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Ray is found by brother she never knew existed

'When I saw Jack, we just immediately gelled'

REPORT
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Through a remarkable piece of detective work, an Arran grandmother has been found by a brother she never knew she had.

And last week he and his family flew nearly 4,000 miles to meet Ray Galbraith for the first time in emotional encounter on the island.

Jack Jones, who is now 88, was conceived after a liaison between Ray's father, Willie Stewart, and a maid visiting Arran with a family from Glasgow. The maid, Sadie Izzat, fled to Canada without telling anyone, even her closest family, that she was pregnant.



Dad Willie Stewart.

Jack was born in Fort William, Ontario, on May 8, 1928, and was brought up by his mother who later married and had more children. It is thought Willie Stewart went to his grave without ever knowing anything about the child.

On Arran, Willie later married his first wife, with whom he had five children. He then married for a second time, to Ray's mum Grace Latona from Brodick, with whom he had three children. Willie died aged 68 in 1973 and Grace 18 years ago.

Ray, who is 69, and lives with husband Donald at Balmichael, told *The Banner* of the joy of meeting a brother whom she did not know existed. Ray said: 'When I saw Jack we just immediately gelled. There are a lot of family resemblances. It's been wonderful having this experience.'

'Everyone has been so warm. It is as if we have always been a close family.'

The story, which could be straight out of the hit TV show *Long Lost Families*, starts in Greenock where Willie Stewart was one of a family of 11 who all emigrated to America, except



Far right: Ray with her long lost brother Jack and his wife Lanny and the rest of the family, left to right, Linda Mathieu and husband Ray Jones with Lorine and Peter Petkau. 01_B31brother01

him. Instead he came to Arran in the 1920s to work as an apprentice butcher and would only have been around 18 when he had the liaison with Sadie. He later continued his apprenticeship on Kintyre where he met his first wife and returned to Arran where he worked for butcher Walter Elliot before setting up in business himself.

Last August Ray got a phone call out of the blue

from Jack's daughter, Lorine Petkau, in Canada, telling her that while researching her family tree her dad she found out the man he had called 'dad' all his life was not his real father. She had made contact with the Stewarts who lived in the States and, through them, had made contact with Ray.

The family, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, had in fact visited Arran three years ago, but with little to go on

they had left the island none the wiser.

The family then came to *The Banner*, placing an advert in the paper in December 2014 looking for Stewart descendants and using a photograph of Sadie, in what is thought must have been a hired car outside the Trafalgar Guest House in Whiting Bay and a photo of Jack in his younger days. Even then Ray said: 'At the

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Brodick beach raises £5,000 target in days

An appeal to raise money for major improvements to Brodick beach has reached its £5,000 target in just 12 days.

The crowdfunding initiative by the Brodick Improvements Committee to raise initial funding to help restore the beach has exceeded all expectations, with members 'shocked' at the speed the money was raised.

The appeal, which saw the group use a JustGiving page for the first time, received the solid backing of both residents and businesses to raise the funds so quickly.

Words of support and encouragement have included: 'If we all give a little, we can achieve a lot', a sentiment encouraged on an Arran-based Facebook page where users were encouraged to donate £5 to the cause.

However, as the appeal, launched in *The Banner* two weeks ago, was only the first stage of fundraising, and it will remain open with donations still being sought.

A spokesman for committee said: 'The cost of this work is expensive and we welcome further funding to help us get this established before the end of summer.'

If you wish to contribute, the website for online donation is at www.crowdfunding.justgiving.com/brodick-improvements.

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Ray meets her new family

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 time I wondered if it may be something to do with me, but at the time I never thought any more about it. I didn't have any idea – none of us did. Even when the family were here three years ago they must have driven past my house several times.'

Finally, after making contact and a series of emails and letters and photographs between Scotland and Can-

ada, Ray was asked if she would be willing to provide a DNA sample, which she did. The result was positive and she had a new member of the family. It was then arranged for them to come over and finally meet.

The Canadian family spent a week on Arran and left last Friday having visited the home of Willie Stewart which was at Granite House near Kilpatrick, as well as Roadend in

Shiskine, where Sadie the maid had spent the holiday with the family from Glasgow. They also visited Shiskine cemetery where Willie and other family members are buried as well as the Trafalgar Guest House in Whiting Bay, where the search partly began, along with Glenashdale Falls and the distillery.

Ray, who has four children of her own, two of them still on Arran, and



Ray with her new extended family outside her home.



Ray studies the correspondence she has had with Canada.

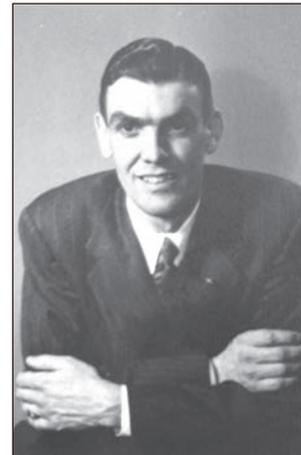
eight grandchildren, built the butcher's shop in Blackwaterfoot with husband Donald which they ran for 37 years before retiring five years ago.

Ray said: 'It has all been a bit of a whirlwind but I am delighted to have discovered I have a long lost brother, which is all a bit surreal and to have met my new extended family.'

And will she be making a return trip to Canada? 'We'll see how it goes this year and maybe head over next year.'



Sadie Izzat in the car at the Trafalgar Guest House in the 1920s.



A picture of Jack Jones when he was younger.

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Feis workshops prove a big musical hit

Preparations for the Feis Arainn concert have been under way throughout the week with a series of Gaelic singing and traditional instrument workshops, held in the Arran high school, which culminate in the final

concert which is being held today (Friday).

Pupils practised their Gaelic singing with well known and popular Mairi Macinnes who prepared the young singers for the Feis song which is traditionally

sung at the end of the concert.

To accompany the singing and drama, tutored by Dougie Beck, seven traditional musical instruments were taught: clarsach, accordion, drums, fiddle, guitar, and the pipes and chanter. Preparing the backdrop for the concert and getting little hands full of paint was tutor Cil Paul who also taught the children Celtic art.

Organiser Aileen McLaughlin and Feis development officer Rowan Paterson oversaw the fun training events now in their 17th year and which are open to children between the ages of eight and 18.

Tutors this year were: accordion, Gary Innes; Celtic art, Cil Paul; clarsach,



Becky Hill taught the clarsach to a group of nimble fingered children. 01_B31feis02



Pupils and tutors are pictured at the start of the Gaelic workshops. 01_B31feis01

Becky Hill; drama, Dougie Beck; drums, Allan MacDonald; fiddle, Gillian Frame; guitar, Findlay Napier; pipes, chanter and whistle, Lorne MacDougall; singing, Mairi Macinnes. The Feis Arainn concert is held in the community theatre at the high school today (Friday) at 2pm.

* See next week's edition of *The Arran Banner* for a picture special of the event.



Gary Innes and his pupils share a laugh in his accordion workshop. 01_B31feis03



Findlay Napier taught the guitar workshops. 01_B31feis04

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New bus terminus opens

Pier works ahead of schedule

The new bus terminus at Brodick ferry terminal opens today (Friday).

It marks the latest milestone in the £22.2 million redevelopment with contractor George Leslie Ltd one week ahead of schedule and moving on to the next phase.

The second phase has now been completed which has now seen, along with six new bus stances, the new terminal's foundations, ground and first floor concrete floors installed and the main steel frame substantially completed. On the site, the east and west revetment rock core has been completed along with

the secondary and primary armour and wall construction. On the south side of the new pier, the piling and construction operations have also been completed.

Phase three will last for approximately 10 weeks, with a scheduled completion date of Monday October 3. The old bus stance will now close and construction work will start shortly on the new marshalling area access road at the west end of the site.

In addition, the external and internal walls of the terminal will be constructed and work will continue on the roof. On the site, the work on the east and west

revetment area will continue and the precast concrete retaining walls, which are already in place, will see additional primary rock armour added to the front of the retaining wall on the seaward side to protect against wind and wave action.

The majority of the primary rock armour toe is now below sea level which means that the contractor will, in the next few weeks, be able to send an additional 900 tonnes of sand for Brodick Improvements Committee to put down on Brodick beach.

The new pier construction is continuing according to schedule, with new pier piles being delivered and driven into position. Once all the piles are driven in, precast concrete crossbeams will be installed on top of the new pier piles where pre-stressed



A bird's eye view of the new bus terminus just prior to completion. 01_B31terminal01

concrete beams will go between the crossbeams to allow the main pier deck construction to begin.

Other changes affecting passengers over the next few weeks will include pedestrian access being altered to the new bus and the existing ferry terminal building which will allow access to both areas.

Access from the temporary marshalling area to the existing terminal building and pier will be re-routed to the north side of the new bus terminals to allow car passengers to board the ferry on foot if required and allow safe access to and from the terminal building facilities, if required.

The temporary pedestrian walkway installed along the north side of Market Road will be resurfaced and will

still remain in use. Vehicular ferry traffic will continue to use the temporary marshalling area until completion of phase three, and the temporary ticket office and mobility impaired toilet facilities will remain in place until phase four.

A spokeswoman for owner Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) said: 'We are very grateful for the continued understanding and patience of the public throughout the project.

'In the interests of safety, passengers and vehicle owners using the facilities should adhere to guidance provided by the ferry and bus operators.'

The Brodick ferry terminal redevelopment is scheduled for completion in August 2017.

Competition winners

The winners of The Arran Banner competition marking the 21st anniversary of the Arran Distillery, have been drawn at random from a hat.

The winning entries, who will each receive a copy of *The Arran Malt – An Island Whisky Renaissance*, which have been signed by the author Neil Wilson, are: Patricia Gibb of Perth and Andrew Cuthbertson of Lochranza. They correctly answered that the distillery started producing whisky in 1995.

