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## Summer dining on Arran

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# ArCaS in £100,000 cancer care boost for the island

The Arran cancer charity ArCaS is to donate £100,000 to two health projects on the island.

The trust made the announcement at its annual meeting where it was revealed that the charity shop in Brodick raised a remarkable £111,210 in the last financial year to March. And with a further £24,421 received in donations it means the charity raised £135,631.

Now the charity has revealed it is to support a specialist cancer nursing service for the island. Initially it is to invest £30,000 a year for two years to fund the introduction of a dedicated team of nurses to provide palliative care for cancer patients. Although in its infancy, it is hoped the service will eventually provide 24/7 care when required for all cancer patients on Arran.

The service will be run by the Arran Medical Group which received a cheque

to help set up the service at the meeting.

In addition the charity has earmarked £40,000 towards the purchase of a new state-of-the-art X-ray machine for the new A & E department at the Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamash.

Chairman Douglas Johnston said the donations and the on-going work of the charity could not be achieved without the continuing generosity of the people of Arran.

He said: 'The trustees and committee of ArCaS would like to thank the people of Arran for their generosity, donations and support and all the hard working volunteers who have staffed the shop and the mainland drivers for their excellent service.'

'Without this assistance ArCaS would be unable to provide the services to cancer patients and support other organisations.'

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## A day to remember



Arran war veteran Gilbert Norris had a proud day last week when the 102-year-old was presented with the Légion d'honneur by the Consul General of France, Emmanuel Cocher. Pictured with him at Cooriedoon are North Ayrshire provost Ian Clarkson and his son Geoff. Full story page 3. 01\_B26honneur02

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## Talks on new delivery date for Arran ferry

The shipyard building the new £48.5 million Arran ferry is in talks with the customer over a new delivery date.

As exclusively revealed in last week's Banner, the MV Glen Sannox is seriously behind schedule at the Ferguson Marine yard on the Clyde where it is being built for Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) for use on the Brodick to Ardrossan route.

CMAL chief executive Kevin Hobbs said that resources at the shipyard had been 'significantly below expectations' and said he did not believe the present delivery date, of winter 2018/2019, could be met.

There have been suggestions that work on the ferry may have to be completed elsewhere but these were dismissed this week by CMAL.

In a statement Mr Hobbs said: 'Work on MV Glen Sannox is on-going. Glen Sannox, along with her sister ship, will be completed by Ferguson Marine at Port Glasgow - there are no plans for this to change. CMAL still expects delivery of two ferries from FMEL, built to our detailed specifications, within the contracted cost.'

'Discussions on an updated delivery schedule for the vessels are currently ongoing between FMEL and CMAL, and this will be confirmed as soon as possible.'

Meanwhile, Ferguson Marine has been given a £30 million loan by the Scottish government.

The loan is to help the shipyard to bid for work repairing and servicing ships, and decommissioning oil platforms.

# Cold calling workmen try to dupe pensioner

Police on Arran have issued a warning to householders to be on their guard after an elderly lady was duped into handing over money to bogus workmen in Lamlash.

The cold calling workmen agreed to paint the pensioner's home but when they had completed the work the price had risen from £250 to £2,500. However, after the police became involved the cheque for the work was stopped by the bank and the resident was not out of pocket. The incident happened on Tuesday June 19.

It is understood the workmen arrived on the island in what has been described as a 'tatty van' on the Cloanaig to Lochranza ferry and police are following a positive line of inquiry.

Arran PC Scott Weir said: 'Sad-

ly this is the time of year when cold callers are at their most active. If anyone is interested in having work done they should ask for a written quote and speak to a relative or neighbour before signing up for anything.'

North Ayrshire Council's trading standards team is also cracking down on bogus workmen and say a simple door sticker could be the key to ending cold caller misery.

As well as acting as a deterrent, the notice - with a strongly worded message - makes it clear that any traders who ignore the message could be reported to the procurator fiscal's office.

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## ArCaS in £100,000 cancer care boost for the island

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Set up in 1989 the trust was established to help relieve the suffering and distress of people with cancer on Arran. Funds are raised through its charity shop at the pier in Brodick, which is staffed by volunteers, and donations and bequests. The money raised is used to provide transport to mainland hospitals and any excess funds are dispersed to the community nurs-

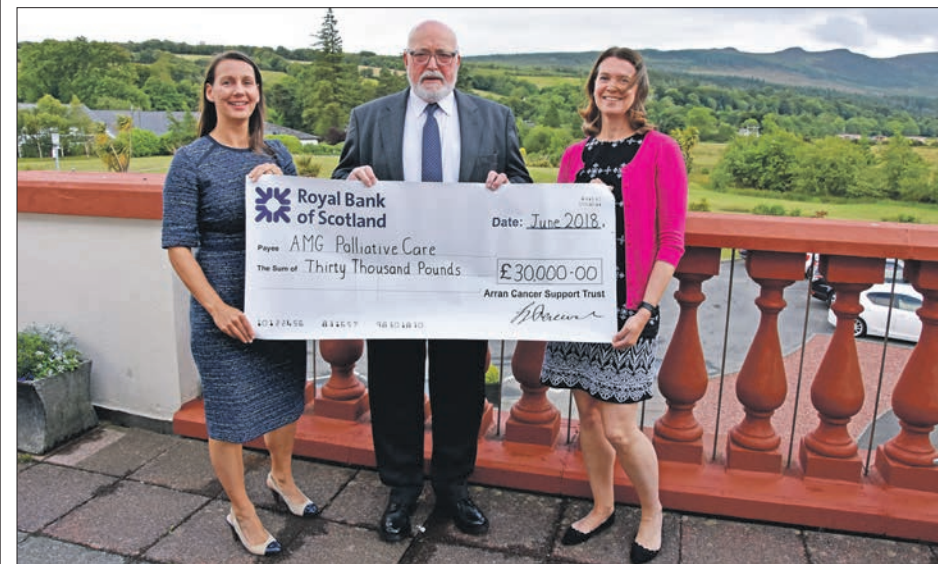
es, Arran general surgeries and mainland hospitals that provide diagnostic services and support for cancer patients and their carers.

The annual meeting held in the Glen Cloy suite at the Auchrannie Spa last Wednesday also heard where other funds have been spent. Transport costs were £24,974, ferry transfer warrants were £525 and complementary therapy was £4,480.

The gifts made by ArCaS

were £10,000 to mainland hospitals, which included support for Maggie's Centre in Glasgow to fund a series of gentle exercises classes such as Tai Chi and gentle walking for those affected by cancer, and community nurses, who received £351.

Anyone wishing to know more about ArCaS, and the support available, can visit the Brodick shop and pick up a booklet or visit www.arrancancersupport.org.



ArCaS chairman Douglas Johnston presents Arran Medical Group's Dr Faye Hamill and services manager Ruth Betley with a cheque for £30,000 in support of a specialist cancer nursing service on Arran. 01\_B26ArCaS01

# D-Day veteran receives Légion d'honneur award

A 102-year-old D-Day veteran Gilbert Norris received a special visit from the Consul General of France, Emmanuel Cocher, who presented him with the Légion d'honneur in recognition of his help in liberating France during the Second World War.

The Légion d'honneur is the highest distinction in France and was created by Napoleon in 1802. In 2014 former French president François Hollande - for the 70th year of celebration of the liberation of France - made the decision to honour all of the foreign veterans who played a part during the liberation.

At a ceremony held at Cooriedoon Care Home in Whiting Bay, where he now

lives, Gilbert received the medal and personal thanks from Mr Cocher and North Ayrshire Council Provost, Ian Clarkson. Geoff Norris, Gilbert's son, was also at the event to witness the honour being bestowed on his father.

Gilbert, who just turned 102 last month, was born on May 29, 1916. He joined the territorial army before the war and was called up to serve in 1939 and remained in the military until 1946.

In June 1944 he was part of the D-Day landings as a captain in the Royal Engineers who were attached to the 7th Armoured Division in the initial stages of the invasion. During his time in France he spent most of his

time building and repairing bridges which had been destroyed by the French, the Royal Air Force and the Germans.

Presenting the Légion d'honneur, making Gilbert a Chevalier (Knight), Mr Cocher, who is based in Edinburgh, said: 'On behalf of the President and people of France we thank you for your service. Without the selfless sacrifice made by men like yourself, the world we live in today would be a very different place.'

'Because of your bravery and service, France can be grateful for restoring their pride, their independence and restoring their hope and dignity. We are honoured to be able to present

this medal to you and to express our gratitude.'

Gilbert who came to live on Arran in 1978 after a successful career in the civil service, latterly as chief roads engineer with the Scottish Development Department in Edinburgh, said: 'This is a great day. I appreciate this very much.'

