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New A&E department at memorial hospital

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A new Accident and Emergency department is to be created at the Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lam-lash significantly improving services for unscheduled care.

The new facility will double the number of patients who can be seen at the same time, from one to two, and will also add a triage area. And, in a double boost, re-locating the A&E department will free up space for £100,000 worth of new state-of-the art X-ray equipment for the hospital.

Senior manager for Arran services Ruth Betley for the North Ayrshire health and social care partnership, said the move would create a 'bigger and better space' for the A&E and X-ray departments, which would be complete by the end of the year.

'The improved facility offers the ability to increase the number of patients that

can be seen on the Lam-lash site, allowing better access for unscheduled care on the island for both residents and visitors,' she said.

As previously reported by the Banner, £40,000 is being donated by ArCaS to help buy the X-ray machine.

'It is fantastic they are able to support the hospital in this way,' Ms Betley said. 'The new X-ray equipment will mean we can offer the people of Arran a significantly improved service, and relocating the facility to the more spacious former A&E room will give Arran an X-ray service comparable to that available to patients on the mainland. It is all part of a new way of delivering care on Arran, and will move services towards the overall vision for fully integrated care,' she added.

In another development, more details emerged this week of the Arran can-

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A proud day at the palace



Five Arran Duke of Edinburgh gold award winners were at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh last week to receive their awards. They are left to right: Alison Provan, George Doubleday, Susie Mowatt, Ross Kerr and Kate Mowatt.

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Radical healthcare plan for ageing population

The challenge of delivering a one-stop health service for Arran's ageing population is to be met head on with a series of radical changes to health and social care on the island.

The most recent figures available and obtained by the Banner – from 2015-16 – show that Arran has a permanent resident population of 4,562. Of that number 779 are over 65, 719 over 75 and 190 over 85, a total of 1,679 – a worrying 37 per cent, up three per cent from the last Census in 2011.

There is also a high life expectancy. For males this is nearly four years higher

than the North Ayrshire average and two years above Scottish averages.

In line with the older population, multi-morbidity is high – for example, 20 per cent more people on Arran live with two, three or four chronic conditions than in Ayrshire as whole.

Indicator

Arran is therefore a leading indicator of problems – and of potential solutions – Scotland faces through an ageing population.

There is also a high dependency ratio, meaning there are less people available for carer roles, including in employment. A 2017

council report has projected a 47 per cent fall in the working population in the coming decade based on current demographics. This is likely to have profound implications for the economy of the island and is highly significant to health and social care workforce planning.

The Banner was told this week that in a bid to address all these issues, it is planned to build a single health and social care team run by island-based management under the new North Ayrshire health and social care partnership.

That would lead to a sin-



Senior manager Ruth Betley outside Brodick health centre.

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gle point of contact for all health and social care services, with patients having a single shared medical record.

There is also plans to develop a health and social care Arran Hub which would integrate unscheduled care, develop a single nursing team and increase community care provision. It has not yet been decided in which village this hub would be located.

Providing a single point of contact will not simply be a case of joining together all the current phone systems, it will need to navigate users through our services with a one-stop shop approach that is staffed by competent call handlers, freeing up front line staff from admin roles and means users no longer

have a complex system to navigate. This should be ready to launch next year.

Arran services senior manager Ruth Betley, who has been on Arran 12 years, said: 'There will be huge changes in the way health and social care is delivered in the next two to five years, not just on Arran, but across Scotland.'

Challenges

'That will bring some big challenges, given the elderly demographic and the unique island challenges, but we have fantastic teams here who are always willing to go the extra mile, and there is no reason why Arran cannot be at the vanguard of these changes, leading the way as a model for other parts of the country.'

'We have a fantastic op-

portunity to deliver the best possible health and social care to the people who matter most the patients on this island.'

To explain all the changes and to hear the views of the islanders, a series of public meetings are being held around the island in the coming months. The first was held in Lochranza in May when around 60 people turned up to learn about the changes, including the sharing of their medical information.

Ms Betley said: 'We had a really good discussion and exchange of views.'

The next meeting is in Whiting Bay Hall on Monday July 23, at 7.30pm, with others planned in Shiskine, Lamlash and Brodick before the end of November.

New A&E department at hospital

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cer nursing service pilot scheme, which is also being assisted by £30,000 of funding for two years by ArCaS.

Delivering nursing care for patients with complex cancer care and those dying at home presents at lot of challenges on Arran.

The service is currently provided by a small team of community nurses, hospital nurses and GPs, but the limited pool means it is often difficult to arrange nursing input, such as overnight care for patients dying at home.

There is also very limited access to ser-

vices provided elsewhere, such as by a hospice, Marie Curie, MacMillan nursing services and fluctuation in demand for palliative support, making appropriate responses more difficult.

Ms Betley said: 'We're keen to find a sustainable solution and have developed a two-phase plan to improve cancer and terminal care on Arran. Phase one will ensure cancer/terminal care nursing is available every night, while Phase two will aim to have an overnight care – sitting service – available in the community every night to support those with a loved one who is dying at home.'

It's all change at the Brodick Bar

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One of Arran's most famous establishments – the Brodick Bar – has new owners for the first time in 40 years.

The popular bar and brasserie has been taken over by the McKinnon family who picked up the keys on Monday after concluding the sale from Iain McFadzean. The sale secures more than 20 full and part-time jobs, with the majority of staff staying on under the new owners.

Better known on the island for their nursing, church and musical contributions, the McKinnons have previously run a number of restaurant enterprises including Cafe Azzurro in Glasgow's busy Sauchiehall Street in the 1990s.

New owner Graeme McKinnon is the husband of Lamlash Church minister Lily. He said: 'We hugely admire the quality of the Brodick Bar & Brasserie and we liked the place so much as customers that we really wanted to buy it. This is a great business and we are proud to be taking it forward for the next generation.'

Graeme is delighted that the family tradition continues, with Iain's son Calum McFadzean staying on as head chef, as well as his sister Emma.

Graeme's daughter Laura, meanwhile, will run the restaurant and son Nelson the bar. Even grandson Timur has been drafted onto the team of waiting staff.

'The McFadzean family have nurtured the iconic Brodick Bar for two generations and we are delight-



Graeme and his new staff outside the Brodick Bar. 01_B28brodick01

ed to be continuing the family-run tradition,' said Graeme, adding: 'Guests come for the consistently good food and we are going to ensure that continues.'

'For us, this is the best food on the island and we are committed to keeping up the standards set.'

However, he added: 'We intend to open Sundays as soon as we can.'

And there will also be changes as the McKinnons plan to develop the bar as a more active and lively part of the business, rather than just an extension of the restaurant he sees it as now.

Graeme continued: 'We want to turn the bar into a real community venue with live music, quizzes and the like and encourage groups and locals and visitors alike to use it more.'

For Glasgow-born Graeme this is another venture in a varied life which saw him retire after a long career as a music teacher just last year. His last 20 years were spent at St Ninian's High School in Giffnock, but he was in catering before that, so has a fair knowledge of the trade.

Graeme said: 'I also plan

to pick the brains of Iain and Jane who have such experience running the place, and I am happy to say they have told me they will be delighted to return as customers. We are looking forward to working as part of the Arran community and are excited about welcoming everyone to the Brodick Bar and Brasserie.'

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Sunshine draws in the crowds at summer fete

A full house of visitors attended the annual Montrose House summer fete last Wednesday in the brilliant Brodick sunshine.

Supporters and visitors were treated to a banquet of home-baking, cream scones, tartlets and loaves, and plenty of coffee and tea to wash it all down with, organised by the Friends of Montrose House Association.

Outside in the garden singer, Mike Bailey performed live for the ap-

preciative audience who wandered around the sun-drenched garden picking up bargains and enjoying the relaxed atmosphere.

On offer for the adults was a book stall and an extensive tombola stand with enough goods to ensure that most visitors took home a prize.

Children, many familiar due to them visiting grandparents at the residential care home, played out in the sunshine on the lawn where a darts game and

other action games enticed the children who hoped to win sweet prizes.

The annual summer fete is the only fundraising event by the Association. Staff from the home and Stronach Day Service lend a helping hand at the event and the money raised is used to provide support for older members of the community needing specialist help – and small conveniences – which falls outside of the organisations budget.



Lesley Wood and Mairi Farquhar were kept very busy at the home baking stall. 01_B27fete01



Baker Lynda Hagan's scones and strawberry tarts were incredibly popular with visitors. 01_B27fete02

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Ann Lauder and Fay Reid hand out the prizes at the popular tombola stall. 01_B27fete04



Children try out the children's games in the garden area. 01_B27fete06



John Lauder looks on as John Baraclough browses his wares. 01_B27fete05



Visitors buy raffle tickets from Charis Macfarlane. 01_B27fete09



Stronach service user Sybil Pearson with her huge trifle that she made for the event. 01_B27fete07



Singer Mike Bailey provided the gentle background music outdoors. 01_B27fete03

Housing needs discussed at drop-in session

The new Arran Development Trust is to hold its second community engagement drop-in session on Wednesday July 18 at 6pm in the Lamlash Fire Station to discuss future housing needs on the island.

The purpose of the drop-in event is to showcase the work which has been carried out recently on a housing feasibility study and extend an opportunity to the community to come and see first hand the scope of work around future housing possibilities and proposals.

It will also allow a fair time for dis-

cussion with individuals on a one-to-one basis, as not everyone has the confidence to speak up in a public meeting scenario.

It is important to the Arran Development Trust that the various opinions and views are heard – and forms will be provided for folks to complete – to ensure these comments are noted and allow the Trust to move forward in the right direction.

The first drop-in session was held in Brodick in May and other events are being planned for around the island.

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Busy week for mountain rescue team

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team has had a very busy week with rescuers returning to Ceum na Caillich for the third time in the space of a week to provide assistance to walkers and climbers who encountered difficulties in the area known as the Sleeping Warrior.

Having rescued and air-evacuated a walker who sustained an ankle injury on nearby Caisteal Abhail on Monday July 2, the team returned over the weekend with call-outs on both Saturday and Sunday.

The team was called out at approximately 4pm on Saturday to assist a couple of walkers who had become cragfast on the Witches Step. Both Argocats were deployed to take team members up North Glen Sannox to the base of the ridge and, after a short scramble, the two walkers were located. The two un-

injured walkers were lowered to safety from their location and taken off the hill by Argocat.

The call-out on Sunday took place after walkers reported hearing shouting from the Suidhe Fhearghas side of the ridge.

With the help of the rescue helicopter Rescue 199, teams members were air-lifted to the area where shouting was heard and an extensive search was undertaken, but no one was found. It is thought it may have been a well intentioned false alarm.

The team was then called out the following day for a third time on Monday to assist a walker with a suspected ankle injury on Goatfell. The casualty was located, treated and evacuated off the hill with the help of the Argocat.

Pictures by: Jamie, Ian, Ewan, Neil Mac, Kirstie, Davie.



A cragfast walker is assisted down the side of a steep section of mountain during the rescue.



Rescue team members prepare their rope system to help lower walkers down Ceum na Caillich.



AMRT members, with the assistance of the Rescue 199 helicopter, search the mountain ridge and surrounding areas after reports of shouting in the area.

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It is gold at the palace for Arran adventurers

On a scorching hot day at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh five young people from Arran stepped forward to receive their gold Duke of Edinburgh awards.

To reach the gold award takes considerable commitment and dedication, and making the achievement all the more remarkable is the fact that five people from a small island community managed to achieve this accomplishment.

The proud recipients all took their place alongside other gold award holders from across Scotland last Thursday who had managed the achievement despite exams, first jobs and university – which can sometimes all appear on the horizon at the same time.

With the Duke of Edinburgh now in retirement his youngest son, Edward, (HRH Earl of Wessex) met

with each group of youngsters. He took the time to talk to each of them, with a real sense of interest in their experiences, before also talking to the parents and family members.

The presentation of the individual certificates was then undertaken by Leslie Evans who is the permanent secretary to the Scottish Government.

She began with a well received and inspirational speech that offered the youngsters some excellent life-advice.

Joining their fellow gold award holders from across North Ayrshire the five young people who received their certificates were George Doubleday, Ross Kerr, Kate Mowatt, Susie Mowatt and Alison Provan.

Led by Amanda Hogge, a teacher at Arran High and manager at Arran Outdoor Centre, Ian Staples,

the achievement has been a team effort by volunteers that support the young people on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

To receive the gold award participants need to undertake individual skill development, life skill development, dedication to a voluntary role, a five day residential and a demanding expedition.