Congratulations to the two winners who will each receive a free copy of the coffee table book which is available at the distillery, bookshops and at www.arranwhisky.com and Neil Wilson Publishers Ltd.

British Legion reform bid

A move is being made to re-establish the Royal British Legion on Arran.

The organisation disbanded on the island in 2005 through a lack of support, but now a group of ex-servicemen have got together to try to reform it.

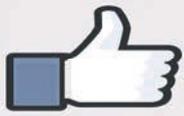
A meeting has been arranged which will be held in the Douglas Hotel, Brodick, on Thursday, August 4 at 2pm to which all ex-servicemen on the island are invited.

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Another successful year as ArCaS hands over £63,000

The charity shop of the Arran Cancer Support Trust (ArCaS) had another successful trading year.

The 27th annual general meeting of ArCaS held in the Glen Cloy suite at the Auchrannie Spa heard the shop at Brodick pier made £102,065 and £7,073 was received in donations for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2016.

Over the same period, patient transport costs were £30,552 and the gifts made by ArCaS totalled £63,011. They were given to: GP services £4,298, complementary services £1,290, Arran War Memorial Hospital £3,300 and mainland hospitals received £54,123. This included £26,000 to the Maggie's Centre in Glasgow, to provide therapies for cancer patients.

The trust was set up in 1989 to help relieve the suffering and distress of peo-

ple with cancer on Arran. Their fundraising takes the form of a charity shop at the pier in Brodick selling items provided by the generous donations of Arran people and staffed by volunteers.

The funds raised are used to provide transport to hospitals on the mainland for cancer patients. Any excess funds are dispersed to the community nurses, Arran general surgeries and mainland hospitals that provide diagnostic services and support for cancer patients and their carers.

The trustees are: Douglas Johnston (chairman), Elizabeth Ross (treasurer), Keith Cheshire (transport coordinator), Janet Rawlin (secretary), Aileen Auld and Andrew Walsh. Committee members are: Sue Girbow (shop manager), Lisa Remington and Jan Grant (assistant shop managers).

Kelly Craig from the Maggie's Centre gave a very interesting and informative talk, explaining to the meeting the services and support offered to cancer patients and their families by the centre.

She thanked ArCaS for the donation which will provide courses at the centre on mindfulness, relaxation and expressive writing.

The trustees and committee of ArCaS would like to thank the generous people of Arran for their donations and support. They would also like to thank all the volunteers who have staffed the shop and all the mainland drivers for their excellent service.

If anyone wishes to know more about ArCaS and the support offered to cancer patients, please stop by the shop and pick up a booklet or visit www.arrancancer-support.org.

Garden party recognition for charity

A group of ArCaS members were honoured to be invited to the Queen's garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse recently.

Dressed in their finery, they joined the thousands there, similarly bedecked, listening to the bands playing, partaking of the excellent sandwiches, cakes, tea and ice cream and watching the Queen, dressed in bright yellow, talking to selected people from the throng.

Also meeting folk from all walks of life across Scotland were the Princess Royal, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Earl of Wessex.

The rain held off thankfully until it was over when the members of the party left with a feeling of sat-



ArCas chairman Douglas Johnston and wife Piet, with Elizabeth and Marshall Ross at the garden party. Anne and Keith Cheshire and Sue and Steve Girbow also attended.

isfaction that ArCaS had a valuable contribution to been recognised as making the community.

Cathie lifts Jacqui Murie Trophy

The Whiting Bay dog training classes recently completed their indoor winter/spring sessions, but their move out to Sandbraes Park with the agility kit is being delayed owing to the school holidays.

The first agility day in the park will be on Wednesday August 17, and it will, hopefully, run from then until the end of September, before moving indoors again.

The group recently had a trophy very kindly donated by Jan Shirley in memory of her mum, Jacqui Murie, who ran the dog training classes a number of years ago.

The Jacqui Murie Memorial Trophy will be awarded on an annual basis along with a gift voucher sponsored by Jan.

Category

The club will decide on a year to year basis which category will get the award, be it best puppy, best test results or most improved dog.

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Sam Fleming of East Kilbride is photographed with Stormy Stan, the RNLI mascot. 01_B31emerg02



David and Anna Peebles of Glasgow test drive an all-terrain vehicle. 01_B31emerg03



The chip pan fire demonstration unit attracted a large audience. 01_B31emerg10



Arran's emergency services' staff posing for a photo.

Services put prove we're i

Words and pictures COLIN SMEETON
 Wrapping up an exciting week of activities, the emergency services display day held at Sandbraes last Saturday ensured that the Whiting Bay fun week ended with a flourish.

The latest addition to the summer calendar saw the emergency services of fire, ambulance, Coastguard, mountain rescue and the lifeboat demonstrating their tools and equipment in an impressive display that showcased their abilities.

Ardrossan station commander and Arran supervisory manager of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Greig Fleming, along with

his team, demonstrated the equipment used for road traffic accidents including cutters and spreaders for freeing occupants from vehicles, lifting mats that could raise vehicles for trapped casualties and the Lamlash fire engine which children could climb into and explore. They also held an impressive chip pan fire demonstration which illustrated to the large crowd how quickly these things can get out of control and also how to deal with it.

Advice
 Offering advice too was husband and wife team Helen and David Graham of the Scottish Ambulance Service. They showed a line of waiting children what

the inside of an ambulance looked like and also allowed them to lie on the stretchers while the medics attended to their 'injuries'. Neck braces were placed on them and they had slings put on their arms. Some lucky ones were also allowed to have a short blast of the siren while others were allowed to switch on the flashing blue lights. Not just for children, adults were shown how to perform CPR and other emergency procedures which ambulance staff and first responders demonstrated on CPR dummies in a triage tent.

RNLI mascot Stormy Stan and Arran lifeboat crew member David Ingham posed for photos with chil-



Evelyn Thomson, an Arran west coast first responder demonstrates CPR to the Peebles family. 01_B31emerg06



Greig Fleming and his team from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service demonstrated their road rescue equipment. 01_B31emerg04



Children and adults climb into the RNLI emergency lifeboat with the assistance of Stormy Stan. 01_B31emerg08



Through all terrains, visitors were able to climb into the AMRT Argocat. 01_B31emerg11



Volunteers and staff pose for a group photo. 01_B31emerg01

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children and answered any question that the visitors had. A sizeable display of equipment used in sea rescues was available for people to see and many children clamored into an emergency raft, complete with RNLI helmets and life vests.

Popular

Proving almost as popular were the Arran Mountain Rescue Team's Argocat rides, which were available to the children. The team set up a climbing wall which illustrated some of the difficulties with mountaineering rescues which take place on Arran's hills. Children were outfitted with safety harnesses and climbed up the wall and gained a bird's eye view

of their parents before abseiling down again.

Demonstrating equipment and providing sage advice too were Paul Archer and Fiona Laing of the Coastguard who hosted a demonstration of a hoist and the large amount of equipment which is regularly used in cliff, coast and water rescues. The bright red dry-suits and Coastguard helicopter landing lights attracted a large amount of interest from the children.

Organiser of the event Gary Lewis, of the Scottish Ambulance Service, said: 'We thought that this would be an interesting event for the public and their families to come and meet the silent he-

roes and volunteers who so generously give their time and energy to help others. It is useful for children to become familiar with these people and the equipment they use so that they are not afraid of them but also to enthuse the next generation of volunteers and retained crew.

'The entire event also allowed adults to familiarise themselves with what is required to be a member of any one of these services and hopefully it will encourage some recruitment which is always required on the island. We would like to thank everyone for their time and for the fantastic amount of local support and appreciation that we have received.'



Members of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service with traffic accident equipment.



Children were taken for a ride on the tractor.



Husband and wife medics Helen and David Graham attend to Luke McIntyre of Blantyre who 'sustained numerous injuries'. 01_B31emerg05



The Scottish Ambulance Service had various emergency vehicles on display. 01_B31emerg09



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The Swan lifts the top prize

There was a bumper entry for the beach sculpture competition held at part of the Whiting Bay fun week.

A total of 22 teams entered the event and spent last Wednesday afternoon creating their masterpieces over two hours on the beach which, after a wet and windy start, ended with the prize-giving bathed in sunshine.

Deliberation

Judging, as always, was carried out by Arran sculptor Tim Pomeroy and, after

much deliberation, he chose the sculpture of a swan, created by a team calling themselves The Swans, as the winning family entry. The team also picked up the coveted people's choice award, which comes with a handsome trophy. Highly commended were Dinosaur, HMS EU, Rainbow Dawn and Arran Express.

First prize in the adult section went to The Kelpies, of Keith and Maureen Robertson, and herbal student Roberta Jones with their

Willow Kelpie who were also the runners-up in the people's choice award.

Crocodile

The children's section was won by Team Islay for their crocodile sculpture, with HMS Max Boat and the wedding cake sculptures highly commended.

One of the organisers said: 'The event always brings a good crowd though and is such a lovely family event, even on a damp windy day.'

* See back page for more fun week news.



The Swans with their winning sculpture. 01_B31sand07



The winning family team of The Swans with their people's choice trophy.

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Strength of community spirit

The summer is in full swing on Arran and, boy, there is a lot going on.

The island is packed with visitors and all over there are fetes, galas, coffee mornings and events for kids. You name it, you'll find it.

What is maybe sometimes forgotten is that a lot of the events rely on volunteers to set them up and run them. And not just on the day. The big gala days and fun weeks need a serious amount of organisation and planning, as well as fundraising over the course of the year. For all those who enjoy and come out for the events that is maybe sometimes forgotten.

There are unsung heroes in all the villages but perhaps Whiting Bay has this year been a stand-out for community spirit. It started two weeks ago with the splendid memories event, which people are still taking about, followed by a great raft race and Bay Queen crowning event. But throughout the fun week the events have been well supported, including the beach sculpture. And it was good to see the emergency services getting involved with their new display day at Sandbraes, which proved really popular.