After the short ceremony staff and residents at Cooriedoon Care Home joined Gilbert and all of the attendees in celebrating the occasion with champagne, sandwiches, savoury snacks and a large chocolate cake.



Gilbert enjoys a glass of champagne as staff at Cooriedoon Care Home celebrated the event with drinks and snacks for all of the residents and special visitors. 01\_B26honneur03



Consul General Emmanuel Cocher presents Gilbert with his honour. 01\_B26honneur02

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# New bid to extend Lamlash cemetery



The proposed Lamlash cemetery expansion will allow for 571 extra plots. 01\_B26cemetery01

A third application to extend the cemetery at Lamlash has been lodged with North Ayrshire Council planners.

The move would create 571 much needed new lairs on the site which dates back to the 14th century.

It follows a previously approved application which was made in 2016 and which included the formation of a new access road, footpaths and the erection of perimeter fencing.

#### Revised layout

The latest application takes into account a revised layout which includes an improvement to the proposed drainage of the site. The proposed site lies to the south of the existing

cemetery which has experienced issues with drainage and a badger infestation. A portion of the badger fence, which is partially underground, will be dismantled and reused.

Having originally submitted an application to extend the cemetery in 2015, the application was withdrawn following drainage concerns from the Scottish Environmental Agency (SEPA).

The re-submitted application the following year was approved with the condition that a programme of archaeological works – recording and recovering artefacts from the historically significant site – were undertaken.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: ‘Local residents will be aware that we have a reducing number of plots available across Arran so we are working towards a solution that will ensure adequate space is available for the foreseeable future.’

#### First phase

‘The revised planning application represents the first phase of the extension to Lamlash cemetery in order to meet our needs for the next 10 years and reduces the footprint of the original application.’

‘The alignment of the plot rows, footpaths and consequently drainage has been altered to reduce the impact that the development will

have on the site, allowing us to reduce the extent of access road required.’

‘In the course of re-designing the proposals, it was necessary to progress some of the development in order to meet the immediate and ongoing burial needs of the island. This has been achieved by progressing the row of plots immediately adjacent to the existing cemetery as approved on the original application.’

The application, which includes 11 technical illustrations and two neighbour notifications with 20 metres of the site boundary, is currently pending consideration by the planning authority.

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A mock up of how Brodick Castle entrance would look with the new flags.



# Flagging up attractions

This is how the entrance to Brodick Castle could look when it finally re-opens next year.

## Planning

The National Trust for Scotland has submitted

a planning application to erect 13 huge flags at the castle to herald the new look attraction. The banners include depictions of a stag, a fighting Scotsman, a plant hunter, an eagle and a

red squirrel.

Six four-metre high flags, featuring new graphic designs, would be erected at the castle entrance, two at the exit with the others, along with new totem

poles, being use to help guide visitors around the castle grounds.

## Polyester

In the application, the NTS states that the flags themselves will be 1.7 me-

tres high and will consist of the polyester material.

The polycarbon flag poles will be located behind the boundary wall and fixed in place below the ground retaining wall with the use

of metal brackets. The application is under consideration by North Ayrshire Council planners.

The castle is expected to re-open in the spring of 2019.

## Gardening apprentice post at the castle

A rare opportunity to become an apprentice gardener at Brodick Castle and Country Park is up for grabs.

Arran has been chosen by the National Trust for Scotland as one of the sites of a new garden apprentice scheme to help nurture the next generation of talent to care for its 38 heritage gardens and designed landscapes.

With a worrying shortage of people with the right blend of skills and experience to care for its gardens, the trust decided to be proactive by piloting its own apprenticeship scheme.

The programme, which will initially seek five apprentice gardeners, will be based on the Modern Apprenticeship in Horticulture at SVQ Level 2 and will start in early September 2018 for two years. As well as Brodick, trainees will be taken on by the gardening teams at Crathes, Culzean, Greenbank and one jointly at Hill of Tarvit and Kellie Castle for the next two years.

Find out more about the National Trust for Scotland's new gardening apprentice scheme at: [www.nts.org.uk/charity/Vacancies/](http://www.nts.org.uk/charity/Vacancies/)

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# Council in bid help cut Arran energy prices

A municipal energy initiative which could help cut fuel prices on Arran is set to be introduced in the autumn.

North Ayrshire Council will team up with ethical energy provider Fairpower in a bid to slash bills for people across the area.

The agreement will allow the council to have greater influence on the prices available to customers and could save them as much as £200 per year.

Fairpower work with



several councils south of the border, but this venture would be one of the first of its kind in Scotland.

The initiative will be branded locally as 'Fairerpower Ayrshire' and will provide a simple, competitive tariff structure for both gas and electricity, which includes a fixed tariff, a variable tariff, and a tariff for pre-payment customers whose energy costs are

amongst the highest.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said: 'This has the potential to be a huge and positive development in our battle to get rid of fuel poverty in North Ayrshire.'

'Fairerpower has an excellent track record and we look forward to working with them and providing more affordable pricing

tariffs for people in North Ayrshire.

'The markets for domestic electricity and gas supply have become increasingly dominated by the big six energy companies.

Ingrained pricing structures often lead to high tariffs for those who can least afford them.

'But there are opportunities to offer alternatives which retail energy from renewable sources or operate on an ethical basis. Our administration have long made it clear that we want-

ed to intervene and make the market in North Ayrshire much more competitive and this partnership will bring a municipal energy product that allows us to do that.'

There is also the potential to supply the service to business customers - reducing costs and increasing their economic competitiveness.

The partnership should bring further opportunities to deploy smart meters in houses across North Ayrshire and al-

low greater scope to move people away from pre-payment meters - the least cost effective way of paying for utilities.

The council will enter into a formal partnership - known as a White Label arrangement - where the council creates, markets and promotes a local energy brand and tariff structure, while the supply and functions are fulfilled by the supplier partner.

The service is expected to be introduced in the autumn.



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Limited to 9,000 bottles worldwide the 49.8 per cent alc/vol 20-year-old single malt has been matured in bourbon barrels, sherry hogsheads and finished in Oloroso sherry butts from Spain.

The tasting notes from the distillery describe the whisky experience as:

Nose: Immediate notes

of creamy toffee emerge, with the fresh fruity citrus notes of Arran also very evident. The promise of something memorable.

Palate: Starts with an intense sweetness which coats the tongue as the creamy toffee develops into a treacle laced fudge. Dark chocolate raisins and honey give this dram delicious depth which stays long on the palate. With time or a drop of water, this dram opens up beautifully and shows another side with soft oak and hints of pink pepper.



An old style postcard is used to advertise Brodick Bay, the first of a limited edition celebrating Arran.

Finish: Long and memorable. A real gourmet dram which retains the sweetness of the delicate Arran character with layers of rich intense fruit.

The Brodick Bay Explor-

er Series will be available from the visitor shop in Lochranza from Tuesday July 10, and through their network of distributors. The suggested retail price is £130 for a 70cl bottle.



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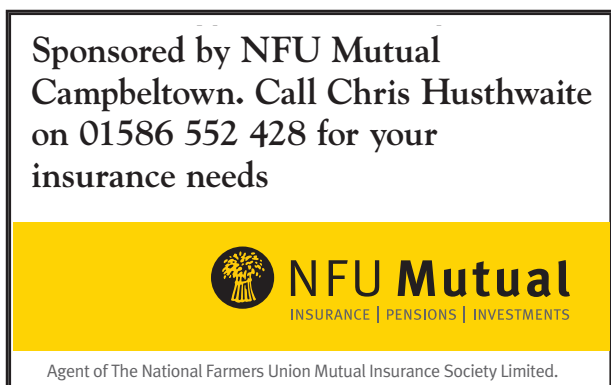
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## Kildonan visitors enjoy a view of home



The annual summer outing of the Kilmory and Kildonan Senior Citizens' Association was a wonderful day out to Glasgow.

During their trip the group visited the Riverside Museum and Kelvingrove Art Gallery where they took a particular interest in James Nairn's famous 1886 painting of Kildonan.

The group is pictured beside James Nairn's painting of Kildonan.

## Sons pay tribute to cyclist dad

Two sons have completed a charity cycle on Arran in memory of their dad, Jim Glennie, who died after a tragic accident on the island last year.

Commemorating their father, his two sons, Keith and Alan Glennie, were joined by his 17-year-old grandson Owen and 11 other cyclists, who took part in the 72-mile challenge.

The entire family returned to Arran on the anniversary of the death of the 64-year-old from Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire, who crashed into a verge on The String road last June. They laid flowers at the spot where Jim had his accident.

The charity cycle raised in excess of £4,000 for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in Glasgow which Jim had been supporting for a number of years.

