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Lucy helps solve the riddle of Wee Davie

Hugh Boag

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It is a question which has been on everyone's lips - even if they didn't know it. Where's Wee Davie?

The CalMac mascot was a familiar site at the old Brodick pier and was first to greet visitors as they drove off the ferry and last to bid them farewell.

However, since the new

pier and terminal opening in March he has been posted missing, leading to speculation he had been sacked.

He now appears to have been found but is in need of a makeover but it took the intervention of an 11-year-old girl to get action from Caledonian MacBrayne.

This came after Lucy Gemmell of Kilmarnock

sent a letter and posted it to the Banner. In neat handwriting she wrote: 'To whom it may concern.

'I have realised that as I drove off the ferry at Brodick on the morning of the 13th of July to start my holiday that the baby doll, dressed in a mini Caledonian MacBrayne uniform complete with helmet and boots, was not sitting perched on a box or pedestal of some sort.

'My sister and I were very disappointed and a tad annoyed as at Easter we had complained to the front desk in Brodick terminal and the man said he would look into it.

'Now, as I close my letter I sincerely hope someone will have the sense to do something about it because I think other children like it too.'

It was signed 'Sincerely hopeful, Lucy Gemmell'.

The Banner immediately took the matter up with the CalMac press office and

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Lucy Gemmell who wrote to the Banner.01_B30lucy01



Wee Davie on his former perch. 01_B30lucy02



Davy with the chains he will carry up Ben Nevis.

Where's Big Davy?

Big Davy Ballantyne has set himself a new challenge, this time using heavy chains. The man who hauled an anvil up Goatfell - and back down again - is up to his fundraising efforts again.

Today (Saturday) he will attempt to walk up Ben Nevis in a day, wearing 60 kg (9.5 stone) of chains around his neck to raise money for the JDRF for type 1 diabetes research.

He has set himself a £3,000 target through his JustGiving page and, as we went to press, was already more than a quarter of the way there.

Davy, who lives in Brodick

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ick, said: 'My daughter, along with many other kids, suffers from this condition. The 60 kg represents the perfect blood glucose level of 6.0. I know this challenge is going to be a massive struggle, but kids with type 1 diabetes struggle every day.'

His wife Annelies Slaats said: 'I take my hat off yet again. What a challenge!'

Davy, who works for North Ayrshire Council, spent 26 days dragging a 120kg anvil up Goatfell two years ago; a feat which raised nearly £17,000 for the JDRF.

To support him go to www.justgiving.com and search for Big Davy's Chain Challenge.

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Send your news and photographs to editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Temporary bridge in place

The main Brodick to Lamlash road was due to have been closed again overnight on Thursday to allow the second section of the temporary bridge to be installed.

The first part of the bridge was put in place last Thursday at the landslide between the ferry terminal and Strathwillan which has led to weeks of temporary traffic lights.

The temporary bridge will allow the extensive repairs to the road and original bridge to go ahead over the coming weeks after the landslide caused serious subsidence which damaged the sandstone structure on the banks of the Strathwillan Burn.



The first section of the new temporary bridge heading into Brodick. 01_B30bridge01

North Ayrshire Council gets £26m more childcare cash

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson has welcomed the SNP government's allocation of just less than £26 million

to North Ayrshire Council as its share of £1,043 million to local authorities across Scotland to sup-

port the expansion in entitlement to 1,140 hours of free childcare per year from August 2020.

This will almost double current provision and triple that inherited by the SNP on coming to office in 2007.

Councils will receive additional annual revenue funding of £567m and capital funding of £476m from this year to 2021-22.

The sums allocated are based on local authority finance estimates submitted in March 2018, uprat-

ed for inflation and agreed between Scottish ministers and local authority leaders.

Mr Gibson said: 'All experts agree that providing fully funded free childcare is essential to giving our children the best start in life, while enabling more women with young children who are keen to work to do so.'

'This progressive SNP policy is therefore beneficial to both families and the economy. Indeed, at least 12,000 more

jobs will be created across Scotland in the early learning and childcare sector itself.

'To fund this policy, I am delighted that the SNP Government has allocated to North Ayrshire Council an additional £14.5m in revenue, to pay the salaries of additional early learning and childcare staff and £11.4m in capital to ensure we have the facilities available for the full roll-out of this policy on Arran, North Ayrshire and across Scotland in August 2020.'



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were told in a prompt response: 'Wee Davie is now resident in the new control booth for the linkspan which is situated adjacent to the linkspan.'

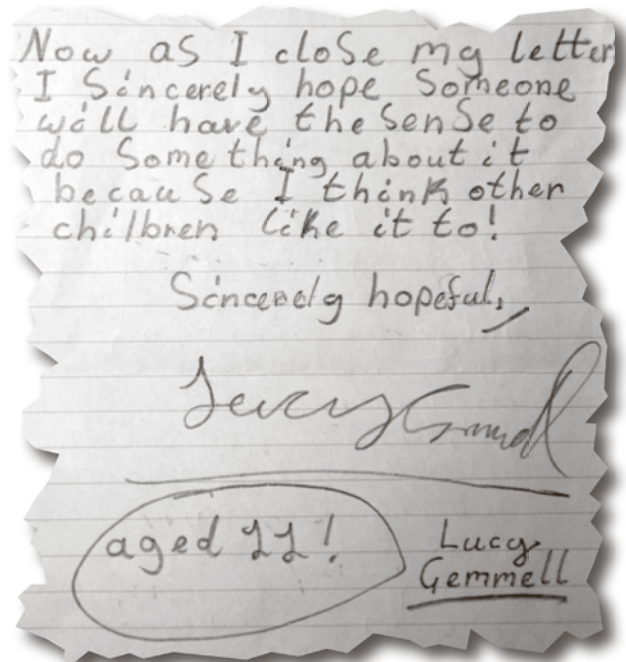
'We may move him to the forward control panel if his fans cannot see him.'

But sadly the story does not end there for when the Banner asked to take a photo of Wee Davie in his new home we were invited down to the terminal.

'Annual refit'

Once we got there we were told Wee Davie was not available as he had gone for his 'annual refit'.

Elma Stevenson of Sannox, who knitted Wee Davie a new scarf every year, said: 'Maybe he won't need his scarf if he is going to be inside now, but it will be good to see him back.'



An extract from the letter Lucy sent. 01_B30lucy

We, Lucy, and we are sure the rest of Arran, look forward to seeing him on his return. No imposters please.

Westie Fest launch is a success

The official launch of Westie Fest, the first book in a series of Arran-based books called Corrie Capers, was an overwhelming success with more than 50 adults and children visiting the event to meet the author and get their hands on a copy of the book.

Held at the Glenisle Hotel in Lamlash, visitors packed out the entire snug area and spilled out into an adjacent room where drinks and nibbles were available.

Young readers and their parents, along with older readers who are fans of Westie dogs and Arran, had the opportunity to have their books signed and to meet the author, Alison Page.

Many who had bought their copies of the book online brought their well fingered copies in to have Alison write a special ded-

ication to them. Alison's son Alex, and friend Lynne MacVicar hosted a small store which did a roaring trade in selling copies of the books and merchandise which included coasters, alphabet posters and pins.

The Westie Fest and the entire series is a not-for-profit project which, once it has covered its minimal costs, will make a generous contribution to the fundraising efforts of Mary's Meals, a charity that feeds hungry schoolchildren and provides emergency relief in disaster areas.

Alison said: 'Lots of firsts for me this year, first book I've written, first book I've published and now my first book launch. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and signing their books.'

The Westie Fest tells the story of the Arran adventures of a West Highland



Alison's son Alex Krzyzanowski and friend Lynne MacVicar selling books and Corrie merchandise. 01_B30book01



Autographs aplenty, Alison meets many of her young readers. 01_B30book04



Mum Audrey Martin and daughters Stephanie and Siena get their copies of the book signed by author Alison. 01_B30book02



Lamlash baker Kathryn Allan was showered with compliments for her Westie Fest book cake. 01_B30book03

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Entertainment is child's play at museum fun day

The Arran Heritage Museum continued with its winning formula of traditional fun and games at its annual children's day which always ensures a large crowd of children who visit the Brodick attraction to enjoy the many delights on offer.

Taking place last Sunday, in overcast conditions, the weather could not put a damper on the spirits of the excitable children who were treated to an array of fun activities and tasty treats.

