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Arran team to play in mainland league bid

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With the island gripped by World Cup fever in Russia, closer to home a bold bid is being made to set up an Arran football team to play in a west of Scotland league.

The Isle of Arran Football Association's Danny Head and Brodick player Alan Murray have joined forces to make the dream a reality. They believe there is enough talent on the island to make a team work, but it will require considerable community support – and

sponsorship – to get it off the ground.

The team would also need the authorisation of the Scottish Football Association (SFA), which would require to approve them to play in any league.

A previous application made last year by Danny was thrown out, even before being put to a vote by the SFA, owing to travel concerns. This time Alan is hoping to establish the framework for an Isle of Arran Amateur Football Club and to have all of the organisational requirements in place so that the SFA considers their application with a solid backing and impetus of the community.

Hoping to compete in the west of Scotland Sunday Amateur League or even the Ayrshire Amateur League on a Saturday, Alan has consulted extensively with footballers on Arran

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Early years graduation day



Another group youngsters from the Brodick early years class have accomplished their first educational milestone with eight children graduating to primary school at a small ceremony attended by proud parents, grandparents, teachers and siblings in Brodick Hall last Friday. See also page three. 01_B27brodick01



The new Isle of Arran AFC club badge.

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Former ferry terminal is up for lease

A community bid to take over the former Brodick ferry terminal was being prepared this week.

The building has been commercially advertised for lease by owners Caldonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) and is being marketed by Graham & Sibbald.

They say the former terminal is suitable for a variety of uses, subject to planning permission. It is in a highly prominent location, has substantial floorspace, and there is the potential to sub-divide.

The Banner first revealed the interest in turning the building into a com-

munity hub in March and the Arran Development Trust have already secured £100,000 worth of funding for the project. It would be a showcase for the island's products as well as providing office space for existing and start-up businesses.

Opposition

However, it was always known that the bid could face commercial opposition as CMAL are required to seek the highest price for the lease of the building.

But CMAL are known to be sympathetic to the community plan it is stated again in the marketing literature: 'The owner of the former ferry terminal

building are committed to supporting the local community and will consider the community benefits of all proposals to lease the building put forward.'

Members of the Arran Development Trust steering group visited the building this week as they finalise their bid, which could be the catalyst for future development plans including a transit marina.

The schedule for the lease states that the property is a single storey building of brick and block construction under a pitched and concrete tile clad roof. The roof structure has a glass skylight in the centre pro-



The Brodick ferry terminal which is available to let.

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viding additional natural light into the building.

The gross internal area is 316 sq m (3,400 sq ft) and, it says, the building is currently laid out to provide an open plan waiting room area with ticket office and additional office and staff facilities as well as public WC facilities.

The internal fit-out is of exposed brickwork and

timber beams with vinyl/linoleum flooring. Graham & Sibbald state: 'Our clients are open to potential sub-division of the premises to create smaller units and further information on this is available from the agents.'

The small car park beside the terminal, previously used by CalMac staff, is also available in the lease.'

Meanwhile, the next Arran Development Trust community engagement drop in session has now been planned for Wednesday July 18 at 6pm in the Lamlash Fire Station, giving the community an opportunity to look at the Trust proposals for future housing development on the island and ask any questions they may have.



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and the mainland and also with other league clubs and football representatives.

A new club badge has already been designed which has stars representing each of the five clubs on Arran and with a Gaelic motto Na Leig As Gu Brath, meaning 'never give up'. It uses the red and black colours of Arran as also used by the rugby club.

Believing that the raw talent required to succeed in a SFA league is abundant on Arran, Alan firmly believes that there is enough ability on Arran to not only compete, but to really prosper.

Alan said: 'The wealth of talented players on Arran is without a doubt on par with our mainland counterparts. Many players who currently play for one of the five Arran teams representing their village within the Arran Dairies League have the potential to expand their football skills and careers and to really flourish with the correct competition and exposure.'

'The formation of an Arran club could provide

them with that and also to represent Arran as an island, in addition to their village. More importantly, once a senior team is established this could pave the way for a youth team and even a ladies' team. An Arran team can instil a sense of local pride and give the many talented young foot-



ballers on Arran something to aspire to.'

Alan, who already has received support from many community members and Arran residents, is now looking to form a committee to drive the idea forward. The committee will include a club secretary, a treasurer and members who are passionate about football and those that wish to be involved in youth and football development on Arran. The committee will appoint a team manager

and facilitate fundraising and encourage sponsorship.

Alan said: 'I am appealing to anyone who supports football and encouraging the youth to be involved in football, to attend our meeting on Tuesday July 24, at the Ormisdale Pavilion at 6.30pm. If you could help in any way, be it through sponsorship – with a great deal of exposure for your business – or to be part of the committee we would welcome you to join us in this community effort.'

'The deadline to submit league applications is in April next year so sufficient time is available to create the committee, establish the framework and funding channels. We have the talented players, an eager youth and all of the organisational skills to make this happen – all we need now is your support.'

Anyone interested in the Isle of Arran AFC, or who could provide sponsorship, is welcome to attend the meeting later this month or Alan can be contacted directly on 07732 112337.



Waving goodbye, Lamlash early years pupils graduate at a ceremony attended by parents and grandparents and fellow pupils. 01_B27lamgrad01

Tiny tots move up to primary school

Signalling the end of an era and the start of their primary school education, 20 pupils from Lamlash early years class graduated last week at a ceremony attended by teachers, parents and grandparents.

The graduation ceremony, which started with a video featuring candid interviews with the children, took place on the stage at the Arran community theatre.

During the interviews, children detailed what they would miss about the

early years classes, with answers mostly focusing on friends and playing with others, while some also mentioned missing their teacher. One young boy, excited for the future, cheerfully said he would not miss a single thing.

When asked about their future careers, most wanted to be a teacher, vet, police officer or a fireman but one delightfully inventive girl said that she would be a butterfly when she grew up, and she would fly about the place.

Following the video, pupils performed singing and action songs and a Gaelic performance, before receiving personalised backpacks from deputy head David Lambert who wished the children all the best for the future. Noting that they were well equipped for the future, thanks to the excellent grounding that they had received from teachers, he expressed gratitude to the good work, perseverance and patience of the teaching staff.

Clegs thriving in hot weather

The long spell of warm weather has brought a new menace, biting clegs, which are said to be thriving. Also known as horseflies, the insects' bites can in some cases become infected and require medical attention, although in most cases pharmacists can offer advice on treatments.

Aileen Bryson of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland said it had received reports of more people coming in contact with the flies. This was because people were spending more time outside in the sunshine, and having more skin exposed.

She said cleg bites can be more painful than midges', and can result in red, fluid-filled blisters. Ms Bryson added that insect repellents and wearing loose summer clothing can help people to avoid being bitten.

Outdoor pursuits body, Mountaineering Scotland, said in warning issued this week about the warm weather that it had found clegs to be 'thriving'.

Invertebrates charity Buglife said that while clegs were seen as a menace, they played a part, like other insects, in natural habitats.

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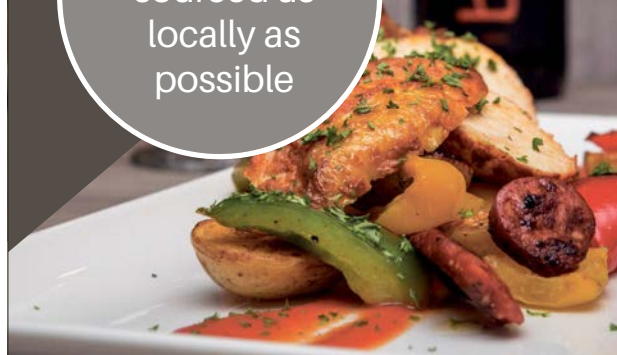


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Above, the open-plan living and dining room of the showflat 01_B26kildonan03; right, the kitchen of the new showflat 01_B26kildonan02; and, below, a new future for the 17th century Kildonan Hotel 01_B26kildonan04



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Owning a little corner of Kildonan

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Ambitious plans to turn the Kildonan Hotel into luxury apartments have taken a significant step forward.

