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What a relief!

Communities refuse to lose the loos

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Communities across Arran have rallied to re-open the public toilets on the island after council bosses slapped 'shut' signs on them.

There was widespread anger over the decision by North Ayrshire Council to close the loos as part of budget cuts at the end of March, leaving locals and visitors alike with nowhere to go.

Now, in schemes which are being repeated in villages across the island, community groups have negotiated with council chiefs to find a solution to the problem which is now starting to bear fruit with toilets re-opening and dis-

cussions taking place to secure the future of others.

A council spokesman said: 'Over the past 12 months, council officers have met with local communities across Arran to find a viable and sustainable way forward for public toilet provision on the island.'

'These discussions have, so far, been successful in securing the transfer of six of the nine public facilities to community ownership and management, namely the public toilets at Kilmory, Whiting Bay, Sandbraes, Sannox, Brodick Green and Lochranza.

'We are also in discussions with the Lamlash
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Brodick Games will miss Rosie's big smile

Rosie Cooke, a stalwart of the Brodick Highland Games, has hung up her fancy dress costumes for the last time.

At the games on Saturday she was presented with the McMillan Trophy and a big bunch of flowers in front of cheering crowds in the main arena by games secretary Sheila Gilmore for all her support over the years.

Sheila said: 'Rosie has entertained everyone with some fabulous costumes as she's danced along with the pipe bands to the pier each year.'

'She's been a huge part of the day, helping to raise funds for Isle of Arran Pipe Band while doing so. She decided that this year will be her last, and it's only fitting that she was awarded the McMillan Trophy for her outstanding contribution to the games over the years.'

Rosie said simply that she thought it was time to call it a day, but not before she donned one last costume, though she did not join in the parade.



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Communities feeling flush over loo solutions

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community about the possibility of transferring the local facilities to community ownership. We look forward to the public meeting being organised by Lam-lash Improvements Group at 6.30pm on Thursday August 17, at Arran High School, where the community and its representatives will be given the opportunity to speak about the proposal.

'We are also holding positive discussions with community representatives in Blackwaterfoot about the possibility of the community taking ownership of the public toilet facility. Unfortunately, the toilets

at North Sannox were beyond their useful economic life and were decommissioned.'

At Lochranza the public toilets have re-opened through the determined work of a small committee of seven residents who celebrated the re-opening of the public facility with a quirky re-opening ceremony.

The Lochranza loos committee has now taken ownership of the facilities on a month-to-month basis with the hope of them being formally handed over to community ownership at a future date.

Committee chairman, and volunteer cleaner, Tony Baboolal said: 'These toi-



Lochranza Loos committee members and supporters toast the opening of the Lochranza toilet facilities. 01_B3210o01



Brodick Improvements Committee chairman Harry Davidson stands in front of the newly re-opened Brodick toilets. 01_B3210o03

along with the volunteer work of the Lochranza loos committee.

Over in Brodick, the Brodick Improvements Committee also managed to re-open its toilets just in time for the Brodick Highland Games which saw more than 4,000 visitors in the village on Saturday.

Committee chairman Harry Davidson said: 'We are delighted to have re-opened these facilities near Brodick beach. They are an absolute necessity for the community and visitors, and an asset which the alternative provision at the Brodick Hall was unable to replicate.'

'Thanks has to go to committee secretary Bill Calderwood who has worked tirelessly to make this happen. Without his hard work and the helpful assistance of the council, we would not of been able to make this a reality.'

The toilets in Brodick, which are now open from 7am to dusk, have been opened on a temporary basis at the moment while work continues to complete a community asset transfer which will come with some limited funding to allow improvements to the rundown toilet block. The committee are also investigating means of funding which may include securing sponsorship from local companies.

Further discussions taking place over the coming months will hopefully see the toilets in Lamlash, Blackwaterfoot and a new block in Sannox taken over by local communities under the same scheme.

lets have been closed without taking into account the welfare of the villagers, visitors and people of Arran. We could not shrug and walk away from it. Our intention is to retain these facilities for public access and to maintain the building itself, which is part of the fabric of the community. Their continued existence depends on donations and fundraisers but for now, like Elvis, they are back. Lochranza has its toilets back.'

To stress the point, Tony dressed as Elvis and along with committee member Margaret Kerr, cut a ribbon to officially re-open the toilets.

Tony added: 'We could

not have accomplished this without the help from Yvonne Baulk and Dave Mackay, both NAC officials, and from Colin MacKenzie who works for the Highland Council. I must specially mention the enormous help we have had from Audrey Hillis, NAC community development officer.'

After the short speech a celebratory dram was enjoyed, courtesy of Kate Hartley and Faye Waterlow of the Lochranza Distillery, who joined the celebrations with a tray of Lochranza cask whisky.

The Lochranza toilets have now had a donation box installed which will contribute to their upkeep

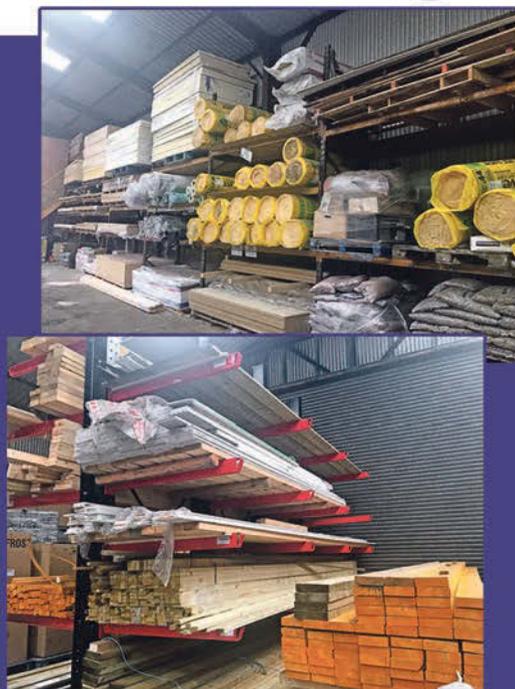


Tony Baboolal and Margaret Kerr cut the ribbon to officially re-open the Lochranza toilets. 01_B3210o02

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Arran's forgotten cemetery

Anger over collapsed headstones at waterlogged graveyard

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A man is unable to complete work at the last resting place of his mum because of conditions at a forgotten Arran cemetery.

Retired Willie Currie is unable to reinstate his parents' headstone, which has collapsed in the waterlogged Kilmory Cemetery. The headstone and that of a neighbouring grave were taken down because of their crumbling foundations. And the ground is so wet that the grave dug is still clearly visible.

A number of other grave-stones in the Southend cemetery have collapsed or have council stickers on them, first implemented nearly three years ago across the island, telling families they have failed a safety inspection.

However, Mr Currie, who lives in Shiskine, and buried his mother Murdina less than a month ago, has spent the past few weeks being given the runaround by North Ayrshire Council to get permission to re-erect the gravestone so he can have it inscribed with his mother's name beside his father Phil, who died 36 years ago. His mother was 87.

Mr Currie told the *Banner*: 'Kilmory really is the forgotten cemetery of Arran. The whole site needs drained, the ground is saturated and is so wet that reeds have started growing. This is not a new problem – it has been going on



Willie Currie, right, and Davie Crossley beside the collapsed headstones.

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for years – but nothing has been done.'

As a result, a number of headstones have collapsed, including that of Mr Currie's parents.

He continued: 'I offered to repair it myself after I buried my mum last month, but the council refused, saying I was not authorised to do the work. They said that while I had paid for the lair, the council still owned the ground.'

Mr Currie and former council worker Davie Crossley, who used to dig graves at Kilmory Cemetery, blamed the collapse on the fixing of the headstones to the foundations, which are the responsibility of North Ayrshire Council.

Anyone erecting a head-

stone has to pay the council £152 for the foundation as well as £254 plus an island tax of £90 to a stonemason to erect the stone.

Mr Crossley said that years ago they would put in a foundation 'for a few bob'. And he criticised the thin layer of cement used to hold the headstone in place. 'There are headstones over there,' he said pointing to the old graveyard, 'which are 300 years old and haven't moved.'

In a further blow, Mr Currie asked if he could have the gravestone engraved while it was lying on the ground, but was told it had to be erected first.

He added that the son of the couple in the neighbouring grave lives in

Aberdeen and would be 'horrified' when he came back to find the headstone collapsed.

Mr Currie's parents are buried in what is known as the new cemetery. However, a third site at the church has recently started to be used.

He said: 'This site was supposed to be drained before burials started, but it

is just as wet as the other site.'

Mr Crossley said he remembered the cemetery being drained 60 years ago but subsequent drainage changes had made that obsolete.

Mr Currie added: 'The council has to take this situation seriously and get the cemetery into a reasonable condition where family members can visit their loved ones without worrying about what they will find when they get here.'

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'We are aware of a complaint regarding drainage at Kilmory Cemetery and are investigating and exploring possible remedial measures.'



The waterlogged site of Willie's parents in Kilmory Cemetery.

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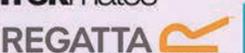
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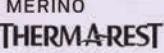











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Pension group is to be formed

A campaign fighting for the pension rights of women is to set up a group on Arran.

The WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) campaign has over 66,000 supporters and represents almost 3.5 million women born in the 1950s who are suffering because they were not told by the government that their state pension age would be increasing, and who now have no time to put in place alternative financial arrangements to see them through to the new state retirement age, which in some cases is now 66.

The first WASPI meeting to take place on Arran will be held on Wednesday Au-



MP Patricia Gibson supports the WASPI campaign.

gust 23 at 6pm in the Ormisdale Pavilion in Brodick.

Ann Fraser, co-ordinator from Ayrshire WASPI, will be there to assist women with the information to begin

a complaint against the Department for Work and Pensions about the lack of notice on state pension age changes. There is already strong interest in setting up a group on

Arran and Patricia Gibson, SNP MP for North Ayrshire and Arran, has been supporting local women and will be attending the first meeting.

The new group will decide if it wants to be a satellite group of the main Ayrshire group or to establish an Arran WASPI group of its own.

WASPI women are raising a complaint against the Department for Work and Pensions on the maladministration of the pension age changes and are looking at a mass action that will go to the ombudsman.

For more information or to get involved contact ayrshirewaspi@gmail.com or see the WASPI Facebook page.

Corrie Film Club presents Palme d'Or winner

Rosetta (France 1999. Cert 15)
Corrie Film Club's August presentation is the winner of the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival 1999. Widely hailed as a masterpiece, *Rosetta* is an extraordinary portrait of a resourceful teenager trying to find her way in a tough world.

Belgian 17-year-old Rosetta (Émi-

lie Dequenne) lives in a dilapidated trailer that has no running water, with only her indigent and alcoholic mother (Anne Yernaux) for company. After losing her job at a food processing plant, the teen struggles to find work in a bid to avoid falling into the same traps as her mother, but is rebuffed at every turn. Only Riquet (Fabrizio

Rongione), who works at a nearby waffle stand, seems to care for Rosetta, but even that budding friendship has a price.

This is a strong film with a 15 certificate classification but very worthwhile. See it in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Sunday August 13 at 8pm. All welcome.

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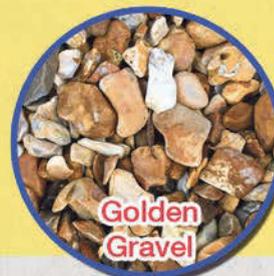
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All is shipshape on the Clyde for the new ferry

The new Arran ferry is taking shape at the Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited (FMEL) shipyard in Port Glasgow.

Last week Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson and the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee went to the yard to see how work on the ferry, to be known as the MV Glen Sannox is going.

To be launched in September, the Glen Sannox will be the primary ferry serving Arran from the mainland, with the MV Caledonian Isles replacing the MV Isle of Arran.

Fuelled by liquefied natural gas and marine gas oil to reduce emissions and help meet SNP government carbon reduction targets, the Glen Sannox will carry up to 136 cars and 1,000 passengers, be more manoeuvrable than the MV Caledonian Isles and be more adaptable in adverse weather conditions, with bow thrusters three times

more powerful. It is being built in modules, with the bow soon to be attached.

Mr Gibson said: 'We enjoyed a fascinating and very informative visit. FMEL could not have been more helpful, with Ardrossan born chief executive Gerry Marshall spending several hours with us, answering each and every question.'