Jim was a keen sportsman and was well known in the area for playing football, golf and tennis. He was also a former manager and life president of Stonehaven Athletics, which has named its all-weather pitch the Jim Glennie Park in remembrance of his dedication to the club.



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## Editorial

### Cancer champion

It was never in any doubt that ArCaS is a fine charity and worthy of all our support.

It works tirelessly to help cancer sufferers on the island offering real and valuable support and for that it is to be commended.

But the news this week that it is to spend £100,000 on improving cancer services on the island only shows the commitment it has to making the biggest impact it can in fighting the Big C.

It may be early days yet but £30,000 in the first year will go a long way to helping set up a specialist cancer nursing service, while the second year of funding should help it eventually provide 24/7 care, when required, for all cancer patients.

Great too that £40,000 is to go to a new x-ray machine at the hospital which will go beyond helping just cancer patients.

ArCaS has always been open and honest about its finances and it is great to see how donations to the charity shop and the odd pound or two spent in the shop add up to make an annual income of £111,210 in the last financial year.

Go on, pop in, you know you want too.

#### Thought for the week

'Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.' Psalm 37:7

## Shipshape delay

Sir,  
So the cat is finally out of the bag. The new vessel for the Arran run is going to be late, hideously late.

We were previously told that the August 2018 delivery date was no longer viable and that the vessel would be delivered instead in 2019. No date given other than the year. Therein lay the clue.

Now we do not know when the vessel will arrive, but it can be confidently said that whenever it does (if it does) the bill will be enormous, it always is when things run late, but this really does take the biscuit. Tax payer to the rescue once more.

'First I've heard of it,' states our local MSP. Now there's a man with his ear to the ground.

Those with experience in such matters were always aware that this was a big ask for the 'world class' Port Glasgow shipyard, especially with the very complex design elements attached there to. Completely inappropriate in my view considering we have no gas supplies to service it. Incidentally the problem of the bulbous bow was not a design fault, unless that is you consider the size of it, which is about three times the convention. No, it could not be constructed by the yard to the standard required by Lloyds Register and had to be scrapped and re-constructed in Holland and could well cause problems in service due to its aforementioned size.

I will only mention in passing the passenger access system, with its constant changes in elevation, some subtle and some obvious and causes even me who can walk reasonably

well to trip occasionally, suffice to say that it seems that the lunatics have taken over the asylum.

One good thing, when it breaks down at least the passengers, or customers as we are now called (passenger access system notwithstanding), have less distance to walk in this circumstance.

We are also greeted by the news that Ardrossan will continue to be operational during the necessary alterations to the harbour. How do we know since no details of the changes have been published? Space there is tight and the Glen Sannox is a big lump of a ship. Irish berth seems the favourite.

Yours,  
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## Thunderguy memories

Sir,  
From my home in West Kilbride I watch the Caledonian Isles sailing serenely over the shimmering sea to the beautiful Isle of Arran.

Recently my friend and I spent a most enjoyable and magical holiday at the lovely Heathfield Cottage in Brodick. We were truly delighted to meet so many kind, friendly people so willing to help us in any way. It made the holiday so special.

It was such a treat to attend the Irish, Scottish ceilidh at the Ormidale Hotel. It was a great pleasure to speak to the performers after the show and also to the Rev Angus Adamson.

My late grandmother Flora Kerr was born and

brought up at Thunderguy, Pirnmill. I am also related to Flora Currie of Sunnyside, Pirnmill.

I have just completed a book about my idyllic childhood at Thunderguy Farm in the days of Dan and Effie Currie. This book contains interesting stories and amusing anecdotes of past times and events on Arran, which were related to me by my close and loving family.

I am desperately anxious to publish this book, as I do not want these stories and photos lost to posterity. I send all my love and my very best wishes to everyone on Arran, the island so very dear to my heart.

Yours,  
**Miss Fiona Kerr Fraser,  
West Kilbride.**

## Public exclusion

Sir,  
Briefly, on the proposed fencing of Glen Rosa (Arran Banner June 9), it seems to me fencing off with all its attendant reasons, a lot of them dubious, is just another way of excluding the wandering public from areas of Scotland large and small. It is just a tad insidious. Once we have lost it, it is gone for ever.

Yours,  
**R C McKay,  
Moray.**

## Immaculate facilities

Sir,  
I am writing to thank all the village volunteers who run the village toilets around Arran.

They are all kept immaculate. We are so, so grateful they have undertaken this commitment after last year's disaster when they were all closed around the island.

As holidaymakers we really didn't look forward to returning to the same predicament, so a big thank you to you all. Please continue with your dedication.

Yours,  
**R Massey,  
North Wales.**

## Sad loss

Sir,  
So sorry that the Riding for the Disabled Association on Arran is now no more, as highlighted in last week's Banner.

As an occasional volunteer over the last seven years, I have watched children, who are not mainstream, enjoy and progress through the RDA. They learn empathy, balance, and independence, as in where to guide their ponies by themselves – such an achievement for some.

My forte was with the ponies not the children, and some volunteers' forte was with the children and not the ponies. We each had our gifts to give, all very valuable indeed.

For myself, I got to meet a wonderful array of volunteers, each with a common purpose and various talents. However, the accolades should go to Yolly Campbell and Sue Tozer and others too numerous to mention, although we all tried our best to do the best for the adults and children who benefited from this charity. Thank you everyone involved.

Such a sad loss to the island.

Yours,  
**Sandra Brown,  
Lamlash.**

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## Raising cash for Kalimpong

The magnificent sum of £866.38 was raised on Saturday June 9, at the coffee morning in Corrie Hall, in aid of Dr Graham's Homes in West Bengal.

Organiser of the Koffee for Kalimpong event Janice Small said: 'It was great to welcome familiar faces and passing visitors who enjoyed wonderful homebaking, coffee and an interesting raffle amusingly conducted by the Rev John Webster. Thank you to all dedicated helpers and loyal supporters whose continuing interest helps provide education and care to the children of Dr Graham's Homes.'



# Grief caravan on pilgrimage to Arran

A roaming art installation on a pilgrimage to Arran has been well received by the islanders who joined members of the travelling team at their caravan in the Brodick library car park.

Ominously sounding rather dark, but surprisingly positive and upbeat, the art installation is part of a collaboration dealing with the issue of grief.

Known as the Grief Series, the project is a sequence of seven projects, dealing with the seven psychological stages of grief. The Arran leg of the project entitled 'Journey with absent friends' was the final stage of the month-long

exploration of the question 'Where do our memories of the dead live?', which visited locations as far afield as Oxford, Poole and Stockton and Hamburg in Germany.

Travelling between sites in a specially-designed caravan, artist Ellie Harrison and producer Jessica Sweet, along with Leeds University historian Dr Jessica Hammett and facilitator Leann Young, the group invited visitors to the caravan to explore and share their own experiences of grief and loss. Offering visitors a cup of tea, a chance to explore how others have dealt with grief and to share



Historian Dr Jessica Hammett, producer Jessica Sweet and facilitator Leann Young outside the charmingly decorated art installation roaming caravan. 01\_B26grief01

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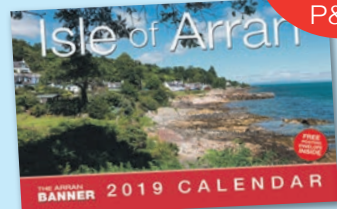
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their experiences in a caring and unique caravan-setting environment, visitors were also give the chance to record an audio clip which will be part of an audio archive on the subject.

Artist Ellie selected Arran as one of the locations for her project owing to the fact that her late father lived at Pirmill for a period of time, and which underpinned various aspects of her current project, which she wished to explore.

As with most of the stops along the way, the visit to Arran also included a meal, this time at the Auchrannie, where visitors were invited to join the 'grief team'



Artist Ellie Harrison during her visit to Arran with the roaming caravan.

to discuss their concepts of grief, loss and memories. For more information about the Grief Series, projects and collaborations and venues, a detailed and informative brief, including interviews and blogs, can be found on their website at [www.griefseries.co.uk](http://www.griefseries.co.uk)

## Montrose House set for summer

The ever-popular Montrose House summer fete, organised by the Friends of Montrose House Association, is all set for next week.

The event, which will take place on Wednesday July 4 from 2pm, will feature all the usual stalls and delicious treats from the tearoom.

Donations of books, baking, tombola prizes – but not bric-a-brac – will be grate-

fully received at the home in advance, or the morning of the day itself, from 10am onwards.

This is the friends only fund-raising event and all money raised goes to provide support for service users and staff which falls outside the budget for the home and the Stronach Day Service, both of which provide support to those older members of the community needing specialist help.



Mums on Arran show their support for breastfeeding at Janie's Cafe.