While the adults enjoyed lunch and refreshments

from Rosaburn Cafe, children took part in traditional games such as horse-shoe tossing, ball and skill games and the popular bat and the rat game.

Under a large marquee other wholesome activities, which included cake decorating, necklace making, weaving and felting, all vied for the children's attention.

The more active children, and many adults, enjoyed the bash, crash, smash game where participants threw sand-filled bags at crockery piled high atop

one another in order to win prizes.

An almost certain method of winning prizes was at the children's tombola where those that did not win a toy prize still received an invitation to have a quick dip into the sweetie jar.

Many children created their own sweet treats at the cake decorating stall while others built a skewer of tasty nibbles which they then coated in chocolate from the chocolate fountain.

Once some of the excita-

ble energy had been burned off children enjoyed more sedate activities such as looking at some of the exhibitions on offer including a Lamborghini super-car, a large model railway or a story-telling session by author Alison Page, who read from her book *The Westie Fest*.

During the day soothing music was provided by the Arran Fiddle Club and in the afternoon the busy, but always popular, Arran Pipe Band performed to the delight of the adults and children.



Mavis Helliwell selects pink and purple colours for her decorated rock. 01_B30child02



Herbie Helliwell of Brodick ensures that he gets a good coating at the chocolate fountain. 01_B30child01

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Cake decorators make the difficult decision on what toppings to use on their cakes.

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Young Hazel Price is poised to Bat the Rat.



The McNamara family enjoy some of the traditional games on offer.

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Arran Fiddle Club members perform for the audience.

01_B30child07



Participants line up to try the children's tombola.

01_B30child09



Joseph and Anastasia Courtney of Edinburgh had success in smashing crockery at the bash, crash, smash stall.

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Heritage Museum manager Tom MacLeod puts his candy floss-making skills to the test.

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Your cash back in your pocket

Great news! We've just received our quarterly electricity bill and can compare to the same quarter last year for the first time. Energy Usage is down a massive 44% AW, Brodick

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Fundraising fun at the Brodick Church fete



Alison Keir has a helper to sell the duck race tickets.
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The baking stall and tombola do a roaring trade.
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There was a big turnout at the Brodick Church fete last Saturday with stalls and games spread across the church, the hall and the grounds.

Doing a roaring trade from the off were the baking stall, plant and bric-a-brac stalls, while in the

church the pews were packed with books and it also housed the busy toy stall.

In the garden there were children's games.

It was also the venue of the much-anticipated duck derby with a £100 first prize.



Robert and Sheena McLean at the busy bric-a-brac stall.
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Ann Lauder makes another sale at the plant stall.
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Sheila Dobson and Joyce Buchanan with one of the duck race prizes. 01_B30church04



Youngsters concentrate on a game of hoopla. 01_B30church05

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Two new films get their world premiere on Arran

The world premiere of two new films exploring people's relationship with the sea was staged last Friday on Arran.

One of the films, by Ed Webb-Ingall, was shot on

the island and features members of the community speaking about the No Take Zone and the south Arran MPA.

And he was back on Arran to meet the cast for the

premiere of his new film: I walk there every day, but never saw it that way. The second film, collectively titled Shore: How We See The Sea, was shot in Wester Ross by Margaret Salmond. Titled Chladach, it takes a very different look at the coastal community there.

Taking place in collaboration with COAST and Regional Screen Scotland, the launch event last Friday saw the films premiere in the mobile Screen Machine in Brodick. There were also storytelling sessions with Local Voices, the screening of feature documentary Chasing Coral and hands-on activities encouraging

all ages to become citizen marine scientists, exploring rockpools and taking a microscopic look at the sea and its inhabitants.

Ed's film began with conversations with people from across a diverse range of Arran communities – a retired couple, children, a novelist, people from COAST conservationists cleaning a beach – and those from much further afield, including a marine biologist, trawlers, creelers and legal professionals with a focus on water rights.

The aim of his video is not to resolve anything, but to provide a trigger to ask further questions and



Ed, far left, with some of the cast of his Arran film on Brodick beach and others involved in the project. 01_B30shore01



Ed explores a rockpool with some of the children featured in the film. 01_B30shore02

continue the conversations to understand the role and impact of MPAs for those people who live near them and work with them.

Ed seeks to understand the various relationships

that exist between different people making use of, and living with, the sea and to ask such questions as, 'Who does the sea belong to?', 'How do you use the sea?' and 'How do you protect the sea?'.

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Incredible work

We have said it before and we will say it again. The community spirit that exists on Arran is quite remarkable.

The last few weeks have shown the incredible work that bands of volunteers do across the island to stage gala days, family events and shows which keep locals amused and keep holidaymakers coming back for more.

I myself have friends on holiday at the moment with their three children – aged from six to 15 – and they have been more than impressed with the variety of activities which have been filling up their days with ease.

They have also remarked on how friendly and welcoming everyone has been during their stay, and have already vowed to be back next year.

There is no doubt that the island is very busy and, yes, the weather has helped this year. But it is gratifying to hear from visitors that they are also impressed by what is on offer and plan to come back for more.

So hats off to the volunteers, you know who you are. And maybe, if you enjoyed visiting an event this year, it is worth getting yourself more involved next year.

Thought for the week

'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.' Ephesians 3:16

McLaren site

Sir,
Following your good front page in last week's Banner about the McLaren hotel site, I believe there must be many individuals out there not in favour of the current plan, which is basically a large block of apartments with one or two frills.

I have seen excellent letters in your paper opposing with good logic how inappropriate this plan is and thankfully that is backed up by our local groups.

With such an important site, surely this can't be the only contender with a proposal? If so, this could put North Ayrshire authorities in a weaker position to decide. But I feel confident they will not pass the abodeGroup proposal.

We can surely do better than this. A bijou hotel was a good suggestion for starters and maybe there are others.

Yours,
**Edward Jackson,
Glasgow**

Lamlash notspot

Sir,
I had a letter published in the Banner several years ago on the subject of poor phone coverage in Lamlash. To date, it appears the situation has not changed, despite numerous articles in the press.

A new Scottish government pilot scheme aiming to tackle so-called mobile phone signal 'notspots', was introduced in March, 2016 and included Arran.

I understand from an article in the Scotsman, April 25 2018, that EE are providing coverage in Lamlash as part of a bigger project, a new Emergency Services Network which will be piggybacked on the existing EE (BT) 4G sys-

tem. The ESN is replacing the existing Airwave radio system used by the Emergency Services in the UK.

There is an article in the website ISPreview.co.uk, dated April 25 2018, which states that EE 4G has gone live in Lamlash, although there is no indication in Shore Road, near the council offices. I assume that 2G/3G is also being provided since not all phones have 4G capability.

This may be good news for users on the EE network, but no comfort to those on the other major phone networks.

Since there is Scottish Government involvement in improving phone coverage, I suggest the local MSPs investigate in order to find out what is the present state of play.

Yours,
**Robin Gardner
Lamlash and
Milton of Campsie**

Neonatal thanks

Sir,
We here at the Neonatal Unit at Ayrshire Maternity are wondering if it would be possible to put a small thank you from us into the Arran Banner.

This is for us and the staff and our clinical manager Caroline Blake to profusely thank the wonderful and very talented knitters of Arran who have joined groups together and donated continuously to our tiny babies here at the unit.

We and the babies' families are extremely grateful for all the hard work and generosity that they have shown to us over an extensive period of time. All of our babies are extremely precious to us and we are grateful to each and every person who has made the effort to keep our tiny ba-

bies in fabulous knitting.

Unfortunately we are not privy to any names of these wonderful knitters but we are sure they will all know who they are when they see it in their local paper.

Yours,
**Louise Storrie,
Clerkess,
Ayrshire Maternity
Unit.**

March pride

Sir,
I was returning to Arran on Saturday July 14 with the Arran Coastal Rowing Club having competed in the Largs Regatta when I chanced upon two young ladies in the Ardrossan ferry terminal.

They were bedecked in rainbow colours and having a thoroughly good time. We had a brief conversation and they told me they'd been to the Glasgow Gay Pride March that day. En route to Brodick I saw the girls again with a larger group of youngsters who'd clearly been to the march too. What a great credit to our island and our youngsters standing up for what they believe in – tolerance, equality and inclusivity.

