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# Arran playparks will be closed within days

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Equipment at the seven playparks earmarked for closure on Arran will be removed in days, it has been confirmed.

Despite a huge outcry over the closure of the playparks, North Ayrshire Council is pressing ahead with their plans to take them away, despite ongoing talks led by Arran Community Council.

The community council had held, what it believed to be, constructive talks with council officials last week with a view to looking at alternatives to the proposals. But members were hit by a bombshell this week when they were told: 'The parks will be removed in the next week'.

As previously reported by the *Banner*, the council say the move will save £55,000 a year, but it has been heavily criticised due to the

move coming on the back of the controversial closure of public toilets on Arran.

There are currently 24 playparks on the island but the council says this needs to be reduced to 17. And as if to add insult to injury it says the reason is because the council currently has two officers spending 1.5 days per week coming over to inspect all the equipment and this needs to be reduced to one day due to limited resources.

Sites currently being proposed for removal are: three in Lamlash at Lamlash shore, the jewellers and Hospital Road, along with Cordon, Machrie, Whitefarland and Corrie sandstone quay.

Following talks with council officials last week, community council chairman Bill Calderwood brought a report before members which suggest-

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## End of an era for school leavers



Celebrating in style – Arran High School leavers joined teachers and friends who had left during the session at the Douglas Hotel in Brodick on Sunday night where, dressed to impress, they enjoyed a reception and dinner marking the end of their school days.

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# Arran playparks to be removed within days

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ed they should check their local facilities and, if possible, recognise removal or suggest an alternative through 'community engagement'.

He told the meeting in Brodick: 'It is not simply a cost impact and if the villages were to fund the £29 per week cost it would not resolve the issue. If we wish to retain any of these we need to propose an alternative. The recommended inspection interval is weekly and this cannot be compromised.

Mr Calderwood had asked if it were possible to have the work carried out by council workers or someone else on the is-



land, but this was rejected. He said: 'I was told it is not practical to have local resources carry out technical inspections without training. Initial training may be

possible but it would need to be complemented by attending a formal certification course costing approximately £4,000. Local staff are not available to carry

The playpark which is to go at Corrie sandstone quay.

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out inspections and are not qualified.'

But Shiskine representative Neil Arthur was far from impressed by the suggestion that the community council should suggest alternatives.

He said: 'I'm not playing their game. They brought in RET then shut the toilets and now they are taking away an outdoor facility. You really could not make this up. Now they say the parks will shut next week, that's not community engagement, I call that dictatorship.'

Councillor Timothy Bill-

ings, who attended the meeting, said he would take the matter up when he went to a council meeting the following day. He said: 'The buck for all this really stops with my predecessors.'

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'Arran will have 16 play parks located across the island which we are confident will provide excellent provision for young people.

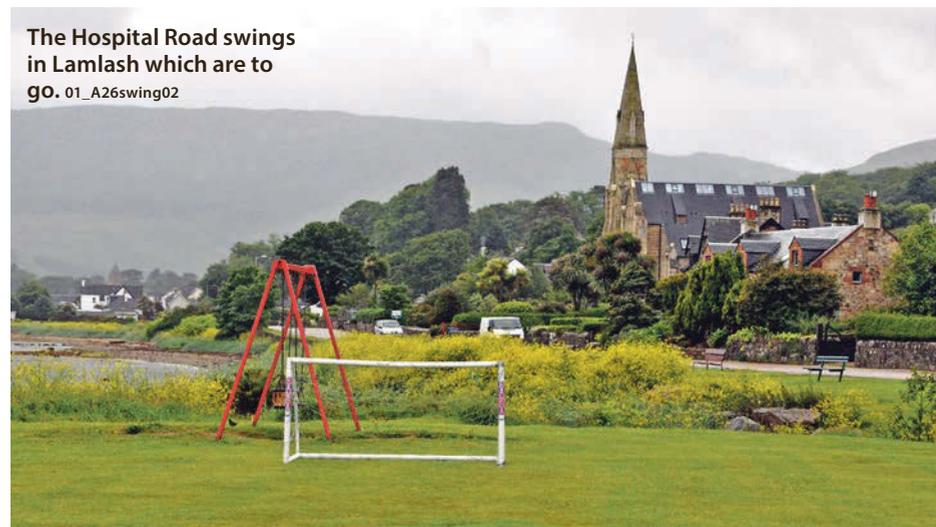
'We are removing seven facilities in total with work on clearing the sites set to start over the next couple of weeks. In the main these are single swing facilities plus one small play park at Lamlash Shore

'We have spoken to the

community council and indicated that we will remove the seats from the six single swing parks which will enable us to reinstate them fairly easily if the community – via an Asset Transfer – want to take over the facility. We are also willing to look at which parks we remove – ensuring that the same amount remain open – if the community council provide us with an alternative and viable option.'

'Lamlash Shore is a different matter as two pieces of equipment are near end of life and need removing. The jet fighter is starting to corrode and the springer no longer springs due to lack of use,' the spokesman added.

The Hospital Road swings in Lamlash which are to go. 01\_A26swing02



## Bid for motorcycle MOT testing station

Motorcyclists on Arran may soon be able to renew their MOT on the island as planning permission is being sought to operate a new motorcycle testing station, writes Colin Smeeton.

An application has been lodged with North Ayrshire Council planning department, on behalf of William Campbell, who is seeking permission for a motorcycle and vehicle repair and servicing garage in Auchrannie Road, Brodick, on the site of the

former Vulcan Garage. The purpose-built building operated as a garage for a number of years before it closed. It was then used for two days a week as a farmers' market before that too ceased. Latterly the building has remained unused.

Documents submitted in support of the application state that the proposed vehicle testing station, which once acted as the Post Office garage and was formerly authorised

as a VOSA-approved testing station, would undertake testing for motorcycle classes one, two and four.

Classes one and two include motorcycle testing, which is not currently available on Arran after the previous approved motorcycle tester left the island.

The application is currently under consideration and notifications have been issued to the four neighbours within 20 metres of the site boundary.

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# Teacher Susan is given a fond farewell at Shiskine

A long-serving island teacher has retired from Shiskine primary school.

Susan Dobson has spent almost her entire teaching career at the school and left this week after 28 years. Originally from Kilmarnock the mum of three has taught all ages at the school and even joked she had taught 'a generation of children and then their children'.

When she joined the

Shiskine staff in 1989 there were 60 children which has today dropped to a roll of 32, plus seven early years pupils.

A special presentation was made to Mrs Dobson by the parent council at the school sports day and picnic on Monday before the school broke up for the summer holiday. Mrs Dobson said she had no immediate plans for her retiral but will still be involved with the school

through the various committees she is on.

Mr Quinton Black, depute head for Shiskine, Whiting Bay and Kilmory primaries said: 'I have only known Mrs Dobson for the past year but I know she has a huge impact on the school and that she will be sorely missed. We all wish her well in her retirement, but I am sure she will still be involved with the school in the future.'



Mrs Dobson receives her retiral gifts from pupils Juniper Nicholson, Erin McNiven and Evie Southwick. 01\_A26retire02



Susan Dobson is surrounded by the Shiskine pupils at their sports day. 01\_A26retire01

## Arran is best in Europe

Arran has been crowned the best island in Europe for accommodation by a popular website.

In a top-20 list released by hotel search website trivago.co.uk, the island beat off stiff competition from Greek, Italian and Portuguese islands, as well as fellow British islands Jersey and Guernsey.

With an average rating of 88.16, Arran was ranked top due to having the best-rated hotels among all European islands, according to the website's European Island Ranking 2016.

### Considered

Islands with at least 30 hotels and hotels with at least 20 reviews were considered and the index is the average rating taken from the trivago rating index, which aggregates over 220 million reviews from 34 websites.

The average price per night on Arran during 2015 was £113, and hotels on the are typically praised for their homely atmosphere, great food and stunning surroundings.

Denise Bartlett, Communications UK & Ireland: 'It is great to see the Isle of Arran soar to the top of our annual island ranking, which previously only included Mediterranean destinations and has been extended for the first time this year to cover all of Europe.'