The first showflat has just been completed at the new Harbour Havens development, which will see the hotel rooms converted into 12 apartments for sale.

However, it will not mean the end of the Kildonan Hotel, as the bar and restaurant will still be open to the public.

And owner Anne Acuna was quick to point out this week that it is very much 'business as usual' at the hotel, while the development work goes on.

The 12 apartments range from a one-bedroom to a three-bedroom and there will be two penthouse flats with their own roof garden.

Each apartment is individually designed, combining a sensitive conversion of the original Kildonan Hotel which dates back to the 17th century and is the seventh oldest licensed inn in Scotland. All are finished to an extremely high standard and are available to purchase as a first or second home, or as a holiday rental which can

be managed by the on-site team. The apartments start at £130,000 going up to £250,000 for those with three bedrooms.

Two are already sold and no price has yet been set for the penthouse apartments. With the showflat complete, in what was previously the hotel bar, potential customers can now see for themselves what is on offer and anyone purchasing 'off plan' will be able to choose their own kitchens, bathrooms, ceramic tiles, floor finishes and other fittings.

The apartments give residents or guests the opportunity to enjoy self-catering, an increasing worldwide trend, or use the restaurant facilities of the hotel.

With full planning permission already granted, work is expected to start on the next flat later in the year with five finished by December in one wing of the beachfront building. The rest of the hotel will continue to operate as normal.

The hotel still plans to host weddings in the function suite and the new restaurant and bar and outdoor seating area, which opened two years ago, will continue to operate.

Mrs Acuna, who has run the hotel with husband Rod for 16 years, said that operating the 15-bedroom hotel has been 'very interesting' but was extremely hard work.

She said: 'The apartments will allow us to cut back on the work we do and make things easier. While the volume of business is not a problem we are finding more and more guests are staying for shorter times, meaning the rooms constantly need changed, sometimes twice in the same weekend.'

'Staffing is also a huge headache, with all of the staff living in as there is little alternative accommodation in Kildonan and a limited bus service,' she added. Members of the hotel staff, many of whom will be kept on, will continue live in the new development.

Mr Acuna added: 'Who wouldn't want to own a tiny bit of Kildonan? We have otters, seals and dolphins in a beautiful location which sells itself.'

The apartments are being marketed by Jas Campbell & Co, which has an office in the Douglas Centre in Brodick. Call 01770 302027.



Anne Acuna outside the Kildonan Hotel. 01_B26kildonan01

Nominations open for rural awards 2019

Nominations for the 2019 Scottish Rural Awards are now open.

A set of 13 categories are open, including the coveted Rural Hero award, which recognises those whose contributions to their rural communities have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Businesses have until Monday October 22 to put their nominations forward, either self-nominating, or nominated by a friend, family member, customer or member of the public.

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Superyacht dwarfs other craft in Brodick Bay

It has been a busy summer so far for yachts in Brodick Bay. But there was increased excitement last weekend when a US\$100 million (£760,000) superyacht dwarfed even the largest of the other craft.

The 222ft (68m) Archimedes is owned by American billionaire James Simons, who is thought to have been entertaining family and friends on a tour of Scotland.

The yacht arrived from Rhu on Sunday and left early on Tuesday morning heading for Troon.

Built by Feadship in Netherlands at its De Kaag shipyard, she was delivered to her owner in 2008. Archimedes can comfortably accommodate up to 16 guests overnight in eight cabins, comprising a master suite, four double cabins and three twin cabins. She is also capable of carrying up to 18 crew.

The yacht is equipped with an ultra-modern stabilisation system which reduces roll motion effect and results in a smoother more enjoyable cruising experience under way.



The superyacht Archimedes dwarfs the other boats in Brodick Bay. 01_B27bay01

This luxury yacht is also fitted with 'at anchor stabilisers' which work at anchor, increasing on-board comfort when the yacht is stationary, particularly in rough waters.

Other amenities include at anchor stabilisers, a gym, lift, air-conditioning, dynamic positioning, swimming platform and a touch-and-go helipad.

Mr Simons, known as Jim, founded the hedge fund management company Renaissance Technologies in 1982 which has over US\$20 billion (£15.5 billion) of assets under management.

His net worth is esti-

ated at US\$ 15.5 billion (£11.8 billion) and he lives in Long Island, New York. Mr Simons is also a very

active philanthropist. He founded the Simons Foundation, a charitable organisation which supports projects related to education and health, in addition to scientific research.

Meanwhile, there was another first for Brodick Bay when the Waverley paddle steamer had its inaugural berthing at the new second pier last Thursday at the start of her summer sailings from Arran.

It now means that the Waverley can berth in Brodick anytime and as is not reliant on using the same pier as the regular ferry.



The Waverley docked at the new pier on her first visit. 01_B27bay02

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Sleeping Warrior walker evacuated by helicopter

A walker on Caisteal Abhail, one of the four Corbetts making up the Sleeping Warrior, had to be evacuated by the Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) and taken to hospital by helicopter on Monday after sustaining an ankle injury.

Receiving a call-out shortly after 2.30pm on a

blisteringly hot day, the AMRT made their way up onto the ridge below Caisteal Abhail from the top of the Boguillie in both Argocats and, after a short hike, the casualty was located on the summit block.

After assessing and treating his injuries, the walker, who was part of a group, was loaded on to a stretch-

er and evacuated to University Hospital Crosshouse with the help of emergency helicopter Rescue 199.

A spokeswoman from the AMRT said: 'We wish the casualty a speedy recovery and thanks to all involved.'

■ *Pictures by Jamie, Neil Mac, Neil B, Ewan, Kirstie*



An atmospheric shot as the team stretcher the casualty to the awaiting helicopter.



Rescue team members make their way down the ridge with the two Argocats further along the ridge just visible in the distance.



Argocats make their way up the horseshoe ridge to reach the injured walker.

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Editorial

Football fervour

It is a bold move, and no small undertaking, to try to establish a league football club, particularly on Arran where geographically and by numbers alone, we can be left somewhat on the back foot.

So it is heartening to see a determined effort being made despite the difficulties faced – and there will be difficulties – by a small group of footballers who, while more than content to continue to represent their clubs in the local league, aspire to an even bigger playing field by representing Arran as a whole.

There is no doubt that among the crop of Arran's five teams there already exists the raw talent to compete in a larger arena with more opportunities and exposure. The real question though, is can the regulating powers of the SFA be convinced that Arran could provide a consistent and committed competitor who can assure them of longevity and availability?

We have seen that it can work – take the Arran Ladies hockey team for example – they not only compete in the West District Hockey League but have already moved up a league.

So we wish the Isle of Arran Amateur Football Club success in their application and encourage everyone to put their support behind it.

Thought for the week

'Love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs.'

1 Corinthians 13.5

School memories

Sir,
It's often been said 'you know you're getting old when ...'

Early in June, my wife and I were driving past Whiting Bay primary school and saw bunting over the front elevation and a large number 50 on the wall. 'That can't be right,' I said. On reflection, and with a little mental arithmetic, I realised it was, of course, absolutely correct!

You see, I had worked on the school pre-contract work, working drawings etc and subsequently site supervision. Getting old, eh!

