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That's the spirit!

Residents rally to aid stranded passengers

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Arran showed its real community spirit last weekend when hundreds of ferry passengers were stranded on the island after the last ferries were cancelled.

The disruption came as many families were about to head home on Saturday at the end of the Glasgow Fair but were prevented from doing so by 55mph winds, which led to the cancellation of the last two sailings of the day.

However, with more than 100 passengers stranded at the Brodick Ferry Terminal alone, Caledonian MacBrayne took the decision to keep it open overnight providing shelter from the pounding wind and rain.

Others scrambled desperately for accommodation, which was in short supply, with some able to stay in their holiday homes as oth-

er guests were unable to arrive from the mainland.

And it was not just in Brodick. Kilmory Hall set up emergency accommodation, with Phyllis Picken being given enormous thanks for driving the community bus to Brodick in atrocious conditions to pick up stranded passengers, and taking them back to the ferry the next morning.

Back in Brodick the community took the situation to their hearts and social media was abuzz with activity as individuals and businesses rallied with emergency accommodation, as well as food, drink and bedding.

The Co-op was quick to help, sending down generous supplies, distributed by CalMac staff, many of whom stayed on all night helping passengers who bedded down in the terminal.

Not since Snowmageddon

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Blackbird 199 is overhead champion



A smiling Isabella Reid and dad Stuart are proud overhead champions at the 182nd Arran Farmers' Society show with Holstein Friesian Blackbird 199. It was also a proud day for birthday girl Lisa Henderson, who was nine on Wednesday, and has attended the show every year since she was born. 01_B31front01 and 01_B31front02

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Residents rally to help stranded passengers

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 five years ago has the community mobilised into such hasty action just a week after the Banner said the island community spirit was 'remarkable'.



Jonathan and Derryn make do on makeshift bedding beside a sleeping Blaine. 01_B31terminal03

One passenger, Jonathan McCurdie from Barassie, stranded with his wife Holly and three young children, bedded down for the night with borrowed duvets and blankets. He said: 'Every-

one has been brilliant and I can't thank them enough. I don't think this would have happened on the mainland in a similar situation.'

Holly added: 'I would like to say a big thank you to the staff that kept the terminal open and to the lovely staff that stayed on that night to help. Also a big thank you to all those that provided everything needed. We are very grateful. It certainly was an adventure.'

Another group stranded were the New Kilpatrick Parish Church Ramblers from Bearsden, who had come to Arran for a day's walking. Group leader Jim Morris said: 'Earlier on we were being told



The members of the New Kilpatrick Parish Church Ramblers who found themselves stranded. 01_B31terminal01

that the terminal was closing at 7.30pm and that was that. We were ready to stage a sit-in as we were determined that we were not going anywhere.

'As a result, help soon arrived with food, drinks and water coming from several places. Later there were offers of accommodation, but with a large group of 11 walkers, our party decided to stay together. Soon folk from the village arrived with mattresses, airbeds, blankets and pillows which were all gratefully received.

'On behalf of the group I would like to thank all the kind folk of Brodick, as well as the team in the terminal building, who tried to make our overnight stay as comfortable and as pleasant as possible.'

Port manager Colin McCort was forced into a rare move of posting on social media after false claims he had been ordered to open the terminal by the police, who were criticised by one group of cyclists for being unhelpful. Others felt North Ayrshire Council should have stepped in to help.

Mr McCort posted: 'Firstly, I would like to thank all of those from our community who called or came to the terminal with bedding, food, supplies or the offer of a bed. It is probably not right to single out any individuals, but I am going to. 'Liz MacLean and her

team from the Big Co were amazing. Within minutes of speaking with her, her staff arrived with food and drink for all. TJ Lambie, you came from nowhere with a supply of bedding, baby bedding, cot and air beds. You were there for hours and your efforts were much appreciated by myself and the guys.'

'The response from the community was unbelievable, I apologise I cannot name you all. The huge amount of bedding has been stored and is ready to be collected by those who donated.'

'Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all my team for stepping up to deal with a very difficult situation. Also a huge thank you to our wives, partners and families who had their weekend, family events, nights out can-

celled at short notice as we dealt with this incident. To everyone who offered assistance, a huge thank you.'

Shiela Gilmore of Visit Arran said: 'Well done to all involved on Saturday night when the ferry was stormbound. CalMac ferries, the Big Co in Brodick Kilmory Haven and Fiddlers' cafe-bar-bistro were just a few of the businesses that offered help to stranded visitors, ably assisted by our wonderful community!'

A CalMac spokesman added: 'Saturday's extreme weather presented a challenge to everyone involved. We would like to thank passengers for their patience and understanding and to thank staff for going above and beyond to make everyone as comfortable as possible in the circumstances.'

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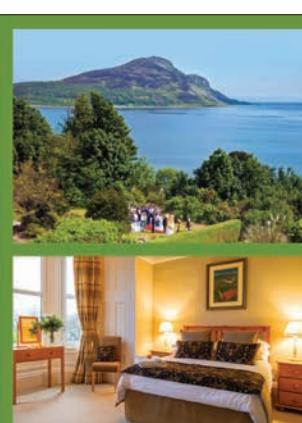
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Kilmory Hall was turned into a makeshift dormitory.
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Memorial bench left to burn on Kildonan beach

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A police investigation is under way after a treasured family bench was torched in Kildonan.

The bench in memory of Gillian Slessor had sat on Bennan Shore for 11 years. But last week her family made an urgent plea in the Banner after finding the bench had gone missing.

Sadly, just days later, another family got in touch to say they thought they had found the bench nearby on the seal shore, where it had been used for firewood in a fire pit. Part of the memorial plaque could still be seen. The matter was reported to the police.

Lucy Brown, aged 10, who found the burnt-out bench told the Banner: 'I am writing to you to let you

know about the vandalism of a much-loved bench. In Kildonan on the seal walk a bench with a plaque was taken and then mindlessly destroyed by unknown persons.'

We passed the distressing news to the Slessor family who live in Ayr. Daughter Ruth said: 'Why anyone would do this is just beyond my comprehension.'

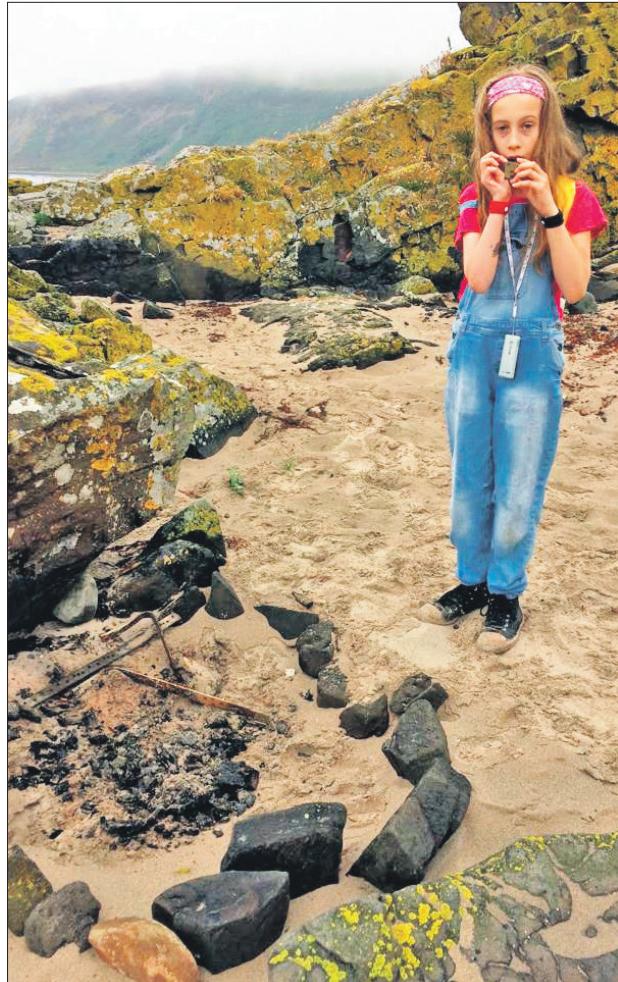
'We have been in touch with police and they have been very helpful. A friend in Kildonan now has more wood and part of the plaque. We have been touched by such kindness from both locals and visitors.'

Police on Arran this week confirmed the matter was under investigation and anyone with any information should contact PC Dani McMonagle at Lamlash police office who can be reached using the police non-emergency 101 number.

In another incident there were reports this week of the theft of a collection box from Lochranza Church.

