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First Minister brings Scots cabinet to Arran

Local residents invited to join the discussion

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First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and her cabinet will meet on Arran on Monday August 27 to celebrate the contribution rural and island communities make to the Scottish economy.

Cabinet secretaries will take part in a full programme of events on the island, visiting organisations, community groups and businesses in the morning before the cabinet meets. There will follow a discussion at Arran High School, led by the First Minister, with pupils and members of the public.

The event is the latest in a series of more than 46 cabinet meetings in towns and cities across Scotland, including Aberdeen, Alloa, Cupar, Dumfries, Cumnock, Inverness, Oban and Ullapool, and is the first

island cabinet since the passage of the Scottish Government's Islands Act.

That, and the fact that there is strong Nationalist support on the island, is thought to be the reason Arran was chosen as the latest venue for the travelling cabinet meeting.

Ms Sturgeon said: 'This is an opportunity for me and my cabinet to meet local residents, community groups and businesses on the Isle of Arran as we mark the Year of Young People.'

'I would encourage everyone in the local community to attend our discussion at Arran High School and share your views on the key issues that matter to you.'

'The Year of Young People 2018 is a global first and I look forward to meeting young people from the

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Yvonne makes history

Yvonne Currie winds up a big throw in the hammer at the Brodick Highland Games where she was the first female competitor in the heavy events. The tournament was won by German champion Daniel Dorrow, seen receiving the Rev James Currie Cup from chairman Donald MacKelvie.



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Scots cabinet comes to Arran

Continued from page one high school to hear about their achievements, talents and the issues that really matter to them.

‘Of course, people of all ages are welcome to attend the public meeting. This government is open and transparent and will take on board the thoughts and concerns of everyone living and working on Arran.’

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson added: ‘I am delighted that the Scottish cabinet is coming to Arran and will publicly engage on any and all issues brought to it by islanders.’

The public discussion will run from 2pm to 3.30pm at the high school. Entry to the public discussion is free, but seats are limited and must be booked in advance on <https://arran.cabinet.eventbrite.co.uk>. If you have any questions about booking a place, call 0300 244 2138.

Search on for The Black Eagle



The Arran Viking Longship Society has appealed for the public’s help in finding the figurehead from its boat, The Black Eagle, which broke off while moored during the recent rough weather.

The incident happened while the longship was moored at Lochranza following its appearance at the Sea Queen Gala Day in the village with fellow Vikings from the mainland.

Stephen Sparshott from the society said: ‘I am appealing to folk of the Northend to keep an eye on the shore or across the water in case The Black Eagle washes ashore.’

‘I would also appeal to the people of Kintyre to look out as it may make land there.’

A reward is being offered if found and anyone with any information can contact Stephen on 01771 600110.

The Black Eagle figurehead which is missing.

Broadband boost on the cards for Machrie

Machrie is one of seven new exchanges which are to receive improved internet access under the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband project.

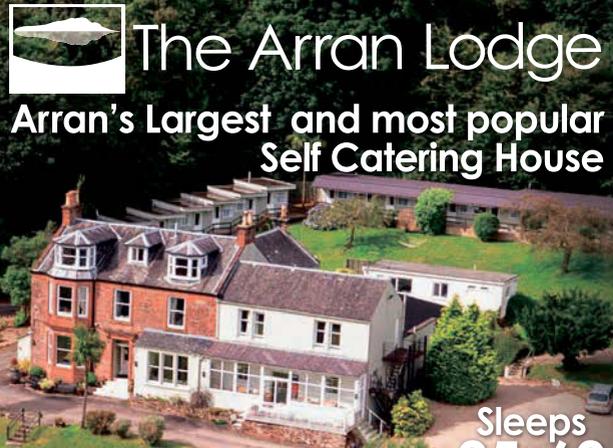
The initiative, led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and supported by the Scottish Government – which has committed to 100 per cent coverage by 2021 – has seen 124,000 homes and businesses able to access the network with a rise to 150,000 by next year.

Owing to the success of the project, which is being delivered by Openreach, seven new exchange areas are to receive improved internet access. They are Machrie, three sites in Argyll and Bute and two in the Highlands, and Great Bernera in the Outer Hebrides have all been included in the list.

Charlotte Wright, chief executive of HIE, said: ‘We’re delighted to see the project reaching even more homes and businesses. The project has seen more than 1,200km of fibre cable laid to create a core network, including 20 subsea routes to reach our island communities, and there are more than 900 new fibre cabinets delivering services to local homes and businesses.’

‘This infrastructure makes it easier for broadband and mobile operators to deliver and grow services, opening up the many social and economic benefits of good regional connectivity.’

The Digital Highlands and Islands broadband project is part of the £400m Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband project. Further details about the project and locations are available at www.hie.co.uk/fibre



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Nervous wait is over as Arran students receive exam results

The wait is finally over for around 80 Arran youngsters who received their exam results earlier this week.

Early analysis of the results shows continued success at a range of levels across the North Ayrshire Council area. A higher proportion of S4 pupils who sat National 5 qualifications in 2018 achieved an award at grades A-D than in 2017.

Passes at Higher remain strong and consistent with last year’s performance, and the pass rate at Advanced Higher level also continues to improve with a greater proportion of candidates achieving success at this level than last year.

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

Council leader Joe Cullinane said: ‘Young people across North Ayrshire have worked extremely hard over the last year and that is illustrated by the strong results.’

‘I want to remind those who may not have got the results they hoped for that this is just the start. Many before you have gone through the same and many

after you will too. Experience has shown us there are different paths that can lead you to where you want to get to in life and no path is wrong. Please seek advice and support on what options are available now and most importantly keep working hard and you will reach your goal.’

As well as the support at home and within schools, pupils can also receive guidance from Skills Development Scotland or via the exam results helpline on 0808 100 8000. This number will be open from 9am to 5pm until Wednesday August 15.



Arran High School.

Jolly Molly makes way for ice cream parlour

Brodick is losing one of its popular gift shops.

Jolly Molly on Shore Road is closing its doors for the last time at the end of August. However, the shop will not be empty for long as Arran Dairies is taking over the shop to turn it into an ice cream parlour and deli.

Owner Sally Gandon has run the shop for nearly 10 years with long-serving staff Fiona Hume and Fiona Thorne, who have been there seven and nine years respectively, who she said, along with her dog Molly, had become part of the Jolly Molly family.

Sally, who lives in Hyndland, but is a regular visitor to the island where she also has holiday cottages, opened a second Jolly Molly in Cresswell Lane in the West End of Glasgow for two years which closed in 2015.

She said: 'After nearly 10 years in business, we will be saying goodbye to our Brodick shop at the end of August. We have thoroughly enjoyed serving both the locals and visitors and have had a jolly good time for 10 years but we now feel the time is right to move on and

offer another local business the opportunity of trading from our lovely shop.

'We wish Arran Dairies all the best with their exciting plans to open a new ice cream parlour and deli. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers and friends who have supported us over the past 10 years.'

A closing down sale starts on Tuesday August 14 with a 50 per cent reduction on all stock.

Meanwhile, Arran Dairies managing director Alastair Dobson said he was excited at the prospect of opening the ice cream parlour, which he said would offer the widest range of their products that had ever been available.

He said it would be a showcase for their ice cream both for the public and for the many chefs Taste of Arran bring over to the island from across UK and abroad.

Alastair told the Banner: 'While the focus will be very much on the ice cream, we want to use the deli to highlight the other marvellous produce on the island. We are keen not to compete with other



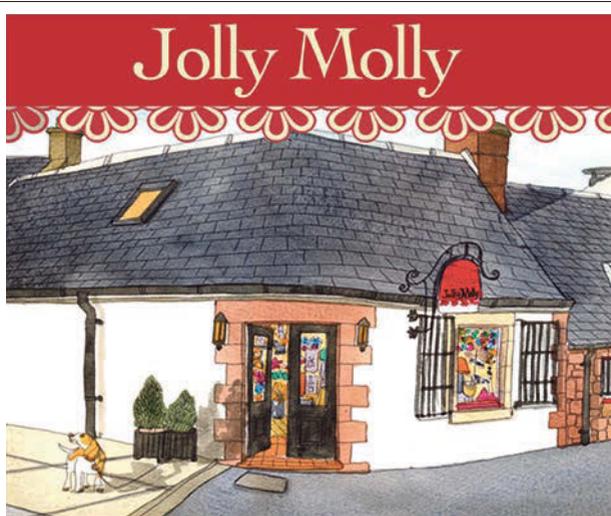
Fiona Hume and owner Sally Gandon outside the shop with beagle Molly. 01_B32jolly02

businesses but we are sure there is a sufficient gap in the market in Brodick for a new, exciting food outlet.'

The parlour is intended to complement the present outlets selling Arran ice cream around the island and Alastair is already plan-

ning an ice cream trail map to guide visitors around the outlets.

The parlour and deli, which will also have seating for 12 to 16 customers, is expected to open, subject to planning permission, sometime in October.



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Fiona Hume in the Jolly Molly shop. 01_B32jolly01

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Tractor show



An array of modern and vintage tractors line the lawn during the tractor show. 01_B32tractor05



There was a good turnout of locals and visitors at the show

The annual tractor show at the Arran Heritage Museum provided visitors and farmers with the opportunity to admire some of the latest, and oldest, agricultural vehicles that can be seen on Arran – some of them still in regular use.

Taking visitors on a tour through the ages, and technical advances in tractor technology, visitors were treated to an array of machines dating from pre-war times to modern.

On display, too, was the collection of DG Weir, who exhibited five of his fleet of tractors, including his Ferguson FE-35 which won best in its class and was runner-up to best in show at the Arran Farmers' Society show last week.

The FE-35 dates back to 1956 and is the first one that DG Weir lovingly and painstakingly restored over five years ago. An aficionado with an encyclopaedic knowledge of tractors, DG has restored numerous vehicles and is working on another five which are in various stages of refurbishment.

Receiving a huge amount of attention, a rare International 634 – which won best in show at the Arran Farmers' Society show – was also on display and, owing to its dual sets of oversized wheels, attracted the interest of children who scaled the behemoth to sit in the driver's seat.

Also attracting the interest of children and adults, Alan Nicol displayed his full collection of die-cast miniature tractors that spanned the ages and were almost as popular as the real vehicles themselves.

The afternoon was a delight for children who could climb atop the tractors or play in the garden while parents and visitors enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Rosaburn cafe or tried their hand at the tombola.

The tractor show is the penultimate event on the Heritage Museum's calendar of special summer events, with the MG sports car show taking place on Saturday September 15.

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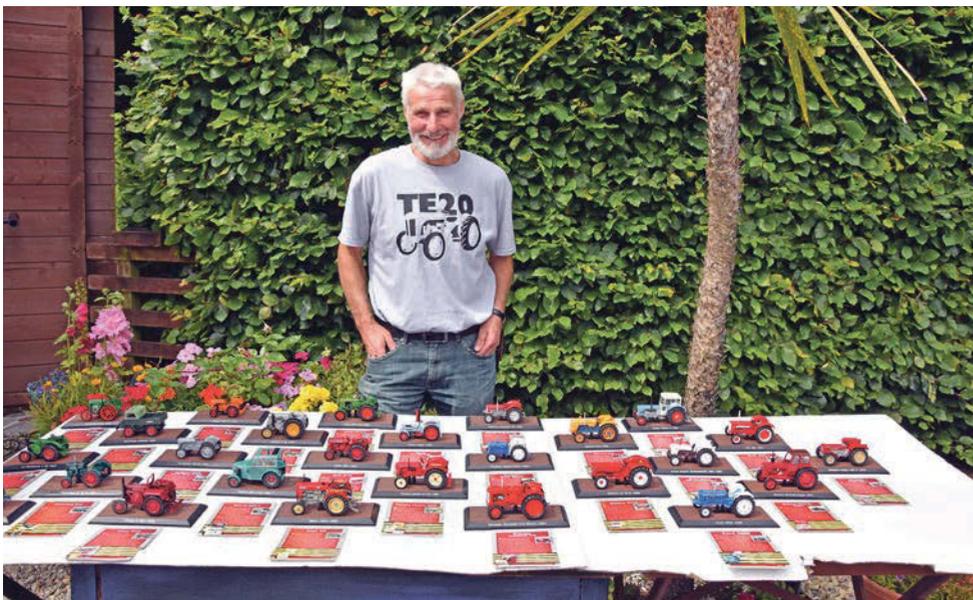
draws in the crowds



Four-year-old John and dad Brian Donlin inspect a rare International 634 tractor. 01_B32tractor04



DG Weir with his restored Ferguson FE-35 which recently won the best in class and was runner-up to best in show at the Arran Farmers' Society show. 01_B32tractor01



Alan Nicol with his rare collection of die-cast tractors and agricultural vehicles. 01_B32tractor02

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Sharks at play at fun day

As part of its series of summer activities the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) hosted a fun-filled day at its Octopus Centre in Lamlash with the theme of children's favourite – sharks.

