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Ferry fiasco

Passengers are still angry despite 11th hour U-turn

REPORT
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Ferry passengers had their travel plans thrown into disarray after an aborted plan to temporarily move the MV Isle of Arran to another route.

As early as last week passengers were being told they could not make any bookings for three days this week due to 'operational reasons'. But they were not told of a plan by Caledonian MacBrayne to pull Arran's second summer ferry off the route, at the height of the season, to bail out problems on Islay.

But just hours before it was due to switch route for the three days, the 11th hour repair of the MV Hebridean Isles saw the plan abandoned.

As a result the MV Isle of Arran sailed to normal timetable this week, but many people had already changed their travel plans.

However, as well as the move to take the ferry off the Arran route, islanders

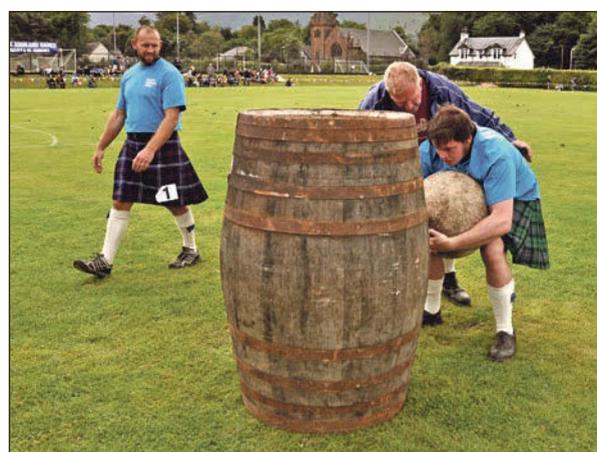
are angry at the lack of information from CalMac.

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson has demanded answers from CalMac, saying: 'CalMac needs to explain what happened with the MV Isle of Arran. While one can sympathise with visitors to and residents of Islay, it is frankly astonishing and completely unacceptable for CalMac to consider removing the second summer ferry from Arran simply to provide a second ferry for another route. The fact that fewer people visit Islay makes the decision even more baffling.'

'To add insult to injury, there has been no coherent or detailed explanation given by CalMac, nor was notice provided to Arran's ferry users before or even after the decision was reversed.'

'For the future the company should also agree not to shift any ferry from Arran to serve a community that already has a working ferry in operation. Robbing Peter to pay Paul is no solution and taking a ferry from

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Happy Gilmores' ... and Scott is pleased too

Heavy event brothers Tom and Rory Gilmore went head to head in the McGlashan Stones challenge at the Brodick Highland Games and, after a false start, both succeeded in lifting the 110kg stone as our pictures show. They were watched by a large crowd and their aunt Sheila Gilmore who later presented Scott Clark with the MacMillan Trophy in recognition of his contribution to the games.



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New Arran ferry starts final sea trials

The new ferry which will operate on the Lochranza to Claonaig route next summer, MV Catriona, is starting advanced sea trials around Arran and Cumbræ.

The diesel electric hybrid ferry will be carrying out real time trials on the Largs/Cumbræ route from Sunday August 14 to Saturday August 19, and at Lochranza/Claonaig from Sunday August 20 to Sunday August 26.

The trials will not affect normal timetabled service and no passengers will be carried.

The ship is almost 30 metres long and can accommodate 150 passengers and 23 cars or two HGVs and is owned by Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL).

Hybrid

It is the first ship to be built by the newly formed Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited in Port Glasgow and will follow the first two hybrid ferries MV Hallaig and MV Lochinvar into service with CalMac.

John Salton, fleet manager at CMAL said: 'The tri-

als are designed to balance the diesel and battery output to ensure best fuel efficiency. We expect to deliver the vessel to CalMac for operation soon after completion of the trials.'

Welcoming

CalMac's director of operations, Drew Collier added: 'We look forward to welcoming the MV Catriona into service following the successful conclusions of these trials.'



The MV Catriona which is starting final sea trials.

Passengers angry at the lack of communication from CalMac

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a busy route such as Arran to serve a quieter one makes no sense.'

The problem all started after the MV Hebridean Isles, which serves Islay, had to go in for urgent repairs after it collided with the pier at Kennacraig on Kintyre.

To ease disruption on the route, CalMac arranged for MV Finlaggan to run an overnight freight service. But with more capacity needed the plan to use the MV Isle of Arran was hatched.

Before the U-turn CalMac's director of operations, Drew Collier said: 'We appreciate the inconvenience this ongoing disruption is

causing and looked at all the options to address the issues the island is experiencing. This is particularly busy week, with the Islay show taking place on Thursday, so we need to use the available fleet resources we have at our disposal to meet demand. Unfortunately, this means moving the MV Isle of Arran off her normal Arran route. We realise this is not ideal, but hope the community on Arran understand the reasons behind this decision and we appreciate their cooperation. We feel this is the best solution we have to meet the demands we are currently experiencing across the network.'

However, at the 11th hour the repair works were completed on the MV Hebridean Isles on Tuesday and it went back into service on Wednesday.

The situation was discussed at the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee on Monday night, before the situation changed.

Chairman Iain Thomson told *The Banner*: 'Given it was the Islay show I think it was a good enough reason to take the boat away. I would hope if the situation had been reversed and it had been our show the same would have happened.'

However, he accepted that 'communication could have been better'.

The committee's independent traveller representative Neil Arthur said: 'The underlying cause of the problem is that the fleet is short of one, or maybe even two, larger vessels. There was a great deal of inconvenience and misunderstanding caused by the lack of information throughout the whole incident.'

A spokesman for CalMac said: 'We were unable to confirm that the Isle of Arran was going to be moved because we didn't know when the Hebridean Isles was going to be back in service. The MV Isle of Arran did a full Arran run on Tuesday.'

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RNLI coffee morning raises £1,000

The RNLI coffee morning held recently at the Lam-lash lifeboat station was a huge success with volunteers raising more than £1,000 through the generous donations and sale of home baking which was enjoyed with tea and coffee by the many supporters.



Above: The station laid out for the coffee morning.



Left: Volunteers at the groaning baking stall.

Medical group now offer new online prescriptions

The Arran Medical Group has introduced a new online prescription ordering service for patients who wish to reorder their repeat medications without having to visit their nearest surgery.

The new service comes into effect after the successful trial which saw 50 patients using the service over a period of three months and after permission was obtained from NHS Ayrshire and Arran. The ability to order medication online, which is widely available in England, is now open to all patients with 24-hour access available by visiting the medical group website and following the on screen directions.

There is the facility to add

notes if necessary, but as with the usual ways of requesting repeat medication, three working days are required to turn around each request.

Users are required to register for the service at their nearest surgery where a registration form will need to be completed and a form of photographic identification provided.

The service is provided by Patient Access which is operated by EMIS who provide the computer software that is already in use in the Arran surgeries so patient details remain private and secure.

Medication can still be ordered in the usual fashion, however the new service

offers patients the convenience of ordering according to their own timetable and from the comfort of their own homes or offices.

For further details visit the AMG website at www.arranmedical.co.uk or pop into your local surgery at Brodick, Shiskine or Lam-lash to register and obtain details on how to access the service.

Christian Aid collection joy

The door-to-door Christian Aid charity collection in Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot raised the excellent total of £764.27 this year.

New officials are elected

At the recent annual meeting of the Hospital Supporters League a new board of officials were elected which are: chairman, Maurice Deighton, vice chair, Sandra Hall, treasurer, Jim Arnold, secretary, Sheila MacLeod and social secretary, Enid Hallwell.

At the meeting it was also decided that a coffee morning would be held in November

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Wait is over as pupils get their exam results

School pupils on Arran have been receiving their exam results after envelopes dropped into post-boxes and email in-boxes on Tuesday.

Early analysis of the results across North Ayrshire show a very encouraging picture with S4 pupils achieving their best results to date and S5 and S6 pupils also continuing the trend with more pupils achieving higher qualifications.

Arran councillor John Bruce, cabinet member for education, attainment and achievement, said: 'We would like to congratulate

all of our young people who have shown a great deal of effort and commitment throughout the year to achieve the results they have received today. They should all be very proud of their efforts.

Stressful time

'We know that waiting for exam results can often be a stressful time for our young people. However, they should remember that regardless of the outcome, a wide range of support is available to help them into future employment, education or training.'

Pupils looking for advice and

support can call the dedicated exam results helpline which has been set up by Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

Advice

The helpline opened on August 9 and will be taking calls between 9am and 5pm daily until August 17. Operators will offer advice on college and university course vacancies, confirmation and clearing, modern or foundation apprenticeships, employment or volunteering.

Calls are free on 0808 100 8000 although operator charges may ap-

ply. Students can also access help, advice and support via SDS's Facebook page www.facebook.com/SDSNorthAyrshire or through the SDS 'My World of Work' website at www.myworldofwork.co.uk/examresults

Senior member

In addition, all S4-S6 pupils will be given the opportunity, where necessary, to speak to a senior member of staff at Arran High School regarding their option choices when they return to school later this month.

Roadworks planned for Brodick Hill

Drivers face delays next week during the latest roadworks around the island.

All roads will remain open when surface dressing takes place on the Brodick Hill section of the A841, on the C147 at Kildonnan and Main Street, Pirmill. Work on the A841 starts on Monday August 15 and will see traffic lights and a convoy system in place, with work expected to be finished on Wednesday August 17.

The upgrades planned for Kildonnan on August 17-18 and Pirmill on August 18-19 will require motorists to wait - known as a short-stop closure - for a short time during an off-peak period to let essential work be completed.

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'Rain may cause delays so the work is subject to the weather.'

Brodick Beach barbeque is on

The Brodick Beach Barbeque has been re-arranged for tomorrow (Sunday) after being postponed last weekend.

Organisers had been looking forward to holding the fundraising event on the new sand but were forced to cancel because of high winds and the forecast of heavy rain.

It is now hoped it can go ahead tomorrow in better weather. It is also hoped to stage a beach volleyball tournament for the first time in several years.

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Passengers make use of the new bus terminus in Brodick. 01_b33bus02

New Brodick bus terminus opens

The new bus terminus at Brodick ferry terminal has opened earlier this week following a short delay, as reported in *The Banner* last week.

The opening of the bus terminus, which coincided with the completion of phase two of the £22.2 million ferry terminal development by George Leslie Ltd,

was delayed because of last minute technical and operational issues.

A spokeswoman for Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) said: 'Despite the slight delay in this handover, the overall project still remains on track and works are progressing well.'