'Arran, Jersey and Guernsey all have a lot to offer in terms of activities, quality accommodation and natural beauty and it is great to see them rival their Greek counterparts. Perhaps this list might inspire those looking for a last-minute summer holiday to look a little closer to home this year.'

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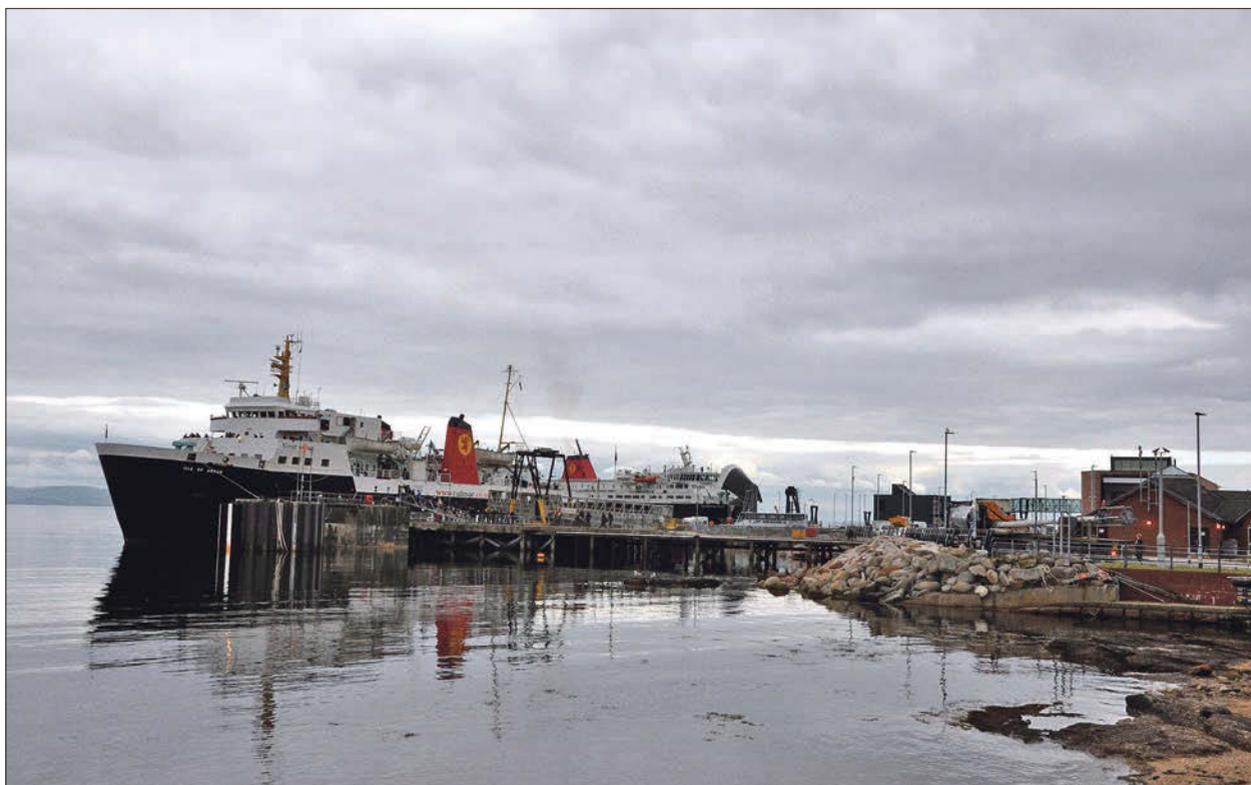
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The MV Isle of Arran and the MV Caledonian Isles are both pictured in the harbour at the same time. 01\_B26terminal03

# All go at Brodick pier as work nears completion

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The Brodick ferry port has been a hub of activity this week as the new terminal building and pier near their final completion date, with berthing trials and final touches being added to the building.

While workers busy themselves indoors, the exterior of the building earlier this week had its name emblazoned in white let-

tering across the front entrance. Supports for the moving section of the passenger access system are also evident as they await the installation of the raised walkway that passengers will use to board and disembark the vessels.

Berthing trials, although slightly delayed due to technical issues with MV Isle of Arran, have been under way since last Wednesday, as reported in last week's *Banner*,

with Arran residents being greeted with the unusual sight of having two vessels berthed in the harbour at the same time as the MV Caledonian Isles undertook berthing trials.

Adding to unusual sights and making an unscheduled visit, the Waverley paddle steamer was also spotted successfully berthing on the eastern side of the new pier. The departure might have not gone according to plan though,

as an eyewitness described the vessel leaving, but then stopping in the bay near the shoreline, where a small boat loaded up what appeared to be a large rope from the water, returning it to the *Waverley*.

The work at the ferry terminal by principal contractor George Leslie Ltd started in January last year and is scheduled for completion in August, with the facility to be operational at the same time.



Above left, the *Waverley*, departs the eastern side of the new pier during berthing trials. 01\_B26terminal01; and right, with the signage completed, the exterior of the Brodick Ferry Terminal appears ready for operation. 01\_B26terminal02

# Upgrade hits phone and TV reception across Brodick

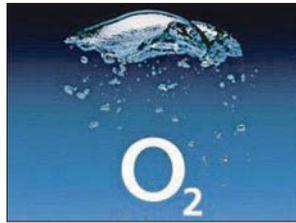
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Mobile phone users on the O2 network on Arran have been left without service or with just intermittent coverage as O2 upgrades its mobile network.

But many residents in Brodick are unhappy with the upgrading work, complaining that it is interfering with digital television as they are unable to receive freeview channels since the upgrade work began.

Customers were forewarned of the disruptions by text message last Friday which stated: 'In the next few days we're upgrading the 3G and 4G network in your postcode area. It may affect your signal.'

Those that did not receive the notification said that they have been without a signal for four days, while those that received



the message said that an alternative free service that utilises wifi rather than a mobile signal was offered to users by downloading a free app which would allow users to make voice calls and text messages without a mobile signal.

The disruption in service is part of a network modernisation programme to improve 2G and 3G coverage while also rolling out the faster and more modern 4G service.

Derek McManus, chief operating officer of Telefónica UK, said: 'I'm delighted that O2 customers in Brodick will soon be able to experience fast-

er mobile internet making everything easier when using their phone or tablet. They'll be able to stream high definition TV, shop on the go and use video calling. For our business customers, using 4G means they can be more effective and flexible by working remotely, accessing cloud services and collaborating using apps.'

A spokesman from O2 said that the work was scheduled for three days this week after which customers in the area would start to see the new and improved 4G service over the following weeks subject to successful implementation and testing.

O2 says it currently offers 4G in more than 13,500 towns and cities across the UK and spends more than £2 million a day on strengthening its network and increasing its reach.

# Women's pension group bring their fight to Arran

A campaign fighting for the pension rights of women is hoping to set up a satellite group on Arran.

The WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) campaign has over 66,000 supporters and represents almost 3.5 million women born in the 1950s who are suffering because they were not told by the Government that their state pension age would be increasing, and who now have no time to put in place alternative financial arrangements to see them through to the new state retirement age, which in some cases is now 66.

Ayrshire WASPI were in Largs last Sunday speaking to local women born in the 1950s and engage them in the growing campaign group. Some women stated that they were unaware of the changes only



The Ayrshire group campaigning in Largs last weekend.

finding out when they had reached the age of 60 and would need to wait a further six years before obtaining their state pension entitlement. Many of the women confirmed that they had no notice of the pension age changes and were grateful for the information and support provided by the group.

WASPI women are raising a complaint against the Department of Work and Pensions on the maladministration of the pension age

changes and are looking at a mass action that will go onto the Parliamentary Ombudsman.

Now they are hoping to form a satellite group on Arran with support from coordinators from Ayrshire WASPI. If anyone is interested in setting up a group they should email: ayrshirewaspi@gmail.com

Further information about WASPI can be found at [www.waspi.co.uk](http://www.waspi.co.uk) and on the WASPI Facebook page.