The initiative, while aimed at providing fun and

entertainment for children, also provided interested parents and children with information on conservation and marine wildlife preservation.

Through a series of fun activities children learned of the work that COAST has been undertaking in

collaboration with the Scottish Shark Tagging programme and the Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network.

On offer were fun games, which included a giant skates and rays game whose rules followed those of snakes and ladders. Children – many with their faces painted as sharks – learned fun facts about sealife while trying to beat their friends to the finish.

COAST also had its popular touch tank on display which included a cushion star, hermit crabs, sea urchin, queen scallop and a lobster. There were also some discarded shells and claws – found on the beaches – which visitors could handle without the threat of being pinched.

For interested adults, COAST provided information on this year's research project which will take place over the summer. Each year, COAST hosts Masters students



Spreading the message, COAST volunteers Sam McFarlane, Paul King, Luke Nelson, Debora Milenkova and Jenny Stark at the children's fun day. 01_B31COAST02



Young Cameron Archibald and mum Shelagh learn about live sea creatures from COAST's Jenny Stark. 01_B31COAST01

who complete research in and around the MPA. This year, it has two University of York students on placement. One of these, Ieuan Jones, is working with Glasgow University PhD candidate Natasha Walker-Milne to investigate fish diversity all around the South Arran Marine Protected Area using underwater cameras.

Ieuan set up a small display explaining his research, with photographs

from some of the surveys they have completed so far. Ieuan said: 'We are taking hour-long videos at lots of sites all around the south of Arran at different depths, counting the numbers of different species in each video as well as the number of individuals from each species.'

'We are particularly looking at wrasse numbers since they are now being used as cleaner fish in salmon farms.'

The most unusual and exciting observation made so far is that of a spurdog – a type of shark – which used to be common in our waters but one hasn't been spotted by divers in a few decades.

The fun day aimed to promote sustainable fishing, including sea angling within the South Arran Marine Protected Area, while also providing fun and enjoyable activities for children during the summer holidays.

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Closure is second blow for village

In a retail blow for Whiting Bay, the Bay News store is to close at the end of next month.

Owners Tim and Bev Hodgkinson say it is a real disappointment for them but they simply cannot afford to go on trading at a loss. It is the second outlet to close in the village in months after The Shore takeaway and cafe closed in May.

However, Tim, who has run the shop since 2002, is determined that the shop should remain a commercial outlet. It is presently available for lease or sale from October for retail use and planning permission is being sought for the premises to be for professional use such as a beauty salon, pet parlour, estate agency or so on. The shop extends to around 90 sq m.

Tim told the Banner that the couple had been desperately trying to keep the shop open for the sake of the village but had been forced to close owing to the fact it was making a 'catastrophic loss'.

'For the past three years, we have been putting our own money into the shop through the winter to keep it open. In the past 11 years, we have seen our profits drop 70 per cent in real terms,' he added.

Tim explained that there was just no longer a sufficient foothold of customers in Whiting Bay and that online sales and cheaper prices elsewhere, particularly the Co-op stores, on the island, had led to the demise of the shop.

The expansion of the Lam-lash store and the Co-op's decision to sell newspapers was yet further blows which hit turnover.

He had been told by a business adviser they were 'doing nothing wrong'.

'When we bought the shop in 2002, we were the only ones out of the 36 people to look around it that thought we could make a go of it. Sadly, that dream in now over,' he revealed.

Tim said he was desperately keen for someone to take over the shop 'for the good of the village' and pro-



The Bay News store in Whiting Bay.

'In the past 11 years we have seen our profits drop 70 per cent in real terms'

vide employment. He said he would even be willing to take less than the full rent if it was a business which was beneficial to the village.

He said he and his wife, who is not in the best of health, had reached the stage in their lives where they could consider 'early retirement' although, for the time being, Tim intends to con-

tinue his career as an IT consultant. The couple plan to continue to live on the island.

The one-bedroom beach apartment above the shop is not included in the lease but if any party is interested in buying the shop outright, including the beach apartment above if required, then this will be considered.



Whiting Bay Shop for Lease or Purchase

The Bay News shop, located on the High Street and by the beach in Whiting Bay is available for lease (or sale) from October 2018. The shop is currently available for retail use and permission for professional use has been applied for.

To the rear of the property is a small stock area along with staff WC facilities. The shop extends to circa 100 sq mt. The current vendors carried out an extensive refurbishment program to the property in 2014. It is available furnished with shelves, counter, CCTV and till if required.

Please call 01770 700488 for details.

We would also like to say thank you to all our customers for their years of support and friendship!

Artists wanted at Brodick Castle

Bosses at Brodick Castle are planning to create a range of local products for sale in the new retail areas when the castle reopens next spring.

In a bid to start this process, the National Trust for Scotland is planning to hold consultation meetings on Wednesday August 29 with the island's artists and crafts men and women to look at the feasibility of creating a range of bespoke products reflecting the rich heritage of the island, the castle and its estate.

The castle is looking to hear from anyone who is interested in being involved in the project. In the first instance please contact Ashley Connolly at aconnolly@nts.org.uk or brodickcastle@nts.org.uk

■ In next week's Banner, meet the new man in charge at Brodick Castle.

Harry Potter fun day

A Harry Potter-themed day of family learning and fun is being held at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick on Monday August 13 from 11am to 3pm.

Organised by the North Ayrshire Council family learning team, it will feature lots of fun activities including science experiments, arts and crafts, and games for youngsters to explore, and ideas to take home and try out together.

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Editorial

Voices heard

When one cabinet minister comes to Arran, it usually means that good news will follow. So when the entire Scottish cabinet decides they are coming to see us, expectations are bound to be high.

The gathering which has been announced for later this month is believed to be the first time a full Scottish cabinet meeting has been held on Arran, although many Scottish and UK ministers have addressed events on the island over the years.

And First Minister Nicola Sturgeon says she wants to hear from everyone in the local community to share their views on the issues that really matter to them.

This is your chance to make your voice heard where it really matters – at the very heart of the government. There will no doubt be many Nationalist supporters who will turn up on the day to give their support. But according to the First Minister: ‘This government is open and transparent and will take on board the thoughts and concerns of everyone living and working on Arran.’

It is time to make all our voices heard.

Thought for the week

‘Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.’ Hebrews 4:14

Common thread

Sir,
I read with interest the headlines in the Arran Banner last week regarding the cancelled ferries and the generosity of islanders in helping stranded passengers. That generosity comes as no surprise to me as someone who has visited the island many times, in all seasons over the years.

What also comes as no surprise is that inclement weather brings cancelled ferries. While I appreciate that the master of the ferry must make a decision whether to sail or not, I wonder if anyone has analysed the reasons for the decision not to sail. For example, is the sea so rough that the safety of the boat could be compromised on the crossing or is it difficulty in entering Ardrossan Harbour that causes the cancellations?

From my own experience over the years, difficulty entering Ardrossan has been stated many times as a reason for the cessation of ferry services – no surprise really to a layman given the direction of waves at the harbour entrance, the tight approach channel and the fact that the ferry must make a near 90-degree turn to access the vehicle ramps. I know that the argument over alternative ferry facilities at Troon has already been aired but I wonder why there is a determination to stick with Ardrossan with all the problems over the years. I also fear that things will not get any better when the Glen Sannox becomes operational.

I also remember on a number of occasions during stormy weather the ferry running between Brodick and Gourock. Perhaps this was in the days be-

fore Caledonian Isles, but I wonder what happened to this option?

In conclusion, I would like to make it clear that I am not critical in any way of CalMac and its staff who do a great job and generally are always cheery even under the worst conditions. We are told that with climate change we can expect more extreme weather and for Arran residents and visitors a reliable ferry service is essential. Of course there will always be exceptions when the service must be cancelled (and if you have any doubts read the story of the Princess Victoria lost in January 1953) but I wonder if Ardrossan is a common thread and if all the alternative options have been fully explored.

Yours,
**Michael Smith,
North Shields.**

Smart meters

Sir,
Recently much has been written on how wonderful smart meters are with adverts in the papers and direct mail shots. Let me take up a few points about them.

First, they are not free, you will not get a direct bill for one but the cost will be added to your electric tariff. The smart meter installation programme was estimated to cost £11 billion pounds – that’s about £170 for every person in the UK. The installation of these meters is running well behind schedule and the final bill will be much more.

Within this meter is a switch that your supplier can use to disconnect the supply remotely. While this could be used to disconnect you for non-payment, that would only happen after ‘due procedure’ had been followed and I do not

think we should be overly concerned about this. But it does give your supplier the ability to do so without having to send an electrician to your house.

Another reason for the power companies in promoting smart meters is to do with ‘grid stability’. This is basically balancing the power from the generators going into the grid with the power going out from the grid to the consumers. This is a very fine balance and a complex procedure to get it right. It has become more critical with more of our power being generated from renewable sources which are really only intermittent and variable in their output of power.

Of more concern to the householder is that the smart meter gives your supplier the ability to price your electricity differently depending on the time of day when they are using it. Peak demand is usually early evening when people return from work, kids back from school, heating is on, cooking the evening meal etc. Low demand is usually the middle of the night. Pricing your electricity according to time of use and overall demand will force people to seriously change their lifestyle to try to keep bills down. Who wants to be wakened up at two in the morning by their washing machine starting up? Again, the aim is to flatten demand to help keep the grid stable.

Those who think green renewables will bring down your power bill should look to what’s happened in Germany and Denmark. Both these countries have the highest amount of installed renewable power per head of population yet they have the highest con-

sumer prices for electricity, about 50 per cent more than the UK; 30 and 29 as compared with 19 for the UK (in euro cents). The German ‘Energiewende program’ is in such tatters that they are building six new coal-fired power stations to safeguard grid stability.

Whether people have a smart meter or not, no matter who your supplier is or what tariff you are on, the only sure-fire way of reducing your bill is to use a finger and then flick that switch up and off.

Finally, Mike O’Brien, who was Minister of State for Energy in 2008 when the Climate Change Bill was brought in, has just had his smart meter taken out. If Mr O’Brien has come to that decision, what are the rest of us to think?

Yours,
**Jim Climie,
Whiting Bay.**

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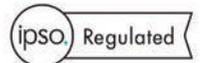
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Big Davy's Ben Nevis chain challenge



Arran dad Davy Ballantyne has just taken on another huge fundraising challenge, this time wearing 60kg – almost 10 stone – of chains on an ascent of Ben Nevis.

The 57-year-old, known as Big Davy, undertook the challenge last month and, despite just failing to reach the summit, has already raised more than £2,200 for type one diabetes research charity JDRF – three-quarters of his original target.

Davy, who two years

ago dragged an anvil up Goatfell, and back down again, decided to undertake this second challenge for his 12-year-old daughter Roisin, who was diagnosed with type one diabetes three years ago. The 60kg of metal chains represent the 6.0 mmol which is the ideal blood glucose reading.

After a six and a half hours of a gruelling ascent, and just 300 metres short of reaching the summit, he was advised to stop by mountaineers due to dangerous weather conditions.

Davy was accompanied on his challenge by a film crew who were making a documentary.

In total, Davy, who lives in Brodick, has raised more than £19,000 for JDRF in the past two years through his challenges.