'The Glen Sannox looks magnificent and, after launch, will be fitted out, undergo sea trials from next May and begin serving the people and communities of Arran from late summer 2018. I have no doubt that islanders and visitors alike will be delighted by their new ferry.'

'In business since 1780, and the last commercial yard on the Clyde, FMEL had called in the receiver and its workforce had dwindled to 47 by August 2014 when then First Minister Alex Salmond asked businessman Jim McColl to step in.'

'Mr McColl invested £25 million in the yard and after the SNP government placed £97 million of orders for two new ferries, the yard has been completely rebuilt with a full-time workforce of 336 including 35 appren-

tices, rising to 514 with 100 apprentices by 2020.

'Most of the apprentices are local to Inverclyde. However, should pupils of Arran High School want to work in shipbuilding, FMEL would be delighted to accept their applications.'

Mr Marshall added: 'Arran is very important to us. We are proud to have built the MV Catriona, the world's first hybrid electric-diesel ferry now serving Lochranza and look forward to launching the Glen Sannox.'

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'I was pleased to share our exciting plans for growth, diversification and innovation in detail with Mr Gibson and the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee and know the Glen Sannox will be a world-class addition to the CalMac fleet when it enters service next year.'



Kenneth Gibson, business development manager John Morgan and the ferry committee members in front of the Glen Sannox.

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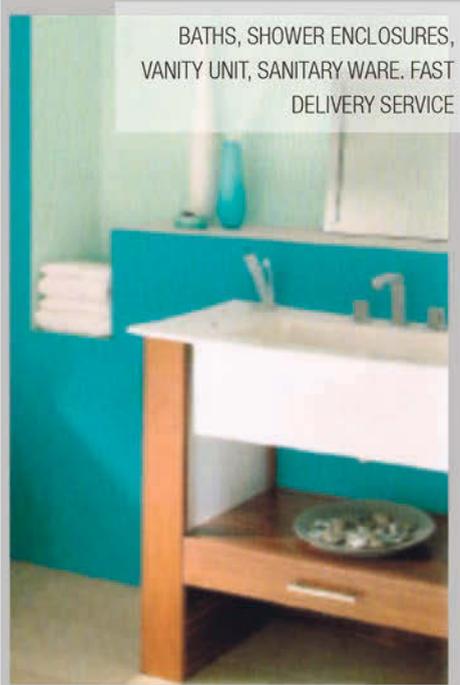
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Arran in bid to become Scotland's new Geopark

Plans for Arran to be recognised as a UNESCO Global Geopark are taking shape with key personnel appointed to create a management team that will lead the way in establishing the Geopark status.

The partnership project, run jointly by the Arran Access Trust, National Trust for Scotland and Lochranza Centre CIC, has recruited project manager Niall Moffat, seasonal ranger Aeron Moore and path worker Scott Murdoch to drive the project forward, and which could result in Arran be-

ing designated as an area deemed to possess a geological heritage of international value.

The site would have to comply with the requirements set out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, (UNESCO). Among the requirements are an assessment of the geological sites and a comprehensive management plan for the preservation, protection and the promotion of geo-tourism as well as a co-operation with the local community and the

network of other Geoparks throughout the network.

The two-and-a-half year project undertaken to achieve the accreditation, aims to improve access to, and foster an appreciation of, the geology on Arran.

If successful it would mean that Arran would join a list of six Geoparks across the United Kingdom. Included in the list is the Shetland area consisting of a group of more than 100 islands, 15 of them inhabited. Hailed as being more geologically diverse than any similar sized area in Europe, the Shetland Geopark is dramatic and features sheer cliffs, an extinct volcano and amazing biodiversity. Other accredited Geoparks include the North Pennines, Fforest



Kildonan beach is one of the possible new trails. 01_B32beach01

Fawr, English Riviera, GeoMon, (Isle of Anglesey) and the North West Highlands.

The overall project is scheduled for three years in total and will include interpretation centres at Lochranza, the Brodick

Country Park rangers centre and one at the Arran Heritage Museum. It will also include interpretation boards and signage across Arran as well as six trails which have already been identified as possible options. They include the Newton Point and

Fairy Dell loop which incorporates Hutton's Unconformity and Glen Rosa, Kildonan beach, Corrie shore, Blackwaterfoot and North Arran. The path works will be overseen by Scott Murdoch with the help of two trainees, Trevor and Elliot. Included in the project will be an Arran Geofest, an annual festival with guided walks, informative talks and school and community engagement with a strong online presence that includes films and social media.

Funding is via the Coastal Communities Fund which currently has £367,000 allocated, £67,000 of which is from partners.

Take two for beach barbecue

The Brodick Improvement Association will be holding their annual fundraising beach barbecue tomorrow afternoon (Sunday) from 2pm.

It follows the postponement of the event last weekend due to the heavy downpours throughout the day and it is hoped the weather will be kinder this time around.

All the tried and tested events – beach volleyball, sandcastle competition, putting competition, children's races – will

all take place on the green behind Brodick beach. The raffle is always a popular finale to the day.

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MV Catriona rescues a stricken sailing yacht

The MV Catriona, which plies the Lochranza to Clonaig ferry route, took on a different role last weekend as she came to the rescue of a stricken yacht.

The rescue took place last Sunday after the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre was alerted to a yacht which was experiencing engine troubles and called out the Arran Coast-

guard rescue team to help. They in turn contacted Cal-Mac to ask the MV Catriona for assistance.

Sannox resident Brian Crawley, who was visiting his brother in Lochranza, watched the events unfold from his brother's garden and took a series of photographs showing the skill of the skipper and the manoeuvrability of the ves-

sel as it returned the yacht to safety. Brian said: 'It was quite something to watch. MV Catriona returned from the Kilbrannan Sound towing the yacht. As it neared the pontoon at Lochranza the skipper used the wash from the thrusters to push it straight towards the jetty where HM Coastguard staff received it and secured it to the jetty.'



The stricken yacht is secured to the MV Catriona where it is brought to the side of the vessel and secured there as it is taken to the pontoon. Once there the yacht is directed towards the pontoon with the wash from MV Catriona's thrusters where the HM Coastguard team secures it to the jetty.

Anxious wait ends as pupils receive their exam results

The long wait for pupils waiting for their exam results on Arran is over as letters dropped through letterboxes on the island earlier this week.

Across Scotland around 136,500 exam certificates, more than 3,200 of them for North Ayrshire, started arriving on Tuesday as postal workers throughout the country started to deliver the Scottish Qualifications Authority certificates.

Some pupils received the results of their Nationals, Highers and Advanced Highers by email or text message, alleviating the anxious wait for the postal certificates.

The SQA said the results were broadly in line with 2016 with only a slight dip in the total number of passes remaining above 150,000 for the third year running.

Early analysis of the results shows that North Ayrshire's schools continue to build on the success of the past few years with pupils across the authority waking up to excellent results at a range of levels.

Increased levels of aspiration are evident at S4, where a greater proportion of pupils than ever before have achieved qualifications at National 5 level.

Furthermore, a higher percentage of the

results are at grades A and B. There are good performances at Higher level in S5 and these compare favourably with the five year trend across North Ayrshire's schools. In addition, more S6 pupils are achieving qualifications at Advanced Higher, with performances this year being the best to date.

Further analysis will be undertaken in the coming weeks and months to establish the key highlights and areas for further focused improvement.

Pupils looking for advice and support can call the dedicated exam results helpline which has been set up by Skills Development Scotland.

The helpline – which is open between 9am and 5pm daily until Wednesday August 16 – offers advice on college and university course vacancies, confirmation and clearing, and advice about Modern or Foundation Apprenticeships, employment or volunteering. Calls are free on 0808 100 8000 although operator charges may apply. Students can also access help, advice and support through the SDS MY World of Work website at www.myworldofwork.co.uk/examresults



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Editorial

Relief all round

As our front page says: What a relief! And that is exactly how the whole island and every visitor feels.

For the council to shut the public toilets on Arran in the first place – in a thriving tourist destination – was an act of extreme folly. The paltry sum being saved could not justify the reputational damage to Arran by the decision. For, as has been said, a reputation built up over many years can be lost at the drop of a hat by such a decision.

The move has been in all the national papers, on TV, on the radio and even reported overseas. The letters pages of the *Banner* have been red hot with complaints, with some visitors saying they would not be returning until the situation was resolved.

Now, at last, things are happening. Community groups around the island, some for the first time, have come together and said enough is enough and are now in the act of reopening some of the toilets with more to follow. We say give them a big cheer and a sincere thank you.

The council, on the other hand, only deserves a loud boo. Why on earth, if it really had to shut the toilets due to budget cuts, did it not appeal to community groups earlier to take them over?

Then this whole sorry saga need never have happened.

Thought for the week

'The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.' (Psalms 145: 8-9)

Challenging times

Sir,
I read the article entitled 'Care home trying to fill six vacancies' (*Banner*, July 29). In particular, I was interested that the spokesman for North Ayrshire Council should say: 'Recruitment on Arran, not just in Montrose House, can be challenging at times.'

This comment will come as no surprise to anyone with any connection with Montrose House, following the peremptory dismissal or suspension of five care workers.

My mother-in-law was a resident of Montrose House for seven years and had nothing but wonderful care from truly dedicated and kind staff. Nothing was a bother at any time of the day or night and she, and her family, could not have spoken more highly of them.

I find it hard to believe that any of those who cared for my mother-in-law, and whom I know are among those who were dismissed or suspended, could have their care standards called into question.

It is a sad reflection on NAC's human resources, that, due to lack of staff, respite care has had to be suspended and a number of beds which should be available for needy residents of Arran are being utilised for accommodation for mainland staff.

Such is the sad outcome of these 'challenging times'.

Yours,
**Kenneth Pritchard,
Lochranza.**

Skinnymalinks

Sir,
Arran Skinnymalinks has been running for three years now and has extended across several villag-

es on the island thanks to a fantastic group of volunteer leaders and, of course, the people who come along to weigh in.

Attendance depends very much on what is happening in participants' lives at the time (weddings, babies, health issues), on their mindset and on the goal they wish to reach. Our best attendance tends to be in January to help with new year resolutions.

In running any Skinnymalinks campaign, my goal remains the same and that is to feed starving children in this world of plenty. Mary's Meals offers these children a bowl of porridge and an education providing hope for their future. Just 7p is the average cost of a meal so every penny really does count.

In this year alone, Arran Skinnymalinks has donated enough money to provide 26,256 meals – thank you so much Skinnymalinks.

Thanks also to all our weigh in venues over the course of the year – Brodick, Lamdash and Shiskine Churches, Isle of Arran Distillery, Brègha Holistic Beauty and Pipers Cottage and Arran Active.

Yours,
**Alison Page,
Mary's Meals
ambassador.**

Fèis thanks

Sir,
This year's fèis was a wonderful success thanks to all the fantastic young people who attended and were a pleasure to have with us.

For the professionalism and vitality of the tutors and the hard working committee, we give thanks. So to for continuing encouragement and financial support of North Ayrshire Council and the six represent-

atives, including Provost Ian Clarkson, who attended the participants' concert. To Fèisean nan Gàidheal and Creative Scotland for support and funding.

The janitors and Mitie staff for looking after us and Mr Smith for the use of the classrooms. Tony Morrow of Arran Deliveries for transporting our instruments.

To all businesses and individuals who have generously donated to our raffles and in different ways given us their time and help. To the *Arran Banner* for its coverage and support and, last but not least, to all the parents who came along to the ceilidh and concert and supported us during the week. Tapadh leibh.

Yours,
**Gillian Frame,
Fèis Arainn.**

Considerate

Sir,
The bus service in Arran is excellent.

It was precisely what attracted myself and my family, none of us, at that time, car owners, to visit Arran over 20 years ago and we have been returning regularly and frequently ever since.

With the increase of visitors to the island, the buses have become extremely busy at certain times of the day. This situation calls for considerate behaviour on the part of all travellers, towards their fellow passengers.

Twice in the same week, I have observed a particular gentleman in a packed bus occupying one seat for himself while the seat next to him was occupied by his dog.

On the second occasion, only a day or two later, the same person was occupying one seat while the

seat adjacent was filled by his large yellow shopping bag. The bus was, again, packed.

