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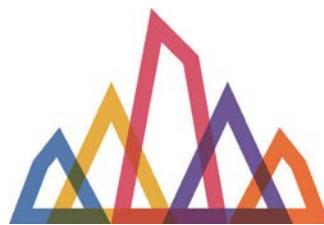
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Montrose House meltdown as respite care is suspended

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Carers have reacted with outrage after receiving notification that respite care on Arran has been suspended because Montrose House can't cope.

Adding to this, carers have also received letters telling them that availability for respite care on the island is nearing capacity and that short-term residents may have to be accommodated on the mainland, which has only increased the ire of those making use of the service.

Service user Mary Young and her husband Jim, from Lamlash, are full-time carers for his mum Margaret. Mary said: 'Carers who are on duty 24 hours a day – attending to their patients' and loved ones' every need – desperately need to make use of respite care. Carers need this for their own sanity, and just knowing that there is an upcoming break can be a great relief but with the receipt of this

letter there is no relief in sight for hard working Arran carers.'

Mary, who has contacted her local councillors, MP and MSP after receiving the council notification, said: 'There have been problems with Montrose House for some time.

'The phrase in the letter regarding staffing should alert higher management that there is a very large problem in this establishment and action should be instigated immediately.

'The suggestion in the letter is that a place may possibly be found on the mainland for respite care but I would suggest that the originators of the letter visit my mother-in-law to see that she is an extremely frail 90-year-old lady and a journey like this would be extremely difficult for all concerned. Taken out of familiar surroundings and in an unknown environment, she would not know anyone, nor have any visitors,

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Delay hits new ferry terminal

Brodick's new £30 million ferry terminal will not open in August as planned, it emerged this week.

Instead it is likely to be October at the earliest before passengers will get to use the new pier facilities. This is due to a delay in the passenger access system (PAS) currently being built in Spain. The delay is all the more frustrating as the main site contractors, George Leslie Ltd, will complete the redevelopment of the ferry terminal and pier in August, on time and on budget.

However, Adelte, the specialist contractor appointed through a separate tender process to design and install the PAS at a cost of £1.5 million, which is currently under construction outside Barcelona, has experienced delays, impacting on the completion date of the overall project. The completion of the works at the new terminal is now scheduled to be late September or early October. On completion, CMAL will handover the terminal

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Shaping up for a smashing summer



The tourist season is in full swing and with the sun shining this week visitors have been flocking to the island with record numbers being predicted. Brodick beach and green proved as popular as ever as our photograph taken on Wednesday shows.

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Respite care is suspended

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even if she could travel off the island.'

Mary went on: 'The last time she was due to go into respite care we were given less than 24 hours notice that care was suspended. Thanks to the efforts of Elaine Higgins, social work assistant on Arran, a last-minute place was found in the privately owned Cooriedoon Nursing Home where we spent the day undergoing an assessment with the staff to ensure mother's care.'

The decision to close respite care on Arran, which has a high percentage of elderly and retired residents, is cited by the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership as being due to staff shortages and the difficulties in staff recruitment at the Brodick care home, which moved into new purpose-built

accommodation just two years ago.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'We can confirm that we are not currently taking bookings for respite care at our own care home facility on Arran, Montrose House.'

'In the meantime, we recognise the concerns and anxieties this will have caused some of our local service users and their families and we would like to take this opportunity to apologise for this.'

'The decision to introduce this temporary measure was not an easy one to make, however. Despite our best efforts to recruit to vacant posts, our staffing levels remain low. We have been in regular discussion about this with the Care Inspectorate, which inspects and regulates care services in Scotland. Through these discussions,



Montrose House.

we have agreed that respite care should be temporarily suspended within Montrose House to ensure our staff can focus on delivering high quality care to our permanent residents.'

The issue of staffing comes exactly a year since Rev Angus Adamson and then local councillor John Bruce raised concerns about the situation at

Montrose House for almost five years now and these difficulties have only arisen in the past 12 or so months.

'My respite care, which had been booked and confirmed well in advance, was withdrawn three days before I flew out on holiday. Fortunately, the local social services team were amazing and resolved the matter. But these short-notice cancellations appear to have become a regular feature.'

'Carers rely on this vital support and should not be facing the additional stress of having to worry about whether dates already confirmed by Montrose House will be honoured. It leaves me with absolutely no confidence in the system.'

'It seems as though there is no accountability either at Montrose House or at Cunningham House for what appears to be bad manage-

ment. The inflexibility at Montrose House and the treatment of its staff has led to an exodus which is now resulting in hard-working carers constantly having the rug pulled out from under their feet.'

North Ayrshire Council, which has unsuccessfully advertised locally and online for social care workers, added: 'We would invite any qualified social care staff who would relish the opportunity to work in a state-of-the-art facility in one of the most scenic locations in Scotland to contact Montrose House's unit manager Morven Ross-Bain on 01770 302131.'

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Super line-up for fèis ceilidh

One of the highlights of Fèis Arainn is always the family ceilidh, and festival organisers are fortunate in having the same tutors as last year to provide the music for dancing. Those who attended last year will remember it as one of their best ceilidhs ever, writes Hugh Boag.

This year's dance takes place in Whiting Bay hall on Wednesday July 26 from 7.30pm till 10.30pm and the musicians will include TV and recording star Mairi MacInnes, who helped found Fèis Arainn 19 years ago and who will sing; Gillian Frame on fiddle, an Arran girl who won the first young traditional musician of the year award



Gillian Frame

at Celtic Connections, and her husband Findlay Napier on guitar.

They will be joined by Gary Innes, a well-known star on accordion and broadcaster on BBC Alba, Lorne MacDougall an award-winning piper from Kintyre, and Allan Mac-

Donald an accomplished percussionist from Edinburgh on drums.

It is an event not to be missed and at £7 for an adult ticket it must be the bargain of the season!

The evening for visitors and locals of all age groups whether you have young-

sters participating in the Fèis or not, is the festival's main fundraising event of the year. It is a BYOB event with a juice bar and, of course, a raffle. Tickets at the door.

The Fèis finishes on Friday July 28 with the concert given by the youngsters themselves. This will be held in the community theatre in Arran High School at 2pm and, again, is open to everyone.

Tha sinn dochas chi sin-nan sibh! (We hope to see you there!)

The organisers are grateful to Creative Scotland through Feisean nan Gàidheal and North Ayrshire Council for their invaluable financial support.

Volunteer fire leader retires

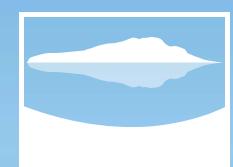
Volunteer fire leader Charlie McAllister of Sliddery has turned off his pager and decided to call it a day after 31 years and nine months service to the parish of Kilmorey and Arran.

Charlie has played a significant role in maintaining the operational cover on Arran, and in particular as a volunteer, deputy volunteer leader and finally volunteer leader. Charlie is well known throughout the southend, and has many a tale of the various fires and rescues he has been called to over the years.

With Charlie retiring Kilmorey parish are looking for new volunteer recruits at Corrieavie Station. If you are interested please contact John Fitzpatrick on 870286 or go along to the station on a Tuesday night at 7pm.