# Mums show support for breastfeeding campaign

Mums on Arran gathered at Janie's Cafe at Home Farm last week to show their support for breastfeeding.

As part of the Scottish breastfeeding awareness week, NHS Ayrshire and Arran celebrated by having pop-up stands across the area, where they invited families along for a chat and a cuppa. They were also keen to talk to the general public about breast-

feeding and the peer support they offer to support families and help normalise breastfeeding in the community.

Last Friday the Breastfeed Happily Here initiative came to Arran to meet mums on the island at Janie's Cafe, the latest business to sign up to the scheme. There they were invited to take part in the #Ayrshirebreastfeeds cam-



The mums exchange their views over a chat and a coffee at Janie's Cafe.

paign which asks mums to convey why they chose to breastfeed or why they support breastfeeding. Arran health visitor Heather Allison also popped in to say hello and local volunteer Karen Lindsay Smith also helped out on the day.

Peer supporter Julie Peterkin of The Breastfeeding Network told the Banner: 'Breastfeed Happily Here is an NHS Ayrshire and Arran initiative to support businesses to welcome breastfeeding families when they are out and about. We have had a great response on Arran with CalMac, Stagecoach and many other local businesses signing up and display-

ing our sticker to welcome local and visiting breastfeeding families.'

The Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 means that it is illegal to stop a mother feeding her baby breast or formula milk in premises where the public has general access.

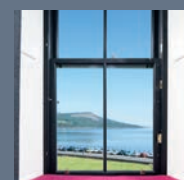
'Our Breastfeed Happily Here scheme is a way of making sure that employees in local businesses are aware of the legislation. They display the Breastfeed Happily Here sticker to let all customers know that breastfeeding in public is protected by law and that they openly support and encourage mothers to feed their babies,' Julie added.



Health visitor Heather Allison shows her support.

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# New mini golf course at Brodick is taking shape

**Colin Smeeton**  
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The recent spell of summer sunshine has allowed the work on the new Brodick mini golf course to continue apace and it is expected to be completed in the next week or two.

With the labour-intensive and time-consuming drainage and earthworks already complete, a large group of workmen have moved on to the light landscaping and preparing the surfaces for their final covering of artificial grass.

Working from the right of the site to the left - which has allowed various trades to all be on site at once and to make quicker pro-

gress - has also allowed the contractors to have certain holes nearly playable and complete with turf covering, obstacles and boundaries. The centrepiece, a relief outline of Arran, is nearing completion at the front and centre of the new course.

Originally built in 1960, after which it became synonymous with Brodick, the previous mini golf course was tired looking and suffered from drainage and age-related problems despite being incredibly popular with visitors and locals alike.

Requiring modernisation and weather proofing, owner Alastair Bilsland having taken inspiration from sim-

ilar attractions in New Zealand, decided to breath new life into the attraction and to deal with the drainage while also giving it an updated look.

While completely modernising the course and adding Arran-themed touches and improvements, one iconic item has been retained, the well loved Fourth Rail Bridge which was built by Kiscadale Engineering around 15 years ago.

The main contractor for the project is Armitage Groundworks with design contributions from Allan Macleod and Dave Campbell. County Carpets are also helping to deliver the project.



Workman Greg McCrae puts the finishing touches to the sculptured relief of the Arran shaped centrepiece. 01\_B26putt03



Workmen continue making good progress on the site with a few holes already nearing completion. 01\_B26putt01



The last of the heavy machinery completes the remainder of the groundwork on the last holes. 01\_B26putt02


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Millie the club mascot joined members on the water.



The final relay group from Brodick are welcomed back to Lamlash as the sun begins to set.

# Crazy kayakers paddle round the island

## Plans to make it an annual event

The inaugural Arran circumnavigation by the Arran Kayak Club was such a resounding and enjoyable success that the event, known as the Crazy Kayaking Day, will now become a regular feature on the club's calendar.

Starting at midnight on Sunday morning, a contingent of paddlers set off from the Outdoor Centre in Lamlash, guided by the

moonlight. The sea was calm and as smooth as a millpond and gleaming with phosphorescence.

With at least three paddlers undertaking each of the 11 clockwise legs of the route – most joined by supporters along the way – the early paddlers enjoyed a stunning golden sunrise as the early morning sunshine held promise for a day of beautiful weather and clear waters.

Adding to the enjoyment the weather continued to be glorious throughout the day and the paddlers enjoyed the calm and clear water around Arran which made it easy to spot an array of life in the sea.

Shore support was provided by Beth Mowatt who kept everyone going with a mobile tearoom in the back of her van, while Andy McNamara transported a trailer full of kayaks to make the changes at each of the legs quicker and smoother.

### Mascots

At each leg the next relay of paddlers were ready and waiting in the water, the club mascots were handed over and off they went.

The final leg of the event from Brodick slipway was around 8pm with an array of craft paddling out to welcome and support the last group of paddlers on the home stretch back to the Outdoor Centre.

By the end of a long but satisfying day 41 members had taken part in the Crazy Kayaking Day, including Millie the dog who supported and entertained the paddlers all day and who welcomed them back at the end.

Organisers thanked all of the paddlers, supporters and helpers and, owing to its huge success, decided along with club members that they would repeat the event next year.

For more information about the Arran Kayak Club or how to join, anyone interested can email [kayakarran@gmail.com](mailto:kayakarran@gmail.com) or find the group on Facebook.

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Jo Totty, Andrew Rigby, Sue Ash and Paul Chandler get a close-up view of a large three masted ship near Lochranza.



Paddlers in Brodick are silhouetted by the mountains of Glen Rosa in the early evening gloaming.



Some of the Arran Kayak Club who participated in the Arran circumnavigation.



The early morning paddlers who set off in the dark were treated to a stunning golden sunrise on the water.



Mary Smyth paddling close to the shoreline off Imachar.



Club member Sid Townsend enjoyed the clear waters of Arran.

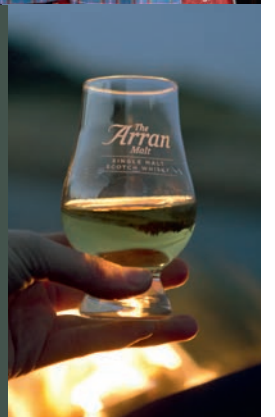


Lesley Elliott and Beth Mowatt set out in a canoe to welcome the final relay team back home.



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# More musical madness

The Arran High School musical *Our House* played to four nights of packed audiences at the community theatre last week. Following our review last week of

the show, featuring the music of Madness, here is another colourful selection of photographs from the show.

*All photos by Hugh Boag*



The *Our House* cast take well deserved acclaim from the audience. 01\_B25house19



Joe leads a lively dance routine. 01\_B25house06



Joe, Lewis (Ross Dobson) and Emmo (James Smith) in somber mood. 01\_B25house02



A tense moment between Joe and Sarah. 01\_B25house14

## KILDONAN FUN WEEK 2018

Sunday 8th July - Saturday 14th July

**Sunday 8th July - TAIKO DRUMMING**  
(taster sessions)

Limited to 8 people per session. Adults £5.00/  
Juniors £2.00

Village Hall 2.00pm and 3.30pm  
Juniors must be accompanied by an adult  
(not charged) to assist.

**Monday 9th July - SEAL and SHORE WALK**  
(with NTS Rangers)

2.00pm till 4.00pm, meet at Village Hall  
Adults £4.00, Children £2.00,  
wear wellies or stout footwear.  
Kildonan WI serving Cream Teas in the Hall

**Tuesday 10th July - ROUND KILDONAN FUN RUN**  
Village Hall 7.00pm Adult £3.00, Junior £2.00

**Wednesday 11th July - SOUP and SANDWICHES**  
Served in Village Hall by WI from 12.30pm

**Thursday 12th July - CAR TREASURE HUNT**  
£5.00 per car. Village Hall 7.00pm  
BBQ available on return.

**Saturday 14th July - FUN SPORTS ON THE BEACH**  
2.00pm TIDE and Weather dependant  
MYSTERY FILM NIGHT  
In the Hall. Doors open 7.00pm  
Entry by donation to Village Hall.  
Bring along nibbles, drinks and friends

**Please come along and join in the fun!**



Joe (Innes Thorborn) and Reecey (Daisy Urquhart-Dixon) spin around the classroom on their desks. 01\_B25house01