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Michelle Williamson and Karen Adams ran the popular raffle stall. 01\_B26BPS01



Jamie Ferguson purchases a clock from Jack Popplewell and Kaitlyn Haddow's bric-a-brac stall. 01\_B26BPS02

# Smiles as fayre the weather i

Owing to the weather, Brodick primary school pupils held their annual summer fayre indoors this year with the various activities spread throughout the classrooms and courtyard.

Ensuring a good turnout the indoor arrangement saw the activities and challenges such as the lucky lemon, hit the target and ping-pong taking place in the classrooms with pupils manning the stalls. In the library the tombola attracted a lot of attention while the bric-a-brac, book and toy stalls did a roaring trade, attracting parents and their youngsters to spend their pocket money.

The most popular of all attractions were the waffle stall, burger stall and the face painting which attracted long but patient queues. Parents, too, enjoyed the tasty treats on offer, many of them purchasing home baking and taking various cakes and loaves home with them.

Outdoors, only two attractions resisted the threat

of rain; the popular beat the goalie took place in dry conditions while in the back playground the ever-popular barbecue did a roaring trade with pleasant

smells wafting through the corridors.

The proceeds from the fayre goes towards school outings and events held throughout the year.



Not competitive at all, Jason Watts tried his hand at beating the lucky lemon challenge. 01\_B26BPS05



Carter Chappell and Charlie Adams entice people to their hit the target stall with offers of sweet prizes. 01\_B26BPS04

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ran the jelly and smoothie stall, even offering a delivery service.



Face painting by Jackie Caldwell and head teacher Shirley MacLauchlan was popular. 01\_B26BP507



P1 pupil Max Keir successfully has a go at the beat the goalie challenge. 01\_B26BP506

## Open day on Holy Isle

Holy Isle is opening up the island to visitors for the first time in several years next weekend.

On Sunday July 9, the public are being invited to visit the Holy Isle Centre for World Peace and Health, meet the volunteer community and learn about the Kagyu Samye Ling run project.

This is a unique opportunity to explore all areas of the centre - which is normally out of bounds for day visitors. You will find out about the courses that run here, and the Buddhist ideas that guide the com-

munity. The staff will be happy to share their experience of volunteering on the island and you can have an optional 'taster' of mindful sitting, and use of their 'five senses' meditation to more fully appreciate your surroundings.

Summer is the ideal time to experience the island, with the organic vegetable garden providing an abundance of food for the community.

There will be continuous sailings of the Holy Isle ferry from 10am until 5pm at a special discounted price.

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## Editorial

### Roundabout reason to shut swings

It would seem, once again, that when it comes to consultation North Ayrshire Council appears to say one thing and do the other.

After the recent furore over the plans to remove seven playparks on the island, and while some ranted meaninglessly on Facebook, Arran Community Council got down to the hard work of trying to find a solution.

They met council officials, talked to people on the ground and tried to come up with some reasonable suggestions as to a way forward by 'community engagement'.

Then this week, the rug was pulled from under their feet. While on the one hand engaged in talks, the council arbitrarily announced that the playparks were to go 'next week'.

But it is the argument as to why the playparks have to be shut that is the most bizarre. The council says it is to cut costs on inspection visits and by reducing the number they say they can get round the remaining 17 in one day.

Remarkably they say it with a straight face and insist it is far too difficult a job for council workers on Arran – anyway, they say, they are too busy. If the situation was not so serious it would be laughable.

#### Thought for the week

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

## Second find

Sir,  
I read with interest about the recovered UAV IVER3-580 drone on last week's front page of the *Banner*.

My husband and I found one, too, on Wednesday June 14 also near Corriecravie. The number was IVER3-3030. We'd just got married on Friday June 9 at Lamlash Registry Office and we were walking the Arran Coastal Way for our honeymoon. It was also a personal challenge for me as part of My Peak Challenge and to help raise funds for the charity Bloodwise. My husband also contacted Lieutenant Commander John R Hunnibell and gave him the co-ordinates and photos. I hope the coastguard managed to recover it.

We walked the coastal way over seven days. We had mixed weather of wind, rain and sunshine, and it was tough at times, but it was so beautiful. The beach near Lagg was stunning when the tide was out.

A favourite part for me was reaching the Black Cave. We took lots of photos and video clips and I'll be writing about our adventures on my blog – [www.loveexploringscotland.com](http://www.loveexploringscotland.com) – over the coming weeks. I also hope to create a video of each day's walk if I have enough good footage.

I hope this will inspire others to do the same as Arran is such a beautiful island to explore. We've been visiting the island for over 11 years, it was our first holiday together, so to return and get married there was just perfect.

In fact we've seen a lot of coincidences over the years. When we first visited the Giants' Graves in 2006, both our surnames were engraved on one of the stones.

Wyllie and Armour. When we returned to get married, the Preacher's Cave had graffiti on the wall. The initials DMA were on the wall, my new name, Dawn-Marie Armour!

Even though it was tough walking at some points, I'd do it all again.

Yours,  
**Dawn-Marie Armour  
Symington**

## Swinging questions

Sir,  
*Here is a copy of a letter I have written to North Ayrshire Council regarding the removal of swings around Arran.*

'I am writing to ask some more information about the proposed closure of the Arran swings and play parks and to find out what we can do to keep them open.

Please can you explain to me how much money this will save the council and also let us find a better way forward. As I understand it from rumours, it is the cost of someone coming over for one-and-a-half days a month to inspect them that is costing the money.

Would it be possible to train a council workman on Arran to do the job or is it because it requires an outside person to view the swings?

I have had discussions with other local people about this and there is a qualified heating engineer who lives on the island who expressed an interest of being trained up by the existing person who checks the swings if he could then do the monthly inspection – maybe the existing man could come over annually to check.

Surely there is a better way forward than just closing and removing swings

that have existed on Arran in these locations and provided pleasure for children and families. These individual swings provide a link between generations where families take their children to play freely in areas they visited as a child.

Swings are a great way to entertain children for free and many happy hours can be spent. I feel that the island is being stripped of its basic necessities in the form of public toilets and of its basic amenities in the form of closing playparks.

Please allow the people of Arran to help the council during this difficult time of cost-cutting. Surely we can find a better way forward together to maintain the things that we love.'

Yours,  
**Zabdi Keen  
Brodict**

## Sobering thought

Sir,  
My fellow readers of the *Banner*, a thought struck me: with all these cuts that NAC are putting through, ie, toilets closing, swing parks disappearing, then why are council tax payers bills not coming down? Someone should ask them, and force them to not give a party political whitewash of an answer to us, the voters who put them there in the first place.

And don't give us the SNP dribble of its all Westminster's fault, instead of blaming them, look to yourselves as you're in government in Scotland. You set spending for us in Scotland. It is time that the SNP and others stop talking political wishy-washy with us, the voters, as it won't wash with us any longer.

You can tell when a country is in deep trouble when they start closing toilets and swing parks. What does

this tell parents of young ones? All that happens is kids don't get a chance to play and tourists who relieve themselves outside of hotels in plain view. Slowly but surely society and law and order breaks down. A very sobering thought.

Yours,  
**Gary Scott  
Corrie**

## False economy

Sir,  
It was no surprise to read your letters page (24 June 2017) with letters from tourists to Arran finding themselves shocked and surprised at finding many public loos on the island now closed and calling for urgent action to resolve this pressing situation.

Coming into the height of the tourist season, which Arran depends on so much, perhaps the local authority along with VisitScotland could provide a list in the tourist information office of locations of public loos that have remained open and establishments, businesses and community halls, which have opened their facilities to the public for the purpose of spending a penny.

Another correspondent on your letters page was highlighting the plight of older people and loneliness, a situation I am sure is aggravated by the lack of public toilets. The decision by North Ayrshire Council to close public loos in their endeavour to save some pennies is definitely having an impact on tourists and will result in a false economy.

Yours,  
**Catriona C Clark  
Falkirk**

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# Hearing volunteers win national award

Three Arran volunteers' outstanding support for local NHS hearing aid users and inspirational fundraising has been recognised with a UK charity award.