Fiona Doubleday of the Arran Duke of Edinburgh scheme said: 'It is a privilege for all of us to see the development of these youngsters from when they first enter the scheme to begin their bronze award and when they leave having completed their gold awards.

'For our new gold award holders university careers are either already under way or about to begin, and after that who knows where they will go next. Wherever they

go they will have their gold awards in their back pockets and the knowledge that they achieved something remarkable. From all us, the very warmest of congratulations. Well done!'

Meanwhile, the silver group have completed their circumnavigation of the island in kayaks. Natassja Alberti, Sophie Andrews, Alice Kinniburgh and Victoria Mowatt were tested with bad weather preventing more than one attempt at their silver challenge. However, perseverance paid off and they have now completed their expeditions making them the third group to have circumnavigated the island in a kayak. Well done girls.

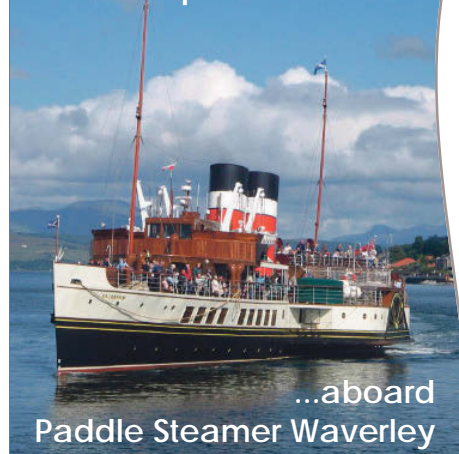


George Doubleday received his gold Duke of Edinburgh award from Scottish Government permanent secretary Leslie Evans.



Silver group kayakers, Natassja Alberti, Sophie Andrews, Alice Kinniburgh and Victoria Mowatt pictured during their Arran circumnavigation.

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Editorial

Health shake-up

No one should be in any doubt that the delivery of health and social care services on Arran – and across Scotland – face a radical overhaul.

The talk of hubs, and single points of contact may be alien to some but they will be a reality of the future ... and the not too distant future.

Health bosses on the island say the plans will deliver better health care at a time of increasing challenges given the island's ageing population.

It is important then that anyone with any concerns should make sure they attend one of the public meetings being held around the island over the next few months, advising the public of the changes and to hear their views. Interesting that one of the issues raised at the first meeting held in Lochranza was the move to a single shared medical record. These days, people have increasing concern over who has their personal details and what they are doing with them.

We believe the medical profession on Arran only has the best interest of patients at heart, but they have to make sure all of these radical changes are done correctly if people living on the island are to have the health care they deserve.

Thought for the week

'Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.'

Joshua 1:7

Arran of old

Sir,
I have just received a pack of Banners for May/June from a friend on the island and, honestly, what is going on would deter any visitor or prospective resident.

There are numerous criticisms, as usual, about the ferry terminal and service, and yet the builders received an award for an overpriced, unsympathetic building.

Arran used to be a place of peace and now a monstrous new hotel is proposed without adequate parking. What happened to sympathetic planning? Gone, with Lady Jean, and I hope she is not turning in her grave.

Roads closed, more traffic along the Lagg road which could scarcely cope before the new distillery was planned. Potholes, sinkholes, the list grows.

Can it possibly be as bad as it seems? Admittedly, I left two years ago and I was already aware of an increase in traffic and knew that the new ferry terminal would be unsympathetic to foot passengers. Toilets closed, children's swings etc gone.

Not the island we knew in 1983.

Yours,
Millie Maule,
Former Arran resident.

Code of practice

Sir,
Like the NHS I am celebrating a 70th anniversary this summer ... in my case I have been holidaying on Arran since 1948. While changes were gradual, in recent years RET has encouraged a glut of campervans. I commiserate with residents, like Rory Cowan (Letters 7th July), who have to put up with unacceptable behaviour. I can

understand the desire to impose laws, but I fear this will take time and will require enforcement.

May I suggest a more immediate action to try to get more reasonable behaviour: construct a code of practice for campervans advising locations where overnight parking can occur and where it should not. Advise on locations for disposal of effluent. Advise on road manners such as speed, overtaking and use of passing places. This could be done before the end of July.

The code of practice could be given out with the ferry tickets by CalMac, or follow the example of the Isle of Colonsay where a resident volunteer meets every ferry and hands out an envelope containing brochures on attractions to the island. An alternative would be to have someone paid by the advertisers, to hand out the package of brochures and code of practice while vehicles are in the queue at Ardrossan and Clonaig.

I hope something can be done before the reputation and the environment of Arran is besmirched.

Yours,
Ian A Brown,
Blairgowrie.

Cardinal date

Sir,
I am always informed and pleased with reporting on the Banner, which I have been reading for over 18 years. Today, however, on the front page of No 2081, I had to word check what 'cardinal date' meant and it looks like CalMac's CEO has a poor - as in incomplete or lacking - command of English.

Do we now need to read between the lines on all fu-

ture reports on when the new ferry comes in to service?

Yours,
James Thomson,
Banlicken,
By Imachar.

Tenants' views

Sir,
I am seeking to hear from anyone who has experienced rental property problems on the island. Not so much attaining property to rent, which as a former Arran resident I know all about, but difficulties with the practices of landlords and landladies.

I'd be especially keen to hear from anyone in the Whiting Bay area. Your experiences will help inform a series of articles I am researching for publication on the subject. All responses will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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Yours,
Tony Black,
Journalist,
Edinburgh.

Excellent care

Sir,
I should like to express my sincere thanks to the Arran Ambulance Service and Lamlash Hospital for the excellent care my sister received when she became seriously ill on the evening of Monday June 25 while on holiday in Lochranza.

Her condition necessitated her transfer to Crosshouse Hospital by helicopter, in the middle of the night, where she is now recovering from surgery.

Our family has a long association with Arran and have had a holiday home in Lochranza since the 1930s and this recent event confirms for us what a wonderful island Arran is, not only

for the beauty, but equally important, for the people who live and work there.

Yours
Gillean Macleod,
Edinburgh.

Road praise

Sir,
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Thanks to North Ayrshire for a splendid job approaching and leaving Corrie.

Yours,
Elma Stevenson,
Sannox.

Motorcycle show

Sir,
Thank you for an excellent report on the Motorcycle show held at the museum on July 1.

However I would like to point out that Ronnie Logan and myself confine our activities to organisational duties and were not involved in judging the amazing turn out of machines of the two-, three- and four-wheeled variety.

Ian Leitch, Ronnie Logan and myself organise the setting up of the bikes/cars, the selection of judges and the class prizes. Everything else from entertainment to advertising is done directly by Tom Mcleod and his museum staff.

Sadly, due to other commitments, it will be my last year helping with the event. If anybody is interested in taking my place and helping with one of the most popular fundraising events at the museum, please email me at info@jinglyjingly.com and I will put you in touch with the others.

Yours,
Lenny Hartley,
Broddick.

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Long established village fairs, fetes and galas that have continued through the decades have endured and prospered and over time, established themselves into the highly anticipated events that have become synonymous with each villages.

Kildonan Fun Week

The Kildonan fun week kicked off the summer

events last weekend with Taiko drumming taster sessions at the village hall in Sunday. The following day visitors and children enjoyed a guided National Trust, Scotland walk on the Kildonan sea shore, which was followed by irresistible cream tea's provided by the Kildonan Women's Institute ladies.

The popular four mile Kildonan fun run on Tuesday took runners on a tour of the village with both children and adults taking part in the more-fun-than-competitive event, followed by the car treasure hunt on Thursday with the reward of a barbeque at the end of the event.

Today (Saturday) villagers and visitors will congregate on the beach for the sports on the beach event which starts at 2pm and which will be followed by with a mystery film night where friends, families and visitors - along with nibbles and

drinks - enjoy a surprise feature film in the village hall.

Lamlash Heather Queen

Today is also the big day in Lamlash with the crowning of Lamlash Heather Queen followed by a gala day to be staged on the village green.

Smartly attired attendants and the previous year's Heather Queen join a parade led by Arran Pipe Band and featuring fancy dress, dressed up prams and cute pets on a march from the Clocktower through the village to the green.

The event will offer a tea tent, home baking, tombola, burgers, Murray's famous dog scurry and a music and dance show. Also on the green, and very well attended, the not-so-serious pet show attracts a large crowd while the face painting, crafts



2016 Heather Queen Jessica Reid places the crown on new Queen Alyssa McGarrie's head at the Lamlash Heather Queen crowning ceremony. 01_B28galas03



The Arran Pipe Band lead last year's Heather Queen procession from the clock tower to the green. 01_B28galas04

stalls, bouncy castle and fun activities throughout day ensures that there is something for everyone to see and do. And watch out for the brand new beat the goalie contest this year.

Whiting Bay Gala Week

Continuing the long programme of events, Whiting Bay then picks up the mantle with a week of fun events centered around the village. Synonymous with the village, the raft race and barbeque starts tomorrow (Sunday) followed by the Bay Queen crowning and a host of family friendly events which include a bouncy castle, climbing wall, family bowling and a large tombola.

Monday July 16, when the sun always shines, adult picnickers and children meet for an enjoyable teddy bears picnic on the putting green where friends, young and old, meet and enjoy the company of friends, neighbours, good food and pleasant surroundings. The following day children can enjoy a beach scramble led by the knowledgeable and friendly people from the Community of Arran Seabed Trust.

On Wednesday and Thursday children and adults are once again invited to the beach for the beach sculpture competition and barbeque on the first day and the beach Olympics the following day. Family fun bingo also takes place on

Thursday in the village hall later in the evening.

Friday July 20, is the popular the family putting competition which features many fun prizes and the opportunity



Lamlash Heather Queen of 2017, Alyssa McGarrie.
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to win one of the coveted golf mugs made especially for the occasion.

By far the most well attended event is undoubtedly the duck race which takes place on Saturday July 21, and which sees masses of people lining the burn at Sandbraes Bridge to watch the ducks making their way to the sea. There are generous cash prizes for the first three ducks over the finish line where excited children then wade into the water to retrieve the ducks before they travel to the sea.

Lochranza Gala Weekend

Providing their own entertainment at the north end the Lochranza Gala Weekend - running from Thursday July 19 to Sunday July 22 - is being staged for the second year, following its revival. And this year, the Vi-

kings are coming - and not just with the theme of the bogie race - but real Vikings in their longship.

The gala day starts on Saturday July 21 with a parade of shields led by the pipe band from the castle spit to the hall where the Sea Queen will open the gala day. The entire day is filled with a craft fayre, games and activities on the hall green and will include live music, a barbeque and a dog show. The eventful day is rounded off with special guests Soundcradle who will provide live music in the village hall with a licensed bar.

This will be followed by the exciting and amusing bogie race, which begins at 4pm on the castle spit, before the dramatic arrival of the Arran Viking Longship Society.

Returning to more sedate, but equally exciting



Last year's Kildonan fun run winners
l to r: Dave Black, Nara Wood and Hazel (Tod) Maklakoty. 01_B28galas09

and action packed event, Sunday July 22, will see the Texas scramble golf taking place in the morning along with children's putting. During the af-

ternoon the duck derby will take place before the teddy bears picnic and a barbeque and craft fayre at the village hall.

Wherever you decide to go you can be assured of a warm welcome and lots of fun as summer arrives on Arran.



2017 Whiting Bay's Bay Queen, Anna Wilkinson.
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A glimpse of gala glory years past



Fiona McClure and page Craig Black 18 years ago at the 2000 Lamlash gala week.
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An all female tug o' war complete a week of plate smashing, pillow fights and all sorts of races at the Kildonan Fun Week in 1997.
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Noah's Ark pictured in 1983 at the Lochranza Boat race. 01_B28galas11

Lochranza Gala Weekend

THURSDAY 19TH JULY
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FRIDAY 20TH JULY
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SATURDAY 21st JULY - Bogie McBoatrace!
Parade of Shields led by Pipe Band 2pm at Castle Spit
Back to Hall for Sea Queen to open Gala.
CRAFT FAYRE, 2 - 6pm in Hall
Games /Activities on Hall Green include Kids games, Dog Show, Live Music, BBQ, Bar and many more.