Luxury yacht spotted in Brodick Bay

Yacht watchers in Brodick Bay had good reason to be excited last week when a state of the art luxury yacht visited Arran

The 163ft yacht, which is available to rent at £162,000 per week, docked at Brodick for the day before heading towards Troon harbour. The Malta-registered vessel which has five cabins and which accommodates nine guests with a crew member for each guest, also features privacy glass on its aluminium superstructure which makes spotting the occupants onboard particularly difficult.

The yacht also has a large



Luxury yacht Exuma.

array of 'toys' including an amphibious vehicle, hovercraft and sea scooters, paddleboards and windsurfers among many others.

The amphibious car, like something out of James Bond movie, was spotted sailing from the yacht's raised aft across the bay and up the slipway on to Brodick's Shore Road.

The yacht, built in Italy six years ago, has won various awards for both her interior and exterior design and is described as a luxury charter yacht designed to travel the world in comfort and style.

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New distillery gets go ahead

The green light has been given to a second distillery to be built at the south end of the island.

The Isle of Arran Distillers Ltd has received planning permission to build the distillery, visitor centre and six bonded warehouses at Kilmory. Work could now start on construction of the first three warehouses by October and the distillery by February next year.

The news comes just days after the company posted impressive annual results, with 2015 showing a 25 per cent growth in net profit. Driven by a 16 per cent growth in brand sales and increased visitor numbers at the existing Lochranza distillery, the results, which are being filed with Companies House, are the latest in a succession of healthy profits reported over the last six years with a 130 per cent increase since 2010.

A spokeswoman for the company said: 'We officially got confirmation this week that we have received planning permission for our new distillery. We are delighted and can't wait to get started. What a great week so far.'

Meanwhile, a consistent and considered export strategy has also led to another year of impressive growth across more than 45 markets.

Flourishing

For the industry as whole, exports are under pressure with a 2.4 per cent downturn. Arran however is flourishing, with export representing 61 per cent of total turnover in 2015.

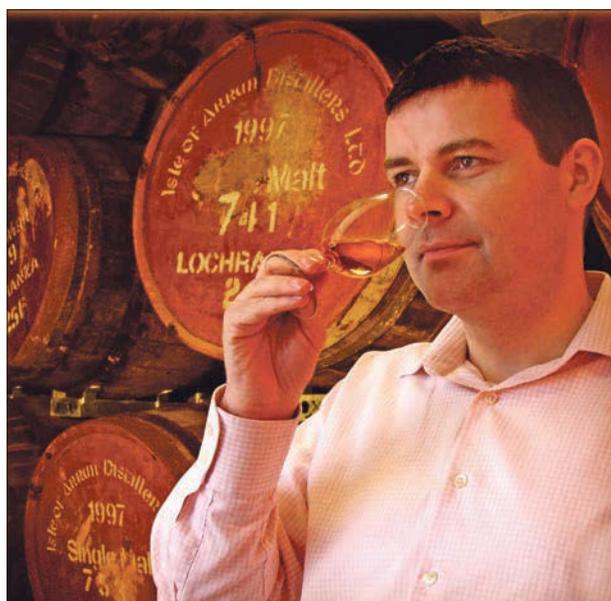
While France remained a core market, the tough US market made up 9 per cent exports with rising star Taiwan contributing 7 per cent of total overseas sales.

Despite an apparent struggle within the Scotch whis-

ky industry to grow sales in such an established sector, Arran believes that its results represent a shift within the category and proof of the sustainability of their business model.

Currently celebrating its 21st anniversary, the distillery continues with a programme of ongoing investment. A new VIP blending and tasting building has been built at the distillery and was officially opened last month to welcome distributors from around the world and increase the focus on export sales.

Managing director Euan Mitchell said: 'We are delighted with the results which renew our dedication to creating quality whisky with a story to tell. There is an undeniable consumer desire for authenticity, something which we can deliver as an independently-owned Scottish business. In contrast,



Managing director Euan Mitchell.

three quarters of Scottish distilleries are in the hands of international businesses.

'Our success shows that it is not only possible to survive in a challenging market, but to thrive. While the larger companies might be struggling, and that prompts a negative tone, we believe that the future for whisky is very promising.'

With visitor numbers to the distillery at Lochranza

up to 85,000 (from 66,000 in 2014), the new centre will accommodate this increase in whisky tourism as well as increasing capacity to meet the rising demand for the Arran Malt.

Mr Mitchell added: 'As we toast our 21st anniversary, we remain very buoyant about future prospects and confident that our success represents a positive outlook for Scotch whisky.'

New veterinary surgery plans approved

Arran's only veterinary practice has been given planning permission to create a new surgery by converting a former private detached residence in Brodick.

Island vet Charlotte Clough is planning to create a veterinary centre on ground floor, a residential flat on the upper floor and the erection of a store to rear at Ornalinn in Knowe Road.

The accommodation will be used by the new husband and wife vet team Holly and Hugh Simon who have recently moved to the island to work alongside Charlotte.

Planning officials have made it a condition of the approval that the residential flat can only be used as staff accommodation for the veterinary centre and shall not be rented, sold or sub-let for any other purpose, unless approved by council.



An image showing the final design of the new distillery.

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Arran Heritage Museum always holds a number of special events every summer and by far the most popular is the children's fun day which takes place tomorrow (Sunday) from 1.30pm.

The afternoon is geared to providing fun, and it's free to children up to the age of 12 if accompanied by an adult. A variety of traditional games will be on offer and a large model train layout will be on show.

There will be also be storytelling sessions, tombola, horseshoe throwing, demonstrations of spinning and weaving and other crafts.

Treats

Other treats include an ice-your-own cake stand, a chocolate fountain, candy floss and a burger bar. Isle of Arran Pipe Band will be in attendance, as will various other musicians.

There is also plenty for the grown ups to do with many new and upgraded indoor and outdoor displays.

The famed Café Rosaburn will be selling meals, teas, coffees and cakes all afternoon.



Chairman John Sillars and secretary Tom Macleod present D G Weir with his prize. 01_B33tractor10



Linda Curley receives her prize for first place in the open category. 01_B33tractor11



Twins Eoin and Isaac Jones of Shiskine sit side by side on tractors at the show. 01_B33tractor02

Four wheel for tractor

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

A fascinating display of tractors ranging from early, simple incarnations through to large, hi-tech modern equivalents were on display at Arran Heritage Museum last Sunday where visitors and children enjoyed the annual Classic Tractor Rally.

Competing for the prize for best vintage tractor were a number of mainland and island owners including D G

Weir of Machrie who took second place in the open category with his 1946 petrol Ferguson TE20. He also took first place in the local category with his grey and gold Massey Ferguson 35. Winner in the open category was Linda Curley of Corriegills who also won the overall champion prize with an immaculate Massey Ferguson 35. It was restored by D G Weir and has been lovingly maintained by four genera-

tions of Linda Curley's family. 'I've been up before 8am polishing and cleaning the tractor,' said Linda whose daughter Eva was seen playing on the grass with a model tractor in hand.

Judging was carried out by Alan Nicol, Donald Macleod and David Shaw who brought two of his fleet of more than 30 tractors to be displayed at the show, but not entered into the competition, before taking them to



David Shaw, tractor enthusiast, stands between two of his fleet of over 30 tractors. 01_B33tractor03

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the Islay farmers show. David, a retired milk farmer from Ayrshire, brought a 1967 Ford 5000 and another that had received an upgrade from Roadless, making it a four-wheel drive and relatively rare specimen. In his collection he has an example of every single model produced by Ford in 1967. 'It started when I was a young farmer and I bought my first tractor. Since then I have been bitten by the

bug and have continued to collect the tractors that I yearned for as a young man,' said David who has been fascinated by vehicles of all types ever since he can remember. An avid collector, who also has a collection of cars and motorbikes and a Ferrari 430, he has recently retired from farming and along with his son Charles will be opening up a shop buying and selling tractors, parts and re-

pairing and restoring them. 'Now that I have retired from the milk industry, I can finally spend more time with my tractors,' he said enthusiastically.

Along with the tractors on display, there was a tombola, a book stall and the ever popular venison and beef burgers on sale.

Cafe Rosaburn provided the many visitors with food and drinks under the marquee tents.



Children were allowed to clamber onto the displays. 01_B33tractor08



The selection of tractors on display ranged from the 1940s through to modern machines. 01_B33tractor12



Above: Linda and Eva Curley pose with the overall champion trophy on their Massey Ferguson 35 which also took first place in the Open category.

01_B33tractor05



Children enjoyed sitting in the driving seat of some of the newer and larger tractors. 01_B33tractor06



D G Weir stands proudly next to his Ferguson 1946 TE 20 which took second place in the open category. 01_B33tractor01

Archaeologist to host free talks

David Aitcheson has a vast knowledge of the island's archaeological past and is presenting a series of short talks this month at Arran Heritage Museum.

Lasting approximately 45 minutes and taking place in the museum's archaeology room, this is a wonderful opportunity to absorb some of the ancient happenings and ways of life on Arran from centuries ago.

There are two sessions, on Wednesdays 17, 24 and 31 August, starting at either 1.30pm or 3pm. Booking is not essential but the talks will be on a first come first served basis as no additional charge is being made other than the normal museum entry fee. These talks only take place when David is available so will be well worth attending.



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THE ARRAN BANNER

Honesty is the best policy

The travelling public on Arran were unwittingly dragged into a situation this week which was not of their making. Yet no one would tell them what was going on.

Why CalMac could not be open and honest and admit they were looking at using the *MV Isle of Arran* for cover on the Islay route is a mystery.

Instead customers were simply told they could not make ferry reservations for 'operational reasons' leaving the truth to leak out in a series of rumours and half truths.

The fact CalMac bosses appear to view the *MV Isle of Arran* as a back up vessel for other routes is worrying enough, but to compound that concern with a lack of consideration for passengers trying to get to and from Arran is an issue which needs to be addressed.

The Isle of Arran Ferry Committee considers that taking the *MV Isle of Arran* to Islay for three days to help cover the island agricultural show was justified. But who may want her next? But they accept communication could have been better and that is really the crux of the problem. Historically CalMac was no stranger to this criticism, but it had been hoped that more recently times had changed. But have they?

Certainly they appear to be trying with the new status categories offering more information on sailings and the much delayed move to electronic ticketing.

What is needed does not take a revolution, simply a commitment to be open and honest with the travelling public.

Of course there is a bigger problem. The situation only arose because there is no spare capacity with many of the opinion that the fleet is one, or maybe even two, larger ships short.

That, of course, is not the operator's fault as they must ultimately work with the vessels Transport Scotland provide. A new Arran ferry is under construction on the Clyde but it will be two years before it comes into service.