Nancy Bremner, Fiona Mackenzie and Susan McNicol were awarded Action on Hearing Loss's UK volunteer fundraisers of the year in recognition of their contributions towards fundraising activities and collections which helped raise £1700 for the charity's Hear to Help service on the island.

The Hear to Help volunteers, who have been trained by NHS Ayrshire & Arran audiology, help islanders to hear their family and friends more clearly

by cleaning, re-tubing and adjusting NHS hearing aids so that they work more effectively.

Nancy Bremner, who picked up the award at the charity's UK headquarters in London, said: 'Fiona, Susan and I are delighted to receive this award as we all enjoy volunteering and fundraising for Hear to Help. We are passionate about supporting as many people as possible on Arran to get the best use of their NHS hearing aids and provide information about equipment which can help them to hear their television, telephone or everyday conversations.'

Donna McSwiggan, Hear to Help coordinator, said:

'Nancy, Fiona and Susan should be very proud that their volunteering and fundraising efforts have been recognised by Action on Hearing Loss at UK level. Hear to Help is a lifeline for many NHS hearing aid users across Arran and its success is due – in no small way – to the tremendous ongoing commitments shown by Nancy, Susan and Fiona.'

The next Hear to Help drop-in session is on Tuesday July 25 at its new home at Arran Library, Brodick and will run between 11am and 1pm. For information about Hear to Help, call 07391 017781 or email [donna.mcswiggan@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:donna.mcswiggan@hearingloss.org.uk)



Nancy Bremner receives an award on behalf of Fiona Mackenzie and Susan McNicol and her own work from Action on Hearing Loss's chief executive, Paul Breckell.

## Dougarie gardens open day

Dougarie Estate will be opening their gardens to the public at their annual open day on Wednesday July 5 as part of the charitable Scotland's Gardens. Monies raised will be divided between various charities with 60 per cent of the takings going to the National Trust for Scotland, the Queen's Nursing Institute, Maggie's Centres and Perennial. The Pirmill Village Association will receive the remaining 40 per cent.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to see the interior of the 19th century boathouse. The architect is believed to have been John Burnet who was also the architect for Corrie and Shiskine churches. There will be teas, tombola, baking and plant stalls.

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# Pupils celebrate science in trip to Glasgow

Six pupils from Whiting Bay Primary participated in this year's celebration of science and engineering at the Glasgow Science Centre.

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The pupils, all members of the school's science club, took part in two competitions – Science Club of the Year and I'm An Engineer, I Can Help! They had to give two presentations for two panels of judges.

Receiving feedback on their presentations, the judges said: 'The pupils were very enthusiastic and gave a polished and professional presentation.'

'They were very knowledgeable and demonstrated good understanding of advanced science and engineering principles, particularly drainage and pulleys from the I'm An Engineer project and hydraulics too.'



Whiting Bay primary pupils take part in a challenge at the Glasgow Science Centre.



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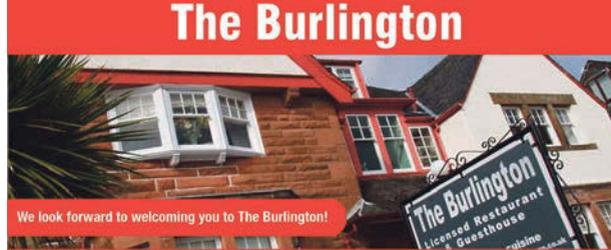
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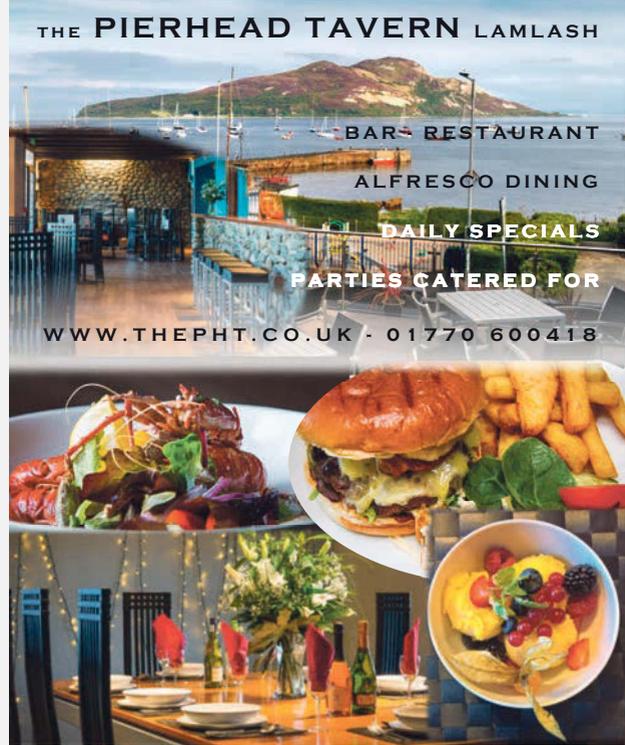
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## Friends rally for mental health charity

A group of 19 friends took part in the ArranMan triathlon and the 10k run in memory of their friend, while raising more than £7,000 for a mental health charity.

Michael Clarkson of Edinburgh, and friends undertook the gruelling challenge after a close friend, Alan Ritchie - whom they went to university with - died two years ago after battling with depression.

Their aim was to raise awareness of mental health and to raise money for the Scottish Association of Mental Health (SAMH) who offer mental health support in communities across Scotland. They also host a national programme in suicide prevention and provide mental health social care support dealing with homelessness and ad-

ditions and employment services.

For many of the group who either went to Heriot-Watt University or who were from Troon where Alan lived, it was their first time on Arran and their first triathlon event. Among them, 13 took part in the 10 kilometre run while the remaining six did the full triathlon. They raised £7,000 for SAMH through donations from family, friends and supporters.

Michael said: 'I would like to thank everyone that took part in the Arran Man challenge and everyone who contributed in helping to raise some much needed funds for SAMH. It is a huge challenge for us all and a great cause which is very dear to us so we are pleased to have been able to show our support.'

# Tri trio raise cash for Kim

Four Arran friends have completed their first triathlon to raise cash for charity.

Lynsey Cuthbertson, Jacqui McFarlane, Gwen McNicol and Emma Campbell all took part in their first Olympic distance triathlon. A one-mile swim, 40K cycle over the Ross Southend loop and 10K run,

They were among the 400 athletes who took part in the fourth annual Arran-

Man festival held in Lamash on Sunday June 18.

They have been open water swimming together since January. Jacqui has been raising money for her friend's wee girl Kim McMaster who was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome last year, a debilitating neurological condition causing multiple disabilities and medical complexities, mostly effecting girls be-



Jacqui, Gwen, Emma and Lynsey are all smiles at the finish line.



Jacqui on her way to the top of the Ross road.

tween the ages of one and two years. The money she has been raising will go towards the research already being done to find treatments and reverse the syndrome.

She has raised an amazing £1,335 so far through her Just Giving page. This is 66 per cent of her £2,000 target. Her page is still open to donations to help

her reach her target. Kim and her mum Kate, who live near Glasgow, were there to cheer Jacqui on.

The results were: Lynsey Cuthbertson 5th female and 26th over all in 2hrs 53 mins, Jacqui McFarlane 21st and 70th over all in 3hrs 33 mins, Gwen McNicol joint 45th with Emma Campbell and joint 78th overall.



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- 9th August Wildlife hunt - explore and discover on the Community Land

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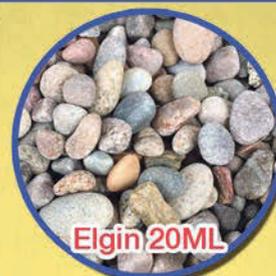


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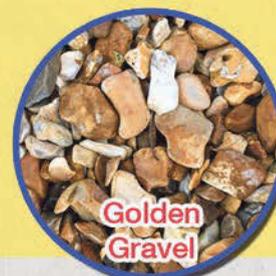
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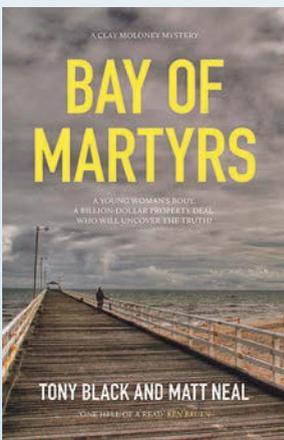
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# Co-written crime novel is a seamless success

### Book review Bay of Martyrs by Tony Black and Matt Neal

I'll freely admit I read a lot of crime novels, but I don't remember reading a co-written crime novel any time in the recent past and, if I did, it was



The front cover.

clearly instantly forgettable.