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Delay hits new ferry terminal

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to CalMac, which will need a few weeks to make it operational.

The delays have been caused by technical issues relating to the fabrication stage, as well as competing global workload demands. Adelte commenced work on the new PAS at Brodick in early June and was originally due to complete in July to allow operational trials to take place before the terminal opened to passengers in August.

George Leslie Ltd's contract included the majority of the work required on-site, including construction of the new pier, development of a larger increased marshalling area from reclaimed land and the new modern terminal building, with bus stances and parking facilities.

CMAL's head of civil engineering, Ramsay Muirhead, said: 'We are very pleased that George Leslie Ltd is on track to complete the main site work early next month, as scheduled. Despite some very challenging weather conditions at times, the team has maintained solid progress throughout the project.'

'Unfortunately, Adelte has experienced unexpect-



The site of delayed passenger access system at the pier.

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ed delays in the delivery of our order, which will impact on the completion of the overall terminal redevelopment project. Clearly, we are very disappointed, particularly as all other areas of the project have remained on track with our scheduled completion dates.'

'We know the local community will be disheartened by this news and we are sorry that they will have to wait to use their new terminal.'

'This project has transformed the terminal and passengers will have access to fantastic new facilities, so we recognise they are keen to see it open.'

'We are just as eager for them to enjoy the new ter-

minal and I would like to reassure islanders that we are doing all we can to minimise the delay. We have been involved in numerous meetings and conference calls on this issue and we have visited the Adelte factory in Spain and their offices, with more visits planned. We are working closely with them to ensure the work is completed as efficiently as possible.'

The extensive redevelopment project at the ferry terminal represents a major investment of around £30 million, led by CMAL, with support from Transport Scotland, North Ayrshire Council, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and the Coastal Communities Fund.

Medical emergencies to be prioritised on the ferry

At the monthly meeting of the Arran Ferry Committee meeting on Monday, Ruth Betley, clinical manager for Arran, presented a draft protocol for prioritising medical emergencies on the ferry.

This would enable patients requiring immediate medical treatment, car access on the ferry, possibly on presentation of an 'embarkation ticket' and would be based on clinical priority. A similar system could operate on the return part of their journey. The paper was welcomed by the committee and Simon Richmond, area manager for CalMac, although discussion is still ongoing as to practical logistics of the proposal.

There was some discussion about 'smart ticketing' which is yet to be introduced. CalMac advises that 'print at home' is the first stage in this, although the committee felt this should be reconsidered, pending a full digital smart ticketing option. An implementation timescale was requested by the committee.

Online booking system and customer call centre issues were also noted. Mr Richmond advised that six new staff would commence work in the call centre, which should improve customer service.

The ferry committee was disappointed to hear of the delays in the terminal opening due to delivery of the passenger access system, but it was noted that George Leslie Ltd's works would be completed on time. Finally, following queries from foot passengers, the committee requested that CalMac website be amended to state that foot passengers don't need to book tickets.

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Robin leads call to get behind Arran producers

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A market gardener on Arran has called for all businesses on the island to get behind local produce.

There is a justifiable pride in the wide range of food-stuffs grown and produced on Arran, and menus across the island boast of local ingredients that are exported the length and breadth of the country and across the world.

However, chef Robin Gray says that is only part of the story and he believes more needs to be done to involve all local producers, some of whom have to ship their products to the mainland or further afield to sell them.

Robin, 54, says he has just had his best harvest in 10 years at his sprawling allotment at Kingscross in Whiting Bay but says it is also his worst year for sales on the island.

He believes a lot of the bigger hotels, and also some of the smaller ones and B&B establishments, could do more to use more local produce than they do at the moment. However, he accepts there may be time and financial constraints which makes it easier to deal with bigger single suppliers.

But he argues that needs to change, saying: 'I simply want grow my vegetables on Arran and sell them here but I find I increasingly have to find markets on the mainland.'

And he is not alone. Fisherman Ian Cusick, who catches lobsters, langoustines, and other shellfish in Lamlash Bay, is finding fewer local outlets for his produce with all his medium to large langoustines now being exported through Tarbert, Loch Fyne, to Spain.

He said: 'The closure of the Drift Inn was a big loss to both of us as they really supported us by using our produce, but now they have gone I haven't seen anyone else taking up the mantle.'



Robin Gray tends his vegetables in a polytunnel at his allotment.

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miles and is potentially of inferior quality. In our three years in Whiting Bay, we have tried to promote and support local produce and producers, especially local flowers, bread, honey, fruit and vegetables.

'It would be great if more businesses around the island bought locally, but it is also important that Arran producers get out and promote themselves in a positive way, so we can all benefit and showcase the best of Arran food and drink.'

Robin accepts it is about making both the public and the trade aware of what is out there. To that end, he plans to hold a series of pop-up restaurant events to showcase what is available locally.

He held his first event in Lamlash last weekend selling his trademark pulled pork sandwiches, burgers and seafood using his own salad, vegetables and homemade pickles and chutneys, and using bread from George Grassie of the Blackwater Bakehouse, who also supports Robin's products.

It is all about getting all the businesses on the island working together to use the fantastic ingredients and products we have right here on the island, without bringing them from the mainland,' he said.

Robin only too readily recognises the support he receives from Stuart and Clair Fraser at Bay Stores in Whiting Bay as well as The Sandwich Station in Lochranza.

However, most of his harvest this year will go to the mainland supplying restaurants in Glasgow and other trade outlets in the central belt. He also distributes his produce through Argyll Foods.

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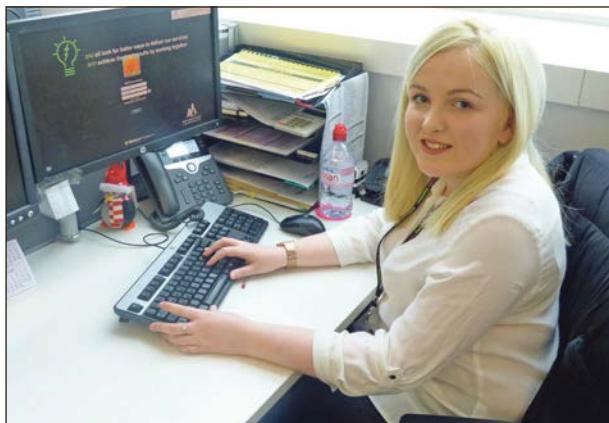
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Apprentice jobs may kickstart new career

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Young people on Arran looking to kickstart their careers are being urged to consider a modern apprenticeship with North Ayrshire Council.

Currently there are three posts available on Arran – two for Active Leisure based at the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, and one for business and administration within the council's local office in Lamlash. The posts are being advertised on the MyJobScotland website and will remain open for applications until Sunday July 16.



Amy O'Rourke, whose career was helped by the modern apprentice scheme.

A modern apprenticeship (MA) is a great way for young people, aged 16 to 19, to bridge the gap between leaving

school and finding work. The council has up to 85 positions to fill this year in a bid to provide local youngsters with an opportunity to get their feet on the career ladder.