Let's hope the 33-year-old *MV Isle of Arran* keeps going, and continues to provide as full as possible a summer service until then.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Herding cattle

Sir,
As we all know, there is little point in complaining to CalMac directly, so I thought I would air my views here. Why, oh why, have we got to line up like cattle to get onto the boat? It's bad enough standing in a long line in the pouring rain waiting for the man to scan each individual ticket, without being made to walk round a maze of fencing designed to keep us in line.

On Wednesday (farmers show day and as such notoriously wet) some of us waited in the terminal for the queue to die down (keeping dry) before passing the man with a ticket scanner, who instead of letting us hand our tickets in and walk on made us walk round the fencing in a pointless and frankly ridiculous exercise. There was no queue to join so why make us walk all the way round? Madness. As one of the CalMac operators agreed, we are not cows or sheep and should not be treated as such.

Let's hope this new and vastly overpriced terminal allows us to be dry and board sensibly without unnecessary herding. In the meantime, a little decorum please CalMac staff. Thank you.
Yours,

Nickey Summer
Whiting Bay

Still concerned

Sir,
I read the letter of Mr Stuart Turner in The Banner last week with interest, however, there are at least two issues which cause me concern.

'Looking at the photomontages, the turbines will have a much smaller impact than feared by many'. The use of the photomontage seems to have replaced

the now-discredited 'artist's impression' which so rarely bore much resemblance to the completed project. Similarly, we are all now familiar with the magical results achieved by Photoshop and CGI and are entitled to be wary about factual information being presented persuasively by this method.

'The turbine design is such that the blades apparently won't be visible while turning'. I'm sure the RSPB will be delighted with this innovation. Our feathered friends won't know what hit them! However, from the human aesthetic point of view, it would be helpful if we were given a couple of examples of such turbines in situ in Scotland. Failing which, are we to be the guinea-pigs in this experiment? Of course, the blades will be fully visible when not turning.

I should make it clear that my criticisms are aimed at the developers and not at the very balanced report produced by Mr Turner.

The final argument put forward is notable only for its extreme vagueness. 'A study has been done to see if tourist numbers have declined in areas with wind turbines and, from what they said, this doesn't seem to be the case'. What study, when, and whereabouts? And, most important, how does it relate to the area of outstanding natural beauty which is Lamlash Bay and the Holy Isle?

Yours,
Iain Auld
Lamlash

No need for animosity

Sir,
I am glad my letter (The Banner, July 30) has provoked Mr Mowatt to put his head above the parapet as there was hardly a cheep when I expressed some

views last year. The installation of wind turbines is a huge subject for controversy and it is only by strong and consistent objections that some containment has been made. I have just learnt that the objections to the massive 100 wind turbines for Machrihanish Bay has won the day. The Machrihanish Wind Tower business is now owned by a South Korean firm CS Wind. It is the developers that really worry me.

Wind Farms are a multi billion pound industry and many people procure large sums of money to have them on their land. Would we like wind turbines on Pladda or fracking on Ailsa Craig. But money talks loudly, often at the expense of desecrating God's countryside and wildlife. We have water, under-ground cabling and fresh technology to think about. Only by objections has the Holy Isle offered new proposals and the Ministry of Defence has to get new radar technology to distinguish between spinning blades and aircraft.

Scotland is set to be the world's 'most crowded' country for wind turbines with nearly 3,000 at present. To me it signals a creeping death of our landscape so I make no apology for making strong objection. Where some people find wind turbines innocent, benign and attractive I find, when looking at the wider picture, they are money-driven, unattractive, inefficient, ecological killers with blade tips that spin over 100mph and a serious health hazard in many areas. I sincerely hope that should the project go ahead, the Buddhist Monks, residents and animals do not suffer from wind turbine syndrome which must be taken in to account. It can be a terrible affliction.

Discussions should be far reaching with concern for the next generation. Good to read of the collapse of wind turbines in Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

So we all have views, without the need for animosity, and I look forward to the best conclusion possible to preserve the Holy Isle which is one of Scotland's gems.

Yours,
Edward Jackson
Glasgow

Expensive trip

Sir,
One of my many trips to Arran last weekend was very expensive as I drove out of my driveway at the side of the Corrie Hall onto the tarmac. I heard the familiar sound of a stone lodged in my chunky tyres and carried on without stopping to dislodge the stone. At the pier I located the culprit, a piece of plastic jammed in the tread and so I removed it with pliers with the accompanying sound of a loud hissing as the plastic was held in place by a large nail.

I ran to the garage shop, bought a repair spray and did as advised. It did not work though so I drove to Angus Lambie's garage and I am very much obliged for his help in swapping the bad one for the spare and to CalMac's pier staff for holding my space.

A warning to all those with foam sprays; they will get you out of trouble but none of the big repairers will repair them on the basis that the spray will cause the tyre to degrade so a new tyre is required every time and for me, with a Land Rover with 500 miles on the clock, it was very expensive.

Yours,
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Angela spends time immersed in the landscapes and creating her artwork in Edith, her shepherd's hut studio which overlooks the stunning Brodick Bay. Her work is instantly recognisable for the bold flowing style, it is easily spotted all around Arran. Her paintings are based almost exclusively on Arran landscapes and the emotion they evoke. Colour, line and shape are always part of her unique style. Angela's artwork can be viewed not only at her studio, website and online shop but also at other places on Arran including the Arran Art Gallery, Douglas Hotel and The Glenartney.



At the Yellow Land Studio, you will find pictures in a variety of subjects, from landscapes of Arran and cityscapes of Glasgow to figurative paintings and still lives. Nicky Gill works in both oils and gouaches and, besides paintings there are prints and postcards of his work. There is parking if you drive up the lane but the walk is beautiful though you may feel you are lost on a green hill. If you just follow the signs it won't take you longer than three minutes to reach us.

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Consul General visit gives boost to Chinese trade and tourism

Businesses on Arran are always on the lookout for new markets around the world.

And with China now one of the biggest in the world, it is not surprising some have already made inroads into doing business there, as well as encouraging more Chinese tourists to visit the island.

As part of this ongoing process, the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Edinburgh, Mr Pan Xinchun, visited Arran last week where he, of course, took in the Arran Farmers' Show. He and his family were keen to watch the events in the main ring and visit many of the exhibits, even in the pouring rain.

Mr Xinchun said he was very greatly impressed by the island and the people he met and is very keen to help develop relationships, both in trade and tourism.

The Consul General's invitation to Arran followed a visit to North Ayrshire earlier this year when he met with business leaders and North Ayrshire Council of-

ficials to discuss economic development and investment opportunities.

Alastair Dobson, Taste of Arran and Arran Dairies managing director, said: 'When I met him I invited him to visit Arran to hear of our plans for the island and to meet VisitArran and tourism businesses to better understand how we can attract more Chinese visitors.'

Students

VisitArran has been aware of an increase already and the Consul General believes this will be down to visits from some of the 10,000 students studying in Scotland, along with their visiting friends and family.

'I also introduced him to businesses who are currently or planning exporting to China. This included our Taste of Arran business, Arran Aromatics and Arran Distillers.'

'He was impressed with the quality, authenticity and natural attributes of the Arran products and firmly believes they will sell well in the Chinese market.'



Consul General Mr Pan Xinchun is welcomed to the farmers' show by chairman Willie Robertson as Alastair Dobson and Sheila Gilmore look on. 01_B33china01

'He has offered to help Arran businesses where he can.'

Chief executive of VisitArran Sheila Gilmore added: 'The Consul General was very impressed with the island. During his short time on Arran he toured the whole island, visiting Isle of Arran Distillery, Brodick Castle, Home Farm Visitor Centre and the Arran Farmers' Show. He played golf at Shiskine and his son went pony trekking at North Sannox.'

'They stayed at Kinloch

Hotel and dined at the distillery, Black Grouse and Glenisle Hotel too and was particularly impressed with the warm reception he and

his family received everywhere they went. Mr Pan discussed many developments during his visit, and said his increased his

knowledge about Arran and triggered 'enthusiasm for developing links between China and Arran in terms of trade and tourism'.

Incentive for Arran GPs

A recruitment drive has been launched to encourage more junior doctors to consider a career in general practice.

An additional 100 new GP training places in Scotland have been created.

A £20,000 incentive for trainees will be provided for those who choose to take up one of the 37 posts in hard to fill locations, including Arran.

The SNP Government and NHS Education Scotland aim to highlight the benefits of living and working as a GP in Scotland through a series of adverts and a social media campaign.

These 100 new places bring the total number of GP specialist training posts to 439, following a recruitment round earlier in the year.

Arran's MSP Kenneth

Gibson said: 'General practice is the heart of our NHS and is becoming ever more important as we build the community health service of the future. That is why the SNP Government is investing to recruit more junior doctors into GP training

posts. However, some parts of the country have challenges recruiting because of their geographical location, including - hard as it may seem - Arran. Therefore a financial incentive is being introduced to fill these vital training places.'

Pencil portraits on display

The featured artist currently exhibiting at Brodick Library is Patsy Keen who is



An exhibition of portraits by local artist Patsy Keen on display at Brodick Library.

showing her portrait works in the medium of pencil. Patsy lives in Kildonan and is from a creative family, as her daughter Anna will follow her, exhibiting with her own works in oil which have sold throughout Europe.

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See this film in Corrie and Sannox village hall on Sunday August 14 at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Visitors flock to arts summer exhibition

Arran Visual Arts' summer exhibition took place over six days last week with hundreds of people attending the show in Lochranza and Catacol village hall. One of two annual exhibitions hosted by the group



Visitors view the acrylic and oil works on display.

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of amateur and professional artists, the exhibition usually attracts a large number of visitors who go to appreciate the works of local artists and to vote in the People's Choice for their favourite item in show which this year was won by Phil Holmes.

Many of the art works are also on sale.

Mediums

On exhibit, in various mediums, were paintings and drawings and ceramics as well as textiles, creative stitching and photography and printmaking. There were also items of jewellery, candles, weaving, woodwork and woven baskets.

Adding to the attractions and providing entertainment for the young children were the family art and



Eilidh and Douglas Paterson from Stewarton enjoy the family art workshop with their mum Iona.

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craft sessions which saw inspired young artists joining in and creating artworks of their own.

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Arran crime author has a stab at dagger win

An Arran author has been shortlisted for one of the UK's most prestigious literary prizes.

Tony Black, who has written more than a dozen novels, has been announced as one of four finalists in the CWA Dagger in the Library.