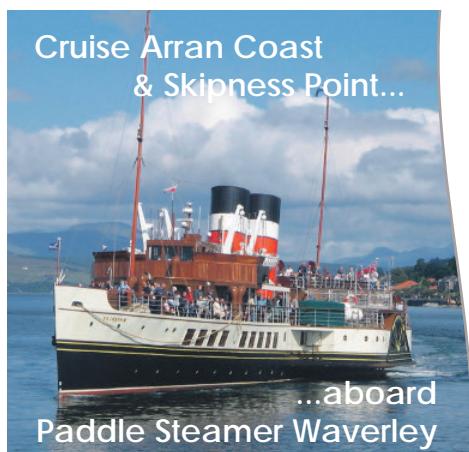
A post on social media stated: 'It is a sad day when you have to install a lock on the church donation box.'

'We would be grateful if the person who helped themselves to the money in Lochranza Church would have second thoughts and think about where this money goes and who it supports, and perhaps return it.'



Lucy Brown at the fire pit on seal shore where she found the burnt out bench.

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A close-up of the part of the memorial plaque which was recovered. 01_B31bench03

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Woodworkers inspire at Corrie festival

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It was not only those that work with wood but also those that appreciate art, sculpture, and boating that flocked to the island's annual celebration of all thing wood during the two-day festival.

Inspiration of Wood, which took place at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall last weekend, saw a large number of exhibitors showing off their craft and skills at the event where visitors were invited to try

their hand at many of the activities.

Adults could try their hand at woodcarving, using a mallet and chisel, while younger visitors could try their hand at making woodland creatures with pre carved components and small hammers.

Explore

A huge amount of sculptures, many by renowned artist Marvin Elliott and his one-time apprentice Robert Coia, were on display and, being life-size, enticed a number of passers-by to visit and explore the other exhibits on display.



Rory Cowan gives a demonstration of his lathe on which he creates delicate objects including ornate wooden pens.
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Adding to the attractions was the exquisitely carved wooden skiff – on display on the front lawn – which had been painstakingly and expertly crafted by Arran Coastal Rowing Club. It attracted a large crowd of admirers.

Indoors an extensive and unique collection of wood tools were on display by collector Stuart Gough who was happy to provide information on the provenance of many of the tools, some of which showed decades worth of patina and use.

From finished carvings to



Members of the Arran Coastal Rowing Club with their finely made wooden skiff Seabag. 01_B31wood11



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Andy Walker of the Forestry Commission helps Heather Beeton and Jemma Totty to create wooden creatures.

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Sculpture Marvin Elliott with one of his incredibly popular creations. 01_B31wood08



Frances Westwood's unique driftwood creations were a popular attraction. 01_B31wood07



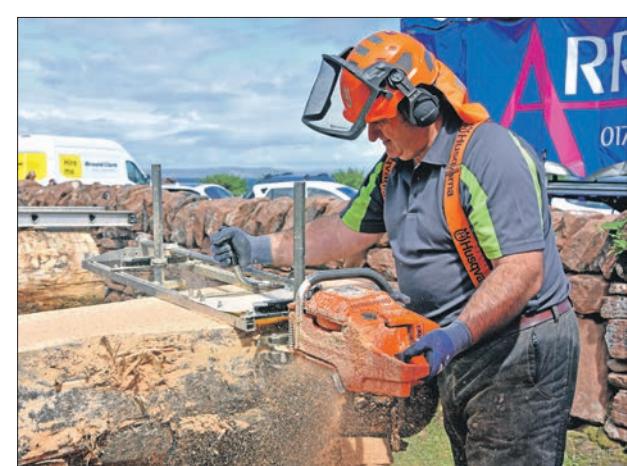
Danielle Hughes and Callum Brass inspect the wooden sculptures on display. 01_B31wood03



Many of Robert Coia's works were on display, including his technically difficult Infinity Knot and an elaborately carved golden eagle. 01_B31wood04



Stuart Gough shows off his large vintage and rare tool collection. 01_B31wood06



Wood aficionado Mark Bunyan demonstrates the skill of milling wood with his Alaskan mill. 01_B31wood09

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The pieces will be unsigned, professional and amateur, well-known and unknown artists starting from the same base. The idea is to raise funds to support the valuable work which COAST does. The work will be available for a minimum donation of £25, but, of course, higher donations will also be welcome. All proceeds donated to COAST.

The exhibition will take place in the COAST headquarters at the Old Pavilion, Lamlash, and will run until Monday August 13 from 11am-4pm daily.

Crowds pack the pier



Volunteer Dave Nicholson shows visitors around the Rachel Hedderwick lifeboat. 01_B30RNLI04

Curious onlookers packed the Lamlash Pier and lifeboat station to see the work of the Arran RNLI recently.

Opening the station doors to visitors, the crew and volunteers of the RNLI hosted an action-packed day with equipment demonstrations, lifeboat

station show-rounds and a burger and cake stall with fun activities for the children – all to raise much-needed funds.

Offering a huge amount of information on what they do, visitors could also get a hands-on look at the lifeboat – the Rachel Hedderwick – and try on some

of the rescue equipment and clothing worn by crew members.

Throughout the day visitors could enjoy demonstrations of the rapid deployment of the rescue vessel and the specialised tractor that captures it with the assistance of a special net on its return.



Visitors line the Lamlash pier to watch the lifeboat demonstration. 01_B30RNLI05

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for RNLI's open day



The Rachel Hedderwick and crew show off the vessel's high speed capabilities. 01_B30RNLI08



RNLI member Alexandru Cochiuban kept the visitors well fed at the burger and cake stand. 01_B30RNLI02



Arran RNLI volunteers and crewmen who took part in the open day. 01_B30RNLI01

Children have a ball throwing wet sponges at crewman Allan Little. 01_B30RNLI11

Brodick beach barbecue bash

Brodick Improvements Committee's annual beach barbecue will be held tomorrow (Sunday) with a host of family orientated events planned for the popular outdoors day.

New this year, and setting the scene for a spectacular beach party, rock band Brown Noise will provide the music.

Starting at 2pm, there will be the usual games, which will include beach volleyball, putting, Frisbee golf and a sandcastle building competition to keep the children entertained. Children's favourite, the beach races, will once again be a popular attraction while the inaugural 2.2-mile beach run for 13 years and older will start at 2.30pm.

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Editorial

Farmers' delight

The Arran Farmers' Society show is an institution of which the island can be proud.

Starting way back in 1836 it has always been a celebration of farming and rural life. But in much more recent time it has also become a real family day out for all the island families, and visitors love it too.

And it was a real shame this year that there were no horses, but given the circumstances, it seemed common sense prevailed.

The big acts the show brings, such as The Clan stunt cycle team, do not come cheap, but they help attract the crowds and are an added attraction.

The society office bearers and directors have to be commended for putting on such a great show year after year with limited finances, grateful for the support of the sponsors, those who donate to the raffle, stallholders, and those who pay to be at the show. Then there are the army of volunteers who help on the day.

The dedication that goes into keeping the tradition alive is to be applauded.

And let's not forget the hard working ladies of the Arran SWI Federation who continue to punch above their weight at their annual show.

Thought for the week

'Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.' 1 Corinthians 15:58

Smart meters

Sir,

We are told smart meters and the masts are coming to Arran, the first mast application is already with North Ayrshire Council. The company wish to raise it in Lamlash.

I objected on several grounds: The green spaces either side of Mackelvie Road in Lamlash, where the mast is proposed, are used extensively by children who live locally, in an area where they are easily seen by parents for safety reasons. The mast is also visually intrusive with its height and ground works, detracting from the visual amenity as people enter the village.

While the Scottish Government has given 'permitted development rights' for smart metering there are already growing concerns about the technology, IT security with the meters, privacy issues, use of data by third parties, and the difficulties for customers when questioning bills with electricity companies or seeking to move electrical supplier.

Furthermore, questions on the long-term implications for health are being voiced. While I know this is not under NAC planning remit, I wonder what the island policy is towards smart meters, or, are they to be foisted upon Arran without any proper consultation with the community like so many recent developments?

Yours,
Sally Campbell,
Lamlash.

Picken praise

Sir,

My family, my wife and my two children, are from Calne in Wiltshire and have just returned from a great

camping holiday in Kin-tyre.

Unfortunately we were caught out, like many others, having spent the day on your beautiful island on Saturday, when the last Brodick ferry was cancelled just before it was due to sail, leaving us and hundreds of others looking for emergency accommodation for the night.

In the chaos that ensued we were left with no choice but for all four of us to sleep the night in our car, jammed full with camping stuff. Any chance of putting the tent up and wild camping was dashed by the severe winds and torrential rain.