The new school had been commissioned by the then Bute County Council as administered by the director of Education Jack Harrison. Mr Harrison was a thorough gentleman and a pleasure to deal with. He died just a few years ago as a patient in Erskine Hospital. He had been a prisoner of war and held in Stalag 111 and later a 'great escaper', I understand.

It was not the only work. There were extensions to two or three other primary schools to be part of the same contract. Shiskine Primary was one of them. So they have a link to the 50 year celebration, too.

As your splendid feature article stated in the June 16 edition, Baron Bercott and Associates, chartered architects, were given the commission. The new primary school and other extensions were designed by George Horspool, one of the associate architects. He was a huge man with a most delicate touch.

The contract was won by John Thomson, building contractors. That firm has grown hugely in the interim. The joiners were, as I

recall, Fred Marriott, joiners. I have to say they were a pleasure to work with and produced first class work. Of course there were other trades, but, alas, memory fades.

Whiting Bay Primary is looking splendid for a 50-year-old. It has very obviously been well looked after. There was an open day when we arrived and I took the opportunity of going in to look round and stir old memories. It was so busy with teachers, pupils, former pupils and many others. I was delighted to be there and reminisce about the small part I had to play in that splendid little school. All the very best for the next 50 years!

Yours,
**Donald Ritchie,
Gourock.**

Campervan woes

Sir,
It is now the holiday season and we have all and sundry visiting our island. They visit because it is a wonderful place to relax and enjoy peace and tranquillity – or even a bit of a challenge. However there are a few who are not so welcome, who take unreasonable advantage of the hospitality and generosity of island residents – it is these individuals who selfishly spoil it for everyone else. Unfortunately any mention of anything but perfect tranquillity, in the context of visitors here on Arran, seems to be taboo – however let's look at what causes resentment and spoils it all for the rest of us.

This particular beef is about campervans – how they fail to be courteous to other road users, hog the road and do not feel it necessary to let other road users travelling more quickly, to pass. We see camper-

vans draining off grey water onto the road as they go along, we see where black water has been dumped into a roadside ditch – not nice – and we see campervans that are just parked up willy nilly for as long as they like in front of people's houses. Wild camping does not apply to campervans – it applies only to lightweight tents on trails. We just had one vile pair park up for six days in front of houses in Kildonan, draining their greywater onto the hard standing of the car park, pouring their blackwater into the public loo, blocking it, and refusing to understand that the car park was not a campsite – in fact they had been thrown off one of the campsites, so that gives an idea of their selfishness.

So, campervan users, please note this and do not fall into the same trap. People resident on the island do notice and they do appreciate those who are courteous and considerate in their appreciation of this wonderful place. The future of campervanning is in your hands. If this selfishness continues, then there will be a move to curb widespread parking of campervans, just as there has been around Loch Lomond – is this what we all want?

Yours,
**Rory Cowan,
Kildonan.**

Great day

Sir,
On Wednesday May 30 Arran Elderly Forum had a marvellous Outing departing from The Pavilion, Brodick at 10.3am. Stuart Gough was our Narrator and Stewart Black was our driver both of whom excelled in their roles. Stewart drove perfectly and at a nice slow pace allowing

everyone to look and see all the places Stuart was telling us about as we meandered up round the Northend and down to Machrie Bay Tearoom where we had a wonderful light lunch with no rush required. Back on the bus, down through Blackwaterfoot and over the String, arriving back at the Pavilion at 2.30pm. and the weather was, simply the best!

Thank you very much to everyone who helped to make it a perfect day, including The Big Co-op for the bottled water and sweets, and finally, to the lady who gave us a cold box for the day!

**Fiona Brown,
Arran Elderly Forum.**

Penalty clause

Sir,
I was sorry to read of the delay in completion of the Glen Sannox in the Banner of June 23. This will put extra stress on lifeline services provided by CalMac which, as they admit, are stretched as a result of an ageing fleet.

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I wonder if there were any penalty clauses for late delivery.

Yours,
**John Cruickshank
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David's solo charity cycle

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He is raising money for research into cancer, multiple sclerosis and ulcerative colitis and should anyone wish to donate there is a sheet at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick.

Summer bridge

The Arran Bridge Club summer bridge has resumed and the results of the tournament on Monday 2 July were: North/South. 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Jan Beattie and Margaret McGill 3 Ellie Jones and Liz McKellar.

East/West. 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough, 3 David Boag and Eendy McNiven.

Charity helps open doors to the elderly

Organisations on Arran opened their doors to some of the island's older generation, inviting them to be their guest at afternoon tea parties.

Arran Community Land Initiative (ACLI) at Whiting Bay provided the venue for one group of visitors from Contact the Elderly, a charity which aims to combat loneliness among older, socially-isolated people through free monthly gatherings over tea and cake.

Trustees of the ACLI organised the outing with help from the owners of Cruickshanks Boutique B&B, who provided sandwiches, tea and coffee, and

Red Vintage Tea Parties, who donated the cakes. Guests were entertained in the gardens by two viola players while they enjoyed some tea and company in glorious sunshine.

A second group of Contact the Elderly guests was hosted at Charisma Lane Coffee and Crafts in Brodick. The enterprise offered a discounted afternoon tea which was sponsored by Helen Bagnall in memory of her mum Moria Barclay, a former guest of the charity on Arran who had thoroughly enjoyed outings.

Helen, of Bishop Monkton, Harrogate, Yorkshire, a former volunteer driver



The group enjoying afternoon tea at Charisma Lane.

with Contact the Elderly, said: 'Mum was quite isolated until Contact the Elderly came along and she loved the outings. She died last August but the charity gave her some lovely times towards the end of her time at home.'

locals will come forward to help.

Contact the Elderly support officer for the area Caroline McGinlay said: 'It only takes up a few hours each month but the benefits for the guests are transformational and the volunteers can truly see the difference a little kindness can make.'

Anyone interested in finding out more about being a guest or volunteer with Contact the Elderly should contact Caroline McGinlay at caroline.mcginlay@contact-the-elderly.org.uk or on 01770 600948 or visit www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk

The first Arran group was launched in 1996 and the second in 2016.

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Mini-golf will open next week

All 18 holes have been given names, mostly of an Arran flavour

The new Brodick mini-golf course will be ready to open to the public early next week, it has been confirmed.

With a last-minute push, workers poured the cement on the last remaining hole at the start of the week while contractors who were laying the artificial grass already had the starting holes ready to play.

Taking pride of place at the 18-hole course, the centrepiece, a large relief of Arran surrounded by a blue sea of artificial grass, owner Alastair Bilsland presented two hole obstacles, a cut-out of new MV Glen Sannox and the PS Waverley, for the contractors to install.

The two cut-outs which elicited jokes from graphics creator Graham Chappell about being delivered on time – unlike its real-life counterpart – were laser cut by Iain Monteith's Kiscadale Engineering in Whiting Bay.

Alastair worked with John Morgan of the Ferguson Shipyard to obtain permission to use the outline of the MV Glen Sannox, which was allowed with permission from executives at CalMac.

Alastair said: 'We do not foresee any problems opening to the public early next week. There will be a few very minor finishing



Owner Alastair Bilsland with the two vessel cut-outs which will feature on the centrepiece hole. 01_B27minigolf01

touches to be done over the next week or two but nothing that will stop play.

'Strangely enough, the one thing we cannot do for a week or two is print the score cards. All 18 holes have been given names, mostly of an Arran flavour, but until the course has been played on and inspected by the British Association of Mini Golf, we cannot decide on the official par for each hole.'

The mini golf course will have an official opening later in the month.