'It's a great honour to even be nominated but to make the shortlist is a little mind-blowing,' said the Whiting Bay-based writer.

'There's some great talent on the shortlist, Scotland's own Quintin Jardine to



Author Tony Black.

name but one, so it's great to be recognised alongside such talent.'

Unlike most other literary prizes, Dagger in the Library is awarded not for an individual book but for an author's entire body of work and is one of six highly-prized CWA Dagger Awards awarded to crime writers since 1955.

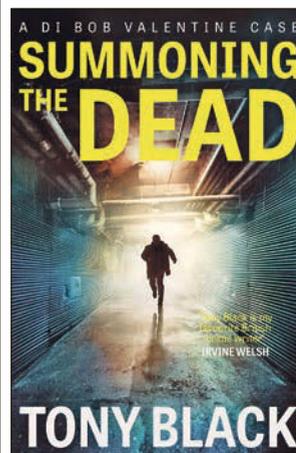
'Ian Rankin jokingly tweeted me that he was a little jealous, having never been nominated for the Dagger in the Library - but then he has won everything else!' said Tony.

The Crime Writers' Association (CWA) said the re-

sponse received from voters for the award was staggering, with 1,384 crime fans voting for 636 different authors, highlighting the extraordinary quality and variety in crime writing.

The full shortlist of Tony Black, Alison Bruce, Elly Griffiths and Quintin Jardine will now have their books assessed by a panel of CWA judges. The winner of the CWA Dagger in the Library will be announced on October 11.

*Tony's latest crime novel, *Summoning the Dead*, will also be published by Black & White Publishing in October.



The cover of his latest book which is published in October.



The parade of the massed pipes and drums. 01_B33games08

Bigger, brighter and better Brodick Highland Games

Words and pictures by
HUGH BOAG

Brodick Highland Games saw the biggest assembly of pipe bands in recent years, with six pipe bands making a magical sound as the massed pipe bands entertained the crowds at Ormidale Park on Saturday.

Brodick was packed for the games from early morning. Visitors poured off the ferries for the games and despite some weather disruption to the *MV Isle of Arran* everyone got here and got away without any problems. The Lochranza crossing was also busy.

The new bus terminus was where the bands warmed up and by the start time of 11.15am the main street was thronged with spectators. Leading the bands was Isle of

Arran Pipe Band, resplendent in their new kilts. Newly-crowned Scottish champions, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, were back this year, joined by the Isle of Cumbrae, Kilbarchan, Kirkintilloch and Maybole bands. Not since the Queen visited the games in 1997 has there been as many bands. There were seven that year.

The day was largely dry and warm which encouraged a large crowd who enjoyed events throughout the day, but with an official attendance of 3,850 numbers were slightly down on last year.

There was no shortage of entries for the heavy events which saw a healthy field of 13 men battle it out for the prizes. Seven times Scotland's strongest man Jamie Barr was also due to compete at the games, but a rib injury forced him to sit them out.

He did, however, bring the world famous McGlashan Stones. The atlas stones weighing between 110kg and 150kg are lifted from the ground on to large whisky barrels. After a demonstration by Edinburgh strongman Ewan Cameron, who just missed out on the last one, several of the heavy athletes tried their hand at lifting just the first one with Arran's own Tom and Rory Gilmore and Ernie Weir managing the feat.

The Rev James Currie Cup, for overall champion in heavy events, was closely contested with three contestants finishing just a point apart. Craig Nicolson on 22 points and Arran's Scott Clark with 23 points were just pipped by Pete Hart was overall champion with 24 points. The events were held under the watchful eye of Alan Pettigrew, who provided a humorous commentary throughout the afternoon.

There was a healthy local entry for the races and it was great to see Arran Junior Triathlon Club members taking

part wearing team colours. There was a good entry from runners from North Ayrshire Athletics.

Several local charities had stalls and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team burger stall did so well it ran out of burgers. The Smile of Arran charity was also at the event. As reported in last week's Banner, it had a stall at the event and representatives followed the pipe bands round the park during their second procession.

The day ended with the pipe bands marching back to the pier where the visiting bands were piped on to the ferry by the Arran pipes and drums before they ferry sounded its departure horn.

☐ More coverage on next three pages.



Fancy dress winners. 01_B33games05



Highland dancers are put through their paces. 01_

B33games23



Daniel Troy Jnr launches the hammer. 01_B33games17



Scottish Champions, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, make their way along the promenade.

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Boys against the girls in the children's tug of war.

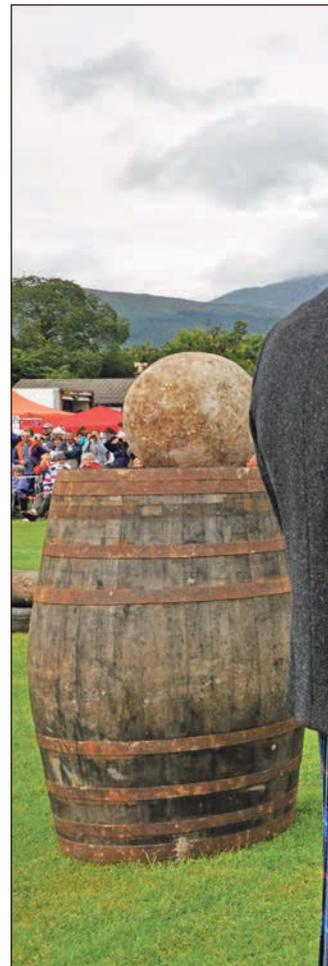
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A determined Ernie Weir of Machrie takes the 'farmers walk', carrying two 95kg acetylene tanks, encouraged by Ewan Cameron. 01_B33games41



A packed crowd watches the games. 01_B33games22



Ewan Cameron just fails to



Craig Nicholson throws the 56lb for height. 01_BH33games2



Isle of Arran Pipe Band are first out of the new bus terminus at the start of the parade. 01_B33games01



Arran piper Lindsay Proudfoot is presented with a bottle of whisky to help celebrate his 90th birthday. 01_B33games39



The Highland dancing contest in full swing. 01_B33games



Ewan Cameron lifts a 95kg log. 01_B33games36



Girls race along the track. 01_B33games12



Scott Clark wins the caber tossing contest. B01_B33games29



There was a close finish in this boys race. 01_B33games16



The pipe major tosses his m the massed pipe bands. 01_B



lift the heaviest of the McGlashan Stones weighing 150kg. He lifted the other three. 01_B33games28



Girls against the boys in the children's tug of war. 01_B33games42



A closely-fought contest on the pillow fight bar. 01_B33games34



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The fancy dress contest entries. 01_B33games04



A big crowd watches one of the boys' races. 01_B33games09



nace in the air as he leads

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Eventual winner Pete Hart swings the hammer. 01_B33games20



The mountain rescue burger stall did a roaring trade. 01_B33games21



The winner of the lucky programme, Liz Troy, who won the George Leslie Hamper.



Charles Currie presents the Rev James Currie Cup for overall heavy events champion to Pete Hart. Pete also received a salmon from the Scottish Salmon Company.



Archie McNicol with the Lady Jean Fforde Cup and Eilidh Hamill with the Bob Cameron Trophy.

Brodick Games results 2016

Trophy winners

Rev James Currie Cup, Overall champion in heavy events: Pete Hart

Tom Dolan Challenge Trophy: Scott Clark

Rodden Middleton Rosebowl, throwing the hammer: Craig Nicholson

Wm Cook & Sons Trophy, best caber toss: Scott Clark

McMillan Trophy: Scott Clark

The Lady Jean Fforde Cup: Archie McNicol

The Bob Cameron Trophy: Eilidh Hamill

Tom Dickie Trophy: Andy McNamara

Heavy event results: Putting the 16lb ball: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Scott Clark, 3 Pete Hart, 4 Daniel Troy Jnr, 5 Ernie Weir. Throwing 28lb weight for distance: 1 Daniel Troy Jnr, 2 Scott Clark, 3 Pete Hart, 4 Craig Nicholson, 5 Ernie Weir.

Throwing 56lb weight for distance: 1 Pete Hart, 2 Craig Nicholson, 3 Daniel Troy Jnr, 4 Scott Clark, 5 Ernie Weir. Throwing the Hammer (Scots Standing Style): 1 Craig Nicholson, 2

Scott Clark, 3 Pete Hart, 4 Dan Troy Jnr, 5 Ernie Weir. Throwing the 56lb weight for height: 1s Pete Hart, 2eq Scott Clark, Dan Troy Jnr, and Craig Nicholson, 5eq Rory Gilmore and Ernie Weir. Tossing the Caber: 1 Scott Clark, 2 Pete Hart, 3 Daniel Troy Jnr, 4 Craig Nicholson, 5 Ernie Weir. Special Challenge Caber: 1 Pete Hart. Junior Shot Putt: 1 Chris Bull.

Children's Fancy Dress: 1 Robyn McKinnie (Geisha), 2, Hari Boss (Dorothy and Toto), 3 Eliza and Correm Frame (Owl and the Pussycat).

Pillow Fight 8-11yrs: 1 Calvin Green, 2 Ellie Davidson. Pillow Fight 12-14yrs: 1 Andrew Barrington, 2 Sandy Dalziel. Pillow Fight 15yrs and over: 1 Chris Bull, 2 Thomas Walsh.

Standing triple jump: 1 Fearghas Thomson, 2 Lachlan Thomson, 3 Tom Walsh.

Races: 25m Boys 3-4yrs: 1 Charlie Gilmore, 2 Elliot Chesla, 3 Max Kier. 25m Girls 3-4yrs: 1 Holly Rodger, 2 Jenny Hume, 3 Hari Boss. 50m Boys 5-6yrs: 1 Archie Cruik-

shank, 2 Grant Rodger, 3 Jamie Rodge. 50m Girls 5-6yrs: Caitlin McQuaid, 2 Ana Elsa Robin, 3 Annie Risk. 50m Boys 7-8yrs: 1 Alex McSween, 2 Harry Gilmore, 3 Ross Gibson. 50m Girls 7-8yrs: Francesca Seton, 2 Amy Cameron, 3 Ruby Wright. 75m Boys 9-10yrs: 1 Alastair Mear, 2 Alastair McIver, 3 Ruari Barr. 75m Girls 9-10yrs: 1 Cacee McKenna, 2 Lauren Turner, 3 Emily Hunter.

100m Boys under 12yrs, Stewart Dickie Trophy: 1 Ben McPherson, 2 Sam Macleod, 3 Alastair Mair. 100m Girls under 12yrs, Stewart Dickie Trophy 1 Ellie Davidson, 2 Julie Hamill, 3 Caitlyn Houston. 100m Boys under 14yrs: 1 Callum McKenzie, 2 Zaiden Westcott, 3 Hamish Barr.