Having been told by the helpful staff at the Kilmory Bunkhouse that they were full, they kindly gave me the names of the farmers John and Phyllis Picken from Kilmory. We drove over and met John who invited us to stay at their farmhouse straight away and with no hesitation. The house was warm comfortable and a huge relief on such a grim night, especially since every hotel and guesthouse we tried was full to overflowing.

Phyllis met me later and could not have been more friendly and welcoming. She herself had been out when we arrived, driving the community bus to rescue some day trippers to take them to safety in the Kilmory Village Hall for the night. She was going to drive them back to Brodick in the morning as well. She refused to accept any payment for our stay.

Phyllis gave us breakfast in the morning after a comfortable and safe night's sleep.

I wanted to express my sincere thanks via your newspaper for the wonder-

ful hospitality and warmth we received from John and Phyllis who came to our rescue in our hour of need.

Yours,
Lynne and
Andrew Eddy,
Wiltshire

Kilmory rescue

Sir,

On Saturday a friend and I decided to visit Arran for a few hours. I have been coming to Arran for over 33 years, and in those years I have known the boat to go off, but never in the summer months, let alone the end of Glasgow Fair.

We had an enjoyable few hours on Arran but when we arrived at the pier, we discovered that the last boat was cancelled and everyone was up in arms. We decided not to stay around the pier, but to try and find accommodation. We stopped and spoke to the police and they just said to try the hotel and see what we can get – they were not much help.

We walked along the front and started phoning hotels, they were fully booked and there was nowhere in Brodick to stay. We headed to Brodick Bar for a drink. While there, Molly who was doing a wonderful job serving a busy bar, was trying her best to help us to find somewhere to stay. Wherever she suggested the places were full.

She eventually suggested Kilmory Bunkhouse. We contacted Vicki and Ian at Kilmory and they said they were implementing their emergency action plan, and Ian very kindly promised to call us back once he had a final plan of action.

Within 30 minutes The Kilmory Hall called us and said they had beds. We were lucky to get two beds for the night.

As there was so many

people needing accommodation in Kilmory we were lucky that Phyllis took the community bus over to Brodick to collect us, she even came back for us at 7am to collect us and take us to the first boat.

When we eventually arrived at the hall we were met with beds and duvets and pillows, a place to stay out of the rain and wind and as a bonus, a very well stocked bar with friendly locals. Everyone in the village hall made us feel welcome.

Everyone did their best to do what they could but there should have been a lot more accommodation. There is the McLaren Hotel – that is empty – that I am sure could be bought over and used for when there is difficulties with people getting off the island and there is also the old pier waiting room that could be used as somewhere for people to stay if they can't get home.

There is a lot of people in Arran who went the extra mile to help those stranded. I was also shocked to see that the chippy, despite all those people who were needing a hot meal, closed and was not letting people in.

The Co-op took over food and in the morning and they were even offering hot food and coffee.

Had it not been for the kind actions and kindness of the Kilmory community, we would have had a very uncomfortable, cold and no doubt sleepless night in the terminal building, so we would like to say a massive thank you directly to all those who were involved in helping, everyone had a comfortable night.

Yours,
Jamie Sutherland,
Aberdeen and
Alistair Hill, Dundee

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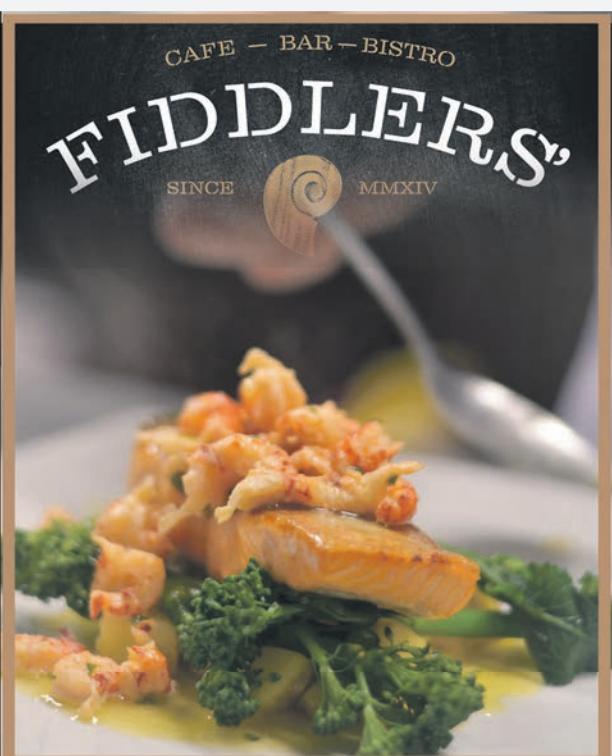
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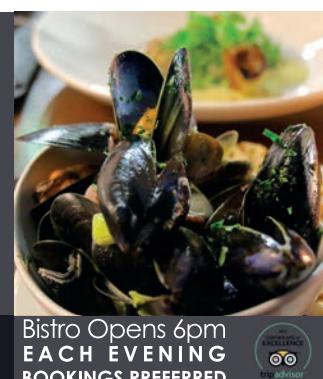
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A Gaelic celebration all the fun of

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A total of 63 children from Arran embraced Gaelic culture at the 19th Feis Arainn held over four days last week.

They practised and rehearsed during the week at a variety of workshops held at Arran High School where they celebrated Gael-

ic culture, traditional musical instruments, acting and art. The feis features a wealth of talented musicians and artists who teach the children their skills and equip them for the feis concert which took place last Friday.

The community theatre was packed with family and friends of the young performers and there was a special guest in North Ayr-



Findlay Napier teaches the ukulele to some of his class.

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Grant MacFarlane and his accordion pupils. 01_B31feis02



Artair Donald and the drama class. 01_B31feis08



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bration and the feis

shire Provost Ian Clarkson visiting Arran for the day to enjoy the show.

For the first time this year the children also took part in a Scots opera project which saw excerpts from Purcell's Dido and Aeneas performed by opera singers at the show.

At the end of the concert Alistair Paul gave a vote of thanks and organiser Maggie Frame

was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The tutors this year were: accordion Grant MacFarlane, Celtic art Cecilia Paul, clarcash Becky Hill, drama Artair Donald, drums Allan MacDonald, fiddle Gillian Frame, ukulele and guitar Findlay Napier, pipes, chanter and whistle Lorne MacDougall and Gaelic singing Mairi MacInnes.



art class. 01_B31feis23



The singing class on stage led by Mairi MacInnes. 01_B31feis18



The drama class make a pyramid on stage. 01_B31feis19



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The masterclass pupils perform at the concert. 01_B31feis21

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Lorne MacDougall and his whistle class. 01_B31feis03



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Mairi MacInnes leads the children in the feis song at the concert finale. 01_B31feis22



Gillian Frame on stage with her fiddle class. 01_B31feis14



The ukulele class performing on stage. 01_B31feis11



The drummers perform at the concert. 01_B321feis13



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Christian makes long walk to Arran

A charity walker who aims to raise £100,000 for the Armed Forces charity SSAFA by walking the entire coastline of the UK is celebrating the one-year anniversary of starting his walk during the Arran leg of his journey.

Christian Lewis set off from Llangennith Beach, Wales, at the start of August last year. The 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment soldier is hoping to complete the walk of approximately 14,000 kilometres with his dog Jet to raise funds and awareness for his nominated charity.

He arrived on Arran from Cumbrae last Thursday and spent several days walking around the island. He is now almost a third of the way into his challenge, which has included scal-

ing Ben Nevis and Snowdonia.

Christian has raised almost £10,000 of his target.

Having started with no money and just relying on the goodwill of people whom he meets along the way, he has been receiving donations of water, food, accommodation and equipment during the marathon walk.

Christian said: 'I'm overwhelmed by the support and generous donations so far. Please follow my journey and come and say hello if you spot me along the way.'

Supporters can follow his journey at www.chriswalks.com and donations can be made on his JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chriswalks



Anyone who is able to provide assistance with food or accommodation or even just washing clothing is urged to get in touch, or just stop him on the road if you see him.

SSAFA, the armed forces charity, has provided support to members and ex-members of the services and their families since 1885. In 2017, it assisted more than 73,227 people, from Second World War veterans to young men and women who have served in more recent conflicts.

Christian Lewis who is undertaking a 14,000-kilometre charity walk.

Help youth project with asset transfer

Arran Youth Foundations are applying to North Ayrshire Council for a community asset transfer to take ownership of the youth cabins behind Arran High School, where they operate from.

This would mean ownership of the cabins and the land on which they sit in Lamlash would pass from the council to the organisation.