Davy said: 'Having type one diabetes is life changing and I do these gruelling challenges to show my daughter, Roisin, that she's not the only one who finds her condition challenging at times, especially if her blood glucose levels are too high or low.'

'As 6.0 mmol is the ideal reading, it was only fitting that I wore 60 kilograms, around 9.5 stones, of metal chains. Given this was the same weight as an adult, it was hard going on my neck, back, shoulders

and legs, but I'm delighted to have raised funds for JDRF as the only way we're going to cure type one diabetes is through research.'

JDRF is the leading global organisation funding type one diabetes research. Its mission is to accelerate life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat type one diabetes and its complications.

There is still time to support his fundraising effort. Just go to the website www.justgiving.com and search for Big Davy's Chain Challenge.

Photographs by Fraser Aitchison



The walk up Ben Nevis offers panoramic views.



Davy meets some of the many walkers along the popular route.

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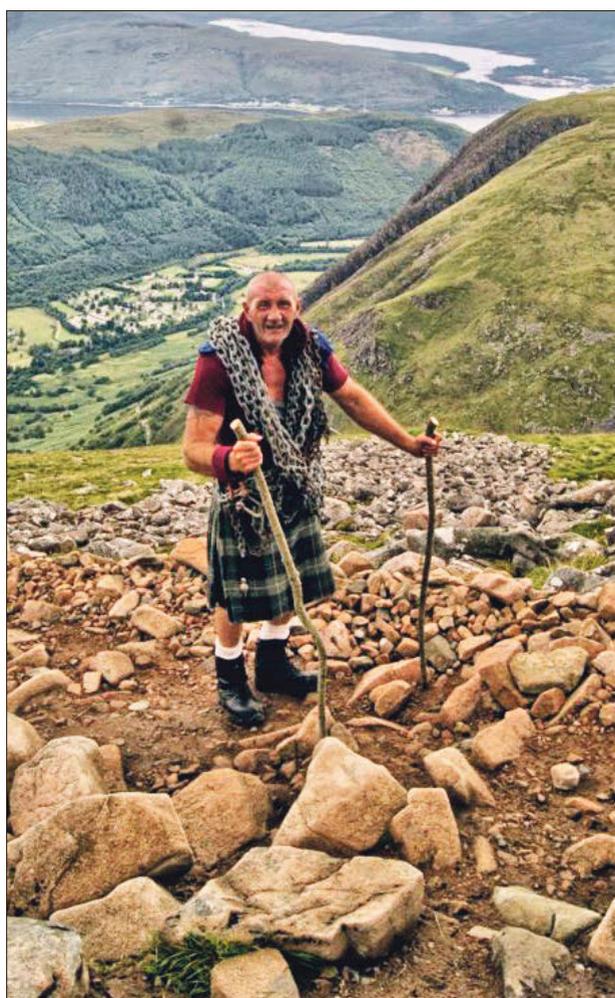
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Traversing difficult terrain, Big Davy makes his way up Ben Nevis.



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Shiskine SWI takes the honours



Kirsty Forsyth of Lamlash with her best in show award for her Shetland knitted shawl. 01_B32SW10



May Kidd, of the Associated Country Women of the World, presents Angela Irving of Kildonan with the E Ferguson trophy for best entry in the handcraft section. 01_B32SW101

Shiskine secured the most points at the Arran SWI Federation show, which saw nearly 500 entries across 21 categories from Arran's five institutes: Corrie and Sannox, Kildonan, Whiting Bay, Shiskine and Lamlash.

The show, while displaying a huge amount of talent and skill, also demonstrated the devotion and commitment of members from all of the island's institutes. Illustrating the point was Corrie and Sannox institute which, with only four members, contributed an astonishing 96 entries among them.

While not strictly a competition among institutes, and more of a show of combined talent, the one aspect where institutes pit themselves against one another in a friendly rivalry are the community trays and handcraft trays, where contributors create presentations representing their institutes. With yearly themes – high tea for the community tray and hats and handbags for the handcraft tray – both of these were won by the Shiskine institute.

At the end of the show, which culminates in a prize-giving ceremony 22

trophies were awarded to institutes and individuals in various categories – some of them weighted to allow for institutes of varying sizes.

Highly admired and receiving praise from across the board, the best in show award usually denotes an item of exceptional quality and workmanship and this year's shawl entry from Kirsty Forsyth expertly demonstrated those characteristics. Finely detailed and intricate, her Shetland knitted shawl received high praise from the judges and fellow competitors.

Show convener Alison Burnett said: 'The Federation show is the highlight of the Scottish Women's Institute calendar where members have the chance to show off their skills learned through the WI.'

'It was tremendous seeing entries from all the local WIs, especially the very small institutes. I hope it will encourage the non-WI ladies to think about joining their local WI, whether here or on the mainland. Prospective new members can learn more about what the WI do at our open day on Monday September 3, from 4pm to 7pm at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion.

'I would also like to thank all of the members who contributed to the huge collection of knitted baby clothes which are all donated to local hospitals for premature babies.'

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, Shiskine. Trophy donated by the late Miss E Ferguson, Lamlash for best entry in handcraft sections, Angela Irving, Kildonan. The Jean Anderson Memorial Tray for runner-up to best entry in Handcraft Sections, Kirsty Forsyth, Lamlash. Trophy donated by the late Mrs J Petrie, Lamlash, for most points gained by an institute with 20 or fewer members, Corrie and Sannox. Margaret Haddow Trophy for community handcrafts, Shiskine WI. The Mary W McGarrity Memorial Trophy, donated by the late Mr J McGarrity Corrie, for competitor gaining most points in handcraft sections, Marion Melvin, Corrie and Sannox. Isle of Arran Federation Trophy for competitor gaining most points in baking section, Vivienne M Haig, Lamlash. Trophy donated by the late Mrs H Mitchell for competitor gaining most points in class 21, Jenny

Harper, Shiskine. Trophy donated by the late Mrs M Frew for institute with 25 or fewer members gaining most points in class 19, Corrie and Sannox. Trophy donated by Arran Provisions for member gaining most points in class 17, Jenny Harper, Shiskine. Kilmory Trophy donated by the late Mrs Dale, Corriecravie for most points gained in class 15, Kathleen Sowden, Lamlash. Queen's Jubilee Trophy donated by Mrs Elma Stevenson for greeting cards, Jan Crawford, Shiskine. The Rachel Trophy donated by Betty Bremner, Lamlash in memory of her sister Ray Bremner for best knitted article in show, Kirsty Forsyth, Lamlash. Brenda Waddell Trophy for best knitted soft toy, Kirsty Forsyth, Lamlash. The Helen MacAlister Quaich for best thrift article, Pippa Downing, Kilmory. Magazine Trophy – origami Christmas decoration, Kirsty Forsyth, Lamlash. Marvin Elliott Trophy for Shetland shawl knitted in two or three ply, Kirsty Forsyth, Lamlash.

The Nan Murchie Memorial Rose Bowl, Morag Campbell, Lamlash. Joan Crawley trophy for best entry in embroidery, Angela Irving, Kildonan. The Gardner Trophy donated by Morag Gardner for runner up to Best in Show, Angela Irving, Kildonan. Best in Show, Corrie and Sannox Trophy donated by Anne Pringle, Kirsty Forsyth, Lamlash.

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Angela Irving of Kildonan with the Gardner trophy for runner-up to best in show. 01_B325W109



Pippa Downing of Kilmory who won the Helen MacAlister quach for best thrift article. 01_B325W107



Marion Melvin of Corrie and Sannox institute receives the trophy for the most points gained by an institute with fewer than 20 members. 01_B325W102



Star baker Vivienne Haig receives the Arran federation trophy for the competitor gaining the most points in the baking section. 01_B325W104



Morag Campbell of Lamdash received the Nan Murchie memorial rosebowl for best entry in the watercolour section. 01_B325W108



Kathleen Sowden receives the Kildonan trophy for the most points gained in the art section. 01_B325W105



Jan Crawford with the Queen's Jubilee trophy which she won with her greeting card entries. 01_B325W106



Jenny Harper of Shiskine with the Margaret Haddow trophy for community handcrafts. 01_B325W103

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Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India away from home and family into the middle of chaotic Kolkata. After surviving living on the streets, Saroo is adopted by an Australian couple and finds love and security in Hobart.

As an adult, Saroo, not wanting to hurt his adoptive parents, suppresses his past and his need for reunification with his own family but a chance encounter with some fellow Indians re-awakens his buried yearning and he sets out to find his mother, father and brother.

See this beautiful film in Corrie and Sannox Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm. All welcome, admission free but a small donation to the village hall is always appreciated.

Club draw winners

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club July draw were: first prize, John Ford, and second prize, Moira Craig.

Talk to us

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Films and stories from Arran to Asia

Organisers of the popular Arran Mountain Festival, which is held each May, have already begun preparations for their 2019 festival with a summer fundraising event featuring an internationally renowned artist and speaker, and a series of three critically acclaimed films.

Taking place on Wednesday August 15 at 7pm in the Corrie Village Hall, the theme will be Mountain Life, Work and Play; Films and Stories from Arran to Asia.

Following on from his exhibition of works at Arran Active during this year's mountain festival, local artist Gordon Davidson will join the group again, this time as guest speaker. Gordon's work has taken him all over the globe, from Arran to the Amazon and beyond to Nepal. His paintings have been exhibited in international embassies and attracted the attention of the King of Thailand. Gordon's most recent project has seen him making his annual return to Kathmandu in Nepal where, over the past eight years, he has developed close links with an orphanage which operates a sustainable arts project. With such a wealth of experience, Gordon has amassed a huge amount of adventures and experiences which he will be sharing with the audience.



The Arran Mountain Festival committee and volunteers pictured last year.

In a jam-packed evening, a trio of short films will also be screened, naturally all with a mountain theme. Organisers of the Kendal Mountain Festival – the UK's premier outdoor adventure festival – lend their support this year by providing two films from their award-winning 2017 line-up:

Where the Wild Things Play: Women in the outdoor adventure industry. This short film shines the spotlight on female adrenaline seekers to find out some of the answers.

Adaptation Bangladesh: Located in the Indian sub-continent, in the shadow of the Himalayas, most of Bangladesh is covered by the Bengal delta, the largest delta on Earth. Most of this rich fertile flatland is less than 12m above sea level. This film explores the response of the eighth most populous country in the world to the threat of global climate change.

The third short film, Black Rock, comes from the School of Performance and Cultural Industries at Leeds University.

This performance project film explores the relationship between humans and mountains – the desire for risk and adventure, the physical and psychological boundaries to scaling new physical and intellectual heights.

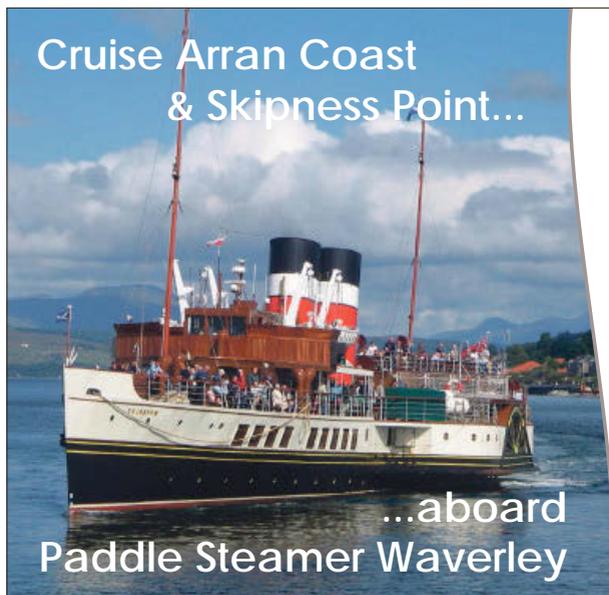
The combination of the guest speaker and the diversity of the films within the theme of the evening should cater for all tastes and provide a unique evening's entertainment.

Throughout the evening there will also be sweet and savoury home baking on

offer in return for donations to the fundraiser. There will be a raffle and tea and coffee will be available for refreshment, but, for those who prefer something a little stronger, bring your own bottle is welcome.