In the south, Kildonan had a successful fun week, while Lamash had a Heather Queen day to remember.

Brodick Highland Games day is yet to come but preparations are well under way followed by the Brodick Improvement Committee's beach barbecue the next day.

That will be used to raise more funds for the beach which this week also showed the community getting behind them with their appeal raising £5,000 in a matter of days.

And, of course, the biggest community event of the year is just around the corner as the Arran Farmers Show takes centre stage – not forgetting the great SWI show on the same day.

So I think it is fair to say that one thing Arran certainly does not lack is a sense of community which can embrace both locals and visitors alike.

We just hope the weather looks down on us kindly.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love and honour one another above yourselves.' (Romans 12: 9-10)

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Letters to the Editor



Right of reply

Sir,
Up until now your reporting in relation to the Holy Isle community wind project has been very even-handed, which we have appreciated. However, your recent article in *The Arran Banner* dated July 23 contains an inaccuracy which we feel needs to be corrected.

The reference and information relating to the planning approval of 1998 is the same as that which was included in the previous application of November 2015. The difference between the wind project planning application submitted in November 2016 and the present re-application is the number and location of the turbines at the south of the island, together with the radar consultants' report concerning these turbines. There are also some very minor updates to the ecological assessment.

Otherwise the original application and re-application are identical.

Yours,
Howard Sargent,
c/o Holy Isle reception.

* *Editor's note: The Banner made a number of attempts to contact Mr Sargent ahead of publication but understand he was on holiday. No one else could be reached for comment.*

A lost respect

Sir,
I wrote some of my views to you in December 2015 and January 2016. It is shocking and devious the way the Rokpa Trust is persisting with this ugly project and spending a lot of money in hiring consultants and research professionals in order to turn against the wishes of the Arran Community Council plus thousands of people including Arran residents.

Devious? The monks spend months researching new ways to get their ill-gotten gains and then leave a couple of weeks for people to object when they find out what is going on. I think my instincts eight months ago reflected an accurate assessment of the Rokpa Trust and the residing monks. So much for their Ten Precepts and Five Golden Rules. I have now lost respect for them and have now cancelled my proposed visit to the Holy Isle when visiting Arran later in August.

As Donald McNicol said, the Trust may aspire to be completely independent of the Arran or wider community but the reality is that it is part of the community, both local and national and has benefited from financial support from government and our local goodwill. So the monks use our financial goodwill to help foist an eyesore that the Arran Community Council strongly object to. The council speaks for all the people, including tourists, who are against the turbines on the Holy Isle.

The Banner has done an excellent job in reporting

this turbine situation and I hope that many people will quickly express their views. Those opposed should rail against the monks and seek our own professional consultations with Prestwick Airport and environmental agencies. We are blessed with a strong, well run community council and hopefully a supportive North Ayrshire Council.

A clean fight you say? Well, I would watch your back with the Rokpa Trust, which has shown its modus operandi – so full throttle to rid us of this environmental threat. Let's fly the banner for the Isle of Arran.

Yours,
Edward Jackson,
Glasgow.

Save the Children

Sir,
On behalf of Save the Children Arran branch, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to raising the grand total of £977.40 at our summer fair on Thursday July 7. As you rightly said in your article covering the event, the money does provide much needed care for children in both the UK and abroad. The next opportunity to support the

charity is the Shiskine family ceilidh on Friday August 19 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from local outlets and committee members.

Yours,
Carol King,
Save the Children.

Fundraising success

Sir,
A few weeks ago an article appeared in *The Banner* about my fundraising efforts towards a Himalayan research and youth development expedition.

I am pleased to say that we have raised a whopping £3,300 towards this goal meaning that I was able to leave for northern India last Friday.

Big thanks to all who have supported me throughout the fundraising, donated and taken an interest.

In particular, I would like to mention the Arran Society of Glasgow, Arran Rotary Club and McKean Developments for their generous donations and also my friends and family for their continued support.

Yours,
Jessica Gillson,
Catacol.

Quiz ready for open studio weekend

The Arran Open Studios (AOS) weekend is looming large on the near horizon. There are several events associated with this blossoming island event and one of them is a children's quiz.

Organisers have asked participating artists to provide one question about their own studio or work. The question can only really be answered if the child and, organisers hope, parents, visit as many studios as possible to discover the answers. A few examples are:

* In which studio will you find a tea-cup tree?

* In which studio can you see a fossilised dragon?

* At Studio 36, name the stained glass flowers surrounding the front door?

No, of course there are no answers here.

Families have to visit studios to discover them. And there are 26 questions – so much detective work has to be done.

There is, of course, a bumper prize from AOS for the most complete set of answers and organisers wish everyone luck and encourage eager seekers to treat the quiz as a treasure hunt or quest.

Artists at the studios will happily help out with clues and pointers. Full lists of questions will be available from post offices, participating studios and the Visit Arran office.

The open studios weekend is being held from August 12-15 and the AOS 2016 brochure is available now. More information can be gleaned from that or from a visit to www.arranopenstudios.com or by phoning Ruth on 820373.

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Papa Bill to sell club's first ever cup winners' medal

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The medal from Celtic Football Club's first ever cup win in the club's inaugural 1888/89 season will be the star attraction in McTear's works of art auction next month, with experts placing an estimate of between £10,000 and £20,000 on the piece.

Celtic legend James McLaughlin (1864-1946), who played a key role in the club's 6-1 win against Cowairs in the Glasgow North-Eastern Cup on Saturday, May 11, 1889, later passed the medal to his grandson Bill.

Now 83 years old, the lifelong Celtic fan believes it

is time for another football fan to become custodian of the historical piece.

'I was very close to my grandpa. He was a fantastic player and would tell me marvellous stories about his time at Celtic and his career as a top referee afterwards. It was because of him that I became a Celtic supporter.

'One day he called me into his room where I found him and his eldest daughter Cis. He showed me the medal and said: 'This is for you but, until you are old enough to look after it, I am asking Cissie to take care of it for you.' She duly passed it on to me and from then on I wore it round my neck on a gold chain.

Bill, who was recently made the honorary vice-president of Arran Rugby Club, where he is

universally known as 'Papa

Bill', said: 'My two sons and my daughter are all rugby people but with a continuing interest in and love of Celtic, and were all present at the rededication of my grandpa's grave by the Celtic Graves Society. They love the stories behind the medal but when we talked about what should happen to it in the future we all felt that it would be entirely appropriate for it to be passed to a football fan who would treasure it.'

Debut

James McLaughlin played for Celtic for two seasons as a full back and then goalkeeper, and made his debut in the first ever Old Firm game against Rangers on Monday May 28, 1888, which Celtic won 5-2. There was no Scottish league in those early days so McLaughlin and his team mates only played in cup and challenge matches.

The young McLaughlin made a huge impact on the team and was later made an offer by Arsenal – which he turned down.

James loved his time at Celtic and when asked about his team-mates was quoted as saying: 'They are a grand bunch of fellows to know.'

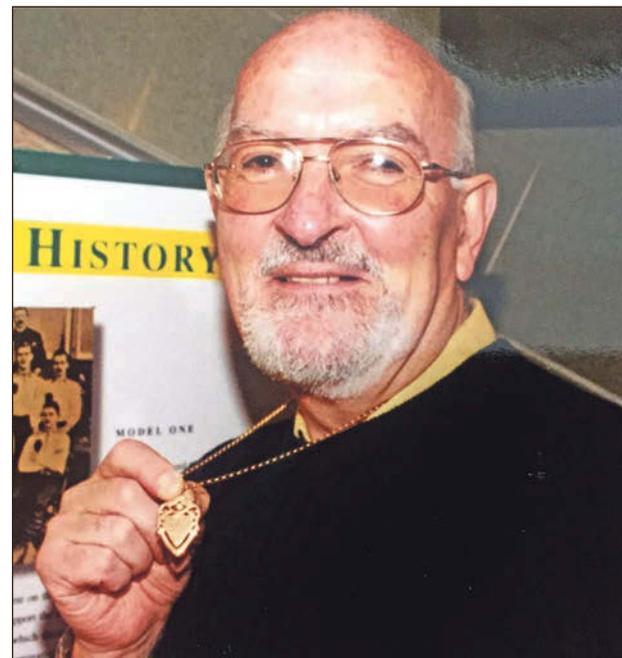
In later years James would go on to play for Glasgow Hibs and then Battlefield.

Commenting on the medal, McTear's managing director, Brian Clements, said: 'Celtic have picked up dozens of trophies over

the years but the first competition ever won by the club is something very special indeed. The team from that first winning season in 1888/89 have gone down in Celtic folklore and to have one of the medals come to auction from that important period in the club's history is quite exceptional.

'There was a huge amount of interest in the gold replica European Cup that McTear's sold a few weeks ago and I have no doubt that this very special piece of sporting memorabilia will attract similar interest from football fans and collectors across the world.'

The James McLaughlin medal will feature in McTear's works of art auction in Glasgow on Friday August 12.



Bill McLaughlin with the medal his grandfather, James McLaughlin, won in Celtic's first ever cup win in season 1888-89.



James McLaughlin is pictured with his medal.

Come and sing your heart out

This year, as part of the McLellan Arts Festival, some Arran singers will be joining the wonderful young opera students from the Royal Northern College Manchester in a joyous oratorio – Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*. And they need more Arran singers.

For the past five years a community choir from Arran, which has been named the McLellan Festival Chorus, has sung with the students from Peter Wilson's summer school.

Those who have done it have loved it and there is no need to be nervous if you have not done it before or don't know the Rossini – it is all made possible somehow and the results are amazing.

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ducted by Alec Crowe make you feel like a professional.