So I picked up Arran author Tony Black's latest novel with some degree of curiosity. Not just because it has a co-writer in Matt Neal, but by the fact the book was written simultaneously on opposite sides of the world. So while Tony wrote his bits at his computer in Whiting Bay, Matt Neal was writing his in the south coast city of Warrnambool in Australia.

But if I expected to see the joins where they two writers overlapped I was to be disappointed. Because the book, *Bay of Martyrs*, flows seamlessly from start to finish.

Tony is a master of Tartan Noir and his collaboration with a veteran

Australian journalist just makes everything feel very real.

His latest anti-hero is a downbeat journalist Clay Maloney. As a long-in-the-tooth journalist I like to pick holes in the portrayal of reporters in books. But if you want a pretty real portrayal of what life is like in a regional daily newspaper be it in Warrnambool or Glasgow you won't go far wrong with Clay, although he is a dying breed, in more ways than one.

The story starts with a hungover Clay expecting an easy Sunday at work when the body of a young woman washes up at the Bay of Martyrs. The death is an inconvenience for Clay, who is con-

tent filing obituaries and re-writing government press releases on the new multi-million-dollar airport.

But the more he digs into the Bay of Martyrs incident, the more he realises the girl's death is not a case of misadventure, despite what the police tell him.

Clay becomes obsessed with the murder investigation, putting himself and his colleague Bec, an Irish-born photographer, in danger. Will Clay achieve justice for the young student, or will those in power stop him before he uncovers the truth?

I won't say any more about the story but the book fairly zips along. Although Tony used to

live in Australia, you can tell the narrative of the Warrnambool setting comes straight from Matt's pen. Similarly the tense confrontations are pure Tony, but that in no way detracts from the telling of the story.

Given the west of Scotland setting for a lot of his previous 13 books, I thought Tony may be out of his comfort zone a little in the wide open spaces of Australia, but if this collaboration is anything to go by we are going to hear a lot more of the adventures of Clay Maloney.

*Bay of Martyrs* is published by Freight Books priced £9.99 and is available online and in all good bookshops.

Hugh Boag. Author Tony Black.



## An intimate evening with Christine Bovill

Christine Bovill.



Award-winning chanteuse Christine Bovill, who has visited Arran before with a sell-out concert of Edith Piaf songs in Brodick Hall, is returning next week.

She will return on Saturday July 8, this time playing the community theatre at Arran High School, starting at 7.30pm. Instead of her Edith Piaf show, which was also a runaway success at the Edinburgh Fringe, Bovill has instead promised an intimate evening of song, with a vibrant and original collection of tear-stained ballads, alongside infectious Americana and Cajun sounds.

Born in Glasgow, Bovill now has an international reputation as a performer and as a songwriter. She has appeared on radio and TV, and her self-penned

play Christine Bovill's *Piaf* was highly rated by the critics.

Her voice, 'sonic combination of dark chocolate and cigarettes' has mesmerised audiences and critics alike.

According to *The Sunday Times'* critic, it is: 'Something that will stay with you for the rest of your life ... I wasn't prepared for the effect her voice would have on me.'

Tickets for the Isle of Arran Music Society concert are available on the door on the night, in advance from Inspirations of Arran in Brodick, or online from [www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com). As usual, children will be admitted free, with their accompanying adult. In the theatre, there will be easy-access front row seats available if required.

John Roberts.



The boys of the S1 vocal ensemble sing Coldplay's *Vida La Vida*. 01\_A26concert09



Charli Hodgart belts out *Hallelujah*. 01\_A26concert04

# Pupils on song at s

There was talent galore on display at the first Arran High School Summer Showcase held last week.

A packed community theatre enjoyed the evening as pupils of all ages sang and entertained the audience of family and friends with a wide variety of musical instruments. Here is a selection of the performances.

*Photographs by Hugh Boag.*



The AHS junior choir featuring Lanna Campbell, Iona Summer, Abi Trail, Charli Hodgart and Marsha Bain perform *Happy Ending*. 01\_A26concert07



Iona Summer rouses the crowd singing *Chandelier*. 01\_A26concert06



Megan Hamill performs *Liability* on the piano. 01\_A26concert03



The S1 vocal ensemble featuring



Daisy Urquhart-Dixon performs with the AHS brass quartet. 01\_A26concert08



Emily Devine performs an acoustic version of *Crazy in Love* with her beatbox. 01\_A26concert11



The AHS fiddle ensemble. 01\_A26concert05



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# Summer showcase



g Kaitlin Rogers, Freya McNicol and Gina Boni. 01\_A26concert02



The AHS concert band was first to perform. 01\_A26concert01



The AHS senior choir sing and dance to Forget You. 01\_A26concert13



The S1 singers featuring Zara Wilson and Natasha Nelson.

01\_A26concert10

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# WHAT'S ON

## Everyday

Trout fly fishing  
Brodict Castle,  
Arran Brewery  
Soap making and candle dipping  
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodict  
Lamlash Church

## Saturday 1st July

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  
Malt & Music Festival  
Inspiration of Wood  
Grubby Greenies nature club  
Live music - Powerhouse

## Sunday 2nd July

Family games  
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm  
Fun in the pool  
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'  
AA meeting  
RNLI Shop  
Inspiration of Wood  
SWI Arran Federation 100th year garden party  
Live music - Arran's young musicians

## Monday 3rd July

Over 50s badminton  
Badminton  
Morning fitness  
Badminton  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Circuit training  
Lamlash Aerobix  
Tae Kwon-do  
Summer bridge tournament  
Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau  
Adult Tennis  
Brodict Bowling Club Rink Game  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game  
Arran skinnymalinks  
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Coffee Morning

## Tuesday 4th July

Pop quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth club  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Healthy outdoors  
Blackwaterfoot bowls  
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)  
Lamlash Junior Drama Club  
Flow yoga  
Pilates  
Brodict Castle garden walk

Loch Garbad, bank fishing  
Garden open 9am-dusk  
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm  
Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm  
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Open Weekdays 10am - 12 noon

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  
Lochranza Distillery,  
Corrie Hall, 11am - 5pm  
Community Land, Wbay, 10am - 12noon  
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 2.30pm - 5pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Corrie Hall, 11am - 5pm  
Strabane, Brodict, 2pm - 5pm  
PHT, Lamlash, 4pm

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 & Tennis Club from 5.30pm  
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm  
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm  
Shiskine Church Hall, 5.15pm  
Brodict Church Kitchen, 6pm  
Whiting Bay and Kildonan church hall, 10.30am - 12noon

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  
Bowling Club, 2pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm  
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 6pm  
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm

Live music  
Doug Scott Talk  
Isle of Arran Rotary Club

## Wednesday 5th July

Rock an pop bingo  
Tae Kwon-do  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass rehearsal  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service  
Mixed ability Run (Arran Run Coach)  
Yoga-Arran  
Mixed hockey  
Dog classes  
Knitnery and Natterry  
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  
Montrose House Summer Fete  
Dougarie Estate Open Gardens  
Grubby Greenies nature club  
Parkinsons support group

## Thursday 6th July

Morning fitness  
General knowledge quiz  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Ladies' hockey  
Winter bowls  
Arran Bridge  
Quilt Arran  
Spinning & weaving demonstration  
Chair yoga  
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers  
Adult Tennis

## Friday 7th July

Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza children's badminton  
Lochranza adults' badminton  
Arran Vets  
Arran Vets  
AA meeting  
Tae Kwon-do  
Quiz  
Smart Recovery Meeting

Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7.30pm  
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 7pm for 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 4.15pm  
Montrose House, Brodict, 2pm  
Dougarie Estate, 2-5pm  
Community Land, Wbay, 10am - 12noon  
Lamlash fire Station, 2pm - 4pm

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm  
Arran Heritage museum, 11am - 4pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am - 11.30am  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm

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  
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 1.30pm - 3pm

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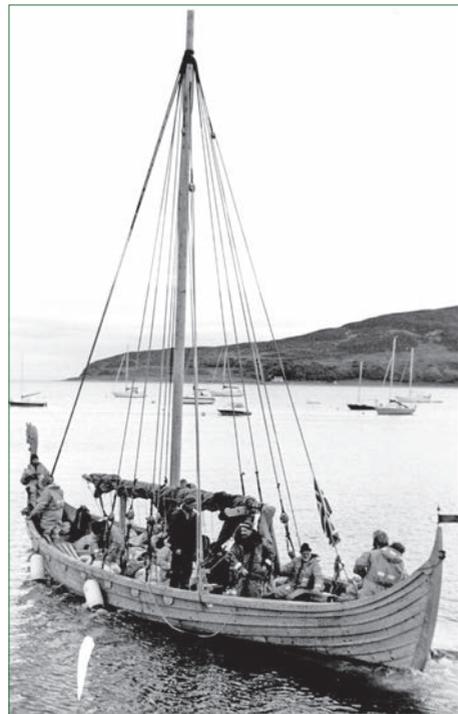
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## On the market

For sale, des res, umpteen bedrooms, gardener's cottage, paddock, stables, ground for 10 houses and all at offers over £150,000.

For Arnhall is about to be put on the market by Save the Children Fund. Arnhall in Whiting Bay has a chequered history in recent years. When the charity stopped bringing over groups of young people in 1995 its future was uncertain. later it was leased to Enable Scotland but, last Decem-



A Viking longship eased itself out of Lamlash Pier last Wednesday, with a crew of 15 Norwegians, heading to Trondheim from the Isle of Man. The longship was constructed as a Millennium project and a perfect replica of a slightly larger vessel than the Vikings would of used. B26twe02

ber, it caught fire and suffered considerable damage.

Now its refurbishment is almost complete and Save the Children Fund has decided to sell it. Anna Logan who is handling the sale for Brodick Estate Agency said: 'I don't think it will become a private home. I would love to see it as something like the Auchrannie, so that everything is not just centred around Brodick.'

## New ferry

A new ferry service began on Monday between Campbeltown and Ballycastle in Northern Ireland. Operated by Sea Containers Ltd the vessel is the very familiar *Claymore* and she will make two return sailings per day.

When the service was first mooted only CalMac was interested but the then Secretary of State encouraged private interest and now the *Claymore* is sailing under new colours.

A similar service was tried 20 years ago by Western Ferries. Argyll and the Island Enterprise has hopes that this will boost the Argyll economy although it is difficult to see it having much impact on Arran.

## New head

Whiting Bay primary which has been without a permanent head teacher since the retirement of Peter McBeath almost two years ago, is to have a new head when the session begins in August. And although coming to take up the post the new head is no stranger to Arran. For she is Mrs Rhona Dunn who previously taught in Brodick Primary and was head teacher at Corrie for a few years.

Mrs Dunn was known as one of the very best teachers and parents at Whiting Bay will be looking forward to a more permanent arrangement at their school.



Last Thursday saw Arran Dial-a-Creche's second Tots and Teds Big Day Out at Brodick hall. Adding to the array of fun activities were groups of children enjoying pony rides.

B26twe04



The annual In-Bru junior sevens football tournament was held at Sandbraes last week when the winners were Brodick, pictured, and Lamlash. B26twe03



The Brodick Hope Cup winning team, left to right, Calum Duncan, Stevie Bunyan, Ian MacMillan, non playing captain, Bobby McCrae and Alastair Dobson. B26twe05

Heavy event champion Scott Clark of Brodick has just returned from the Jakarta Highland Games where he picked up three bronze medals in shot put, cable and hammer.

Scott was invited to Indonesia as a result of his successes at Balmoral last year. B26twe01



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

**17/00658/PP:** Vulcan Garage, Auchrannie Road, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use to servicing garage and MOT Station.

**17/00650/PP:** High Whitefarland, Pirnmill, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of replacement 1 and 1/2 storey dwelling house.

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ALL WELCOME

**ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
There will be Taizé worship on **Thursday 6th July** at 5.30 pm, in Holy Cross Church, Brodick.  
**PLEASE NOTE TIME AND PLACE.**  
ALL WELCOME

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Mrs Jean Hunter:  
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**Sunday 2nd July**  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning worship  
Pirnmill 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 2nd July**  
Family Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.  
Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship.  
All most welcome.

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**Sunday 2nd July**  
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Sunday Mass 11am

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Kilmory 10 am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
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(continuing)  
**Sunday 2nd July**  
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All welcome

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 2nd July**  
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Ormidale Pavilion  
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**DEATHS**

**ANDERSON - Margaret Connell**  
A celebration of her life took place on Wednesday, 28th June in Brodick Church. She was a faithful member of many local groups and will be especially remembered for her performances of her entertaining monologues.

**SHEARMON - Kenneth**  
The family announce the passing of Ken on Monday 19th June. Funeral service at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium Irvine, on Tuesday 11th July at 1pm to which all are welcome.

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**Lamlash Golf Club**  
Sunday June 11, Fleet Cup, trophy awarded to the best score over 36 holes. 1 Alan Winship 72=65=137, 2 John O'Sullivan 69=71=140. Congratulations to the winner. Thursday June 15, Summer Cup, CSS 65, Par 64. 1 N Young 70-6=64, 2 T Jameson 69-4=65, 3 Stuart Campbell 72-6=66. Scratch, T Jameson 69. Magic twos A Colquoun, T Jameson x 2.  
Sunday June 18, Jamieson Cup, CSS 65, Par 64. 1 S El Adm 80-16=64, 2 A Winship 80-14=66, 3 Alan Smith 78-11=67. Scratch, P Cowan 72. Magic twos, M Wren at 16th. Thursday June 22, Summer Cup and Scratch Cup, CSS 64, Par 64. 1 T Jameson 65-4=61, 2 Stuart Campbell 68-6=62, BIH, 3 S El Adm 78-16=62, 4 M Wren 76-11=65. Scratch, T Jameson 65. Magic two A Colquhoun at 13th.

Thursday June 22, Yellow Medal, CSS 61, Par 61. 1 R Garratt 77-15=62, 2 J Gibson 74-12=67. Magic twos J Stewart at 4th.  
Sunday June 25, Medal Shield, CSS 67, Par 64. 1 I Bremner 71-7=64, 2 M Harvey 79-11=68, 3 M Wren 80-11=69. Scratch, I Bremner 71.  
Fixtures: Saturday July 1, Club Championship, first qualifying round. Sunday July 1, Club Championship, second qualifying round and Jamieson Cup, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday July 6, T Graham and Scratch Cup, make up own games, see starter for times. Friday July 14, E I Cannon Charity Day, four ball Stableford in aid of Santa's Sparkle.  
Ladies section: Mon-



All of the cup winners and runners up at the Shiskine Club Championship finals.

day June 21, Medal 4, CSS 64, par 65, seven played. 1 Sheena Murchie 78 (16) 62, 2 Anne MacVicar 84(18) 66. Scratch Sheena Murchie 78. Magic two at 16th Yvonne Brothers

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**  
Wednesday June 21, The Ballantyne Cup. The 13 who defied a very pessimistic summer solstice weather forecast were very much the winners as the day remained dry. CSS stayed at 63 and early starter Andy Martin came in with a fine nett 60 to win by three from Pele Quigley who proved that his recent two shot handicap cut was well merited with a nett level par 63. 1 Andy Martin 12, 60, 2 Owen Pele Quigley 18, 63, 3 Nicol Auld 4, 64, ACB and lowest gross, 4 Kevin McAleney 12, 64. Kevin bagged the only magic two of the day at the 2nd hole.  
Sunday June 25, The Morton Quaich. After the excitement of hosting the Hope Cup only 10 turned out to play the course at its

Hope Cup setup. Conditions were fine but the fast greens and tricky flag positions proved difficult to cope with and CSS went up to 64. Ronnie Mann was undeterred however and won with a commendable nett 63. 1 Ronnie Mann 14, 63, 2 Stan Rainey 11, 65 and lowest gross, 3 Alan Kay 18, 67 ACB, 4 John Dick 13, 67. Stan Rainey carded the only magic two of the day at 17th.  
Fixtures: Sunday July 2, Medal. Wednesday July 5, Summer Trophy.