Councillor Alex Gallagher, the cabinet member for economy, said: 'As a council, we are committed to promoting and encouraging young people into work or further education. And our ambitious modern apprenticeship programme is a great opportunity for our young people to

take that first step into the world of work after they leave school as they provide a chance to learn new skills while getting used to a working life.'

Twenty-year-old Amy O'Rourke from Irvine, is one of the 145 youngsters to have taken part in the programme in the past two years.

Only six months in, she successfully gained full-time employment within the council's education and youth employment service, based in the council headquarters.

Speaking about her time on the programme, she said: 'I couldn't recommend a modern apprenticeship with the council enough.

'After leaving school, I struggled with trying to decide what I wanted to do career-wise. But one day while job searching, I came across a business administration modern apprenticeship with the council.

'Under the job spec, it explained that it would

allow me to work and gain further qualifications at the same time. It was a no-brainer for me.'

'Only six months into my apprenticeship and having successfully achieved my level two in business admin, I was offered a full-time post as a clerical assistant within the resources section. I was over the moon to have not only found a job I really wanted to do, but that I was valued so highly as an MA that I was offered a job after just a few months.'

'I can truly say that the programme has been one of the best things to have happened to me. It's opened doors, allowed me to progress myself and I've met so many new friends. I would highly recommend the programme to any young person who is struggling to decide on their career path.'

For more information on the available posts, contact the council on 01294 324949 or email MAEnquiriesEG@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

RNLI to hold open day at Lamlash

Arran RNLI is inviting people to attend the annual Arran RNLI open day.

Current volunteers from the lifeboat and shore crew will be on hand tomorrow (Sunday) to discuss the roles of RNLI members and demonstrate the various equipment at the Lamlash lifeboat station.

The Arran RNLI, which was established in 1970, covers the inshore waters around the coast of Arran. Anyone interest in joining the lifeboat or shore crew, or volunteering in any other way, should visit the station between 11am and 4pm.

New speaker

The July meeting of Arran Historical Society will take place on Monday July 17 at 2pm in Brodick Hall.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the next speaker has had to temporarily cancel his talk. The replacement will be John Stevenson who will talk about gutta-percha – a natural rubber – and its connection to a Scottish family.

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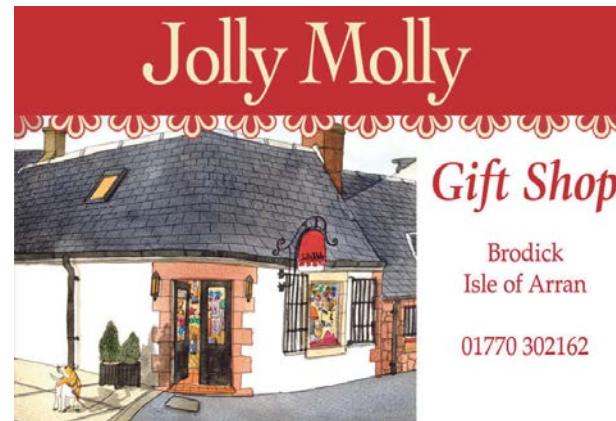
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Playful dolphins spotted in Lamlash Bay



At least 20 dolphins were seen by the rowers in Lamlash Bay.



Members of the Arran Coastal Rowing Club last week rowed around Holy Isle and at the north end came across at least 20 dolphins hunting in the waters at the edge of the No Take Zone.

The sight seems to confirm that the NTZ and Marine Protected Area are actually working.

Crew member and photographer David Ingham said: ‘We headed out for a row around Holy Isle in near perfect conditions, but what we found when we got round to the other side left the whole crew speechless.

‘About 20 dolphins in groups of three or four

The dolphins were in playful mood.

were “herding” fish in perfect synchronicity. They swam and dived near the boat with some leaping out of the water clearly playing and enjoying themselves.

‘The whistling and blow-

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‘We watched them for about half an hour before we left them.’

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Editorial

Who cares about carers?

In a sentiment similar to the Latin phrase, *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes*, or Who guards the guards, the question has to be asked: Who cares for the carers?

Last month the annual National Carers Week recognised the contribution of undervalued and hard working carers. In Scotland there are an estimated 759,000 people over 16 with caring responsibilities which equates to 17 per cent of the population.

This year's theme was 'building carer-friendly communities' and it highlighted the range of support which is available to people across the country, whatever their caring role. But only weeks later that vital and much needed downtime has been taken away from carers on Arran leaving them without vital support.

On one hand the North Ayrshire Council run care home says it is unable to cater for respite care owing to staff shortages. But on the other, those who use the service blame the council themselves, insisting that there has been valid reasons for the exodus of local staff leaving the care home to try and find staff on the mainland.

While some may consider the problem as self imposed and others merely a situation that they find themselves in, we have to hope that solutions can be found, and quickly.

Thought for the week

'I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.' (Philippians 4:13)

Full consultation

Sir,

I have read with interest the letters from Timothy Billings and Malcolm Kerr in last week's Banner. I would like to address both.

The provision of public toilets on an island whose main source of income is tourism is very important for the reputation and therefore for the prosperity of the island.

It is patently obvious that North Ayrshire Council took the decision to withdraw funding purely for financial reasons. It seems to me that it was done in a peremptorily way without consulting local people and organisations, and almost as an afterthought they had this idea of handing over the responsibility to village improvement committees.

NAC should not have made any decisions about the public toilets without consulting fully with tourist organisations, village committees, and the businesses on Arran who depend on the tourist trade.

Though not particularly right wing, I fully support Timothy Billings' efforts to at least get the council to see some sense. Malcolm Kerr's attitude seems to me to be at once patronising and confrontational, and I would urge him to be more conciliatory for the good of the island.

Yours,
Dr John Cruickshank
Whiting Bay

Empowerment in action

Sir,

I write with reference to the headline article in the Banner (July 8) about villages rallying to save the island's toilets and in response to Councillor Billings' letter regarding the

same. I should like to make the following points.

Firstly, had Cllr Billings' motion to temporarily reopen four of the closed toilets reached the discussion stage at the full council meeting held on Wednesday June 28, it would then have been revealed that the community asset fund from which he had hoped to secure funding is not yet operational or open for applications.

Secondly, despite the council being in recess, officers are still working closely with the community groups who have taken over running their village toilets and those groups which are in the early stages of the asset transfer process.

I have offered assistance to the Lamlash residents wishing to form a group, been in discussion with and had a meeting with the Lochranza group, and helped my own village to form a group, of which I am a member. We are now working with council officers to get the Blackwaterfoot toilets open again.

Whilst I disagree with the decision to end provision of public toilets on Arran, or elsewhere, I recognise that these are challenging financial times and acknowledge that this decision was not taken lightly by the previous administration and is now upheld by the current Labour cabinet.

I believe that this situation represents an opportunity for Arran residents to take ownership and control of key community resources; we need to follow and celebrate the example of the Kilmory, Kildonan, Corrie and Sannox, Whiting Bay and Pirmill communities which are already running their toilets.

Their hard work and commitment is an exemplar-

ry example of community empowerment in action.