Could bus drivers be encouraged to point out to passengers that they have paid for one seat?

Yours,
**S Collier,
Edinburgh.**

Fast connection

Sir,
I refer to your correspondent's comments about broadband availability on Arran and have to state that it is not a situation I recognise.

After the green cabinets had been installed across the island just over a year ago, my ISP contacted me, advising me that fibre broadband was now available at my postcode and asking if I would like to upgrade my broadband package.

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This afternoon I checked my download speed three times at hourly intervals (<https://broadbandtest.which.co.uk/>); each test has given me a download speed in excess of 100Mbps.

A check of the many broadband availability websites shows various fibre packages available in the Whiting Bay area, at various download speeds. You get what you pay for.

Yours,
**P W Yates,
Catacol.**

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Colin Currie of Bridgend Farm, Shiskine, with his champion two-shear Texel tup and helper Julie Hamill. 01_B32show03



Faye Anderson with her zwartbles sheep which picked up several prizes. B32show02



Diane Lewis with her champion Clydedale Rosie. 01_B32show05

The success of farmers' show is down to the army of volunteers who help out every year, the Arran Farmers' Society said this week, writes Hugh Boag.

Despite heavy downpours on the day a big crowd packed into the show field at Glenkiln to enjoy the 181st annual show, as reported in last week's Banner.

Secretary Christine McBride said: 'The society would like to thank all volunteers who came along and assisted on the day - too many to name individually - all gatemen, car park attendants, raffle ticket sellers, runners, catering assistants, and not forgetting the directors themselves who spend almost a week setting up and taking apart the show field.

'Also to the stock exhibitors, the owners of the vintage tractors and anyone else who helped make our day such a success. Thank you also to everyone who attended, and see you next year on Wednesday August 1, 2018!'

For one farmer it was an anxious day. Niall McMaster's wife Genevieve was in Crosshouse Hospital expecting their first child. When their Blueface Leicester shearling tup won reserve champion Niall, who thought he may have to leave the show at any minute, was terrified to tell her in case the excitement was too much.

For the second year running there were no dairy entries and most of the cattle judging was done at the farms because of the conditions in the field. There were also no suffolk sheep entries.

The silver cups and trophies for

2017 were presented as follows: The James Bone Esq. Memorial Cup for the Overhead Championship of the Show, Lois Ashley, Ardloss, Machrie. The Robert Heggie Perpetual Cup for the Reserve Overhead Championship, R & N McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan.

The Late Mary, Duchess of Montrose, Challenge Trophy for the Championship in the Cattle Section, A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine. The Major Thomas Milligan R E Cup for the Championship in the Beef Section, A Currie. Silver Chalice presented by John Corrie for the Reserve Champion in the Beef Section, A Soutter, South Feorline, Shiskine. The John Paterson Bowl for Opposite Sex to Beef Champion, A Soutter. Silver Cup for the Male Champion of a bull of any age, R Irving, Hawthorn, Whiting Bay. The Lagg Challenge Cup for the Best Suckled Calf, A Soutter.

James Inglis Trophy, re-presented by Dr. John C Jenkins, for Best Cow in Milk bred in Arran, N & D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm, Kilpatrick. Perpetual Trophy for Pure Bred Traditional/Native Cattle Breeds, presented by Minute-man Press, Ayr., C McKinnon, Hillhead, Shannochie. The W A Robertson Perpetual Trophy for the Best Stock Handler under 16 in the section confined to Arran, J Hamill.

John M Hamilton Perpetual Trophy for the Championship in the Pony Section, L Ashley. The Beverley Morrow Trophy for the Reserve Champion in the Pony Section, T Warwick, Old Stables, Kings Cross. Murchie Harvey Trophy for Overall Winner in Classes 25/26/27/28/29, T Warwick. Corriegills Arabian Stud Trophy for the Best In-Hand Horse or Pony in Classes 20/21/22/23 presented by D & C Hendry, T Warwick. Saddle Up Trophy for Overhead Working Hunter, L Ashley, Arran's Cheese Shop Trophy for Reserve Champion Working Hunter, K Morrison, Stonedown, Whiting Bay. Arran Farmer's Society Perpetual Trophy for Best Rider 14 years and under, L Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine. John C Picken Perpetual Trophy for Best Pony 13.2 Hands

or under, L Henderson, Kilpatrick. Kings Cross point Memorial Trophy, in memory of Margaret L. Abram, for Child Handler with Pony 13.2 Hands or under, A West, Ben Varrey, Whiting Bay. Dale and Hunter Trophy for Champion Clydesdale, D Lewis, Kirkend Nursery, Whiting Bay.

Craig Wilson Ltd. Trophy for Overhead Champion Sheep, R & N McMaster. Morton Perpetual Cup for Best Male or Female Blackfaced Sheep, J K & C Bone, Glankiln, Lamlash. John Selkirk Memorial Trophy for Reserve Champion in Blackface Sheep Section, J K & C Bone. R J Tod Perpetual Trophy for Male Champion Blackfaced Sheep, M McNeish, Craigview, Kilmory. G. & J. Tod & Sons Silver Cup for Best Home Bred Male, J K & C Bone. Perpetual Trophy for Best Home Bred Female, J K & C Bone. F H McLeod & Sons Trophy for Best Woolled Sheep, N & P Brown, Clachaig, Kilmory.

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the 181st farmers' show



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Community rallies to shape sensory garden



The community garden takes shape with the planting of its first sensory plants.

Lamlash Church has been exploring ways to develop its grounds to create a community garden.

This is a huge project and will take time, effort and money.

Work has already started on the first step to create a sensory garden, where the planting and sculpture embraces the five senses of smell, sight, touch, hearing and taste.

The church hopes to involve local schools and groups as well as securing business sponsorship in the initiative, spearheaded by Music Matters Arran and the kirk session, who appreciate the value this project will offer the com-

munity. The aim of the garden is to create a tranquil place for people to wander, sit or be involved in planting, maintaining and enjoying the special place.

Local sculptors, woodworkers and artists will be invited to contribute so that the whole area will become a garden offering something for everyone, especially those who are often isolated through age, physical or mental disability.

The minister, the Rev Lily McKinnon, said: 'We are deeply touched by the generosity and support from so many people on the island and the mainland.

'The Margie Moffat Trust gifted £1,000, which en-

abled us to buy a host of sensory plants, which have now been planted, and thanks to Lochranza distillery's donation of 10 half whisky barrels.

'Mark Bunyan gave us two tactile toadstools which will help stimulate memory and conversation, while Neil Young Joinery supplied free top soil.

'Continuing with the community involvement, Pearl Forbes donated some pots, and Dorothy Boyle,

Robert Marr and Graeme McKinnon assisted in the potting and planting.'

The garden, once established, will be open to the public and other groups wishing to visit.



Toadstools donated by Mark Bunyan are some of the first sculptures to decorate the garden.

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Clan Currie to gather on Arran

The Currie Clan will return to their roots next week when more than 20 members of the clan from the US, Canada and Scotland will be visiting Arran for three days.

Following a family convention in Glasgow with the Lord Lyon, Dr Joseph Morrow QC, who will oversee the selection of a leader for the Currie family, a contingent will visit Arran, some on business, some for pleasure and others a return to their ancestral homeland.

Robert Currie, whose family were originally from Shiskine, will dedicate a plaque at the Clachan Church in Shiskine on Wednesday August 16 in memory of all Curries of Arran. This will take place at 2pm and will be led by Rev Angus Adamson and the Rev Dr David Currie.

Robert said: 'My family were Arranites who lived in Shiskine and Kilmory. My great-great-grandfather was Neill Currie who left for Canada with his wife Flora. Neill was the son of Peter Currie and Mary Crawford. Neil and Flora were married in 1828 at Kilmory.



Rev Adamson plays the pipes at Robert Currie's wedding anniversary in 1997.

'After arriving in Quebec from Troon, Neill published a semi-autobiographical book entitled *The religious experience of Neill Currie: A native of the Island of Arran, Scotland* in 1846. Neill lamented over missing his beloved island and told rich stories of worshipping in the Preacher's Cave near Kilpatrick. Many of my ancestors are buried at Kilmory and like-ly more at Shiskine.

'By coincidence as well, I have had the pleasure of meeting Angus Adamson over several chapters of our respective lives. First, I was invited by my friend Charles Currie to hand out some of the trophies at the 1992 Brodick Highland Games and Adamson was the piping champion.

'Later in 1997, Angus piped for my wife, daughters and I as we returned to Arran on the occasion of our 10th wedding anniversary to renew our vows at Kilmory Church.'

While visiting Arran, some members of the Currie family will be attending the ceilidh in Brodick on Wednesday night to test their Scottish country dancing skills.

The following day they will tour the Arran Distillery at Lochranza – which was also started by a Currie – and they will

round off their visit with trips to the Heritage Museum and Brodick Castle. Time permitting, some of them hope to squeeze in a round of golf at Shiskine.

If there are any Curries who would like to take part in the family convention in Glasgow there is still time to register to participate by contacting the Rev Dr David Currie at currie.convention@gmail.com. Any other Curries are also invited to attend the presentation of the plaque at the Clachan Church in Shiskine.

Following their visit to Arran, the Curries will be involved in a pre-show ceremony of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo where they will march up the Royal Mile onto Edinburgh Castle esplanade with their new leader, known as the Commander, while joining other Scottish clans and families.



Robert Currie's visit to Arran in 1992 where he presented trophies at the Brodick Highland Games.

Meeting to hear of innovative concept

Graeme McCormick will host a public meeting tomorrow (Sunday) on the topic of annual ground rent, an innovative concept, basing the funding of public services from a tax on land value rather than income.

Over the past year, Graeme has been touring Scotland with his presentation of a model of annual ground rent which addresses many issues, including land reform, increased public revenue to address austerity, replacement of existing taxation, substantial reduction in most people's contribution to the public purse and a driver for economic growth. Graeme sets out the case for a responsible and viable way of stimulating the economic prosperity Scotland is capable of.

The meeting will take

place from 2pm to 4pm at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick, and is likely to spark an interesting discussion. The presentation is being hosted by the Arran branch of the SNP and is open to the public as well as members. Tea and coffee will be available and donations to the Arran Food Bank will be welcomed.

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SWI Federation show honours go to Lamlash



Marion Melvin, Corrie SWI took the Rachel Trophy for best knitted article on Show. 01_B325W101

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

Lamlash SWI took the bulk of the trophies at the Arran SWI Federation annual handicraft show, which was held last Wednesday at the community theatre in Lamlash.

Taking home seven trophies, they were closely followed by Kildonan with six, in part owing to the handwork of Nancy Bremner and Judith Baines who won best in show and runner up. Shiskine followed closely behind with five trophies including the coveted best community tray whose theme this year was Taste of the Raj. Cor-

rie SWI took four trophies and Kilmory one, including a jointly shared trophy only available to institutes with fewer than 25 members.

As reported in last week's *Banner* the show had a healthy entry of 365 entries across 21 categories, and the five institutes on Arran displayed an enormous amount of talent shared across the Arran SWI Federation. Show co-conveners Morag Munro and Vicki Milne who awarded the trophies at the prize-giving, along with honorary member Mary McKenzie, thanked all of the entrants, praising them for the quality of their work and for their



SWI show visitors inspect some of the items in the baking category. 01_B325W103



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continued commitment towards the SWI. A special mention was also made for the significant contribution of knitwear which is donated to the Neo-Natal Unit at Crosshouse Hospital every year.

The full results of the trophy winners are: Trophy donated by the late Duchess of Montrose for best community tray, Shiskine SWI. Trophy donated by the late Dr James Buchanan for institute gaining most points in show, Lamlash SWI. Trophy donated by the late Miss E Ferguson, Lamlash for best entry in handicraft sections, Nancy Bremner. The Jean Anderson Memorial Tray for runner up to best entry in handicraft sections, Judith Baines. Trophy donated by the late Mrs. J. Petrie, Lamlash, for most points gained by an institute with 20 or fewer members, Corrie and Sannox SWI. Margaret Hadow Trophy for community handicrafts, Lamlash SWI. The Mary W

McGarrity Memorial Trophy, donated by the late Mr J McGarrity, Corrie, for competitor gaining most points in handicraft sections, Elma Stevenson.