Workmen lay the concrete on the final hole which will complete the 18 hole course. 01_B27minigolf02

Council backing for litter campaign

North Ayrshire councillors have unanimously supported an SNP motion committing the local authority to support Keep Scotland Beautiful's roadside litter campaign.

Encourage

The motion, lodged by Dalry and West Kilbride SNP councillor Joy Brahim and seconded by SNP group leader Marie Burns, called for the council to encourage drivers across North Ayrshire to 'give their litter a lift' by conducting an ongo-

ing publicity campaign, exploring options to optimise the presence and location of roadside bins and monitoring roadside litter levels.

It also called for the council to, in line with the SNP Scottish Government litter strategy, support ongoing efforts to strengthen legislation in order to remove barriers to enforcement in relation to littering from vehicles by shifting responsibility to the vehicle of the owner.

Councillor Brahim said: 'I am

delighted the council has unanimously resolved to become part of Keep Scotland Beautiful's roadside litter campaign and was chuffed to learn during the meeting that officers have recently started working on launching the council's own campaign in this regard.

Appealing

'After all, we all want North Ayrshire to be as appealing and environmentally healthy as possible for residents and visitors alike.'

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Big funding boost for Arran youth project



Arran Youth Foundations has been allocated £30,000 in new funding from BBC Children in Need to provide a wide range of youth work activities, workshops and support for children and young people living on the island.

Over the next three years the project will provide a variety of workshops and activities, including cook-

ery sessions, one-to-one mentoring sessions, art psychotherapy, an LGBT+ club and trips which will help children and young people grow in self-confidence, learn new skills and receive the support they need.

Florence Burke, BBC Children in Need's national head in Scotland, said: 'Thanks to the money

raised in support of BBC Children in Need, projects like Arran Youth Foundations will go on to make a difference to children and young people.

'The new grant round means there is currently over £17 million allocated to 314 projects working in communities right here in Scotland. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.'

Chief executive Simon Antrobus added: 'We're delighted to be able to award these grants, thanks to the generosity of the British public. This funding will help to support disadvan-

taged children and young people right across the UK, giving them the chance to overcome the challenges in their lives and to reach their full potential.'

Meanwhile, the AYF have been shortlisted for the Community Organisation Award at the Diversity Awards which celebrate the values of diversity and inclusiveness. Representatives of AYF will join other community organisations and role models from across the UK when they head to the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on Friday September 14, to witness the country's 2018 winners



AYF committee member Jackie Stewart with youth workers Graeme Johnston and Hollie Watkins at last year's national youth work awards ceremony.

being crowned the best of British diversity.

AYF's youth work project manager Graeme Johnston said: 'I'm absolutely delighted to learn that Arran Youth Foundations is up for this prestigious award. Through all of our work, particularly LGBT+ club,

we fight for equality for all young people on the Isle of Arran, so it is great for the charity to be shortlisted.

'Recognition like this really helps boost the profile and reputation of the work that we do and that helps us to better achieve our aims.'



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Sunshine and gleaming chrome brings busiest ever motorcycle show

Words and pictures

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With temperatures nearing the 30s and more than 55 motorcycles and vehicles on display, the Arran Heritage Museum enjoyed its busiest event of the season at their annual motorcycle show.

A large assortment of gleaming machines, from pre-war vintage models to modern marvels with sophisticated electronics, filled the museum lawn

and spilled over into the adjacent gardens.

Creating a pleasant atmosphere, the Arran Jazz Cafe Band provided the crowds with soothing and upbeat jazz music while the visitors mulled over the machines on display. With many of the owners being on hand to answer any questions, visitors could not only look at the motorcycles but also find out a bit about their history, quirks and provenance.

Included in the line-up

were the usual big-name contenders and also some classics like Norton, Triumph, BSA and a Velocette from 1937, owned by Paul Williams and winner of the best in show and the people's choice vote.

The machines on display were judged by organisers John Hartley, Ronald Logan, Lenny Hartley and Tom Kerr who selected first place winners and runners-up in six categories: classic (up to 1972), post-classic (1973 to

1989), modern (1990 onwards), offroad and motocross, racing and specials and other interesting vehicles, which saw two classic MG TDs from 1951 and 1952 taking top spots. In addition, a best in show

trophy was awarded along with the people's choice where visitors voted for their favourite.

Towards the end of the afternoon, once visitors had their fill of delicious food – supplied by Rosaburn Cafe

– and a heady assortment of finely tuned mechanical engineered machines, the Isle of Arran Pipe Band performed for the audience and the prizes were presented to the winners of the various categories.



An array of motorcycles of all shapes and sizes were on display on the museum's lawn.

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Judges John Hartley, Ronald Logan, Lenny Hartley and Tom Kerr had the difficult task of judging all of the motorcycles on show. 01_B27bikes06

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Judge Lenny Hartley congratulates Paul Williams on winning the people's choice award and the best in show with his 1937 Velocette GTP. 01_B27bikes04



Organiser Lenny Hartley presents Scott Mackenzie with his prize for winning the modern category. 01_B27bikes02



With a great deal of chrome on display, the touring bikes attracted a large amount of interest. 01_B27bikes12



Second place winner in the interesting vehicles category, Lindsay Kyle of West Lothian with his 1952 MG TD. 01_B27bikes08



Creating a welcome atmosphere, the Jazz Cafe Band provided entertaining background music. 01_B27bikes10



First place winner in the vehicle category Bill Martin of Lamlash with his 1951 MG TD. 01_B27bikes09



Winner of the classic category award John Head with his trophy. 01_B27bikes01



Organiser and recipient of the racing and specials category award Lenny Hartley received the award for one of his array of classic racing bikes on display. 01_B27bikes03



Always attracting a crowd, the Isle of Arran Pipe Band perform for the visitors. 01_B27bikes11

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The Westie Fest, the first book in a series called Corrie's Capers, has been published by author Alison Page and is already proving to be a huge success after only a few days.

With many purchasers buying more than one copy for their children and grandchildren, a large number of books have already been snapped up by eager buyers.

The book, which tells the story of the Arran adventures of a West Highland terrier called Corrie is the author's first book in the series, which is part of a non-profit endeavour raising funds for the Dalraddy-based charity Mary's Meals.

The vividly illustrated book with a charming storyline is aimed at children aged between four and six years but has proven to be equally as popular with parents and grandparents

and those who love Arran, and, of course, West Highland terriers.

The book has been illustrated by Kirsty Oxley and features a number of well-known Arran landmarks as Corrie competes in The Westie Fest hoping to be a champion like her grandad was before her.

The official book launch is taking place at the Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash, on Tuesday July 17, between

6pm and 7pm, where visitors are welcome to drop in for a drink and nibbles and meet author Alison, who will be happy to sign a book for you.

Following the success of the book, a number of author readings have been scheduled: at the Arran Heritage Museum's Children's Day on Sunday July 22 and at the Brodick Library on Thursday August 2, at 2pm.

The Westie Fest is available online at www.westie.scot/shop/ at £7.99 plus postage and packing and is available at a number of island outlets including Jimmy Gordon's newsagent, Brodick Post Office, Arran Active, Arran Graphics, Arran Heritage Museum, Inspirations of Arran, Auchranie Spa Resort shop, The Book and Card Centre, Bay News, The Harbour Shop and the Isle of Arran Distillery.



Corrie as drawn by Kirsty Oxley.