Youth work project manager Graeme Johnston said: 'If successful, this will allow us to expand our facilities, either through adding to the existing youth cabins, or by building an entirely new, purpose-built youth centre. Our aim is to create larger, better facilities in which to deliver our award-winning youth work.'

'Taking ownership of the youth cabins is just one part of an overall plan to grow Arran Youth Foundations, through which we will also recruit sessional youth work staff and take on youth work apprentices. All of this is to allow us to deliver more youth work to more young people.'

'We are hoping to prove we have the support of the local community for this. If you support our organisation, it would be much appreciated if you could take two minutes to fill in this short survey.'

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An epic dream voyage



Tadd Maudlin and Lindsay Carswell enjoying the Arran summer sunshine.

A Scottish sailor and her American husband have realised their dream of making the 4,800 nautical mile journey from Florida to Arran in their 47 foot catamaran, writes Colin Smeeton.

Tadd Maudlin from Indiana, USA, and Lindsay Carswell from Edinburgh run sailing charters aboard their Leopard 47 sailing catamaran, based in Key West, Florida.

When they bought SY Makara in 2015 – named after a mythological beast from far eastern mythology that is half sea serpent and half goat/crocodile, which Gods rode on to cross the sea – they planned to sail her to Arran to visit Lindsay's family, including cousin Margie Currie of Blackwaterfoot.

Unfortunately, setbacks put paid to that plan when the engines had to be replaced at a cost of US\$60,000 (£45,500), delaying the North Atlantic crossing for three years.

After a great deal of hard work and planning they finally set sail from Key West on Wednesday May 2, heading to Bermuda and onto the mid-Atlantic Azores to Crosshaven, Ireland, then up the Irish Sea, to arrive in Blackwaterfoot on Saturday June 30.

With a crew of five, they logged a total of 4,800 nautical miles while spending 31 days at sea.

Lindsay, just prior to setting off again, told the Banner: 'We have thoroughly enjoyed our month on Arran with family and friends,

sailing the Mull of Kintyre and Kyles of Bute, the Mackerel Lottery and the amazing weather.'

'If any of our new friends would like to keep up with our journey, we keep a travel blog which can be found at www.lastknownposition.net – it also includes information about the boat, her crew and our adventures.'

The return journey, which began on Wednesday July 25, will see the crew and catamaran heading towards Northern Ireland and then down the west coast of Ireland, south of England, northern Spain, Portugal, Morocco, the Canaries and finally back across the Atlantic, leaving in November for Key West.



Tadd Maudlin, Alastair and Allison Currie of Shiskine, Gwen Menzies of Shiskine and Lindsay Carswell go for a sail in the Mull of Kintyre.



SY Makara which made the North Atlantic crossing to visit Arran.

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Arran farmers put on another splendid show

Hugh Boag

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It nearly stayed dry for the Arran Farmers' Society show this year ... nearly, but not quite.

The Clan stunt cycle team had just launched into their second show of the day when the first spots of rain could be felt. In 10 minutes it was teeming down and showing no signs of going off any time soon.

But the rain could not spoil what had been a fantastic day at Glenkiln Farm in Lamlash for the 182nd annual show. Sheep entries were up and there were plenty of cows, unfortunately no horses.

The first reported case of strangles on Arran, one of

the most common equine diseases in horses in the UK, followed by a series of unforeseen circumstances, led to the postponement of the horse and showjumping events, although it is hoped to hold them at a later date.

However, while their non appearance was a disappointment for many, it did not stop a fantastic crowd turning up on the day for the many other attractions, including The Clan, back for the first time in four years, to wow the crowd with their stunt bike extravaganza as well as a host of other events, including the always popular dog show.

There was, as always, fierce competition between



Ronan Millar with the Border Leicester champion of N and P Brown. 01_B31farm23



Chairman Richard McMaster congratulates Stuart Reid on winning overhead championship. 01_31farm28

the farms in both the sheep and cattle judging. But it was the dairy section, with just one competitor – Stuart Reid of Clauchlands – who was to walk away with the top prize as overhead champion with Holstein Fresian Blackbird 199.

And in a double win, her mother Blackbird 153 won the Holstein championships at Ayr earlier this year. She was sired by

Westenrade Altaspri.

Reserve champion was a Limousin three-month-old cross heifer calf out of a black cow named Dua Lipa and her sire is Spittalton Governor of N & D Henderson of Kilpatrick.

Four sheep made up the other finalists for the overhead prize. The Texel champion of S Murchie and W Kelso, the Blackface champion of JK and C

Bone, the Border Leicester of N and P Brown and other breeds champion, a Poll Dorset of D and S Murchie.

Retiring society chairman Richard McMaster said: 'It has been a fantastic show and with the weather being largely kind to us it has been a great day.'

'It is disappointing there were no horses but that was due to circumstances beyond our control.'

'I cannot thank everyone enough, the sponsors, those who donate raffle prize, the stallholders, the directors – many of whom are no longer in farming – everyone who volunteers to help on the day and, of course, Kenneth Bone for allowing us to use the field. Without every one of them we would not be able to continue to stage the show.'

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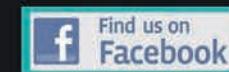
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Fierce competition for the



The Limousin cross-calf, which was to go on and lift reserve champion, with Kirstie Barton in the judging ring. 01_B31farm06



Faye Anderson's Zwartbels compete in the other breeds class. 01_B31farm18



David Henderson with reserve champion Limousin cross-heifer calf Dua Lipa. 01_B31farm22



Judging is under way for the best pedigree animal in the cattle section won by N and P Brown. 01_B31farm16



Wallace Currie holds his Texel firm in the judging ring. 01_b31farm10



Faye Anderson is congratulated on winning the Texel championship with the S Murchie and W Kelso entry. 01_B31farm17



Andrew Currie was the winner of the young stockman award. 01_B31farm20



Little Amber Sims, aged three, gets up close and personal with a Charious bull. 01_B31farm03

Cattle and sheep prizes



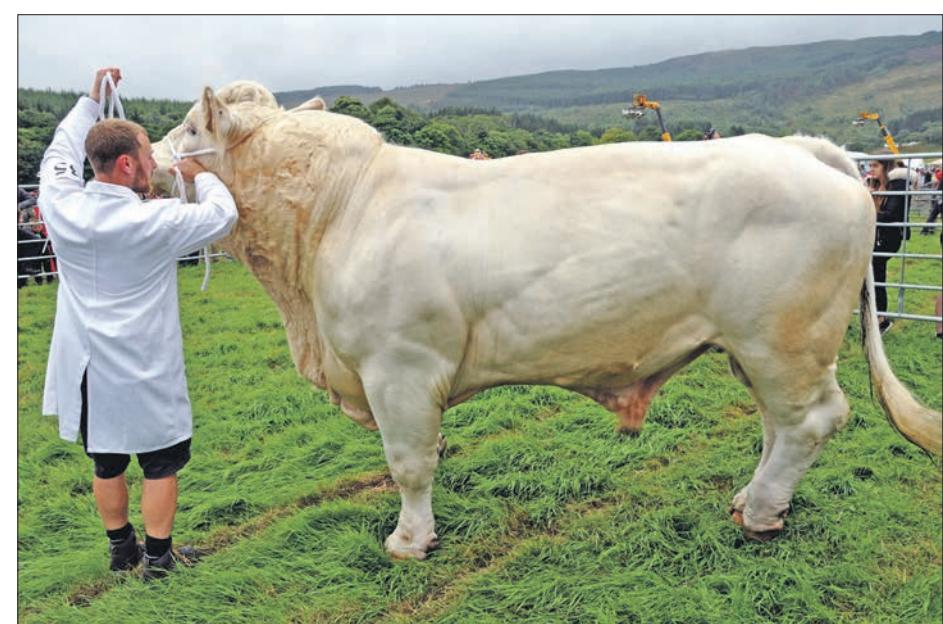
Isla Holton from Clarkston was the pet lamb winner with the lamb of Hugh Stewart of Drumaghinier. 01_B31farm19



Isabella Reid wins first prize for her dairy calf Matt. 01_B31farm02



Judging under way for Texel sheep. 01_B31farm09



Grant Irving with the Charolais bull Robin in the judging ring. 01_B31farm14



Judging under way in the Blackface tup lambs class.
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The sheep are prepared for judging. 01_B31farm01



The Texel champion of S Murchie and W Kelso in the final judging ring. 01_B31farm26

Arran SWI Federation skills



Marion Melvin of the Corrie and Sannox institute with one of her many entries, which earned her the Mary W McGarry Memorial Trophy. The entry is for her unborn grandson who is due in the middle of this month. 01_B31SWI02



Corrie stalwart Morag Munro with one of her gold award-winning paintings on silk. 01_B31SWI04



Chairwoman Jerry Arthur and special guest May Kidd with all of the prize winners at the annual SWI Federation show.