Tickets cost £6 for adults, £4 for children under 16 years old, and all money raised will go towards next year's festival which takes place next year from May 17 to 20. Further information on Arran Mountain Festival on Facebook and at www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk.

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A game of throws

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Brodict Highland Games never fails to deliver a day to remember – and this year was no exception.

It was to be a year of firsts for the games. The first female taking part in the heavy events, the first outing of the Local Heroes Strongman Competition, the participation of a top German champion, also in the heavy events, and a 10-in-row title for Archie McNicol in the 100m race.

The weather was also to be kind to this year's event last Saturday, being dry and bright throughout the day and, while numbers may have been slightly down on last year's record, more than 4,000 still packed into Ormidale Park during the day to watch all the action.

Yvonne Currie of Lam-lash was the woman who put her mark on the heavy events and she performed well throughout the day.

Yvonne admitted that in her 43 years living on the island it was her first Highland games – and what a way to start.

She was up against a big field of 11 heavyweight athletes, including top German champion Daniel Dorrow, making his first appearance on Arran.

Local heavy event regulars Ernie Weir, Andrew Earle and Dr Rory Gilmore also took part.

Following the competition, Daniel walked away with Rev James Currie Cup, for the highest overall score in the heavy events, and there is a new name on the Rodden Middleton Rosebowl after he beat the hammer re-



Andrew Earle tries his hand at the anvil drag. 01_B32games01



Willie Falconer throwing the hammer. 01_B32games31

cord. As well as the heavy events, the contestants also took part in the strongman competition which included dragging an anvil, flipping giant tyres and lifting the Stones of Destiny.

There were also appearances throughout the day by the pipe bands joining the Arran Pipe Band on the day Maybole Pipe Band and Kilbarchan Pipe Band. And the Highland dancing competition was also a big draw, taking part for the first time at the far end of the field and run superbly by Anne Marie McGarry.

There was also fierce competition on the running track where Archie

McNicol picked up the Lady Jean Fforde Cup for the 10th time in the 100m race. Isla McKelvie picked up the Bob Cameron Trophy for the 100m women's race. All the children's races and the senior athletes took to their marks under the eye of judge Bill Simpson from Ayrshire.

This year's games were dedicated in memory of Hon President Lady Jean Fforde DL and President Steward Lambie MBE, who have both passed away since last year's games.

There was reward, too, for games stalwart Kenny Morrison, who was presented with the MacMillan

Trophy, awarded at the discretion of the games secretary, for his loyal and devoted service to the games over many years.

Secretary Sheila Gilmore said: 'Kenny works tirelessly for the community in lots of ways. He keeps the Sports Association going, is the Highland games treasurer, and is a very modest man. No-one deserves this more than Kenny.'

Throughout the day the burger stall of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, and the other food and drink and charity stalls, did a roaring trade as did the children's rides.



Yvonne Currie throws the 56lb weight for height. Photo by Dr David Hogg.




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Dr Rory Gilmore makes the 56lb weight for height look easy. 01_B38games44



Daniel Dorrow in action in the 28lb weight for distance. 01_B32games14



Two girls battle it out in the pillow-fight. 01_B38games45



Pete Hart throwing the 28lb for distance. 01_B32games15



Dr Rory Gilmore, left, and Andrew Earle compete in the flip the tyre race. 01_B32games22



Highland dancers in action. 01_B32games23

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The AMRT burger stall did a roaring trade. 01_B32games28



Ernie Weir throwing the 56lb weight for distance. 01_B32games25



Fancy dress winner Hari Boss from Carntyne brought her Caledonian Isles costume all the way from Glasgow. 01_B32games02



Games stalwart Alan Pettigrew 01_B38games43

Highland Games athletes



The crowds packed Ormidale Park for the games.
01_B32games19



The joint pipe bands entertain the crowd in the games arena. 01_B32games09



01_B32games23



These boys are flat out heading for the tape. 01_B32games12



These young girls show their determination. 01_B32games13



comperses the heavy events.



Yvonne Currie prepares to toss the caber.
Photo by Dr David Hogg

Arran Eco Savvy
OPEN DAY
SUNDAY THE 26TH AUGUST
Ormidale Sports Pavilion
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2:00-2:30PM **ECO SAVVY AGM**

2:30-4:00PM **ECO SAVVY SOCIAL**

Volunteer Appreciation
AGM
Light Refreshments

Project Fair
including
Eco Savvy Shop,
Climate Challenge
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every one welcome

All the games results



Donald MacKelvie presents Ernie Weir with the Tom Dolan Challenge Trophy. 01_B38games50



Donald MacKelvie presents Yvonne Currie with the prize of a side of salmon. 01_B38games49



Donald MacKelvie presents the Macmillan Trophy to games stalwart Kenny Morrison. 01_B32games53

Fancy Dress: 1st Hari Boss (MV Caledonian Isles), 2nd Betty Fleming (Donald Trump) 3rd Sophie Bentley (Catwoman)

25m Boys 3 & 4: 1st Evan Clark, 2nd Alex Tinto, 3rd Gregor Campbell. 25m Girls 3 & 4: 1st Jessica Stirling, 2nd Charlotte Barr.

50m Boys 5 & 6: 1st Kyle McIntyre, 2nd Charlie Gilchrist, 3rd Charlie Gilmore. 50m Girls 5 & 6: 1st Mali Ross, 2nd Layla McGunnigle, 3rd Isla Chadwick

50m Boys 7 & 8: 1st Matt Moore, 2nd Kyle Jesensky, 3rd Arran McLellan. 50m Girls 7 & 8: 1st Emma Burns, 2nd Evie Clark, 3rd Julietta Gray

75m Boys 9 & 10: 1st Harry Gilmore, 2nd Ryan Johnstone, 3rd Myles Lindsay-Smith. 75m Girls 9 & 10: 1st Shannon Brown, 2nd Erin Jesensky, 3rd Rhea Webster

100m Boys u-12: 1st Connor Norman, 2nd Dylan Gee, 3rd Charlie Russ. 100m Girls u-12: 1st Susannah Kay, 2nd Shannon Brown, 3rd Scarlett Carulla

100m Boys u14: 1st Ben Burns, 2nd Jonathon Downie, 3rd Connor Norman. 100m Girls u14: 1st Leah Murray, 2nd Isla McKelvie, 3rd Aoibha Ballard

100m Boys u16: 1st Aidyn McMahon, 2nd Elliot Wilkins, 3rd Peter Bradshaw. 100m Girls u16: 1st Isabel Carter, 2nd Gianna Nesti, 3rd Georgia Norman

100m Men 16+: 1st Calum McWilliam, 2nd Seamus Thomson, 3rd Alastair Eccles. 100m Women 16+: 1st Phoebe Lewis, 2nd Katy McConnell, 3rd Carla Murray.

Lady Jean Cup, 100m Men, confined to Arran: 1st Archie McNicol, 2nd Tom Nichol, 3rd Andrew Rigby

Bob Cameron Trophy, 100m Women, confined to Arran: 1st Isla McKelvie, 2nd Fiona Clarke, 3rd Theresa Brookes.

200m Boys u14: 1st Ben Burns, 2nd Jonathon Downie, 3rd Connor Norman. 200m Girls u14: 1st Emily Bradshaw, 2nd Susannah Kay, 3rd Amy Dixon.

200m Boys u16: 1st Aidyn McMahon, 2nd Peter Bradshaw, 3rd Ben Burns. 200m Girls u16: 1st Isabel Carter, 2nd Gianna Nesti, 3rd Kerry Brown

200m Men 16+: 1st Calum McWilliam, 2nd Seamus Thomson, 3rd Alastair Eccles. 200m Women 16+: 1st Katy McConnell, 2nd Phoebe Lewis, 3rd Chloe Norman

800m Boys u14: 1st Jonathon Downie, 2nd Ben Burns, 3rd Alastair MacIver. 800m Girls u14: 1st Adele Street, 2nd Sophie McCallum, 3rd Leah Murray.

800m Boys u16: 1st Peter Bradshaw, 2nd Elliott Wilkins, 3rd Cameron Fry. 800m Girls u16: 1st Megan Pettigrew, 2nd Emma Donachy, 3rd Leah Murray.

800m Men 16+: 1st Fearghas Thomson, 2nd Alastair McKinlay, 3rd Jon Healey. 29. 800m Women 16+: 1st Chloe Norman, 2nd Emma Donachy, 3rd Carla Murray.

Tom Dickie Trophy Men 880yds confined to Arran: 1st Tom Nichol, 2nd George Doubleday, 3rd Andy McNamara.

1500m Boys u16: 1st Peter Bradshaw, 2nd Angus Stoneham. 1500m Girls u16: 1st Adele Street, 2nd Ellie Anderson, 3rd Lara Wood

1500m men 16+: 1st Fearghas Thomson, 2nd Peter Bradshaw, 3rd Chad Pickering. 1500m Women 16+: 1st Emma Donachy, 2nd Carla Murray, 3rd Fiona Clarke.

Mixed Relay: 1st Giffnock North, 2nd Team Thomson, 3rd NAAC-kered

Standing Triple Jump (open): 1st Seamus Thomson, 2nd Fearghas Thomson, 3rd Lachlan Thomson

Tug-of-War: 1st Ormidale, 2nd Littlejohns.

Pillow Fight 8-11yrs: 1st Charlie Ross, 2nd Daisy Innes. Pillow Fight 12-14yrs: 1st Gordon McIntyre, 2nd Josh Kabish. Pillow Fight 15+: 1st Gemma Gilmore, 2nd Tony Fitzgerald.

Heavy events

Putting the Ball (open) 1st Daniel Dorrow, 2nd Willie Falconer, 3rd Andrew Earle, 4th Craig Nicholson, 5th Pete Hart.

Throwing 28lb Weight for Distance: 1st Daniel Dorrow, 2nd Willie Falconer, 3rd Craig Nicholson, 4th Pete Hart, 5th Andrew Earle.

Throwing the 56lb Weight for Distance: 1st Daniel Dorrow, 2nd Pete Hart, 3rd Willie Falconer, 4th Craig Nicholson, 5th Ernie Weir.

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

Throwing 56lb weight for Height: 1st Equal Daniel Dorrow and Pete Hart, 3rd equal Willie Falconer and Craig Nicholson, 5th Dr Rory Gilmore

Tossing the Caber: 1st Pete Hart, 2nd Daniel Dorrow, 3rd Willie Falconer, 4th Craig Nicholson, 5th Ernie Weir.

Special Challenge Caber: 1st Pete Hart.