**Brodick Golf Club**  
Wednesday June 21, Summer Cup, 32 played, CSS 63. 1 Kenny McMillan 73-13=60 ACB, 2 Gordon Hendry 66-6=60 ACB, 3 Angus Raeburn 71-11=60 ACB, 4 Chris Park 74-14=60. Scratch Gordon Hendry 66.  
Sunday June 25, Sweep, 17 played, CSS 65. 1 Bill Donaldson 79-17=62, 2 Stuart Brodie 81-16=65, 3 Bruce Jenkins 73-7=66. Scratch Bruce Jenkins 73. Congratulations to Lamlash on their Hope Cup win at Whiting Bay.  
Ladies Section: Tuesday June 20, Wilkie Trophy, 10 played, CSS 67. 1 Pat Reid 39pts, 2 Susan Butchard 36pts, 3 Margaret Roxburgh 32pts.  
Fixture: Sunday July 2, Brandon qualifier, 8.30am and noon. Tuesday July 4, Medal.

**Shiskine Golf Club**  
Sunday June 11, Club

Championship finals day. In the Duiskey Cup, Phil Betley beat D K Henderson. In the ladies Bronze Championship, Fiona Scott beat Piet Johnston. In the ladies Club Championship final, Ann May beat Mairi Pollock. In the gents Club Championship final, David Tod defended his title against Shiskine captain Robbie Crawford.

Sunday June 25, gents 18 Hole Medal, 13 Played, CSS 65. 1 Jack McNally 71-9=62, 2 Colin Allison 72-8=64, 3 Jimmy Morrison 74-8=66. Scratch, Jack McNally 71.

**Corrie Golf Club**  
Wednesday June 21, Wednesday Cup. 1 G Andrew 68-9=59, 2 J McGovern 74-14=60, 3 E McKinnon 61-1=60. Scratch, Euan McKinnon 60. Magic twos, Graeme Andrew x 3. None of these came out the hat so even more money to play for next week.

Fixtures: Wednesday June 28, Wednesday Cup at 5pm. Friday June 30, Corrie Hotel Cup at Machrie. Saturday July 1, Commemoration Shield and Rosebowl, ballots at 9am and 1pm.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**  
Tuesday June 20, Peter Sutton, CSS 65. 1 R Woods 80-18=62, 2 H Bannatyne 72-6=66, 3 A MacDonald 78-11=67. Lady Mary, CSS 68, R/O. 1 A Latona 99-23=76.  
Fixture: Tuesday July 4, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

**THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU - GARDNER**  
Lorna and Denise would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection for Crosshouse Hospital Premature Baby Unit.  
Mum (Morag) would be 'chuffed to bits' to know that her request resulted in a cheque for £1300 being presented to the Neonatal unit on Wednesday 28 June.

# Kirsty comes out on top at riding club show

Arran Riding Club members held their annual junior show recently when 10 ponies and their riders came to the Mayish in Brodick on the Wednesday night to challenge themselves and their ponies to some fun.

Each combination tackled a tricky 'handy pony' course, where they had to demonstrate their trust in each other and their agility; a jumping course, which tested their balance and control, and a selection of gymkhana races to finish.

The evening began with the fancy dress, kindly judged by Sally Hunter. There was a lot of effort put into the costumes,

and trying to pick a winner was a tricky task. Rosie Wilkinson came out on top, dressed as bee riding Milo, dressed as a very cute flower. The club would like to thank Sally for embracing a difficult task, and say well done to the ponies for putting up with all the glitter, hats, face paint, ribbons and tutus!

The results were: Handy pony: 1 Daisy McNamara and Kizzy, 2 Lily Currie and Missy, 3 Rosie McNamara and Paebal, 4 Niamh Gosman and Fred.

Jumping: 1 Lily Currie and Missy, 2 Grace Popplewell and Fudge, 3 Kirsty Morrison and Pearl, 4 Daisy McNamara and Kizzy

Fancy dress: 1 Rosie Wilkinson and Milo, 2 Niamh Gosman and Fred, 3 Daisy McNamara and Paebal and 4 Emma, Lisa and Cara Henderson and Teddy.

Bending: 1 Daisy McNamara and Kizzy, 2 Kirsty Morrison and Pearl, 3 Grace Popplewell and Fudge, 4 Niamh Gosman and Fred.

Flag race: 1 Kirsty Morrison and Pearl, 2 Rosie McNamara and Paebal, 3 Rosie Wilkinson and Milo, 4 Lily Currie and Missy

Sweetie in the flour race: 1 Kirsty, 2 Lily, 3 Daisy and 4 Annie West and Harry Musical cups: 1 Kirsty, 2 Grace, 3 Cara Henderson, 4 Rosie McNamara.



Kirsty Morrison and Pearl, right, with reserve champions Daisy McNamara and Kizzy. Photo by Elanor McNamara



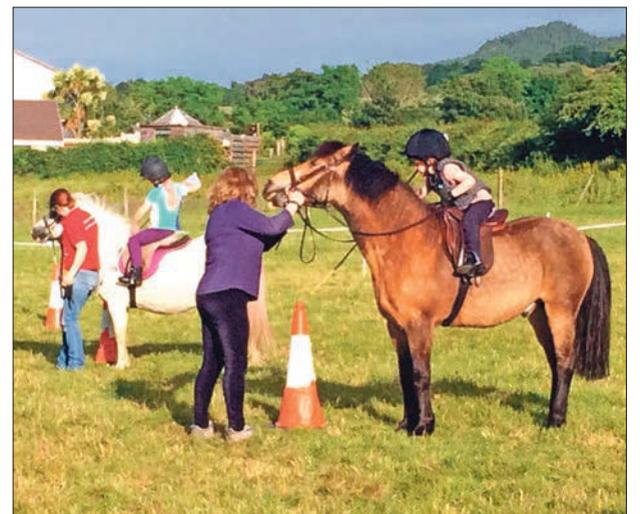
Goldilocks (Teddy) carries Emma, Cara and Lisa bears.



Niamh and Fred jumping in style.



Fancy dress winners Rosie and Milo.



Cara on Teddy and Hollie on Buster get their flags back in the cones.



Ballerinas Kirsty and Pearl.



Rosie McNamara and Kizzy.



Annie and Harry make a flying leap.



Fudge makes a lovely queen of hearts for Grace.



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# Northend trounced by Brodick

**Northend** 0  
**Brodick** 18

Northend Thistle had a bruising encounter with opponents Brodick FC on Monday when a fired up Brodick scored 18 goals and prevented the opposition from scoring a single goal.

In beleaguered form, and on their home ground at Lochranza, Northend Thistle felt the determination of the Brodick side with the dynamic duo of Archie McNicol scoring five times and Adam McNicol scoring four times.

Owen Pele Quigley was also on fine form scoring a hat-trick and then later rounding it off to an even

four later in the game. Bab-bies MacNeil and Andy Thomson each scored twice while Mark Halliday and Kyle McNicol also added to the score sheet.

Owen Pele Quigley was awarded man of the match by referee Donald Park.



Johnny Sloss dribbles the ball past two Shiskine players. 01\_B26footy02



A ball coming from the foot of Johnny Sloss goes high and sails over the bar. 01\_B26footy03

**Shiskine** 1  
**Lamlash** 4

At Shiskine a determined Lamlash side relentlessly attacked their Shiskine opponents, keeping the goalkeeper on his toes during a tense first half when Johnny Sloss and Sean Higgins repeatedly took pot-shots at the goals, eager to seek out any opportunity to score.