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 Sunday 12:30pm - 5.00pm Tour at 2pm

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

Sunday 8th July

Live music – Alistair McCulloch
 Kildonan fun week – Taiko drumming (taster session)
 RNLI shop open
 Family games
 Fun in the pool
 Live music – The Black Triangles, unplugged
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Number 16 Restaurant at Blackwaterfoot Lodge
 Folk music session

Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm - 4pm
 Kildonan Village Hall, 2pm and 3.30pm
 Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot Lodge, 5.30pm - 9pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 9th July

Lamlash Church open
 Coffee morning
 Kildonan fun week – seal and shore walk (with NTS Rangers)
 Arran Skinnymalinks, in aid of Mary's Meals
 Jog/Scotland mixed ability running group
 Adult tennis
 Circuit training
 Summer bridge, visitors welcome
 Rink game
 Tae Kwon Do
 Live music – Mike Bailey

10am -12 noon
 Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12 noon
 Kildonan Village Hall, 2pm -4pm
 Shiskine Hall, 5.15pm
 Whiting Bay 5.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
 Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Brodick Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm -10.30pm

Tuesday 10th July

Lamlash Church open
 Healthy Outdoors
 Castle garden walk
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Blackwaterfoot Bowls
 Technology with Duan Bruce
 Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
 Kildonan fun week – round Kildonan fun run
 Trev's pop music quiz
 Body Blitz

10am -12 noon
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Bowling Club, 2pm
 Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm
 Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
 Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm

Wednesday 11th July

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Lamlash Church open
 Coffee morning
 Kildonan fun week – soup and sandwiches
 Arran Skinnymalinks, in aid of Mary's Meals

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am -10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 10am -12 noon
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
 Kildonan Village Hall, from 12.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am



Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service 10.30am -12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Dog classes
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 Rink game
 Tae Kwon Do
 Burger and quiz night
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Summer family ceilidh
 Live music – Arran Dawn
 Family friendly pub quiz
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Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
 Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
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 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm
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Thursday 12th July

Morning fitness
 Lamlash Church open
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 Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera
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 Adult tennis
 Kildonan fun week – car treasure hunt
 Body Blitz
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 Blackwaterfoot – 5.30pm
 Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm
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Friday 13th July

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Lamlash Church open
 T'ai chi with Sue Thurogood
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Friday night quiz
 Live music – Shindig
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Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
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 Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
 Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 14th July

Grinduro
 Lamlash Heather Queen
 Kildonan fun week – fun sports on the beach
 RNLI shop open
 Rink game
 Rinks bowls
 Family games
 Fun in the pool
 Kildonan fun week – mystery film night
 Live music – Mike Edwards
 Live music – Dr Feelgood, Dr Feelgood tribute
 Over-21s disco

Lamlash, from 6.00am
 Lamlash, Front Green, 1pm
 Kildonan Beach, 2pm
 Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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First World War legacy funding

Three levels of awards can be made: £200, £500 and £1,500

To commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War, North Ayrshire Council is inviting applicants who are planning on hosting a public event – or activities relating to the war – to apply for funding to assist with the project.

Basic criteria

Financial assistance can be made available to organisers who can fulfil certain basic criteria as long as they are community-based groups with a formal legal

governance such as a constitution, memorandum of association or similar. They must also be a not-for-profit organisation.

In particular, they are especially keen to encourage any community-based events or activities which share or investigate the impact of the war on the local area – initiatives which encourage people to consider what life was like 100 years ago or what impact the war had on the local area with

regards to community spirit, families, industry, agriculture and diet, sport and leisure, travel and women's role in society.

Encourage

Three levels of awards can be made – £200, £500 and £1,500 – depending on the size of the event.

Applications which demonstrate or encourage participation for disadvantaged groups will also be viewed favourably.

Applications can be made

online via the North Ayrshire Council website under the Community Funding heading or through the post by contacting North Ayrshire Heritage Centre, Saltcoats, on 01294 464174 or Irvine Townhouse on 01294 310090.

Applications must be submitted by Tuesday July 31, and will be assessed as to how well the application meets the required criteria. Awards will be allocated by the end of August.



Yvonne Bailey is the featured artist at the Arran Library exhibition. 01_B25craft02

Yvonne Bailey holds exhibition

Currently on display at the Arran Library in Brodick is an exhibition of works by Arran artist Yvonne Bailey.

Having gained a degree in art and design at Exeter College of Art and a certificate of education at Exeter University, Yvonne is a

familiar face in the schools and further education facilities on Arran.

After working as a technical illustrator, she moved to Arran with her husband and daughter and later had a son born on the island. Yvonne has always been inspired by the outdoor life on Arran and enjoys painting and drawing in a variety of media.

Her portfolio of work also includes an interesting array of upcycled objects which she paints in a folk art style.



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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
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Saturday 14th July - FUN SPORTS ON THE BEACH
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Arran Belles make a night climb of Goatfell

Last weekend eight members of the Arran Belles cycling club met to take part in a very different challenge.

Armed with torches, and led by Belle Annie Lloyd, they met at Cladach at 1am on Saturday June 30 and set forth by moonlight to climb Goatfell and witness the sunrise.

Janice Small takes up the story: 'The night was warm but became colder the higher we climbed. We reached the summit in plenty time for sunrise at 4.41am. We were greeted by a stunning vista of low cloud base with the surrounding mountains surging through – absolutely stunning. In the peace and quiet, the sun

slowly rose bathing us all in warm sunlight, we toasted each other and another beautiful day.

'The troubles of the world seemed so far away. After a challenging descent we headed for Auchrannie Cruize and a very welcome breakfast. We all agreed it had been a very special moment.'



The ladies enjoyed a toast high above the clouds.



Three of the Belles make their way down in the daylight.



The Arran Belles at the top of Goatfell. Left to right: Shona Hume, Annie Lloyd, Sue Berry, Toni Mackenzie, Janice Small, Fiona Carswell, Carol Boag and Isla Murchie.



The Belles with their head torches prepare for their night climb.



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Kildonan - Seals & Shore Monday 9th July

2 - 4pm

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£2 per person

Garden Walk - Tuesday 10th July

2 - 3.30pm

A guided walk of our gardens with our senior gardening team

Free with Garden Entry

Castle Time Travellers - Thursday 12th July

2pm

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Land Rover Safari - Thursday 12th July

11am - 3.30pm

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Saturday June 27, 1998

Cash for halls

The committees of Whiting Bay and Corrie and Sannox village halls were celebrating this week after receiving awards of £75,000 and £100,000 from the 21st Century Halls for Scotland scheme.

The scheme, operated by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, has £7 million of Lottery money to distribute to privately-run halls in rural Scotland, 45 of which have benefited from the scheme so far.

Whiting Bay's pursuit of an award has lasted 18 months. Work, due to close the hall from October until Easter, will involve relocating the hall's main entrance, upgrading the toilets and kitchen, creating a new fire escape and installing new heating, wiring and lighting.

Corrie and Sannox hall will have a new extension, partly to house the doctor's surgery, and will also have a new entrance and refurbishment of the fabric of the building.

Clansman calling

Visiting Brodick Pier this Tuesday was an unfamiliar ship with a very familiar name. The Clansman, CalMac's newest vessel, berthed at Brodick on Tuesday afternoon.

At 99 metres, five metres longer than MV Caledonian Isles, she is the company's largest ship and has entered the Clyde for the first time having just left the ship-builders in Devon. She has not yet come into service and still has several trials to

complete before transferring to Oban to service the Coll, Tiree and Lochboisdale run.

When the usual Arran ferry is away on refit it is now expected that the Clansman will be the relief ferry and that is why she was checking the Brodick linkspan to discover any problems at an early stage. The last Clansman ended service when the Isle of Arran came into service in 1984 and she was last heard of somewhere in the Red Sea.

Direct line

World Cup result between Scotland and Morocco (when we used to qualify for major tournaments) has left more than a few people wondering, not least on the Shiskine School Board.

