organ Recital 3pm (Lamlash)
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 25th June
Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 25th June
Service 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm
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Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
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Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

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DEATHS

JEFFREY - Marion Elizabeth. Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Sunday, 18th June 2017. Marion, aged 88 years, loving mum, grandmother and great grandmother to the family. Funeral service at Pirmill Church on Friday, 23rd June at 12 noon and thereafter to Lochranza cemetery to which all are welcome.

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Machrie Bay Golf Club

Monday June 12, club championships finals at Machrie Bay. On a stunning evening, there was a good crowd out supporting. Many thanks to David Jeffrey for the wonderful condition of the course. In the President's Cup, Brian Sherwood beat Colin Rutterford. The ladies' final went down the 18th hole and it was very close. Great golf by both with Kema Genda just edging it over Piet Johnston. The gents' final finished at the 17th green and Phil Betley beat Sandy Murray to win the cup. Two new names on the boards and a really lovely evening all round.

Tuesday June 6, Peter Sutton, CSS 65, R/O. 1 R Woods 93-18=75. Magic two R Woods. Tuesday June 13, Peter Sutton, CSS 65, R/O. 1 C Laing 87-18=69, 2 B Sherwood 87-13=74, 3 J Pennycott 87-12=75. Tuesday June 13, Lady Mary

DEATHS

McNEISH - Betty Ailsa Knox Peacefully, with her family around her, in Lamlash Hospital, on 20th June, aged 93, dearly beloved wife of the late John, much loved mum, gran, sister, sister-in-law, and auntie. Committal service at the graveside on Friday, 30th June in Kilmory graveyard, at 12.30 pm, to which all are welcome.

PIRIE - WILLIAMINA (WILLMA) Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Sunday 11th June 2017, beloved wife of the late Jim, much loved mother of David, fond mother-in-law of Jackie, proud Grannie to Nicola and adored "wee" sister of Jessie. At Willmas bequest her body has been donated to medical research at Glasgow University. There will be a celebration of Willmas life on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 2pm Douglas Hotel, Brodick, all welcome

THANK YOU

Thank You

To those who came to help our Dad Terry Muston when he fell outside the Glenisle on Sunday the 18th.
Also to the Ambulance crew, Struan and Martin and also the hospital team.
Ruth & Cathy



Winners at the Machrie Bay Golf Club championship were, left to right, Phil Betley, gents, Kema Genda, ladies, and Brian Sherwood, President's Cup winner.

CSS 67. 1 F Scott 97-26=71, 2 A Latona 107-23=84.

Fixtures: Tuesday June 27, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary at 12.30pm. Saturday July 1, Captain's Day, nine-hole stableford, 12.30pm. All members welcome.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 14, Summer Trophy 10th round. A total of 22 played and the windy conditions certainly made themselves felt as CCS went out to 65. Beating that by three, Captain Wolfi won by two shots from Frazer Barr. 1 Wolfi Kroner 15, 62, 2 Frazer Barr 9, 64, 3 Kevin McAleny 12, 65, 4 David Morrison 9, 66. The best scratch score came from Nicol Auld on 72 and magic twos came from John Dick at the second and the 17th and from Frazer Barr at the 17th.

Saturday June 17. The AGA Hope Cup. In the first round of the prestigious AGA Hope Cup at Whiting Bay, Brodick beat Shiskine, Lamlash beat Corrie and Lochranza beat Machrie. The semi-final ties are Brodick v Lochranza and Whiting Bay v Lamlash. Tee-offs are 1pm followed by the final at 6pm. Come up watch what should be a fabulous golfing spectacle.

Sunday June 18. Medal. A total of 15 played on a fine warm morning on the course set up for the Hope Cup ties played the day before. Some devious pin po-

sitions seemed to catch plenty of players out as CSS went out to 65. 1 Graeme Crichton 13, 63, ACB, 2 Stan Rainey 11, 63, 3 David Brookens 11, 66, 4 Markus Kroner 6, 67 and lowest gross score. Stan Rainey bagged a magic two at the second and David Morrison and Neil McKechnie did likewise at the 17th.

Fixtures: Sunday June 25. The Morton Quaich. Wednesday June 28. Cancer Relief Open. Friday June 30. AGA Corrie Hotel Cup, Machrie Bay GC 5pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 14, Summer Cup, 32 played, CSS 64. 1 Alastair Dobson 70-10=60, 2 Jimmy Armit 73-11=62 ACB, 3 Greg McCrae 67-5=62. Scratch, Greg McCrae 67.