I would encourage anybody who has an interest in this issue to join or volunteer with their local group and help to deliver public toilet provision which matches our aspirations to be a world class destination for tourists to visit and more importantly for residents to enjoy.

I hope that this clarifies matters and reassures your readers that I am working with and on behalf of Arran residents to secure the best outcomes for our island community.

Yours,
SNP Councillor
Ellen McMaster
Shiskine

Disgraceful

Sir,

I wish to highlight my concern that the public toilets on Arran have been closed to the public.

Last week I was with three grandchildren at the beach area at Brodick. The public toilets were closed. A notice advised us that the nearest toilet was at the library, approximately a five minute walk with a four-year-old, a five-year-old and an eight-year-old.

We walked to the library to find it was closed on a Wednesday and then proceeded back towards the town. By the time we got to the Fiddlers Bar the four-year-old had wet herself, causing her great distress.

The staff in the bar kindly allowed her to use their facilities. It was an upsetting and embarrassing episode for the family and necessitated the purchase of clean clothing for the child.

I have an ileostomy and have regular, short notice occasions, when I need access to facilities to change

or empty the stoma bag. If this had been one of those occasions I would have been left with faecal soiling to my clothing.

It is utterly disgraceful that any family should be put in this position. We have been visiting Arran yearly since 1987. I would be anxious about returning.

I am sure you have had many such messages and, as this is just the start of the summer season, shall have many more.

I have sent a complaint to North Ayrshire Council and to The Scottish Parliament.

Additionally I have signed the petition started by the local community and have posted it on Facebook. This is an environmental health issue that just cannot be permitted.

Yours,
Gail Robinson
Neilston.

No free lunch

Sir,

There is no such thing as a free lunch – and equally there is no such thing as free prescriptions, free tuition fees nor free personal care for the elderly.

All of the above are paid for – not by the SNP's prudent management as Malcolm Kerr states in his correspondence of July 8 – but by the taxpayer.

Mr Kerr also highlights the nine years of council tax freeze – but the benefits of that were dubious to say the least, given that they resulted in significant reduction in local services.

As I recall, the SNP had a manifesto commitment to abolish the council tax and replace it with a local income tax. Whatever became of that pledge?

Yours,
Bobby Whitacre
Glasgow

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Mountaineer Doug gives gripping talk

Legendary mountaineer and explorer Doug Scott CBE gave a gripping talk on Arran earlier this month as part of a special 40-year anniversary tour he is undertaking, writes Hugh Boag.

Around 150 people packed into the community theatre in Lamlash to listen to Doug, who is known for one of the most dramatic stories of survival after encountering difficulties in the Karakoram mountains in Asia.

Using photographs and excerpts from his diary, Doug told how in July 1977 he and another icon of mountaineering, Chris Bonington, made the first ascent of BainthaBrakk, (7,285



Doug Scott with backer Andrew Walsh in the packed community theatre. 01_B28_scott_01

m) in the Karakoram – descriptively known as The Ogre. Their climb extended the boundaries of what had been achieved before at that altitude. But it was the subsequent descent from the summit in the dark that

turned a catalogue of disasters, which would have defeated most people, into an epic journey.

Doug slipped on the abseil below the summit breaking both legs just above the ankles and losing his

glasses and ice axe. He and Chris were forced to spend the night on a snow patch, warding off frost bite. Chris then went on to alert their team mates, whilst Doug crawled out on his hands and knees. Storm and starvation followed but they had to carry on regardless before losing all their remaining strength. Chris abseiled off the end of the rope, smashing his ribs and later contracting pneumonia. With the selfless help of Mo Anthoine and Clive Rowland, it took them eight days to reach base camp but the adventure did not stop there...

The Lamlash event, which raised more than £2,000,

also included a sale of Nepalese goods, cards and posters and an auction of signed framed mountaineering prints, all supporting the post-earthquake reconstruction work of Community Action Nepal. Doug also signed copies of his award-winning autobiography Up and About.

To ensure the maximum amount of funds went to the charity, Arran Active covered the costs of the venue and accommodation was provided by Sherie and Andrew Walker at Ivybank in Lamlash.

Teas and coffees were provided during the interval by the Arran Mountain Festival committee.

Suffragette screens at Corrie

This month (July) Corrie Film Club presents Suffragette (UK 2015, Cert 12, 105 minutes), a moving drama exploring the passion and heartbreak of those who risked all they had for women's right to vote – their jobs, their homes, their marriages and even their lives.

Maud, played by Carey Mulligan, is a working mother drawn into the fight for women's rights. She and her friends become foot soldiers in Mrs Pankhurst's early feminist movement.

This inspiring and gripping film also stars Helena Bonham Carter, Meryl Streep and Ben Wishaw.

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The Jetty 1.00

Bay Queen Crowning
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Family Bowling Competition
Bowling Green 3.00 | All Welcome

Monday 17th July: Teddy Bears Picnic
Putting Green 12.00 (Hall if Wet)

Car Treasure Hunt
Village Centre Car Park 6.30

Tuesday 18th July: COAST Beach Scramble
The Jetty 2.00

Wednesday 19th July: Beach Sculpture & BBQ
The Jetty 3.00 - 5.00

Thursday 20th July: Mini Beach Olympics
Putting Green 2.00

Family Fun Bingo
The Village hall 7.00 (BYOB)

Friday 21st July: Grand Putting Competition
The Putting Green 12.00 - 7.00

Family Fun Run (Fancy Dress)
Sandbraes Park at 6.00 to The Putting Green

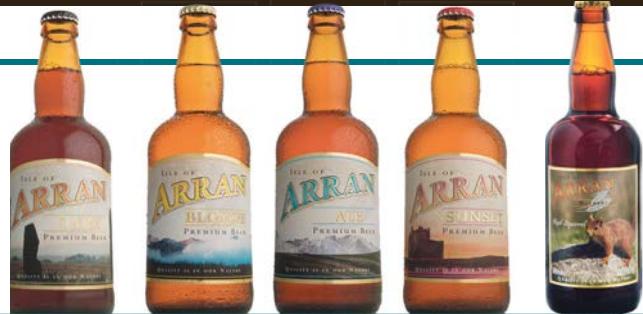
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Water of life puts the fun into Lochranza festival

The eighth annual Arran Malt and Music Festival proved to be another fun-filled event showcasing the warmth and friendly nature of the island with a truly international spirit.

The first weekend in July saw the Isle of Arran Distillery celebrate whisky and music over three days with guests from all over the country, as well as many from overseas who came specifically to Scotland for the event.

The main festival took place at Lochranza distillery on Saturday July 1,

with masterclasses, mini tours and tastings, live music, a specialist rare whisky bar and a cocktail bar.

Among the masterclasses were: Arran whisky cocktails, whisky and chocolate pairing and, for the first time, in conjunction with Ayr Brewery, an Arran whisky and beer masterclass.

The weekend began with the now traditional White Stag dinner, as reported in last week's Banner, in the grand marquee which was also the venue for a rousing

ceilidh on Saturday night which was enjoyed by everyone. Sunday saw the survivors lunch hosted by master distiller James MacTaggart, rounding off the weekend events.