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A wide range of talent and skills were on display at the Arran SWI Federation's annual handicraft show, which was held on Wednesday at the community theatre in Lamlash.

Receiving nearly 500 entries in 21 categories, and from only five institutes, the handicraft show was well supported and larger than many mainland fed-

erations more than double their size.

With entries ranging from knitwear to quilting and embroidery, and patchwork to card-making and origami, there was a wealth of entries in each category. The incredible amount of skilled competitors extended to other categories, too, ranging from photography to floral displays, to literature, art, garment-making and preserves.

Known for their kitchen

skills, SWI members excelled themselves in the baking categories with a huge mouth-watering display of pancakes, oatcakes, brownies and tarts.

Fiercely contested categories, which include the community handcraft tray and the community tray, also showed a significant amount of patience and effort being invested into them.

In the community handcraft tray category – whose



Visitors browse the large number of items on display at the community theatre in Lamlash. 01_B31SWI09



Hats and handbags was the tray which was won by Shiskine

on display at handicraft show



SWI handicraft show. 01_B31SWI01



Kirsty Forsyth with her intricate Shetland knitted shawl that earned her the best in show and the Corrie and Sannox trophy. 01_B31SWI06



Arran Provisions trophy winner Jenny Harper of Shiskine with a compilation of items that earned her one of the few first places. 01_B31SWI05



Runner-up for best in show, Angela Irving of Kildonan whose rug earned her the M Gardner trophy. 01_B31SWI03

theme this year was hats and handbags – Shiskine secured the first prize and the Margaret Haddow trophy. They also managed to take the community tray category – whose theme was high tea – to earn themselves the Duchess of Montrose trophy.

Lady convener Alison Burnett said: 'I am absolutely delighted with the huge number of entries and the high quality of items on display.'

'Thank you to the individual members and institutes who have contributed so much time and effort, and to the many visitors, who have all contributed to making the show such a success.'

Chairwoman of the Arran SWI Federation, Jerry Arthur, added: 'Ladies and girls of any age can join in the fun and excitement and learn new skills with the SWI.'

'We are hosting our open

day on Monday September 3, at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick, and anyone who is interested to learn about what we do is very welcome to attend.'

Following the show, a prize-giving ceremony took place with various trophies awarded by special guest, May Kidd, of the Associated Country Women of the World.

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Attracting a huge amount of interest were the community trays whose theme was high tea. 01_B31SWI07



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Young Highland dancers show off their fancy footwork during their dancing display.

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Rosie and Molly Mcfadzean of Whiting Bay with Islay who took a first prize rosette in the dog show. 01_B31farm41



Minnie Rutherford with rescued retriever Ellie who won the best dog in show prize. Minnie is visiting from Majorca to celebrate her grandad's 75th birthday. 01_B31farm40



Older Highland dancers impress during the Highland Fling. 01_B31farm34



Champions of the tractor show, left, an International 634 driven by Callum Wylie and reserve champion DG Weir on his Ferguson 35. 01_B31farm36



Ten-year-old twins Katherine and Laura Coyle with Fergus, who won first place in the terrier category in the dog show. 01_B31farm39



Visitors were treated to an array of tractors dating from pre-war days to modern era machines. 01_B31farm43

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Fun in the pool
Live music – Davie Anderson
Live music – Rough Cut - band playing a mix of hits
Over-21s disco
RNLI Shop Open

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Loch Garbad, bank fishing
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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

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
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm

Sunday 5th August

Tractor rally
Kiscadale Shield, open pairs
Beach barbecue and beach run
Hiroshima commemoration
Live music – Mic Clark
RNLI shop open
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live music – Happy Ever After - a trip to the 1960s
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Folk music session

Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club
Brodick Beach, 2pm
Lamlash Front Green, 2pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 2pm - 4pm
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 6th August

Lamlash Church
Open canoes
Lifeboat coffee morning
Coffee morning
Something of the Sea art exhibition
Live music – Happy Ever After, bank holiday show
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Adult tennis
Circuit training
Summer bridge, visitors welcome
Rink game
Tae Kwon Do
Live music – Shindig
RNLI Shop Open

Open - 10am -12 noon
Lochranza Centre, 10am - 2.30pm
The Lifeboat Shed, Lamlash Pier, 10.15 till noon
Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - noon
Octopus Centre, Old Pavilion, Lamlash, 11am - 4.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 2 pm
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
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 7th August

Lamlash Church
Healthy Outdoors
Gorge walking
Something of the Sea art exhibition
Castle garden walk
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Technology with Duan Bruce
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Concert – Arco and guests
Trev's pop music quiz
Body Blitz

Open -10am -12 noon
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Lochranza Centre 10.00am
Octopus Centre, Old Pavilion, Lamlash, 11am - 4.30pm
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
St Bride's Church, Lochranza, 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm

Wednesday 8th August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Lamlash Church
Coffee morning
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Something of the Sea art exhibition
Isle of Arran Horticultural Society Show
Dog classes
Arran Pace Makers running group
Rink game
Tae Kwon Do
Burger and quiz night
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Summer family ceilidh
Live music – Arran Dawn
Family friendly pub quiz
Quiz night
Rock 'n' pop bingo

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am -10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Open -10am - noon
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - noon
10.30am -12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Octopus Centre, Old Pavilion, Lamlash, 11am - 4.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 12 noon - 5pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
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 9th August

Morning fitness
Lamlash Church
Abseiling & Ladders
Something of the Sea Art Exhibition
ACLI volunteer gardening day
Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera
Castle time travellers
Wee Granny's Magic Bag and the Pirates reading by author Elizabeth Mackay
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 - noon
Lochranza Centre 10.00am
Octopus Centre, Old Pavilion, Lamlash, 11am - 4.30pm
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
Elizabeth Mackay Arran Library, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm – 10.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 10th August

Arran Open Studios
Yoga
Hydrofit
Lamlash Church
Something of the Sea art exhibition
T'ai chi with Sue Thurogood
Fryday's chip shop
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Friday night quiz
Live music – Mike Bailey
Live music – karaoke and open mic

Various locations around Arran
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Open - 10am -12 noon
Octopus Centre, Old Pavilion, Lamlash, 11am - 4.30pm
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

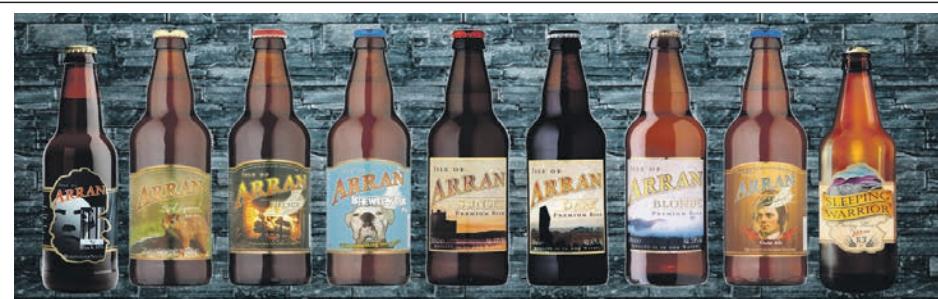
Saturday 11th August

Arran Open Studios
Something of the Sea art exhibition
Rink game
Rinks bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live music – Hingin by a Thread
Live music – Skaledonia, eight-piece ska band
Over-21s disco
RNLI Shop Open

Various locations around Arran
Octopus Centre, Old Pavilion, Lamlash, 11am - 4.30pm
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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That's a final wrap for Whiting Bay fun week



Bay Queen Greta Litton presents Marrette Pringle and Neil Cook with the Whiting Bay Fun Week Shield.

Colin Smeeton
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The final few days of the action-packed Whiting Bay Fun week began on the Friday with the putting competition followed by the family fun run.

For the third year running, women's winner Alice Martin was delighted to regain her title and add to her collection of mugs with an amazing 37 strokes.

The winning child with a noteworthy score of 43 was a very pleased Harry Forster. Picking up the coveted winners mug in the teenage section was Whiting Bay boy Leon Costley-Wood,

who had an impressive round of 41.

The men's match was very hotly contested this year, ending in a tie for first place, played off over three holes.

This was a head to head between Gus Mcleod and Peter Towndrow each having taken only 36 strokes. Pete won the toss and Gus went first but perhaps feeling the mounting tension had a tentative put. Then Pete stepped on to the tee and produced a magnificent hole in one.