Sunday June 18, Royal Bank Shield, four-ball better ball, 22 played. 1 John McKean and Bob McCrae 56pts, 2 Nicol Hume and Kenny McMillan 58pts, 3 Ewan McKinnon and Gordon Hendry 59pts ACB. Well done to our Hope Cup team on winning a very closely fought first round match against Shiskine and good luck on finals day.

Fixtures: Sunday June 25. Sweep at 8.30am and noon.

Ladies' section: Tuesday June 13. Medal, nine played, CSS 67. Div 1: 1 and scratch, Margaret Roxburgh 83-14=69, 2 Isobel MacDonald 87-17=70. Div 2: 1 Kay Kitson 103-24=79, 2 Lesley Murray 107-27=80. Fixture: Tuesday June 27, Helen's Vases.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies' section: Wednesday June 14. Despite the lovely weather and the good condition of the course, only five ladies played in the Stroke 3 competition, CSS was 65.

1 Sheena Murchie 82-16=66, 2 Kate McAdam 84-14=70, 3 Anne McVicar 93-17=76. Sheena also won the scratch.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday June 14, 12-hole medal, 14 played. 1st Class: Phil Betley 46-6=40, Jimmy Morrison 49-5=44, Jack McNally 50-5=45 BIH. Scratch, Phil Betley -46. 2nd Class: Ron Woods 54-10=44, Reuben Betley 74-16=52BIH, Dave Nicholson 62-10=52.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday June 14, Wednesday Cup. 1 Len Hartley 75-15=60, 2 G Andrew 70-9=61, 3 S Beardsley 70-6=64. Scratch, G Andrew, S Beardsley. Another good performance from Len after his strong performance in the Thomson Cup.

Fixtures: Saturday June 24, AGA, Hope Cup @ Whiting Bay, semi-finals at 1pm and final at 6pm.

Arran Golfers' Association

Fixtures: Friday June 30, Draw for the Corrie Hotel Cup at 5pm. Brodick A v Lamlash B, Lamlash A v W'Bay B, Brodick B v Corrie A, W'Bay A v Shiskine A, Corrie B v Machrie A, Lochranza A v Shiskine B, Machrie B v Lochranza B. Trying to get a shotgun start, but won't know till on the night.

Friday June 30, Kelso Cup Juniors, W'Bay. Contact Viv Parks for timings. Friday August 11, Champion of Champions, Brodick, first round. Monday August 14, second round. Friday August 18, all tee off at 5.30pm. Saturday August 26, Ken Western at Lamlash, tee times 9am and 1pm. Thursday August 31, autumn meeting at Brodick at 8pm.



The primary pupils who took part in the tournament.

Brodick are netball champions

The third annual primary school netball tournament was held on Thursday June 8 at Arran High School.

Around 30 children from three schools participated: Brodick, Shiskine and Kilmory. Brodick were the triumphant winners with Shiskine runners up but much fun was had by all.

Here is a report of the event by P7 pupils of Brodick primary.

'Teams from Brodick, Shiskine and Kilmory primary schools met at Arran High School for this year's island tournament organised by Mrs Cathy Davidson of Shiskine Primary School and very kindly umpired by Mrs Margaret Roxburgh.

All the teams looked

ready for the challenge and everybody worked hard to support their team mates making for an exciting and action packed tournament.

Our Brodick team worked well together, passing and calling for the ball allowing the game to flow well. Each team played each other before the final – Shiskine versus Brodick. In the first half Shiskine showed true grit, coming on to the court with all guns blazing and securing two excellent goals.

At half time Brodick had a team talk and changed our strategy, adapting our game plan. When the second half whistle blew our goal defender, Sophie Clark, stuck to her opponent with such determination, preventing

her from entering the scoring circle and thwarting Shiskine's chances of scoring any more goals. Sophie kept playing, showing true heroics, despite having sustained a minor injury for which she required an ice-pack – a mark of her resilience.

Our centre striker, Gordon MacIntyre, too sustained a minor injury but kept on playing, scoring and assisting many fabulous goals. The combination of Gordon and Aidan Hewie up front proved to be unstoppable resulting in a final score line of 14-2, marking a victory for Brodick.

Our midfield player: Isla McKelvie, Gavin Bodie, Fraser McKinnon, Grant Coyne and Megan McCartney marked their opponents with such gusto they dominated the play in the centre, feeding balls to the attackers.