Bogie Race at 4pm approx
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SUNDAY 22nd JULY
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Kids Putting 11am
Duck Derby 1pm
Teddy Bear's Picnic 2pm (Hall Garden)
BBQ from 1pm
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Children in their fancy dress attended the crowning of the 1997 Heather Queen Sarah Gillies at the start of the Lamlash gala week proceedings. 01_B28galas07



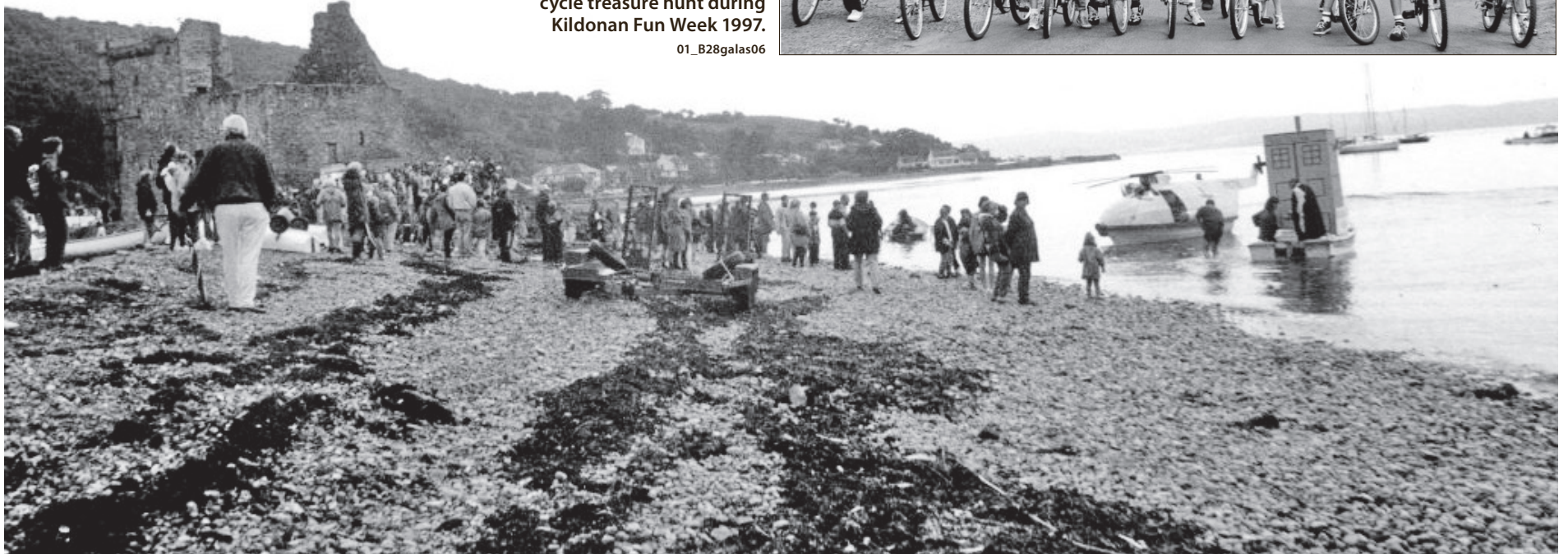
Karen Groves beautifully bedecked as the Lochranza Sea Queen in 1983. 01_B28galas10



Supporters watch a Lamlash Gala Week contestant in 1991. 01_B28galas12



Children set off on a cycle treasure hunt during Kildonan Fun Week 1997. 01_B28galas06



A large crowd gathered at the annual Lochranza Boat Race in 1997 to witness the sea crafts as they prepared to battle each other. 01_B28galas08

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New mini-golf is a big hit

The newly created mini-golf course in Brodick has already proven to be a big hit with visitors and locals who have flocked to the at-

traction to test out the new course.

Opening last Saturday, just in time for the summer school holidays, the course

has been packed to capacity since it opened.

Eager families who have played on the previous course – which remained fundamentally unchanged since it was built in the 1960s – returned to test out the new course while friends challenged each other to try and set their new personal course record.

The previous course, which was requiring modernisation and water drainage solutions, was upgraded by its owner, Alastair Bilsland, who decided to completely overhaul the iconic landmark in its prime beachfront loca-



Families have filled the new mini golf course since it was opened last Saturday.

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tion while dealing with the drainage issues.

The new 18-hole course features all-weather arti-

ficial grass and retains the Forth Bridge which has been installed 15 years ago. Taking pride of place in the

centre of the course and visible from seafront is a large relief of Arran on an elevated stone base.



Zaki Roberts from Yorkshire finds the Arran relief centre-piece to be a fun climbing obstacle. 01_B28minigolf03

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Fèis Arainn family ceilidh

Starting on Tuesday July 24, Fèis Arainn will be back in Arran High School to welcome the 67 youngsters who have registered to attend this tuition-based festival of Gaelic culture and participate in their choice of workshops in traditional musical instruments, Gaelic singing and language through drama.

The following evening, Wednesday 25, the renowned Fèis family ceilidh will take place in Whiting Bay Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The talented instrumental tutors will provide first class dancing music and Mairi Macinnes, a former Mòd gold medallist and frequent performer on radio and television, will sing during the evening.

This is an event for everyone, both locals and visitors of all age groups whether you have a youngster at the Fèis or not. It is a BYOB evening with a juice bar and, of course, a raffle. At £7 an adult ticket, it is the bargain of the summer. Tickets can be bought at the door.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Gaelic word 'fèis' it means 'festival' and we are one of 47 similar bodies throughout Scotland, under the umbrella of Fèisean nan Gàidheal, which channels funds from Creative Scotland to the groups. The FnG movement is credited with much of the revival of the traditional music scene and Gaelic language

development which has occurred since it was formed in 1991. More information can be found on its website at www.feisean.org. We were originally constituted in 1993 and can be found at www.feisarainn.com

In addition to funding from Creative Scotland, it also receives financial support and encouragement from North Ayrshire Council and this year was delighted to be one of the beneficiaries of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

Obedience dog classes

New summer dog obedience classes have started in Whiting Bay.

They began last Wednesday and will be held for 10 weeks at Sandbraes Park at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome and the classes will be held in the village hall if wet.

Organiser Margaret Kay said: 'In this hot weather we will have shade and plenty of fluids for dogs, but if they won't drink from a shared bowl, owner should bring dog's own bowl.'

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If you can't make it on that date, Bob will be repeating the talks on Wednesday August 1 and Wednesday August 15.

Two talks on the archaeology of Arran are also being held on Wednesday August 8 and August 22 at the same times. Both talks will last around 45 minutes.

Council contract for The Arran Butcher

The Arran Butcher has secured the contract to provide high-quality, fresh food to North Ayrshire Council premises across the island giving a boost to the island economy.

Run by David McKinnon, the Blackwaterfoot based butcher has supplied fresh meat to schools and Montrose House since 2013 and in securing the latest contract – at the end of the procurement process – they will continue to do so.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said: 'We previously purchased meat from a mainland supplier and shipped the butcher meat over. But as we know poor weather conditions can cause their own diffi-

culties for island communities - ferry cancellations, road closures on the mainland etc - and there would be times when the supply could be stopped. A local supplier has removed this risk.



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'The Arran Butcher contributes to our catering

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David McKinnon.

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From the moment I set foot down on the dock in Brodick, it was a GOOD TIME! The weekend is just a blur to me now, really - a smiling, sweating, mud-crust

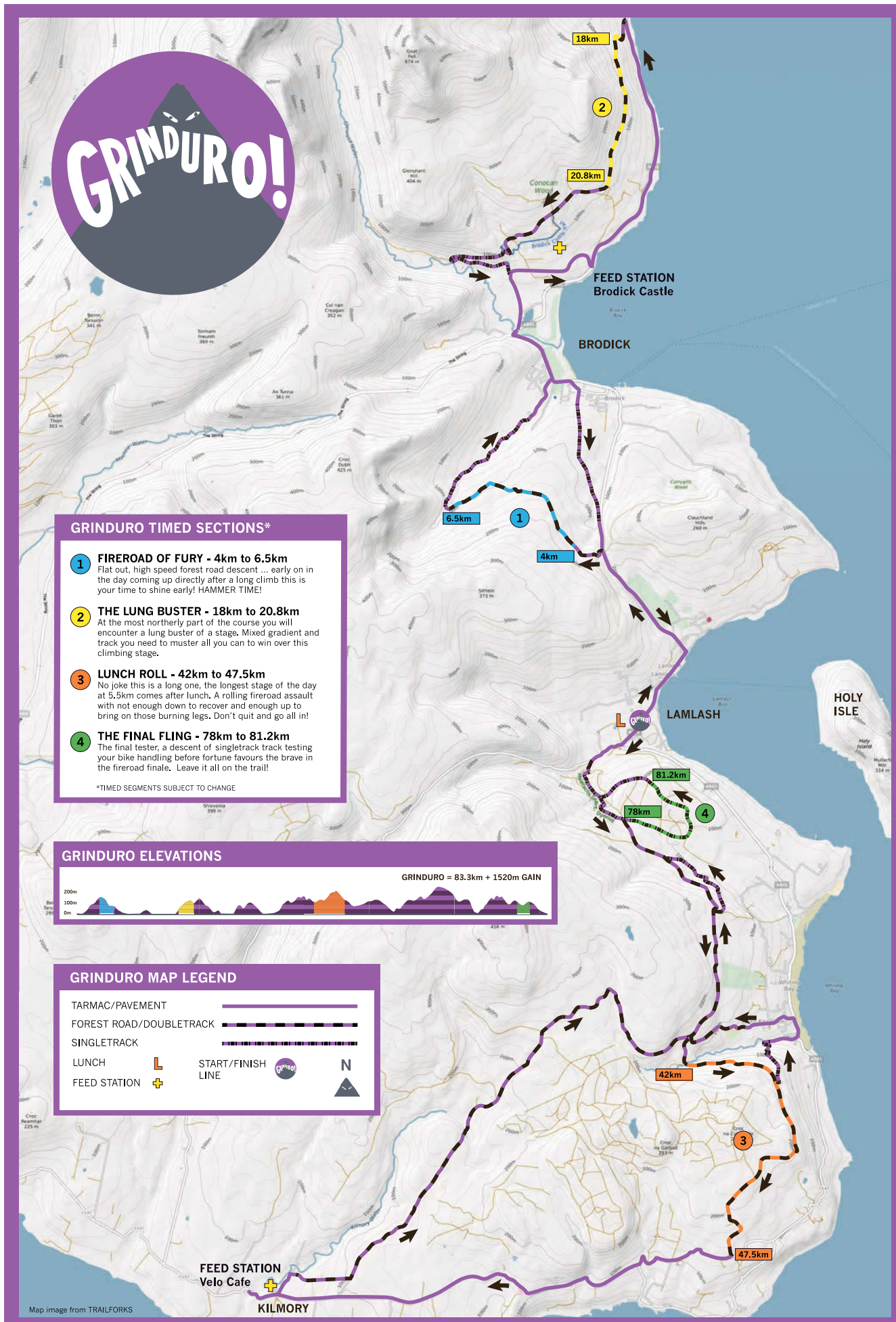
ed and whisky-scented blur of smiling faces, foreign accents, damp woodland trails, incredible views, warm embraces from the locals, the fun of hiding with strangers-turned-friends from rain showers under tents while sipping local malt, brazing steel for the first time, and jamming late into the night with the rock-solid sounds of Glasgow's own Van T's, a fuzzy pub crawl under the moon, and more...so much happening in just a single weekend!

Yeah, it's safe to say that there are bike races, great camping sites, music festivals and hip art shows closer to home for most of us, myself included. But that's not really the point here, is it? What makes Grinduro so special - whether it's in Quincy, or Arran or another new spot we don't know yet - is that all of those things can come together to forge new friendships, and new places to leave your heart, in the space of a few short days.

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- 2 THE LUNG BUSTER - 18km to 20.8km**
 At the most northerly part of the course you will encounter a lung buster of a stage. Mixed gradient and track you need to muster all you can to win over this climbing stage.
- 3 LUNCH ROLL - 42km to 47.5km**
 No joke this is a long one, the longest stage of the day at 5.5km comes after lunch. A rolling fireroad assault with not enough down to recover and enough up to bring on those burning legs. Don't quit and go all in!
- 4 THE FINAL FLING - 78km to 81.2km**
 The final tester, a descent of singletrack track testing your bike handling before fortune favours the brave in the fireroad finale. Leave it all on the trail!