Trophies

Wm Cook & Sons – Ernie Weir

Tom Dolan Challenge Trophy – Ernie Weir

Tom Dickie Trophy – Tom McNicol

The Lady Jean Fforde Cup – Archie McNicol

Bob Cameron Trophy – Isla McKelvie

Rodden Middleton Rosebowl – Daniel Dorrow

Rev James Currie Cup – Daniel Dorrow

Stewart Dickie Trophy – (Boys) Connor Norman

Stewart Dickie Trophy – (Girls) Susannah Kay

McMillan Trophy – Kenny Morrison



Chairman Donald MacKelvie presents the 100m trophies to his 13-year-old daughter Isla and 10 times champion Archie McNicol. 01_B38games39



Connor Norman from Lytham St Annes with the boys' Stewart Dickie Trophy he won for the second year in a row. 01_B38games26



Susannah Kay of Motherwell with the girls' Stewart Dickie Trophy. 01_B32games18

What's on

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Every day

Brodick mini golf	Open 7days, 9am - 7pm, all weather
Trout fly fishing	Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Brodick Castle, garden only	Open 9am-dusk
Cafe and Isle be Wild	Brodick Castle, 10am - 5pm
Soap making and candle dipping	Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm
Arran Heritage Museum	Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Arran Brewery	Mon-Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm, Tours at 11am and Sunday, 12:30pm - 5.00pm Tour at 2pm

Saturday 11th August

Arran Open Studios	Various locations around Arran
Something of the Sea art exhibition	Octopus Centre, Old Pavilion, Lamlash, 11am - 4.30pm
Rink game	Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Rink bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
RNLI shop open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Live music - Hingin by a Thread	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
Live music - Skaledonia, eight-piece Ska band	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 12th August

Arran Open Studios	Various locations around Arran
Live music - Jamie Angus	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 2pm - 4pm
RNLI shop open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Live music - Swyn & Hingin' by a Thread	The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Corrie Film Club's August showing - Lion (PG)	Corrie and Sannox Village Hall 8.00pm
Folk music session	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 13th August

Arran Open Studios	Various locations around Arran
Lamlash Church	Open - 10am - 12 noon
Open canoes	Lochranza Centre, 10am - 2.30pm
Coffee morning	Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - noon
Something of the Sea art exhibition	Octopus Centre, Old Pavilion, Lamlash, 11am - 4.30pm
Harry Potter-themed day	Brodick Hall & Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 3pm
JogScotland mixed ability running group	Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Adult tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Circuit training	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Summer bridge, visitors welcome	Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
Rink game	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Tae Kwon Do	Brodick Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Live music - The Sensational Biff Simpson	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm

Tuesday 14th August

Lamlash Church	Open - 10am - 12 noon
Healthy Outdoors	NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Gorge walking	Lochranza Centre 10.00am
Arran Gymnastics Academy camp	Dance Studio, Arran High School, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
Castle garden walk	Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot bowls	Bowling Club, 2pm
Technology with Duan Bruce	Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)	Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Trev's pop music quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Body Blitz	Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 15th August

Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Lamlash Church	Open - 10am - 12 noon
Arran Gymnastics Academy camp	Dance Studio, Arran High School, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
Coffee morning	Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12 noon
Coffee morning	St Bride's Church, Brodick 10.30am - 12noon



Archives and Genealogy Service	Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Introduction to geology talk	Arran Heritage Museum, 1.30pm & 2.30pm
Dog classes	Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Arran Pace Makers running group	Brodick, 5.30pm
Rink game	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Mountain life, work and play, films & stories from Arran to Asia	Corrie Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do	Advanced Juniors & Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm
Burger and quiz night	Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Summer family ceilidh	Brodick Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Live music - Shindig	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
Family-friendly pub quiz	PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Quiz night	Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm
Rock'n'pop bingo	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 16th August

Morning fitness	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Lamlash Church	Open - 10am - 12 noon
Abseiling and Ladders	Lochranza Centre 10.00am
ACL1 volunteer gardening day	Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera	Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
Castle time travellers	Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
Adult tennis	Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Summer family ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band	Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm
Body Blitz	Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
Tommy's general knowledge quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Whiting Bay Thursday Club	Lesser Hall, Whiting Bay - 2pm

Friday 17th August

Yoga	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Lamlash Church	Open - 10am - 12 noon
T'ai chi with Sue Thurogood	Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
Fryday's chip shop	Lochranza Centre 6.00pm until 8.00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Friday night quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Live music - Tim Pomeroy	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
Live music - Scott Nicol Music - Singer songwriter from Prestwick	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Saturday 18th August

RNLI shop open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Rink game	Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Rink bowls	Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Live music - Mic Clark	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
Live music - Scott Nicol Music - Singer songwriter from Prestwick	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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Arran Open Studios (AOS) celebrates its seventh year with 40 studios welcoming guests and visitors to pop into studios around the island to see the artwork and creativity of artists on Arran

Taking place from Friday August 10, to Monday August 13, the event has the largest numbers of participants since it was started by Josephine Broekhuizen and Sarah Cook in 2012.

This is an opportunity to see the artists in their working environment, an experience

that can help inform why an art work looks the way it does. It is a rare glimpse into that cauldron where inspiration and perspiration combine to forge these mysterious things we call art. It will also provide the visitor with a chance to meet and talk to the artists all of whom are happy to try to discuss why they make and what they make. Materials, processes, ideas, time-factors, marketing, health and safety - are only some of the subjects with which you might engage the makers.

And, it has to be said, it is an ideal time to purchase work without gallery commission. It's a fascinating insight to the living arts on Arran.

In combination with AOS, Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) is staging an exhibition to which many AOS registered artists have donated work. Works have also been donated by non-participating artists and all the anonymous art works will be sold for a minimum of £25 although you can give more if you choose to do

so. All proceeds will go to COAST'S marine protection works. The exhibition, which started last Monday, continues through the AOS weekend at the COAST office at Lam-lash tennis court.

The AOS Biscuit Tin Initiative is reprised for its second year and you may already have noticed Paterson of Arran biscuit tins in café, bistro and pub venues across the island. This year the initiative has been extended to include participating venues on the mainland. The McLau-

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Andy Surridge
Venue 25



A photographer since inheriting a camera as a teenager, Andrew has always been fascinated at the combination of art and science that this medium offers and is constantly intrigued by the similarities and differences between the way a scene is perceived by the human eye and the camera.

His home for nearly 30 years, Arran is both his subject matter and inspiration using large scale aluminium prints he aims to capture the essence of what is Arran in his images. 'I want the viewer to feel they really have a part of Arran hung on their wall.'

He also shares his love of photography with those wanting to improve their skills on Arran so offers

workshops to suit all levels of expertise, novice to experienced photographer.

www.andrewsurridge-photography.com

Ann Hume Jewellery
Venue 39



Ann makes individual, intricate and delicate pieces of jewellery finely crafted from silver, in her workshop in an idyllic garden setting. She uses hand forging techniques, folding and hammering to create organic looking forms in sterling silver. Her inspiration comes from organic forms, the flora and fauna of Arran, seed pods, ferns, seaweed on the beaches or the formation and movement of petals in flowers. Visitors are welcome to browse and watch her work at Douglas Place, Brodick.

A 15 minute walk north from Brodick centre, take left at Brodick Primary school, workshop 100 metres on the right.

www.annhumejewellery.co.uk/

Heather McLeod
Venue 13



Heather is an established artist and picture framer. She has worked from her studio in Whiting Bay for almost 18 years. Using vibrant coloured dyes on silk, her original paintings are inspired by Arran's landscape and are also available as Giclee prints.

A very different approach to her silk paintings are the quirky steampunk creations, using old musical instruments, clock pieces and engine parts.

A bespoke picture framing service is always available using quality wood

mouldings and conservation mounts. www.arran-studioshop.co.uk

Charles Herbert
Venue 16



'My work is inspired by light and amazing skies, from which I produce original oil paintings of sea and landscapes of Arran and the west coast of Scotland.'

A warm welcome awaits you during Arran Open Studios weekend at Pebble Beach Studio in Kildonan from 11am to 4pm.

This is an ideal opportunity to acquire an original and affordable piece of framed art direct from the artist. Charles also exhibits his work at Scottish Antiques and Arts Centre in Doune, Stirlingshire.

www.arranopenstudios.com/artists/charles-herbert/

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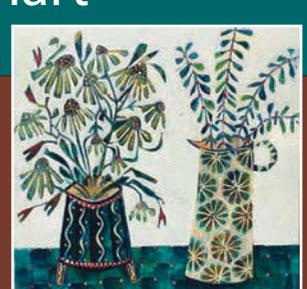
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Arran Open Studios is here!

rin Gallery at Rozelle, The House for an Art Lover, The Harbour Arts Centre in Irvine, The Glasgow Print-makers Workshop ,

SCRAN at the Tron and Coburg House in Edinburgh, all boast support of the initiative and are displaying the Paterson tins

filled with art materials, inviting members of the public to make a poem, make a drawing or share a thought for the day.

All of the resulting art-cards will be displayed at Arran Actives mezzanine display area after the AOS weekend.

Brochures for the participating studios can be found all over Arran and road-side signs will direct visitors to the participat-

ing studios. A wealth of information on the artists, studios and more can be found at www.arranopenstudios.com

Dave Samuels
Venue 19



'I am a maker of fine bespoke hardwood furniture and other items in wood. Please visit to see some of my furniture, toys and drums, and hear the ethereal and beautiful sound that is made by the strange musical instrument that I make - the bowed psaltery.'
www.davidsamuels.co.uk

Janette MacLeod
Venue 28



'I look I see, I compose. When I am being creative instead of just making studies, I become a narrative painter as words invade and force me to have a title!'
Janette began her training at the Glasgow School of Art at the age of 16 and hoped to still be painting when she was older. Having worked as an art teacher in Glasgow, Larnarkshire and Stirling she

has now retired to Arran and is still painting. She has won many awards including the Flora Wood Award, the GSWA Award and the Barclay Lennie Award.
www.arranopenstudios.com/artists/janette-macleod/

Ronnie McNeice
Venue 23



Ronnie is a long established Arran based artist, known and sought after, for his colourful interpretations of land and seascapes from the islands of Scotland.

His work is mainly in acrylics and occasionally, watercolour.

His home in Kilpatrick displays a wide range of new works with the adjacent Barn Studio also open for a peek into this unique creative space.

Locally grown wool and weavings by his wife Barbara will also be for sale along with refreshments in the house.

A quarter of all sales over the Open Studios weekend will be donated towards the establishment of a Christians Against Poverty 'CAP' resource on the island. Contact Barbara for more informa-

tion. www.ronniemcneice.artweb.com

Roslyn Gibson
Venue 21



A multi-talented artist exploring her surroundings through paintings, drawings, weaving, spinning and knotting, Roslyn Gibson works from her studio in Kilmory at Glenside House.

Roslyn's work ranges from small drawings and paintings in watercolour to large acrylics executed on wooden panels and depicting a variety of subjects. She also spins, hand knits and weaves her own designs.

www.arranopenstudios.com/artists/roslyn-gibson/

Ruth Mae
Venue 18



Ruth turns delicate and sculptural bowls from her workshop at Southbank, east Bannan, using mainly locally sourced hardwoods. When making a

bowl her main aim is to produce as beautiful a form as possible. Whether the end result is to be a functional cereal bowl in ash or an exquisitely delicate vessel in holly, her idea of beauty is simplicity and clear definition of line and form.
<http://arranartists.com/ruth-mae>

Island Porcelain
Venue 3



Island Porcelain produce a unique collection of hand-crafted porcelain figures. Each piece is inspired by the exceptional wildlife and breath-taking scenery on and around the beautiful island. British birds make up the majority of their designs, though there is a small range of porcelain animals such as dolphins, seals, red squirrels and their popular Corrie sheep.

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<https://islandporcelain.com/>

Lesley Lockhart
Venue 4



'I paint mainly decorative still lifes in oils and acrylics. I favour rich colour, texture and pattern. Orig-

inals, prints and cards will be on sale, or just come and have a look!'

Lesley has always had an interest in the decorative arts and is stimulated by any decoration whether painted, lettered or stitched. Her paintings, prints and cards can be seen at venues all around the island.

www.lesleylockhartart.co.uk/

Heather Macleod
Artist & Picture Framer

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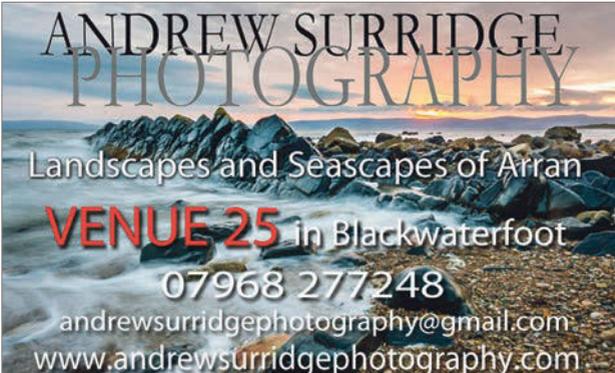


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Farmers' show winners

The Arran Farmers' Society Show has come and gone for another year.

The 182nd outing of the annual show brought bumper crowds and this year it stayed dry for most of the day on Wednesday August 1.

As reported in last week's Banner, the horse events were postponed, due to a number of factors, but they may be held in the near future and there were no Suffolk sheep entries.

Here are the full results of the silver cups and trophies presented for 2018:

The James Bone Esq Memorial Cup for the Overhead Championship of the Show, S Reid, Clachlands. The Robert Heggie Perpetual Cup for the Reserve Overhead Championship, N & D Henderson, Kilpatrick.