Isle of Arran Federation Trophy for competitor gaining most points in baking section, Morag Murchie. Trophy donated by the late Mrs H Mitchell for competitor gaining most points in class 21, Jenny Harper. Trophy donated by the late Mrs M Frew for Institute with 25 or fewer members gaining most points in class 19, Corrie and Sannox SWI and Kilmory SWI. Trophy donated by Arran Provisions for member gaining most points in class 17 – four item, Kirsty Forsyth.

Kilmory Trophy donated by the late Mrs Dale, Corriecraive for most points gained in class 15, Morag Campbell. Queen's Jubilee Trophy donated by Mrs Elma Stevenson, greeting cards, Rosemary Roberts.



Proud winner of the Marvin Elliot Trophy, Jenny Harper of the Shiskine SWI won the award for her Shetland scarf. 01_B325W102

The Rachel Trophy donated by Betty Bremner, Lamlash in memory of her sister Ray Bremner, for best knitted article in show, Marion Melvin. Brenda Waddell Trophy for best knitted soft toy, Nancy Bremner. The Helen MacAlister Quach for best thrift article, Kirsty Forsyth. Magazine trophy, fruit and nut breakfast muffin, Vivienne Haigh. Marvin Elliott Trophy for Shetland scarf knitted in 2 or 3 ply, Jenny Harper. The Nan Murchie Memorial Rose Bowl, class 15A, Julie Wilkinson. Joan Crawley trophy best entry embroidery, Angela Irving. The Gardner Trophy donated by Morag Gardner – runner up to best in show, Judith Baines. Best in show – Corrie and Sannox Trophy donated by Anne Pringle, Nancy Bremner.



A small selection of the items that will be donated to the Neo-Natal Unit at Crosshouse Hospital. 01_B325W104



Tom Gilmore successfully lifts one of the McGlashan stones. 01_B32games18

Brodick Highland Games pulls in record crowds

Words and photographs
Hugh Boag

Record crowds and a sunny afternoon turned the Brodick Highland Games into a fantastic day of fun at Ormidale Park last Saturday.

It was 20 years, almost to the day, since the Queen came to Arran to open the Highland Games, which was the first event at the new playing fields. So it was fitting, then, that the 2017 games saw a record crowd of 4,108 beating the previous record set two years ago.

And what a day of sight and sounds the large crowd had to enjoy. Four pipe bands this year gave the traditional opening to the games with the march along the shorefront led by Arran's own pipe band



The four pipe bands entertain the crowds at Ormidale Park. 01_B32games06

followed by Kilbarchan, Kirkintilloch and Maybole pipe bands.

But it was to prove a year of departures. After

many years, Rosie Cooke, who always led Maybole Pipe Band back in wearing the most outlandish of costumes, has retired.

To mark her commitment to the games, she was presented with the MacMillan Trophy in the centre of the field, handed out at

the discretion of the secretary Sheila Gilmore. Rosie accepted the cup and a big bunch of flowers as she waved to the cheering crowds.

It was the last competitive games, too, for Scott Clark, who, are reported in last week's *Banner*, is calling time on the heavy eventing which has taken him all over the world. However, on the day, the strong events champion was Daniel Carlin from Barrhead, who cleaned up in all the heavy events, lifting the Rev James Currie Cup for the highest overall score.

This year there was also a strongman contest which saw four competitors take part in a series of challenges, culminating in the lifting of the four McGlashan Stones

weighing from 110kg to 150kg, first seen on Arran last year. Only Edinburgh strongman Ewan Cameron completed all four, although some of the heavy event contestants also had a go.

The various charity and food and drink stalls did a roaring trade as the traditional races and events were held around the field. Unfortunately, the Highland dancing had to be moved to the village hall as the only shower of the day occurred just as the dancing was starting, but they enjoyed a successful event.

Ahead of the last ferry, the pipe bands made their traditional march back to the pier and held their play-off before the visiting bands boarded the ferry back to the mainland.



Strongman Euan Cameron carries a huge rock with encouragement from Jamie Barr. 01_B32games13



The entrants in the fancy dress competition. 01_B32games03



Strongman Jamie Barr flips a heavy door. 01_B32games08



Left, Scott Clark in action in the throwing event. 01_B32games04;



and right, Andrew Earle from Slidery puts everything into the throwing event. 01_B32games05



Rosie Cook gives a final fancy dress farewell to Maybole Pipe Band. 01_B32games27



The mass pipe bands in their traditional play-off at the pier at the end of the games. 01_B32games01



Left, Scott Clark gives a huge heave to the caber but he could only manage second place, and right, Scott acknowledges the crowd. 01_B32games20 and 01_B32games21



Two youngsters battle it out on the pillow-fight bar. 01_B32games22



One young contestant has time to check where her nearest opponents are during a race. 01_B32games09



Tia McKinnon crosses the finishing line first to win her race. 01_B32games10



The drumming unit of the Arran Pipe Band were dressed up as lions. 01_B32games28



Derek Shand takes charge of the big drum for Maybole. 01_B32games07



Highland Dancers bow after picking up their medals at the end of the competition which was forced by the rain into Brodick Hall. 01_B32games16



No prisoners taken in the pillow-fight. 01_B32games23



Arran Ladies hockey team raise funds at their human fruit machine stall. 01_B32games15



Arran-only event race winners Archie McNicol with the Lady Jean Fforde Cup and Charlie Hodgart with the Bob Cameron Trophy. 01_B32games14



Stuart Dickie Trophy winners Connor Norman and Catriona Scott. 01_B32games29



Charlie Hodgart sprints to the finish line to win the Bob Cameron Trophy. 01_B32games30



A young competitor makes a lunge for the finish line. 01_B32games11

Brodick Highland Games results

Heavy events

Putting the Ball (open) 1 Daniel Carlin, 2 Andrew Earl, 3 Scott Clark; 4 Craig Nicholson, 5 Ernie Weir. Throwing 28lb Weight for Distance: 1 Daniel Carlin, 2 Scott Clark, 3 Craig Nicholson, 4 Andrew Earle, 5 Ernie Weir.

Throwing the Hammer, Scots Standing Style: 1 Daniel Carlin, 2 Craig Nicholson, 3 Scott Clark, 4 Andrew Earle, 5 Ernie Weir.

Throwing 56lb weight for Height: 1 Daniel Carlin, 2 Scott Clark, 3 Craig Nicholson, 4 Ernie Weir 5 Rory Gilmore.

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Tossing the Caber: 1 Daniel Carlin, 2 Scott Clark, 3 Ernie Weir, 4 Craig Nicholson, 5th Andrew Earle
Special Challenge Caber: 1 Daniel Carlin.

Otherevents

Fancy Dress: 1 Hari Voss, 2 Callan Park 3eq Lila and Bella Mounsey

Trophy winners

Wm Cook & Sons – Scott Clark.
Tom Dolan Challenge Trophy – Scott Clark.
Tom Dickie Trophy – David Priestly.
The Lady Jean Fforde Cup – Archie McNicol.
Bob Cameron Trophy – Liz McCarthy.
Rodden Middleton Rosebowl – Daniel Carlin.
Rev James Currie Cup – Daniel Carlin.
Stewart Dickie Trophy (boys) – Connor Norman.
Stewart Dickie Trophy (girls) – Catriona Scott.
McMillan Trophy – Rosalind Cooke.



Rory Gilmore launches the hammer during the heavy events. 01_B32games12

25m Boys 3 and 4: 1 Thomas Divers, 2 Dan Paterson, 3 Gregor Campbell. 25m Girls 3 and 4: 1 Tia McKinnon, 2 Summer Bates, 3 Ruby McArthur. 50m Boys 5 and 6: 1 Arran McLellan, 2 Charlie Gilmore, 3 Kyle McIntyre. 50m Girls 5 and 6: 1 Skye McClelland, 2 EvieBoylan, 3 Millie Bates.

50m Boys 7 and 8: 1 Louie Ross, 2 Alfie Gilmore, 3 James Molloy. 50m Girls 7 and 8: 1 Charlotte Gem-

100m Boys u16: 1 Aidan Brindley, 2 George Barr, 3 Alexander Orderly. 100m Girls u16: 1 Isabel Carter, 2 Kerry Brown, 3 Carla Murray. 100m Men 16+: 1 Seamus Thomson, 2 Jonathon Thomson, 3 Gavin Hogarth. 100m Women 16+: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Jodie McHail.

Pillow Fight: 8-11yrs: 1 Logan Barr, 2 Isabella Reid. Pillow Fight 12-14yrs: 1 Megan Dennis, 2 Jesse Lehmann. Pillow Fight 15+: 1 Duncan Coyne, 2 Harry Littlejohn.

800m Boys u14: 1 Cam-

eron Bilsland, 2 Hamish Barr, 3 Jonah Tietgen. 800m Girls u14: 1 Holly Kirkwood, 2 MaryjaneMcInally, 3 EilidhBallantyne. 800m Boys u16: 1 Alexander Orderly, 2 Aiden Brindley, 3 George Barn. 800m Girls u16: 1 Carla Murray, 2 Leah Murray, 3 Kerry Grier. 800m Men 16+: 1 Fearghas Thomson, 2 Gavin Hogarth, 3 Ian McIlwraith. 800m Women 16+: 1 Chloe Norman, 2 Phoebe Lewis, 3 Leah Murray.

Triple Jump Women: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Jodie McPhail. Triple Jump Men: 1 Seamus Thomson, 2 Fearghas Thomson, 3 Lachlan Thomson.

34. Lady Jean Cup, 100m Men, confined to Arran: 1st Archie McNicol, 2nd-Jack Popplewell, 3rd-Matthew Keir. Bob Cameron Trophy, 100m Women, confined to Arran: 1 Charlie Hodgart, 2 Fiona Clark, 3 Bob Cameron.

200m Boys u14: 1 Ben Burns, 2Hamish Barr, 3 Ruari Barr. 200m Girls u14: 1 Catriona Scott, 2

Georgie Norman, 3 Eilidh Barr. 200m Boys u16: 1 Aiden Brindley, 2 Alexander Orderly. 200m Girls u16: 1 Isabel Carter, 2 Kerry Brown, 3 Kerry Grier. 200m Men 16+: 1 Seamus Thomson, 2 Gavin Hogarth, 3 Fearghas Thomson. 200m Women 16+: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Chloe Norman, 3 Leah Murray.

Tom Dickie Trophy Men 880yds confined to Arran: 1 David Priestly, 2 Andrew Rigby, 3 Alan Murray.

1500m Boys u16: 1 Alexander Orderley, 2 Jacob Smith, 3 James McCarthy. 1500m Girls u16: 1 Maryjane McInally, 2 Carla Murray, 3 Emma Donnachie, 1500M men 16+: 1 Fearghas Thomson, 2 Cameron Wilson, 3 Owen Young. 1500m Women 16+: 1 Leah Murray, 2 Lesley Lynn, 3eq Aoife and Niamh Ni Mhaoileoin

Mixed Relay: 1 Team Thomson, 2 Team Gran, 3 North Ayrshire Athletic Club Juniors. Tug-of-War: 1 Ormidale, 2 Team All Stars.



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The tractor show attracted a large audience of visitors, young and old, who visited throughout the day. 01_B32tractor02

Mechanised marvels on display at tractor show

Dozens of vintage and modern tractors filled the gardens at the Arran Heritage Museum's annual tractor show last Sunday.

The occasional downpours throughout the day did not deter exhibitors, enthusiasts and inquisitive visitors who flocked to see the wide range of machines on display.

Ranging from an American-built Allis Chalmers, built between 1944 and 1950, to large modern day John Deere machines fitted with

modern conveniences, the display demonstrated the advancement and capabilities of these mechanised marvels.

It was the second major tractor show of the week as many had been at the farmers' show the previous Wednesday.

Many of the machines on display have been retired owing to their age, however some are still in daily use, undertaking work across fields and farms across Arran.