Contrast the message that shone out from them like a beacon of light to the hateful bigoted behaviour of the Catholic priest who held a service to atone for the 'gross offence to God that is Pride Glasgow'. IF god exists by what special talent, denied to the rest of us, does this hateful person arrogantly profess to know what offends God? Truly his ilk belong in the dustbin of history. Thankfully he's already been removed from the chaplaincy of GCU. Doesn't the Lord work in mysterious ways!

The world needs more people of love, toler-

ance and understanding as shown by Gay Pride. Well done to that group of youngsters and to ALL who attended the march on Saturday. I'm proud of you.

Yours,
**Stephen Brown
Kildonan**

Heartless act

Sir,
For 11 years our mum's wooden bench has been sitting on Bennan Shore, the place she loved. It was an incredible and unbelievable shock to discover that our memorial bench, lovingly made by a family member, was gone. There were a few pieces of wood, with charring scattered nearby.

We all feel distressed and saddened by this heartless act. Local people have been very supportive and have helped to establish a time frame when it must have happened, between Thursday July 19 and Saturday July 21.

Our family have been visiting Kildonan for four generations and can't quite comprehend this action in such a beautiful and tranquil place.

Can anyone help us to discover what happened please? My email address is ruthslessor16@gmail.com

Yours,
**Marje, Pat, Rosie
and Ruth Slessor
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The family bench which has gone missing from Bennan Shore. 01_B30letters01

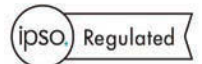
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Viking extravaganza at Lochranza

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Vikings, visitors and villagers added an Up Helly Aa festival atmosphere last Saturday to the Lochranza gala.

Offering an entire day and evening of events, the gala weekend also included a ceilidh and quiz in the days leading up to it and the golfing Texas scramble, teddy bears' picnic, barbeque and duck derby on the final day on Sunday.

Squeezing a huge amount of events into just a few days, the highlight of the weekend's activities was the Viking-themed fun day. From parades to live mu-

sic, children's races to bogie races, there was a craft fayre, a barbeque and a Viking re-enactment along with traditional games, stalls, raffles and a beer tent.

Backdrop

Kicking off events, the Arran Pipe Band performed on the castle spit – with the dramatic backdrop of Lochranza Castle – before leading a parade carrying the sea queen and king, Daisy and Michael Innes, along the road to the village hall.

Following them the Arran Viking Society members, in full garb, were joined by the Glasgow Vikings and the Swords of Dalria-

da groups on the mainland. Children and adults, many dressed as Vikings themselves, joined the long procession to the village hall where the craft fayre and barbecue awaited them.

On the expansive lawn and under glorious sunshine, visitors enjoyed an afternoon of fun games which included egg and spoon races, piggy back races and a bogie race where contestants were pelted with water balloons.

Later in the afternoon a well-attended dog competition was held while visitors enjoyed refreshments from the barbeque, snack stalls and the bar. Preparing



A Celtic warrior defends against a Viking attack during the Viking re-enactment on the cobbled shore. 01_B30gala24



Attacking Vikings make their way along the shore towards the Lochranza castle.

01_B30gala22

themselves for the evening performance of Soundcradle, the band Brown Noise entertained the crowds with well-known rock ballads from the stage that had been set up in the back of a large, open-sided truck.

After an action packed day filled with fun, laughter and activities, visitors

retired to the beach below the castle to watch the re-enactment of a Viking landing and battle.

As the Viking boat approached the shore, Celtic warriors awaited their enemies before they landed their ship to the cry of 'The Vikings are coming!'

In a flash of swords, axes

and shields, a protracted battle ensued which resulted in just one Celt surviving to defend against the remaining attackers who, while outnumbered, were defeated.

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Arran Viking Society, Glasgow Vikings and Swords of Dalriada joined forces at the Lochranza Castle. 01_B30gala05



Sea Queen Daisy Innes cuts the ribbon and declares the gala day officially open. 01_B30gala12



An exhausted Viking takes a break from looting and plundering.



Sea queen and king, Daisy and Michael Innes, wave to the crowds. 01_B30gala09



Charlotte and Elise Lambie, along with Cameron and Isla Hutchison, make for some friendly young Vikings. 01_B30gala06



Vikings display their weaponry during the Viking versus Celtic battle re-enactment. 01_B30gala01

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Sea Queen Daisy enjoys



Vikings join the procession to the village hall. 01_B30gala10



A large field of canine entries took part in the dog competitions during the afternoon. 01_B30gala18



Leading the parade is Arran Pipe Band with Lochranza Castle behind. 01_B30gala11



Sweet smiling faces: Fergus West, Ewan Morrison and Scott O'Neill host a honey stall in the village hall. 01_B30gala13



Concentration etched on their faces, children take part in the egg and spoon race. 01_B30gala16

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Young rockers get on stage to sing an entire song with Brown Noise. 01_B30gala15



Spectators hurl water balloons at the bogie racers and other spectators. 01_B30gala21



Two friendly swans lead the Vikings along the water. 01_B30gala23

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Brown Noise perform classic rock songs during their afternoon performance. 01_B30gala14



Viking families from near and far join the gathering before the procession. 01_B30gala07



Sea Queen Daisy Innes and King Michael Innes are joined on their float by Viking Batman. 01_B30gala04



Bogie competitors Eddie and Matthew O'Neil in Bogie McBogie and Isla and Cameron Hutcheson in the Hutchy Wright Hurler. 01_B30gala20

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Guitar legend in surprise visit

Around 200 music fans Saturday for the inaugural packed Brodick Hall last Rock 'n' Blues Festival.



The Sensational Alex Harvey Experience wrapped up the festival with a long set. 01_B30rock06

And they were given a real treat with the appearance of legendary Sensational Alex Harvey Band guitarist Zal Cleminson, who introduced the headline act, which are his favourite tribute band.

Zal told the Arran audience that he was back on the road himself with his new band Sin Dogs, who also have a new album out. He said he had thoroughly enjoyed his day at the festival.

Before all that, the hall was rocking all day with band after band belting out their rock and blues to an appreciative audience. Organisers Jane Howe of the PHT and Nelson McFarlane plan to make the show an annual event and are hoping to grow it every year.

Some of the bands had previously played on Arran, but for others it was their first time.



Zal Cleminson on stage with his alter-ego behind him. 01_B30rock04

Joining the headline The Sensational Alex Harvey Experience on stage were Raising Bail, Dr Feelgood, the George Lindsay Band, Blues Mama and Storm Warning, who were a big favourite on the day.

Jane told the Banner: 'I was humbled by the support from the audience who

came from far and wide to attend and were just wonderful, appreciative music lovers.

'The quality of the musicianship took my breath away from the crisp precise sounds of Raising Bail, the gravelly notes of the superb vocalist in Blues Mama and the theatricals of Sensation-

al Alex Harvey Experience plus the sound was mixed superbly by Stevie Calder from LT - Audio. So many friends made, a lovely atmosphere and lots of encouragement for an annual Rock 'n' Blues Festival on Arran. A big thank you to everyone who helped me make this happen.'



Blues Mama were second on stage at the festival. 01_B30rock02



Storm Warning belt out another song. 01_B30rock03

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The committee would like to thank all those who attended and all those friends who contributed and helped at the event.

The next event being held in aid of Save the Children is the Texas Scramble which is being held at Shiskine Golf Club tomorrow (Sunday) where there will be fun, barbecue, raffles and prizes. Teams of four should book through Shiskine Golf Club.

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Circus Montini comes to town

There was a good reaction to the visit of Circus Montini for two days last weekend held in the big tent at Ormidale Park in Brodick with positive reviews of the show.

The circus describes the show as a dazzling combination of theatre, music and dance and says their amazing cast of international artistes bring a sensational mix of acrobatics, comedy, juggling, illusion and aerial feats.

There are no animals and quality and innovation are at the top of the agenda for this sensational company of human performers.

However, bosses admitted they may have been 'overzealous' with their flyposting in Brodick ahead of the show, as highlighted in the Banner last week, and apologised. They took all their posters down.



Acrobat Marco and clowns Kim and Sarita, who are from Spain, at the Circus Montini big tent in Brodick. 01_B30Circus01

Woodworkers ready to inspire

Woodworkers, carvers, furniture makers and anyone else who works with, or appreciates, wood is invited to attend this weekend's Inspiration of Wood event in Corrie.