The Late Mary, Duchess of Montrose, Challenge Trophy for the Championship in the Cattle Section, S Reid. Perpetual Silver Cup for the best animal (male or female) in the Dairy Section, presented by the late Arch. Craig Esq., Glaick, Machrie, S Reid.

Esoo Trophy for winner of Heifer Derby, S Reid. The Coats Challenge Cup for Milk Records - a Dairy Cow bred in Arran, having the Best Certified Milk Record extracted from the Scottish Milk Records Committee report of the previous year. Cow to be shown either in Milk or in Calf, S Reid

The James Douglas Perpetual Trophy for the Best

Heifer Calf not over 6 months old of any dairy Breed, S Reid. The Major Thomas Milligan R.E. Cup for the Championship in the Beef Section, N & D Henderson. Silver Chalice presented by John Corrie for the Reserve Champion in the Beef Section, A Currie, Birchburn.

The John Paterson Bowl for Opposite Sex to Beef Champion, N & P Brown, Clachaig. Silver Cup for the Male Champion in Class 16, N & P Brown. The Lagg Challenge Cup for the Best Suckled Calf, N & D Henderson. James Inglis Trophy, re-presented by Dr. John C. Jenkins, for Best Cow in Milk bred in Arran, S Reid.

Perpetual Trophy for Pure Bred Traditional/Native Cattle Breeds, presented by Minuteman Press, Ayr, N & P Brown. The W. A. Robertson Perpetual Trophy for the Best Stock Handler under 16 in the section confined to Arran, A Currie, Bellevue.

Craig Wilson Ltd. Trophy for Overhead Champion Sheep, S Murchie & W Kelso, Ardbheinn.

Morton Perpetual Cup for Best Male or Female Black-faced Sheep, J K & C Bone, Glenkiln. John Selkirk Memorial Trophy for Reserve Champion in Black-face Sheep Section, J K & C Bone.

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Perpetual Trophy for Best Home Bred Female, J K & C Bone. F. H. McLeod & Sons Trophy for Best Woolled Sheep, I McConnell, Arranton Place, Lamlash.

Duke of Montrose Silver Award for Best Leicester, Male or Female, N & P Brown. The E. Ferguson Ltd. Trophy for Reserve Champion in Leicester Sheep Section, R N & S McMaster.

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Overhead champion Blackbird 199 with Stuart Reid and daughter Isabella. 01_B32farm03



Cameron Bone with the Blackface champion of J K & C Bone. 01_B32farm01



Janis Murchie with her Poll Dorset, other breeds champion of D & S Murchie. 01_B32farm02

S McMaster. Bank of Scotland Cup for Best Pet Lamb, I Halton, Drumaghinier. Perpetual Rosebowl for the Best Shorn Fleece presented by J & J Lammie, R N & S McMaster.

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Arran Fine Foods Trophy for Champion Stick, D Brown, Ridgeway. George Battison Perpetual Cup presented by K. Sinclair for Best Shepherd's Crook, D Brown, Ridgeway. Archie Hamilton Agricultural Engineers Trophy for Champion Vintage Tractor, R Hendrie, Millands

The James Dunlop Donald Perpetual Points Challenge Trophy for most points gained in Cattle, Sheep and Horse Sections, N & D Henderson.

Arran Farmers' Society prize draw

Five x £100 cash prizes, donated by Arran Farmers' Society, John Picken, Lenamhor; Campbell Laing, Pirmill; Louise Storie, Carluke, Gill, c/o Cairnhouse Stables, Gavin Macrae, c/o Kilpatrick Farm

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Meal for two, plus wine, courtesy of Lamlash Bay Hotel, Marshall Miller. Signed Manchester City football shirt (2017/2018), courtesy of Grant Downie, MCFC Academy, McAllisters, Lamlash.

Round of golf for four, courtesy of Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Fairbrother (Alain Frew), Middletons Caravans. £100 voucher, courtesy of Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Tracy Gibson, Lamlash.

Other prizes handed in: three bottles of wine, courtesy of Co-op Brodick, John McWhirter, Reid & Robertson. Torch, courtesy of Miller Hardie, Margaret McMullen, Lamlash.

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Obituary:

Willie Innes

December 25, 1931 - June 4, 2018

Willie Innes was born, on Christmas Day 1931 at Invercloy. He was the second eldest of five children of John Innes and Bessie McNicol. At the age of four, Willie moved to 20 Douglas Row with his parents and lived there, more or less, for the next 82 years.

Willie attended Brodick School until he was 14 when he left to become an apprentice joiner with Arran Estate for whom he worked for 20 years.

Willie then left the estate to start up in business with his brother Colin and so Messrs W & C Innes was born. Willie worked in the business with Colin until 1997, when he retired.

Willie married Nan Hume in 1957. They had two daughters, Beth and Lindsay, five grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

His golfing achievements are remarkable. Eight times Brodick Golf Club champion, in four different decades, and eight times Arran Open champion. He was Arran Champion of Champions the first three years the competition was held, and was also Bute County champion in 1969.

He won the McCarran Trophy (effectively the strokeplay championship) 15 times between 1957 and 1990. He represented Brodick in the Hope Cup over an almost unbroken 40-year period, and also represented Buteshire in county matches.

His golfing achievements are too numerous to mention here, but suffice it to say that if you look at the names on almost every Brodick or Arran Trophy, Willie's name will feature.

He was club captain on an unprecedented three occasions: 1962-65, 1978-80 and in 1997-98, which included the club's centenary celebrations.

Willie was also a good badminton player and footballer, playing for Brodick and, during his national service, with the RAF, on the Isle of Man.

Willie had an amazing 18 holes in one and was delighted to attend The Belfry with other such golfers. If you asked him how many holes in one he had he would say: 'One less than Jim Reid.'

Willie loved The Hope Cup and he derived the greatest pleasure when Brodick beat Lamlash. His next greatest pleasure was when Whiting Bay or, indeed any other club, beat Lamlash! Willie loved these games and respected his opponents, even when he lost.

He relished a competition and in the summer he would be found on Brodick golf course most evenings taking on the challenge of his mainland friends in fiercely contested fourballs. His most prominent friendly game was a fourball when he holed his tee shot on the 18th to square the game! He also spent a lot of time practicing and encouraging juniors and beginners.

Willie was delighted to be asked to become an honorary member of Brodick Golf Club. He was the first recipient of the Dougie McFarlane Trophy for his outstanding contribution to golf on Arran. He was proud of this although those who knew him will know that he never spoke about his achievements on or off the golf course. He let his golf clubs do the talking.

Brodick Golf Club played a huge part in not just Willie's but also Nan's social life. The highlight of the year was the annual dinner dance and prize-giving. Willie was a bit of a twinkle toes – he loved to

dance, in particular an old time waltz.

Willie loved pipe band music. On Highland games day, he always went to the pier to meet the bands off the boat and marched along behind them. Even last year, when his heart was failing, he went and walked behind the band all the way back to the sports ground.

Willie was a retained fireman for many years. He was also a special constable, for a period, and a member of the British Legion.

He cherished being a member of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team. If needed, all other commitments were put on hold. His photograph can still be seen in Robert McLellan's Book, The Isle of Arran, where he is pictured on top of North Goatfell. When he retired, he walked the West Highland Way with three friends, in aid of the mountain rescue team.

Willie only travelled abroad on three occasions and would be seen on the beach in Spain wearing his golf trousers and Pringle jumper!

Sadly, Willie was struck by ill health in his later years. He suffered a serious brain haemorrhage in 2003 at the age of 71. He was at death's door. He had brain surgery and was in a coma for several days before he was able to communicate. He did not know his family.

Against all odds, he survived and after three months of rehabilitation on the mainland, he returned to Nan at number 20.

His lifelong friend, Kenny Bayne, who was brought up in 19 Douglas Row, took him out every Tuesday in all weathers for a walk followed by a visit to the café.

He tackled his illnesses with the same determination that he showed at golf. His recovery was slow but



Willie Innes as he will best be remembered.

steady and although he could not add or subtract, he put in a huge effort and began to relearn much of what was lost. He learned to drive again and also began golfing – a true miracle.

A few years after his brain haemorrhage, he played in the Brodick Golf Club championship qualifying rounds and qualified in 16th place – unthinkable after his illness. He was drawn to play the champion, Ewan McKinnon.

Ewan was a wonderful opponent and showed Willie the utmost respect – but no mercy. At the first, Willie described Ewan's drive as 'still rising when it passed my ball'.

Willie's health began to deteriorate seriously shortly after this and golf – like driving – became a thing of the past. Willie was, however, nothing if not determined. Nan died in 2009 and Beth and Lindsay had their hands full with him. He didn't always do what he was told! With no car, Willie walked down to the village twice a day. That was good for his physical health, but he began to fall. So many folk came to Willie's rescue. Everybody knew him and so many people helped him up and took him home. Often he hurt himself. Often an ambulance had been called.

So many people helped Willie in his time of need

and the whole family, especially Beth and Lindsay, are very grateful to so many Brodick residents for helping him.

As his granddaughter Sarah said at Willie's funeral, she didn't want to end by talking about his ill health or the wee old man he became, but instead to remember him as someone who had braved fires, who scaled ladders to the top of Brodick Castle for repairs, who saved lives on the mountains, who could turn out wonderful joinery work and who proudly represented Brodick Golf Club for more than 40 years. 'That man I am proud to call my Papa. Determined, competitive, humble.'

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday August 1, 1998

Coming of age

Six years after the Isle of Arran Distillery announced its plans to establish in Lochranza, and three years after the opening ceremony, Arran has its own whisky.

Now all whisky blends which are produced at the distillery will contain whisky which has been produced on Arran. The spirit, which had been maturing since 1995, can now officially be called whisky.

A special ceremony to mark the coming of age took place at the distillery with film star Ewan McGregor opening the first cask. Born in Crieff, he was visiting Arran for the first time and was genuinely delighted to be at the event. A thoroughly approachable man who was happy to answer any questions, he spent a great deal of time signing autographs and posing for photos with fans.

Troubled waters

Construction of a sewage interception tank in Brodick continues apace, but in Lochranza the plans for a water treatment station have given rise to much criticism.

The initial site chosen by West of Scotland Water for the plant did not find favour with everyone.

Just before the bridge leading into

Lochranza at the south end of the village, this location was considered by many to be too obtrusive, a sentiment shared by landowner Charles Fforde. West of Scotland Water thus withdrew the planning application and came up with a second location, closer to the village near the Lochranza Golf Club, but residents have opposed this idea as it is too close to dwellings within the village.

Now, a third option has entered the equation. This is the same site as the present small treatment plant, in a secluded spot behind the distillery and a fair distance from any dwelling or main road. Mr Fforde has no objection to the site and the villagers are also in favour of this site. Only time will tell where the treatment station will eventually be located.

Lucky Guppie

One of the luckiest of guinea pigs is currently residing at home again in Brodick. Mary Keir's guinea pig, Guppie, has just been found after spending over two months in her garden hedge. After searching fruitlessly for weeks, hopes of her survival were all but abandoned. Last weekend Guppie reappeared unexpectedly in her hutch and Mary has no idea how Guppie found her way back unaided.