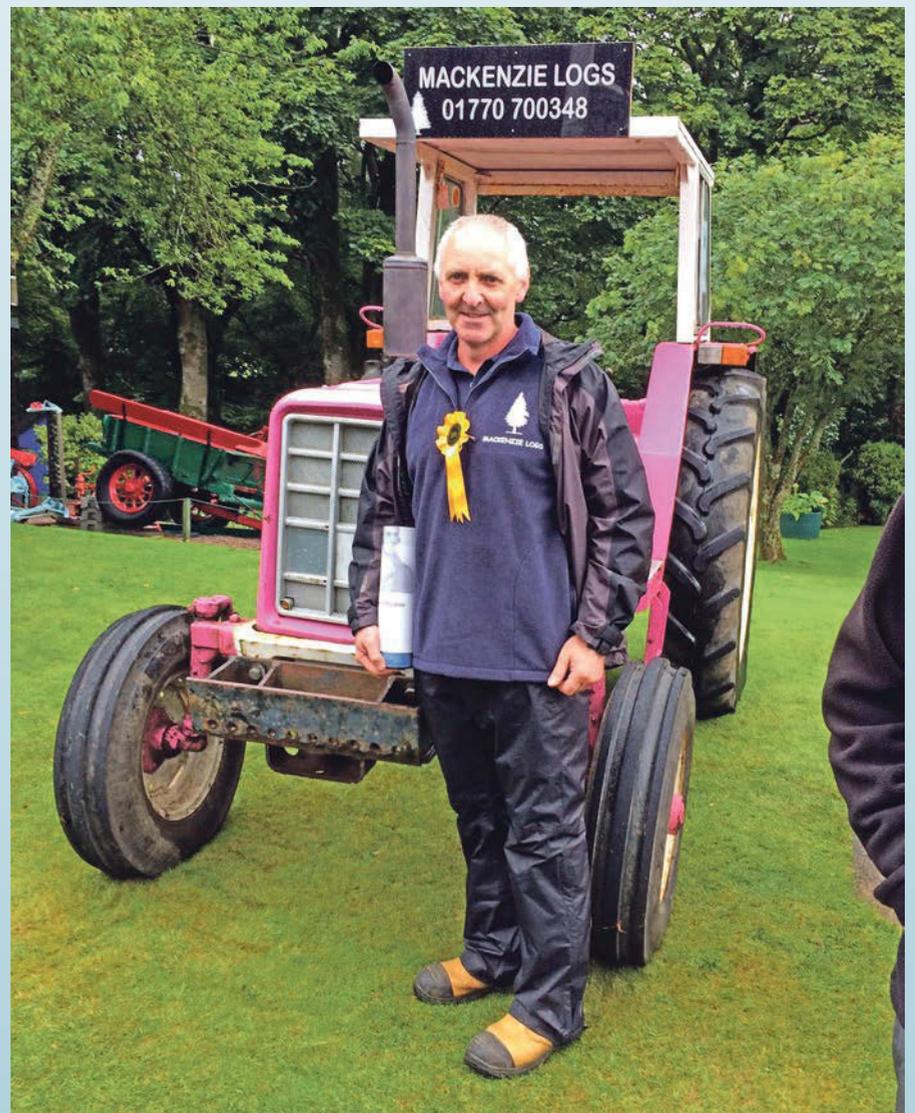
One pink 1975 International 674 in particular stood out, not only for its

unusual colour scheme but also because it is still in everyday use processing wood for McKenzie Logs, an epithet that earned it first place in the working tractor category.

Another local tractor, a Massey Ferguson 20B, part of a fleet owned by tractor enthusiast DG Weir, impressed the judges, winning the vintage confined and vintage open categories.

A museum spokesman thanked all of the exhibitors and visitors for attending the show which has become a regular feature on the museums itinerary of summer events.

A full list of the winners was as follows: Working Tractors: 1 McKenzie Logs, International 674, 2 Robert Miller, John Deere 6120R. Vintage, confined: DG Weir, Massey Ferguson 20B, 2 Angus MacAlister, Massey Ferguson 165. Vintage open: DG Weir, Massey Ferguson 20B, 2 Billy Weir, Ford Dexta.



Alastair McKenzie with his 1975 International tractor that took first place in the working tractor category. 01_B32tractor01



A post war Allis Chalmers has been restored by owner Rosie Craig of Lamlash over a period of two years. 01_B32tractor02

A personal memoir of King Kong musical

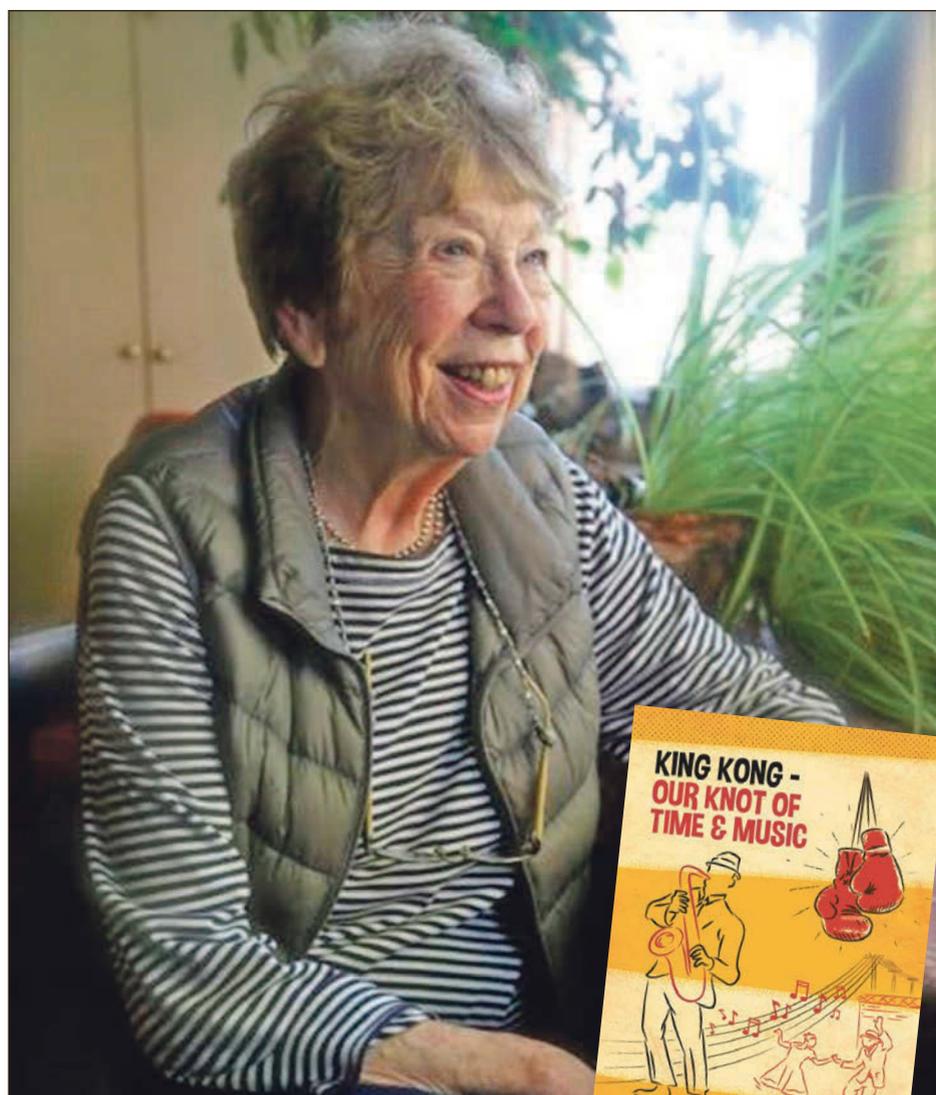
Author Pat Williams, who divides her time between Arran and London, has just published a personal memoir of South Africa's legendary musical, *King Kong – Our Knot of Time and Music*, writes Hugh Boag.

In 1959, the musical, described by its young creators as a 'jazz opera', opened in Johannesburg

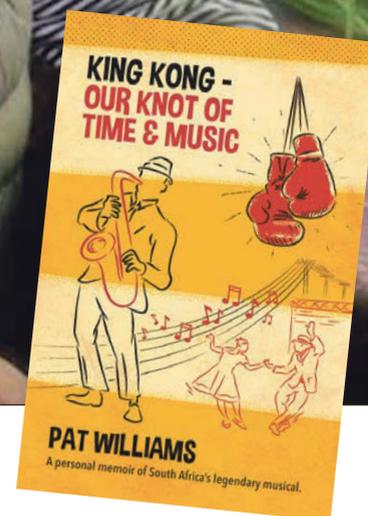
and went on to be the biggest theatrical sensation in South African history. Nelson Mandela was in the audience for that first night of *King Kong*, a show which launched the international careers of Miriam Makeba and Hugh Masekela, among many others.

King Kong was based on the life and times of heavy-

weight boxing champion Ezekiel Dhlamini (known as King Kong) and reflected the realities of township life. Starring an all-black cast, it grew out of an unprecedented collaboration between black people and whites, and became an instant hit, bursting through the barriers of apartheid and eventually playing to



Author Pat Williams, and, right, the cover of the book.



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Pat Williams, who wrote the show's lyrics and original working script, was at the time an apolitical young woman trying to free herself from the controls and prejudices of the genteel white society in

which she lived. Here she recounts her experience of growing up in a divided South Africa, her involvement in the musical, and its lasting impact both on herself and on the show's cast.

Her memoir, published to coincide with the stage revival of *King Kong*, takes the story up to the present day. It is a vivid evocation of a troubled time and place, as well as a celebration of a joyous musical which remained a pinprick of light during South Africa's dark times—and still lives on today.

Pat, who began her working life at 16, is an award-winning writer, journalist, scriptwriter and broadcaster, and in

recent years a psychotherapist.

'Honest, unflinching, beautifully written with immaculate taste, the genesis of *King Kong* is fascinating.

'But there's more: a portrait of a bygone age that feels painfully fresh, and a constantly touching, universal tale of emotional wounding and recovery... a triumph,' wrote William Nicholson OBE.

'An extraordinary memoir of the first South African musical, which has since acquired mythical proportions. Essential reading,' said Athol Fugard.

The book, which is out now, is available from Portobello Books in paperback, £9.99.

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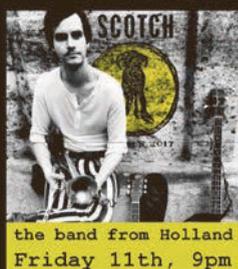
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Society hears how the Dick Brothers made their fortune

Arran Historical Society's speaker for their July meeting was John Stevenson from Carlisle who told the story of how the Dick Brothers from Ayrshire made their fortune from the natural latex gutta-percha, writes Norma Davidson.

John is from a farming family, and is a keen member of the East Ayrshire Family History Society. He kindly stepped in when the arranged speaker had to cancel due to a family bereavement.

Gutta-percha refers to trees of the genus Palaquium and the sap of these trees is used to produce natural latex. The trees are native to the Malaysian archipelago and the first European to discover it was John Tradescant in 1656. Dr William Montgomerie, a medical officer in the Indian Service introduced gutta-percha into practical use in the west. He appreciated the potential for its use in medicine, and was awarded the gold medal by the Royal Society of Arts in 1843.

Meanwhile in Scotland, Robert Dick and James Dick, sons of a seafaring man, were living in Dundonald, Ayrshire. At the ages of five years and two years respectively they moved with their family to the Gorbals in Glasgow where they ran a grocery shop. The older brother, Robert, eventually became a jeweller and the younger brother, James, an upholsterer.

As they matured Robert became a great socialite in Glasgow, while James had the financial and business brain. Robert never married and James not until the age of 63, when he married Kate McDonald, one of his factory workers, 27 years his junior.

The Dick brothers started experimenting with gutta-percha, but it was expensive. When prices reduced they began making rubber shoe soles. There were initial problems of people sticking to the



John Stevenson chats to members of the historical society.

pavements in hot weather, but these were overcome and eventually they opened a very large shoe factory where their soles were attached to uppers manufactured elsewhere. The Greenhead Factory in Glasgow, the parent factory, was turning out 32,000 pairs of shoes per week.

Their shop in the Gallowgate had an electrically illuminated window which was a unique feature for its time. All their shoes were sold at a price of 5s-0d a pair. A previous attempt at selling for 7s-6d was unsuccessful. Glaswegians obviously were economical in their choice of footwear.

Production continued until 1923 when the price of the gutta-percha increased dramatically as it was then being used in the manufacture of transatlantic cabling.

James and his wife lived in Pollokshields and spent some time in Australia. After the death of Robert, James had the Dick Institute in Kilmarnock built in his memory. This imposing building suffered a serious

fire in 1908, was requisitioned as a war hospital in First World War and still stands today.