Taking place at the Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday there will be various exhibitions demonstrating the skills of sculptors, artists, boat builders, instrument makers and carvers.

Celebrated artist Marvin Elliot's work will also be on display and Mark Bunyan, among many others, will be showing off the quality and wide range of items that can be created with wood.

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Sand sculptures create an outdoor art gallery



Winners in the family category were the McNamara family with their dragon creation. 01_b30beach03

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Whiting Bay beach was transformed into an outdoor art gallery last week as 17 families put their sand sculpting skills to the test at the annual Whiting Bay beach sculpture competition.

One of the many exciting activities on offer during Whiting Bay Fun Week, the well-attended event is sponsored by Nick Giles of the Arran Art Gallery and judged by renowned sculptor Tim Pomeroy.

Filling almost the entire beach, children, parents, friends and families brought out the buckets and spades and created works of art which were decorated with sea shells, seaweed and beach stones.

Many created marine themed sculptures based on mermaids, octopi, jellyfish, crabs and turtles while others opted for more exot-

ic animals with a large elephant and a dragon featured among the entries.

Others allowed their creative talents to take them elsewhere which resulted in some unique entries including an Egyptian landscape, complete with sphinx and pyramids, a circus tent, a golf course with attached football field, and a large pie.

Regular competitors at the event, the Banana Boys – in a huge earthmoving operation – created a large relief of Arran and then set about adding incredible detail. Starting with Holy Isle, Ailsa Craig and Pladda, they then created mountainous peaks in the north with Goatfell prominently featured. Green seaweed decorated the forested area and stones made up the String and Boguille roads.

Unsurprisingly elongated beach pebbles were used to create the Machrie Moor standing stones and beach

gravel topped the mountains.

Nearer to the jetty where the sand was wetter, team Dumbo also created a large sculpture, an elephant which appeared to rise out of the sea sand and which was large enough for children to climb atop.

After a difficult deliberation period the elaborately carved dragon by the McNamara family took the family award while in the children's category Sophie Macfarlane impressed with her masterpiece which was a bulbous mother whale with smaller baby whales swimming around it.

After a short prizegiving ceremony by members of Arran Visual Arts, the tired families who had enjoyed an afternoon of playing in the sun, sea and sand, and filled with food from the burger and hot dog tent, retired back home.

■ See next week's Banner for a final round-up of the Whiting Bay Fun Week.



The Gow family return to Whiting Bay where they met in 1994. Now with a family of their own, they still regularly visit Arran where their families have holidayed for more than 100 years. 01_B30beach05



Team Sharks with their Plastic Bag Jellyfish sculpture. 01_B30beach06



Highly commended by the judge, team Banana Boys created a relief of Arran complete with satellite islands, golf courses, the String and Boguille roads and Machrie standing stones. 01_B30beach08



Team Mermacorn with their mermaid and unicorn hybrid sculpture. 01_B30beach10

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Having a great time on the beach, Isla and Ava Pringle join friend Innes West to play in the water. 01_B30beach14



A great team effort by Team Dumbo, which included Bay Queen Greta Litton, who helped create the elephant rising out of the sand. 01_B30beach16



Team Crawford and their Crab Castle. 01_B30beach07



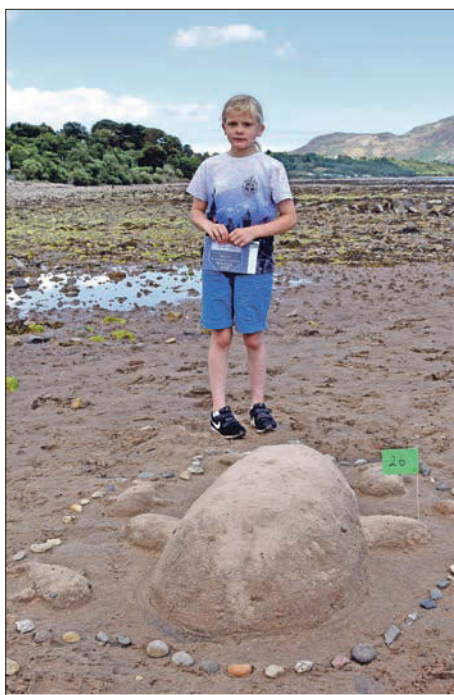
Team Wilson went with a popular theme with a mermaid creation complete with seaweed hair and stone bikini. 01_B30beach12



Unable to resist, children go for an imaginary elephant safari on Whiting Bay beach. 01_B30beach20



Dad Quinton Black and mum Fiona with Sophie and their Egyptian themed sculpture. 01_b30beach01



Winner of the Children's award, Sophie Macfarlane created a perfectly formed whale surrounded by baby whales. 01_B30beach18



Team This is Rubbish with their Keep Arran Tidy Hand which impressed judge Tim Pomeroy and earned themselves the newly created Eco Award. 01_B30beach09



Team Walrus with their Ollie Octopus creation which used scores of sea-shells for decoration. 01_B30beach13



The Kings family, who sculpted Elsa the Mermaid. 01_B30beach17

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Community land open day

An open day event at the community land above Whiting Bay will give visitors the opportunity to see what is being done on the

land and provide adults and children – and dogs – with a host of activities to enjoy. The event, which is open to everyone, will take place

today (Saturday) from 10.30am to 3.30pm when trustees and gardeners will be on hand to show people around and answer any questions.

In full bloom and bursting with fruit and vegetables after such a great summer, the 12 community allotments, polytunnels and orchards are particularly impressive this year despite the recent drought which required regular watering.

Behind the allotments is a newly planted ‘fruit walk’ made up of Scottish varieties of apple, pear and plum.

To the far corner there are three bee hives looked after by John Cruikshank of the Arran Bee Group and the much-sought-after Arran honey will hopefully be on sale, alongside potatoes, at the open day.

Although the bees were hard hit earlier this year and hives were lost, the good spell of weather is reversing the damage and John is hopeful that the hives can recover.

The trustees and gardeners will be offering additional activities on the day such as digging for potatoes, den building and camp fire cooking using some ingredients from the community garden. Accompanied children are encouraged to visit and to try their hand at the den building which will see the best den winning a prize.

Everyone is welcome including dogs on a lead, who can take advantage of the pleasant dog walking paths. There is a small car park by the site off Golf Course Road though pedestrian access is encouraged.



Allotment holder Jim Park enjoys spending time at the allotments.



Gardener Darren Townsend inspects some of the fruit on the peach tree.

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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 28th July

Inspiration from Wood
Fancy Dress Cricket Fun Day
RNLI Shop Open
Rink Game
Rinks Bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live Music - Alan Frew
Live Music - Mic Clark
Live Music - Steve Young - Globetrotting troubadour
Over 21's Disco

Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 11am - 5pm
Ormidale Park, Brodick, 12noon
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 8pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 29th July

Texas Scramble in aid of Save the Children
Inspiration from Wood
Shurig Shield - Bowling Triples (open)
Live Music - Mic Clark
Live Music - Steve Young - Globetrotting troubadour
RNLI Shop Open
Family games
Fun in the pool
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Folk Music Session

Shiskine Golf Club from 9am
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 11am - 5pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
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 30th July

Lamlash Church
Open Canoes
Coffee Morning
Arran Skinnymalinks, in aid of Mary's Meals
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Adult Tennis
Circuit Training
Summer Bridge, visitors welcome
Rink Game
Tae Kwon Do
Live Music - Fatman

Open - 10am - 12 noon
Lochranza Centre, 10am - 2.30pm
Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12 noon
Shiskine Hall, 5.15pm
Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Brodick Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm

Tuesday 31st July

Lamlash Church
noon
Healthy Outdoors
Gorge Walking
Castle Garden Walk
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Technology with Duan Bruce
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Body Blitz

Open - 10am - 12
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Lochranza Centre 10.00am
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
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 1st August

Arran Farmers' Show
Yoga
Hydrofit
Lamlash Church
Coffee Morning
Arran Skinnymalinks, in aid of Mary's Meals
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
S.W.I. Annual Show
Dog Classes
Mark Harwood Concert
Arran Pace Makers Running Group
Rink Game
Tae Kwondo
Burger and quiz night
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Summer Family Ceilidh
Live Music - Simon Kempston
Family Friendly Pub Quiz
Quiz Night
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

Glenkiln, Lamlash from 9.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Open - 10am - 12 noon
St Bride's Church, Brodick 10.30am - 12 noon
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am
Arran High School, Lamlash, 11am - 5pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 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 2nd August

Morning fitness
Lamlash Church
Abseiling & Ladders
A.C. L. I. Volunteer Gardening Day
Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera
Castle Time Travellers
Westie Fest Kiddies Reading
Adult Tennis
Summer Family Ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band
Body Blitz
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Open - 10am - 12 noon
Lochranza Centre 10.00am
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
Brodick Library, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 3rd August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Lamlash Church
Coffee Morning
T'ai Chi with Sue Thurogood
Fryday's Chip Shop
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Friday Night Quiz
Live Music - Buchaneers
Live Music - Scott Manson & James - sensational pianist & singer

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Open - 10am - 12 noon
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
Lochranza Centre 6.00pm until 8.00pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 4th August

Brodick Highland Games
Rink Game
Rinks Bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live Music - Davie Anderson
Live Music - Rough Cut - uptempo band playing a mix of hits
Over 21's Disco

Ormidale Park, Brodick, 11am
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
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Society | 182nd Annual Show

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At this, the 182nd outing of the show, there really is something for everyone from the serious judging of the sheep and cattle, to the excitement of the horse events and the fun of the always popular dog show.