100m Girls under 14yrs: 1 Ellie Davidson, 2 Eilidh Hamill, 3 Megan Pettigrew. 100m Boys under 16yrs: 1 Tom Sillars, 2 Alexander Orderly, 3 Thomas Walsh. 100m Girls under 16yrs: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Leonie McCutcheon, 3 Eilidh Hamill. 100m Men 16yrs and over: 1 Calum McWilliam, 2 Seamus Thomson,

3 Jamie Stevenson. 100m Women 16yrs and over: 1 Sarah Gilmour, 2 Sarah MacNeill, 3 Karen Green.

800m Boys under 14yrs: 1 Ben McPherson, 2 James McCarthy, 3 Albin Robin. 800m Girls under 14yrs: 1 Megan Pettigrew, 2 Emma Donnachy, 3 Eilidh Hamill. 800m Boys under 16yrs: 1 Joseph Owen, 2 Alexander Orderly, 3 Louis Walsh. 800m Girls under 16yrs: 1 Leonie McCutcheon, 2 Phoebe Lewis, 3 Lara Diamond. 800m Men 16yrs and over: 1 Fearghas Thomson, 2 Calum McWilliam, 3 Jamie Stevenson. 800m Women 16yrs and over: 1 Sarah MacNeill, 2 Sarah Gilmour.

Lady Jean Cup 100m Men, confined to Arran: 1 Archie McNicol, 2 George Fleming, 3 John Lee Hoggart. Bob Cameron Trophy 100m Ladies, confined to Arran: Eilidh Hamill, 2 Nicole Bunyan, 3 Abbie McKelvie.

200m Boys under 14yrs: 1 Calum McKenzie, 2 Cameron Bilsland, 3 James McCarthy. 200m Girls under 14yrs: 1 Ellie Davidson, 2 Megan Pettigrew, 3

Julie Hamill. 200m Boys under 16yrs: 1 Alexander Orderley, 2 Thomas Walsh, 3 Louis Walsh.

200m Girls under 16yrs: 1st Phoebe Lewis, 2 Leonie McCutcheon, 3 Lara Diamond. 200m Men 16yrs and over: 1 Calum McWilliam, 2 Seamus Thomson, 3 Fearghas Thomson. 200m Women 16yrs and over: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Eleanor Kane, 3 Lara Diamond.

Tom Dickie Trophy 880yds, confined to Arran: 1 Andy McNamara, 2 Stewart Newall. 1500m Boys under 16yrs: 1 Joseph Owen, 2 Louis Walsh, 3 Cameron Bilsland. 1500m Girls under 16yrs: 1 Leonie McCutcheon, 2 Mary Jane MacNally, 3 Megan Pettigrew.

1500m Men 16yrs and over: 1 Joseph Owen, 2 Fearghas Thomson, 3 Jamie Stevenson. 1500m Women 16yrs and over: 1 Leonie McCutcheon, 2 Fiona Clarke, 3 Phoebe McCutcheon. Mixed Relay: 1 Musselburgh Rovers, 2 Arran Ramblers, 3 North Ayrshire Athletics Club.

Tug of War: 1 Ormidale, 2 Past Champions.



Archie McNicol on his way to victory in the Lady Jean Fforde Cup race as dad Bill and Ian Small bring up the rear. 01_B33games25



Eilidh Hamill on her way to winning the Bob Cameron Trophy. 01_B33games26

Lamlash lift eight trophies at SWI Federation Show

Lamlash SWI were the biggest winners at this year's Arran SWI Federation handicraft show which was held last Wednesday at the community theatre in Lamlash.

As reported in last week's *Banner*, a huge 460 entries were received this year from the five institutes on the island.

Taking top spot was Lamlash with eight trophies, including the best Community Tray and the Best in Show which was won by Alison Thompson, Kildonan lifted seven, Shiskine took six and Corrie and Sannox and Kilmory each took one.

The theme of this year's event was Alice in Wonderland and the Mad Hatters Tea Party. Show convenor Nancy Bremner and president Anne Pringle presented the trophies at a prizegiving ceremony and thanked everyone for their contributions and for the large amount of baby knitwear

produced by the institutes and donated to the neonatal unit at Crosshouse hospital every year.

The full results were as follows: Trophy donated by the late Duchess of Montrose for best Community Tray, (class 19), Lamlash SWI. Trophy donated by the late Dr James Buchanan for Institute gaining most points in show, Shiskine SWI. Trophy donated by the late Miss E Ferguson, Lamlash for best entry in handcraft sections, Alison Thompson, Lamlash SWI. The Jean Anderson Memorial Tray for runner up to best entry in handcraft sections, (class 3A), Mary Adams, Lamlash SWI. Trophy donated by the late Mrs J Petrie, Lamlash, for most points gained by an Institute with 20 or fewer members, Kildonan SWI. Margaret Haddow Trophy for community handcrafts, (class 18), Shiskine SWI. 7 The

Mary W McGarrity Memorial Trophy, donated by the late Mr J McGarrity, Corrie, for competitor gaining most points in handcraft sections, Nancy Bremner, Kildonan SWI. Isle of Arran Federation Trophy for competitor gaining most points in baking section, (class 20), Eleanor MacKinnon, Kilmory SWI.

Trophy donated by the late Mrs H Mitchell for competitor gaining most points in Class 21, Alice Anderson, Shiskine SWI. Trophy donated by the late Mrs M Frew for Institute with 25 or fewer members gaining most points in class 19, Kildonan SWI.

Trophy donated by Arran Provisions for member gaining most points in class 17 – four item – Jenny Harper, Shiskine SWI. Kilmory Trophy donated by the late Mrs Dale, Corriecravie for most points gained in class 15, Art, Kathleen Sowden, Lamlash SWI. Queen's Jubilee Trophy donated by Mrs Elma Stevenson, (class 5B, Canvas Work), Angela Cassels, Shiskine SWI.

The Rachel Trophy donated by Betty Bremner, Lamlash in memory of her sister Ray Bremner, for best knitted article in show (class 1), Morag Gardner, Lamlash SWI. Brenda Waddell Trophy for best knitted soft toy, (class 6b), Nancy Bremner, Kildonan SWI. The Helen MacAlister Quaich for best thrift article (class 12), Nancy Bremner, Kildonan SWI.

Magazine Trophy, Atrésario Harmonia Shrug, (class 10), Nancy Bremner, Kildonan SWI. Literature Prize, (class 13e), Anne Pringle, Corrie and Sannox SWI. Marvin Elliott Trophy for baby jacket knitted in two or three ply (class 11), Morag Gardner, Lamlash SWI.

The Nan Murchie Memorial Rose Bowl, (class 15A), Kathleen Sowden, Lamlash SWI. Joan Crawley Trophy for best entry embroidery (class 4), Angela Cassels, Shiskine SWI.

The Gardner Trophy donated by Morag Gardner, runner-up to best in show, Helen and Sarah Good, Kildonan SWI. Best In Show, Corrie and Sannox Trophy donated by Anne Pringle, Alison Thompson, Lamlash SWI.



Kate Mackintosh took first prize for her card making skills in class 8C. 02_B335W103



The baby knitwear produced for the neonatal unit at Crosshouse hospital. 02_B335W102



The entries attracted a lot of visitors throughout the day in the community theatre. 02_B335W101

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Lining up for a sheep class judging. 01_B33show01



Vicky Yuill takes a fence in the showjumping event. 01_B33show04

All the trophy the Farmers'

Another successful Arran Farmers' Society Show has come and gone but the organisers are already thinking ahead to next year, with suggestions that changes may be afoot.

Secretary Christine McBride said: 'The society would like to thank all who helped out during the run-up to the show, on the day itself, and the clear up. Without you all, whether a member, an exhibitor, a stance holder or a volunteer, the show would not be able to take place.'

'Last, but not least, to the general public a massive 'thank you' for continuing to support our event – we hope to see you all again next year, on Wednesday August 2, 2017.'

As reported in last week's *Banner*, for probably the first time in the show's 180-year history, there were no dairy cattle on show, meaning these trophies were not presented. There were also no Suffolk sheep or Clydesdale horse entries.

The silver cups and trophies for 2016 were awarded as follows: The James Bone Esq. Memorial Cup for the Overhead Championship of the Show, N and D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm. The Robert Heggie Perpetual Cup for the Reserve Overhead Championship, T Warwick, The Old Stables, Kings Cross. The Late Mary, Duchess of Montrose, Challenge Trophy for the

Championship in the Cattle Section, N and D Henderson. The Major Thomas Milligan R E Cup for the Championship in the Beef Section, N and D Henderson. Silver Chalice for the Reserve Champion in the Beef Section, A Soutter, South Feorline, Shiskine. The John Paterson Bowl for Opposite Sex to Beef Champion, A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine. Silver Cup for the male Champion in the Fat Stock Breeds, N and P Brown, Clachaig, Kilmory.

The Lagg Challenge Cup for the Best Suckled Calf, N and D Henderson. James Inglis Trophy for Best Cow in Milk bred in Arran, N and D Henderson. Perpetual Trophy for Pure Bred Traditional/Native Cattle Breeds, N and P Brown. The W A Robertson Perpetual Trophy for the Best Stock Handler under 16 in the section, confined to Arran, C McNeish, Heathcote, Slidery.

John M. Hamilton Perpetual Trophy for the Championship in the Pony Section, T Warwick. The Beverley Morrow Trophy for the Reserve Champion in the Pony Section, L Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine. Murchie Harvey Trophy for Overall Winner in Classes 25/26/27/28/29, T Warwick. Corriegills Arabian Stud Trophy for the Best In-Hand Horse or Pony in Classes 20/21/22/23, T Warwick. Saddle Up Trophy for Overhead Working Hunter, A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine. Arran's Cheese Shop Trophy for Reserve Champion

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y winners at Society Show



Deborah Robertson presents the overhead champion trophy to Neil Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm. 01_B33show02



Judge John Currie examines the three-month-old Limousin calf who would become overhead champion. 01_B33show03

petual Trophy for the Best of Opposite Sex to Champion, R and N McMaster.