The pressure finally paid off with Grant Adamson,

Johnny Sloss, Sam Tattersfield and Luke el Adam managing to put one past the keeper and into the back of the net. Putting up a brave fight and ensuring that the team were not left without a single goal Cammy Thomson scored for the Shiskine side.

Sean Higgins was awarded man of the match by referee Lewis Kennedy for his determined effort and game play throughout the game.



Sean Higgins attempt at goal is thwarted by Shiskine's William Sillars. 01\_B26footy04

## Lamlash lift Hope Cup

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out Brodick. Lamlash began to produce solid pars or birdies and events began to get very exciting. The front pair levelled the match and went two up, which was reduced to one through 16 after their tee shot ended up among the trees at the rear of the green.

As this went on the back pair playing a strong combination, won four holes in succession to be one up through 16 and won the 17th after a most uncharacteristic missed put on the

green by Brodick. To put the icing on the cake for Lamlash the front pair proceeded to win the final hole to record a score of 2 up and a win for Lamlash.

### Speech

The new association president Jock Kelso gave a fitting presentation speech, complementing the hospitality of the home club, which was followed by the Brodick non-playing captain, on accepting the runners up trophy, congratulated Lamlash for the manner of the win and the sports-

manship displayed on the course.

For the Lamlash non-playing captain this was a hard act to follow, however he managed to express his delight at winning the Hope Cup at his third attempt as the club non-playing captain.

Later both teams including some of the Whiting Bay lads retired to Lamlash Golf Club where the customary filling of the cup plus other deeds were conducted in a most friendly manner. *Jim Henderson*



The winning Lamlash team with the Hope Cup trophy.



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# Troon take the honours in first skiff regatta



**By Stuart Turner**

Arran Coastal Rowing Club (ACRC) hosted its first regatta last Saturday at Lam-lash Yacht Club, followed by a social row around Holy Isle on Sunday.

Six coastal rowing clubs from the Firth of Clyde area - Largs, Troon, Prestwick, Girvan, Maidens and Cumbræ - had been invited to Arran for the weekend event.

The races got going at 11am and were run over a 1.5 kilometre course with a water start and finish. For the start all skiffs were lined up outside the moorings in Lam-lash Bay and two port turns allowed a long finish along the shore so the spectators could follow the progress and cheer their crews in.

The weather was thank-

fully kinder than forecast with a few occasional showers and some sunshine. Nevertheless, the rowers had to face quite challenging conditions for the eight scheduled races. Not only did they have to battle against the other crews for the medals, but they also had a stiff westerly wind to contend with.

After a hard day's rowing, Arran came third, Carrick second and the overall winner and dominant team of the day, with five wins in eight races, was Troon.

To the delight of all winning crews in addition to their medals, each rower also received an Arran whisky miniature, kindly sponsored by the Isle of Arran Distillery. The handsome trophy handed over to Troon was craft-

ed by Steve Garraway, one of ACRC's boat builders and club member. After the prizegiving the day ended with a delicious barbeque and disco with more than 100 participants in the Arran Yacht Club's boatshed.

On Sunday the weekend came to a close with a social row of about 12 km around Holy Isle followed by lunch. A great time was had by all and many expressed their hope that the event would be repeated next year.

In addition to all the club members and their families who worked tirelessly, ACRC would also like to thank all the companies which helped to make the tremendously successful weekend happen: Arran Deliveries for very generously sponsoring the med-



The Arran team, who finished third after the day's races. Inset: The new club logo.

als, a flag and advertising banner, as well as allowing one of their vans to be used for transporting chairs and tables, which were kindly lent out by KA Leisure at the High School. Brod-

ick Co-op for donating 160 water bottles for the rowers and Arran Dairies which gave ice to cool the drinks. Nick and Marbeth from www.arran-photogenick.com were the official regat-

ta photographers and produced hundreds of stunning action photos. And, of course, all of the clubs, their families and friends.

Photos by David and Emma Ingham



The winning Troon team with the newly-designed trophy.



Prestwick put in a big effort to pull ahead of their opponents.



One of the Arran skiff teams in action.



A Troon crew in full flight.

# SPORT



## INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Arran in action at the first skiff regatta

# Neil is 'overwhelmed' by America's Cup win

**Hugh Boag**  
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

A young Arran sailor has achieved a remarkable global sporting achievement at the age of just 22.

Neil Hunter from Lamlash is not only a member of the British youth America's Cup winning team but also the youngest member of the senior America's Cup team and helped them to the semi-final of world's most prestigious sailing tournament before they went out to eventual winners New Zealand.

It has been a remarkable six months for Neil who was the only sailor to compete in both the America's Cup and the Red Bull Youth America's Cup in Bermuda for Sir Ben Ainslie's Land Rover BAR team.

As previously reported in the *Banner*, Neil was promoted to the senior team at the end of last year which

saw him complete in the 35th Louis Vuitton America's Cup. He then went on to claim victory on Bermuda's Great Sound in the youth America's Cup after a nail biting final race which saw them beat New Zealand by two points.

The British entry completed 12 races against 12 other nations on Bermuda's Great Sound to take the title – six initial qualifying races and six in the finals. They finished the event with 50 points, just two points ahead of second placed New Zealand Sailing Team (48 points) and eight points ahead of Switzerland's Team Tilt (42 points).

The victory came down to a nail-biting finale, and the final race of the event, but the team showed their determination by never giving up to come back from difficult situa-



Neil, third right, with the rest of the winning youth team.

tions on the race course. Neil said: 'It's pretty overwhelming to be involved in the Louis Vuitton America's Cup with the senior team and then straight into winning the Red Bull youth America's Cup. The Land Rover BAR Academy has given me an amazing opportunity and I couldn't ask for anything more. I've won regattas before but I can't explain the feeling and pure elation of winning the youth America's Cup with this team. It really does go well beyond anything I've won before and with a great group of people!'

Team principal and skipper, Ben Ainslie said: 'We

could not be prouder of the Land Rover BAR Academy winning the Red Bull Youth America's Cup. All their hard work, commitment and dedication over the past 18 months has really come together on the water here in Bermuda. It was incredibly tense, it is a strong fleet, but I have been really impressed by the team's constant on-board communication, how they kept their cool under pressure and really delivered on the boat handling during the tricky conditions.'

Land Rover BAR launched the Land Rover BAR Academy in January 2016, to support talented young British sailors, and

create a structured pathway into the America's Cup. Neil was an initial example of success, promoted from junior to senior team, becoming not only the youngest sailor to compete in the America's Cup but the only sailor to compete in both competitions. The team competed in the same catamaran that Ben Ainslie's Land Rover BAR raced – and won – the 2015-16 Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series in.

But there is little time to celebrate as the young Land Rover BAR Academy are now heading to Madeira to compete in the Extreme Sailing Series Act III from June 29-July 2.

## Lamlash lift Hope Cup

Lamlash are the new Hope Cup golf champions after they beat three-in-a-row winners Brodick.

The final day of the Arran Golfers Association competition was held at Whiting Bay Golf Club last Saturday and what an advert it proved for Arran golf.

Four teams descended on the course on a pleasant dry day with the breeze gusting at times, making the area quite cold in the evening. Despite this the shot making by the contestants was exemplary.

The first game out at 1pm was between Lamlash and the host club Whiting Bay, but in the afternoon Lamlash proved to be too strong for the Bay.

The second game was between Brodick, who narrowly defeated Shiskine in the first round, and Lochranza Castle. Again Brodick was the stronger team setting up a final at 6pm with Lamlash.

The final began in positive fashion with the leading pair for Lamlash starting 3,2,5,2 to be 2 up through 4. The second pair began with a run of fours on the back foot to the Brodick pair. Both pairings through 11 made the overall score to Brodick 4 up.

The front pair being 1 down and the other 3 down, things looked 'gie bleak' for the Lamlash squad with the Brodick team playing good positive golf. However, Lamlash began to rally after a few mistakes caught

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The British youth team catamaran in full flight.



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