Our Goal Keeper, John Logan, was the rock of the team, proving to be a strong and impenetrable force, pushing the attackers back out of the attacking circle. Brodick's might came from their ability to work together as a team. They showed great resilience and stamina.

Everybody enjoyed the event and the opportunity to play and all players showed good sportsmanship throughout the tournament.'



The winning Brodick team with their trophy.



Youngsters in the thick of the action.



A Brodick attempt at a basket.



The Brodick pupils enjoy a rest between games with coach Anne Watts.



Arran club members celebrate at the end of their first national finals.



Celebratory finish from Eilidh Hamill.



Myles Lindsay-Smith and Ben McCarthy ready to dismount.

Grace is nation's young Arran triathlete

Arran Junior Triathlon Club has been working hard in training all season and on Saturday June 17 they travelled as a strong contingent with their supporters to Bellahouston Park.

With the clouds parting and the sun coming out, 19 Arran children were ready to shine. Luke Goatley and Gregor Gunaydi joined the club in January 2017 and, ready for their first nationals, they both took to the course with energy and enthusiasm. Luke finished in eighth place with a time of 11.38; Gregor was not far behind in 12th place with a time of 12.18.

As the boys completed their race, Grace Popplewell, our only Tri-Star girl, was in the pool ready to start her

swim. Coming out of the pool sixth, Grace made a dash to get on her bike and complete the lap required before the run. With the supporters cheering, Grace made her way onto the run course, overtaking to get into second place.

Grace was not going to finish this race without a fight and as she entered the final stage of her run she overtook to gain the lead. A sprint finish ensued and with all her might Grace crossed the line to loud cheering. Waiting proudly, her dad scooped his winner up to give her a much deserved hug. Our first junior triathlon champion winner completed the course with an amazing time of 10.59.

Arran's four Tri-Star 1 boys – Ben McCarthy,

Jack Popplewell, Myles Lindsay-Smith and Andrew Currie – were next to take on the course.

With the sun getting hotter, the boys were not going to let the heat get to them. After the excitement of the first two races, Ben and Jack sprinted closely into the finish. Ben finished with a fantastic time of 21.13 and with an impressive 21.15.

Myles Lindsay-Smith finished the race with a superb time of 21.55. Andrew finished brilliantly, racing off with a time of 23.12.

The Tri-Star 1 girls were represented by last year's Tri-Star podium winner, Rhea Webster and Ruby Wright. Rhea and Ruby have enjoyed a fantastic season and were keen to

show everyone how much they enjoy triathlon. Rhea finished the course with a brilliant time of 21.37; Ruby was incredibly close with a time of 21.48.

Next up were Arran's Tri-Star 2 Boys Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith, James McCarthy, Connah Wright and Archie Gunaydi. They were ready and raring to go on the course. With the cheering still going on as loudly, Ruaridh completed with a fabulous time of 26.25.

James was Arran's next triathlete over the finish line with a fantastic time of 27.35. Archie worked hard through the run with a stitch and was rewarded with a time of 28.53. Connah completed his first triathlon only two weeks



Ciara Wood and Grace Popplewell celebrate with face painting.



Andrew Currie racing strong on the bike.



Julie Hamill on the race course.



Luke Goatley sprinting to the finish line.



Grace Popplewell overtaking into first place.

Local champion as triathletes shine

ago and is starting out on his triathlon journey. The heat was too much and the medics recommended he retire from the race. Connah is determined to continue training hard with the club and will be back with fighting spirit at the next triathlon.

Four eager Tri-Star 2 girls – Julie Hamill, Erin McNiven, Beth McCarthy and Abbie Stewart – took to their race with the same strength and determination shown throughout the day by Arran's junior triathletes.

Julie was our first club competitor back with a superb time of 28.43. Abbie obtained an excellent time of 31.12 and was closely followed by Erin with fantastic time of 32.11.

As the girls were competing Beth took a knock to her bike but this wasn't going to stop her finishing the race and she carried on regardless. Finishing with a time of 41.10, the crowd were rewarded by Beth's trademark bright smile.

Her team-mates were ready and waiting to congratulate her for never giving up.

Our last two competitors of the day – Ciara Wood (Tri-Star 3) and Eilidh Hamill (youth) – are always on hand to provide support and encouragement to all the young club members throughout the day.

They assist the younger members when they are struggling and celebrate with them when they are succeeding.

Both girls were keen to finish the day off in true Arran junior triathlon style, determined and with a smile. Ciara completed her race with a fantastic time of 35.10. Eilidh finished the day superbly with a time of 47.46.