The combination of youthful sprinting prowess and the spectacle of an all ages theatrical extravaganza, the

fun run was certainly a feast for the eyes with a theme of performance and animals winning the hearts of the crowd.

A galloping horse/donkey with rider, circus clowns, a cage full of the cutest roaring lions ever, an ageing hippie, and a floating birthday cake were among the entrants who trailed along behind the serious runners.

While no timekeeping took place, Jesse Townsend crossed the finish line first, with runner-up Ewan Morrison storming home shortly after. The amazing three little lions circus won the fancy dress competition with

a unanimous verdict and to great applause.

Wrapping up an exciting week, the duck race saw a large crowd lining the banks of Sandbraes bridge and burn where entrants cheered on their ducks in the hope of it crossing the finish line first in order to win generous cash prizes.

Whiting Bay and Districts Improvements Association secretary Eric Kay thanked all participants and organisers for the tremendous amount of effort and work that they put into making the fun week the fantastic success that it was once again.



Bingo! Dave Hackett had the audience in stitches during the family bingo night.



Villagers and visitors line the banks of the burn to cheer on their duck during the duck race.

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The gang's all here at the start of the fun run. 01_B31bay02



And they're off ... to a flying start on the fun run. 01_B31bay03



A large number of children with their brightly coloured bowls took part in the family bowling during the Whiting Bay fun week.

Tractor Show at museum

The Isle of Arran Heritage Museum will once again host its annual Tractor Show with an extensive display of mechanical masterpieces which are available for visitors to marvel at on the lawn.

The show, which takes place tomorrow (Sunday), will feature a fascinating range of machines from vintage to modern, restored to original, and everything in-between.

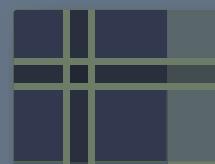
Showcasing the advances in agricultural technology, the exhibition will take visitors on a journey starting from the introduction of tractors to all the way through to modern day monsters that feature sophisticated electronics and extraordinary capabilities.

In addition to seeing the vehicles – and possibly meeting their owners – there will also be a tombola, locally made burgers and all of the usual attractions of Cafe Rosaburn, the museum itself and the museum gift shop.

The museum and Cafe Rosaburn will be open between 10.30am and 4.30pm with the Tractor Show taking place between 12.30pm and 3.30pm.

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Chinese connection

Brodick Castle gardens contain many exotic plants and quite a few of these come from the Far East. Indeed western China is the home of some of our best known and head gardener Nigel Price has visited Kunming Botanic Gardens to learn from their expertise and to establish connections.

Now two Chinese botanists have joined him at Brodick Castle to glean from the Arran knowledge. They are Li Zhijian and Zhou Yuan who are both research associates in Kunming in Yunan and they will be working at Brodick Castle for the next few weeks. What do they find strange about Arran, we asked? It is the first time that they have seen the sea they both replied. Less surprisingly their favourite plants are rhododendron, clematis and begonia.

Arran Saint

'One person connects plans for a modern holistic retreat centre in the Firth of Clyde with an ancient well in County Carlow, and the forgotten Scots kingdom of Dal Riada with an order of Tibetan monks who have found refuge in Britain.' So reads the opening paragraph of a book by Dr Colum Kenny celebrating the life of a man who, more than any other, can be considered an

Arran saint. The retreat centre in the Firth of Clyde is, of course, the one planned for Holy Isle and the Tibetan monks are the Buddhists who have resided there for some years now.

Dr Kenny has spent several years researching the life of Molaise who is said to have spent much of his life as a hermit in the cave on Holy Isle which now bears his name. It is also widely believed that, having left Arran and travelled to Rome and Leinster, Molaise returned to Arran and is buried near Clauchan Glen near Machrie Moor.

The name of Molaise may mean little to Arran folk but Dr Kenny's meticulously researched book should ensure that many more Arran people will come to know more about the Arran saint.

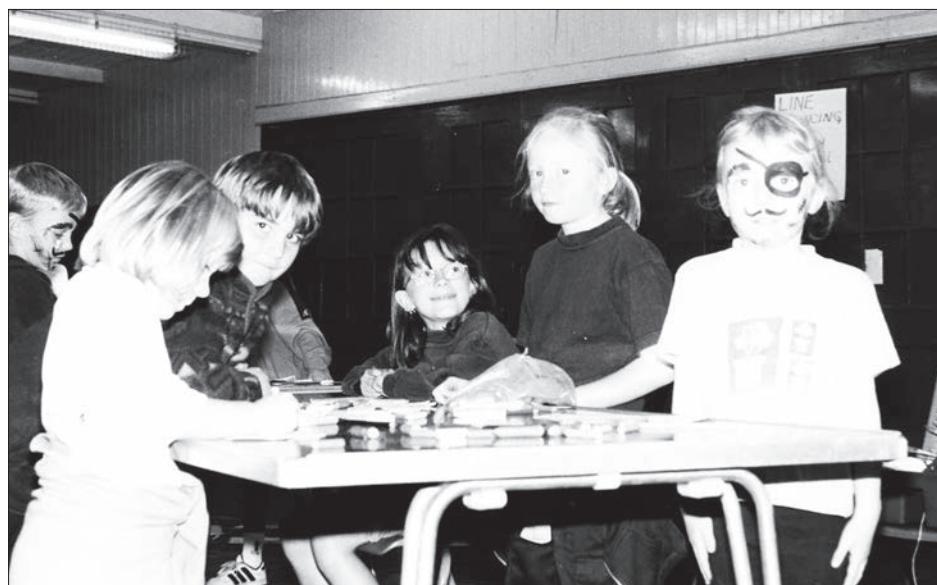
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Rumours abound on Arran in all manner of topics but one that has persisted is that John Thomson Construction Ltd has been put up for sale at a price of around £9 million.

As one of Arran's largest companies we asked owner Iain Thomson if this was true. He, too, had heard the rumour but said firmly: 'The business has not been offered for sale, nor have we been approached.'



Taking part in football training over the summer holidays, a large group of Arran teenagers learned a few new skills and enjoyed many games while also spending time outdoors. 01_B31twe02



Children enjoy an arts and crafts morning at the village hall during the Lamlash Gala Week which started with the crowning of the Heather Queen. 01_B31twe04



Record rainfall has brought flooding to Brodick as can be seen on Shore Road last Sunday with 150 millimetres of rain so far in July. 01_B31twe01



Stepping off MV Loch Tarbert, a familiar face for over 26 years, Jackie Wallace has retired after serving as the captain on the Lochranza route that was introduced in 1972. He will be replaced on the bridge by Donald McKelvie.
01_B31twe03



Ladies give a mighty heave in the tug-o-war during the annual Kildonan Fun Week which came to a close last Saturday with their mini sports day and dance. 01_B31twe05

All set for Brodick Highland Games



The march of the massed pipe bands. 01_B31games03

The bunting is up and the stage is set as Arran is all set to host the Brodick Highland Games this weekend.

For many, it is the highlight of the summer season for visitors and locals, and organisers are hoping for another bumper year after a record crowd of more than 4,100 packed into the Ormidale Park for the games last year.

And this year will see a brand new event the Local Heroes strongman competition, which has been put together by retired heavy athlete Scott Clark.

This will feature three new events: the anvil drag, inspired by Big Davy's feat of last year, the giant tyre flipping race and the stones of density.

Scott said: 'We have had a couple of training sessions and equipment testing, which went well. The strongman stuff is not outrageously heavy but will be challenging to most. It would be great if some more of the young lads from around the island would have a go.'

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events, including the shot putt, 28lb weight for distance, 56lb weight for height, 16lb hammer and the caber, which will commence at noon.

Always popular on the day are the pipe bands and there are two visiting bands joining the Arran Pipe Band who will lead the traditional procession from the ferry terminal and back at the conclusion of the games. Regulars Maybole Pipe Band and Kilbarchan Pipe Band will also entertain throughout the day.

The Highland dancing competition

kicks off proceedings at 11am with the children's fancy dress and the other events commencing at 1pm. There will also be children's races and other athletics event, an all-comers pillow fight and the always popular tug of war during the afternoon.

The Ormidale playing field will also have a variety of stalls selling food and drink, a number of charity stalls raising money and side shows and games.

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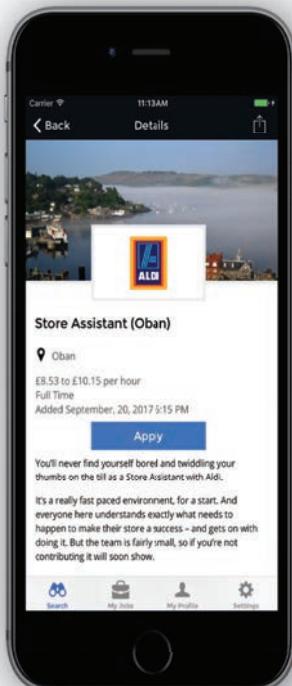
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18/00619/PP; Site to South of Meadowbank Cottage, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Amendment to planning approval 17/00513/PP to amend design and size of proposed garage.