Visitor centre manager Faye Waterlow said: 'I am very proud of the hard work, dedication and passion and pride of the distillery team. The weekend has been full of fun, music, whisky, love and friendship, and I look forward to welcoming our old and new friends next year.'

Turn to pages 12 and 13.



Guests enjoy the weekend with top distillery salesman Andy Bell.

Eighth annual Arran Malt and Music



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Soap making and candle dipping
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick
Lamlash Church open weekdays

Saturday 15th July

Army Cadets
RNLI shop
Over-21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Summer party
Lamlash Heather Queen
Live music – Alex Harvey
Texas scramble and family barbecue

Sunday 16th July

Family games
Fun in the pool
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA meeting
RNLI Open Day
Tea in the garden
Corrie Film Club – Suffragette
Vintage Motor Cycle show
Live music – Charlie Gorman
Whiting Bay fun week – raft race
Whiting Bay fun week – Bay Queen crowning
Whiting Bay fun week – family bowling competition

Monday 17th July

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobics
Tae Kwon Do
Summer bridge tournament
Adult tennis
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran Skinnymalinks
Arran Skinnymalinks
Coffee morning
Whiting Bay fun week – teddy bears' picnic
Whiting Bay fun week – car treasure hunt

Tuesday 18th July

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

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Garden open 9am-dusk
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm
Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm
10pm - noon

Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Flow yoga
Pilates
Brodick Castle garden walk
Arran raft fair
Corrie Parish Church fete
Whiting Bay fun week – coast beach scramble

Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 3pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 12.30pm
Whiting Bay Jetty, 2pm

Wednesday 19th July

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling club, 2pm
Brodick Bowling Green 2pm
Community Land, Whiting Bay, 1-3pm
Parade from clocktower 1pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Whiting Bay Golf Course

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
Dunfion Carpark, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
The PHT, noon - 2.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - noon
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Brodick Bowling Green 6.45pm
WB Bowing club, 6.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall 4.15pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Community Land, Whiting Bay, 10am - noon
Lochranza & Catacol Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay jetty, 3pm & 5pm

Thursday 20th July

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Ladies' hockey
Winter bowls
Arran Bridge
Quilt Arran
Spinning and weaving demonstration
Chair yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Adult Tennis
Isle of Arran Rotary Club
Family ceilidh
Bill Lees art exhibition
Whiting Bay fun week – mini beach Olympics
Whiting Bay fun week – family bingo

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Arran Heritage museum, 11am - 4pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am - 11.30am
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 7pm for 7.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm
Whiting Bay putting green, 2pm
Whiting Bay village hall, 7pm (BYOB)

Friday 21st July

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
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AA meeting
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Quiz
Smart Recovery meeting
Bill Lees art exhibition
Whiting Bay fun week – grand putting competition
Whiting Bay fun week – family fun run (fancy dress)

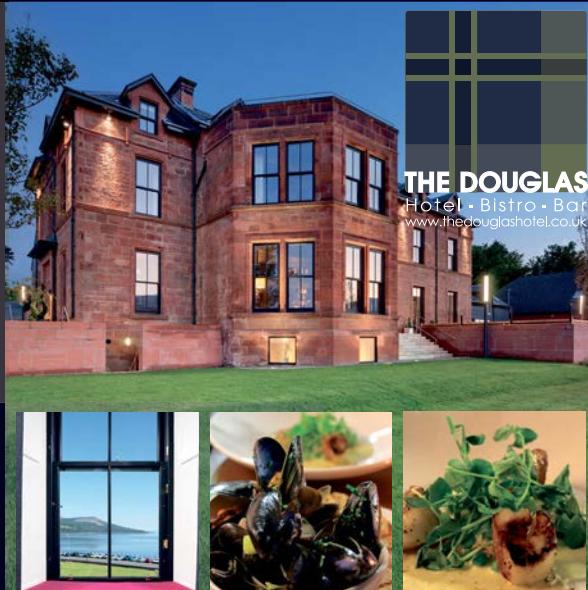
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Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
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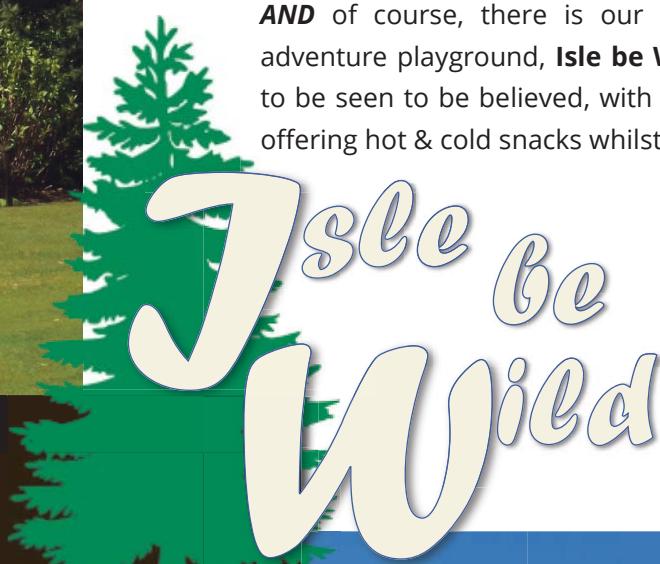
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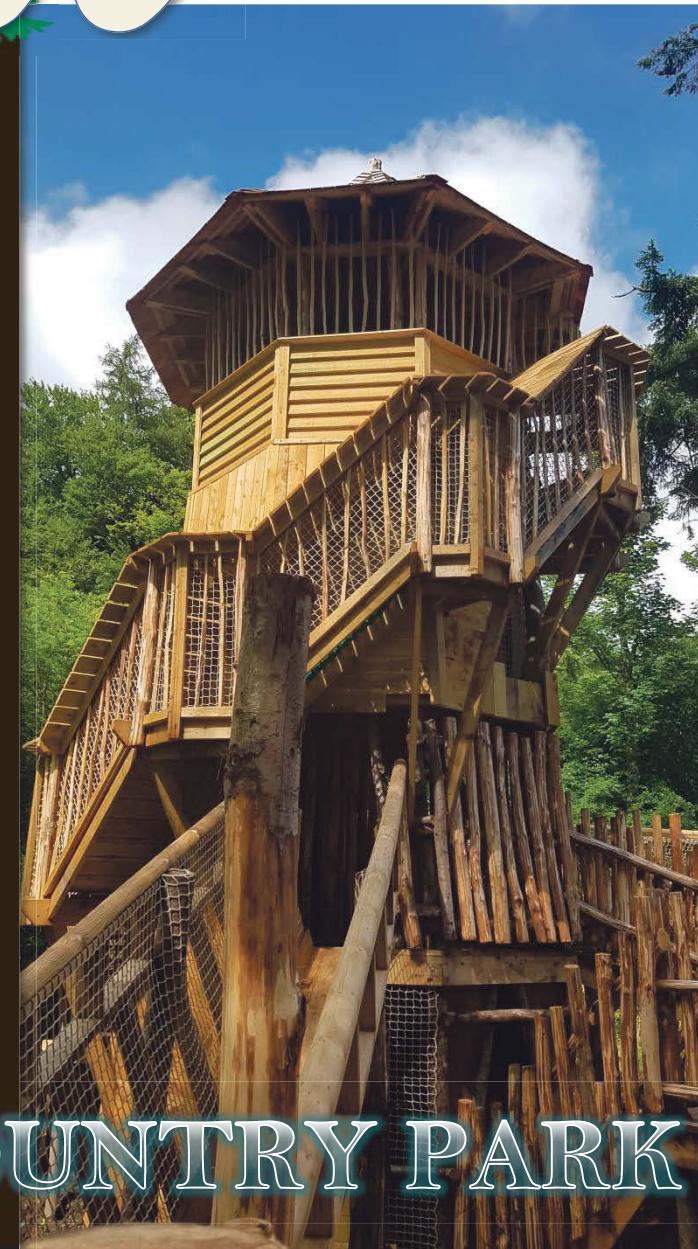
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A century of Arran ties as McGhees gather for reunion