The cast in an angelic pose, but not for long. 01\_B25house04



Sarah (Eilidh Macpherson) and Joe get hitched in Las Vegas. 01\_B25house11



Swinging in the rain with Union Jack umbrellas. 01\_B25house16



It's a fair cop as Joe is nicked. 01\_B25house10



# What's on

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## Every day

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

## Saturday 30th June

ACRC Sponsored Row Round Arran	Around Arran 5.30am - 10.30pm approx
Craft Fayre	Brodick Castle and Country Park, 11am - 3pm
RNLI Shop Open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Rink Game	Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Rinks Bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Arran CND Branch Meeting	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 2.15pm- 3.45pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Live Music - Shindig	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
Live Music - The Sensational Alex Harvey Experience	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over 21s' Disco	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

## Sunday 1st July

Arran Classic Motorcycle Show	Arran Heritage Museum, 12.30 pm - 3.30pm
Live Music - Mike Edwards	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm - 4pm
RNLI Shop Open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
4pm	
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Live Music - Scott Nichol - Americana showman	The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Folk Music Session	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Shiskine Half Marathon	Blackwaterfoot, 12 noon

## Monday 2nd July

Coffee Morning	Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12 noon
Arran Skinnymalinks, in aid of Mary's Meals	Shiskine Hall, 5.15pm
JogScotland mixed ability running group	Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Adult Tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Circuit Training	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Summer Bridge, visitors welcome	Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
The Dybbuk and other Ghost Stories	Whiting Bay Hall, 6.30pm - 9pm
Rink Game	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Tae Kwon Do	Brodick Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Live Music - Tim Pomeroy	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm

## Tuesday 3rd July

Healthy Outdoors	NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Castle Garden Walk	Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls	Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Dougarie Garden Open Day	Dougarie Estate, 2pm - 5pm
Technology with Duan Bruce	Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)	Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Trev's Pop Music Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Body Blitz	Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

## Wednesday 4th July

Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Coffee Morning	Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
Coffee Morning	St Bride's Church, Brodick, 10.30am - 12 noon
Arran Skinnymalinks, in aid of Mary's Meals	Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service	10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Dog Classes	Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm



Mike Bailey Concert  
 Parkinson's Support Group  
 Arran Pace Makers Running Group  
 Rink Game  
 Tae Kwondo  
 Burger and quiz night  
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
 Live Music - Shenanigans  
 Family Friendly Pub Quiz  
 Quiz Night  
 Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm  
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm  
 Brodick, 5.30pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Advanced Juniors & Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm  
 Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm  
 PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm  
 Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Thursday 5th July

Machrie Bay Ladies' Open, 9 hole Tri Am  
 Morning fitness  
 A.C. L. I. Volunteer Gardening Day  
 Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera  
 Castle Time Travellers  
 Number 16 Restaurant at Blackwaterfoot Lodge  
 Adult Tennis  
 An evening of Poetry  
 Body Blitz  
 Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Machrie Golf Club, Tee-Off 9am  
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
 Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm  
 Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am  
 Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm  
 Blackwaterfoot Lodge, 5.30pm - 9pm  
 Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm  
 PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Friday 6th July

Yoga  
 Hydrofit  
 Coffee Morning  
 T'ai Chi with Sue Thurogood  
 Number 16 Restaurant at Blackwaterfoot Lodge  
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
 Tae Kwon Do  
 Friday Night Quiz  
 Live Music - Alistair McCulloch £10 ticket  
 Live Music - Karaoke & Open mic

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
 Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am  
 Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am  
 Blackwaterfoot Lodge, 5.30pm - 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
 Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm - 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm  
 Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8 - 10.30pm  
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

## Saturday 7th July

RNLI Shop Open  
 Rink Game  
 Rinks Bowls  
 Family games  
 Fun in the pool  
 Number 16 Restaurant at Blackwaterfoot Lodge  
 Alistair McCulloch, with Fatman & the Angel £15 ticket plus bar  
 Live Music - The Black Triangles return  
 Over 21s' Disco

Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
 Blackwaterfoot Lodge, 5.30pm - 9pm  
 Brodick Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm  
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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George Lindsay Band.

# Get ready for some rock 'n' blues at Brodick

## Inaugural Arran Rock 'n' Blues Festival

A 12-hour music marathon will take place in Brodick next month at the inaugural Arran Rock 'n' Blues Festival.

The music fest is to be held in Brodick Hall on Saturday July 21 from noon to midnight and will feature six stunning rock and blues bands.

Organisers NTM Promotions and The Pierhead Tavern are bringing the festival together for the first time but they hope to grow it in the coming years.

Opening the day will be a new band, Raising Bail, who play originals and covers such as John Meyer, ZZ Top, Robert Plant, Thin Lizzy, Tom Petty, Neil Young and Chris Isaak.

Following them are the Blues Mama, a Glasgow based blues band covering classics from Rory Gallagher, Eta James, Chicken Shack, Frankie Miller and more.

Storm Warning are laud-

ed by the UK blues press as one of the classiest contemporary blues bands in the UK, playing superbly crafted original blues rock songs and breathing new life into blues standards.

we copied!' also perform. If you enjoyed the original Dr Feelgood you will enjoy these guys playing from their repertoire and more of that era.

The George Lindsay Band are led by the fiery guitar and vocals of George Lindsay. The band play the blues, all the blues, from rocking to funky to country and everything in between.

Headlining will be The Sensational Alex Harvey Experience. The idea came about when the band were asked to headline SAHBROCK VI in 2013 and to do a SAHB tribute and went down a storm. So much so, by popular demand, they decided to keep this project going as it was both fun to perform with all the theatrics and the songs, but also because the die-hard fans wanted to hear SAHB all over again. They are highly recommended, and it has been said that the boys are one

of the best live bands in the circuit. PHT owner Jane Howe, who has been instrumental in reviving the rock and blues music scene on Arran, said: 'We are hoping that this year will be a great success and the beginning of a revolution of bringing music back to Arran as it was in the '70s with Thin Lizzy, Slade, Nazareth and of course The Sensational Alex Harvey Band. Next year maybe a two-day outdoor festival - anyone?'

Tickets are on sale online through Tickets Scotland and from the big Co-op in Brodick and The Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash, where several of the bands have played in the past. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £5 for under 14s. For more information visit the festival Facebook page where there are links to the bands' pages and music. <https://www.facebook.com/ArranRocknBlues/>

### ARRAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

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#### THE ISLAND'S FOUR STAR FAMILY DAY OUT

Learn about Arran's Unique Geology, Farming, Archaeology, Social History, Clearances, etc., and visit the 19th Century Cottage, the 1940's Schoolroom, and the Blacksmith's Forge.

#### Archive and Genealogy researchers welcomed

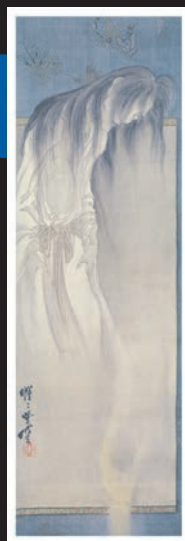
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Children's Quiz and Play Area.  
Riverside Picnic Area. Gift Shop.  
Lovely Snacks and Meals at Café Rosaburn.



This year the band were voted best band at The British Rock & Blues Festival following their successful album Take Cover.

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#### MOTORCYCLE SHOW

ON SUNDAY 1ST JULY FROM

12.30PM TO 3.30PM AT ROSABURN, BRODICK.

Come along and see a fascinating display of classic and modern motor cycles, off-road and other interesting vehicles. on display on the museum lawn.

If you have a motorbike, old, new, any condition, bring it along -you will be made most welcome.

Traditional Tombola Stall, and the Isle of Arran Pipe Band and the Jazz Cafe Band will perform. Museum and Tearoom open all day 10.30am to 4.30pm.



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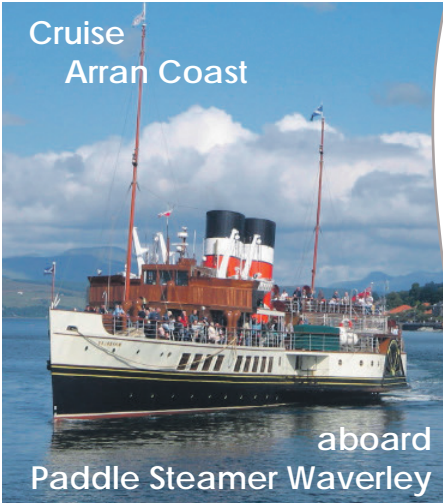
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**THURSDAYS June 28 until August 23**  
Leave\* 2.15pm back 3.40pm  
**SUNDAY August 12**  
Leave 3.30pm back 5pm  
Fare: Cruise Arran Coast £21 SC £19  
\*Jul 12 until Aug 23 Leave 3.30pm back 5pm

*Steam Round Ailsa Craig*  
**SUNDAY July 1 & MONDAY July 23**  
Leave 2pm back 5.30pm  
Fare: Cruise Ailsa Craig £29 SC £27

*Dunoon • Lochs & Castle*  
**TUESDAYS July 31 until August 21**  
Leave 11.30am back 6.10pm  
Fares: Visit Largs £21 SC £19  
Dunoon or Blairmore £27 SC £25  
Cruise Loch Long £33 SC £31

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**SUNDAYS July 15 & August 26**  
Leave 3.40pm back 4.40pm  
Fare: Cruise Skipness Point £19



**Brodick Castle from the Outside** - Mon, Fri & Sat: 11am, 1.30 & 3.30pm; Tue, Wed, Thurs & Sun 11.30am & 2.30pm Free with Garden entry  
A guided historical tour of the exterior of the Castle. Stout footwear advised. Please book at reception.