When James died in 1902 he left over £1 million. His will was 24 pages long. He offered his Australian goldfields and factories to his managers at very reasonable prices. There were many philanthropic bequests to the City of Glasgow, its hospitals, charities and welfare societies. Bequests of quite large amounts were made to his many relatives, workers and servants. Even his banker received £5,000, and his solicitor's daughters received bequests. All his workers were remembered.

The many Dick family members both in Ayrshire and Australia had connections with footwear, being a 'boot agent' or having a shoe shop.

It should be noted that the Dick brothers also imported another gum, Balata, this time from South America. This was used in the production of driving belts under the name of Balata Belting.

John finished his talk by playing us part of a radio feature on the Dick brothers and their generosity with the proceeds of their industry. Two women spoke of how the bequests to factory workers had changed for the better the lives of their own forebears.

Once again, a subject of which many members knew nothing but are now very aware of.

The society's next meeting is on Monday August 21 at 2pm in Brodick Hall when Robert C Holmes, diplomat and writer, speaks on Stalin's Legacy – KGB Spies. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.



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Arran Brewery
Soap making and candle dipping
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodict
Lamlash Church

Saturday 12th August

Army Cadets
RNLI shop
Over-21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Live music – North Country Winter
Live music – Mic Clark

Sunday 13th August

Family games
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Fun in the pool
AA meeting
RNLI shop
Brodict beach barbecue

Monday 14th August

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobix
Tae Kwondo
Summer bridge tournament
Adult tennis
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game

Tuesday 15th August

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Pilates
Brodict Castle garden walk
Evening of summer entertainment

Wednesday 16th August

Rock an pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
Dog classes
Knittner and Natterry
Family friendly pub quiz
Bus pass club meal
Burger and quiz night
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Coffee morning
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Summer ceilidh
Hospital Supporters League AGM

Thursday 17th August

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Ladies' hockey
Quilt Arran
Spinning & weaving demonstration

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
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Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Bowling Club, 2pm
WBay Bowling club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Green 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict Green, 2pm

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie sports hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Arran High School dance studio, 6.30pm
Brodict Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - All welcome
Shiskine golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
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9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
The PHT, noon - 2.30pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
Lamlash church hall, 10.15am - noon
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Auchencrannog, Wbay, 7pm

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Arran Heritage museum, 11am - 4pm

10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Adult tennis
Live music – Arran Dawn
Live music – Shenannigans
Lamlash toilets an swings public meeting

Friday 18th August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
Arran Vets
AA meeting
Tae Kwondo
Arran Aromatics factory tours
Quiz
Smart Recovery meeting
Live music – Tim Pomeroy
Live music – The Buchaneers

Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
Coast, WBay, 8pm - 10.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Home Farm, Brodict, 11am, 1pm & 3pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 1.30pm - 3pm
Coast, WBay, 8pm - 10pm
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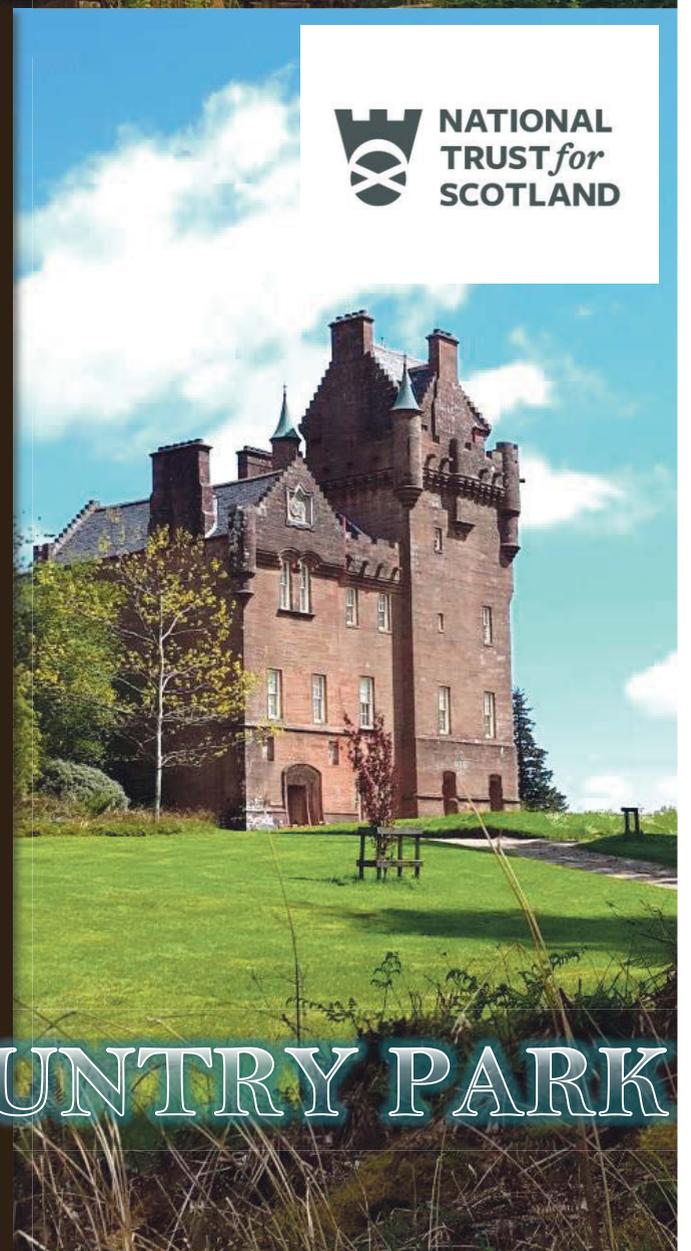
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The Queen is introduced to a host of dignitaries and staff during her visit. 01_B31tw12



The Queen is adored by the crowds gathered at the pier. 01_B31tw07



The Queen has a word with Brian Robertson at Brodick Pier. 01_B31tw10

Highland Games fancy dress winners, Alice Ross, Emily Ross and Daniel Burns were eager to catch a glimpse of the Queen. 01_B31tw15

The day the Q Arran

The royal visit, Saturday August 9, 1997

It was 20 years ago this week when Arran had a day to remember as the Queen came to visit. For the first time, the *Banner* had four pages of colour in a specially produced edition. Here is a 20 years ago special as we reprint some of the historic photos and words written then.

It was a carnival day in every sense. Many people had been looking forward to the Queen's visit and once the day arrived, virtually everybody was caught up in the excitement of it. For days and weeks and even years to come people will be speaking of the royal visit.

Everybody will have their own story to tell, of what their impression of the Queen was, of what she said to them, of all of the incidents in which they were involved. And these stories will continue, just as all who were involved in the last visit still vividly remember.

The Queen arrived at Brodick Pier on the Royal Yacht Britannia, where after disembarking the linkspan, she walked around the lines of children and the waiting crowds.

After inspecting a plaque to mark her landing on

Arran, she was whisked away to the newly opened Ormidale Park. After visiting the Brodick Highland Games, she arrived at Brodick Castle where she was welcomed by school pupils and the Arran High School choir.

After a fine lunch at the castle, the Queen moved on to the new visitor centre at the distillery, where she was taken on a tour by the distiller, Gordon Mitchell.

After this, the Queen went for another walk, meeting people and delighting the large crowd that had gathered at Lochranza Pier where she walked across the Claonaig ferry to get to the Royal barge to speed out to Britannia.

For the people of Arran it was truly a day to remember and hopefully the Queen will remember it with happiness too.



North Ayrshire Council convener George Steven introduces castle catering manager Judy Cook to Her Majesty. 01_B31tw04

Queen came to



Distiller Gordon Mitchell outlines the distilling process to the Queen. 01_B31twe11



The Queen and distiller Gordon Mitchell peer into a mash tun at the Lochranza distillery. 01_B31twe01



Nine-year-old Joanne McLellan presents the Queen with a posy. 01_B31twe02



The Queen receives a Marvin Elliot carving given to her by Alastair Dobson. 01_B31twe16

The Queen signs the visitors' book at Brodick Castle with administrator Veronica Woodman. 01_B31twe17



The Queen listens intently to the story of candle making. 01_B31twe13



NAC convener George Steven and the Queen meet Arran's Primary School pupils. 01_B31twe05



Waiting to welcome Royalty, Veronica Woodman is suitably attired. 01_B31twe06



The Queen meets the Lees twins as she visits their art exhibition at the Brodick Highland Games. 01_B31twe14



Arran High School pupils line the walkway at the Brodick Castle as the Queen passes. 01_B31twe18

Wettest July brings mixed breeding season

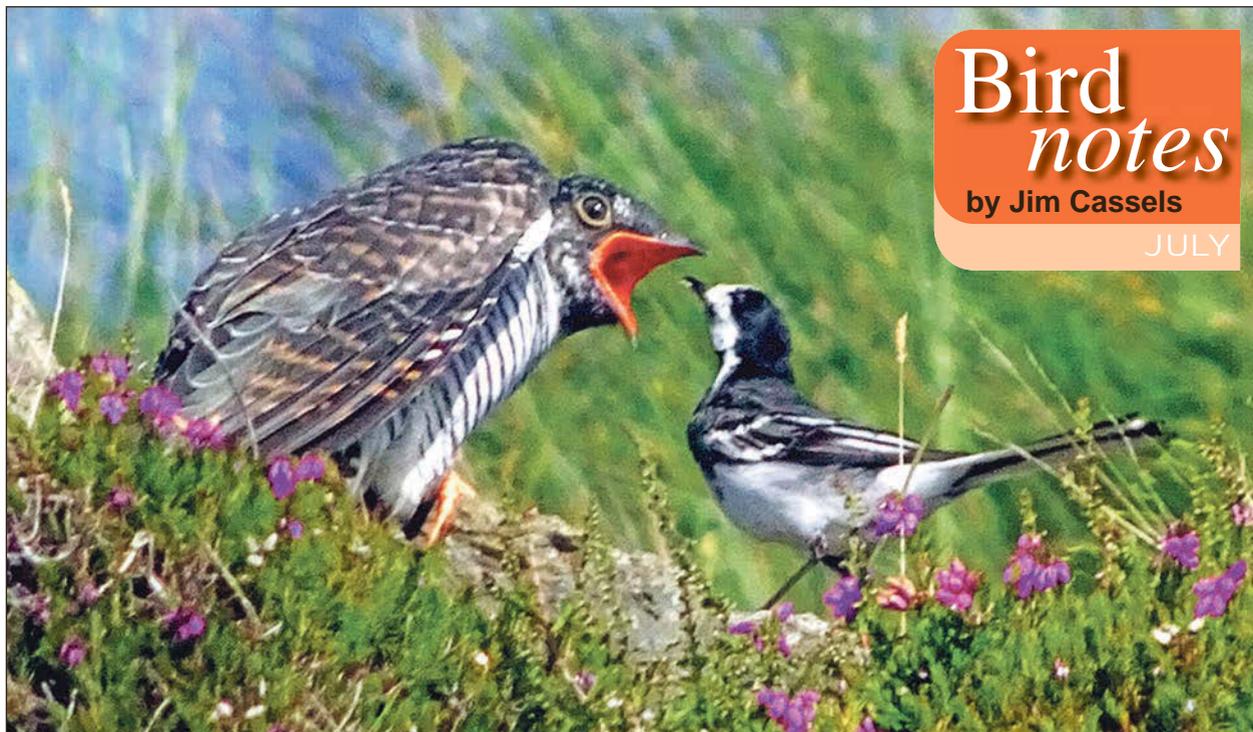
This July was the wettest July in my 12 years as bird recorder. While April and May this year had been dry, the cooler, wetter theme of June continued into last month.

The highest temperature this July was six degrees lower than last July, and with a third more rain than last year, this July was not conducive to the successful breeding of some of our avian summer visitors such as the hirundines which rely on flying insects to raise their young. The number of young swallows and young house martins reported has been fewer than last year. With numbers of hirundines still around including 80 swallow at Sliderry on 23rd, 100 sand martin at Sannox on 25th and 30 house martin at Balmichael, perhaps later broods will be more successful.