All are welcome to take part. There will be four rehearsals before the event: on Saturday August 20 from 2-4pm, Thursday August 25 from 7.30-9.30pm, both in Lamlash Church Hall, and then Tuesday August 30 and Thursday September 1 from 7.30-9.30pm at Altachorvie, Lamlash, with a dress rehearsal on Sunday morning before the performance.

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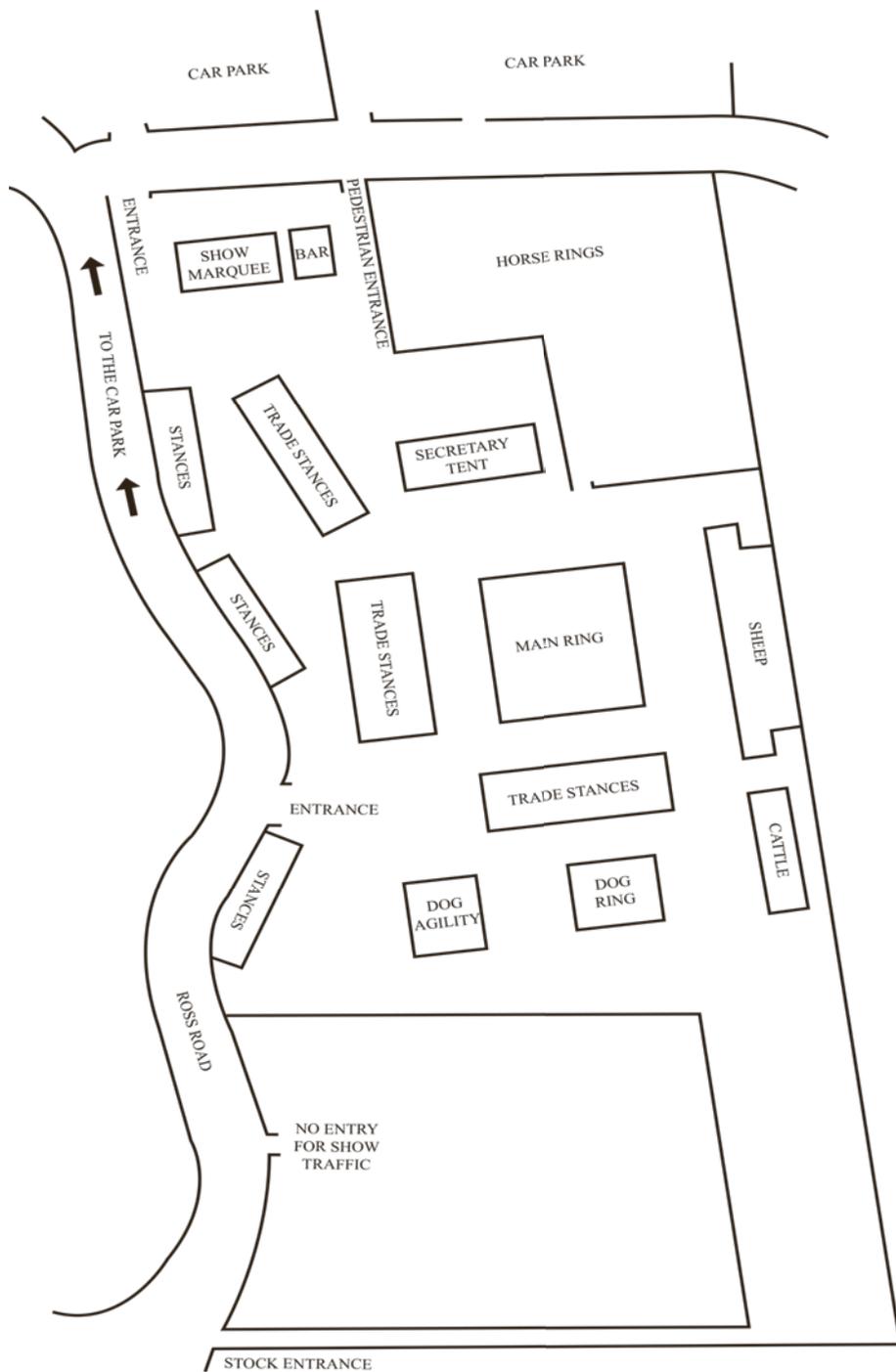
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Arran Farmers' Society

Wednesday 3rd August 2016



One of the main events of the summer season is almost here. For the 180th time the Arran Farmers' Society Show takes place at Glenkiln Farm in Lam-lash on Wednesday. The show is steeped in tradition and as well as a celebration of all farming life on Arran it is day of family fun with top attraction the top Scottish eque-strian stunt display team Riders of the

Storm, back this year by popular de-mand. Organisers are certainly hoping for better weather after torrential rain tried to spoil the show last year which caused the cancellation of the popu-lar vintage tractor parade due at 10.30am. The judging of the overhead champion is at 2.30pm followed by the prizegiving.

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The Society are holding their Grand Prize Draw, once again, to raise much needed funds. This years prizes are 5 x £100 Cash Prizes, donated by the Society, ALKO '425 Special' Lawnmower - courtesy of R & L Miller Ltd., Dalry, 3 night stay for up to 6 people, and 2 x Mini Kegs of Kinloch Hotel Uisge Dubh Ale - courtesy



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11am	Pet Lamb judging
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This year the Brodick Highland Games will see one of the toughest fields of heavy athletes in the event's history at Ormidale Park next Saturday.

Leading the field is seven-time Scotland's strongest man Jamie Barr, who is also bringing the world famous McGlashan Stones, lifted by the likes of Jon Paul Sigmanson, Geoff Capes and Magnus Ver Magnuson, to name a few. There are five stones in total, spherical in shape, and ranging from 90kg-130kg. They are lifted from the ground onto large whisky barrels. This event has been the final event in the world's strongest man competition for more than 20 years in one form or another.

Made from Scottish sandstone, the McGlashan Stones have travelled far and wide in their challenge to the world's top strength athletes and are visiting Arran for the first time.

As well as his multiple Scotland's strongest man titles, Jamie has competed at the world's strongest man competition twice, once in Malta and once in Morocco. In addition to the McGlashan Stones, he is bringing the 'farmers walk' equipment for the audience to get a chance to feel how heavy they are before the athletes attempt to lift them. Jamie is a very accomplished athlete in Highland games, recently competing for the world masters championship.

As well as Jamie and the stones, the pre-entries to the open heavy events at the games, to be held on Saturday August 6, is excellent with more in-form athletes than ever before.

The entries so far include:

Ernie Weir

A local man, Ernie is now in his 10th year competing and has improved his distances and technique every year. He has had nine competitions under his belt this year so far. He feels that he is reaching a peak now at the right time. He is a good all-rounder but specialises in the caber, which is unsurprising as he works all day as a forester, driving a harvester. He provides cabers to some of the top games around Scotland. Standing 6ft 2in tall and 240lbs, he is a big man. He feels that he will produce his best distances this year and be able to unseat Scott Clark. Could 2016 be the year of the Weir?

Steven King

Seven-time world caber tossing champion and former world record holder in the 16lb and 22lb hammers, and defending open champion at Brodick. Steven is always in good shape and will be difficult to beat this year. He possesses incredible natural strength and, at over 6ft tall and 20 stone, he is a formidable athlete. He is very capable of breaking some of the ground records at Brodick this year.

Pete Hart

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Ernie Weir tosses the caber.



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n coming to Brodick

ant of a man. He is the heaviest man competing in the event, but not the tallest. He is incredibly powerful. Because of this his favoured events are the weight over the bar and the caber, so this should be a good competition for him. Pete is originally from New Zealand but came to Scotland in 1994, married a bonnie Scots lass and has been resident ever since. He can be very jovial but behind that he is very competitive and will want to win.

Craig Nicholson

Craig, from Oban, is in his fifth full season of throwing in Highland games and has chalked up some impressive victories at Lochaline Games and Glenurquhart Games. At 6ft 7in and 19 and a half stone, with an athletic build, he has all the tools to be a great thrower. Last year Craig broke the 100ft (33 metres) mark with the 22lb (10kg) hammer – a world class distance. Because of his height and long arms he has an amazing hammer technique which it is wonderful to watch.

He has become a dad very recently, so hopefully sleepless nights and late-night feeds (for the baby, not him!) won't effect his throwing throughout this season.

Scott Clark

From Brodick, Scott is the smallest man in the open line-up at 5ft 10in and around 15 stone but don't let that fool you. Scott has made a career of beating bigger athletes and thrives on it. He pretends that he is not but he is incredibly competitive and will use any slip-up by the bigger athletes to his advantage and will not be slow in letting them know it either. In the past the hammer was a good event for Scott but injury has forced him to focus training on some of the other events.

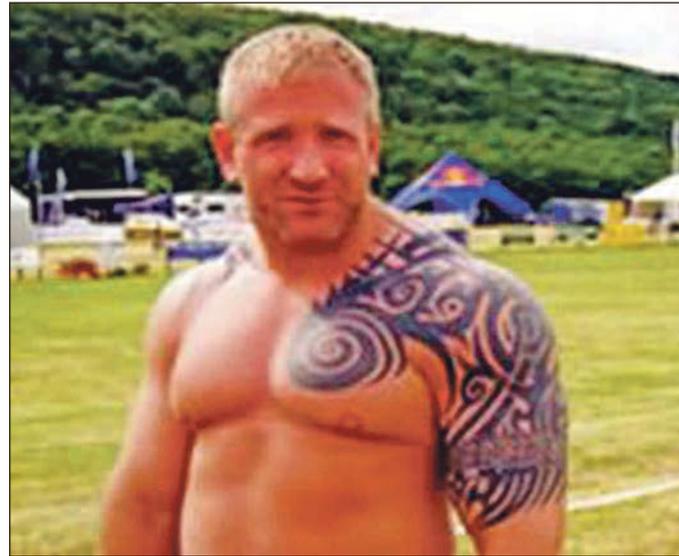
He has won at Brodick on many occasions and, even though he is 44, you would not bet against him managing a victory in 2016.