**Deer Calf Hillwalk** - Tue 3rd July  
Booking essential, tel. 01770 302462 for more information.

**Garden Walk** - Tue 3rd July 2 - 3.30pm Free with Garden entry  
A guided walk of our amazing gardens.

**Replica Bronze Age roundhouse open** - Wed 4th July 11am - 3pm Free with Garden entry

**Castle Time Travellers** - Thurs 5th July 2pm Free with Garden entry  
A family tour through the times of the Castle – dressing up optional! Please book at reception.

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**Craft Fayre**  
Sat 30th June  
11am - 3pm

# Author Graham makes a return to his roots

**Colin Smeeton**  
 editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Best-selling author Graham Hoyland recently returned

to Arran for a nostalgic visit to the places which inspired him during his youth and which are featured in many

of his books. A regular visitor to Arran for more than 50 years, his mother Marette Fraser, who lived in Corrie and died, aged 93, last year, is featured in the Arran Heritage Museum as she operated the telephone switchboard during the war.

Graham, who is also a mountaineer, sailor and the producer and director of adventure films, first learned to climb in the Arran mountains.

His career has taken him to all seven continents, from the Antarctic to the peaks of the Himalayas where he became the 15th Briton to climb Mount Everest.

His spirit of adventure



Three generations of the Hoyland family at the top of Goatfell. Graham's mum Marette (centre) in 1947, Graham (left) and Marette's granddaughter (right).



Author Graham Hoyland during his Arran visit. 01\_B26graham01

and love of the outdoors has seen him producing adventure films for the BBC, C4, Discovery and the Travel Channel and, more recently, he has worked on the BBC2 series of Dragons' Den.

Arran is a common thread in his books, including Last Hours on Everest which is his story of discovering George Mallory's body on Mount Everest.

His latest book, Yeti: An Abominable History, has just been published and it

too has an Arran thread woven into it.

While on Arran, Graham returned to childhood locations in celebration of his mother's life and he visited the houses of relations where he spent many summer months, which inspired a lifetime of pleasant memories.

Hastily dashing off again, Graham now lectures and speaks at public events but the sense of adventure has never left him. Having sailed

the Arctic Ocean in 2016, he is scheduled to sail the North Atlantic this year as part of his Seven Seas, Seven Summits attempt which will make him the first man to voyage the seven seas and scale the seven summits, half of which he has already completed.

All of Graham's books can be found on his website at [www.grahamhoyland.com](http://www.grahamhoyland.com) along with a host of travel articles which have been featured in the national press over the years.

## Classic vehicles wanted for show

The sixth Arran Classic Motorcycle Show will take place at the Arran Heritage Museum in Brodick tomorrow (Sunday).

As always, the organisers are keen to hear from anyone who has a bike which they would like to be included in the show.

It doesn't have to be in great condition nor does it have to be very old either, just so long as it is interesting.

Ronnie Logan of Corrie told the Banner: 'We are keen to include classic cars and other vehicles too. Last year's show included an old army Jeep, a rally car and two beautiful classic MGs from the 1950s. '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.'

If you've got a motorbike or other vehicle you think would be of interest they would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact any of the organisers to let them know. The email addresses are as follows: Ian Leitch, [ian.leitch@btopenworld.com](mailto:ian.leitch@btopenworld.com); Ronnie Logan, [ronald.logan1@ntl-world.com](mailto:ronald.logan1@ntl-world.com); Lenny Hartley, [liquidlenny@hotmail.com](mailto:liquidlenny@hotmail.com).

They can also be contacted via their Facebook page Arran Classic Motorcycle Show or by speaking to them directly.

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# Historical society learn of the Dukes of Portland

Members of the Arran Historical Society learned of the Dukes of Portland, their history and their connection with the Kilmarnock area from the 17th to the 20th century at their June meeting, writes Hugh Brown.

Giving the talk in Brodick Hall was Hugh Watson of the Kilmarnock and District History Society an expert on the subject. He told how the story began in 1688 when the Bentinicks, a Dutch family landed in the south of England, who were supporters of William of Orange. This support was rewarded with estates in the south of England and the title the Duke of Portland.

In 1794 the 3rd Duke of Portland was in the government and spent money on patronage. The aristocracy were addicted to gambling on card games and on horse racing. The winnings and bets involved were vast,

equivalent to millions of pounds in today's money.

The 3rd Duke of Portland was an important minister in the government of William Pitt the Younger. His estates were near bankruptcy and his heir the Marquis of Titchfield was looking for a wife. The possible wife was a Miss Henrietta Scott, the eldest of the three daughters of the late General George Scott, the richest man in Scotland. He had three daughters – the rich Miss Scott, Henrietta, the witty Miss Scott, Lucy and the youngest, the pretty Miss Scott, Joan. The terms of General Scott's will included his heiresses only marrying commoners. Their guardian and trustee was Henry Dundas, an important government minister.

General George Scott of Balcomie of Fife was an unbelievably lucky gambler who used his record winnings to buy estates and



Speaker Hugh Watson in Brodick Hall.

build a mansion house designed by Robert Adam. He bought Kilmarnock estates for his first wife Mary Hay, the young granddaughter of the ill-fated Earl of Kilmarnock. She was divorced after she eloped with a Cap-

tain Sutherland and was pursued from Fife to London. General Scott got his

best coach back and hired Captain Sutherland's servant who was a witness in the court case! His second wife was a Dundas related to Henry Dundas, the right hand man of William Pitt the Younger.

The Marquis of Titchfield, the guardian and lawyers were able to manipulate the will requirement that the Scotts only marry commoners. The youngest Miss Scott Joan was awarded a gift of £100,000, the middle sister married an aristocrat and the Marquis married the rich Miss Scott, Henrietta.

The talk went on to relate the family influence in Ayrshire and growth of its wealth from the industrial revolution. They built the pioneering railway line to Troon to export coal. In-

cluded was the eccentric 5th Duke who tunnelled under his house, the 6th Duke who had more than 100 race horses, won the Derby with a horse called Ayrshire and had a brief encounter – meeting his wife in Carlisle station!

Reference was made to their connection with Jamaica and slavery, their ownership of the Portland Vase, the various coats of arms, incorporated into the original simpler coat of arms, down to the 9th Duke who died in 1990 without a male heir in England. The estates were split up after this.

The next society meeting is on July 16 when Fiona Laing will talk on the history of Pirmill, which will be held in Brodick Hall at 2pm.

## Circus Montini comes to town

A circus with a difference is coming to Arran next month.

Circus Montini has extended its Highlands tour and will now appear in the big tent at Ormidale Park in Brodick from Friday July 20 to Sunday July 22.

The circus, making its first visit to the island, says it is a dazzling combination of theatre, music and dance. Its amazing cast of international artistes bring a sensational mix of acrobatics, comedy, juggling, illusion and aerial feats.

But importantly there are no animals, in-

stead quality and innovation are at the top of the agenda for this sensational company of human performers.

A spokeswoman for the circus said: 'We offer high quality, affordable family entertainment. There will be something for everyone as we can guarantee laughs, thrills, suspense and lots of action. In a world full of digital and virtual entertainment with computer games and the internet, nothing can ever beat bringing the whole family together to witness the magic of a live performance.'



Bring on the clowns of the Circus Montini.

## OFFERS & competitions

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

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# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday June 20, 1998

## Making history

As Scotland prepares for its own parliament Arran doctor Malcolm Kerr is set to be part of that movement which could change the course of Scottish history.

When the Scottish National Party announced its list of 175 approved potential candidates for the Scottish Parliament this week, Dr Kerr was one of that number. He is on that list after a rigorous selection weekend during which the selectors were seeking a track record of activism, a commitment to policy and an effectiveness at public speaking.

Being on that list does not mean he will become an MSP, nor even does it mean he will definitely be a candidate. Even though he is now just over the first hurdle, becoming an MSP is now a very attainable goal for Dr Kerr to being a member of the first Scottish parliament since 1707.

## Star spotting

It was in 1991 that it was first announced that a distillery would be built on Arran. After much opposition it started in production in 1995. Soon, three years after the first whisky was left to mature, that whisky can now be drunk.