*TIMED SEGMENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GRINDURO ELEVATIONS



GRINDURO MAP LEGEND

- TARMAC/PAVEMENT
- FOREST ROAD/DOUBLETRACK
- SINGLETRACK
- LUNCH
- FEED STATION
- START/FINISH LINE

Map image from TRAILFORKS

A NOTE FROM OUR SPONSORS



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We're stoked to have @sramroad and @srammtb as global sponsors again this year! They've been part of this great adventure from the beginning, and we couldn't – and wouldn't – want to do it without their support.

"Grinduro is the future: it's all about fun, community, and finding new ways to push your limits on a bike. It's a perfect fit for the products we make and the type of experiences we en-

courage people to have on a bike. The vibe is one-of-a-kind. It's the total opposite of a parking lot crit where people show up, keep to themselves, race without joy, then drive home right away, wondering if they had fun. At Grinduro, everyone is friendly and works to keep the party-to-race ratio high all weekend long."

– Kate Powlison, SRAM



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The folks at @laufcycling are always ready for fun and adventures, even in unpredictable weather. The fact that the Lauf Fork was born over a cold bike-ride après beer in a cramped basement apartment in Reykjavik around Christmas-time 2010 gives you some idea of why they're stoked to support Grinduro. They live for riding! And as they say, "... The Grit SL suspension fork wants to go fast and visit the

singletrack from time to time". So, whether Grinduro is wet and muddy, dry and dusty, or (fingers crossed) lush and loamy, anyone with a Lauf-equipped bike will be ready to rock. We're stoked to have them as a sponsor this year!

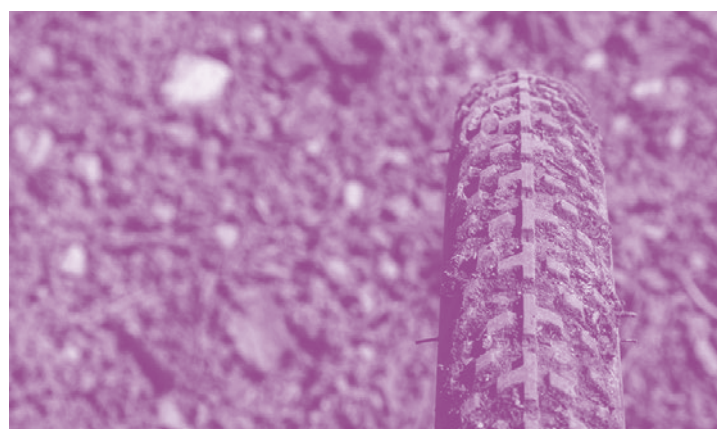


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Three cheers for @fabriccycling for sponsoring Grinduro Scotland and Grinduro California! They make some of our favorite accessories, and they're some of our favorite people to party with too. And when it comes to race day advice, they'll give it to you straight-up, "A little bit of research into the area helps

with gear and bike choice, as does making sure your bike is working perfectly. Bring some extra brake pads in case it rains, and a spare derailleur hanger, too."

– Nick Larsen, Brand Director



WTB®

Everybody wants to know what the best tires are for Grinduro. For Grinduro California, there's no doubt, the @wildernesstrailbikes Nano 40c (set up tubeless, of course) is the way to go! But for Scotland... well, that's up for debate. Do you prep for the wet? Do you go for a bit smoother roll on the paved sections? The Nano is an amazing all-around tire, but WTB also suggests the Resolute for grip when you're getting rowdy, regardless of the conditions. The Cross Boss, at 35c wide, is the go-to option when you don't have the clearance for a wider footprint. Any way you choose, you're sure to have a sweet ride!



The
Bicycle
Academy

We're thrilled that @grinduro Scotland will once again be graced with a handmade bike show featuring the artistry and craft of builders curated by Andrew and the gang @thebicycleacademy! Who will be selected as the winner of this year's build off? Will last year's champion @m_rcredi come back and win her race category? Is there such a thing as the perfect #grinduro bike? What the hell is a @laufcycling fork anyway? Does the water really taste of whisky on Arran? Did @Pantone select their 2018 colour of the year based solely on the coolness of Grinduro? Answers to these questions, and more, are only available to those who make the journey to Arran to see this one-of-a-kind showcase where you can meet the builders, vote for your favorite ride, and if you're lucky you might even have a chance to try brazing under the stars...



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THANKS

We'd like to extend a special thanks to other supporters and partners of Grinduro, including local friends Arran Distillery and The Pier Head Tavern, and friends from near and far including Ass Saver, Chimpanzee Nutrition and the miracle workers at Focal Events, who wrangle nature, volunteers and the logistics that allow us to enjoy a great ride on Arran!

GOT SOME SPARE TIME?!

MY GRINDURO ON ARRAN MAD LIB

A vacation is when you take a trip to some _____ (adjective) place with your _____ (noun) friends or family. Usually you go to some place that is near a/an _____ (noun) or up on a/an _____ (noun) , but I went to Grinduro instead.

For most people a _____ (adjective) vacation place is one where you can ride _____ (noun) or play _____ (verb) or go hunting for _____ (noun). I like to spend my time _____ (verb) _____ (noun) and _____ (verb) with new friends from _____ (place).

When my friends and family back home go on vacation, they spend their time eating three _____ (noun) a day, and sit around drinking _____ (noun). At Grinduro my friend fell in a/an _____ (noun) and got _____ (noun) all over his _____ (noun). I tried not to laugh, but it was so _____ (adjective).

I guess my favorite thing about Grinduro was the _____ (noun) or maybe the _____ (verb). Next time, I hope that Grinduro will come to _____ (place) so I can _____ (verb) _____ (adverb) with more of my friends.

GRINDURO!

MAP OF GROUNDS



FRIDAY, JULY 13TH

- 1:30pm**
GRINDURO GATES OPEN - Arran High School
- 1:30pm – 10:30pm**
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 2:00pm – 10:30pm**
REGISTRATION/CHECK IN - Sports Hall
- 3:00pm – 11:00pm**
BAR/DRINKS - Canteen
- 5:30pm – 8:30pm**
FOOD VENDORS - Grinduro Village
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm**
STEEL BRAZING DEMO WITH THE BICYCLE ACADEMY - Grinduro Village
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm**
RAPHA MOVIE: OUTSKIRTS - Theatre
- 8:00pm – 9:30pm**
LIVE MUSIC: DANNY MOONEY - Grinduro Village
- 9:00pm – 10:00pm**
RAPHA MOVIE: OUTSKIRTS - Theatre
- 9:30pm – 10:30pm**
LIVE MUSIC: OPEN MIC* - Grinduro Village

SATURDAY, JULY 14TH

- 4:59am**
Sunrise
- 7:30am – 9:15am**
BREAKFAST - Grinduro Village
- 8:00am – 9:30am**
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 9:30am**
MASS START - Start Line
GRINDURO RACE BEGINS - Isle of Arran
- 11:45am – 1:00pm**
LUNCH - Grinduro Village
- 12:15pm**
AFTER LUNCH START TIME - Start Line
- 3:00pm – 7:00pm**
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
FINISH LINE STUDIO PORTRAITS - Grinduro Village
- 3:00pm – 12:00am**
BAR/DRINKS - Canteen
- 5:00pm – 8:00pm**
DINNER - Grinduro Village
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm**
STEEL BRAZING DEMO WITH BICYCLE ACADEMY - Grinduro Village
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm**
AWARDS - Theatre

SATURDAY, JULY 14TH

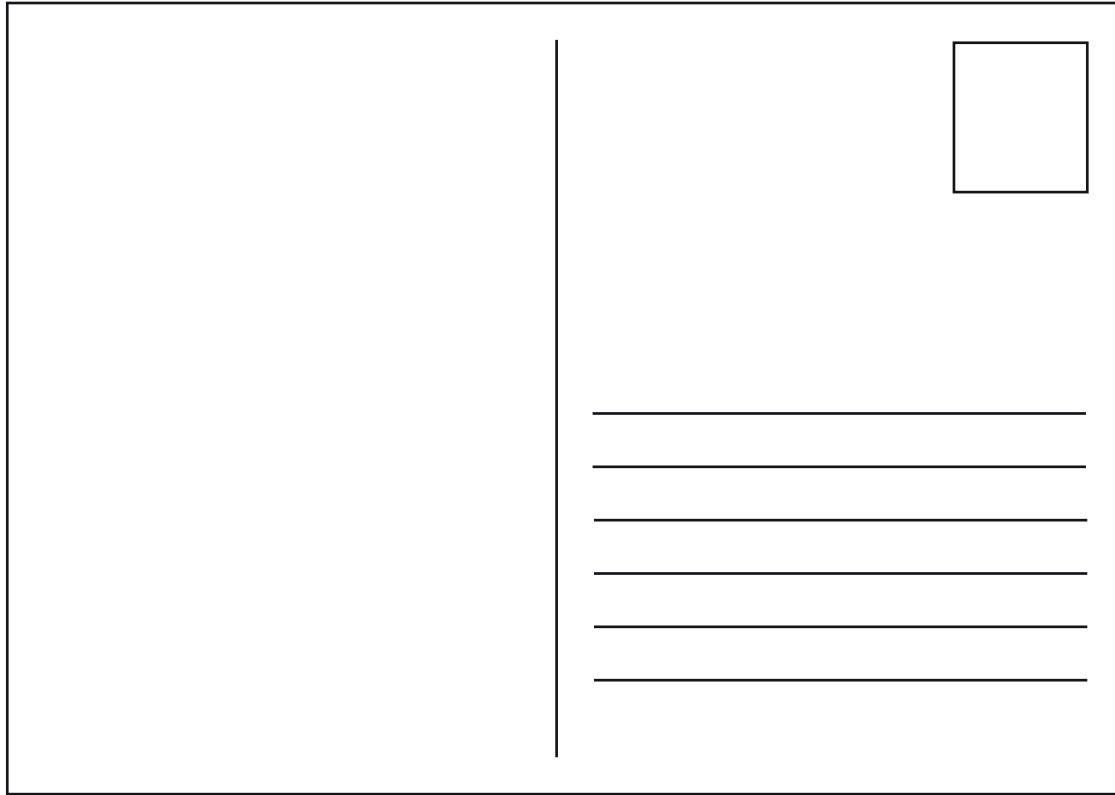
- 8:30pm – 10:00pm**
LIVE MUSIC: REBELLIONS - Theatre
- 9:53pm**
Sunset
- 10:00pm – LATE**
DJ: TONY FERRIES - Theatre

SUNDAY, JULY 15TH

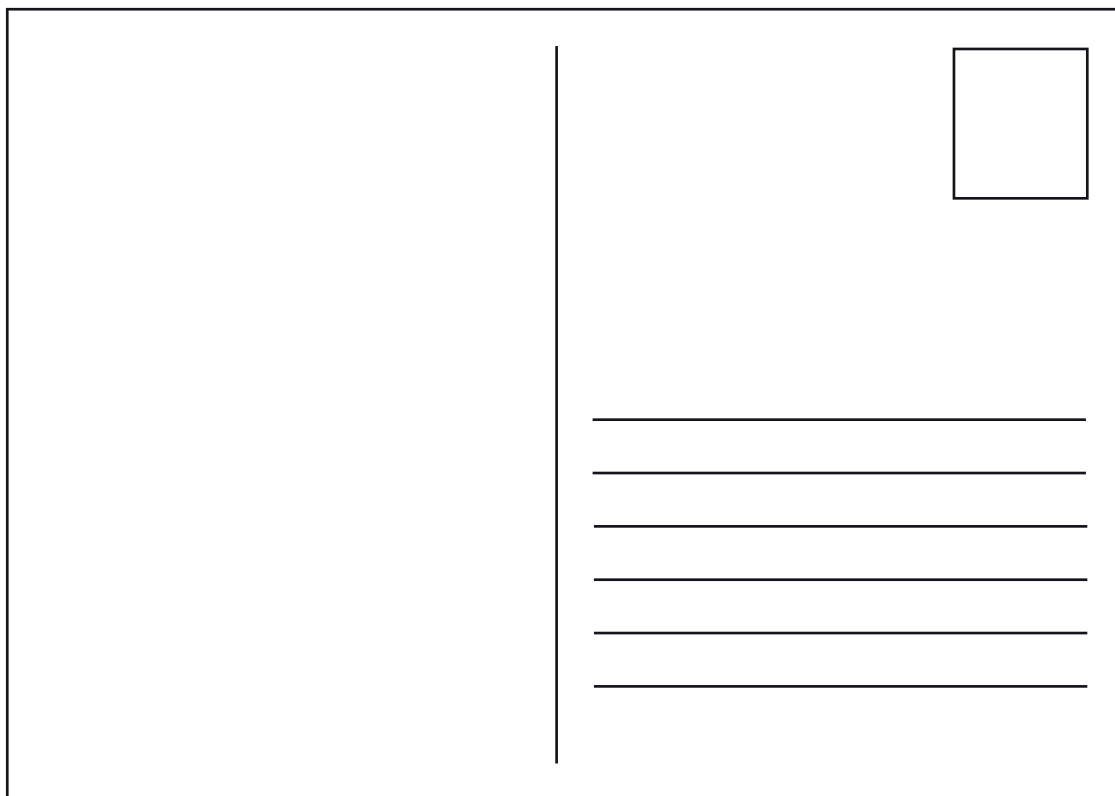
- 8:00am – 9:30am**
FOOD VENDORS - Grinduro Village
- 8:00am – 10:00am**
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 9:45am – 10:15am**
CHECK-OUT AND BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 1B - Arran High School
- 11:05am – 12:00pm**
FERRY CROSSING 1 - Ferry
- 12:45pm – 1:15pm**
CHECK-OUT AND BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 2B - Arran High School
- 1:55pm – 2:50pm**
FERRY CROSSING 2 - Ferry
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm**
CHECK-OUT AND BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 3B - Arran High School
- 4:40pm – 5:35pm**
FERRY CROSSING 3 - Ferry

POSTCARDS

WE LOVE MAIL! SEND US A NOTE, OR BETTER YET, SEND ONE TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THEY'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!