McNiven Trophy for Champion in Other Breeds Sheep Section, N and P Brown. Robt. Young & Company Trophy for Reserve Champion in Other Breeds Sheep Section, N and P Brown. Fleece Trophy presented by Wool Growers Ltd, J K and C Bone. Drummond Trophy for Sheep with Most Points, N and D Henderson. Perpetual Trophy presented by the Prudential Assurance Company for Traditional Sheep Breeds, N and P Brown. Arran Gas Company Perpetual Trophy for Best Three Prime Lambs, N and D Henderson. Bank of Scotland Cup for Best Pet Lamb, Beth McCarthy, Drumaghinier, Shiskine. Perpetual Rosebowl for the Best Shorn Fleece, R and N McMaster.

Mrs P Muir Perpetual Trophy for Best Dog, K McGoogan, Culzean with Hayley. Arran Farmers' Society Trophy for Reserve Champion Dog, C Gowing, with Spring. Arran Fine Foods Trophy for Champion Stick, D Brown, Ridgeway, Corriecravie. George Battison Perpetual Cup for Best Shepherd's Crook, D Brown. Archie Hamilton Agricultural Engineers Trophy for Champion Vintage Tractor, L Taylor, Corriegills.

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

Working Hunter, L Ashley, Ardloss, Machrie. Arran Farmer's Society Perpetual Trophy for Best Rider 14 years and under, E Armitage, Loudon, Whiting Bay. John C. Picken Perpetual Trophy for Best Pony 13.2 Hands or under, A West, Ben Varrey, Whiting Bay. Kings Cross point Memorial Trophy for Child Handler with Pony 13.2 Hands or under, D McNamara, Rowallan, Whiting Bay.

Craig Wilson Ltd. Trophy for Overhead Champion Sheep, N and D Henderson, Morton Perpetual Cup for Best Male or Female Blackfaced Sheep, I Paterson, Glenree. John Selkirk Memorial Trophy for Reserve Champion in Blackface Sheep Section. J K and C Bone, Glenkiln. R J Tod Perpetual Trophy for Male Champion Blackfaced Sheep, G Tod, Balgowan. G and J Tod & Sons Silver Cup for Best Home Bred Male, I Paterson. Perpetual Trophy for Best Home Bred Female, J K and C Bone. F H McLeod & Sons Trophy for Best Woolled Sheep, M McNeish, Craigview, Kilmory. Duke of Montrose Silver Award for Best Leicester, Male or Female, R Lammie, Craigraineach, Kildonan. The E Ferguson Ltd Trophy for Reserve Champion in Leicester Sheep Section, R Lammie. Royal Bank of Scotland Cup for Champion Texel, N and D Henderson. The Donnie McDonald, Balegra, Perpetual Cup for the Reserve Champion Texel, R and N McMaster, Springfield, West Bennan. The James Craig Ltd., Per-

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Impressive line up of artists and events at McLellan Arts Festival

This year's McLellan Arts Festival begins just as the Arran Open Studios event is winding up so after visiting the studios of the various island artists, a host of entertainment, music, theatre, poetry and art awaits the art aficionados visiting the island for the month long festival.

The Arran Open Studios take place from today (Friday) till Monday, while

the McLellan Arts Festival which starts on the same date continues until Saturday September 17.

The schedule for the festival includes several outstanding visiting artists starting on Tuesday August 16 when Wendy MacIsaac, the talented and internationally-acclaimed Cape Breton fiddler plays in Whiting Bay village hall. Wendy has been described

as an inspiration to listen to and much foot tapping – and dancing if you wish – will take place as she masterfully makes her fiddle sing with the traditional music of her Scottish ancestry continued and loved in Nova Scotia.

More amazing rhythms of a very different sort can be heard on Friday August 19 in the community theatre at the Arran High School when innovative musician and composer Ricardo Curbelo takes listeners on a colourful journey through different Latin American countries on harp, cuatro, maracas and vocals.

Vibrant, energetic and jazzy pieces contrast with captivating melodies and romantic vocals. The sound of his harps, which he designs and constructs himself, adds to the uniqueness of his performance giving listeners quite a different experience of harp music.

The community theatre will continue to buzz with excitement as the following evening, Saturday August 20, sees an interesting and entertaining production of Shakespeare's last play, *The Tempest*, along with excerpts from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* performed by the Durham Shakespeare Company – a tribute particularly fitting in remembrance of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth.

The following weekend



Cape Breton fiddler Wendy MacIsaac.

brings the McLellan poetry weekend and the super sizzling festival ceilidh held on Saturday August 27, this year in Whiting Bay hall, which will include local artists Tim Pomeroy, The Drambusters, Angus Adamson on pipes and The Buchaneers, with members of the Arran Jazz Band.

Brochure are available all over the island and tickets will be available at the doors on the night and are also available online at arranevents.com and, Saturday August 13 at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick.

Children and young people go free to all events and a supersaver festival ticket can be yours for £40, which allows entry to all 11 performances.



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Better weather sees many birds attempting to raise a second brood

While the mean temperature in July was a little lower than June and the rainfall for the month was more than double the rainfall in June. The period May to June this year was warmer, mean temperature two degrees higher, and drier, 30 per cent less rain, than the same period last year. This was more conducive than last year to the successful breeding of many species of birds.

For some of our avian summer visitors, such as the warblers and hirundines, which rely on insects to raise their young, the weather conditions were better than last year. Whereas last year many of these species had given up and left, this year many seemed to be attempting to raise a second brood. Examples included: house martins and swallows starting a second brood in Kildonan on 8th, sand martins with young in Kilpatrick on 13th, grasshopper warbler setting up breeding territory again in Lakin on 15th, a family of blackcaps, the young with brown caps, in Lamlash on 28th and at least 12 willow warbler including many young in a small patch of High Kildonan on 29th.

Other signs of a successful breeding season included: 10 blue tit at Gortonallister on 8th, 20 lesser redpoll on Corriecravie Moor on 12th, 105 house sparrow in Slidery on 15th, 25 chaffinch in Margnaheglish 24th and, encouragingly, after the devastation caused

by a trichomonas parasite, young greenfinch in Cordon on 8th. It was not just small birds, some larger species also seemed to be doing well, including 40 black guillemot by King's Caves on 3rd, shelduck



A golden plover in breeding plumage.

Photo by Nick Giles

with 10 young at Kilpatrick Point on 14th, thriving herring and lesser black-backed gull colonies on the Holy Isle on 20th, young great spotted woodpecker in Lamlash on 24th and six common sandpiper on Slidery Shore on 27th.

July marks the end of the breeding season for some birds. It can be an interesting time looking out for birds that are heading south from their breeding grounds further north. This year there was an exceptional sighting when on Sunday 31 July, a juvenile red-necked phalarope was photographed on a pond on a farm in Slidery. The red-necked phalarope breeds in the Arctic regions of north America and Eurasia. It is migratory, wintering pelag-

ically off central-western South America, in the Arabian Sea, and in central Indonesia. This species is a rare vagrant to Arran. It had stopped off on its long flight to refuel. The last Arran record was in August 1983. The bird was also present on August 1 but there was no sign of it on August 2.

On the 27th, a number of these northern breeding species, many still in their breeding plumage, were reported including: a whimbrel at Kildonan, a green-shank at Cosyden and six dunlin, two sanderling and eight turnstone at Machriewaterfoot.

These are some other July reports of birds which are already dispersing, flocking or migrating south after breeding: 78 curlew at Corriecravie on 15th, four black-headed gull at Sandbraes on 21st, 15 redshank in Lamlash on 24th, four sandwich tern at Sandbraes on 24th, 12 golden plover at Cosyden on 26th, 26 red-breasted merganser at Machriewaterfoot on 27th, one white wagtail on Slidery Shore also on 27th and three wheatear on Silver Sands on 30th.

More than 100 species were reported in July. Other highlights included: two moorhen on the pond by Machrie Golf Course on 5th, a pair of bullfinch in Dippin on 9th, two black-throated diver in Brodick Bay on 12th, two water rail in Corriecravie on 17th, six swift over High Kildonan on 19th, one com-



It is worth looking out for young cuckoo.

Photograph: Dennis Morrison

mon crossbill in Slidery on 26th and 13 Canada geese on Cleats Shore on 29th. Interestingly, whereas earlier in the year there were reports of up to 80 gannets together, in July all reports

were of single birds. Finally, in the June Bird Notes I wrote: 'Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran. Throughout May

and June there have been many widespread reports. People need no prompting to report the first cuckoo. How about reporting when you hear or see the last cuckoo this year?' My thanks go to those of you who have responded.

By now the adults will have left the UK leaving the young to be brought up by their foster parents. The young have a distinctive white spot on the nape of the neck. The latest date that I have had so far for a young cuckoo is one on Newton on July 9.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk



It's been a successful breeding year for the house sparrow. Photograph: Carl Reavey



A red-necked phalarope, the first Arran record in more than 30 years.

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Saturday 20th August
THE TEMPEST
Community Theatre Lamlash. 8.00pm £10

Friday 26th August
EVENING WITH AWARD WINNING POET, DAVID CONSTANTINE
Music Arran Dawn. Little Rock Cafe, Brodick. 8.00pm £10

Saturday 27th August
POETRY WORKSHOP WITH DAVID CONSTANTINE
Corrie Hall 11.00am – 3.30pm. £10 (including lunch). Booking essential (01770 810640 or 01770 700 464)

Saturday 27th August
FAMOUS FESTIVAL CEILIDH
Whiting Bay Hall. 7.30 £10 (including supper) BYOB

Sunday 28th August
McLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL AT CORRIE CHURCH.
Sacred Music. 12.00 noon. Free

Sunday 28th August
FOUND IN TRANSLATION PANEL DISCUSSION
Brodick Library 2.30 – 4.00pm. Free

Monday 29th August
FILM – 45 YEARS
Introduced by David Constantine on whose short story the film is based. Charlotte Rampling and Tom Coudenay. Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. 8.00pm Free (donation)

Wednesday 31st August
ARRAN CLAMJAMFRY
Music and memories with John Sillars and music. Various Moons. Attachorvie, Lamlash. 8.00pm. £8.00

Friday 2nd September
OPERA GALA NIGHT
Community Theatre, Lamlash. 7.30pm. £10

Saturday 3rd September
DARK DOWN
(based on Watership Down) and The Little Prince (suitable for adults and older children) Corrie and Sannox Hall. 8.00pm £8

Sunday 4th September
ROSSINI. PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE
Community Theatre, Lamlash. 7.30 £10

Saturday 17th September
CLASSIC BUSKERS
Brodick Hall 7.30. £10

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See Arran Banner and website, arrantheatreandarts.org for more details.

The 2016 McLellan Festival will run from Friday August 12th to Saturday 17th September 2016. Tickets for performances can be bought online at arranevents.com, at the Book and Card Shop, Brodick from Saturday 13th August or at the door.