18/00651/PP; Home Farm, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DD; Erection of storage shed.

18/00657/PP; Jolly Molly, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ; Change of use from Class 1 (retail) to Class 3 (food and drink) licensed restaurant and ice cream parlour.

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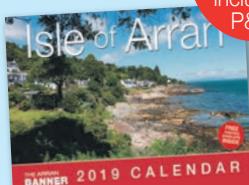
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Sunday 5th August

Lochranza Church, 9.30am.

Morning Service.

Pirnmill Church, 10.45am.

Morning Service

Shiskine Church, 12noon

Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am.

Morning Worship,

including Sacrament of the Lords Supper

Corrie Church, 11.30am

Prayer Meeting, 12noon

Morning Worship,

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Saturday 4th August
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Sunday 5th August
Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

DEATH

LOGAN: Margaret Martin McLarty. Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital on Tuesday, 24th July 2018. Margaret M Logan of Corrie, in her 88th year. Funeral service in Brodick Free Church on Friday, 3rd August at 11:30 am and thereafter to Sannox cemetery to which all are welcome.

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**Shiskine Golf Club**

Wednesday July 24, gents' 18-hole medal. 1st class: 1 Alan Stewart 71-11=60, 2 and scratch, Jimmy Morrison 70-8=62, 3 Hamish Bannatyne 70-6=64. 2nd class: 1 Rueben Betley 94-27=67, 2 Colin Rutherford 86-19=67, 3 Quintin Oliver 96-21=75.

Thursday July 26, Ladies Open. A total of 116 ladies played on a glorious day. The ladies were given a glass of Prosecco during the prize-giving which was generously donated. There was a raffle and £633 was raised. Our main charity this year is the Arran Mountain Rescue Team. Local businesses sponsored 12 holes and the money raised from this will be given to junior development. Many thanks to all our sponsors and to the island lady members who donated the hole prizes and to the mainland lady members who donated the raffle prizes.

Hole winners: Hole 1, nearest the pin in 3 – Ann Lang and Elspeth Inch. Hole 2, longest drive – Ann May. Hole 3, mystery hole – Pat Adamson and Moira Small. Hole 4, nearest the pin – Lucy Wood. Hole 5, longest putt sunk – Wilma Kay. Hole 6, nearest the pin in 2 – Gillian McLeod and Shona McVey. Hole



Winners of the Island mixed fours held at Lamlash Golf Club, Ian and Sheena Murchie.



Lochranza Castle Golf Club captain Archie Cumming presents the champion golfer trophy to Graeme Andrew with captain's prize-winner Ross Trail alongside.

7, mystery prize – Alison Thomson and Shirley Bell. Hole 8, nearest the pin in two – Gillian McLeod and Shona McVey. Hole 9, nearest the line – Jennifer Bell. Hole 10, nearest the pin – Catherine Garrett. Hole 11, longest putt sunk – Alice Anderson and Jerry Arthur. Hole 12, nearest the pin – Jill West.

Prize-winners: 1st prize, Ann Lang and Elspeth Inch – net 36. 2nd prize, Valerie Hardie and Pam Wright – nett 39. 3rd prize, Alison Burnett and Mary Jo Tod – Net 39.5. 4th prize, Catherine Garrett and Fiona Scott – nett 40. 5th prize, Pietre Johnston and Liz Kerr – net 40.5, BIH. Scratch prize, Shona McVey and Gillian McLeod. Least putts, Esther Henderson and Isobel MacDonald –

16. Lucky losers, Sheena Murchie and Kate McAdam. Congratulations to all the winners.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 25, The Jim Pirie Quaich. The settled weather made for a good field of 35 competitors for this popular competition, now played as a Stableford. Scoring was good with the top six players all bettering par but CSS stayed at 63/36points. Stephen Young passed that easily to win on 41 points, just edging past Andy Martin on a countback. 1 Stephen Young 9, 41pts ACB, 2 Andy Martin 13, 41, 3 Gus Macleod 12, 39, 4 Ronnie Mann 12, 38. Magic twos, Ryan Armstrong @5th, Wolfi Kroner @11th, Douglas Graham @14th and Brian Murray, Scott Murray and Craig Simpson all @17th.

As a happy adjunct to a fine day's golf, the late Jim Pirie's son David played and was able to present the quaich named after his father to the winner Stephen Young in the clubhouse.

Fixtures: Sunday August 5, The Lifeboat Stableford Open, entry for non-members is £15 including sweep and charity contribution. Wednesday August 8, The McNicol Cup.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 26, Summer Cup, CSS 66. 1 Dougie MacFarlane 65-0=65, 2 Serge El Adm 82-15=67, 3 Alan Smith 80-11=69. Scratch, Dougie MacFarlane 65. Magic twos Allan Winship @17th.

Ladies' section: Monday July 23, Open mixed fours. 1 Ian and Sheena Murchie 66, 2 Alan Smith and Mary Adams 68. Scratch Ann and John May 81. The trophies were presented by Jim Henderson whose nieces, Lorna and Denise, donated the scratch trophy last year in memory of their mum, Morag.

Wednesday July 25, Stroke 4, CSS 64, par 65, 7 played. 1 Sheena Murchie 79-15=64, 2 Kate McAd-



Lady convener Clare Buchanan presents Shiskine Golf Club open winners Ann Lang and Elspeth Inch with their prizes.



Shiskine Golf Club open competitor Alison Burnett with her prizes.

am 83-16=67. Scratch, Sheena 79.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 25, Summer Cup, 33 played, CSS 64. Christopher MacNeil 83-25=58, ACB, Bruce Jenkins 66-8=58, Bill Donaldson 76-16=60. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 65.

Sunday July 29, Club Trophy, 20 played, CSS 64. Matt Keir 67-5=62, Alistair Hume 74-11=63, Gordon Hendry 69-5=64. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 67 ACB.

Fixtures: Sunday July 5, Brandon qualifier, 8.30am and 12noon. Thursday July 16, Senior Open.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday July 25, medal. 1 J McGovern 76-14=62, 2 A Napier 72-9=63. Scratch, R Logan 68. Saturday July 28, Crawford Cup. 1 John McGovern 75-14=61, 2

Football players put through their paces

Providing footballers with a possible taste of the training opportunities available to them, potential players in the Isle of Arran Amateur Football Club (AAFC) recently received an evening of advanced training from SFA development coach Craig Hamilton.

The event was organised by Alan Murray, the driving force behind the new club, who are currently in a bid to join the Ayrshire Sunday League Amateur Football Association.

A total of 22 potential players for the Arran team, and those interested in furthering their football skills, joined Craig Hamilton at the Lamlash fields where the training took place owing to the Ormidale Sports Pavilion being occupied by the circus.

The training, rather than being purely fitness re-



Craig Hamilton talks players through their next exercise. 01_B30training04

lated, centred on spatial awareness, tactical play, teamwork and thinking on the fly.

The two groups then enjoyed an 11-a-side match which Craig watched while giving advice to the players.

AAFC are currently awaiting the decision on whether they can join the mainland league but the decision is still pending while the committee who are considering the application consult with the Scottish Amateur

Football Association. Regardless of the outcome the AAFC will still be formed by taking on players and the club will work on firmly establishing themselves for re-applying next year if their bid is unsuccessful.



Ross Dobson and Danny Head mirror each other's actions during a training exercise. 01_B30training03



The fast-paced 11-a-side game after the training kept the goalies on both sides very busy. 01_B30training05



Coaches Alan Murray and Craig Hamilton welcome all of the players to the training session and explain what their objectives are. 01_B30training01

Young riders show their mettle



Murray Boal in action. All action photographs by Lenny Hartley/Jingly Jangly Images.



Alfie Gilmore speeds round the track.



Thomas Gilmore is flying high.

Arran Motocross Club recently hosted their third annual fun weekend at Southbank farm track.

The fundraising weekend was held over two days, consisting of a practice session on the Saturday and then four classes of races on the Sunday. Riders from the island and the mainland lined up against each other to put their skills to the test.

The first into action were the A class in which local boy Sam Rayner got the hole shot to pull out a comfortable lead. Battling it out for second were Neil Faulkner of Shiskine and John Bennett of Kirkintilloch, with Neil just edging it after swapping positions several times. Fraser Thompson came home in fourth after being promoted from the B class.