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What's on

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 Loch Garbad, bank fishing
 Garden only open 9am-dusk
 Brodick Castle, 10am - 5pm
 Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm
 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
 Mon-Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm, Tours at 11am and
 Sunday, 12:30pm - 5.00pm Tour at 2pm

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

Sunday 15th July

Live music - The Buchaneers
 Whiting Bay fun week - raft race and barbecue
 Bay Queen crowning and lots more
 World Cup final on the big screen
 Family bowling competition
 RNLI shop open
 Family games
 Fun in the pool
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Folk music session

Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm - 4pm
 The Jetty, Whiting Bay, 1pm
 Putting Green, Whiting Bay, 2pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Green, 3pm
 Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 16th July

Lamlash Church
 SFA summer camp, 5 - 12 years
 Coffee morning
 Whiting Bay fun week - teddy bears' picnic
 Arran Historical Society, speaker Fiona Laing
 Arran Skinnymalinks, in aid of Mary's Meals
 JogScotland mixed ability running group
 Adult tennis
 Circuit training
 Summer bridge, visitors welcome
 Whiting Bay fun week - car treasure hunt
 Rink game
 Tae Kwon Do
 Live music - Mike Bailey

Open - 10am - noon
 KA Leisure Astro turf, Arran High School, Lamlash, 10am - 3pm
 Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - noon
 Putting Green (Hall if wet), Whiting Bay, noon
 Brodick Hall, 2pm
 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
 Village Centre Car Park, Whiting Bay, 6.30pm
 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 17th July

Lamlash Church
 Healthy Outdoors
 SFA summer camp, 5 - 12 years
 Whiting Bay fun week - COAST beach scramble
 Castle garden walk
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Blackwaterfoot bowls
 Technology with Duan Bruce
 Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
 The Westie Fest Book launch - meet the author
 Trev's pop music quiz
 Body Blitz

Open - 10am - noon
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 KA Leisure Astro turf, Arran High School, Lamlash, 10am - 3pm
 The Jetty, Whiting Bay, 10.30am
 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
 Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash, 6pm - 7pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 18th July

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Lamlash Church
 SFA summer camp, 5 - 12 years
 Coffee morning
 Coffee morning
 Arran Skinnymalinks, in aid of Mary's Meals
 Whiting Bay fun week - beach sculpture and barbecue
 Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
 Dog classes
 Healing at Heather Lodge - talk by Susan Knox
 St Bride's Church fete, Lochranza
 Arran Pace Makers running group
 Rink game
 Tae Kwon Do
 Burger and quiz night
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Summer family ceilidh
 Live music - Able Faces
 Family friendly pub quiz
 Quiz night
 Rock'n'pop bingo

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Open - 10am - noon
 KA Leisure Astro turf, Arran High School, Lamlash, 10am - 3pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - noon
 St Bride's Church Brodick, 10.30am - noon
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am
 The Jetty, Whiting Bay, 11am - 1pm
 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
 Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm
 Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 2pm
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Advanced Juniors & Adults, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
 Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm
 Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 19th July

Morning fitness
 Lamlash Church
 SFA summer camp, 5 - 12 years
 ACLI volunteer gardening day
 Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera
 Whiting Bay fun week, mini beach Olympics
 Castle time travellers
 Adult tennis
 Whiting Bay fun week, family bingo (BYOB)
 Fèis Latharna family ceilidh
 Body Blitz
 Tommy's general knowledge quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Open - 10am - noon
 KA Leisure Astro turf, Arran High School, Lamlash, 10am - 3pm
 Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
 Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
 Putting Green, Whiting Bay, 2pm
 Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
 Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
 Whiting Bay Village Hall, 7pm
 Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 20th July

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Lamlash Church
 T'ai Chi with Sue Thurogood
 Whiting Bay fun week, grand putting competition
 Whiting Bay Thursday Club
 Whiting Bay fun week, family fun run (fancy dress)
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
 Lochranza Gala weekend - quiz, BYOB
 Friday night quiz
 Live music - Shenanigans
 Live music - karaoke and open mic

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Open - 10am - noon
 Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
 Putting Green, Whiting Bay, 12noon - 7pm
 Lesser Hall, Whiting Bay, 2pm
 Sandbraes Park, Whiting Bay, 6pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
 Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 21st July

RNLI open day
 Brodick Church garden fete
 Lochranza Gala weekend - craft fair, Bogie McBoatrace and more!
 Rink game
 Rinks bowls
 Whiting Bay fun week, duck race and barbecue
 Family games
 Fun in the pool
 Lochranza Gala weekend, Soundcradle
 Live music - Rob Muir
 Live music - Storm Warning, blues band
 Over-21s disco

Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 11am - 4pm
 Brodick Church, 2pm
 Lochranza Hall, from 2pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
 Sandbraes Bridge, Whiting Bay, 2pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

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Arran film gets world premiere in Brodick

It is not often Arran gets a cinematic world premiere, but that is what is happening next week.

The premiere of the film Shore: how we see the sea will kick off an 18-month Scotland-wide tour with a host of events accompanying the Screen Machine premiere at the Auchrannie.

Shot on location on Arran and in Wester Ross, two films each making up the collaboration from artists Margaret Salmon and Ed Webb Ingall deals with Scottish Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and how they affect and influence the people of coastal communities.

Curated and produced by Invisible Dust, the films are designed to encourage conversation and to highlight the issues and roles of MPAs.

Ed Webb Ingall's film will include a broad range of people from the Arran community, including a retired couple, children, a novelist, people from Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) and those from much further afield, including a marine biologist, trawlers, creelers and legal professionals with a focus on water rights.

Taking place in collaboration with COAST and Regional Screen Scotland, who operate the Screen Machine, the launch event will see the films premiere on Friday July 20, with a Q&A session by the artists who produced the films, prior to a similarly themed feature film called Chasing Coral being screened during the evening.

Following the film, visitors are invited to make their way to the Brodick shore to enjoy a rockpooling session with COAST or to join the activities, also led by COAST, at the Brodick Hall where there will be a touch tank, films, microscopes and refreshments.

Tickets for the 1.45pm and 5.30pm showings are available online at www.screenmachine.co.uk/locations/brodick/ or a limited number of tickets can be booked in person. Tickets for the 8.30pm screening of Chasing Coral can also be booked in the same manner and the rockpooling sessions can be booked on the day.

Other locations after the Brodick launch, will include Barra, North Uist, Skye, Gairloch, Ullapool, Dundee, Helmsdale and Edinburgh.

Around the world in 80 days talk tour

Cycling and adventure fans will have an opportunity to meet adventurer and cycling world record holder Mark Beaumont when he kicks off his latest talk tour on Arran next weekend.

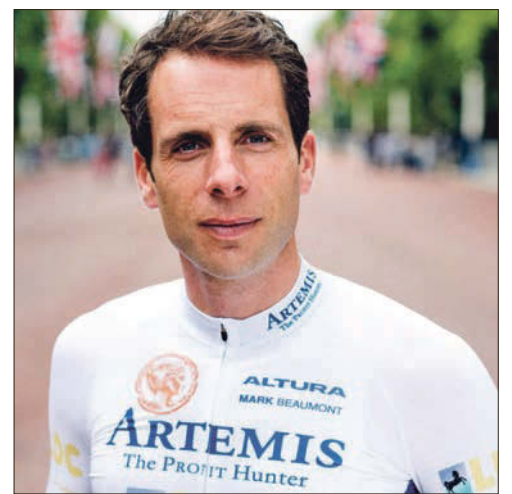
Having documented his journeys through more than 100 countries, the event will provide the audience with a fascinating insight into his career of adventure which includes the Arctic, the high mountains and around the Commonwealth, also surviving capsizing in the mid-Atlantic.

Titled Around the world in 80

days - an evening with Mark Beaumont, the tour begins on Sunday July 22, at the community theatre in Lamlash and will include films and photography.

Having smashed the circumnavigation cycling world record twice in his career, Mark Beaumont now holds the 18,000-mile title in a time of 78 days and 14 hours, averaging 240 miles a day.

Tickets for the event are available on: 01770 600849.



Mark Beaumont.



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Brodick Church invite you to their annual GARDEN FETE

2pm Saturday 21st July
Baking, Tombola, Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Toys, Children's Games, Bookstall, Tearoom, Etc.

Followed by the

GRAND AUCTION

8pm Thursday 26th July
in Brodick Golf Clubhouse
Bargains Galore!

ST BRIDE'S CHURCH FETE

Scottish Charity Registration No. SC009377
(Friends of Lochranza Church)
Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall

Wednesday 18th July, 2pm
All the usual Stalls &
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ALL WELCOME

Funding boost for table tennis in North Ayrshire

North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club is celebrating a major funding boost it hopes will see the sport's popularity soar across the region.

The group will receive almost £30,000 over the next three years after securing money from North Ayrshire Ventures Trust (NAVT).

This grant programme was developed to enable voluntary, community and social enterprises in North Ayrshire to explore new opportunities to help them grow in size and improve long-term sustainability.

And the table tennis club is sure this investment will help it smash into parts of North Ayrshire it has yet to reach as well as offering

support to clubs already established, like the one on Arran.

The group's organiser, Billy Main said: 'We've been running for 15 years now and it's turned into a bit of a monster. It has just grown and grown and this funding from NAVT will really help us become sustainable and help us achieve what we want to achieve. We started up in a small hut with one table and basically wanted to get as many people as possible into the sport.'

'We moved to St Matthew's in Saltcoats, with 16 tables, and now there are clubs on Arran and West Kilbride, which are all under the auspices of North Ayrshire club. When the



The North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club home at St Matthew's in Saltcoats.

Portal opened we ran sessions there and due to the popularity, Irvine Table Tennis Club was set up and now it is a fully constituted club in its own right.

'But we haven't really touched Largs, Garnock Valley and other areas, so we want to get into all the areas in North Ayrshire and grow the game. We've had funding previously from SportsScotland and recently acquired 20 tables which will enable us to get the sport into schools, community centres and other centres in North Ayrshire. There is a real appetite for the game and we now have an opportunity to grow it.

'This money will allow us to put together a three-year plan. We hope to appoint a development officer and increase our coaching team to meet the challenge ahead.

'Ideally, we'd like lots of different franchise clubs – all linked to North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club – across the region.'

Champions

The group has produced a number of Scottish Champions – including Billy's sons Chris and Richard – and has won the Scottish National League five years out of the past eight years, and are the current Scottish champions.

Councillor Louise Mc-

Phater, cabinet member for communities, added: 'North Ayrshire Ventures Trust has supported many local groups and organisations and we're delighted that North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club has benefited from funding.'

'They have some really bold and ambitious plans and we're delighted to be supporting them as they move forward. Sport and being active are hugely important to us. It's great to see that the club are engaging with people from all ages and backgrounds and growing the sport in North Ayrshire.'