With a meeting scheduled for the same day too many members wanted to see the match to allow it to continue at the proper time. So it was rescheduled by chairman Neil Arthur and met early for members to get home in time to see the match on television.

But not before Neil had asked the Rev James Gracie if he had any inside knowledge about the score, perhaps from above. 'At the end of the meeting I asked jokingly, have you put up a prayer for the game James? And he said he had.' Indeed the minister even went further and said he had knowledge of the final score and that it would be 3-0. Surprisingly the result was exactly as predicted – but it was Morocco who scored the three goals!



East meets west. The two Arran groups of Contact the Elderly, organised by Moira Brown and Jean Peacock, had a get-together last Sunday at Balmichael Visitor Centre. 01_B27twe02



Handing out cheques to worthy causes, outgoing Isle of Arran Rotary Club president Hamish Thomson and new president Jim Henderson presented the awards. Recipients were, left to right, Bill Scott, Lochranza hall project; Rev Elizabeth Watson, Whiting Bay millennium hall project; Alison Marr, Arran Highland Dancing Club; Susie Currie, Arran Ladies' Hockey Club; and Fiona Hamilton, Shiskine Playgroup. 01_B27twe03



Arran High School's production of The Boyfriend swung into action on Tuesday evening. Dressed for the 1920s, pupils expertly enacted the scene from Madam Dubonet's finishing school. 01_B27twe01



Three-legged races were among the favourites and most popular events at the inter-schools primary sports day held at Lamlash last Wednesday. 01_B27twe04



Potter Simon Thorburn presented regular Corrie golfers with a ceramic trophy in the shape of a Viking cup. The trophy adds to the Sunday morning fun games which sees the losers from the previous week having to wear a Viking helmet throughout the game. Pictured on Sunday are, left to right, Ricky MacDonald, Ray Green, Moira Logan, Simon Thorburn and Sandy Rankin. 01_B27twe05

Risks and advice on feeding garden birds

Bird notes
by Jim Cassels

Gardens are areas that are well watched, and many people are very interested in the birds that are around their garden and encourage the birds by providing additional food and clean water. Wire mesh peanut feeders, seed feeders and bird tables are all commonly used.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the British Trust for Ornithology both recommend that wild birds are fed all year round to enhance their success rates during the breeding season. However, there are concerns when a large number of birds are attracted into an area to feed. One is the increased danger of the spread of disease among birds.

Research carried out by the British Trust for Ornithology and the Zoological Society of London has recently been published. This review of 25 years of data identified emerging threats to garden birds. Finches, doves and pigeons are vulnerable to a parasite infection, trichomonas.

Meanwhile, a form of bird pox is becoming more common, causing warty-like lumps on the bodies of great tits and other birds.

Other disease threats, such as salmonella, appear to be declining. The research found that patterns of infection in wild birds are changing. This may be influenced by wild birds congregating at bird feeders and coming into contact with species they don't encounter naturally in the wild.



Greenfinch with food in the mouths.

'Our study shows how three of the most common diseases that affect British garden birds have changed both dramatically and unpredictably over the past decade, both in terms of the species they affect and their patterns of occurrence,' said Dr Becki Lawson from ZSL's Institute of Zoology. Co-researcher Kate Rise-

ly from the BTO said anyone who feeds wild birds should be aware of their responsibilities for preventing disease. 'Be very vigilant – enjoy feeding the birds but educate yourself about what the risks are and what to do if you see signs of disease.' It was important to continue to feed wild birds, especially in winter, when they need lots of food to survive, she said.

The advice from the research is, if birds look sick, food should be withdrawn temporarily, for at least a month. Common signs that a wild bird is ill include unusually fluffed-up plumage and lethargy. Diseases can be spread through droppings or regurgitated food around bird feeders. People who notice sick birds should take practical steps to minimise risks: report their observations to the Garden Wildlife Health Project <https://www.gardenwildlifehealth.org/>; seek advice from a vet; withdraw food for at least a month to let birds disperse over a wider area; feed birds in moderation, clean bird feeders regularly and rotate feeding sites.

The Garden Wildlife Health Project website has

a range of free fact sheets on diseases of birds and other animals.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2017 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



Young great tit at a garden feeder.

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Goldfinch in an Arran garden.

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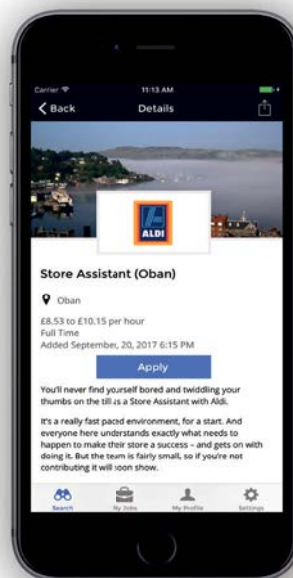
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Mrs Jean Hunter:
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Pirmill Church, 10.45am. Morning Service
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship.
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Sunday 8th July
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DEATH

NIVEN:- Hugh Patrick (Hugo) Peacefully at home on Sunday 1st July 2018. Funeral service at Lamlash Cemetery on Wednesday, 11th July at 11:30 am. All welcome.

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Arran Ladies' Golf Union

Sunday June 24. The President's Prize is played every two years when the president retires. This year it was a tri-am played in Shiskine over 12 holes on a glorious sunny day.

In all, 25 ladies played and the golf was followed by a glass of Prosecco and home baking. The ALGU started in 1972 and there was a display of old photographs, Banner reports and the old minute books which brought back a lot memories.

The winning team were Jenni Turnbull, Elizabeth Kelso and Heather Raeside. Alice Anderson won the prize for nearest the pin at the fourth hole.

Organisers thanked all of the ladies who played, the bakers, Dougie in the pro shop and the staff in the tearoom who all helped to make the day so enjoyable.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 28, Summer Stableford, CSS 67. 1 Paul Jameson 37pts, 2 Ian Bremner 36pts, 3 Stuart Campbell 33pts BIH over Allan Colquhoun. Scratch, Ian Bremner 29pts. Magic twos Ian Bremner @4th and 5th, Scott Campbell @16th.

Sunday July 1, Hamil-



Lynda Howie and Alice Anderson of Shiskine, 18-hole medal winners.



Members of the Arran Ladies' Golf Union who took part in biennial President's Prize competition.

ton Bowl, Bogey competition, CSS 66. 1 Allan Winship -1, 2 John O'Sullivan -5 BIH over, 3 Ian Bremner -5. Scratch Ian Bremner -10. Magic twos John O'Sullivan @13th.

Fixtures: Saturday July 7, club championship qualifier first round, 9.30am, 12.30pm and 5pm.

Sunday July 8, club championship qualifier, 2nd round and Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday July 12, Summer Cup and Scratch Cup, 2nd round two, make up own games, see starter for times. Saturday July 14, club championship quarter-finals, 4.30pm. Sunday July 15, club championship semi-finals, oon.

Saturday July 21, club championship final, 1pm and 5pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 28, Summer Cup, 37 played, CSS 64. 1 Jim Reid 78-20=58, 2 Bob McCrae 69-9=60, 3 Stan Brothers 74-14=60. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 67.

Sunday July 1, Sweep, 10 played, CSS 64. 1 Terry Raeside 73-12=61, 2 Douglas Robertson 85-18=67, 3 Chris Pattenden 81-13=68. Scratch Terry Raeside 73.

Congratulations to the Brodick team on winning the Hope Cup for the fourth time in five years.

Fixture: Sunday July 8, Brandon Qualifier, 8.30am and noon.