Tom and Rory Gilmore

There is another important heavy competition going on at in the

heavy events arena: Gilmore vs Gilmore as Tom takes on younger brother Rory. This will be the first time the pair have thrown against each other in two years, with Tom winning in their previous meeting in 2014. A sports rivalry to compare to Muhammad Ali and Joe Fraser – though some feel more like Venus and Serena Williams – Rory may fancy his chances this year with the introduction of the McGlashan Stones.

It is competitors like Tom and Rory who help to make the games. It is daunting enough to be throwing alongside some of the world class throwers, never mind in front of 4,000 or so spectators, so if you are lucky enough to be there cheer them on.



Seven times Scotland's strongest man Jamie Barr.



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Lightning storm is captured over Sannox

An Arran photographer who captured an intense lightning storm has had his video featured in a compilation by STV News in

their report of the dramatic weather experienced in Scotland last week.

Glen Sloss, an amateur photographer and meteor-

ologist, captured the stunning images and time-lapse video of lightning over the sea at Sannox which was featured in the broadcast



An image of the lightning which was used in the STV report.



Fork lightning strikes over Sannox. Photos: Glen Sloss

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of events from different regions across the country. Glen submitted a 33-second video which was uploaded to his YouTube account.

The footage, which took hours to film, is made up of thousands of still images that are taken at 10-second intervals and then joined together to make a time-lapse video.

Already viewed by nearly 8,000 people the video clip is available to see at www.youtube.com/user/onfajja.

Glen said: 'It was certainly the best thunder and

lightning display I've seen here. For nearly two hours the lightning occurred every few seconds. The lightning mostly stayed in the clouds, with a few forks flying out the sides of the main cell, and the occasional whopper striking down to the ground.

Well worth

'There were a couple of very heavy showers when the storm passed overhead. It was well worth staying up to watch. Lightning is pretty rare here. In fact, in recent years there has certainly been more displays of the

northern lights, which can be seen from Arran, than there is lightning!'

The storms on Wednesday July 20 mostly affected the West Coast of Scotland, and came after the warmest day on record for 2016 which saw a wave of intense thunder and lightning moving from the Hebrides northwards while an area of thunder and rain swept in from the south.

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Princes and prisons – the inside story

At the July meeting of Arran Antiquarians, more than 60 members and visitors heard Robbie Glen speak of his life as a governor in the Scottish Prison Service, *writes Norma Davidson.*

Robbie is an after-dinner speaker of some renown including venues in Cairo, Dubai, Qatar, Athens and Calgary, to name but a few.

Last year he was due to speak to us but, due to a serious illness, he postponed for a year. Now the picture of health, and treatment done, he joked that a semicolon is decidedly better than a fullstop.

He joined the prison service as an assistant governor and was with them until retirement. Among his tenures have been Dungavel (now a detention centre for illegal immigrants), Castle Huntly, Cornton Vale (the Scottish women's prison) and famous, or infamous, Barlinnie in Glasgow.

He was a junior professional footballer whose career was cut short through lack of talent – his words, not mine. He is a member of Lamlash and Hamilton golf clubs and a member of more than one Burns Club.

Robbie's strong Arran connections began in 1949 and he eventually bought a house here in 1976, ensuring that the connection continues through the younger generations.

On spying one of our members, Alan Milligan, in the hall, he remembered a meeting on the football field at Polmont when they indulged in fisticuffs and were both banned from the prison officers' football league.

He was born in Hamilton, where his father was a welfare officer for the 'poor and mentally deficient'. When the war came this extended to having responsibility for parks, the Hamilton Mausoleum and evacuees. The young Robbie was a frequent visitor to the mausoleum which, incidentally, has the longest echo in Europe and he mourned the fact that Hamilton Palace had been pulled down in the mid 1920s be-

fore he was born. This was thought to be why the National Trust for Scotland was formed to prevent further loss of such buildings.

At one of his speaking venues, the Guildhall in London for a brewery awards night, he noticed a statue of Sir William Beckford, the grandfather of Susan, wife of the 10th Duke of Hamilton. Many items of Beckford's private collection are to be seen in our own Brodick Castle.

He became governor of Dungavel prison which had been formerly home to the 13th and 14th Dukes. It was the duty of the Scottish Prison Service to maintain the grave of the 13th Duke and allow any Hamilton reasonable access to the prison chapel, which contained a water organ, which sadly fell into disrepair as no funding could be provided for its preservation.

When an ex-neighbour came to Dungavel, his social inquiry report deemed his origins as inadequate and deprived. Ironically, Robbie was raised in the same row of council houses which produced graduates, the prison governor, a lawyer and a bishop.

Castle Huntly, owned throughout the years by the Grays, the Lyons, Bowes Lyons and Pattersons, was an open prison covering 150 acres where the 140 boys and young men worked on vegetable and fruit growing.

A highlight was a visit from Prince Charles. Despite the painstaking security arrangements and officialdom, Robbie found Prince Charles charming, well-informed, a great communicator with everyone and happy to wade across a muddy field to speak to some officers' wives.

He commented that facilities were superior to those he experienced at Gordonstoun. A wonderful question from one of the security officers was: 'Is there anyone here with previous convictions?'

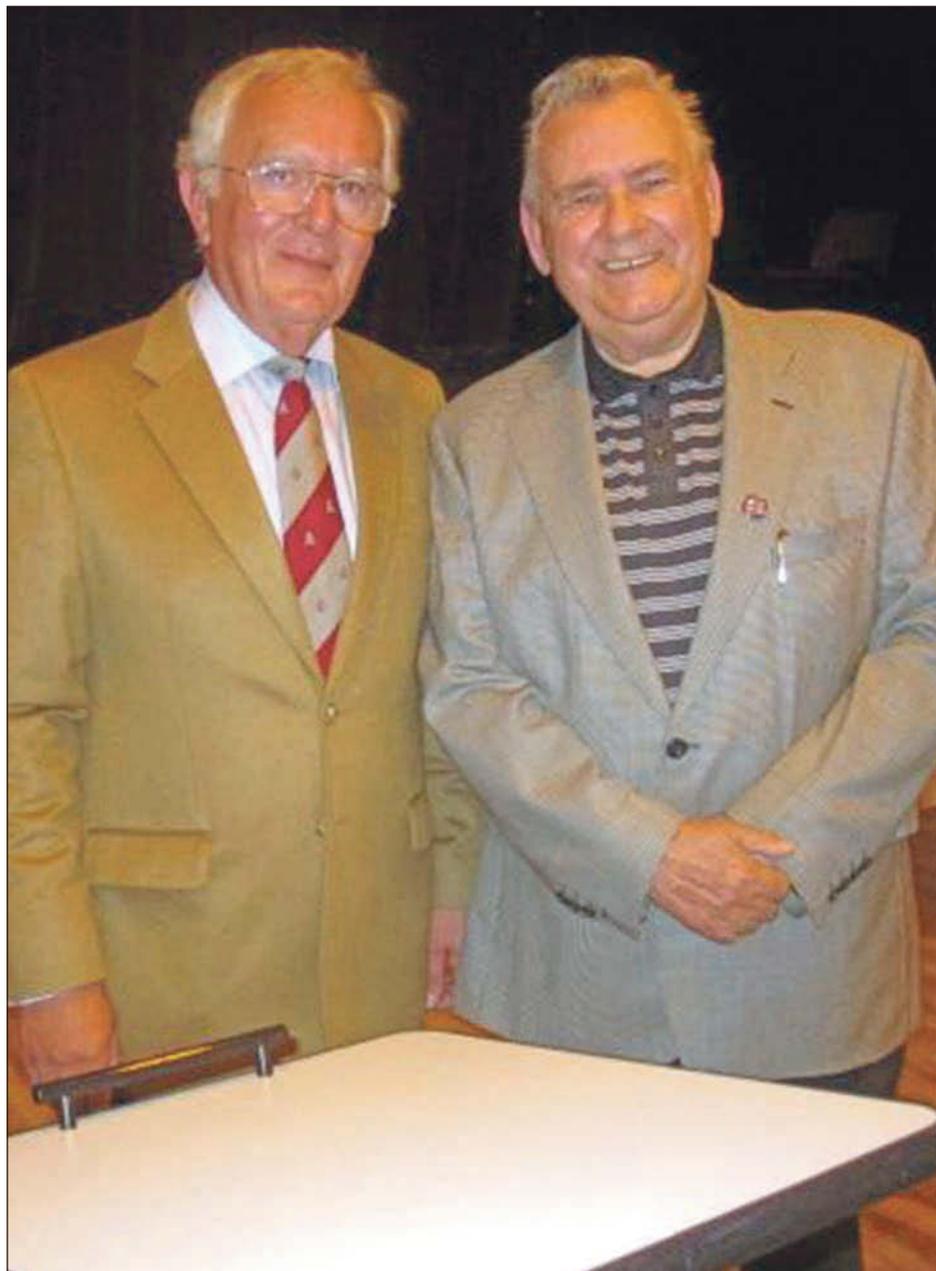
Of course Robbie's wife and family were also involved with prison life.

Two tales of the many he told were that his daughter, seeing dinner being served, deemed it to be far superior to school dinners and the Christmas dinner riot when the men, having been served with turkey roll, complained that it couldn't be turkey as 'it had nae legs and nae wangs'.

Stories and anecdotes came thick and fast for an hour but these are omitted to protect the guilty.

He then worked as governor at Barlinnie. He describes it in many ways: Glasgow's premier B&B with three meals a day and a roof under your feet, and also as the repository of judicial red cards with a higher room occupancy than the Glasgow Hilton. Mrs Glen must have had a fright when three life-serving murderers delivered a piano to her home. He certainly left us wanting more.