Richard Yule, Table Ten-

nis Scotland's chief operating officer, welcomed this significant investment from NAVT. 'The North Ayrshire Club is a brilliant example of how table tennis can be a force for good in a local community, providing opportunities for all ages and abilities to interact, get active and enjoy our great sport. Congratulations to Billy Main, his sons, Chris and Richard, and his superb team of volunteers who continue to drive the club onwards and upwards.'

If you would like to apply for NAVT funding, please email infont@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Richard Yule, Table Tennis Scotland chief operating officer, Billy Main from NATT and John McKnight, NAC senior manager connected communities.



BRODICK CASTLE & COUNTRY PARK

Brodick Castle from the Outside - Mon, Fri & Sat: 11.00, 13.30 & 15.30 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun 11.30 & 14.30 A guided historical tour of the exterior of the Castle – stout footwear advised.
Please book at Reception on arrival **Adults Free with Garden Entry**

Garden Walk - Tuesday 17th July 2 - 3.30pm
A guided walk of our gardens with our senior gardening team **Free with Garden Entry**

Bush Craft Session - Tuesday 17th July 2 - 4.30pm
Shelter building, fire lighting and survival skills with the Rangers **£10 per child**

Booking Essential Tel: 01770 302462

Castle Time Travellers - Thursday 19th July 2pm
A family tour through the times of the Castle – dressing-up optional! Stout footwear advised –
Please book at Reception **Adults & children Free with Garden Entry**

Glen Rosa Wildlife Discovery Walk - Thursday 19th July 11am - 3.00pm Discover the amazing wildlife of Arran's iconic glen with the Rangers .
Booking Essential Tel: 01770 302462 **Adult £15u16 £7.50**

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Arran Open Studios takes the biscuit



Following the success of last year's Biscuit Tin Initiative, Arran Open Studios, (AOS) is again this year distributing biscuit tins across the island.

For those new to the idea, the biscuit tins, kindly donated by Patersons of Arran, will be filled with pencils, sharpeners, rubbers and blank postcards. These will be put in places where people are relaxing/drinking tea and coffee. The idea is that during this time you might feel moved to make a sketch of what you see, pen a poem or share a thought, a meditation of how you feel there and then.

The artwork, in whatever form it manifests itself, does not have to be about

Arran – though it can be if you want – it's more about you, the person who has taken the time to write or draw.

Last year's initiative collectively drew hundreds of efforts, all of which were appreciated and the majority of which went to produce an exhibition in the library. This year, Arran Active has kindly agreed to give AOS organisers the venue for the exhibition which will take place around the week beginning August 20, the week after the Arran Open Studios long weekend August 10 to 13.

Last year several postcards came from the mainland addressed (for instance), thus 'The biscuit

tin, PHT, Lamlash, Arran'. As a response to this, organisers are sending some 10 Paterson tins to venues on the mainland to garner wider participation and, of course, spread the news to the mainland of this year's bumper event featuring 40 Arran studios. The Rozelle, The Glasgow Printmakers' Workshop, The Harbour Arts Centre are only three on the expanding list. Organisers urge you to take part and if you have the time, to visit as many studios as possible to support the local talent.

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Mundy's music reflects his love of the island

A Glasgow-based singer/songwriter has reflected his love of Arran on his debut EP.

Iain Mundy has just released *The Tide*, whose title track was inspired by his Arran grandad Tom, and the album cover features Machrie Bay.

Iain was born in Edinburgh but grew up making many visits to Arran to see his grandparents.

He told the Banner: 'The title track *The Tide* is all about Arran, and was written as a tribute to my grandfather, Tom, who lived in Cordon with my grannie for many years and at one point owned an art gallery in Brodick.

'I always loved coming to Arran and that is why the album artwork is

of Machrie Bay, taken from a walk round King's Cave,' he added

Iain started his music career at a young age as a trumpet and cornet player in local brass bands throughout his school years. He took this a step further, and graduated with a degree in music from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester in 2015, where he studied trumpet and composition. After this, however, he decided to go in a different musical direction, and pursue a career performing his own songs.

His debut single *Don't Let the Dream Die* was released in November 2016 through indie label, Wobbly Music, to help raise money for Scottish Independence.

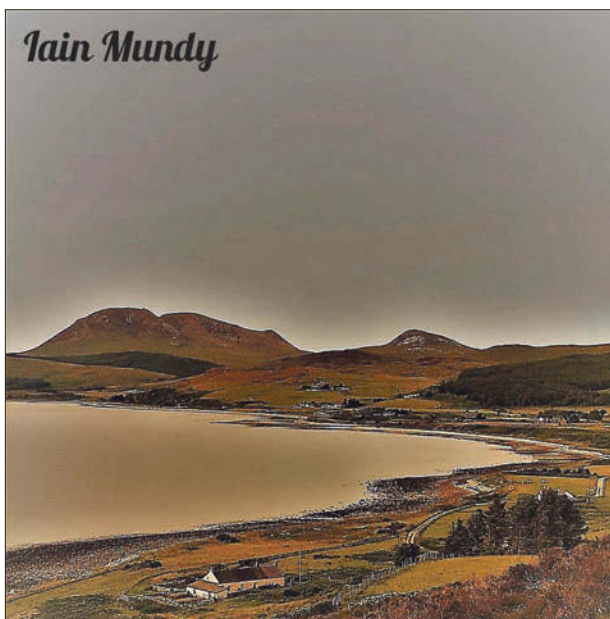
After moving to Glasgow in April 2017, Iain returned to Wobbly Music to begin work with producer Lynn Monk on his first-released EP *The Tide* for release in July 2018.

The Tide represents Iain's best work to date. Exemplifying his musical style with catchy melodies, tight harmonies and well-tailored musical arrangements with pop, acoustic rock, and Celtic influences.

One reviewer said: 'Mundy's gentle tones, relatable anecdotes, and varied set-list of indie, pop, and folk blend effortlessly into the ideal relaxed pub soundtrack.' Iain's debut EP *The Tide* is now available from online stores through Lancashire-based label Wobbly Music.



Iain in the driving seat of the family Saab at the home of his late grandfather Tom in Cordon quite a few years ago.



The cover of *The Tide* which features Machrie Bay.



Iain with his dad on Holy Isle a few years ago.

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Ross will help to drive change in Scottish sport

Arran teenager Ross Dobson is set to play a key role in developing sport in Scotland over the next two years as part of the young people's sport panel (YPYS).

Ross has been selected from 156 applicants to be part of the panel, which has just been selected for the fourth time. Led by sportscotland and supported by Young Scot, the YPSP provides a national platform to represent

a voice for young people from across Scotland to influence and shape the future of sport in Scotland and raise the profile of sport.

Ross, along with the 18 other panel members, will have the opportunity over the next two years to have their views heard and valued and the chance to influence decision-making and drive change in Scottish sport.

A rigorous recruitment process began in January when applications were submitted by 156 young people between the ages of 14 and 23 years old from every region of Scotland.

In March, 102 were selected and interviewed by a team of experts from sportscotland and external partners, as well as previous panel members, from which 38 candidates were selected for a second interview, which included a group session, an individual challenge and a formal interview ahead of the final 19 being confirmed in June.

The new panel recently met for the first time in sportscotland's Edinburgh office, along with their parents and guardians. This provided an opportunity for the young people to hear from former panel members and find out more about the expecta-



Young Scot co-design manager Paul Gault and sportscotland Chief Executive Stewart Harris are pictured with Ross Dobson and the Young People's Sports Panel.

tions of the next two years. Ross, 16, who coaches for Arran United and is a young sports ambassador at Arran High, says he is looking forward to making the most of his opportunity before pursuing a career in sport in the future.

He said: 'Being a member of the panel will be an

invaluable opportunity for me, not only to look at different aspects of sport but also to gain more confidence and experience.

'I have a real passion for sport and the mental and physical benefits it has on your body and well-being. In the future I would love to work with children in

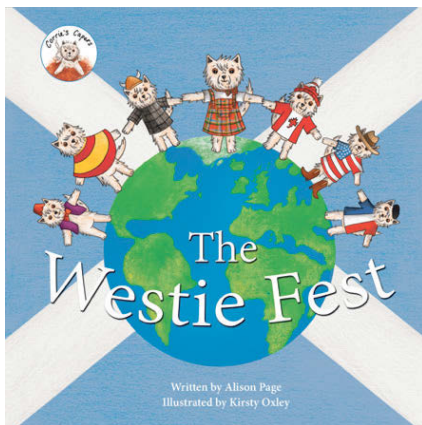
a sport and fitness related field.'

Sportscotland CEO, Stewart Harris, congratulated the new panel members and is delighted with the impact the panel continues to make on sport across the country.

He said: 'I look forward to seeing the positive impact their passion and dedication will have on Scottish sport over the next two years. I am always impressed by the commitment and passion for sport these young people have. They've made a real impact both at a local and national level helping to implement programmes such as the School Sports Awards.'

Part of the role of the panel is to create online content that will encourage and entice their peers from across Scotland to get involved in sport. A lot of this content is hosted on the Young Scot website at young.scot/ypsp

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Visitors from all over the world were welcomed by glorious sunshine which saw them enjoying the selection of music and drams available outdoors in the warm air over the three-day event.

Several masterclasses were also on offer, running alongside the tradi-

tional tours and tutored tastings offered by the distillery. Edinburgh-based Devil's Advocate were also on hand to offer a variety of cocktails along with a traditional bar offering many a dram, best enjoyed shared among friends.

Beginning with the traditional White Stag dinner, the highlight as usual was the Saturday night ceilidh but there were still a few standing for the survivors dram on the Sunday.



The shop does a roaring trade at the Malt and Music Festival.



A piper plays on the distillery lawn.



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Warm spell benefits the breeding birds on Arran

June was the driest month with the highest temperatures of the year so far. There was less than half the rain that there had been in June last year and the mean temperature was three degrees warmer than May.

The predominantly warm settled spell was disrupted when storm Hector came through on Thursday June 14.

The warm settled spell benefited many breeding birds. There were many re-

ports 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 like blackbird, song thrush, blue tit, great tit, coal tit and chaffinch, all with young, there were reports of a family of bullfinch in Sannox on 13th, young great spotted woodpecker with its distinctive red cap in Lamlash on 21st, a family of long-tailed tit in Strathwillan on 23rd and five active house martin nests on one house in Kildonan on 27th. Most prolific of all seemed to be house sparrow with 20 in Dippin on 28th being one of the larger numbers and also lots of reports of num-

bers of siskin and goldfinch with young around homes across the island. It was particularly encouraging to get reports of young greenfinch from widespread locations. This species had been decimated by the parasitic disease trichomonas.

Away from gardens, there were many signs of breeding including: moorhen with five young in Machrie on 12th, a family of whinchat in Glen Rosa on 21st, raven with three young in Kilpatrick on 22nd, around 100 sand martin nest holes in Glen Catacol on 22nd, a family of stonechat also in Glen Catacol on 22nd, hen harriers passing food on Machrie Moor on 23rd, young curlew on Machrie Moor also on 23rd and activity at the grey heron heronries in Stronach Wood, Brodick, Lagg and Whitehouse Wood, Lamlash by the end of the month. There was also encouraging reports of young lapwing from three areas. This once widespread farmland breeder is just hanging on.

Around the coast there were further signs of breeding including: eider with six young at Porta Buidhe on 4th, mute swan with seven young at Glenashdalewaterfoot on 10th, 40 shag and 14 Arctic tern on Pladda also on 10th, seven pairs of nesting fulmar on Drumadoon Cliff on 21st, shelduck with six young at Kilpatrick Point on 22nd and red-breasted merganser with five young in Sannox Bay on 24th.

But it was not all good news. When storm Hector came through on the 14th there were particularly high tides that swept away nests of oystercatcher, ringed plover and common gull from a number of shores. There was also a sad report of a common sandpiper, who having travelled from south of the Sahara to breed, had chosen to nest in a garden in Blackwaterfoot, presumably trying to avoid disturbance on the shore from human activity, in-



An unfortunate common sandpiper whose hatched young were taken by a cat. Photo by Nick Giles.

cluding walkers with dogs roaming freely. The pair incubated their eggs for three weeks, only to have their hatched young taken by a cat.

The birding highlight of the month was a male red-backed shrike by Port na Lochan on 13 June. Interestingly on 16 June last year there had been an identical report from Kingscross. The previous record before that of this rare vagrant to Arran had been 20 years ago when a male was reported in Kildonan on 27 September, 1997.