Andrew Currie and Ewan McGregor drink a toast to the Lochranza whisky that has come of age on the shore at Lochranza Castle. 01_B32tw02



The Rachmaniov Piano Trio, l to r, Alexander Volpov, Lev Atlas, Philip Silver and Arran's Mike Lunan, who played a series of five recitals on the island last week. 01_B32tw04



The six-stage Around Arran road relay race, organised by North Ayrshire Council, took place on Sunday. Starting in miserable conditions from Blackwaterfoot, the teams set off in both directions to run around Arran's coast roads. 01_B32tw01



Immediately after opening the first cask, Ewan McGregor, Gordon Mitchell and Harold Currie taste the whisky. 01_B32tw03



All the trophy winners in the Lamplash Ladies' Open which saw 147 ladies playing in the ninth annual event. 01_B32tw05

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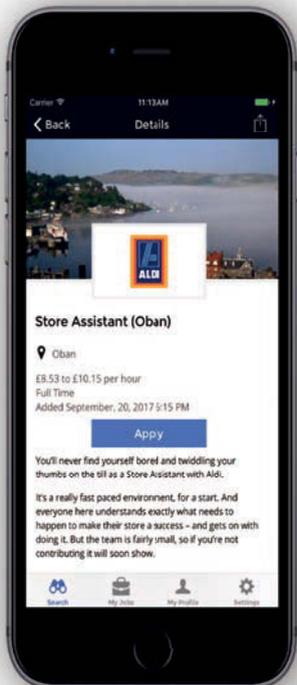
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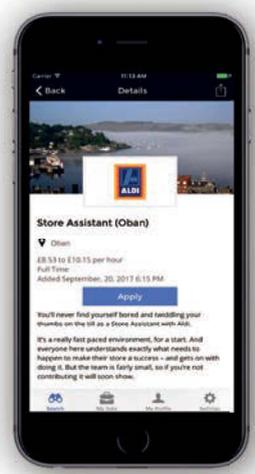
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Sunday 12th August

Lochranza and Pirmill Churches 10.15am.
Morning Worship, including Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Lochranza Shiskine Church, 12noon
Morning Worship, including Sacrament of the Lords Supper Brodick Church, 10.30am.
Morning Worship Corrie Church, 11.30am
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DEATHS

FOTHERINGHAM: Alistair Calder. Peacefully at home on Monday 6th August. Husband of Kathleen, father of Alistair, Stewart and Hazel. Grandpa to Adam, Christopher, Scott, Lewis and Stewart. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday 15th August at 11.30am in St Mollo's Church, Shiskine and thereafter to Clachan Cemetery.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

McKENZIE: - Janet Kerr (Jennie). Peacefully with family at her bedside in Coorie-doon, Isle of Arran on 30th July 2018. Jennie, aged 91 years, beloved wife of the late Dr Joseph Vallance McKenzie (Joe), dearly loved mother of Fiona, Morag, Iain and Sheena and mother in law to Robin and Anita. Much loved special grannie to Graham, David, Jamie, Stuart, Megan and Euan. Family service at Holmsford Bridge

Crematorium, Dreghorn, Irvine, KA11 4EF on Tuesday, 14th August at 1:30pm followed by a thanksgiving service at Corrie Parish Church on Thursday, 16th August at 2:00pm.

Bus will meet the 12:30pm boat from Ardrossan. Dearly loved, much missed and fondly remembered by all her family and many dear friends. Family flowers only - Donations to ArCaS.

JOHNSON: Jean R. Passed away peacefully on 25th July 2018 aged 96 at Coorie-doon Nursing Home, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran formally of 'The Mews' and 'Lingwood' in Whiting Bay.

Sadly pre-deceased by her husbands Andrew Johnson and Jack Moffat and son and daughter-in-law Euan and Heather Moffat.

Jean will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her son and daughter-in-law Alastair and Sylvia, and by her devoted grand daughter Amy.

In accordance with her wishes Jean has donated her remains to medical science.

The family would like to thank all staff at Coorie-doon and her friends for the care, attention and visits provided for Mum/Gran during the past years also to Hendry Funeral Services Ltd for necessary arrangements.

TURNBULL: Mairi (nee Hendry) of Cir Mhor, Glen Rosa, Brodick. Sadly passed away, surrounded by her family on 2nd August 2018 at Arran War Memorial Hospital. Beloved Mother, Sister, Gran and Great Granny.

Service at Brodick Church on Monday 13th August at 11:30 am, thereafter Lamlash Cemetery.

Family Flowers Only, donations welcome for AWM Hospital Hospice rooms.

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Craig takes the Open title at Lamlash

Arran-born and -bred Craig Young beat off stiff competition from a field of 192 players to take the Open cup in the 35th annual Lamlash Open.

With scoring ranging from 126 to 188, Craig competed over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5, against another Arran local, Jamie Murchie.

Saturday morning was dreich and windy until the sun broke through the mist around noon. Craig, one of the early starters who began play at 8.10am, set the target with a scratch score of 64. This was challenged by Jamie Murchie who teed off at 2.40pm and returned a scratch 61.

The 18-hole Pierhead Tavern cup was won by Jamie Murchie with 61-0=61, second was last year's winner Neil Young with 68-6=62, BIH and third Frazer Barr 71-9=62, BIH.

Sunday heralded a beautiful day with a teasing wind at times. The 18-hole Drift Inn cup was won by Craig Young 62-0=62, second was last year's winner Neil Young 70-6=64, BIH, and third was Kenny Fairbrother 65-1=64.

The weekend was ably rounded off with the presentation of prizes in a

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packed clubhouse, followed by Tom's disco into the wee hours.

Organisers of the open thanked Lamlash Bay Hotel for the hole-in-one insurance at every par three, noting that one entrant very nearly won the £5,000 at the 13th.

A spokesman for the club said: 'Many thanks to all the generous sponsors and the entrants from near and far who make the Open such a success each year. Not forgetting the team of volunteers that help to ensure such a successful and enjoyable event.'

The prizes and sponsored holes were as follows. Saturday sponsored holes: 1st long drive Kenny Glen, 1st n pin Sandy Kelso, 2nd n pin Ker Manson, 3rd long drive Neil Docherty, 3rd n pin Ker Manson, 4th n pin Jamie Murchie, 5th n pin Craig Campbell, 6th long drive Stuart Cameron, 6th n pin Chris Wall, 7th n pin Aiden Moor, 8th n pin in hole David Cameron and Frazer Barr, 9th n pin Kenny Fairbrother, 10th n pin Craig Young, 11th n pin Ker Manson, 12th n pin Alan Hunter, 13th n pin Mike Elliott, 14th n pin Aiden Moor, 15th n pin Greg Thorburn, 16th n pin Mick Clark, 17th n pin Craig Young. 18th target E Mitchell, 18th n pin Drew Wales.

Sunday sponsored holes: 1st long drive Nick Clark 300 yards, 1st n pin Craig Watson, 2nd n pin Iain Murchie, 3rd long drive 13+ handicap Stephen McNally 280 yards, 3rd n pin Ker Manson, 4th n pin E Mitchell, 5th n pin Stuart Campbell, 6th long drive Peter Gossman 280 yards, 6th n pin Allan Merry, 7th

n pin Johnny McLeish, 8th n pin Cameron Herd, 9th n pin Stuart Campbell, 10th n pin Lyle Calder, 11th n pin Craig Young, 12th n pin nobody, 13th n pin Chris Wall - almost a hole-in one, 14th n pin Alan Hunter, 15th n pin Jamie Murchie, 16th n pin Frazer Barr, 17th n pin David Hutch, 18th target Stuart Cameron, 18th n pin Adam Aitken.

Special prize for overall winner of the best score on par 3s handicap 0 to 14 Craig Young (0) with 49. Handicap 15+ E Mitchell 15 with 67. Open 36 holes, seniors qualifying age 60+, senior scratch won by Paul Clark with 142. Senior handicap also won by Paul Clark 6 with 130. Local Champion Neil Young on 126, BIH, second Frazer Barr on 126, third Dylan Smith on 132. Scratch Quaich, Craig Young on 126, BIH, second Jamie Murchie 126, third Stuart Cameron 137. Lamlash Open Cup. Craig Young 0, 126, BIH, 2 Neil Young 6, 126, BIH, 3 Frazer Barr 9, 126, BIH, 4 Jamie Murchie 0,126, 5 Paul Clark 6, 128. Highest score returned, Stephen Sinclair 24 with 188.

McLean salver qualifiers - best eight island residents. Andy Smith v Ryan Armstrong, Neil Young v Drew Wales, Graeme Andrews v Dylan Smith, Frazer Barr v Stephen Judge. Congratulations to Dylan Smith (24) who only a few weeks ago was given a senior handicap to play in his first Open event.

Following another enjoyable Open, bookings have already been made for next years open which will take place on Saturday and Sunday August 3 and 4.



Whiting Bay Golf Club
Saturday July 28, WBGC Ladies' Open, 15 hole Stableford. At 8am it was all in doubt – there was a river running down the 18th and greens were flooded but thankfully by 9am it had started to dry out and it was game on.

The competition was non-counting and handicaps adjusted to 15 holes. The well deserved and delighted winner was local lady Lynda Blair (24) with an excellent 37 points. 1 Lynda Blair 24, 37pts, 2 Beth Paterson 8, 30, 3 Liz Paterson 27, 29, ACB, 4 Christine Macleod 18, June Richardson 22, Isabel Macdonald 15, Sheena Murchie 13, all on 29pts.

The hole winners were: 1 Susan Butchard, 2 Susan Butchard, 3 Isabel Macdonald, 4 Carol Stewart, 5 June Richardson, 6 Shirley Beckett, 7 Shirley Moran, 11 Sarah Blackmur, 12 Kema Genda, 13 Beth Paterson, 14 Carol Simpson, 15 Beth Paterson, 16 Carol Simpson, 17 Frances Oxburgh, 18 Beth Paterson. Special Prize, Mary Adams. Lucky dip, Lesley Wood. Magic twos, Shirley Beckett.

Thanks to everyone who came to play despite the inauspicious weather and hope to see you again next year. Thanks to Stewart and James for all their hard work, resulting in the superb condition of the course, to John, our Jack of all trades behind the bar, with his team of Nancy, Louise, Jack and Rachel; nothing is ever too much trouble, to Mary in the starter's box for being the friendly welcoming face of the club and to Wolfi, our captain, for his support.

We are also grateful to Christine and Doug who painted the boards, Alan and David for setting out the course and the Shiskine ladies for bringing it all in!

Thanks also to Howard for the plants and Jenni for presenting the prizes.

A huge thank you to everyone, businesses and individuals too numerous to mention, but you know who you are, who support-

ed the event, donated prizes and sponsored holes. We had a wonderful display of prizes and a grand raffle.

Last but not least, thanks to the ladies who helped organise the event. We are a small, but friendly, ladies' section and we really appreciate the support of country members, visitors and other island lady golfers.

Sunday July 29, Nestor's Jug. Torrential rain reduced the field for this popular Stableford to six. If they didn't have webbed feet at the start, they did by the end. Oddly enough, they played so well that CSS went down to 62/37 points. 1 Douglas Graham 13, 34pts ACB, 2 Colin Nisbet 13, 34, 3 Stuart Paterson 13, 33.

Wednesday August 1, The Betty Black Cup, 20 played, CSS 62. 1 Craig Tart 15, 61, 2 David Hadden 27, 62, 3 Ronnie Mann 12, 63, ACB, 4 Kerr Drummond 6, 63. Lowest gross, Neil Richardson 5, 69. Magic twos, Gavin Mainds at 4th, Craig Tart at 11th, Neil Richardson at 16th.

Friday August 3, The Ladies' Rosebowl, seven ladies played in pleasant conditions. 1 Jean Davidson 24, 37pts, 2 Lynda Blair 29, 35pts.

Fixtures: Sunday August 12, Aitken Rosebowl Foursomes, one draw for partners at 9.30am. Monday August 13, AGA Champion of Champions at Corrie GC at 5.30pm. Wednesday August 15, Summer Trophy. Friday August 17, AGA Champion of Champions at Corrie GC at 5.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 2, Summer Cup, CSS 66. 1 Allan Colquhoun 71-8=63, 2 Ian Bremner 73-7=66, 3 Hugh McLelland 85-18=67. Scratch, Peter Gossman 70. Magic twos, Peter Gossman and Cameron Herd, both at 16th.

Thursday August 2, Yellow Medal, CSS 62, par 61. 1 Eugene Mitchell 78-15=63, 2 James Cameron 87-16=71. Scratch, Eugene Mitchell 78. Magic twos, Eugene Mitchell at 5th.

Friday August 3, Crawford Salver, held on the practice day of the Open weekend – optional entry of the Open players. All prizes were donated by A



Viv Parks with Stanley Tod, winner of the Shiskine Junior Championship, and his cousin Rory Currie, who was runner-up.

Crawford with all of the entry money going to the local lifeboat station. A total of 83 competitors, both visitors and locals, participated and the sum of £400 was realised for the lifeboat station.