And the new distillery will be pleased

that the first cask will be opened by film star Ewan McGregor. One of Scotland's brightest stars, Ewan McGregor has had roles in Emma and Brassed Off as well as the lead role in the controversial film about the Edinburgh drug scene Trainspotting.

On Saturday July 25, Mr McGregor will open the first barrel of the Isle of Arran single malt to start a week of celebrations. Too young to be sold as malt, it will be blended with other whiskies to be bottled as Lochranza Founders Reserve Scotch whisky. Initially these will go to bondholders.

## Naval operation

Clearly visible from the east coast of Arran last weekend were the ships of eight NATO countries, heading for the naval base at Faslane to begin a two-week training course in Scotland's waters. Related to the naval activity in the Firth of Clyde, the Arran lifeboat was called out last Sunday evening to investigate what was reported as a paraglider in difficulty in Whiting Bay. The Royal Navy frigate HMS Duke of Sutherland, heading for Faslane, and a Sea King helicopter from HMS Gannet assisted but the object turned out to be a fun balloon with 'Tweetie Pie' inscribed on it.



Members of the Youth Information Service, previously housed behind the high school, have started renovating their new premises at the Arran Sea Angling building by the pier. Showing off certificates are the members who helped build a path and dry stone wall next to the community centre. 01\_B26tw01



Shiskine Golf Club champions with their cups after playing last Friday evening; gents' champion Billy Paton, left, ladies' champion Pat Adamson and junior champion Darren Thompson. 01\_B26tw03



Cast and crew of the Arran High School production of The Boyfriend take a break before the start of the light-hearted musical which runs over four days next week. 01\_B26tw02



Last Sunday 10 teams of keen young boys and girls took part in the Irn Bru seven-a-side football festival at Sandbraes Park. Shiskine A, pictured, received the fair play award. There should of course be seven players but one had to go home early. 01\_B26tw04



Tiny tots in the garden. Last Friday saw the annual Arran Dial-A-Creche pre-five fun day being held in the Brodick Castle gardens. 01\_B26tw05

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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.

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## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 30th June  
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Sunday 1st July  
Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**DICK:** The family of Moira Dick would like to thank Drs Graham Thomson and Greig Hamill, the District Nursing team from the Arran War Memorial Hospital and the Homecare team who went above and beyond. The minister, Jean Hunter and David and Clair Hendry for the funeral arrangements and everyone who visited and helped Moira.

**KERR:** The family of Teddy Kerr would like to thank all who attended his funeral last Thursday 21st June at Corrie Church. Special thanks to all staff at Arran Medical Group, Lamlash Hospital, District Nurses, The Beatson and Crosshouse Hospital for all their wonderful care and support. Special thanks also to Rev Angus Adamson and Parish Assistant Mrs Jean Hunter on a moving service, Masonic Lodge No 774 for carrying out his wishes, all at Fran's Tearoom - Corrie Golf Club for catering and David & Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements. A very generous amount of £750 was collected for ArCas.



## Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday June 10, finals day at Shiskine with perfect golfing conditions. Duisy final, Robbie Crawford winner, Billy Paton runner-up. Ladies bronze final, winner Fiona Scott, runner-up Sally Brookes. Ladies final, Ann May winner at the 18th, only one shot in it. A very high standard of golf was witnessed by a great crowd, Mairi Pollock was the runner-up.

Gents final, Tom Mitchell was the winner and Colin Allison was the runner-up. Captain Gordon Wilson presented the prizes except for the John Glen (men's championship trophy) which was presented to Tom by John's son Ian Glen.

## Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 21, Summer Cup, CSS 66, par 64. 1 Stuart Campbell 67-6=61, 2 Graeme Andrew 72-10=62, 3 Neil Young 72-5=67. Best scratch Stuart Campbell @16th and @17th, Graeme Andrew @16th, Neil Young @16th. Accumulator hole 4 drawn, roll over still in operation.

Sunday June 24, Medial Shield, CSS 67. 1 Lee Dutton 87-22=65, 2 Ian Bremner 76-7=69 BIH, 3 Drew Wales 78-9=69. Best scratch Ian Bremner 76. Magic twos Andy Smith @16th. Accumulator hole 14 drawn, roll over still in operation.

Fixtures: Sunday July 1, Hamilton Bowl, bogey. 8.30am, 9.30am, 12.30pm and 5pm starts. Thursday July 5, Summer Cup and Tom Graham Trophy.

## Perfect finals day at Shiskine



Shiskine captain Gordon Wilson presents Fiona Scott with the ladies bronze final cup.



Gordon Wilson presents Robbie Crawford with the trophy for winning the Duisy final.



Ladies final winner Ann May receives the trophy from Gordon Wilson.

Ladies Section: Wednesday June 13, Stroke Three, two played, CSS 64, par 65. 1 Kate McAdam 81-16=65, 2 Sheena Murchie 86-15=71. Scratch Kate 81.

Wednesday June 20, Medial Four, seven played, CSS 66, par 65. 1 Ellie Jones 84-18=66, 2 Kate McAdam 84-16=68. Scratch, Ellie 84. Magic twos Sheena Murchie.

## Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 20, Summer Cup, 34 played, CSS 65. 1 Stuart Galloway 76-18=58, 2 David Hendry 74-13=61, 3 Greg McCrae 69-5=64. Scratch Greg McCrae 69.

Sunday June 24, Marchioness of Graham Trophy, bogey competition, 16 played, CSS 63. 1 Ian McDermid 17, three up ACB, 2 Bob McCrae 9, three up, 3 Nicol Hume 14, two up. Congratulations to our Hope Cup team on their first round win over Lamlash.

Fixture: Sunday July 1, Sweep, 8.30am and 12noon.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 20, The Ballantyne Cup, 15 played, CSS 63. 1 Alan Kay 19, 60, 2 Ryan Armstrong 9,

62 ACB and lowest gross, 3 Douglas Auld 21, 62, 4 John Dick 14, 66. Magic twos Andrew Martin @4th.

Sunday June 24, The Morton Quaich. Another glorious Sunday morning - we never said that last year - for the nine who competed in The Morton Quaich. The greens remained tricky but that did not stop John Pennycott who stormed in to win by four shots from his nearest challenger. 1 John Pennycott 14, 61 and lowest gross, 2 David Brookens 12, 65, 3 Wolfi Kroner 14, 67, 4 Douglas Auld 21, 69. CSS stayed at 63.

Fixtures: Saturday June 30, AGA Hope Cup at Machrie Bay GC 1pm and 6pm. Sunday July 1, Medial. Wednesday July 8, Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy (Open, Stableford).

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 26, Lady Mary competition. 1 Aileen Latona 89-23=66, 2 Jenni Turnbull 86-17=68, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 95-21=74. CSS 65. Peter Sutton competition. 1 Phil Betley 74-11= 63, 2 John Pennycott 77-13= 64, 3 Ross Trail 86-17=69 BIH. CSS 63.

Fixtures: Tuesday July 3, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off 12.30pm and



Shiskine member Ian Glen presents the men's championship trophy to winner Tom Mitchell.

5.30pm. Thursday July 5, Ladies Open.

## Arran Golfers Association

Saturday June 23, Hope Cup first round at Machrie Bay Golf Club. First game out was Whiting Bay v Shiskine with Shiskine winning, second game was Brodick v Lamlash where Lamlash won the match, last game was Lochranza v Corrie which Lochranza won.

Saturday June 30, Hope Cup final and semi-final at Machrie Bay, semi-final tee off at 1pm. Machrie Bay v Whiting Bay and Brodick v Lochranza.

## THANK YOU

*Thank you*  
from Peter Randell

I would like to say a sincere thank you to Yvonne and family and all my friends for the wonderful and emotional surprise birthday party.

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# Matthew and Pip are on top at sheep dog trials

Previous winner Matthew McNeish and dog Pip were once again the top dogs at the 46th annual Kildonan and District Sheep Dog Trials held at Whitehill, Corriegills, Brodick.

Taking the bulk of the local trophies and winning the highest score in the confined class, which took place on Thursday June 14, Matthew and Pip received the Kingsley Cup, Maharanee Trophy and the Arran Cup at a prize-giving ceremony held on the following day after the open class.

The event, held over two days and judged by Andrew Ronald of Kintyre, saw 12 local entries taking part in the confined (local) class and 31 entries from across the region in the open class.

The winner of the open class was S Davidson of

Dunoon, who attained 97 points with the help of his dog Queen.