Other highlights included the following: four red-throated diver in Whiting Bay on 6th, a lesser whitethroat by Cleats Shore also on 6th, a puffin off the Cock of Arran on 11th and numerous reports of spotted flycatcher.

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. Ju-

veniles 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 being over for some birds this year. These could include the return of some Arctic breeding species to our shores.

Remember July is the time when many birds, having raised their young, go about the process of renewing their feathers by moulting them. As birds are vulnerable when they are shedding flight feathers they literally make themselves scarce. On any birding walk you may see fewer birds but they are still around.

Enjoy your birding.

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Red-backed shrike: this rare visitor turned up for the second year in a row in June. The last record was 20 years ago. Photo by Nick Giles.



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Whereas previously the Scottish Office allocated money directly to nursery groups, it now distributes money to local authorities, and it is they who must distribute the money to nursery groups all over the area. North Ayrshire Council has chosen, from its slightly larger Scottish Office allocation of £1,140 per child per year, to distribute £850 directly to the playgroups and it is this figure which is causing concern.

Walking row

Lochranza people have lived with deer eating their garden plants for ages. Those at the south of the island have not had this problem – until now. Howard Driver of Largiemeanoch was an unwilling host to deer on Friday and Saturday nights during which time they efficiently devastated his garden.

He then rigged up deterrents which have encouraged the deer to look elsewhere and they have been reported in other gardens since. Last week we said that the best garden competition would not be held this year. Howard said that he had hoped to enter the competition but, had it still been on, his uninvited guests would have put paid to that.

Rights of passage

Access to Holy Isle has, since the Buddhists took over, been a tenet of their good relations with Arran people. They have become part of the Arran scene since 1992 and local people are proud of the exotic touch they give to Arran.

Passage to Holy Isle has been by boat from Lamlash and ferrymen Tom Sheldon and Harold Kyte have found what they jokingly describe as being the Holy Isle tourist board, as they regularly answer questions about the place. This year they decided to put their answers in a brochure about their ferry and walks on Holy Isle and had 10,000 printed.

Almost immediately, those on Holy Isle asked them to withdraw the brochure as there were walk details and the map showing a trail over the top of the island which the owners said that it could be dangerous. The ferrymen's business depends on regular traffic to Holy Isle and they maintain a good relationship with the Buddhists but question why other maps which are on sale – and which show the paths – have not received requests to be withdrawn.



Sibbie Sangster, Arran Duke of Edinburgh award group organiser, was invited to Holyrood where she was placed in charge of the Ayrshire contingent who all met with the Duke to receive their gold awards. 01_B28twe01



Mhairi McLeod invites Gill Gregory to guess the weight of the tractor at the Whiting Bay fun day and fete held at Sandbraes last Sunday. 01_B28twe02



Office-bearers for the coming session of the Isle of Arran Rotary Club are: Tom Miller, international service; John Corbett, club service; Ken Thorburn, youth exchange; Hamish Thomson, past-president and attendance officer; Jim Henderson, president; Kenneth Bone, Rotary foundation; Moira Starks, speakers' convener; and Cecelia Butler, community service. 01_B28twe04



Kildonan Hall, which is at least 83 years old, has received a visit from a structural engineer who is undertaking a building survey, the result of which will help the hall committee decide on its future. Current officers of the hall are Tom Miller, Alistair Yates, Steve Kelly and Allan Nicol. 01_B28twe05



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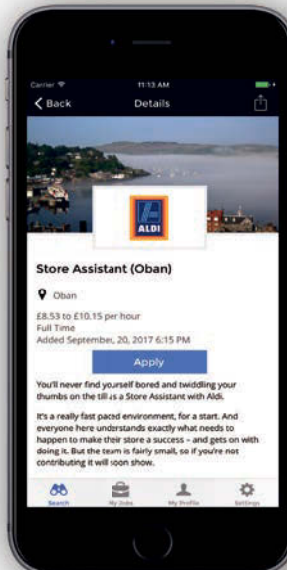
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Minister:

Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:

Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 15th July

Lochranza Church, 9.30am. Morning Service.

Pirnmill Church, 10.45am. Morning Service

Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship

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

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 15th July

Holy Communion, 11am.

Richard Trewby
Coffee after Service

ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 18th July

No service

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 15th July

Morning Service 11am
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 15th 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.

All most welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 15th July

Service 11am, Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and coffee after the service

Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.

Telephone 600222

Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Shiskine, 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick 6pm

Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 14th July

Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

Sunday 15th July

Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

DEATH

BARCLAY: Jean Broom (nee Curwen). Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Thursday, 5th July 2018. Beloved wife of Ken, mother of Fiona and Andrew and grandmother of Steven and Lucie.

Summer camp back on Arran

Arran's young athletics fans will be given a chance to experience all of the disciplines involved in the sport when the North Ayrshire Athletics Club brings its summer camp roadshow to Arran.

As part of a series of summer camps the Arran camp will take place at Arran High School on Tuesday August 7, between 10am and 2pm.

Covering the basics of running, jumping and throwing, the camps will provide youngsters with a chance to try their newly discovered skills in a variety of athletic disciplines.

Described as a fun filled day of athletics for children aged between seven and 14, participants will also receive a free North Ayrshire Athletics Club technical t-shirt when taking part.

Booking early is encouraged as the summer camps, which have a limit of 30, usually sell out quickly. Booking can be made online at www.sportsentrysolutions.com and no bookings will be taken on the day.



Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 28, Summer Cup/Tom Graham Cup, CSS 67. 1 Paul Jameson 76-10=66, 2 Alan Smith 81-11=70, 3 Hugh McLelland 96-18=78. Scratch Paul Jameson 76. Magic twos Alan Smith @8th, Scott Campbell @13th. Winner of Tom Graham Cup, Paul Jameson.

Saturday July 7, Club Championship round one, CSS 67. 1 Neil Stewart 70-5=65, 2 Todd Jameson 71-4=67. Scratch Neil Stewart 70. Magic twos Neil Young and Stuart Campbell both @16th.

Sunday July 8, Club Championship round two and Jamieson Cup, CSS 66. 1 John O'Sullivan 89-22=67, 2 Neil Stewart 73-5=68 BIH over, 3 Scott Campbell 84-16=68. Scratch Neil Stewart 73. Magic twos Neil Young @16th. Winner of the Qualifiers Cup, Neil Stewart. The first eight qualified for the quarter final. The draw is as follows: Neil Stewart v John O'Sullivan, Ian Bremner v Neil Young, Stuart Campbell v Iain Murchie, Todd Jameson v Paul Jameson.

Fixtures: Saturday July 14, Club Championship quarter finals, 4.30pm. Sunday July 15, Club Championship semi-finals, noon. Medal Shield, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday July 19, Summer Cup. Make up own games, see starter for times. Fri-



Testing out the new clubs he received for his birthday, 14-year-old Kyle McNicol received a round of spontaneous applause from walkers on the Fisherman's Walk along the Brodick Golf Course when he got a hole in one at the 14th this week.

day July 20, Junior Open, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Saturday July 21, Club Championship final, 1pm and 5pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday July 7, Commemoration Shield and Rose Bowl. 1 B Paton 64-5=59 and scratch, 2 J McGovern 78-13=65. Magic twos C McNeill, B Paton, A Napier and G Andrew. A very good score by Billy under difficult conditions thanks to the lack of rain. The greens, however, are fantastic.

Wednesday July 4, Wednesday medal and Magic twos. 1 J McGovern

80-13=70, 2 J Adams 81-10=71.

Fixtures: Saturday July 14, Club Championship second round. Ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday July 18, Fairs Cup, ballot at 5pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 4, Summer Cup, 30 played, CSS 63. 1 Russell Duncan 73-14=59, 2 John May 83-21=62, 3 Chris Pattenden 76-13=63 ACB. Scratch Matt Keir 68.

Sunday July 8, Brandon qualifier, 20 played, CSS 64. 1 Iain MacDonald 68-7=61, 2 Bill Donaldson

80-18=62 ACB, 3 Douglas Robertson 81-19=62 ACB. Scratch Iain MacDonald 68. Fixture: Sunday July 15, Graham Putter, names on entry sheet please.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday July 4, gents' July 18-hole medal, par 65, SSS 63, CSS 63. 1 Phil Betley 74-11=63, 2 Jimmy Morrison 74-8=66, 3 Douglas Pilkington 74-8=66.

Fixtures: Monday July 16, Centenary Putter, Ladies, 10am and gents at 1pm. Thursday July 19, ladies' 12-hole medal, 1pm and 5.30pm tee-offs. Saturday July 14, Charlie Sym Rosebowl, gents, 1pm and 5.30pm tee-offs. Sunday July 15, gents' 12-hole medal, 1pm tee-off.

Sunday July 1, Kay Maxwell July winner, Jenni Turnbull 52-11=41. Victory Shield July winner, Roy Weir 47-8=39.

Wednesday July 4, 18 hole medal, CSS 63, 8 played. 1 P Betley 74-11=63, 2 J Morrison 74-8=66 BIH, 3 D Pilkington 74-8=66. Scratch P Betley.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Fixtures: Sunday July 15, Raymond Curtis Salver, Stableford, Open. Wednesday July 18, The McLintock Trophy.

Oasis in the desert



Greenkeepers across the island have had their work cut out trying to maintain Arran's golf courses with, until Wednesday, the extreme lack of rain. These included Shiskine seen here, where they did a remarkable job maintaining the greens which club captain Gordon Wilson described as an 'oasis in the desert'. B_28oasis01



The rowers and supporters who took part in the rowing relay round Arran.

Arran coastal rowers achieve 'world record'

The Arran Coastal Rowing Club have just completed a record relay row around Arran in less than 15 hours which is a remarkable achievement and raised £1,300. John Baraclough recounts the adventure.

Dateline June 30: 'Out of bed at 4.15am to check the wind forecast, I saw that the cloudbase was below 500ft on Goatfell! Not a promising start to the day. Luckily, as we got Seabhag ready for launching, the sun rose and the cloud began to burn off.'

The first stage crew set off from Lamlash slip at 5.32am, just a couple of minutes late. As they headed off towards Kings Cross Point it seemed quite calm in Lamlash Bay. However, as they got into open water

in Whiting Bay, a strong easterly wind picked up and they had a really hard slog south to Largybeg and then to Dippin Head. After rounding Dippin Head and catching the tailwind from the east, they almost surfed along to Kildonan, arriving about 15 minutes early.

The second crew were ready at Kildonan and, after a quick changeover, were off to Blackwaterfoot. They did have the longest stage at 19.5km, but started off with the easterly wind behind them so were soon

through the Pladda tide-race and away out of sight around Bennan Head. After passing Shannochie, they had some shelter from the wind and were able to row the whole stage in exactly three hours.

The third crew arrived on time but the skiff was early so there was a short break on Blackwaterfoot beach. When the stage three crew set off from Blackwaterfoot the wind had turned to the north and they were quite sheltered until rounding Drumadoon when quite a big swell came up. It was another hard slog past King's Cave up to Tormore, but probably not quite as hard as the first stage crew had in Whiting Bay. Passing Machrie golf links, the swell began to drop away and the second half of the stage was easier.

On arrival in Dougarie, we were almost back on schedule and the fourth stage crew were raring to go. The wind had now dropped away to nothing and the water was like glass. This was the second longest stage of the relay at 18km. The road support team had brought a substantial picnic, thanks to Little Rock Cafe, and waited at Pirrmill to gorge themselves while the rowers battled north in the building heat. They didn't have to wait long before Seabhag arrived at the halfway point of the relay and the crew took a well deserved

refreshment break, then she was away north again to Lochranza. The road support crew, having nothing better to do, sloped off to the Sandwich Station in Lochranza for coffee. Seabhag arrived in Lochranza 15 minutes ahead of schedule in perfect rowing conditions.

The changeover in Lochranza was at the pontoons rather than the beach, which made for a nice easy transfer. After a minor change of crew for stage five, special thanks go to Dave for stepping in after having just rowed up from Dougarie, Seabhag was off again on the way to Sannox. By this time we were running well ahead and arrangements were made for the last crew to arrive early at Sannox. We are lucky that mobile phones actually work in Lochranza! A short row to the north and Seabhag passed the Cock of Arran to turn south and head for home. Ossian's Cave, Laggan Cottage and Fallen Rocks were all passed in quick succession and the start of the Measured Mile could be seen a short distance ahead. Only a mile to go guys! Seabhag touched down at Sannox beach in short order, knocking another 10 minutes off the expected arrival time.