Colin Smeeton
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

MORE than 70 members of the McGhee family will be gathering in Kildonan from today (Saturday) for a long-planned reunion of cousins and their families, marking an Arran connection of more than 100 years.

They are all descendants of Ann and William McGhee who came from Stevenston and holidayed on Arran all of their lives.

The couple had nine children between 1896 and 1916 whose families are now scattered all over the world.

Representatives of the

family from South Africa, USA, England, Scotland, Ireland and Denmark will be attending, including seven of the surviving 11 cousins. Three of the cousins are no longer alive but their children or grandchildren will be there.

Commemorating the event and providing a historical record, a book has been compiled of the stories of each of the nine children for the reunion.

Everyone was asked to write a little piece about their memories of their parent or grandparent resulting in an archive of information which will be of interest to future genera-



Left, a McGhee family holiday photograph taken in Brodick in 1925.
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Below, Bill McGhie from New York on a visit to Arran in 1947. Bill will be staying in Kildonan with his family for the reunion.
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Bottom, a McGhee family reunion in 1947 when second son Robert brought his family home from Albany, New York. No_B28_mcghee_01



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ations. A common thread running through all the stories was the love of Arran, which has always played a very special part in the lives of the McGhees, so when planning this reunion there was no other place to be considered.

Many of the nine brothers and sisters met or honeymooned on Arran and their families grew up as confirmed Arranophiles.

Some of the descendants from South Africa and the USA are making their first visit to Arran to see for themselves what is so special about the island and why it is so inextricably linked to the McGhee/McGhie family.



Friends hold summer fete at Brodick care home

Friends of Montrose House held their annual summer fete last Wednesday in the Brodick care home.

Residents and users of the Stronoch Day Centre were joined by family, friends and visitors to browse the various stalls and enjoy afternoon tea.

There were games for the children in the gardens and a raffle and prize hamper were drawn.



Clockwise from above: Residents and visitors enjoy afternoon tea 01_B28_mont_01 Margaret Logan draws the raffle tickets assisted by the recently retired Joan Stewart 01_B28_mont_02 George McCormack draws the winning hamper ticket 01_B28_mont_03 and George presents the hamper to winner Wilma Aitken 01_B28month_04

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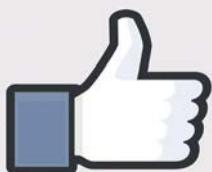
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Bird breeding season successes and concerns

April and May's dry spell ended, with June having 70 per cent more rain than May. In comparison with last June, June 2017 had more than twice as much rain and the mean temperature was two degrees cooler.

While these wet cool conditions were not ideal for breeding, there were many reports of fledged birds in gardens, including unfamiliar looking young birds, like goldfinch, without the red face of the adult birds, and robin with spots and no red breast, as well as the more familiar birds such as blackbirds, blue tits and chaffinches all with young.

There were reports of a family of bullfinch in Brodick on the eighth, eight

house martin nests and a spotted flycatcher nest in Shedog on the 16th, a family of blackcap in Cordon on the 27th and young great spotted woodpecker with its distinctive red cap in Lamlash on the 30th. Most prolific of all seemed to be house sparrow, with 30 in Alma Park on the 18th being one of the larger numbers and also lots of reports of siskin and goldfinch with young around homes across the island.

Away from gardens there were many signs of breeding, including a dipper carrying food in Sannox on the 7th, hen harrier carrying out a food-pass over Machrie Moor on the 13th, tree pipit carrying food in Leanna Cuil also on the 13th,

fledged stonechat and whinchat in Glenscorrodale on the 18th, a family of snipe by the String on the 21st, more than 100 sand martin nest holes in the colony in Sannox quarry on the 26th, long-eared owl young calling in North Corriegills on the 30th and activity at the grey heron heronries in Stronach Wood, Brodick, and Whitehouse Wood, Lamlash by the end of the month. There was also encouraging reports of young lapwing from two areas, but this once widespread farmland breeder is just hanging on.

Around the coast there were further signs of breeding – eider with eight young at Auchentheon on the fourth, shelduck with 13 young at Carlo on the 14th, fulmar with young in the nest at King's Cave on the 24th, an active common gull colony at Drumadoon Point on the 25th, red-breasted merganser with 13 young in Loch Ranza also on the 25th and a mute swan with seven young in Lamlash on the 26th.

But it was not all good



Red-breasted merganser with young. Photo Elizabeth Smith

news. Observers involved in regular shore bird counts reported increasing disturbance of nesting shore birds from human activity, including dog walkers with dogs roaming freely. Some shores had no successful breeding oystercatchers this year. There were increasing reports of shore birds breeding away from the shore perhaps because of this disturbance. These included oystercatchers nesting in a flower tub by Machrie Golf Course clubhouse, oystercatchers breeding by the distillery in Lochranza, common sandpipers breeding in gardens in Blackwa-

terfoot and Lamlash, and ringed plover nesting in the sand quarry.

The birding highlight of the month was a red-backed shrike in Kingscross on the 16th. The last record of this rare vagrant to Arran was 20 years ago when a male was reported in Kildonan on 27 September, 1997. The next bird notes in the *Banner* will feature this species.

Other highlights included the following – four swift over Sliddery on the fourth. A nightjar churring in Dhunian on several consecutive nights, in the middle of the month, was the first Arran record since May 2015. A puffin off Clauchlands Point on the 19th was the first record this year and a garden warbler in Glenashdale on the 28th was also the first record this year.

Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran. Throughout May and June there have been many widespread reports. People need no prompting to report the first cuckoo. How about reporting when you hear or see the last cuckoo this year? Most adult cuckoos, taking no part in rearing their young, leave around mid to late July.

Juveniles leave breeding areas soon after they fledge, quickly becoming independent of their hosts before also migrating south, usually in late July and early August. These young cuckoos have a white patch on the back of the head. Finally in July, look out for early signs of breeding be-

Bird notes
by Jim Cassels

JUNE



Chaffinch feeding young. Photo Arno Loessner



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Stonechat young.
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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday July 19, 1997

Numbers game

Lamlash is now Arran's most populous village; Corrie is the island's most elderly village; Shiskine has the youngest average age on the island and almost one quarter of the residents on Arran are 65 or over. The overall population is 4,643.