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THE ARRAN

BANNER

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 17 August, 1996

Surprise surprise

As young girls growing up in Glasgow, Sally Donaldson and her best pal Betty Pollock used to get dressed up to go dancing at Denniston Palais on a Saturday night. Betty had a wee sister, Dorothy, but at nine years younger she was too young to go with them. As time passed Betty and Sally lost touch but Sally had heard that the younger sister had gone into show business and had changed her name to the stage name of Dorothy Paul.

Sally eventually moved to The Avenues in Lamlash where one month ago she was looking forward to a concert at the Lamlash Gala week. To Sally's surprise Dorothy Paul was performing at the concert and after an invited visit back to her dressing room, Dorothy called her sister and put Betty and Sally back in touch. The first time they had spoken in 44 years, the two

friends have since met up in Cumbria for a reunion where they had lots of catching up to do.

Development brief

A development brief went before North Ayrshire Council on Wednesday concerning development of two areas at Arranton, Lamlash. One area is the field behind the police station. This is owned by John Thomson Construction and housing is being proposed with an entrance via the present fire station site.

The second is owned by Mrs Carswell of Lamlash and is the whole field between Benlister burn and Murray estate. One corner of this would be for the new fire station and the rest for housing.

Contained in the proposal is the closing of the Cordon road and a new road being built midway between Arranton bridge and the Murray estate.



Jamie Wilson and his Order of the White Rose were the Viking marauders at the week long Corrie Capers celebration which attracted a crowd of almost 400 visitors. B33twe04

Altercation

There was an altercation between two stallholders as they set up for the Arran Farmers' Show last week.

The night before, one man's stall fell on another man's car. Shouting began and the man with the damaged vehicle decided to vent his anger on the first stallholder's car.

Police were called, tempers were cooled and both did good business during the show.



All of the trophy winners pictured at last Wednesday's Arran Horticultural Society flower show. B33twe02



Drew Crawford of Lamlash is the new owner and postmaster of Corrie Stores after taking over from Carole Beardsley. B33twe01



David Morrison shoots for goal in the cup final held between Brodick and Southend last Saturday which was ultimately won by Southend. B33twe03



Fiona Crawford from the Isle of Arran Distillers is pictured at Shiskine Golf Club Centenary Open with Norrie McIntyre, 1st class winner, Phil Taylor, open champion, and Pat Adamson, Shiskine lady captain. B33twe06

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
Brodict Castle, Garden Open
Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour
Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green
Arran Heritage Museum
Soap making & Candle Dipping

Saturday 13th August

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
RNLI Shop
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Live music
Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Brodict Bowling Club Rink Game
Flow Yoga
Green woodworking workshop
Live music - Jonnie Scotland
Live music - Slider
Live music - Alan Frew
Arran Open Studios

Sunday 14th August

Family Games
Fun in the pool
RNLI Shop
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA Meeting
Live Music - Biffy sings Jazz
Childrens Fun Day
Arran Open Studios
Brodict Beach BBQ - rescheduled

Monday 15th August

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Morning Fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit Training
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Citizens advice
Lamlash Aerobix
RunArran
Tae Kwondo
Summer Bridge
Coffee Morning
Wbay fun week - Mini Olympics
Live music
Coffee morning

Tuesday 16th August

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
RunArran Run Coaching
RUNFIT
Open Cricket Session
Lamlash Drama Club
Flow Yoga
Live music
McLellan Arts Festival - Wendy Maclsaac
The Forgetful Princess
Childrens Castle Secrets tour
Brodict Castle walk

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

Auchrannie Road 11am-1 pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Lamlash, 2-4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30-11am
9.30am-noon
Fiddlers, Brodict from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-noon
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
Arran land Initiative, Whiting Bay, 11am-1pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
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Auchrannie Games Hall, 3-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
Lamlash, 2-4pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 2.30-5pm
Brodict church Hall, 5-6.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Arran Heritage Museum, Brodict, 1.30pm
www.arranopenstudios.com
Brodict Beach, 2pm

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9-10.30am and 4-6pm
9am-2pm and 4-6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Brodict bowling club, 6.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am-1.30pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
Brodict Church Hall Adults and over 10s, 7-8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
The Jetty, 2.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30-10pm
Whiting bay church hall, 10.30am-noon

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9-10.30am and 4-6pm
9am-2pm and 4-6pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am-1pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6.45am
Brodict Astro Turf 7-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30-9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30-10pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
Brodict Castle, 1.30pm
Brodict Castle, 2pm
Brodict Castle, 2pm

Wednesday 17th August

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game
Live music
Unplugged music night
Drift Inn Quiz
Roundhouse Open day
Vile Victorian children's tour
Mixed Hockey
Dog classes
Summer Ceilidh
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Archaeology of Arran Talks
Coffee Morning
Three Beinns Mountain Walk
Garden Volunteers

Thursday 18th August

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Live music
Ladies Hockey
RUNFIT
Cardiac Rehab
Burger & Quiz
Winter Bowls
Tennis senior club night
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine cub Scouts & Beavers
Castle treasures tour
Whiting Bay Market
RUNFIT
Northend Ceilidh Night
Woodland survival skills

Friday 19th August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
AA Meeting
Live music
Tae Kwondo
Factory Tours
Castle Secret Tours
Open Mic and Karaoke
Frydays @ Lochranza Field Centre
McLellan Arts Festival - Ricardo Curbelo

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



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16/00717/PP; Torbeg Farm, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Conversion of redundant agricultural building to form two dwelling houses, together with demolition of existing byre and hayshed and formation of access road and parking.

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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday, 14th August

Holy Communion, 11am.

Rev Canon Simon

Mackenzie,

Priest-in-Charge.

Coffee after service.

Wednesday 17th August

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

ALL WELCOME

Saturday 13th August

All are invited to attend St Margaret's August social event, with cream teas and a warm welcome. There will be musical accompaniment.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine

Independent but working

together

Minister:

Rev Angus Adamson,

Parish Assistant:

Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 14th August

Lochranza Church and

Pirmill Churches 10.15am

Morning Worship at

Lochranza including the

Sacrament of the

Lord's Supper

Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning

Worship including the Sacrament

of the Lord's Supper

Brodick Church, 10.30am

Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer

Meeting,

12noon Morning Worship.

There will also be a Service of

Worship in Montrose House

at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 14th August

Rev Lily McKinnon

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Lamlash 11.30 am

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Sunday 14th August

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son at 10.30am.

The Sunday School begins

again and we look forward to

welcoming our young

people back.

Tea and coffee will be served in

the transept immediately after

the service - please stay and en-

joy more fellowship. All most

welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 14th August

Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 14th August

Morning Service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge,

Glen Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

All welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 14th August

Service 11am at Ormidale

Pavilion

Tea and Coffee after the

service.

Wednesday at 7.30pm Home

Fellowship Group for

Bible Study and Prayer.

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Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 14th August

Shiskine 11am (Church on road

between Blackwaterfoot and

Machrie)

Brodick 6pm (Church behind

post office)

Rev Benjamin von Rensburg



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday August 3, The

Betty Black Trophy. Due to

the weather and course con-

ditions underfoot this com-

petition did not take place.

It will now be played on

a date to be announced.

Check the club notice board

and website for further de-

tails.

Sunday August 7, The

Lifeboat Competition. The

last of our charity support

opens drew fields of 20

gents and seven ladies on a

morning beset by weather

warnings for strong winds.

Happily, these did not ma-

terialise although condi-

tions were blustery at times.

In the gents competition,

CSS stayed at 63 and Jamie

Macpherson won with a

two under par 61. 1. Jamie

Macpherson 5, 61 and low-

est gross, 2. Markus Kroner

8, 62, 3. Stuart Pater-

son 11, 63, ACB, 4. Stewart

McGregor 23, 63. There

were Magic twos from

Wolfi Kroner @11th, Alan

Foggo and Stuart Paterson

at 14th and Jamie Macpher-

son at 16th. There were also

had nearest the pin prizes

at 4th and 17th won by Stan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CHAPPELL - On behalf of the

family, Graham Chappell would

like to pass on his thanks for

those who attended Mum's fu-

neral on Tuesday and for those

who couldn't attend but took

time to pass on their messages

for Dad and the rest of the fam-

ily. Mum had exceptional care at

Cumbrae Lodge, Irvine for over

5 years and later at Crosshouse

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DEATHS

ALEXANDER - Margaret Alexander (Sillars)

Peacefully at home, Margaret,

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Jim, Mum to Ron, Sue and

Claire, Mother-in-law and

Grandmother.

Funeral service at Church of

Scotland, Brodick, on Thursday

18 August at 11.30 and after

at Brodick New Cemetery, to

which all are welcome.

Grateful thanks to all medical

and care staff.

Family flowers only - donations

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O'CONNOR - Beryl Margaret

Peacefully at home on Thurs-

day, 28th July 2016. Beryl,

aged 80 years, beloved wife

of Billy.

Funeral service at Woodside

Crematorium, Paisley on Mon-

day, 15th August at 2:00pm to

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port available from Ardrossan

harbour at 12:00 noon and re-

turn for 6:00 pm ferry. Colour-

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Many thanks to all her carers

and home helps.



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also made a generous dona-

tion to RNLI funds to aug-

ment the £54 raised by the

competition. Our grateful

thanks to them.

Sunday August 7, The

Lifeboat Stableford. In

the ladies stableford, sev-

en played and CSS came

in at 33 points, Beth Pat-

erson just edged first place

from Elizabeth Rankin and

Christine McLeod, all three

of them coming in with 30

points. 1. Beth Paterson

9, 30 pts ACB, 2. Eliza-

beth Rankin 29, 30 ACB, 3.

Christine McLeod 22, 30.

Fixtures: Sunday August

14, The Aitken Rosebowl

and AGA Arran Grouse

qualifier. This is a four-

somes competition, one

draw for partners at 10am.

Monday August 15, AGA

Champion of Champions at

5.30pm. Wednesday August

17, Summer Trophy.

Friday August 19, AGA

Champion of Champions

at 5.30pm. Saturday August

20 and Sunday 21, Kilbride

Challenge at Lamlash and

Whiting Bay, the team sheet

is on the clubhouse notice

board, please enter your de-

tails if you wish to play on

either or both days.

Brodick Golf Club

Thursday August 4, Sum-

mer Cup, 21 played, CSS

64. Russell Duncan 74-

14=60, Iain Keen 79-

17=62, Terry Raeside 73-

10=63. Scratch, Ross

Duncan 67.