The last stage crew were ready and a very quick changeover saw Seabhag setting off on the last stage over an hour early. Heading



Club members at the start of the rowing challenge.

out from Sannox Beach, Claulachlands Point was clearly visible with Holy Isle just behind. After passing Corrie and Carlo it was time to move away from the shore and head directly to Claulachlands Point. With the rib in close attendance, we set off on a straight course across Brodick Bay. Hamilton Rock was quickly reached and, after another change of cox, we were in Lamlash Bay on the last 3km home.

Seabhag arrived at the Lamlash slip at 8.24pm, a full hour and a half before our anticipated return, to a great reception from the rowers who were all waiting for her. The amazing crews had rowed a total of 93.5km in just under 15 hours, including the changeovers. ACRC now holds the 'world record' for rowing a St Ayles skiff around Arran. Any challengers?

The Arran Coastal Rowing Club raised money for Health in Mind's Men's SHARE Project in Mid-

lothian, helping men suffering from depression, and £600 has already been raised. If you'd like to contribute, please go to the Just Giving page.

Particular thanks must go to Gavin and Helen for the use of their rib as the support boat and producing all the detailed landing point maps which were a great help. Also thanks to Alastair for the use of his van and assisting in the rib, Angus for assisting in the rib and his invaluable advice on all sorts of matters, and finally Jim, Isobel and Donald for moving people around the island to the changeover points. Finally, thanks to the master of the MV Caledonian Isles on the 7.20pm sailing for giving way to the skiff and heading out of Brodick on a more northerly course.'

■ The club would like to say an enormous thank you to John Baraclough, whose tremendous efforts over many months made the day possible and so enjoyable for all.



The boat looks tiny as the crew battle round the south end of the island with Ailsa Craig looming in the background.

Track and field success at Ayrshire athletics finals

Arran High School pupils showed track and field prowess at the Ayrshire Schools Athletics finals which saw them achieve 14 gold, silver and bronze medals and come in a fine sixth place overall.

Competing against 24 other schools, 22 pupils qualified for the finals at Dam Park, Ayr, by finishing first or second in the North Ayrshire Athletics Championship the previous week, in a variety of track and field events.

Gold medals

Achieving gold medals at the finals were Freya McNicol – S2 girls javelin and discus; Charlie Bonner – S3 boys 300m; Eilidh McPherson – senior girls discus; Ellie Ewing – senior girls triple jump.

Eilidh McPherson and Ellie Ewing also achieved silver medals for shot put and long jump respectively, along with other silver medal winners: Abbi Mulholland – S3 girls discus;

Alan Tweedley S2 boys shot put.

Alan Tweedley also received a bronze in the 200m along with other bronze winners: Jemima Currie – S2 girls long jump; Liam Bremner – S3 boys discus; James Reid – S3 boys high jump; Thomas Gilmore – S2 boys discus.

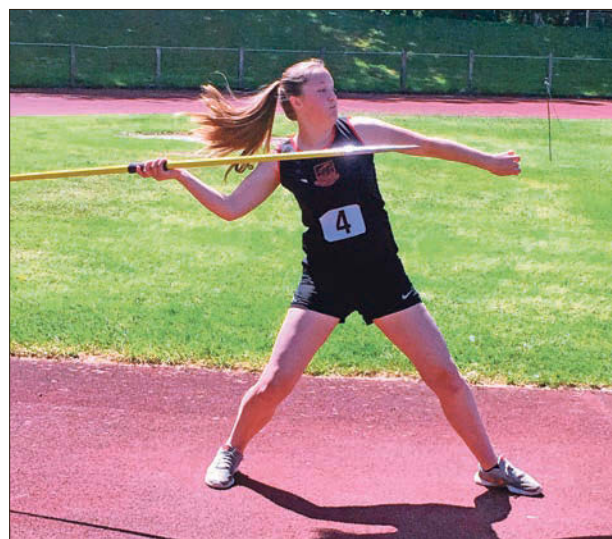
One of the top performances of the day was undoubtedly Charlie Bonner's run in the 300m, by setting a new county record of 39.9 seconds and receiving the Best S3 boys track performance award.

PE teacher Julie McGhee said: 'Arran High School achieved sixth place in the Ayrshire schools medal table, out-performing many much larger schools which is a fantastic achievement considering the size of the school roll.'

'Well done to all pupils who represented the school at both events, you all did your school proud.'



Arran High School pupils who participated in the Ayrshire Schools Athletics finals.



Silver medal discus winner Erin Mulholland also competes in the javelin.



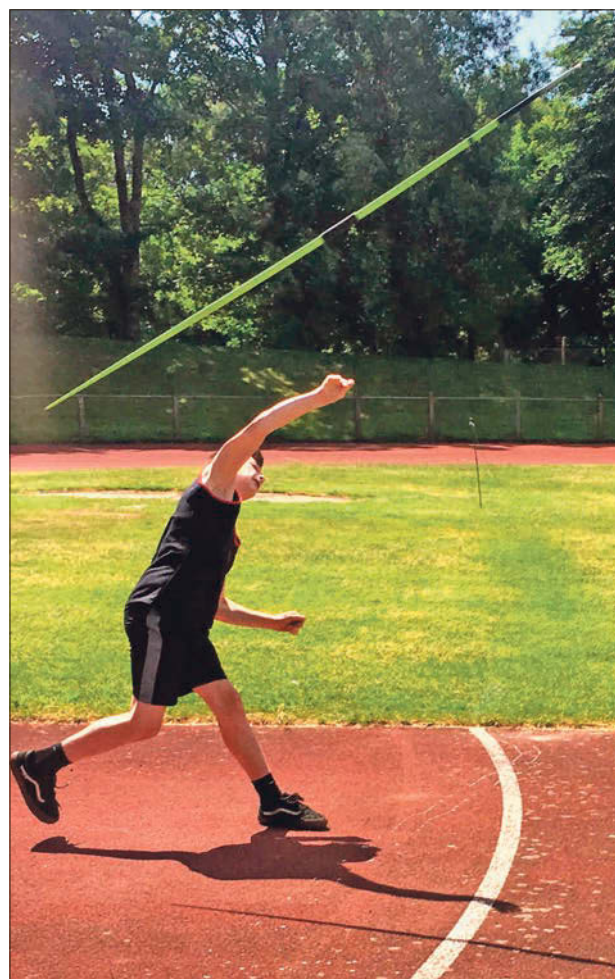
Charlie Bonner crosses the finish line in the 300m race, earning himself gold and breaking the Ayrshire record.



James Reid received a bronze medal for his high jump.



Gold and silver medal winner Eilidh Macpherson throws the discus.



James Currie launches the javelin into the air.

Southend have narrow win as Brodick hit five

Arran Dairies League

Lamlash	1
Southend	2

League leaders Southend managed to scrape a win despite a spirited performance by Lamlash at the high school on Monday night in the Arran Dairies League.

Southend started well and had a lot of the early pressure and were leading 2-0 at half-time after Ryan Armstrong finished off a well worked move by Lewis Kennedy followed by a goal on the stroke of half-time by Donny Park after he had out-muscled Johnny Sloss and blasted the

ball into the net. The second half turned and it was Lamlash creating the best chances. Jamie's Sillars swung in a free kick and, with the sun in the eyes of goalkeeper Stevie Judge, he elected to kick the ball only for it to ricochet off his defender Danny Head and go in for an own goal. Stevie then had to pull off a stunning point-blank save from Grant Adamson to keep the score at 2-1.

Referee Andy Pattison gave the man of the match award to young James Currie who had another fantastic game on the left flank with his close control and trickery.



Southend in an early attack on the Lamlash goal. 01_B28footy



Sam Tattersfield on the break for Lamlash.

Arran Dairies League

Brodick	5
Shiskine	0

Brodick ran out comfortable winners against



Johnny Sloss makes a thumping clearance down the touchline. 01_B28footy03

Shiskine on Monday night. Joel Small took his goal tally to 12 for the season as he scored a brace for the blues. Toby Wingham is the man on form at the moment and he also got on the score-sheet again. Adam McNicol and Babbies MacNeil rounded off the scoring for the league champions to make it an emphatic victory.

The game was marred by an incident in which Iain Keen was given a red card for grabbing referee Andy McNamara. Keeno has been given a four-match ban as voted by the 10-man football committee.

The next league fixtures on Monday July 16 sees Southend vs Brodick at Sandbraes at 6.30pm and Northend vs Shiskine at the Ewe Camp at 7pm.

Big Arran support for mainland football bid

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such as from Alastair Dobson who helped the Arran Rugby Club join a mainland league, has also been proffered with many other supporters offering their own specialised assistance.

The most exciting development though is an official interview with the Ayrshire Sunday League Amateur Football Association where organisers Alan Murray, Danny Head and Sam Tatters-

field will present their case to join their league which starts in August. The meeting which took place yesterday (Friday) after the Banner went to press, will see the decision being put to the vote by the committee.

Pressing ahead a training session with Craig Hamilton, development officer for the SFA, has already been scheduled for Thursday July 19, when interested players can join in a 11-a-side

game to see the training methods and what will be expected of players should they be signed up for the club. Anyone who is interested, players, coaches and supporters are invited to attend the session at the Ormidale Park starting at 6pm.

Organiser Alan Murray said: 'We have been overwhelmed by the support shown to the club and the offers of assistance to help ensure its success. Thank

you to everyone who has provided encouragement, support and those who have put their names forward for positions within the club. A huge thank you must also go to our initial sponsors, Arran Energy Ltd, the Douglas Hotel and the Arran Butcher who have demonstrated their belief in the club and who have helped to give us a firm backing in our application.

'If you would like to support

the club or be involved in helping to make it a success then please join us at our public meeting later this month or you can call me directly on 07732 112337.'

The first official public meeting of the Isle of Arran Amateur Football Club, where interested parties, sponsors or those wishing to provide assistance to the club are invited to attend, will take place at the Ormidale Park on Tuesday July 24 at 6.30 pm.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Track and field success at Ayrshire athletics finals

Golfers complete charity challenge

Eight fundraising golfers completed a 24-hour golf challenge at Whiting Bay Golf Club last weekend by playing more than eight rounds of golf lasting through the evening, into the night and for the whole of the next day.

Nicol Auld, Corey Allen, Frazer Barr, Danny Head, Davie Morrison, Dave Hackett, Marcus Kroner and Allan MacLeod undertook the Herculean effort in aid of the club, the village improvements committee and for the cancer charity ArCaS.

Playing non-stop for 24 hours and covering more than 25 miles, they players were only allowed 15-minute breaks between rounds but were well supported throughout the event by friends, family and club members.

Club champion Jamie Macpherson, despite nursing a long-term injury, joined in as golfing moral support for the last big effort which ended with a barbecue, raffle and lively club atmosphere.

A club spokesman said: 'Thanks to all who contributed, donated, participated, sponsored or simply turned up and spent some cash. One of the best days at Whiting Bay Golf Club for quite a while and who ever thought up the idea of



Whiting Bay captain Wolfi Kroner congratulates the eight golfers on their achievement.

getting a load of already refreshed spectators to chuck coins at a bottle of booze in the hope of winning more drink needs to be congratulated – a commercial brainwave.'

With donations still coming in a final tally of the proceeds has yet to be made.



Captain Wolfi Kroner thanks all those who supported the golfers and the charitable causes.

Big support for mainland football bid

A bid to set up an Arran football team has got off on the right foot with a tide of support from the community which has already led to some sponsorship and an official interview with an Ayrshire league official.

Following the announcement in the Banner last week of their intentions to create a new Arran Amateur Football Club, organisers Alan Murray and Isle of Arran Football Association's Danny Head have been overwhelmed at the response to the initiative which has progressed at a rapid rate, despite their first public meeting being more than a week away.

Big name sponsors Arran Energy Ltd, the Douglas Hotel as well as the Arran Butcher have already thrown their weight behind the initiative by sponsoring the team kit which is in the Arran colours of red and black with Arran Energy emblazoned across the front. The Douglas Hotel, who will sponsor the back of the strips, has also undertaken to provide the laundry facilities for the match day kit while the Arran Butcher will sponsor the team's polo shirts.

Applications too, to assist with the initiative in various capacities, such as club secretary and treasurer among others, have also been received from interested parties, some offering more than 20 years of experience at another club to the newly formed club. Expertise from island residents, **Continued on page 39**

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