These figures are not from published documents from the enumeration of January 10th, but details gleaned from the raw data. The most significant finding is that there are no discernable great shifts. An increase of 100 people is modest. The new housing in Brodick and Lamlash has made a difference, but not a huge one, and the share of elderly people has remained roughly the same as at the last enumeration in 1993.

Interestingly, the population of people under 15 has dropped a little but the proportion of working age people has increased. The total number of permanently occupied dwellings on the island is 1,873. There are 606 holiday homes and a further 66 vacant properties for sale. The enumerations started in 1965 when there was genuine concern at Arran's failing population which was at 3,162 then, having fallen from 4,656 at the national census in 1951.

New ideas

Kilmory Post office changes hands this weekend. Owners for the last four years,

Kate and Bernard Duffy are moving to Shiskine. Taking over and feeling buoyant about it are John and Jean Fitzpatrick with, soon to join them, 19-year-old son Ross. From Kilmarnock, John's mother lives at Lenamhor so they know the area well. They are also well aware of the difficulties of running a business and have the enthusiasm to do it.

They will run the shop and cafe from Thursday to Sunday offering simple but appetising food and are considering opening in the evenings as a youth cafe giving young people a place to go. One curious twist is that over ten years ago John helped a former owner to build the house above the Post Office. Now they will live in the house he helped to build.

No show

Brodick Cinema has had to cancel its forthcoming performances as the projector has broken down. With a full programme of films aimed at the younger age group, they had no projectionist last Thursday and more than 50 cinema-goers eager to see Star Wars. Regular projectionist Jimmy Park was away but eventually they got it going.

With this new fault, and Jimmy still away, they need a technician from the mainland and none is expected before Monday so they have had no choice but to cancel this weekend's shows.



Kildonan Fun Week got under way on Sunday with a nature walk but the first vigorous activity was the junior mountain bike treasure hunt. A good number of youngsters set out with enthusiasm to seek their quarry. B28twe04



Shiskine Hall committee members poised to capture the first duck over the line during last Saturday's duck derby. B28twe03



Principal speakers at the Brodick Golf centenary gala dinner were Robbie Glenn, captain Willie Innes, Ernest Bernard and Jim McKelvie, pictured with their wives. B28twe01



Dougie Henderson, an ambulance technician for four-and-a-half years, has qualified as an ambulance paramedic. He is pictured with fellow paramedics Jeff Dawson and Neil Gillies. B28twe02



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Brodick Church, 10.30am

Morning Worship

Corrie Church, 11.30am

Prayer Meeting, 12noon

Morning Worship

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Charity Number: SC014005)**Sunday 16th July**

Family Worship will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.

Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service.

Please stay and enjoy more fellowship.

All most welcome.

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 16th July

Service 11am

Ormidale Pavilion

Tea and coffee after the service

Wednesday at 7.30pm

Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.

Contact phone no 600222

Everyone warmly invited

Duke of Edinburgh kayak expedition



The gold Duke of Edinburgh group left Arran on Monday for their assessed expedition. Initially travelling to Fort William, they began their kayak paddle on Tuesday, taking them through the Great Glen to Inverness. Quite a paddle of four days with more than five hours a day in the kayak. Here are the group before they left with their instructor Martin Wood. Left to right are Rory McKenna, Kirsty Kerr, Tom Mowatt and George and Max Doubleday.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday July 6, Tom Graham Trophy, CSS 65, par 64. Scratch, D MacFarlane 66, better last three holes. Magic twos, QJ Young at 16th, D MacFarlane and Stuart Campbell both at 13th. 1 Todd Jameson 66-4=62 and the Tom Graham Trophy, 2 Graeme Andrew 73-9=64, 3 Stuart McLaren 77-12=65, 4 Iain Murchie 71-5=66.

Sunday July 9, Hamilton Bowl, bogey competition, CSS 64, par 64. Winner John O'Sullivan -5.

Saturday July 8, Club Championship quarter-finals. The players who went through to the semi finals were Dougie MacFarlane, Neil Stewart, Todd Jameson and Iain Murchie. The two semi-final games on Sunday July 9 were very close. Neil beat Dougie after 19 holes. Todd beat Iain 4+3.

Ladies' section: Wednesday July 5, Fleet 4, CSS 65, par 65, 10 played. 1 Sheena Murchie 81-16=65, 2 June Richardson 94-25=69, 3 Kate McAdam 84-14=70.

Scratch, Sheena Murchie 81.

Fixtures: Friday July 14, I Cannon charity day, four-ball stableford in aid of Santa's Sparkle, make up own fours, see starter for times. Saturday July 15, Club Championship final: Neil Stewart v Todd Jameson at 1pm and 5pm. Sunday July 16, Frank Crum Day, foursome at 12.30pm. Wednesday July 19, Ladies' Open Tri-am, spaces still available, call 700591. Monday July 24, mixed fours open competition. Thursday July 20, Summer Cup and Scratch Cup 3, make up own games, see starter for times.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 5, Summer Trophy round 11, 22 played. CSS stayed at 63

and Stuart McGregor continued his winning habit for 2017 by romping home with a fine net 60 to win by two from club champion Danny Head. 1 Stuart McGregor 18, 60, 2 Danny Head 5, 62, 3 Nicol Auld 4, 63, ACB and lowest gross. 4 David Brookens 11, 63. Magic twos Steven Baillie and Owen Quigley both at the 17th.

Sunday July 9, The Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy. Despite a pessimistic forecast, the Sunday

morning weather was teasingly dry early enough to tempt nine brave souls onto the golf course. A cruel trick. The heavens opened mid morning to make conditions decidedly unpleasant.

Five players managed to return cards and Douglas Auld came in with a very creditable net 64 to win by two shots. Unsurprisingly, CSS went out to 65 and there were no magic twos. 1 Douglas Auld 22, 64, 2 Graeme Mack 6, 66 ACB and lowest gross, 3 Markus Kroner 7, 66.

Fixtures: Sunday July 16, the Raymond Curtis Salver Open. Wednesday July 19, the McLintock Cup. Saturday and Sunday July 22 and 23, the Armitage Groundworks Whiting Bay Golf Club gents' open.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday July 5, championship qualifying round 1, 1 J Innes 69-9=60, 2 D Jeffrey 69-8=61, 3 D Logan 71-9=62.

Scratch E McDonald 65. Lots of magic twos but none that matched the drawn number.

Saturday July 8, championship qualifying round 2, 1 M Elliot 74-16=58, 2 G Hendry 65-5=60 BIH, 3 J Innes 68-8=60. Scratch E McDonald 64. Magic twos A MacDonald.

Championship qualifi-

ers: D Jeffrey v J Adams, G Hendry v J Innes, G Andrew v R Logan and D Logan v E McKinnon.

Fixtures: Saturday July 15, sweep, ballots at 9am and 2pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 5, Summer Cup, 34 played, CSS 65. 1 Iain Keen 73-10=63, 2 Greg McCrae 69-5=64, ACB, 3 Terry Raeside 74-10=64. Scratch, Ross Duncan 68.