By contrast seed eating species seemed to have had a successful breeding season, with for example widespread reports of young house sparrow, chaf-

finch, goldfinch and siskin in gardens. Other signs of a successful breeding season included a young great spotted woodpecker in a garden in Brodick on third, young fulmar at Cnoc Buidhe on seventh, seven young shelduck on Cleats Shore on 11th, two young mute swan at Catacol on 17th, 40 black guillemot on Pladda on 18th, three young spotted flycatcher in Lochranza on 22nd, 169 jackdaw at Drumadoon on 24th, 16 eider at Machriewaterfoot on 24th and three young Hen Harrier at Torr Righ Mor on 25th.

July marks the end of the breeding season for some birds. It can be an interesting time looking out for birds dispersing after breeding. This year there was an exceptional sighting when on Monday July 10, a rose-coloured starling turned up in Sliderry. The last Arran record was in June 2002. Its breeding range is from easternmost Europe across temperate southern Asia. The next



Bird
notes

by Jim Cassels

JULY

Cuckoo being fed by Pied Wagtail. Photo: Alastair Forsyth

bird notes in the *Banner* will feature this species.

Other dispersing highlights included: a male scaup on Mossend Pond on 1st, a redstart at Sliderry on 4th, a male tufted duck joined the scaup on Mossend Pond on 4th and a Kingfisher was at Cladach on 18th, the first Arran record since August 2015

A number of northern breeding species heading south from their breeding grounds, many still in their breeding plumage, were reported including: a green-shank on Sliderry Shore on fifth, an Arctic tern in Brodick Bay on 17th, 17 red-shank in Sandbraes also on 17th, four Dunlin, 92 gold-

en plover and 12 turnstone at Machriewaterfoot on 24th and three Sanderling, two Whimbrel and three White Wagtail on Sliderry Shore on 26th.

More than 100 species were reported in July. Other highlights included: grasshopper warbler reeling in the dark at Bennecarrigan on first, moorhen on Mossend Pond on 11th, garden warbler at Corriecravie on 12th, five little grebe on Mossend Pond on 13th, 500 manx shearwater in Whiting Bay also on 13th, three swift over High Kildonan on 17th, six water rail in Corriecravie on 23rd, a black-throated diver in Catacol Bay on 24th and a tree

pipit at Cnoc an Fheidh on 29th.

Finally in the June Bird Notes I wrote: 'Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran. Throughout May and June there have been many widespread reports. People need no prompting to report the first cuckoo. How about reporting when you hear or see the last cuckoo this year?'

My thanks go to those of you who have responded. By now the adults will have left the UK leaving the young to be brought up by their foster parents. The young have a distinctive white spot on the

nape of the neck. The latest date that I have had so far for a young cuckoo is one at Corriecravie on July 20. The photograph of the young cuckoo being fed by the Pied Wagtail was taken at the Fairy Dell on 18 July.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2016 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



A male scaup was spotted at Mossend Pond. Photo: Nick Giles



The rose-coloured starling at Sliderry. Photo: Jim Cassels



Dunlin were seen at Machriewaterfoot. Photo: Jim Cassels



Swallows in the rain. Photo: Shona Redmayne

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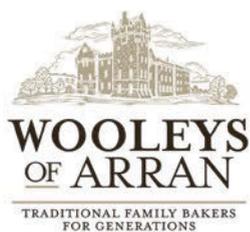
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I, the undersigned, Returning Officer for the above constituency, hereby give notice that I have received the returns and declarations as to election expenses of the undernoted candidates and election agents:

Candidate	Election Agent
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Patricia Gibson	Alan Dickson
Christopher Rimicans	-
David Rocks	Michael Clarke

These returns and those declarations submitted, including the accompanying documents, can be inspected at Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE, during normal office hours (between 9am-4.45pm Monday to Thursday and 9am-4.30pm Friday) within the next two years.

CONSULTATION ON NORTH AYRSHIRE MAIN ISSUES REPORT AND INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT – ADDITIONAL SITES SUBMITTED

Between 30 January 2017 and 24 March 2017, the Council consulted on its Main Issues Report (MIR) as part of the preparation of a second local development plan (LDP) for North Ayrshire. The MIR and its accompanying Interim Environmental Report were available to view during this period and a large number of responses were received.

Some of the respondents proposed additional land for development not previously submitted to us through the formal 'Call for Sites' process. In order for us to ensure a level of transparency and allow us to consider these for possible inclusion in the proposed plan, we are undertaking an additional consultation. This does not infer that any or all of the sites will be allocated.

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Elma Murray
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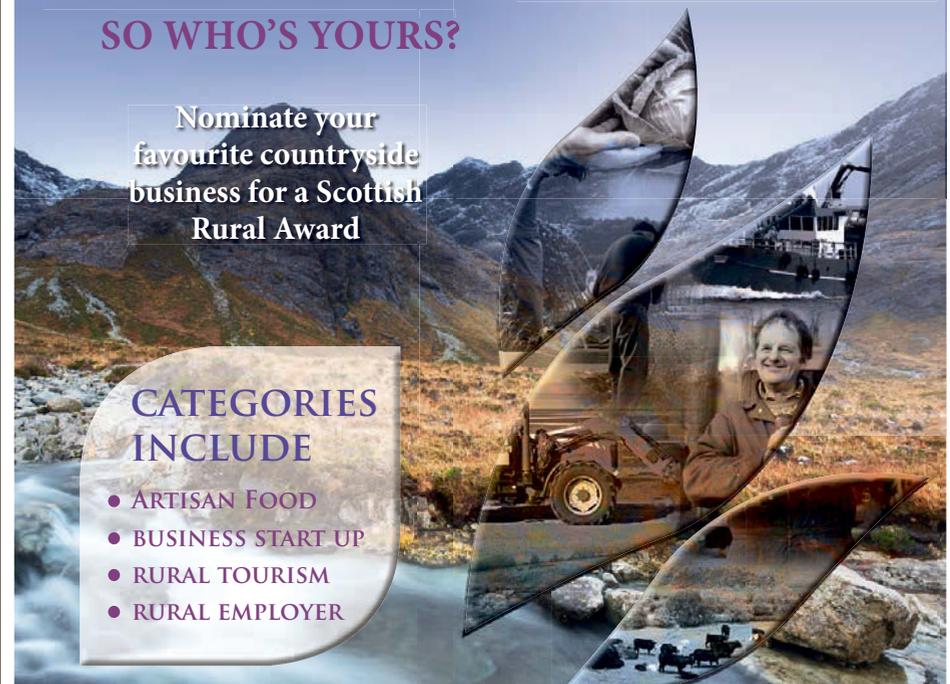
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WALL - Antony Walter Francies
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Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday August 2, The Betty Black Cup. Another unsettled day saw the popular strokeplay effectively restricted to a morning and afternoon only competition and a field of 24. Heavy rain arriving by mid afternoon made conditions very unpleasant for those contemplating an evening game and none was so desperate as to try. Despite finishing as the rain settled in, Gavin Bell managed to consolidate a fine front nine (level fours) on the back nine, to win with a very impressive net 58. 1 Gavin Bell 26, 58, 2 Alan Kay 19, 61, 3 Murray Foggo 7, 62, 4 Stan Rainey 11, 63. CSS stayed at 63 and Alan Foggo's gross 67 was the best of the day. Magic twos Stan Rainey @2nd, Murray Foggo @4th and John Dick @17th.

Friday August 4, Ladies' Rosebowl Stableford, eight played. Played off the red tees, CSS went out to 67, 33 points and in a closely fought round, Jean Davidson won narrowly on 30 points. 1 Jean Davidson 24, 30pts, 2 Beth Paterson 8, 29pts, 3 Christine McLeod 23, 27pts.

Sunday August 6, The Lifeboat Competition. The last of the charity support opens for this year was be-



The third green at Whiting Bay Golf Club.

set by a pessimistic weather forecast that turned out to be disappointingly accurate. Heavy rain arriving late in the morning drove many of those who had started mid morning back to the warmth of the clubhouse and, of the 15 who played, only five managed to complete the round, the final two in wetsuits and flippers and a semi submersible buggy.

Early starter John Dick made the most of his weather window to win with a net 64. 1 John Dick 14, 64 and lowest gross, 2 David Brookens 11, 68, 3 John Pennycott 13, 69, 4 Ronnie Mann 13, 72. CSS went out to its maximum of 66 and there were magic twos from Alan Foggo at the 4th and from Stan Rainey at the 17th.

Organisers thanked regular visitors from Carlisle, the Friars Tavern Golfing Society, who visit every year and who always make a healthy donation to the lifeboat. They also generously sponsored nearest the hole at the 4th and the 17th - won by Alan Foggo and Stan Rainey respectively.

Fixtures: Sunday August 13, Aitken Rosebowl foursomes and Arran Grouse qualifier. This is a four-somes competition, one draw for partners at 10am. Ladies' Glenashdale Stableford. Monday August 14, AGA Champion of Champions, Brodick Golf Club at 5.30pm. Wednesday August 16, Summer Trophy. Saturday August 19, Arran Golf Pass Extreme golf competition.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 3, Summer Cup, CSS 65, Par 64. 1 Matt Harvey 72-11=61, 2 Andrew Wales 73-9=64, 3 Graeme Andrew 74-9=65. Scratch, Dougie MacFarlane 66. Magic twos, D MacFarlane @4th and 5th, M Harvey @14th, T Jameson @7th and 17th, J Smith @8th, P Jameson @14th.

Friday August 4, Dan Crawford Salver, Lifeboat Day, Stableford. 1 Mark Carnegie 38pts, 2 Jonathan Glen 36pts BIH, 3 Ian Docherty 36pts. Scratch, Dougie MacFarlane 32pts. Magic twos, Ian Docherty @4th, Peter Gossman @4th, Alan Docherty @17th, Craig Watson @8th, Clifford Martin @16th, Alex Farmer @15th, Scott Campbell @17th.

Fixtures: Sunday August 13, Hamilton Bowl final, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday August 17, Summer Cup and Jim Young Cup. Make up own games, see starter for times.

Ladies' section: Monday July 10, club championship. This year the final took place between Yvonne Brothers, the holder, and Sheena Murchie, who has won the championship on several occasions. The match was held in the evening in dry, breezy conditions preventing the threat of midge attack from materialising. Both ladies started well with Sheena taking an early lead with a three at the second which was consolidated with a three at the fourth. Yvonne replied with a three at the fifth. Further gains from Sheena took her to three up at the turn. Honours were even in the second half with a four for Yvonne at the 11th, threes for Sheena at the 13th and 16th and a three for Yvonne at the 15th. Overall this was a close contest played at a high standard with putting at a premium. Sheena was a worthy winner by 3 and 2.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday August 5, James Bunyan Memorial. 1 K Thorburn 80-22=58, 2 J Innes 68-8=60 and scratch, 3 R Logan 69-6=63. Magic two, R Logan. Very good scoring by Ken.

Fixtures: Saturday August 12, Summer Cup. Ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday August 16, Wednesday Cup, ballot at 5pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Thursday August 3, Summer Cup, 22 played, CSS 64. Alastair Dobson 73-10=63, ACB, Peter McCalla 71-8=63, Matt Keir 68-4=64, ACB. Scratch, Matt Keir 68.

Sunday August 6, Brandon Qualifier, 14 played, CSS 66. Bill Donaldson 82-16=66, Bob McCrae 75-8=67, ACB, Gordon Morris 84-17=67. Scratch, Bob McCrae 75.

Fixture: Sunday August 13, Centenary Quaich.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 1, Peter Sutton, CSS 64, 1 B Sherwood 78-14=64, 2 H Bannatyne 73-7=66, 3 P Betley 78-11=67. Magic two, H Bannatyne.

Fixture: Tuesday August 15, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

GRADUATION



JOHN MURCHIE

Congratulations to John Murchie, graduating from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh with a Masters in Civil Engineering.

Neil beats strong field to take 34th Lamlash Open

The 34th Lamlash Open attracted more than 155 applications, exceeding the club maximum of 150. However, due to personal circumstances, injuries and cancellations, it ended with an entry of 147 last weekend.

Saturday began with a changeable breeze in cool conditions, which improved as the day progressed right into the evening, and at least it remained dry. One of the early starters, Neil Young, had an inspired round carding a scratch 64 – par for the course. The evening was rounded off by Tom's Disco into the wee hours.