Ladies' section: Tuesday June 26, Centenary Quaich, strokeplay competition, was won by Su-



The winning team of the ALGU President's prize; Heather Raeside, Elizabeth Kelso and Jenni Turnbull with retiring president Carole Stewart.

san Butchard, with a net 67. Susan also won the best scratch with a 77. Division 2 winner, also with a net 67, was the on-form Moira Small.

Fixtures: Tuesday July 10, Stronach Foursomes, names on board please for a pre draw. Tuesday July 17, Wright Trophy, Stableford competition.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Friday June 9, Ladies' 18-hole Stableford, 6 played. 1 Christine Macleod 23, 38pts, 2 Lynda Blair 29, 36.

Wednesday June 27, Cancer Relief Stableford Open. On the hottest day yet of the current heatwave 18 played and returned cards.

As far as we know there were no casualties left out there but in this heat, who knows? CCS went down to 62/37 points and the top four places were decided by a countback on 36 points. 1 Danny Head 5, 36pts ACB, 2 Ryan Armstrong 36 ACB, 3 Nicol Auld 5, 36 ACB, 4 John Pennycott 13, 36.

Sunday July 1, medal. Ten played on yet another glorious morning for the first Sunday in July - already?

Scoring was good with CSS coming down to 62. 1 Dougie Auld 21, 59, 2 Da-

vid Brookens 12, 60 ACB and lowest gross, 3 Alan Kay 18, 60, 4 John Pennycott 13, 62. Magic twos Graeme Crichton @7th.

Fixtures: Saturday July 7, 24-hour golf marathon challenge at Whiting Bay GC. Barbecue at 3pm. All welcome and all proceeds to charity. Sunday July 8, Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy (open Stableford). Wednesday July 11, Summer Trophy.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday July 3, Lady Mary CSS 65. 1 Jenni Turnbull 82-17=65, 2 Aileen Latona 92-23=69, 3 Elizabeth Ross 95-23=72.

Tuesday July 3, Peter Sutton, CSS 63, 1 Phil Betley 75-11=64, 2 Brian Sherwood 82-16=66, 3 Reuben Betley 98-28=70.

Fixture: Tuesday July 10, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. Tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday June 28, ladies' 18-hole medal winners and flag. Medal winner (over last year's medals) Jenni Turnbull 87-17=70. 18 hole medal winners, flag and scratch, Lynda Howie 81-20=61, 2 Alice Anderson 82-16=66. CSS 66.



Dylan Smith leaves the Brodick goalkeeper with no time to defend against his goalscoring attack. 01_B27footy03

Tight tussle as top two teams triumph

The divide between Northend and Southend increased dramatically last Monday when league leaders Southend scored five goals to no reply from the bottom of the table Northend team. Over in Brodick, auld enemies Brodick and Lamlash saw two determined sides fighting it out for supremacy with an emboldened Toby Wingham adding to his top-scorer tally, helping to take the boys in blue to victory.

Arran Dairies League	
Brodick	4
Lamlash	2

Brodick kept the pressure on Southend at the top of the table after as they beat Lamlash in a potential banana skin fixture for them.

Brodick's enforcer Babbies MacNeil was suspended for the game after an accumulation of yellow cards. Brodick playmaker Toby Wingham was the first Englishman to return home from the Russian World Cup with the majority of his teammates hoping his compatriots will hope-

fully follow suit quickly before any mention of a final.

It was Toby who did the damage once again this season, scoring another brace and bagging himself yet another man of the match award.

Scorers

Captain Matthew Dobson and Iain 'Keeno' Keen were the other scorers for the boys in blue.

Lamlash got goals through young Dylan Smith and Robbie Bayne but were unable to end their long suffering run against their oldest rivals.

Arran Dairies League	
Southend	5
Northend	0

It was helicopter Monday at Sandbraes Park as the game was delayed until an 8.15pm kick-off to wait for the air ambulance to complete a patient transfer.

Southend opted for a young team as they started four boys from the new S4 year at school. The first half was a close contest

only separated by a penalty when Gregor Crichton was brought down in the area. Ryan Armstrong despatched the spot kick into Bryan McCallum's net.

The second half was a lot more one-sided. Lewis Kennedy came on as a sub and made an immediate impact, scoring two goals. Gregor also got in on the scoring with a clinical poacher's finish.

Northend also scored an

own goal when Corey Allen's free kick was mistakenly put in the wrong net.

Referee Andy Pattison gave Southend midfielder Willie Sillars man of the match after doing everything except put the ball in the net. The next fixtures in the Arran Dairies League on Monday July 9 will see Shiskine taking on Brodick and Lamlash facing Southend. Both games have a 6.30pm kick-off.



Brodick's Matthew Dobson and Johnny Sloss of Lamlash compete for possession of the ball. 01_B27footy01



Golden Boot race

- Toby Wingham (Brodick) 14
- Joel Small (Brodick) 10
- Lewis Kennedy (Southend) 9
- Ryan Armstrong (Southend) 9
- Donald Park (Southend) 6
- Stevie Judge (Southend) 5
- Conor Jack (Shiskine) 5
- Matthew Dobson (Brodick) 4



An opportunistic Brodick attempt on goal sails over the bar. 01_B27footy02



Man of the match Toby Wingham powers towards the goal, leaving the opposition struggling to catch up. 01_B27footy04

Non-stop 24 hour golf challenge

Nine tenacious golfers from Whiting Bay Golf Club are playing non-stop golf over 24 hours to raise funds for the club, the village improvements committee and for cancer charity ArCaS.

Today (Friday) the golfers teed off in groups of three and will continue playing non-stop throughout the day and night, competing for a combined best scratch, net and eclectic scores.

The challenge will see the participants completing an expected minimum of eight rounds of golf covering more than 25 miles. Players have to carry their own clubs, with only a 15-minute break between rounds is allowed for necessities.

Donations to support the golfers and the event can be made on the facebook page at @24hourgolf or alternatively donations can be made to ArCaS or at the club itself. It is hoped the challenge will raise at least £5,000.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the bar and starter shop with a change to win a 4 ball at any of the Gleanagles courses, a rugby ball signed by the Glasgow Warriors team and a bottle of Johnnie Walker Black Label whisky.

Brodick Bowling Club results

It has been a busy few months for the Brodick Bowling Club with much of May and June taken up with Laidler Gardiner and Federation matches.

No sooner had these been completed before they then played hosts to the Brodick Centenary Trophy competition when triples teams from each island club competed for the annual trophy. Despite a wet morning and a brief shower during the afternoon the green played well and this year's clear winners were Whiting Bay.

Rink game results for June were: June 2, David MacDonald, John Robinson and Robert Crawford (+9); June 4, John Lauder and Colin Haggarty (+20); June 6, Jim Gourlay and Vera Ransome (+10); June 9, Charlie Weir, Keith Kelsall and Ernie Stanger (+9); June 18, Jenny Douglas and Aileen Latona (+14); June 20, Jim Gibson and Ian Davidson (+12); June 23, Ian Davidson and Iain Hendry (+17); June 25, Robert Crawford and Colin Haggarty (+23); June 27, Ann Hollingworth and Jim Nichols (+6); June 30, Aileen Latona, Sid Allan, and Ian McDougall (+16).



A group of runners make their way up the hill in Blackwaterfoot. 01_B27half02



Fresh-faced runners at the start of the race. 01_B27half01



Ines Lenart is delighted with a shower provided by Evie Southwick at Bridgend campsite. 01_B27half10



Tom Hannah welcomes Evie's shower with open arms. 01_B27half11

Heat is on in hot half marathon

A big field of 91 runners took on the sweltering temperatures and 13 and a bit miles of hot tarmac in the Isle of Arran half-marathon last Sunday.