Sunday July 9, Marchioness of Graham Trophy, bogey competition, 15 played, CSS 1 up. 1 Iain MacDonald 7, 2 up, ACB, 2 Nicol Hume 14, 2 up, 3 Billy Armit 10, 1 down ACB.

Tuesday July 11, Stronach foursomes, 14 played. 1 Ann J May and Isobel MacDonald, 80-11.5=68.5, 2 Susan Butcher and Lesley Murray 89-19=70, 3 Margaret Roxburgh and Trish Martin 95-22.5=72.5.

Fixture: Sunday July 16, Graham Putter, draw at noon on Saturday.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday July 6, Vice-Captain's Prize, Ladies, 28 played, CSS 44. Silver: 1 Jane McDonald 55-12=43, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 56-12=44. Scratch Jane McDonald 55 BIH. Bronze: 1 Fiona Scott 63-15=48 BIH, 2 Jessie Hutton 66-18=48.

Connor remembered at memorial race meeting

Colin Smeeton

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The memory of Connor Smith from Machrie was honoured in Italy at the fourth annual Connor Smith Memorial quad and sidecar racing event held recently.

Members of the Nett and Nora Quad clubs, based in the United Kingdom, travelled to Italy to compete in the event, with many helpers and supporters making the journey, along with Connor's dad Bill.

The event was held at the Cingoli club circuit, in the province of Macerata, Italy, with fantastic weather and clear blue skies for the entire weekend.

Eight UK quad riders



Above, riders gather around Connor's memorial stone before the race.



Left, Bill Smith (second left) with the participants at the memorial event.

attended the meeting where the host club, MC Fagioli, made all the UK visitors exceptionally welcome.

The event, at the iconic grand prix venue where young Connor tragically lost his life in 2013, is now firmly fixed in the European race calendar.

British championship and NORA-MX organiser Stuart Walker said: 'I have never experienced such a welcome anywhere in the world of racing.'

'The Italian club officials and members seem to have adopted Bill, who was with us for this memorial meeting.'

A touching moment,

was a gathering of all the bikes and riders present, at Connor's memorial stone on the Sunday morning before racing started. The UK quad riders included Mark McLernon, Murray Graham, Mark Wilson, Michael Robinson, Adam Robinson, Alex Sheppard, Harry Walker and Matt Alberti.

Harry Walker was the first Britain to provide a result in race one, with a third place, with Murray Graham also taking third in race two.

Murray's 5-3 result took the third place on the podium behind Andrea Cesari, and Simone Mastronardi.

Footie father and son lift island tennis title

There is another trophy in the cabinet for former Rangers and St Mirren player Steven Thompson as he lifted an Arran tennis trophy with his son, writes Colin Smeeton.

Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club's annual Reynier-McDavid Tennis Cup was fought over by the first fortnight holidaymakers on Thursday July 6.

The tournament draws adults and children in pairs in a random draw which takes place on the afternoon, so it was a bit of a surprise to have a father and son drawn together. The pairs must play their way to the semis via a round robin first round, so that every pair gets at least two short four-game matches.

Father and son Steven and Struan Thompson beat mum Joanna Thompson and partner in the closest final in living memory: 6-6 in games followed by a 10-8 in a tie breaker.



Finalists at the Reynier-McDavid Tennis Cup were, left to right, runners-up Olivia Easson and Joanne Thompson, Ken Macfarlane, tournament director, and the winners Struan and Steven Thompson.

Mrs Thompson, Strathgryffe ladies first team and daughter Olivia, Thorn Tennis Club, Bearsden, under 12s, fought back from 4-0 down, against nine-year-old Thompson junior and Mrs Thompson's pro-footballer husband – both also of Strathgryffe

Tennis Club.

More than 30 players took part, watched by their families in the rain. The fact that the new tennis courts soaked up every shower that passed throughout the afternoon meant nobody noticed and play continued without a break.




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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
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Brodick take the spoils in top of the table clash

Brodick **5**
Southend **1**

Both teams went into this top of the table clash level on points but the home team blew the Southenders away with a first class performance.

However, it was the visitors who took an early lead through a possible goal of the season. Centre back Danny Head picked the ball up on the halfway line, then took it forward and shot from 40 yards with the ball screaming into the top corner of the net.

Brodick scored straight from the restart, though, when Archie McNicol latched onto a through ball and powered it low into the corner. This was the theme of the game from then on, with Owen 'Pele' Quigley and Archie running the show up front. Ar-

chie grabbed a second after blasting another one from the edge of the box, giving Fraser McKenzie no chance in the Southend goal.

Matthew Dobson added a third before half-time after hitting a long range shot which ran into the corner of the goal after a mix-up between Danny and Fraser.

John Drummond received a booking for foul play and then Ryan Armstrong and Matthew also got their names taken.

The second half kicked off and straight away Archie found himself in a one-on-one situation against Fraser and made no mistake in scoring his hat-trick. Southend pushed more boys forward to try to get something back but Andy Thomson and Dobson were breaking up all of the play in the centre of

midfield and anything that did get through was cleared by the defence or by Gregor in goal.

Archie completed the scoring when he turned Gavin Gilbert and blasted another into the net to take his tally up to 20 for the season.

Referee Jack McNally gave Andy Thomson the man of the match for playing in a different role in the centre of midfield but being very effective in both attacking and breaking up play to win the ball back.

Brodick now sit three points clear at the top of the table with Southend now needing to win all their games to force a play-off, unless Brodick slip up elsewhere. However, the Orwin House-sponsored boys are strong favourites to make it four Arran Dairies League championships in a row.

Lamlash **5**
Northend **0**

Lamlash may have won this home match convincingly but at least Northend were able to avoid their recent drubbings with a new goalkeeper and a better shape to their defence.

Johnny Sloss was the star of the show, winning Willie Sillar's man of the match award and bagging himself two goals.

Grant Adamson also got



Southend's Corey Allan challenges fleet-footed John Drummond for possession. 01_B28footy04

another two goals to his collection, with young Kyle Campbell getting the other one.

Monday night's fixtures

will see Lamlash entertain Brodick and Southend take on Shiskine at home. Both games have a 6.30pm kick-off.



Brodick players and the opposition goalkeeper challenge for the ball. 01_B28footy05



Owen 'Pele' Quigley outjumps an opposition player. 01_B28footy02



'Pele' attempts to intercept the ball destined for Southend's Danny Head. 01_B28footy03

Grinduro comes to Arran

The celebration of cycling that is Grinduro will be taking place this weekend with a cycling race, camping, live music, food, art and equipment displays and a festival atmosphere.

The various events are taking place mainly across the eastern side of the island with the bulk of them taking place on forested tracks and off-road paths. The 145 entrants at this year's event will be coming from all four corners of the globe, including California where the event also takes place near the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Combining a cycling, music and food festival, Grinduro Scotland promises to be an exciting and fun-filled event for serious cyclists and amateurs alike with a selection of the best of all cycling events: endurance and gravel bike racing. Grinduro will take place from today (Friday) until Sunday with four timed racing events and a host of other activities all based at Arran High School.

A full schedule of events is available on the Grinduro website at www.grinduro.com.

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