Sunday was a different matter with only 106 going through the computer, but more than 140 began play with many who were caught out in the worst conditions having headed home without registering their soaked cards.

The early starters had the best of the day as by 10.30am a Scotch mist began to form, which rapidly descended into heavy rain, which became a downpour by mid-afternoon. By 1.30pm players began to walk in, soaked and reported that the seventh was completely waterlogged, making play impossible.

Debate ranged from cancellation to postponement, with players adamant that play should continue after a one-hour postponement. A further inspection of the course led to a continuation of play by 2.15pm, which was met with a resounding cheer by the players. Credit to the greens staff and the course that the seventh went from a one-inch deep pool to being playable within 90 minutes.

Despite the weather conditions, the evening's presentation was held in front of a packed clubhouse, with around 100 people in the audience. On completion of the ceremony, the floor was cleared and Tom began with his disco dancing, nearly sharing Neil's superb performance in the open.

The club thanked everyone who took part and especially the main sponsor, the Lamlash Bay Hotel, and the sponsors of the 18 holes on each day of the open.

The full results of the Lamlash open were: Saturday results – sponsored holes:

1st Long drive Adam Carnegie, 1st n.pin Craig Campbell, 2nd n.pin Craig Campbell, 3rd Long drive 13+ h'cap Adam Carnegie, 3rd n.pin Alan Colquhoun, 4th n.pin Donald Morrison, 5th A.Gibson, 6th Long drive Danny Currie, 6th n.pin Alan Smith, 7th n.pin Neil Cameron, 8th n.pin Stuart Campbell, 9th n.pin Jonnie Glen, 10th n.pin Gordon Watson, 11th Long drive 13+ h.cap Serge, 11th n.pin Gordon Hendry, 12th n.pin no-one. 13th n.pin Ian Kennedy, 14th n.pin Jonathan Dobson, 15th n.pin Neil Hogg, 16th n.pin David Couser, 17th n.pin A Dunks, 18th target David Morrison, and 18th n.pin David Donohoe.

PHT cup 18 holes: 1 Neil Young 64-6=58, 2 Mark Carnegie 77-13=64 BIH, 3 Neil Cameron 66-2-64.

Sunday results – sponsored holes: 1st Long drive Nick Clark, 1st n.pin Peter Gossman, 2nd n.pin Euan Docherty, 3rd Long

drive 13+ h'cap M.Coyle, 3rd n.pin Alex farmer, 4th n.pin A.Danks, 5th n.pin Peter Thornton, 6th Long drive Bryan Robertson, 6th n.pin Neil Cameron, 7th n.pin Gordon Hendry, 8th n.pin Jack McNally, 9th n.pin Jamie Murchie, 10th n.pin Gordon Watson, 11th Long drive 13+ h'cap Adam Carnegie, 11th n.pin Andy Glen, 12th n.pin no one, 13th n.pin Neil Cameron, 14th n.pin David Donohoe, 15th n.pin Jack Brown, 16th n.pin Craig Young, 17th n.pin Willie Currie, 18th target Ian Kennedy and 18th n.pin Bryan Robertson.

Drift Inn Cup 18 holes: 1 Danny Head 67-4=63, 2 Paul Jameson 74-11=63, 3 Euan Docherty 82-18=64.

Lamlash Open, Scratch Quaich, 36 holes, 1 Craig Young 67+69=136 BLR, 2 Neil Cameron 66+70=136, BLR 3 Neil Young 64 + 72=136. Lamlash Bay Hotel, Local Champion, 36 holes, 1 Neil Young 58+66=124, 2 Paul Jameson 70+63=133 BLR, 3 Stuart Campbell 66+67=133. Senior Handicap Shield-qualifying age 60, 36 holes, 1 Paul Clark 69+67=136. Senior scratch cup, 36 holes, 1 Paul Clark 75+73=148.

34th Lamlash Open, over 36 holes, 1 Neil Young 58+66=124, Stephen O'Day 65+65=130, 3 Aidan Moore 68+64=132, BLR, 4 Neil Cameron 64 + 68 = 132, Paul Jameson 70+63=133, BLR, Booby Stephen Sinclair 207 net.



Winner Neil Young is presented with the Open Trophy by club captain Scott Campbell.

Bowling Club results

Despite a rather wet month, all rink games at Brodick Bowling Club managed to be played in July.

The results were: July 1, Ian Davidson and Kate Nichols+6; July 3, Colin Haggarty and Lavinia Hendry +34; July 5, John McConnachie and Robert Crawford +35; July 8, Andy McCrindle and Charlie Weir +21; July 10, Ann Hollingworth and Aileen Latona +22; July 12, Kenny Mabon and Vera Ransome +7; July 17, Colin Haggarty and John McConnachie +29; July 22, Teddy Kerr and Sid Allen +18; July 24, Ann Hollingworth, Tom Macleod and Andy McCrindle +17; July 26, Sid Allen, Ernie Stanger and Andy McCrindle +19; July 29, Teddy Kerr and Sid Allen +5.

Lamlash bridge results

The results of the recent Arran Bridge Club competitions played at Lamlash are as follows: Monday July 24, 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 2 Liz Robertson and Jennifer McArthur, 3= Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie, 3= Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 3= Tricia Martin and David Campbell.

Monday July 31, 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 3= Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3= Jan Beattie and Margaret MacGill.

Monday August 7, N/S: 1 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough, 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 3 David Campbell and Tricia Martin. E/W: 1 Brenda Livingstone and Eandy McNiven, 2 Elizabeth McKellar and Margaret McGill, 3 Jennifer Wales and Doug Chase.

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Riders and horses excel at Balgowan derby

The Arran Riding Club recently hosted their annual jumping derby following their successful teen training day. The jumping derby, hosted by Jen McNeish and family, started with half an hour of clear rounds over cross poles, which was gratefully taken advantage of by some of the

younger riders, and riders of young horses who were looking for a bit of experience over less intimidating obstacles.

Riders had a choice of two heights, 60cm or 90cm. Each rider has a chance to go for a clear round – with no knock downs and no stops – followed by a speed

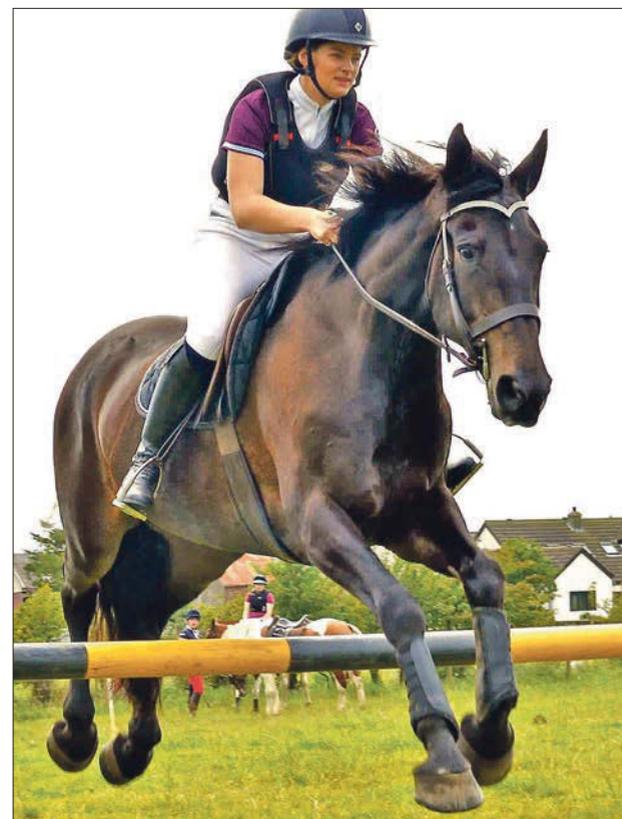
round which is timed. Then follows the pick-a-fence round, where each jump is worth different points and riders choose which jumps to tackle and in which order for the most points within the time limit. This provided much hilarity with most of the spectators enjoying shouting out suggestions

of fences to jump. Finally, those who still had any energy entered the ‘chase me charlie’ where one jump goes up and up, and failures are eliminated until the triumphant winner is left with the highest jump.

Eight horses and riders competed over the 60cm course, with seven tackling the 90cm version. Daisy McNamara and her own Kizzy were 60cm champions and Kirsty Morrison was reserve champion on Rosie Wilkinson’s pony Milo. Isla Yuill and her own Velvet were champions at 90cms and Eilidh McNeil and Diane Lewis’ Corrie were reserve champions.



Champion at 90cm, Isla Yuill and Velvet. Photos: Nick Miloutou and Marbeth Nix of PhotoGNick Arran.



Reserve champion at 90cm, Eilidh McNeil and Corrie in action.



L to r, Daisy McNamara and Kizzy, 60cm champions, Eilidh McNeil and Corrie, 90cm reserve champions, Isla Yuill and Velvet, 90cm champions, and Kirsty Morrison and Milo, 60cm reserve champions

Arran Sportive is back next month

The Arran Sportive is returning this year on September 9, bigger and better than before.

This exciting 56-mile charity cycle around the island will be filled with fast-flowing roads, lung-busting climbs and exhilarating descents, promising to be a fun and thrilling event.

After you have completed this challenging and beautiful road cycle, Visit Arran will have a barbecue up and running with delicious local produce while Arran Brewery have some of their own local beverages on offer too. There may even be buskers and prizes.

The Arran Sportive is a charity event organised by and in aid of Ocean Youth Trust Scotland. OYT Scotland is an organisation which helps over 550 young people each year from all backgrounds and abilities gain valuable leadership, team-

work and communication skills as well as other beneficial qualifications and experiences through sailing.

If you don't fancy the challenge of cycling round Arran yet still want to help support this worthy charity, why not become a volunteer? The Arran Sportive are still looking for enthusiastic people to help on the day with registration, water stations, marshalling and many other jobs. To become a volunteer, email Rhona at rhona@oytscotland.org.uk.

For more information on this amazing road cycle event and to hear the latest updates, follow the Arran Sportive on Facebook and Twitter. To sign up as either a normal rider or a charity rider, go to www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event_id=3465

Cyclists taking part in last year's event.



SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Riders and horses excel at Balgowan derby

Battling Northend seen off by two late strikes

Southend 2
Northend 1

Northend almost produced the biggest shock for years in Arran football as it took Southend two late goals to come back to beat the team sitting bottom of the league.

The Lochranza side set up their defence well and, despite wave after wave of Southend pressure, the de-

fence stood firm with some decisive tackling. They also had a few breakaways themselves.

Northend goalkeeper Bryan McCallum was also in great form, saving everything thrown at him by the Southenders.

When the half-time whistle blew, Northend went off with a well-deserved scoreline of 0-0.

In the second half, South-

end became frantic and were doing everything but put the ball in the net as Northend had parked the bus and their tactics were working effectively.

On the hour mark, with everyone forward for the home side, the ball broke for a Northend counter and Lyle Bunyan got in front of Tommy MacHale and was tripped in the area to earn a penalty. Andy MacNamara stepped up and made no mistake.

Southend finally got the equaliser in the 75th minute when Fraser Gilbert slotted one into the corner. It was a nervy last 10 minutes for the boys in yellow but Jack Simmons came to their rescue to spare their blushes.

Bryan was given man of the match by referee Johnny Sloss after some tremendous stops.



Ryan Armstrong is covered on the wing by Andy McNamara. 01_B32footy02



Bryan McCallum comes out to thwart another Southend attack. 01_B32footy04



No way through for Secuna Junior as the Northend defence stand firm. 01_B32footy01



Bryan McCallum makes another super stop from a goalbound shot. 01_B32footy03

Shiskine 1
Brodick 13

Brodick continued their emphatic form with a convincing victory over in Blackwaterfoot. Returning traveller Toby Wingham got four goals for the Orwin House boys. Andy Thomson picked up another man of the match perfor-

mance and added another two goals to his tally. Archie McNicol bagged another brace as well to all but guarantee him another golden boot.

Babbies MacNeil also managed to get four goals as he was put up front in an attacking position. John Drummond got the other goal for Brodick. Don-

ald Mulholland scored Shiskine's only goal of the game.

Brodick and Southend will do battle on Monday night with it looking like a potential league decider at Ormidale Park at 6.30pm. Northend will play against Lamlash in the other game at the Ewe Camp with a 7pm kick-off.



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