The next meeting of the antiquarians will be in Brodick Hall on Monday August 15 at 2pm when the speaker will be Dr James Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms for Scotland. Visitors are always welcome. Members please note the October meeting is on 17th and not as printed on your syllabus card.



Robbie Glen and Alan Milligan catch up for a chat at the July Antiquarian meeting.

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Future is brighter for osprey

Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

Through images on TV the osprey is a familiar bird plunging into water and rising with a fish in its talons.

Other names for the osprey reflect this behaviour, including fish eagle, sea hawk, river hawk, and fish hawk. It is a fish-eating bird of prey with a cosmopolitan range. In the tropics and sub-tropics it is resident. The European population migrates to Africa after breeding.

The osprey formerly inhabited much of Britain but heavy persecution, mainly by Victorian egg and skin collectors, during the 19th century and early 20th century brought about its demise. The osprey became extinct as a breeding bird in



An osprey which was spotted over Arran.

Photo by Brian Couper

England in 1840. It is generally considered that the species was absent from Scotland from 1916 to 1954. In 1954 Scandinavian birds

recolonised Scotland naturally and a pair has nested successfully almost every year since 1959 at what is now known as the Osprey

Centre at Loch Garten. By 1976 there were thought to be 14 pairs nesting in Scotland. Some 15 years later, in 1991, there were 71 pairs. In 2001, 158 breeding pairs were located. Because of the slow geographical spread of breeding ospreys, in 1996 English Nature and Scottish National Heritage licensed a project to re-introduce the osprey to the nature reserve at Rutland Water in England.

The maps produced by the Bird Atlas Partnership clearly show the spread of this species in the 20 years between the atlas of 1988-1991 and the atlas of 2008-2011.

The partnership consists

of the British Trust for Ornithology, BirdWatch Ireland and the Scottish Ornithologists' Club. Every 20 years or so volunteer birdwatchers carry out a complete stocktake of the birds of Britain and Ireland for the Bird Atlas. These major atlas projects are crucial in helping us to understand how our wild bird populations are faring. Our local Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 was produced by the Arran Natural History Society as part of the previous national atlas.

What about osprey on Arran? At the moment it is an occasional migrant with only 13 records in the past 10 years. Three of these records have been in the

month of May and three in September. This year, unusually, there were two records in May, a week apart. These records may suggest an interest in breeding on Arran. Time will tell.

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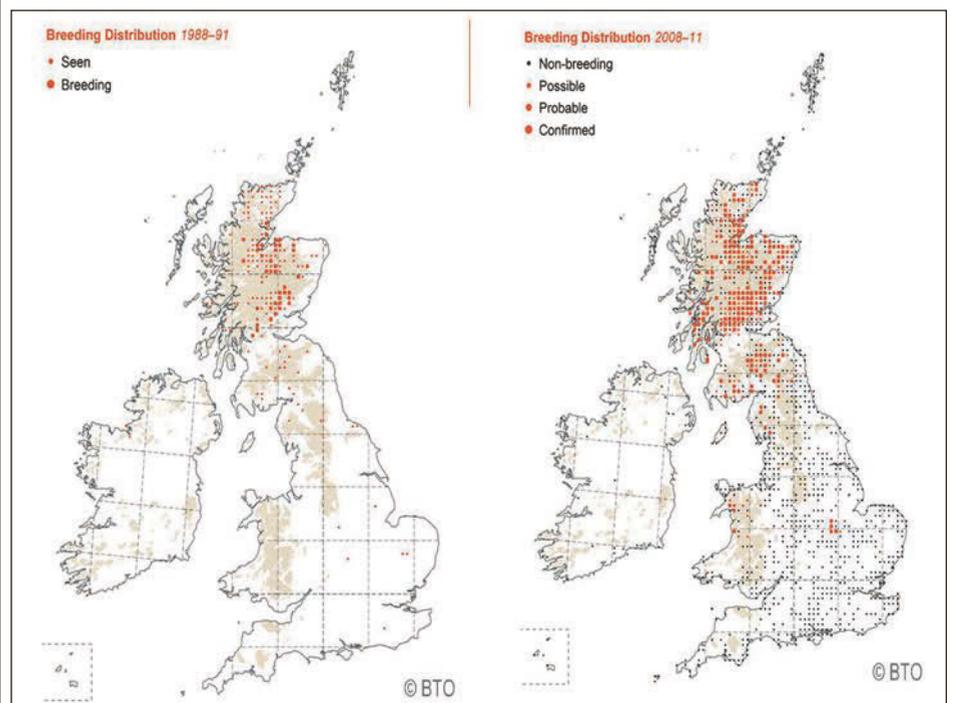
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This graph, which was produced by the British Trust for Ornithology, shows the increase in the number of ospreys.

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Promenade plans

There is to be a planning meeting in Brodick Hall on Monday morning to discuss the Brodick shorefront plan. The plan, as conceived by the previous Cunninghame District Council, concerned car parking, a cycle track along the prom and a possible in-fill car park near the pier.

Still on shorefront, 'No Camping' signs have been put up along Brodick beach and are ready to go up elsewhere. These have been put up by Arran Estates in response to a request by the community council. The signs mean that police now have the power to move on wild campers.

Town disturbance

A group of some 20 youths from Ardrossan caused a considerable disturbance in Brodick last Saturday afternoon, including scattering goods in several shops.

Police were called and following a tussle at the pier, five of the youths were arrested with help being given by police reinforcements from the mainland. The five spent the remainder of the weekend in custody in Kilmarnock and on Monday appeared in court. Four pleaded guilty, two being fined £100 and two £175. The fifth, with whom police had particular difficulty arresting, pleaded not guilty and is being held in custody until his trial next month.

Hill phone launched

The reformed Arran Access Forum agreed at a meeting last Friday that a hill phone service would be started during August.

The idea is that walkers can dial a number and hear a pre-recorded message advising them where shooting is likely to take place that day. Scottish Natural Heritage resurrected the Arran Access Forum whose message is: 'Telephone first before you go walking in the hills.'



A small milestone for *The Arran Banner* was reached last week when our publication printed a total of 103,600 pages for one edition of the paper alone. Celebrating with a cup of tea are William, Irene, Howard, Jenni, John and Deanna. B31twe05



Children take part in the races at the Hospital Supporters League fete at Sandbraes which raises money for the Arran War Memorial Hospital. B31twe04



Leader of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, Alastair Hume, breaks a collecting bottle filled by customers at the Lochranza Hotel which added £365 to the team's coffers. B31twe02



Corrie and Sannox village hall was filled to capacity last Monday evening to welcome the return, after two years, of the Summer Serenade which featured flautist George MacIlwham, soprano Jean Bowden and accompanist David Inglis. George died last month. B31twe01



The Hospital Supporters League fete at Sandbraes last Saturday began with a car boot sale. B31twe03

What's on

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Every day

Trout fly fishing
Brodrick Castle, garden open
Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour
Lamlash tennis courts/putting green
Arran Heritage Museum
Soap making and candle dipping

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
9am-dusk
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm, Sunday - 12.30pm - 5pm
2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
Open all day
Rosaburn, Brodrick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodrick, 10am - 4pm

Lamlash Drama Club
Flow Yoga
Garden Walk
Children's Secret Tour
Live music
Evening of fiddle, drums & Drama - Wbay dram & Music
Exhibition of paintings
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition
Arran Visual Arts Family Art/Craft

Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Brodrick Castle, 2pm - 3pm
Brodrick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodrick 7.30pm - 10pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 10.30-5pm
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 2-3pm

Saturday 30th July

Army Cadets
Over 21s disco
RNLI shop
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Live music
Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Brodrick Bowling Club Rink Game
Flow Yoga
Ladies Open
Live Music - James Rodgers & band
Natural Cosmetics Workshop
Women in black Vigil
Mary's Meals Coffee morning
Exhibition of paintings
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition
Cricket Fun Day

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - 12 noon
Fiddlers, Brodrick from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Brodrick Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodrick, 9am
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9am - 4.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Arran Land Initiative, Wbay, 2-4pm
Coastal way marker, Brodrick, 1-2pm
Lamlash Church hall, 10.15 - 12noon
Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 10.30-5pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodrick, 12noon

Wednesday 3rd August

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game
Live music
Unplugged music night
Drift Inn Quiz
Roundhouse Open day
Vile Victorian children's tour
Mixed Hockey
Dog classes
Summer Ceilidh
Brodrick Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Parkinson support group
Exhibition of paintings
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition
Arran Farmers Show

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodrick Church Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa, Brodrick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodrick 7.30pm - 10pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Brodrick Castle, 11am - 3pm
Brodrick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Brodrick Hall, 8pm - 11pm
Brodrick bowling club, 6.45pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash fire station, 2pm - 4pm
Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 10.30-5pm
Glenkiln, Lamlash from 9.30am

Sunday 31st July

Family Games
Fun in the pool
RNLI Shop
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA Meeting
LamArt Chalk and Talk
Live Music - James Rodgers
Exhibition of paintings
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition
Texas Scramble

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Fiddlers, Brodrick 2.30pm - 5pm
Brodrick Church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Lamlash church, 2pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 10.30-5pm
Shiskine Golf Club, All day

Thursday 4th August

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Live music
Ladies Hockey
RUNFIT
Cardiac Rehab
Burger & Quiz night
Winter Bowls
Tennis senior club night
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine cub Scouts & Beavers
Pond Dip
Whiting Bay Market
RUNFIT
Northend Ceilidh Night
Exhibition of paintings
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodrick 7.30pm - 10pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am
Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Balmichael Centre, 7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodrick, 6pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Brodrick Rangers Centre, 2pm-3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 2pm
Lamlash Green, 6.45am
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 10.30-4pm

Monday 1st August

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Morning Fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit Training
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Brodrick Bowling Club rink game
Citizens advice
Lamlash Aerobix
RunArran
Tae Kwondo
Summer Bridge
Coffee Morning
Wbay fun week - Mini Olympics
Live music
RNLI Coffee Morning
Coffee morning
Exhibition of paintings
Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition
Arran Visual Arts Family Art/Craft