Matthew, who led the pack in the local class with 87 points, was followed by Wullie Stevenson and Maid of Whiting Bay with 66 points. In third and fifth place was Geoff Brookes with dogs Cap and Robin of Kildonan with 61 and 49 points respectively. Iain McConnell of Lam-lash with Drift filled the fourth spot with 56 points and earned himself the A H Miller trophy for the highest pointed outrun, lift and fetch.

Following the prize giving the committee thanked landowner Charles Fforde and John Murchie for the course which was in excellent condition. Thanking judge Andrew Ronald and

all participants they also expressed gratitude to the host of Arran and mainland sponsors who had supported the event through sponsorship and prizes.

The full results were - Open class: 1 S Davidson (Dunoon) Queen 97pts, 2 C Cayhill (Castle Douglas) Luck 91pts, 3 S McCulloch (Ayr) Fern 90pts, 4 J Welsh (Dalrymple) Cree 88pts, 5 S Davidson (Dunoon) Lee 88pts, 6 N McVicar (Dunoon) Bill 88pts, 7 W Welsh (Dalmellington) 88pts, 8 J Welsh (Dalrymple) Sam 87pts.

Local class: 1 M McNeish (Kilmory) Pip 87pts, 2 W Stevenson (Whiting Bay) Maid 66pts, 3 G Brookes (Kildonan) Cap 61pts, 4 I McConnell (Lamlash) Drift 56pts, 5 G Brookes (Kildonan) Robin 49pts

Trophies: Ladies' McKeown Trophy and Junior Cup - Miss C Joelson (Dunoon); Kingsley Cup, Maharanee Trophy and Arran Cup - M McNeish; Kildonan Hotel Cup - G Brookes; Kildonan Open Cup and Royal Bank trophy - S Davidson; McBride Trophy - R Rennie (Minard); Dun Allain Trophy - C Cayhill (Castle Douglas); Princess Antoinette Cup - S McCulloch (Ayr); Miller Trophy - I McConnell.



Winner of the Kildonan and District Sheep Dog Trial, Matthew McNeish and Pip are assisted with all of their trophies by son Todd. 01\_B25dog01



Jen McNeish pens the four sheep with the help of her dog Glen. 01\_B25dog03



Niall McMaster and Gail direct the sheep into the pen. 01\_B25dog04



Second place winner Wullie Stevenson congratulates dog Maid on a job well done. 01\_B25dog05



Third and fifth place winner Geoff Brookes looks on as Cap herds the sheep into the pen. 01\_B25dog06



Phyllis Picken presents Iain McConnell with the AH Miller trophy for the highest pointed outrun, lift and fetch. 01\_B25dog02

# Mountain man Jon finds home challenge tough



Runner Jon Smith was the only Arran entrant in the challenging Arran Ultra Trail.

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

Mountain runner Jon Smith, was the only Arran entrant in the gruelling Ultra Trail Scotland race recently, finishing in a respectable 17th place overall.

Two events were held on Saturday June 16 with Jon up against 34 other starters on the Tarsuinn Trail, a classic loop taking in some of the main ridgelines and traverses on Arran. The course was a little over 25km with 2,000m+ overall ascent. Only 27 finished the race.

The main event saw 14 elite runners tackle a gruelling shortened 60km course with over 5,000m overall ascent, taking in some of the most beautiful and challenging ridgelines on the island. There were nine finishers.

The Ultra Trail was a rescheduled event after it had

to be cancelled last year because of bad weather. Jon told the Banner that he had been up against a strong field of runners from all over the UK and as far as Spain.

The 46-year-old from Lamlash only took up fell running seven years ago but has since competed in a number of extreme mountain running challenges.

Jon said: 'The Arran event had been a real tester of mind and stamina and much harder than he anticipated. I found it a lot more technically challenging than the 28km Ring of Steall, despite it being 500m higher.'

Jon, who regularly runs up Goatfell, is now back in training for events later in the year including his third Ben Nevis race in September, which he plans to use as his taper event for the Salomon World Series Glen



Jon makes his way across the ridge between Cir Mhor and Caisteal Abhail during the race.

Coe Skyline event, which is 55km with an overall climb of 4,800m, later the same month.

So what drives on Jon in his mountain running? 'I tried road running but there was not the element of danger which I enjoy with fell running,' he said.

Jon's sister Kirstie, a fell runner herself, was part of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team which assisted with the marshalling of the Arran event on the day and was atop Cir Mhor and Caisteal Abhail to spur her brother on during the race.

*Photographs: Kirstie Smith*

## Historic bowls win for Blackwaterfoot

This year's Arran Bowling Federation inter-club competition for the Laidler Gardiner Trophy was played over three weeks of lovely sunny conditions, with each club playing the others on a week-

ly home and away basis. For the first time since 2004 the Blackwaterfoot club carried the day with an emphatic series of wins.

In the following week, the federation trophy matches were played,

with Brodick acting as hosts, but the weather had changed.

The singles semi-finals on Monday June 11 were marred by an onset of midges, although the following day's pairs and triples semi-finals only had

to contend with a stiff breeze and cloudy skies.

The finals were played on Thursday June 14, after a night and following morning of gales and heavy rain, but the green had dried sufficiently for play to proceed, only interrupted by one brief shower.

The large number of supporters and spectators watched an evening of patriotic rivalry, and some very fine bowling, and saw the eventual winners presented with their trophies, at a reception held immediately afterwards in Brodick Hall.

The results were: ladies singles, Ann Hollingworth, Brodick; gents singles, Charlie Weir, Brodick; pairs Jim Gibson and Ian Heron, Lamlash; triples, Sid Allan, Neil Cook and Robert Frame, Whiting Bay.



Arran Bowling Federation competition winners with their trophies in Brodick Hall.

## Triple winning team at Whiting Bay



Anniversary triples winners at the Whiting Bay Bowling Club on Sunday June 24, were Robert Frame, Anne Frame and Kenny Mabon.

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## Tale of two penalties as Brodick take the points

Arran Dairies League

<b>Brodick</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Northend</b>	<b>1</b>

Northend gave a good account of themselves on their visit to Ormidale Park on Monday night and, without VAR in sight, it was two penalties which eventually helped settle the game.

Brodick created a few chances in the first half, but were wasteful in front of goal. Northend defended well and keeper Bryan McCallum had a solid first half to ensure the score was level going into halftime.

Iain Keen came back into Brodick's midfield to add

some experience but Brodick missed the creativity of attacking midfielder Toby Wingham.

Early into the second half after struggling to break-down the stubborn Northend defence Brodick moved to a defensive three which allowed 'Bob' to push on and support lone striker Cameron Logan.

Northend capitalised on Brodick's formation change and after a long ball forward found themselves through on goal. Before the Northend striker had the chance to shoot he was brought down in the penalty box by Ross Dobson.

The referee pointed to the

spot and handed Ross a yellow card for the foul.

Andy McNamara stepped up to hit the penalty for Northend but after a great save down to his left by Brodick goalkeeper Finlay Sillars the ball bounced loose. McNamara was quickest to react and slotted home to open the scoring.

Brodick continued to create chances and eventually managed to break down the Northend defence when Cameron Logan slotted into the bottom corner against his old club.

Tensions began to rise and after a heated coming together in the middle of the park the referee showed



**Goal scorers Iain 'Keeno' Keen challenges Northend's Andy McNamara for the ball. 01\_B26footy04**



**Brodick's Ross Dobson in full flow. 01\_B26footy03**

Andy McNamara and Babbies MacNeil yellow cards, meaning Babbies is suspended for next week's game against Lamlash.

Brodick continued to create chances and were eventually given a lifeline. Matthew Dobson met a cross at the back post and headed towards goal. It looked as if it was going in but Northend defender Nathan Carey stuck out his hand to knock the ball over the bar.

Referee Stephen Judge had no option but to show Carey a red card. The penalty that followed was struck calmly away by Iain Keen. 2-1 Brodick.

Brodick finished the game off with a late third goal.

An inviting corner by John Drummond was met by Dobson's head to ensure the three points went to Brodick.

Referee Stephen Judge gave the man of the match to Iain Keen for a solid display in midfield.

Arran Dairies League

<b>Lamlash Shiskine</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>2</b>

Lamlash started the game brightly and cruised to a two goal lead after just 20 minutes. Youngsters Dylan Smith and David Copperwheat grabbed the goals for the home side.

Shiskine started to play their way into the game and

midway through the second half had got two goals of their own through Conor Jack who bagged his fifth goal of the season followed by Calum McAllister getting the other.

Lamlash new boy Barry Scott, who has moved to the island since retiring from the Cillit Bang adverts, was given man of the match by referee Greg McCrae. The result means the two sides still cannot be separated on the table as they both sit on five points.

The next fixtures in the Arran Dairies League on Monday July 2 will see Brodick vs Lamlash at 6.30pm and Southend vs Northend at 7pm.



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