A few locals, and a number of runners with island connections, took the startline in Blackwaterfoot at high noon. Organisers, Shiskine Valley Improvements, had made a plea to anyone who could help with extra water stations on the route and several people set them up outside their homes.

Also known as the Shiskine Valley half-marathon, the route takes runners

on a figure of nine from Blackwaterfoot up to Shiskine, across the Rodden, up to Machrie, across the moor road and back to Blackwaterfoot via the String.

For the first time, organisers used the services of a professional electronic timing company, and every runner had a timing chip in their ankle strap.

Ayr Seaforth AC made it a double win with Kenny Neill taking the men's title in a time of 1hr 17min 43sec and Laura Wallace winning the women's race in a time of 1.28.16.

Other winners were:

M40 Alex Allardyce, Irvine Running Club; F40 Tomoyo Fujiwara, Bellahouston Road Runners; M50 Andrew Stewart, Rons Runners; F50 Jennie Jackson, Irvine Running Club; M60 Terence Coyle, Glasgow (no club); F60 Janet Fellowes, Helensburgh AAC. First local male was Andrew Rigby in 1:48:24, and first local female was Fiona Clarke who pipped him by coming in at 1:47:35. Winning team of three was Irvine Running Club.

Race co-ordinator Sheila Gilmore said: 'Shiskine Valley Im-

provements would like to thank all the voluntary marshals, water stops and sprayers for helping to keep runners hydrated throughout the race. Thanks also to Arran Cadets, Chris Traill and Keep it Simple Timing (KitST).

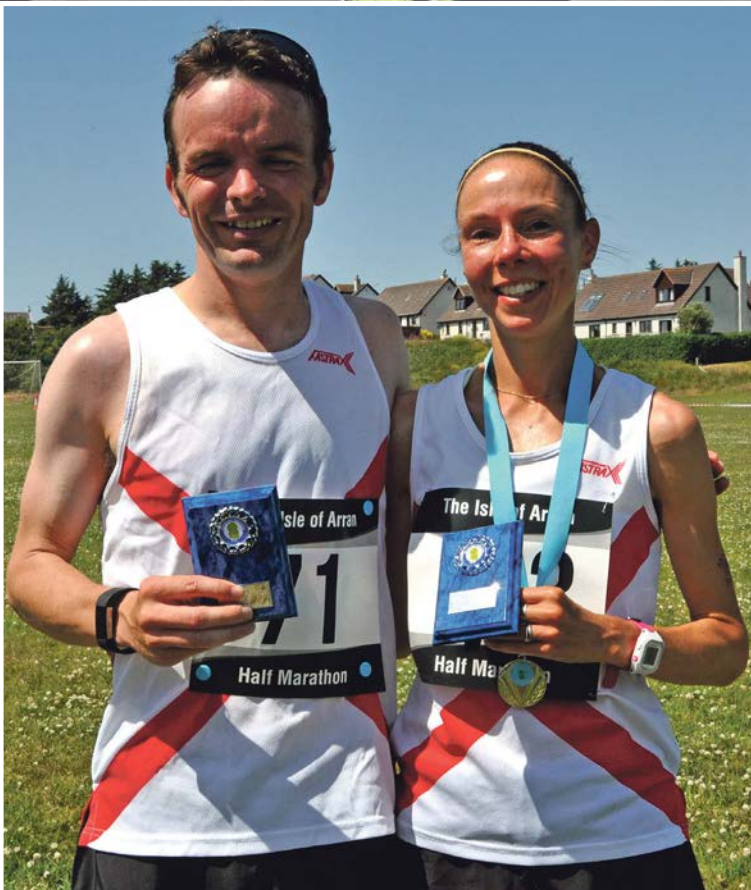
'Finally, the committee wish to thank event sponsors Arran Active and Trespass, Arranshand Business Development Services Limited, A & C Cameron, Kinloch Hotel, the Big Co, ABC First Aid Arran, West Coast First Responders, and everyone en route who cheered and supported all the runners.'



Men's winner Kenny Neill crosses the finishing line. 01_B27half03



Thumbs up from the first woman home, Laura Wallace. 01_B27half04



Winners Kenny and Laura with their trophies. 01_B27half05



Fiona Clarke and other runners near the String Road-end. 01_B27half07



Maggie Cacot pounds up a hill on the String Road with the red church behind her. 01_B27half08



Arran runner Julia Harrison still smiling in Shiskine. 01_B27half09



A sprint race to the finishing line is won by Fraser Peat, just beating Scott Brown. 01_B27half06

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Heat is on in hot half marathon

This one's for you, Willie

Brodick dedicate Hope Cup win to three times captain

Brodick Golf Club are the winners of this year's Hope Cup. And they have dedicated their win to lifetime club supporter, and three times captain, Willie Innes, who passed away last month.

The finals of the 2018 Arran Golfers' Association's Hope Cup competition began with the semi-final which was played at Machrie Bay on Saturday June 30, and took the form of two-ball foursomes with no handicaps involved.

The event was played in superb weather conditions, the coolest part of the day being at the start, with the warmest conditions of the day in the evening. Conditions certainly made play

rather tricky for the golfers with fast fairways and quick greens.

However, the spectators were given a real treat witnessing special skills, drives of exceptional length – even though some ended up in places which were not planned – crafty approach shots and superb long-range putting.

The first match out was the host club Machrie Bay taking on Whiting Bay, who had a rather comfortable win by six holes. There was even a bit of humour when the Machrie referee awarded Whiting Bay with a short putt.

The second match was between Lochranza Castle and Brodick, who had



Brodick Golf Club, winners of the AGA Hope Cup for the fourth time in five years.

an even more comfortable win with one of the games being eight up through 12 holes.

During the interval a pleasant time was spent in the village hall – sheltering from the sun. As both of the afternoon games finished early it was decided, once everyone had eaten, that the final would commence at 5pm instead of 6pm.

The final took place between Whiting Bay and Brodick. The Whiting Bay team included Ryan Armstrong, Corey Allan, Nicol Auld and Jamie McPherson. The Brodick team was Mathew Keir, Ross Duncan, Ewan McKinnon and Ian McDonald.

In the first game, which completed all 18 holes, there were four birdies, 18 pars and a number of bogeys and there were only two holes halved.

Brodick scored 70 with Whiting Bay on 72 but the game result was all square through 18.

In the second game, which only completed 15 holes, there were five birdies, 10 pars and only six bogeys. Whiting Bay scored 54 with one hole conceded, Brodick scored 55 and ran out winners by four holes. There were six holes halved.

At the presentation Hamish Bannatyne spoke on behalf of Machrie Bay,

thanking all who had supported to make the day such a success. Then Peter Emsley was introduced to present the Davie Macfarlane Award which went to Brian Sherwood, who unusually, was rather speechless.

Jock Kelso, president of the Arran Golfers' Association, presented the runners-up trophy to Whiting Bay captain Nicol Auld, who voiced everyone's opinion that Machrie Bay golf course was in the best condition it has ever been in our lifetime.

Ian Sillars, non-playing captain of Brodick, on being presented with the Hope Cup, although de-

lighted at his team's win, simply stated that this was one for Willie Innes.

Willie, who died on June 4, aged 86, was a stalwart of the club – three times club captain and eight times club champion during a 70-year association.

Next year the Hope Cup is scheduled to be played at Lochranza, the venue of the first association event in October 1906.

The course also hosted the Hope Cup six years later in 1912.

The next event on this year's calendar will be the Champion of Champions at Corrie starting on Friday August 10.

More golf on page 24



Brian Sherwood, centre, is the recipient of the Dougie Macfarlane Award for outstanding achievement and service to Machrie Bay Golf Club. Honorary president Peter Emsley, right, and vice-captain Campbell Laing presented the award.

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