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Brodrick bowling club, 6.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
Brodrick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm
W/Bay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
The Jetty, 2.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodrick 7.30pm - 10pm
The Lifeboat Shed, Lamlash, 10.15am till 12noon
Whiting bay church hall, 10.30am - 12noon
Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 10.30-5pm
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 2-3pm

Friday 5th August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
AA Meeting
Open Mic & Karaoke
Live music
Tae Kwondo
Factory Tours
Wild flower wander
Open Mic and Karaoke
Frydays @ Lochranza Field Centre
Live Music - Coast
Exhibition of paintings
Castle Secrets

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodrick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Fiddlers, Brodrick, 7.30pm
Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Arran Aromatics, 11am - 3pm
Brodrick Rangers Centre, 2-4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Lochranza field centre, 5.30pm - 8pm
Coast, Whiting Bay, 7pm
Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 5.30pm
Brodrick Castle, 11am

Tuesday 2nd August

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
RunArran Run Coaching
RUNFIT
Open Cricket Session

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodrick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6.45am
Brodrick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm

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Sunday 31st July
Holy Communion, 11am
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Coffee after service
Wednesday 3rd August
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ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on
Thursday 4th August
at 7.30 pm
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ALL WELCOME

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Sunday 31st July
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Baptism.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting
12noon Morning Worship.
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Sunday 31st July
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Sunday 31st July 2016
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Morning Mass 11am

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Sunday 31st July
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 31st July
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Tea and Coffee after the service.
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Sunday 31st July
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
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Three in a row as rampant Brodick secure league title

Brodick 10 Shiskine 0

In what was billed as a grudge match after the two sides' previous encounter in Shiskine, the absence of defender Stal Murray through injury meant it was a relatively quiet encounter played in good spirits. So much so that Shiskine veteran Trevor was even seen giving Babbies MacNeil a hug during the first half.

The rearranged fixture took place last Thursday night at Ormidale Park. Shiskine started the game brightly and pegged Brodick back with Greg McCrae rolling back the years and clearing a goal-bound effort off the line. Brodick scored against the run of play, which seemed to settle any nerves, and then went on to produce the kind of football they have become accustomed to this year.

Toby Wingham staked a claim for this year's golden boot with five goals, Iain 'Keeno' Kean grabbed himself one and could have had another before referee Loci Macdonald chopped it off for an infringement.

Brodick's very own Pele,

Owen Quigley, carried on his fine form with a brace to make it another double figured scoreline for the Jingly Jangly men.

Northend 1 Brodick 17

It wasn't quite 'helicopter Sunday' but more 'white van Monday' with news filtering through during the second half at the Ewe Camp on Monday night that Brodick's closest rivals, Lamlash, were up 3-2 against Southend on the other side of the island. The Jingly Jangly men knew that the title was staying in Brodick for the third year in a row with a game to spare. With the score at the time 12-0 to Brodick, the chances of slipping up were slim.

In another goal-fest, it was Archie McNicol's turn to pull away from big Toby Wingham in the race for this year's golden boot with a six-goal frenzy. To be fair, the scoreline did not flatter Brodick but credit to the young Northend team who battled on and even scored a second-half goal through Lennon Deary.

Iain 'Keeno' Kean was on



The Brodick team celebrate after they secured the league with a win at the Ewe Camp on Monday.

the score sheet again with four, although the dubious goals panel has yet to decide whether one deflected strike was in fact another own goal to add to the other two Northend put past their deflated keeper. Other scorers were Pele Quigley, Toby and a fine strike from Adam McNicol to rub more salt into the gaping wounds.

The final whistle sparked joyous scenes with Henry McNicol invading the pitch to greet the triumphant players. After order was restored it was off to the Ormidale for a drink on the sponsors Orwin House, and Tommy Gilmore also bought the boys a dram. Rumour has it that the meaningless final game will be a chance for the Brodick players to receive a guard of honour from the Southenders.

Lamlash 3 Southend 2

Lamlash ruined Southend's slim chances of the league title with a good win after a feisty affair behind the high school. Southend took the lead going down the hill in the first half after a great move was finished off by Murray Picken. Just before half-time, Lamlash were awarded a dubious free kick from just outside the box and after a scramble Martin Ross was on hand to lob the ball into the top corner.

Grant Adamson was on the scoresheet early in the second half after Fraser Gilbert saved and, despite his

best efforts to grab the ball, it travelled over the line by the smallest of margins. Lamlash were then awarded a penalty after Mike 'the bike' Stewart handled in the area. James Todd stepped up but after hitting the bar, the ball fell kindly to him on the rebound but somehow he managed to lose his footing and put the ball wide. However, it wasn't long before Grant grabbed his second with a well-taken finish beyond Fraser Gilbert.

Danny Head moved up into midfield and scored a late consolation goal but there wasn't enough time as Lamlash gained their first win over Southend in the league for many years.

Big thanks go to Alan McGrath stepping in at the last minute to referee and he gave the man of the match award to Danny Currie. He had a solid half at centre back before moving back into midfield for the second half in his more favoured position.

Southend captain Danny Head remarked after the game that there was more chance of him becoming Sam Allardyce's new assistant in the England job than him giving Brodick a guard of honour in their final game of the season.

The next fixtures are on Monday August 1 when Southend play Brodick and Lamlash are at home to Shiskine. Both kick-offs are at 6.30pm.

WEDDING



Wedding of Hattie Arthur and Jonathan Powell on 29th May 2016 at the University Memorial Chapel, Glasgow.



Lamlash Golf Club

Friday, July 22. The inaugural E I Cannon Memorial Tournament was held at Lamlash golf club in glorious weather and many competitors congratulated the club on the condition of the course. Golfers from most parts of the island represented Shiskine, Machrie Bay, Whiting Bay, Corrie, Brodick and Lamlash golf clubs.

A total of 51 took part raising £255 for a charity of Nancy's choice. A 50p sweep was held for magic twos with seven sharing the spoils, the most remarkable being Todd Jameson who drove the 330 yard 6th green and holed a rather lengthy putt negotiating the greens hollow. Craig MacEachan, who served his apprenticeship at Lamlash, travelled from Aberdeen to take part, marking his respect for Eddie. Three teams registered a score of 82 points, captained by Danny Head, Paul Jameson and Ian Bremner. The winning team of captain Scott Campbell, Iain Murchie, Joe Rae and Scott MacFarlane, scored a creditable 85 stableford points, the best two scores of the four man team being recorded at each hole.

The format of the day's event was enjoyed by most of the field.

A good number of the players were present at the prize-giving when Nancy was present and her son Edward presented the superb claret jug, donated by the family, to the winning team.

Ladies Section: Wednesday, July 20, open day, 54 played. The ladies experimented this year with a triam format which attracted 18 teams of three. In spite of dire warnings of thunder and

lightning, by the 11.30am starting time the skies had lightened and the course was in excellent condition. 1 Jean Barclay, Clair Barclay and Lesley Handley, 53 BIH, 2 Gay MacKay, Frances Wood, Jacqueline Cunningham, 53, 3 Ann May, Aileen Latona, Isobel McDonald, 56 BIH. Sponsored holes: 5th, nearest the pin in one (sponsored by Yvonne, Jennifer and Annie) Clair, Lesley, and Jean. 7th, nearest the pin in two (sponsored by Kate, Alison and Anne) Carol Thomson, Meryl King, Margaret Robertson. 12th, nearest the pin in two (sponsored by Jean, June, Morag) Ann, Aileen, Isobel. 16th, nearest the pin in one (sponsored by Shona, Rachel, Jackie) Ellie Jones, Liz Sinclair, Heather Raeside. 18th, Target (sponsored by Alison Young) Ge Ge Kroner. The event was very much a fun game and will hopefully encourage more ladies to participate in future years.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday, July 20, The McLintock Cup. The torrential rain promised for Tuesday night came and went leaving the course in fine shape for one of our oldest trophies, The McLintock Cup. Twenty played and CSS went out to 65. 1 Nicol Auld 4, 64 and lowest gross, 2 Jamie Macpherson 5, 65, 3 Jim Mack 19, 66, ACB, 4 Alan Kay 18, 66. Jim Mack bagged the only magic two of the day at the 17th.

Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24, The Armitage Groundworks Gents Open.

The Open for 2016 proved a resounding success, with good fields attending on both days. The course was in fine shape with the greens in particular drawing many compliments. From first tee off on Saturday morning to the clubhouse prizegiving on Sunday evening, everything went well and a huge vote of thanks is due to everyone who helped organise the



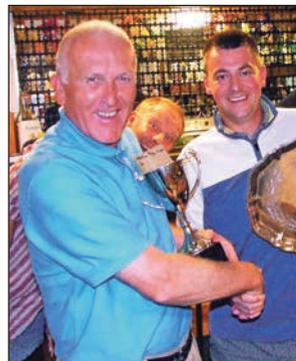
The happy band of Whiting Bay Junior Open competitors with new champion, Scott Murray with his trophy.

event and took care of the needs of the golfers both on the course and in the clubhouse, where fine food and drink was available. Thanks also go to sponsors Armitage Groundworks for its generous support and to the many individual sponsors and donors who provided prizes for the event. A full list will appear on the club's website and Facebook page.

Saturday, July 23, The Bank of Scotland Cup. A total of 97 played on a day when the weather was kind. Scoring in all three divisions was good with John Pennycott returning a fine net 59 to come home a popular winner. CSS remained at 63 and 65 for visitors. 1 John Pennycott 14, 59, 2 Murray Foggo 10, 62 ACB, 3 Stephen Judge 10, 62. The lowest gross came from Alan Foggo with 64 and 17 magic twos were recorded at the 4th Scott Adair and John Pennycott, at the 5th Andrew Mack, at the 7th Gus Macleod and Stuart McGregor, at the 11th Alan Foggo, Murray Foggo and Owen Quigley, at the 13th Allan Macleod, at the 14th Danny Head and Kevin McAleney, at the 16th Craig Simpson and at the 17th Alan Foggo, Wolfi Kroner, Andrew Mack, Marshal Mack and Peter Towndrow.