Entertainment to keep the spectators on the edge of their

seats will be provided by The Clan, Scotland's premier cycle stunt team. Somersaulting over to Arran, bikes too, the team will wow with their jaw-dropping antics, not once but twice in the main ring with two different displays, one in the morning, and one in the afternoon so no-one misses out.

The vintage tractors is always a popular attraction and this year should see a fine display of the farming equipment of yesteryear and, as an added incentive, there is £200 worth of prize money this year.

A well as a wide range of exhibition stands, a fun-fair and food and drink outlets there will

be events going on throughout the day including, Highland dancing, the Isle of Arran Pipe Band, birds of prey, dog agility, woodcarving and traditional crafts. And there is free car parking at the Glenkiln show ground.

For entrants there is a reminder that the cut off time for late entries in the horse section is 9am this year to allow stewards more time before the judging starts at 9.30am.

Secondly, just the usual reminder to exhibitors that white coats and wrist bands should be worn, and only stockhandlers should be within the animal handling area whilst judging taking place. The dog show, vintage tractor class and stick section are open to all with entries taken on the day.

Admission is just £5 for adults, £2 for children and there is free car parking at the Glenkiln show ground.



Last year's overhead champion Lois Ashley. 01_B30farmer01

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The Clan on their last appearance at the show.
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The Clan - Scotland's
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11.00am & 2pm

Horse Judging from 9:30am
Cattle & Sheep Judging from 11.15am
Dog show from 12 noon
(entries taken from 10:30am)
Overhead judging, Prizegiving &
Raffle Draw from 2:30pm - 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2018
AT GLENKILN, LAMLASH FROM 9:30 AM

Events throughout the day - Vintage Tractors, Highland Dancing, Pipe Band,
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Top: Last year's winning vintage tractor Colin Hutton in his 1960 Massey Ferguson. 01_B30farmer08

Above: There was only limited cattle judging last year due to ground conditions. 01_B30farmer05

The Arran Farmers' Society Show 2018

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Timetable of events 2018

Horse Judging	from 9.30am
Dog Show entries taken	from 10.30am
Highland Dancers	11am
The Clan	11am - 11.30am
Cattle & Sheep Judging	from 11.15am
Vintage Tractors (in main ring, weather permitting)	11.30am - 12.30pm
Dog Show	from 12 noon
Highland Dancers	1pm
Pipe Band	1.30pm
The Clan	2pm
Overhead Judging, Prizegiving and Grand Raffle Draw	2.30pm - 3.30pm
Dog Scurry	3.30pm, directly after raffle draw.

(Timings may be subject to change on the day)

Also throughout the day:

Birds of Prey
Chainsaw Woodcarving

Arran Show Marquee
Butter Churning

The Judges putting their reputation on the line are:

Dexter Logan, Alva - Dairy and Beef sections
Clare Anderson, Forfar - Horse and Pony section
Fiona Flynn, Broxburn - Working Hunter and Clydesdale sections
Derek Redpath, Kelso - Blackface and Leicester Sheep sections, also Shorn Fleeces
Andrew Johnstone, Galston - Texel, Suffolk and Other Breed Sheep sections
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Obituary:

John Roberts

2nd April 1939 -
18th May 2018

John Roberts was born in Salford on April 2, 1939. When John was only seven years old, his father died – partly from the effects of being gassed while fighting with the 2nd 6th Manchester regiment in the First World War.

This brought about a dramatic change in the family's circumstances and led to his being offered a place at the Royal Masonic School for Boys in Bushey, Hertfordshire, a charitable boarding school for the sons of deceased Freemasons, which he was to attend until he turned 18.

The school was run along the very traditional lines of an English public school with a lot of emphasis on sport and the army cadet

corps, neither of which interested John. As he progressed, however, his academic ability, together with his likeability and humour, became increasingly appreciated. His talents, together with hard work, culminated in his being awarded both a State Scholarship and an Exhibition to Keble College, Oxford. While maintaining very mixed feelings about the school as an institution, he made a number of firm friends there who he remained in close touch with throughout his life.

He was always interesting to be with, and could be relied on to put a humorous slant on life. More importantly, he could also be a very staunch friend in times of difficulty. One weakness

though, was his inability to cope with traffic. He often told his friends why he had given up attempting to ride a bike in Oxford: whenever he was on a roundabout, he was petrified and had to ride full-circle several times before daring to exit onto the road he wanted.

John's Oxford was not of the Brideshead Revisited variety. His background and innate thirst for knowledge ensured that his abilities would be put to good use – not only in his chosen subjects of German and French, but across a wide range of topics. His hard academic work, particularly in his last year, was rewarded with a well-deserved double first class degree. He went on to study the language of the ancient Burgundians as a postgraduate and spent a year teaching English at Munich University.

In 1965, John found a place teaching at Glasgow University where he specialised in mediaeval Germanic languages until taking early retirement in 1991. He was very involved in university life, making good friends at the university's staff 'College Club'. He married Diana, who he met through a friend at the university, and had two children – James and Peter.

John's connection to Arran began in the 1970s when he visited the island with his brother and stayed at a cottage in Whiting Bay. Through this link, John and his family became regular visitors before moving to Arran in 1987.

John's faith was important to him. Prior to moving to Arran, he was a regular visitor to the small Episcopalian church in Whiting Bay.

With a small congregation and no permanent priest, the church was and remains heavily reliant on its dedicated congregation and John committed fully to this. He took on the role of Lay Leadership, also representing the church at

Diocesan Synod for some 30 years. He was good at keeping in touch with both regular visitors to St Margaret's, and those who had left the island.

Language and linguistics remained key interests. In retirement, he learnt Gaelic to teaching standard and was a committed member of a number of Gaelic groups – most recently as treasurer of Na h-Arrainnich. He also maintained his love of German – continuing as an oral examiner in A-Level German, and teaching both evening classes and private tutees.

John was equally passionate about and committed to his many other interests. Over the years, he was heavily involved in many community groups on Arran including the Arran Civic Trust, Music Arran, and a local food bank.

Extremely well-read and known for his extensive (often obscure) knowledge, John was crowned the first and only Arran Mastermind by Magnus Magnusson at the 1989 Corrie Capers. He also overcame lifelong stage fright in his 60s, first performing in the Life of Christ at Brodick Castle; later performing at drama festivals both on the island and in Argyll.

John was also a very keen and adventurous cook. He and his sister-in-law developed a tradition of birthday feasts, taking turns to cook a meal on a challenging theme chosen by the other.

Over the years these covered a range of unusual ideas, taking significant planning and research - including Roman, Mongolian, Mediaeval Mesopota-



John Roberts as he will best be remembered.

mian and Filipino menus.

Family was very important to John. He was a close, loving and supportive father to his two sons, James and Peter, delighting in sharing their lives, and was thrilled to have become a grandfather to Adam just over a year ago.

His funeral was held on July 2. The full church reflected the breadth of John's life and the affection in which he was held. A collection raised £450 in aid of ArCaA. John's family would like to express

their thanks to everyone who came to the funeral or sent cards, to Rev Simon Mackenzie for performing the service, to Elizabeth Watson for making the church available and to all who helped at the church.