In the B races, Mark 'Deeps' Dempsey of Glasgow came out top after battling with Scott Rankin of Shiskine, Matthew Tetlow, a former islander who now lives in England, and John Lamont of Beith. This class

saw most of the crashes as John Lamont found himself face down in the dirt on the wrong side of his Honda CR250 on several occasions – much to the enjoyment of his spectating wife Fiona. This performance also saw him collect the Donkey of the Day trophy.

The C class was dominated by youth rider Thomas Gilmore, who gave his father Tom, Murray Boal and newcomer Eddie McMechan a lesson in how to ride motocross.

In the junior bike section, Alfie Gilmore of Brodick battled it out over three races with Owen Bennett of Kirkintilloch and Gill McMechan of Lamlash. The juniors showed grit and determination in putting on an impressive display for the spectators.

The MC Club would like to thank all the spectators who came along to support the club and would like to give an extended thanks to the Lighthouse Tearoom, the Arran Butcher, Wooleys Bakery and the Ormidale Hotel

for their contributions towards the barbecue.

They would also like to thank Lenny Hartley, Andrew Surridge and David Prescott for coming down and taking some amazing photographs but the biggest thanks and appreciation has to go to Geoff Brookes, as without his generosity and allowing them to use his land, they wouldn't have a club at all.

The MC Club is always looking for new members regardless of previous experience, so please contact the club on its Facebook page for advice.

All the race results – Class A : 1st Sam Rayner, 2nd Neil Faulkner, 3rd John Bennett, 4th Fraser Thompson.

Class B: 1st Mark 'Deeps' Dempsey, 2nd Scott Rankin, 3rd Matthew Tetlow, 4th John Lamont.

Class C: 1st Thomas Gilmore, 2nd Tom Gilmore, 3rd Murray Boal, 4th Eddie McMechan.

Junior: 1st Alfie Gilmore, 2nd Owen Bennett, 3rd Gill McMechan.



Murray Boal with his trophies.



Mark 'Deeps' Dempsey from Glasgow get his awards from Tom Gilmore.



Neil Faulkner in action.



Scott Rankin takes off on the track.

tal at motocross weekend



All the prize-winners with their trophies.



Sam Rayner of Sliddery receives his trophy from Tom Gilmore.



Matthew Tetlow from Manchester with his trophy.



Sam Rayner is flying high.



Alfie Gilmore gets his winner's medal from his dad Tom.



Thomas Gilmore who won class C.



Gill McMeegan from Lamlash with her medal.



Neil Faulkner from Shiskine with his prize.

which has a spectacular setting.

Howzat! Cricket fun day



Team Wild Boars Football Club. 01_B31cricket01



Team Ian Rush Fan Club. 01_B31cricket02



Team Hawaii Five-O. 01_B31cricket03

Despite torrential rain in the morning, the fancy dress cricket fun day at Ormidale Park in Brodick went ahead as scheduled with a committed group of cricketers dressing up and taking part in an afternoon of six-a-side cricket.

Organised by Sannox Cricket Club, the more-fun-than-competitive event placed the emphasis on the enjoyment of the game with a generous helping of absurdity and silliness. Raucous commentary, outlandish music and equally ridiculous outfits were the order of the day. Rules were made up as the event progressed and the only statutory requirement was that players and supporters have fun.

In total, there were five teams with one later forming a splinter group to create another, known as Team Six, but they were knocked out just before the semi-final round.

Most outlandishly dressed team undoubtedly

went to Team Ian Rush Fan Club who wore brightly coloured, garish tracksuits with 1970s style moustaches that required constant stroking. Team Wild Boars FC were possibly the best suited for the rainy conditions, while team Hawaii Five-O might have been hoping for sunshine in their grass skirts and Hawaiian flower necklaces.

Veterans of the event, and true to their name, team Borderline Functioning hastily arranged within minutes of the matches starting to assemble a team of players who undoubtedly were the brightest on the field with their spray painted coveralls. The luminous colours contrasted with the elegant team known as The Gondoliers who came well prepared with oars and straw hats.

On the field, the action continued with enjoyable cricket matches, humorous commentary and well-matched music. Off the field, the bar tent did a

reasonable trade considering the number of visitors brave enough to venture out, while the burger stall, as usual, was kept busy from the start to finish.

Not that the results mattered much to the players: the overall winners were team Hawaii Five-O who defeated the Wild Boars Football Club in the final. In the plate final, Ian Rush Fan Club beat The Gondoliers to win the coveted plastic plate award – a red plastic plate engraved with the tournament name in black plastic marker pen.

Organiser Eric Dunn said: 'A huge thank you to all players and supporters who attended on the day despite the weather. Thanks too to the bar staff, burger flippers, tent erectors, music provider and equipment lenders. The event was very much enjoyed by everyone, in particular the Arran farmers who have been thanking us profusely for providing them with the much-needed rain.'

Organiser



Runner-up, team Wild boars FC put up a determined resistance to winning team Hawaii Five-O. 01_B31cricket09



Arran Norton prepared a steady stream of burgers to feed the hungry cricketers. 01_B31cricket06



Players and supporters gather on the sidelines between games. 01_B31cricket10

washes rain blues away



Organiser Eric Dunn presents the winning team, Hawaii Five-O with their award. 01_B31cricket13



In full swing, a member of team Gondoliers bowls to the opposition. 01_B31cricket08



Going for gold, a team member of Hawaii Five-O hits the ball into the outfield. 01_B31cricket12



Heather McCloy, visiting from Australia, lends a helping hand to team Borderline Functioning. 01_B31cricket07



Team Borderline Functioning. 01_B31cricket04



Team Gondoliers 01_B31cricket05



Commentator Rich E Beno (Eric Dunn) presents the coveted plate final plate to the Ian Rush Fan Club. 01_B31cricket14

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Howzat! Cricket fun day washes rain blues away

Brodick take the spoils as cameras roll at Ewe Camp

In the two Arran Dairies League games on Monday evening Lamlash returned to form and won their game against Shiskine, while their surprise victors from the week before, Northend, managed to put up a brave fight against Brodick, who secured their victory in the second half of the game in windy conditions.

Arran Dairies League

Northend	2
Brodick	5

The BBC cameras were in Lochranza on Monday night to film Northend's game against Brodick for a future feature on football on Arran, but with the wind blowing hard it made for tricky conditions which led even the most accomplished footballers into unforced errors.

The first half was very tight with the score being 1-1 at half-time. Toby Wingham had opened the

scoring for Brodick with a great solo run from the halfway line. However, Andy McNamara had equalised with 10 minutes to go in the first half.

In the second half, Brodick seemed to play better going into the gusting wind and it wasn't long before Cameron Logan made it 2-1 for the visitors, scoring against his old team.

Toby then got his second of the match to make it 3-1 and it looked like last year's champions would run away with it. Northend had other ideas, though, and after a

well-worked corner, Andy got his second goal of the game after heading in from close range.

Joel Small eased the nerves for Brodick though as he scored twice late on to make the final score 5-2. The second of his goals was the goal of the game with a sublime strike from the edge of the box leaving goalkeeper Michael McGuire with no chance to block it.

Referee Danny Head gave Joel the man of the match owing to his powerful and menacing runs.



Goalscorer for Northend Andy McNamara challenges Brodick's Matthew Dobson for possession. 01_B31footy04



Leaping into the air, Brodick and Northend players try to intercept an incoming ball right in front of the Northend goal. 01_B31footy02



Anguish written all over his face, the Northend goalkeeper is unable to stop a Brodick goal. 01_B31footy05

Arran Dairies League

Shiskine	0
Lamlash	4

Lamlash bounced back from their defeat to Northend in their last time out to record their first victory over Shiskine this season. The first two fixtures between these teams ended in draws but Shiskine were well outclassed on Monday night.

Lamlash captain and playmaker Johnny Sloss got back to his goalscoring and netted two for the away team with last year's runner-up for young player of the

year, Luc el Adm, also getting in on the action and on the scoresheet.

Referee Willie Sillars had to put David Copperwheat, John Mulholland and Jordan Crawford in the book during the game.

Willie gave the man of the match to Ben Tattersfield,

who got the fourth Lamlash goal and was a constant threat to the opposition with his pace.

The next fixtures on Monday August 6 will see Northend taking on Southend at 7pm and auld enemies Lamlash facing Brodick at 6.30pm.

Summer bridge

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer tournament held at Lamlash on July 30 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson. E/W. 1 Jan Beattie and Margaret McGill, 2 Alastair and Fiona Davidson, 3 Mary Deas and Andy Martin.



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