Sunday, July 24, The Royal Bank of Scotland Cup. Despite a pessimistic forecast 90 golfers took to the course. The mid morning starters got by far the worst of the weather and overall scoring sent the CSS out to 64 and 65 for visitors. Kerr Drummond carded 64 for the lowest gross and first place. 1 Kerr Drummond 5, 59 and lowest gross, 2 Graeme Crichton 14, 61 ACB, 3 Marcus Kroner 9, 61. Magic twos at the 2nd by Scott Adair and Ronnie Mann, at the 4th by Matthew Clarke, Graeme Crichton, Kerr Drummond and Keith Martin and at the 17th by Jack Adair, Scott Adair,

Stephen Judge and Kevin McAleney. The Armitage Groundworks Whiting Bay Open Trophy for the best net score over 36 holes. 1 Kerr Drummond 5, 126 ACB, 2 Markus Kroner 9, 126 ACB, 3 Scott Adair 6, 126-127. The scratch winner over both rounds was Kerr Drummond on 136. The Seniors Shield for the best net score



Club captain David Brooken, assisted by match secretary Dave Hackett, presents new Whiting Bay Open champion Kerr Drummond with his prizes.

by a senior player over both rounds went to Craig Simpson who matched last year's winning score of 127.

Monday, July 25, The Whiting Bay Golf Club Junior Open. On a morning of heavy squally showers, an intrepid band of 14 junior golfers played. Regular organiser Brian Adair and his helpers did a splendid job in arranging the format to suit the various age groups and all seemed to enjoy the challenge of competitive but light-hearted golf followed by refreshments in the clubhouse. First place went to Scott Murray who was closely followed by Sam Foggo only one shot behind and visitor Ben McGregor took third place. Thanks to everyone who turned up and to Brian and his family for the hard work involved in setting up and running this pop-

ular event.

Fixture: Saturday, July 30, The Whiting Bay Ladies Open Greensome, course reserved all day. Sunday, July 31, Nestor's Jug Stableford. Wednesday, August 3, The Betty Black Cup.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday, July 20, Summer Cup. 38 played, CSS 65. Matthew Keir 67-5=62, Ross Duncan 65-2=63, Robert Waine 77-14=63. Scratch, Ross 65.

Sunday, July 24, Navy Shield (Stableford). 20 played, CSS 64. Donald McKinnie 10, 38pts, Billy Armit 9, 38pts, Gordon Hendry 5, 37 pts.

Ladies section: Saturday, July 16, Medal, three played, CSS 67. 1 Susan Butchard, 79-11=68. Tuesday, July 19, Wright Trophy, 17 played, CSS 67. 1 Ann May, 36pts, 05, 2 Susan Butchard, 35pts, 11, 3 Heather Raeside, 34pts, 26. Fixtures: Sunday, July 31, Royal Bank Shield. Tuesday, August 1, Medal and nine hole Stableford.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday, July 21, ladies 12 Hole Medal, 20 played. Silver: 1 Alice Anderson 50-8=42, 2 Carole Stewart 53-10=43. Scratch, Ann May 48. Bronze: 1 Fiona Scott 61-15=46, 2 Iris Robertson 64-16=48. Well done Alice, congratulations.



Jim Anderson and Ann May, winners of the Centenary Putter at Shiskine.

Saturday, July 16, Charlie Sym Rosebowl, 16 played. First Class: 1 John Bell 27 pts, (Winner), 2 Martyn Ker 26 pts, 3 Andrew Howie 22 pts BIH. Second Class: 1 Willie McNally 22 pts, 2 Phil Betley 20 pts BIH, 3 Duncan Beattie 20 pts. Magic twos, P Betley, M Ker, J Bell and W McNally. Well Done to John Bell for winning the Charlie Sym Rosebowl.

Sunday, July 17, gents 12 Hole Medal, 12 played. 1 and scratch, Robert McCrae 43-4=39, 2 John Salton 50-7=43, BIH, 3 Craig Watson 49-6=43. Magic twos, P McCalla, R Bennett and J Salton.

Monday, July 18, Centenary Putter, gents, 11 played. 1 Jim Anderson 27 pts, 2 Willie McNally 26 pts BIH, 3 Lee Kennedy 26 pts. Magic two, W McNally. Monday, July 18, Centenary Putter, ladies, 10 played. 1 Ann May 22 pts, 2 Iris Robertson 21 pts, BIH, 3 Pamela Anderson 21 pts BIH.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday, July 20, Wednesday Medal. Another good turnout of 20 but the scoring was not great despite perfect course conditions, although it became quite windy later on. Donald Logan five putt-ed the first and still managed second! 1 J Innes 72-9=63, 2 D Logan 74-10=64, 3 A MacDonald 75-11=64. Scratch J Innes 72. Magic twos from L Hartley, J Innes, A Burke, A MacDonald and B Lewis. None of these matched the number drawn, so it's a roll-over.

Saturday, July 23, Fairs Cup round 1, Steven Beardley and Donald Logan out front with net 60s.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday, July 19, Peter Sutton, 10 played, CSS 65. 1 C Laing 81-18=63, 2 R Woods 86-18=68, BIH, 3 P Betley 80-12=68. Tuesday, July 19, Lady Mary, 3 played, CSS 68, R/O. 1 F Scott 101-25=76, 2 P Conway 117-31=86.

Fixture: Tuesday, August 2, Peter Sutton and Lady Mary, 12.30pm and 5.30pm.



Winners of the Lamlash Ladies Open: l to r, Clair Barclay, Jean Barclay, captain Jennifer McArthur and Lesley Handley.

Youngsters learn the ropes during five-day sailing course

A five-day youth sailing course run by the Arran Outdoor Centre in Lamlash earlier in the month saw three local boys taking part in the Royal Yachting Association approved training. One of those taking part, Kieran Geraghty, aged nine, gave *The Banner* his report.

'I was quite new to the sport of sailing and at the start it was quite hard. Martin Wood, our instructor, explained how to rig the boat and how it worked. There were two controls: the main sheet, which controls the sail, and the tiller, which controls the boat. We were all in our individual boats Lazer Picos. Martin was in a rigid inflatable boat (RIB). There were three of us on the course, Rory, 10 Ben Worthington, nine, and me, Kieran Geraghty.

'It was really fun to be captain of your own ship. One of the days we sailed

to Holy Isle in our own boats for a picnic. When the wind is strong it feels like it is trying to pull you off the boat, but you can go faster by pulling in the sail. A flappy sail is not a happy sail, we were told.

'When you start or if it's windy, you can wrap the sail round the mast to make it smaller. Once we had got the hang of it, Martin asked if we wanted to try the sail fully unfurled. We said yes. When it was fully out, it was a lot harder to control and you could go a lot faster. Once I was going so fast water was go-

ing into my boat. Another time I got the main sheet rope tangled with the tiller and I couldn't release it to go slower. I could feel myself leaning over more and more and knew I was going in. I had time to say, Bye bye! and jumped in the water. I swam around like I had been taught and pulled on the dagger board which sticks out under the boat. Then I could right the boat and climb back on board. We all capsized a few times during the course.

'When the wind was too strong for learning solo, we sailed as a team in the Hawk



The participants help prepare the boat for the day's sailing. B31sail10

20s. I would definitely recommend going on this course and I want to con-

tinue to learn to sail. Hopefully, I can do another day sailing with the centre in

the summer with the rest of my family and show them how to sail.'



The boats are ideally sized and suited for sailors of all ages. B31sail04



Participants learn how to rig the sails. B31sail01



Launching the Lazer Picos was an easy task when using a trolley. B31sail02



Trimming the sails and manning the tiller. B31sail08



The boys learn about the tell-tales on the sail. B31sail09



It's all smiles as the boys enjoy some training in a larger sailboat. B31sail07



Instructor Martin Wood briefs the trainees before a solo sail. B31sail03



The young sailors set out in convoy for a solo sailing to Holy Isle. B31sail05

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Good entry for family fun run

Events at the Whiting Bay fun week have been well attended all week and the putting competition and family fun run last Friday were no exception

Race entries were up this year and 20 competitors, some in fancy dress, took on the short course through the village, joined by cowboy on stilts Gavin Thomson and his horse from the Scripture Union summer camp.

Taking joint first place was Jonathon Roberts and Ewan Morrison, who crossed the line in a photo finish and who were closely followed by Zak Stone who took second place. The fancy dress winners were Ava

and Shona Pringle and Bay Queen Grace Crichton who raced as Postman Pat, complete with a black and white cat and a postbag filled with letters to deliver.

After the race the putting prize-giving was held which saw mother and son, Keith and Alice Martin winning the competition in the ladies and gents categories. In the under-12 category, Ewan Richardson was the proud winner of a Whiting Bay putting mug, as was teen category winner James Currie. The winner of the 'name the puppy' competition was a delighted Kirsty Gilhespie of Glasgow who correctly named the puppy Goldie.



Whiting Bay family fun run participants included a giant cowboy and his horse. 01_B31fun03



Coming in joint first place were Jonathon Roberts and Ewan Morrison. 01_B31fun05



Shona and Ava Pringle along with Bay Queen Grace Crichton received the best costume award from Betty and Mike Koral. 01_B31fun08



Winning the Whiting Bay putting competition in the under-12 category was Ewan Richardson of Glasgow. 01_B31fun09



Keeping it in the family: mother and son Alice and Keith Martin won the ladies and gents categories. 01_B31fun10



On your marks, get set, go! Participants set off on the family fun run. 01_B31fun04

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