John is survived by his brother Bill and sister-in-law Sandie, of Whiting Bay; his sons James and Peter; their partners Marie and Megan; and his grandson Adam.

He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.



John, the first and only Arran Mastermind, being presented the trophy by Magnus Magnusson.



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Ar cas gu tèarainte air tìr*

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A thug blàths do dh'inntinn is spioraid*

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Is milis a mhàireas do chuimhne
Nar cridhean is nar n-anman*

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday July 18, 1998

Quick thinking

A nine-year-old boy is improving in hospital in Glasgow after a youth may have saved his life by giving him the kiss of life. The injured boy had fallen off the roof of the Douglas Hotel in Brodick on Wednesday. Andrew Kirk, who has just left school in Kilmours and is working at the Douglas Hotel over the summer, discovered the boy lying on the ground with a huge lump on his head. Seeing another boy on the roof in hysterics, he realised the boy had fallen. Realising that the boy was falling in and out of consciousness he alerted others to raise the alarm and recognising that the boy needed immediate treatment, he decided to act.

Soon the ambulance arrived and the boy was taken to Lamplash where he was airlifted to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow with serious head injuries. Amazingly the two boys, who were both nine years old had travelled to Arran from Kilmarnock on their own. By Friday the injured boy's condition was improving while the friend was taken charge of by social workers.

Missing visitors

Looking along the front at Brodick this week – one thing is particularly striking – the apparent lack of visitors which has given rise to concerns about this year's tourist season.

Provisional figures from Caledonian MacBryne make for uncomfortable

reading, a 13.6 per cent drop in passenger numbers and a 14.6 per cent drop in vehicle numbers in comparison with figures from July last year. The coach tours operated by Stagecoach, around the island to Brodick Castle and by open top bus, have carried 20 per cent fewer passengers than last year. Alastair Dobson at Arran Dairies reports a 12 per cent fall in sales compared to last year.

Several possible explanations have been offered for the decline in numbers, with everything from increased ferry travel prices to the weather to the price of cheap holidays abroad owing to the strong pound. Whatever the real reasons – many blame the World Cup in France for it – the truth is that the tourist industry rises and falls and that annual figures from the Scottish Tourist Board's annual report shows that the tourist industry is currently on the wane across the whole of Scotland.

Ferry promotion

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A scene from the Whiting Bay Drama Club's *The Creature Creeps* which started this week. The play is a mixture of *Dracula* and *Frankenstein* with enormous dollops of absurdity. 01_B30twe01



A large group of youngsters joined the North Ayrshire Council tennis coaching camp at Brodick earlier this week. 01_B30twe02



Surging ahead at the Shiskine Valley Sports Day, these girls take part in the three-legged race. 01_B30twe04



The old butcher's shop next to the Co-op in Lamplash is empty no more. Dave Tapson and Jo Morgan have moved their operation from Spionkop, Lamplash to the new shop where they will specialise in candle making and a new venture, woodworking. 01_B30twe03



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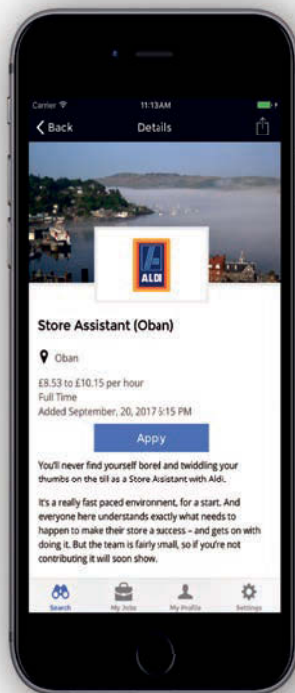
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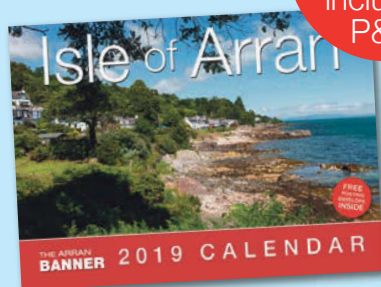
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Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 29th July

Lochranza Church, 9.30am. Morning Service.
Pirmill 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

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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 29th July
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ALL WELCOME

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(continuing)
Sunday 29th July
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
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ALL WELCOME

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Sunday Worship at 11am 'Heather Lodge', Brodick (Next to the Douglas Hotel)
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 29th July
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Lamlash - 11.30am.
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 22nd 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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 29th July
Family Worship will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service.
Please stay and enjoy more fellowship.
All most welcome.

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 28th July
Vigil Mass, 7.30pm
Sunday 29th July
Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

DEATH

BREMNER: Elizabeth Crawford. Betty, aged 91 years, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, 25th July 2018 at Montrose House with family present. Funeral service to be held on Tuesday, 31st July 2018, 11.30am at Lamlash Parish Church followed by interment at Kilbride Cemetery, Lamlash then the Glenisle Hotel. Family flowers only. Donations to the Hospital Supporters League and Montrose Sunshine Fund.

Summer bridge July results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer tournament held on Monday July 23 at Lamlash were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Pat Adamson and Anne McKelvie, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson. E/W 1 Jan Beattie and Margaret McGill, 2 Elby Lang and Grace Blakely, 3 Douglas and Margaret Bruce.

The results of the tournament played on Monday July 16 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 3 David Boag and Eendy McNiven. E/W 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Margaret McGill, 3 Liz McKellar and Anne McKelvie, Jennifer Wales and Doug Chase.

The results of the tournament held on Monday July 9 were: N/S 1 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 2 David Boag and Eendy McNiven, 3 Tricia Martin and David Campbell. E/W 1 Irene and Craig McMillan, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Ann and Donald Cattenach.



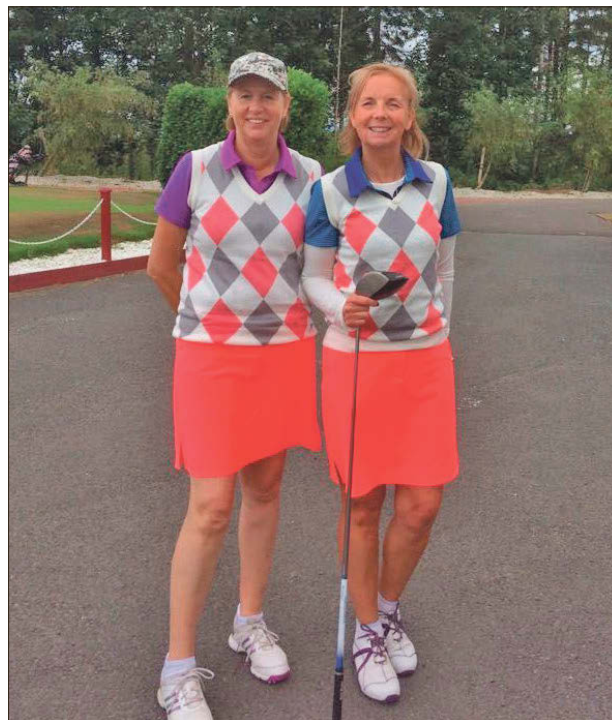
Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 18, The McIntock Cup, 36 played, CSS 63. 1 Graham Mack 7, 61; 2 Ian Andrews 14, 62 ACB; 3 Gus Macleod 12, 62 ACB; 4 Jamie Macpherson 6, 62 and lowest gross. Magic twos Graeme Mack @1st and 6th, Alasdair Kelly @12th, Ian Andrews @17th.

Saturday and Sunday July 21 and 22, The Armitage Groundworks WBGC Gents' Open. A good field on both days ensured that the 2018 version of the gents' open carried on the tradition of its predecessors.

The Bank of Scotland Cup on the Saturday enjoyed fine dry weather and a fast running course. On Sunday the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup was not so lucky with the weather, a fine misty rain persisting throughout the morning. That said the overhead conditions were not difficult and the easier course conditions made for some good scoring.

Saturday July 21, The Bank of Scotland Cup, 77 played, CSS 63. 1 Douglas Auld 20, 60; 2 Alan Foggo 3, 61 ACB and lowest gross; 3 Brian Adair 19, 61; 4 Ronnie Mann 13, 62. Magic twos David Brown



Jenni Turnbull and Alice Anderson represented Shiskine Golf Club at the R&A Regional Finals of the Coronation Foursomes at Hamilton Golf Course after qualifying for the seventh consecutive year.