After all the fun of racing, our triathletes were ready to watch the prize-giving ceremony. As the champion of the Tristar girls race, our very own Grace Poplewell was announced to the loudest cheers and clapping that could be heard. All of the parents and members of the Arran Junior Triathlon Club would like to congratulate Grace on her success.

The club would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the

members for their hard work. The season is not over and we will return after the summer holidays for more brilliant racing.

Thank you also to the parents who provide support for all of the triathletes and coaching staff. The club is not just known for our superstars but for the supporters' club that travel with them to their races across Scotland.

On a final note from the children, parents and coaching staff, we would like to extend a huge thank to our wonderful community – the club would not be able to function without this support and we look forward to updating you with many more successes in the future.

Craig Wood



Grace Poplewell, left, is the Tristar Scottish National Champion 2017.



A trademark smiling finish from Beth McCarthy.



Perfect dismount from Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith.

Bowling winners lift their trophies



The L & G league champions and federation trophy winners.

Lamlash are the winners of the Laidler and Gardner bowling club league for 2017.

The results were: Lamlash 20pts, Whiting Bay 10pts, Blackwaterfoot 8pts, Brodick 6pts.

Meanwhile, the early rounds

of the federation matches were played on Monday June 12, with the finals night on Wednesday June 15. The results were: gents' singles, J Robinson (Blackwaterfoot); ladies' singles, A Frame (Whiting Bay); pairs, A McCrindle and

R Crawford (Brodick); triples, I Heron, I Murchie and J Gibson (Lamlash).

President Robert Crawford said: 'Thank you to Lamlash Bowling Club for hosting this year's matches, and congratulations to all winners.'

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Grace is national champion as young Arran triathletes shine



Arran's James Reid scores in the last minute against Eastwood. 01_B25football01

Arran shine in youth football tournament

An unbeaten Arran select team of S1 and S2 pupils took the honours in a four-team tournament at the Ormidale Park in Brodick last Saturday.

Playing in a friendly competition against Eastwood Juveniles and two teams from Campbeltown FC, Arran High School outclassed their opponents and took the overall trophy in the 11-a-side matches where they were unbeaten

in every game. Indeed, Arran only conceded two goals due to the brilliant performances of goalkeeper Liam Bremner.

In the final, Campbeltown B faced Arran with Campbeltown opening the scoring, but Arran quickly equalised with a strike from Joe McHugh, who excelled himself throughout the tournament.

After half-time Arran managed to score another,

from player of the tournament Gregor Crichton, who directed the ball right into the bottom right hand corner of the net. Arran from then held on for a fairly comfortable 2-1 win.

Captain James Reid did a brilliant job to score two goals throughout the whole tournament despite being in a centre back position throughout the game. Sid

Townsend managed to bag a goal for himself in one of the earlier games, and Pawel Gren also added to his score-sheet with a strike in the top corner.

The Brodick FC young duo Kyle McNicol and Lachlan Campbell did a fantastic job in the mid-field holding the ball up throughout the games and young McNicol got a goal

for himself too. Jack Gillingham managed to get on the score-sheet too.

Coach Ross Dobson, who was assisted by Finlay Aherne, said: 'Well done to all of the teams that took part - Eastwood Juveniles, Campbeltown A and Campbeltown B - and a massive well done to the brand new Arran High School S1/2 team.'



Joe McHugh goes on a mazy run. 01_B25football03



The Arran High School S1/2 team celebrate after winning the trophy. 01_B25football02

Southend stay on top

Southend	6
Lamlash	2

Southend repeated the same scoreline from their game against Shiskine in the previous week to beat Lamlash comfortably. The home team opened the scoring when Fraser Gilbert rifled the ball into the net beyond David Heenan in the Lamlash goal.

Lamlash then equalised against the run of play with the goal of the match from Grant Adamson.

Ryan Armstrong scored twice to make him the league's top goalscorer on eight for the season, a great return so far from the midfielder. With the game out of sight both teams brought on youngsters to give them experience and game time.

Shiskine	6
Northend	6

Shiskine started the better and the powerful combination of Small (2) and Murchie (1) upfront saw them take a 3-0 lead. However, Northend had no intention of rolling over and got back in the game after Shiskine captain Jack McNally conceded a needless penalty. Andy Macnamara did the business from 12 yards.

Northend went from strength to strength in the second half and suddenly found themselves 6-3 in front thanks to goals from Ben Innes and Dominic Sloss Demazeux and a super 30-yard strike from his dad Jean, but Shiskine levelled to make the final score 6-6.

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