A total of 14 players scored 34 Stableford points or higher, first place and winner of the salver was Jack Brown with 38pts. He also had a hole in one at the 201 yard 17th, scooping the entire magic twos sweep. Something that members agreed had not been achieved in living memory before. Second place went to Alastair Crawford with 37pts and Graeme Andrew secured third spot with 35pts on BIH. Winner Jack Brown donated all of his winnings to the Smile of Arran charity.

Fixtures: Friday August 10, AGA Champion of Champions at Corrie, 5.30pm. Sunday August 12, Hamilton Bowl final. 9.30am and 12.30pm. Monday August 13, AGA Champion of Champions at Corrie at 5.30pm. Thursday August 16, Summer Cup and Jim Young Cup. Make up own games, see starter for times. Friday August 17, AGA Champion of Champions Final at Corrie, 5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday August 2, RNLI Stableford Open, Yellow Tees, ladies, gents and juniors, 83 played. Pat Adamson had a hole in one at the 12th, congratulations. Gents: 1 P Campbell 28pts, 2 G Stewart 27pts, BIH, 3 P Taylor 26pts. Ladies: 1 J Barkham 25pts, 2 Liz Kerr 23pts, 3 P Adamson 21pts. Juniors: Rory Cobb 29pts. Nearest the pins: Julia Salton at the 4th, Gordon Stewart at the 10th. A

total of £600 was raised for the RNLI.

Sunday August 5, McCutcheon Trophy, 19 played. 1st Class: 1 Joel Smith 44-6=38, 2 Jimmy Morrison 46-5=41, 3 David Tod 45-3=42, BIH. Scratch, Joel Smith 44. 2nd Class: 1 John Salton 46-8=41, 2 Jill Smith 54-12=42, BIH, 3 Ian Shaw 51-9=42. Magic twos, Colin Alison.

Sunday August 5, Shiskine Junior Championship. Donald McGillivray Shield and Alexander Trophy. The qualifying round took place on Friday August 3, at 1pm. Donald Currie missed out by one stroke and played some really good golf. The two qualifiers were Rory Currie and Stanley Tod, a repeat of last year.

After 12 holes the game was all-square but going up the 13th, Rory's drive landed in the rough on the right hand side and his second shot went out of bounds over the fence, the thick rough caught his club and his 5th shot landed in more rough. Stanley's ball landed beyond the green but he pitched and putted for a 6, winning the match and championship. This exciting match was played with a good following and in a great spirit. Very many thanks to Willie Kelso for refereeing and presenting the trophies.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday August 1, Summer Cup, 16 played, CSS 64. Terry Raeside 73-10=63, Gordon Hendry 70-5=65, ACB, Jim Green 86-21=65. Scratch, Gordon Hendry 70. Sunday August 5, Brandon Qualifier, Terry Raeside 74-10=64, ACB, John May 85-21=64, Alastair Dobson 75-10=65. Scratch, Terry Raeside 74.

Fixtures: Sunday Au-

gust 12, Centenary Quaich. Thursday August 16, Senior Open.

Ladies' section: Tuesday July 3, July Medal. 1 Gege Kroner nett 67, BIH, 2 Susan Butchard nett 67. Susan also carded the best gross score of 77. Tuesday July 10, Stronach Foursomes. 1 Carole Stewart and Pat Adamson gross 85, nett 65.5. 2 Fiona Henderson and Margaret Roxburgh gross 89, nett 73.5. Tuesday July 17, 9 hole Stableford. 1 Elizabeth Lawrie, 2 Brenda Livingston. Tuesday July 17, Wright Trophy. 1 Susan Butchard 32pts, 2 Fiona Henderson 30pts. Tuesday July 21, Second Medal. 1 Fiona Henderson net 65, 2 Gege Kroner net 74. Division two winner was Margaret Bryce.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 7, Lady Mary, CSS 68 R/O. Elizabeth Kelso 100-22=78, Kema Genda 91-12=79, Aileen Latona 108-23=85. Peter Sutton, CSS 64, Campbell Laing 82-19=63, Hamish Bannatyne

74-6=68, Phil Betley 82-11=71, BIH.

Tuesday July 31, Peter Sutton, CSS 63. Campbell Laing 85-19=66, Brian Sherwood 83-16=67, Hamish Bannatyne 77-6=71.

Fixtures: Tuesday August 14, Peter Sutton / Lady Mary, tee off 12.30pm / 5.30pm

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday August 11, Joe MacKenzie Cup, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday August 15, Summer Cup and magic twos, ballot at 5pm.

Arran Golfers' Association

Fixtures: Friday August 10, AGA Champion of Champions quarter final at Corrie GC. Monday August 13, AGA Champion of Champions semi-final at Corrie GC. Friday August 17, AGA Champion of Champions final at Corrie GC. Members and guests please note that the course will be closed from 4.30pm on these days prior to the start of the matches at 5.30pm. Supporters are invited to attend the event to support the island's top matchplay prize.

Summer bridge

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer competition played on Monday August 6 at Lamlash were: N/S: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Alan and Shahina McKelvie, 3 Ellie Jones and Liz McKellar. E/W: 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough, 3 Andy Martin and Jennifer McArthur.

Brodick Bowling Club July results

Despite the prolonged heatwave, the green played very well and the midges stayed away although the past week was a bit uncertain as the rains came back. There have been excellent turnouts for rink games, and club matches are well ahead with one final already played.

Highest rink games scores in July were: July 2, Kate Nichols, Jim Nichols and John McConnachie (+20); July 4, Charlie Weir and Jim Gourlay (+7); July 7, Lavinia Hendry, Charles Hendry and Charlie Weir (+11); July 9, Colin Haggarty, Robert Crawford and Charlie Weir (+11); July 11, Sandra Mitchell and Idris Dean (+15); July 14, Keith Kelsall, Jenny Douglas and Geoff Rhodes (+15); July 16, Colin Haggarty and Keith Kelsall (+38); July 18, Keith Kelsall and Jim Nichols (+12); July 21, Charlie Weir and Joanne Jarvill (+16); July 24, Charlie Weir and Ernie Stanger (+9); July 25, Sid Allen and Colin Young (+17); July 28, Aileen Latona and Andy McCrindle (+12); July 30, John Lauder and Kate Nichols (+10).

Southend stay top of league

Arran Dairies League

Northend	0
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Southend maintained their 100 per cent win rate in the league this season as they took another step towards lifting the Arran Dairies League trophy. The MBS boys now just need to take one point from their remaining fixtures against Lamlash and Brodick to secure the title.

In the only game played on Monday night, Donny Park opened the scoring for the visitors with a well-struck shot. Ryan Armstrong then tucked in a second after a goalmouth scramble.

The third goal was very fortunate as Donny grabbed his second with a shot from outside the box which took a wicked bounce and hopped over goalkeeper Michael McGuire.

The second half was much the same as Donny got his hat-trick. Fraser Gilbert got on the scoresheet, too, as a Northend clearance was blasted straight off referee Greg McCrae, with the ball falling to Fraser, who stroked it home into the top corner.

Southend veteran Murray Picken was back for his annual trip from New Zealand and managed to get on the scoresheet, much to his delight as it took him ahead of his brother Jamie in goals this season.

Greg gave Southend full-back Willie Sillars the man of the match as he put in another calm and influential performance.

Brodick, meanwhile, were unable to muster a team to face Lamlash and had to cancel the fixture.

Next week's fixtures are still to be confirmed as Arran AFC start their league campaign tomorrow (Sunday) so games may be altered. Provisionally scheduled are Southend v Lamlash and Brodick v Shiskine.

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First beach run



Determination in the faces of the young runners. 01_B32beach04



Young runners compete in one of the children's races. 01_B32beach06



Murdo Paul and Mark Harwood join Alastair Paul and members of the Arran Junior Fiddle Group Kayleigh Easton and Harry Gilmore. 01_B32beach01

This year's expanded Brodick beach barbecue certainly brought out the crowds who packed the beach last Sunday on a dry and sometimes sunny afternoon.

Being held for the first time was a 2.2-mile beach run while those preferring the burger and beer tent enjoyed both traditional music from Alastair and Mungo Paul and rock music from Brown Noise in an open trailer. The Arran Junior Fiddle Group and Colin Guthrie joined in the fun.

Fifteen runners took part in the inaugural beach run which was won by Tom Nichol from Lamlash in a time of 14m 53s.



And they're off ... on the 2.2 mile beach run. 01_B32beach02



Winner Tom Nichol crosses the finishing line. 01_B32beach05



Some of the sandcastle competition entries come together on the beach. 01_B32beach09

at fun barbecue

The women's winner was Sarah Stoneham from Buckinghamshire in 20m 29s. There were also children's races held during the afternoon.

Organised to raise funds by the Brodick Improvements Committee, there was a terrific entry into the sandcastle building competition, and the beach volleyball, putting and Frisbee golf competitions were all keenly contested.

But the best was saved for last with the famed beach barbecue raffle which saw many going home happy and others content to have made a donation to the committee coffers.



The barbecue crowd enjoy the band on the open trailer. 01_B32beach13



Brown Noise performing at the beach barbecue. 01_B32beach12



Tommy Gilmore conducts the raffle. 01_B32beach15



Beach run winners Sarah Stoneham and Tom Nichol with organiser Tommy Gilmore. 01_B32beach08



Colin Guthrie entertains with an amusing ditty. 01_B32beach10



Sandcastle contest winners Callum and Isla Chadwick from the Midlands and Ruby Macarthur who lives in Brodick. 01_B32beach11



The beach volleyball tournament in full swing. 01_B32beach14



The runners stretch out along the boardwalk. 01_B32beach03

SPORT



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Ready for the big kick-off

Arran face Dalry in mainland league debut

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A new Arran team has been given the go-ahead to play in a mainland league.

The Isle of Arran Amateur Football Club (AAFC) have been accepted into the Ayrshire Sunday Amateur Football Association (ASAFA) league and have hit the ground running with their first fixture of the season.

It is believed to be the first time an Arran football team has played in a mainland league.

Following a concerted effort and well structured bid by organiser Alan Murray, a carefully deliberated decision was made last week at the ASAFA annual general meeting after consultation with the Scottish Amateur Football Association.

After allaying fears of travel implications and financial concerns regarding travel, the executive committee of ASAFA welcomed the Arran team into the league with the secretary noting: 'Our association were very impressed with your club's presentation at the recent meeting and we were also very impressed with the overall ambition and enthusiasm shown.'

The only caveat, and

one which necessitated an amendment to the ASAFA constitution, is that all of the official grounds have to be on the mainland, meaning that all games are away games unless an agreement is made between the clubs to visit Arran if they so wished. However, a number of players and clubs on the mainland have already expressed a willingness to play matches on Arran.



The new team badge.

With their strips on order – with sponsorship from Arran Energy Ltd, the Douglas Hotel and the Arran Butcher – players who have demonstrated their skills playing in the Arran Dairies League have already been signed up to play for the club.

And a major boost for the club, golden boot and prolific goalscorer Archie McNicol has been released from his contract with Barrhead-based Junior side Arthurlie and joined the Arran team.

Isle of Arran AFC will

join Irvine No 1 CSC AFC, Dalry Tartan AFC, Irvine Victoria AFC and Killie United in Group C in the ASAFA league, which starts on Sunday August 12.

The first official match, which is the ASAFA league qualifier, will take place tomorrow (Sunday) against Dalry Tartan at Putyan Park, Dalry. A coach will transport players and supporters to the game and back.

Organiser Alan Murray said: 'We are absolutely delighted to be accepted into the ASAFA league. The Arran players are ready to compete and enjoy the league football games on the mainland and on our home turf at Ormidale Park.'

'I would like to thank all of our sponsors and everyone who has played a part in helping to establish and support the club. We are still looking to fill a few positions, such as match secretary, photographer and coaches, and would welcome anyone who feels that they could positively contribute to our club or join our committee.'

AAFC are already in talks with Killie United to host their first historic game on Arran, which, if agreed upon, will take place at Ormidale Park on Sunday August 19, at 2pm.



New signing Archie McNicol receives the Lady Jean Cup from Brodick Highland Games chairman Donald MacKellvie for the 100m race last weekend for the 10th consecutive year. Inset: His first win in 2009.



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