Lamlash Ladies' Golf Open: the main prize-winners with captain Mary Adams in the centre, left is the scratch winner Val Crawford and on the right overall winner Margaret Robertson.

@2nd, Danny Head @4th, Nicol Auld @7th, Neil Richardson @11th, Brian Murray @16th, Frazer Barr, Richard Mannering and Jack McNally @17th, Paul Robson @2nd and 17th.

Sunday July 22, The Royal Bank of Scotland Cup, 75 played, CSS 63. 1 Graeme Mack 7, 54 and lowest gross; 2 Neil Stewart 5, 59 ACB; 3 Laurence Blair 17, 59 ACB, 4 Scott Adair 6, 59. Magic twos Ryan Armstrong @13th and 17th, Graeme Mack, Jack Adair and Colin Clements @4th,

Stuart McGregor @7th, David Rankin @15th, David Blair, John Pennycott, John Rae, Frazer Barr and Danny Head @17th. Congratulations to Graeme Mack, Armitage WBGC Open Champion for 2018 with a magnificent aggregate six under par score of 120.

Thanks to the Armitage Group, main sponsors of the WBGC Open and to all other supporters, donors and sponsors who ensured that, once again, the gents' open, was one of the great golfing weekends of the year. Thanks also to Stewart and Jamie for presenting the course in such good shape, a real achievement standing the weather issues that arose earlier in the year and to John, Louise, Nancy and Jenni for keeping everyone all well fed and watered throughout the weekend.

Monday July 23, The WBGC Junior Open Championship. Following the excitement of the grown-ups' open it was time for the future champions to enjoy themselves in the WBGC Junior Open. As usual Brian Adair and his army of family and friends put a great deal of effort into organising the course and competitions to suit the wide spread of ages of the many youngsters who turned up. They had a fun-filled morning that came to a conclusion just in time, as

the rain that had been forecast for earlier in the day made its presence felt just as prizes were being handed out. No one leaves the WBGC Junior Open empty handed and the various winners for longest drives, best nine holes, etc all went away with happy memories and golfing goodies given as prizes but pride of place this year went to Ruaraidh Scullion who, with a magnificent 15-hole score of 46 off his handicap of 18, is the 2018 WBGC Junior Open Champion.

Thanks to all who turned up to help and support and once again to the Adair family for their generous and unwavering sponsorship of this event which is, after all, the future of the game and the club.

Fixtures: Wednesday July 25, The Jim Pirie Quaich, Stableford. Sunday July 29, Nestor's Jug, Stableford.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 19, Summers' open it was time for the future champions to enjoy themselves in the WBGC Junior Open. As usual Brian Adair and his army of family and friends put a great deal of effort into organising the course and competitions to suit the wide spread of ages of the many youngsters who turned up. They had a fun-filled morning that came to a conclusion just in time, as

Yellow Medal, CSS 61. 1 Bob Tait 85-24=61, 2 Lennie Herd 88-24=64.

Scratch James Gordon 81.

Saturday July 21, Club Championship final. In a truly epic final, Todd eventually beat Neil after 40 holes. Congratulations to Todd Jameson, Club Champion 2018 and well done to the runner up, Neil Stewart.

Sunday July 22, Summer Stableford, CSS 64. 1 Andy Smith 36pts BIH over, 2 Hugh McLelland 36pts, 3 Paul Jameson 33pts. Scratch Paul Cowan 27pts. Magic twos, Hugh McLelland @13th, Paul Cowan @10th. Congratulations to Hugh McLelland who won the twos accumulator as hole 13 was selected.

Fixtures: Saturday July 28, E I Cannon Charity Day, make up own fours, see starter for times. Sunday July 29, Hastings Cup final day, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday August 2, Summer Cup. Make up own games, see starter for times.

Ladies' Section: Annual Ladies' Open. The open this year was played over 15 holes omitting the 11th, 12th and 13th. The change to the format over the last two years has been an attempt to encourage more participants, however, the total of 42 players is still lower than hoped.

The overall winner this year was Margaret Robertson of Bogside Golf Club, Irvine. Margaret was part of last year's winning Tri-Am team and finds the



Competitors, families, friends and helpers at the WBGC Junior Open Championship.

course at Lamlash suits her game to a tee. Winner of the Scratch Trophy this year was Valerie Crawford with a 63.

Silver Division: 1 Sheena Murchie 64-13=51, 2 Fiona Henderson 66-13=53, 3 Carole Stewart 69-16=53, 4 Viv Parks 71-16=55. Bronze Division: 1 Jenny Pattendon 82-26=56, 2 Tricia Martin 84-27=57, 3 Frances Oxburgh 75-18=57, 4 Lesley Wood 76-18=57.

A large number of sponsors provided the ladies with an array of very attractive and varied prizes. The winners of the sponsored hole prizes were: Jan

Maxwell at the 1st, 5th, 9th and 17th, Alison Young at the 3rd, 8th and 10th, Lesley Wood at the 6th and 15th, Marilyn Middleton at the 7th, Pam McGregor at the 14th, Carole Stewart at the 16th, Gay MacKay at the 18th, fewest putts Rion Culpan and Kate McAdam 22.

The event, which was held in near-perfect conditions, was enjoyed by everyone. The committee would like to reiterate their thanks to all the sponsors and to the many helpers who contributed so much to the success of the day.

Shiskine Golf Club
Monday July 16, Cente-

nary Putter. 1 Elizabeth Kelso 22pts and Willie McNally 23pts = 45pts, 2 Alice Anderson 20pts and Rueben Betley 22pts = 42pts.

Thursday July 17, Ladies 12-hole medal. 1 Fiona Scott 55-15=40, 2 and scratch, Jenni Turnbull 50-8=42, 3 Liz Kerr 54-9=45.

Monday July 24, R&A regional finals of Coronation Foursomes at Hamilton Golf Course.

Jenni Turnbull and Alice Anderson represented Shiskine Golf Club and a great day was had, unfortunately they won't be in the finals at St Andrews in September.

Alice and Jenni have qualified for seven consecutive years in the Coronation Foursomes.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday July 18, Lady Mary, CSS 68, R/O. 1 Aileen Latona 97-23=74, 2 Kema Genda 87-12=75 BIH, 3 Elizabeth Ross 98-23=75. Peter Sutton, CSS 63. 1 Phil Betley 70-11=59, 2 Reuben Betley 90-28=62, 3 Hamish Bannatyne 68-5=63.

Tuesday July 24, Lady Mary, CSS 67. 1 Kema Genda 82-12=70, 2 Aileen Latona 98-23=75. Peter Sutton, CSS 62. 1 Reuben Betley 89-27=62, 2 Brian Sherwood 80-16=64, 3 Phil Betley 75-10=65 BIH. Magic twos Hamish Bannatyne @ 11th

Fixtures: Tuesday July 31, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 18 July, Summer Cup, 35 played, CSS 64. 1 Alastair Dobson 70-11=59 acb, 2 Jim Reid 77-18=59, Stan Brothers 73-13=60. Scratch Gordon Hendry 69.

Sunday 22 July, Navy Shield, 22 played, CSS 37 points. 1 Iain MacDonald (6)41pts, 2 Terry Raeside (11)40pts, 3 Stuart Brodie (16)38pts, acb.

Fixture: Sunday July 29, Club Trophy, entry sheet or turn up 8.30am or 12 noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday July 18, Fairs Cup. 1 R Logan 62-6=54 and scratch, 2 D Logan 71-11=60, 3 A Napier 72-9=62. Magic twos D Logan. Rab wins by a distance from the rest of the field. Saturday July 21, 18-hole medal. 1 D Logan 75-11=64, 2 A Napier 74-9=65, Scratch, W Paton 71. magic twos, D Logan.

Fixtures: Wednesday July 25, Summer Cup, ballot at 5pm. Saturday July 28, Crawford Cup, ballots at 9am and 2pm.



Whiting Bay Gents' Open trophy winners, Dougie Auld, Bank of Scotland Cup, Brian Adair, Seniors Shield, Captain Wolfi Kroner and WBGC Open Champion Graeme Mack with the Open Trophy and the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup.



WBGC Junior Open champion Ruaraidh Scullion with his trophy.



Trophy winners at the 2018 Showing Show.

Faye storms to top spot at Showing Show

The Arran Riding Club held its annual Showing Show on Sunday July 8 at Balgowan farm in Shiskine, by kind permission of the Tod family.

The showing championship was won by Faye Anderson and her horse Red Storm Rising. Reserve champion went to Danielle Mutch and Grants-town Unique. In the championship for working hunter classes Beth Hamilton and Kissme took the title with Rosie Wilkinson and Milo the reserve champion.

All riders, horses and ponies enjoyed the wonderful weather and the results were as follows: In hand horses and ponies five years and

over: 1 Faye Anderson and Red Storm Rising, 2 Eva McCrae and Stella S, 3 Jessica Tetlow and Ben, 4 Janis Murchie and Woody.

Showing Under saddle ponies 13.2hh and under: 1 Lily Currie and Missy, 2 Annie West and Harry Fudge, 3 Daisy McNamara and Fudge, 4 Rosie Wilkinson and Milo.

Showing under saddle ponies over 13.2hh and not exceeding 15hh: 1 Danielle Mutch and Grantstown Unique, 2 Clair Hendry and Colin, 3 Emma Popplewell and Emma of Craignetharty, 4 Liz Kennedy and Scole Turbo.

Showing under saddle horses over 15hh and not

exceeding 16hh: 1 Vicki Yuill and Velvet, 2 Janis Murchie and Island Boy, 3 Lois Ashley and Kippin, 4 Beth Hamilton and Kissme.

Showing under saddle horses 16hh and over: 1 Jen McNeish and RockhillAnaman, 2 Eilidh McNeil and Indie, 3 Hannah Bone and Tema, 4 Diane Lewis and Corrie.

Working/Handy Hunter rider 12 years and under. Jumps 30cm max: 1 Annie West and Harry Fudge, 2 Rosie Wilkinson and Milo, 3 Rosie McNamara and Prince, 4 Lisa Henderson and Teddy.

Novice Working Hunter. Jumps 60cm max: Junior 1 Lily Currie and Mis-

sy, 2 Daisy McNamara and Fudge. Senior 1 Beth Hamilton and Kissme, 2 Hollie Adamson and Ricki, 3 Emma Popplewell and Emma of Craignetharty, 4 Clair Hendy and Colin.

Open Working Hunter. Jumps 90cm max: 1 Hannah Bone and Tema, 2 Vicki Yuill and Velvet, 3 Eilidh McNeil and Indie, 4 Ealana Jean and Corrie.

Best Rider 10 years and under: 1 Rosie Wilkinson and Milo, 2 Rosie McNamara and Prince, 3 Eva McCrae and Fudge, 4 Lisa Henderson and Teddy.

Ridden Veteran – open to all horses and ponies 15 years and older: 1 Rosie Wilkinson and Milo, 2 Liz



Showing champion Faye Anderson with Red Storm Rising.



Faye Anderson with Red Storm Rising showing champion, right, and reserve champion Danielle Mutch with Grants-town Unique.



Working hunter champion Beth Hamilton with Kissme and reserve champion Rosie Wilkinson With Milo.

Kennedy and Scole Turbo, 3 Lily Currie and Missy, 4 Kirsty Morrison and Pearl.

Best Rider in show was awarded to Rosie Wilkinson. Horse/pony in best condition was given to RockhillAnaman, owned and ridden by Jen McNeish. Tack and turnout was awarded to Danielle Mutch and Grantstown Unique.

The club wishes to thank the judges for travelling to Arran for the day, all horses,

ponies, riders and spectators for coming along and supporting and a special thanks to the Tod family for hosting the event at Balgowan Farm so successfully once again.

The next event will be a training camp on Saturday July 21 followed by The Jumping Derby on Sunday July 22.

Check the club Facebook page and website for updates and further information.

Northend's joy at first league win of the season

But sorrow for Shiskine's depleted squad

The tables were turned in Monday night's football fixture when, in a surprising move that was hard to predict, beleaguered Northend defeated Lamlash to score their first league points of the season in a game against battle hardened Lamlash.

In the second game of the evening, Southend lay siege to a hastily arranged Shiskine team who were mercilessly defeated in a game that resulted in a one-goal reply against their victors' riotous run of 16.

Arran Dairies League

Lamlash	0
Northend	1

Northend pulled off a historic victory against Lamlash behind the high school on Monday night. The Lochranza men finally got some points on the board for the first time this season in a shock win against the Neil Young Joinery boys.

However, there may have been signs it was coming, as they beat Shiskine in

the opening Arran Haulage Cup game at the start of the season. On Monday Northend top goal scorer Andy McNamara got the only goal of the game.

Bit of class

Andy's nephew Robbie was back in the Northend colours for his first game of the season and brought a bit of class to the side and was given the man-of-the-match award by referee Greg McCrae.

Greg had to dish out yel-

low cards to Lamlash players David Copperwheat and Jamie Sillars while Robbie also went in the book for the North.

Northend will look to push on from this and make a good finish to the league, but it might take them a while to recover from the celebrations of Monday night.

One fan said: 'Very, very well done. This was a great result and one the boys should be proud of.'



The Northend team, pictured earlier in the season, who recorded their first league win. 01_B30footy04



A Southend shot which this time went wide. 01_B30footy02



Shiskine put up a spirited fight, despite the scoreline. 01_B30footy03

Arran Dairies League

Southend	16
Shiskine	1

Southend inflicted their biggest ever defeat against Shiskine in the other game of the night.

The away team have to be credited for fulfilling the fixture as they had a very depleted squad which included two poor guys having to be plucked from the Kinloch Hotel bar to make the trip to Whiting Bay.

The goal scorers for Southend were Lewis Kennedy with 4, Ryan Armstrong

2, Donald Park 2, Stephen Judge 2, James Mutch 2, Gregor Crichton, Corey Allen, Liam Bremner and James Currie.

A special mention to young William Sillars who had gone to watch his dad Willie play for Southend but ended up coming on in the second half for Shiskine to make his debut up against his old man. A definite player in the making.

It was another youngster, 14-year-old James Currie, who picked up his fourth man-of-the-match title of the season.

An amazing achievement for someone so young who seems to grow in confidence with every game he plays.

Scott Currie from the BBC will be coming to Arran on Monday July 30, to film football on Arran.

He aims to look at football in rural island communities and he will also touch on Arran's bid to get into an Ayrshire league.

In the Monday fixtures Northend will take on Brodick at 7pm while Shiskine will face Lamlash at 6.30pm.



Southend start another attack in the middle of the park. 01_B30footy01

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Northend's joy at first league win of the season

Triumphant return for Taekwondo champions

Arran can now boast being home to three European Taekwondo champions after welcoming home the martial arts masters who competed at the International Taekwondo Federation European Championships held at Woking, England earlier this month. Part of the Scotland team at the international event were father and son Dariusz, 33 and Patryk Gwizdowski, 12, along with 16-year-old Fireun Hunter, all from Whiting Bay, who had previously gone through qualify-

ing stages at club and Scottish levels to be part of the team. Fireun, who took gold at the Scottish Championships at Grangemouth during June, went to the European Championships as Scottish champion in his category. The first day of the European Championships, which started with the black belt category, saw both Dariusz and Patryk taking part. Dariusz easily took gold in the special techniques category and went on to win two more gold medals in other cat-

egories while Patryk took bronze in two different disciplines. The second day was for the colour belts and Fireun Hunter was expected to do well in the sparring ring. He did not disappoint, taking gold at his level and going on to take an impressive silver in a category five levels above his current grade. He also continued his medal count with a gold in the second of only two categories open to colour belts. Arran Taekwondo instructor John Divine said: 'All in all, an impressive performance by these boys and the rest of the team they travelled with. We as a club are buoyed by these achievements which are the best to date in our relatively short existence. 'All three have now qualified for the 2019 World Championships which will be held in Sardinia, Italy during May next year. Our focus now is on those championships and making sure more of our students get the opportunity to qualify and take part in them.' Arran Taekwondo classes take place at Lamlash and Brodick where the two clubs are run by instructors John Divine, Debbie McNally and Adrian Cannon. Classes take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are for both juniors and adults.



Proud instructor John Divine with his three champion students.



Dariusz and Patryk Gwizdowski and Fireun Hunter with their medal haul.



Arran Taekwondo students welcome the returning champions back after their success at the European Championships.

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