Sunday August 7, Bran-

don Qualifier, 16 played,

well done to you both.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday August 3,

Wednesday Cup. Due to

some course flooding the

competition was restrict-

ed to nine holes. 1. A Mac-

Donald 37-5.5=31.5, 2. M I

MacDonald 41-7=34 BIH,

3. A Cumming 43-9=34.

Saturday July 30, Sum-

mer Cup. 1. A MacDon-

ald 69-11=58, 2. Mathew

MacDonald 74-14=60, 3. L

Dickson 70-9=61. Scratch,

E McKinnon 66. Magic

twos, A MacDonald x2, L

Dickson.

Lochranza Golf Club

Saturday August 6, Cham-

pionship and Captains Prize

Allan takes Lamlash Open title against a strong field

The 33rd annual Lamlash Open attracted a large turnout of more than 113 entrants who took part in the open competition held last weekend. On Saturday golfing began at 8am with the last game scheduled for 5pm to accommodate a well-know visitor who was arriving on the 3.20pm ferry.

The weekend weather was mostly enjoyed by all apart from the late starters who experienced the worst conditions on both days. Wind Saturday, rain Sunday.

The course received many compliments; the green staff presenting a superb course with slick greens where three putting became a common feature for some, probably assisted by the strong gusts of wind. A scratch player on Saturday scored 65 while on Sunday 76 – perhaps influenced by Saturday celebrations – however he began well but it was three holes 10 to 12 on the back nine which blotted his card.

Every hole on both days was sponsored by members

and local business which the club thanked at the prize giving ceremony along with sponsors of the event; Arran Domestic, Brewers, Drift Inn, Pierhead Tavern and Lamlash Bay Hotel.

During the day the charity Smile of Arran visited the club on their walk around the island where they were assisted by member Ian Hutchison who helped raise more than £500 for their charity.

On Sunday evening the clubhouse had a capacity audience for the presentation which was ably presented by Captain Stuart Campbell, with other members of the committee being congratulated for the fine organisation of the Open event.

The weekend was rounded off with Tom's disco which was enjoyed into the wee hours. The dates of the 2017 Open will be Friday August 4 to Sunday August 6.

Full results of the open are as follows; Saturday first 1 drive was won by Todd Jameson, 1st n/pin K.

Glen, 2nd n/pin N.Young, 3rd 1 drive for 13+ E Docherty, 3rd n/pin S Cameron, 4th n/pin B Skinner, 5th n/pin D Currie, 6th 1 drive Serge, 6th n/pin C Harvey, 7th n/pin M Elliot, 8th n/pin D Hutchison, 9th n/pin C Harvey, 10th n/pin A Colquhoun, 11th 1 drive for 13+ M Reid, 11th n/pin C Campbell, 12th not won, 13th n/pin M Carnegie, 14th n/pin C Richardson, 15th n/pin T Jameson, 16th n/pin M MacDonald, 17th n/pin P Jameson, 18th target W Currie, 18th n/pin A Winship. 11 - Magic twos, N Cameron 4th, R Adams 17th, S Campbell 16th, M Carnegie 13th, C Wall 17th, M MacDonald 16th, D Hutchison 8th and 16th, K Ferguson 16th, A Macaskill 16th and P Jameson 17th. Pierhead Tavern cup over 18 holes, 3 Stuart Campbell 67-5=62, 2 Allan Merry 70-8=62 BIH, 1 Ian Taylor 77-17=60.

Sunday first 1 drive was won by J McCusker, 1st n/pin N Cameron, 2nd n/pin S.Campbell, 3rd 1 drive 13+ S Campbell, 3rd n/pin



Holding the Lamlash Open trophy and the Lamlash Bay Hotel local golf champion trophy is the winner Allan Colquhoun with son and caddie Angus.

A Barclays, 4th n/pin J Adams, 5th n/pin M Carnegie, 6th 1 drive B Robertson, 6th n/pin R Malone, 7th n/pin J Carr, 8th n/pin P Bremner, 9th n/pin P Gossman, 10th n/pin N Cameron, 11th

1 drive 13+ C Watson, 11th n/pin S MacFarlane, 12th not won, 13th n/pin C McCance, 14th n/pin I Gillan, 15th n/pin A Barclay, 16th n/pin A Barclay, 17th n/pin A Crawford, 18th target D

Hutchison, 18th n/pin A Smith. Nine Magic twos I Gillan 14th, B Meldrum 16th, N Cameron 16th, A Moore 2nd, P Bremner 8th, S Campbell 5th, G Hutchison 16th, A Wales 16th and M Wren 2nd. Drift Inn Cup over 18 holes, 3 C Watson 79-16=63, BIH, 2 A Colquhoun 71-9=62 BIH, 1 J Conlan 70-8=62, BIH.

Senior scratch, Ian Gillan with 67 and 69=136, Senior shield, Ian Taylor with 60 and 69=129.

Scratch Quaich, 3 S Cameron 65 and 76=141, 2 S Campbell 67 and 72=139, 1 I Gillan 67 and 69=136. Best island resident, 3 N McIntyre 66 and 64=130 BIH, 2 S Campbell 62 and 67=129, BIH, 1 A Colquhoun 67 and 62=129.

The Open Cup 36 holes, booby prize, Ian Hutchison 84 and 97=181, 5 N McIntyre 66 and 64=130, BIH, 4 I Taylor 60 and 69=129, 3 S Campbell 62 and 67=129 BIH, 2 C Watson 66 and 63=129 BIH. Winner of the 33rd Lamlash Open, Allan Colquhoun 67 and 62=129 BIH.

Pennycott flies the flag for Arran at amateur championships



Malcolm Pennycott who competed at the recent Scottish amateur championship in Aberdeen.

Arran golfer, and previous Whiting Bay champion, Malcolm Pennycott made it to the quarter finals in the Scottish Amateur Matchplay Golf Championships at Royal Aberdeen last month where he was narrowly beaten by the eventual champion George Duncan.

Malcolm who grew up in Arran and who promotes Arran golf at the highest levels now lives and works in Edinburgh where he plays out of Royal Burgess.

During the competition which had 256 entrants, Malcolm won five matches, round one winning three and two against Paul Ferguson from Turnberry, round two at the 21st

hole against Calvin Cheyne from Newmacher golf club, round three, four and three against S Graham from Carnoustie, round four, two and one against Sandy Scott from Nairn, (one of the top seeds playing off +5), round five three and two against William Walker from Belton Park golf club, and then losing by one hole to George Duncan from Windyhill golf club who went on to win the championship.

The achievement described by Russell Duncan of the Arran Golfers Association and where Russell congratulated Malcolm on Facebook said: 'This is, in my opinion, one of the finest achievements ever by an Arran golfer and, as far as

I'm aware, the first time an Arran player has gone this far in the championship. Well done Malcolm!'

Continuing his fine form, Malcolm has since finished in tied eighth place at one of the biggest amateur stroke play events at the Standard Life Amateur Gold Medal at Leven Golfing Society in Fife.

Malcolm said: 'It has been an amazing week and while I am disappointed to have lost in the quarter finals I am still really proud to have reached that point in the game. I also very much appreciated all the various messages of support and encouragement, many of which were from Arran, that I received throughout the week and afterwards.'

Prosthetic pedallers gear up for challenge

The group of Scottish amputees, called the prosthetic pedallers, will start their annual charity fundraiser today (Saturday) when they cycle around Arran in order to raise funds for the Glasgow-based charity, Finding your Feet.

The charity challenge which is now in its third year will, for the first time, see amputees taking part when Nikki Etheridge and Taylor 'Taz' Jones, and quadruple amputee Corinne Hutton will take to tandems, co-piloted by experienced cyclists Craig Alexander, James Eccles and Ally Anderson, to tackle the route, while Becca Seller will attempt the full 90km solo.

The group will be joined

by more than 60 other cyclists and the proceeds of the fundraiser will go directly to supporting further sporting and social initiatives for amputees in Scotland.

No limits

Corinne, who has family connections with Arran, said: 'I hope that in doing this cycle, we'll show all amputees out that there really are no limits after limb-loss.'

The 90km challenge will start and end at the Ormisdale Pavilion and cyclists are advised to cycle in small groups and to allow overtaking by vehicles and avoiding tailbacks as well as respecting other road users.



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Paralympian wishes Belles success on North Coast challenge

The Arran Belles cycle group are attempting their hardest challenge yet, the North Coast 500.

The group set off last Thursday August 5 to be-



The Belles show that it is not all serious cycling as they attempt to see how many belles can fit into a telephone booth.

gan their multi-legged adventure which starts off at Inverness and heads around the north of Scotland via Wester Ross, Sutherland and Caithness before returning along the east coast along Easter Ross and back to Inverness.

The intrepid group set off on the 520-mile cycle with messages of support from adventurer Mark Beaumont and Rio bound paralympian Melissa Nicholls.

Melissa wished the girls well on their adventure and posted a message on their facebook page saying: 'Push hard, laugh lots and dream big', before signing off her message 'Belle' Mel.

The entire trip is being recorded in a series of daily posts which are being written by Belle Janice Small

where pictures are also being posted, providing updates on the team's progress.

At the time of going to press the team had already completed more than 200 miles over four days and have reached Scourie, which is roughly half way between Ullapool and Durness

The Belles hope to reach Wick on day seven of their challenge which has seen them cycling more than 60 miles per day so far. However each leg of the journey varies as the group also face various challenges including village fetes, high mountain passes, impatient drivers and fierce weather.

Updates of the Belles progress and entertaining stories that happen along the way can be read on their



The Arran Belles and support team discuss the route before setting off on their adventure.

Photographs: Janice Small

blog which can be found at www.arranbellesnc500.blogspot.co.uk/



Still smiling despite the sometimes gruelling ride.



Belles Janice Small and Jillian Plenderleith find time for a quick photo in Durness.

Shiskine in cup semi-final

Northend 3 Shiskine 5

The preliminary round of the Arran FA Cup kicked off at the Ewe Camp on Monday evening where bottom of the league Northend, who have had a difficult season through a lack of players, were beaten by Shiskine who finished six points above them on the league table.

John Murchie scored a hat-trick for Shiskine and team mates Joel Small and Jack McNally added one each to cement their victory and secure their place in the semi finals. The goals scorers for Northend were Cameron Logan who got two, with 'Scooby' scoring the other.

Jack McNally was awarded Man of the Match, while Stu Lawson and Gary Kelso each received yellow cards from referee Sam Tattersfield.

The semi-finals will take place on Monday when league champions Brodick will face Southend at Ormidale Park and Shiskine will take on Lamlash with both kick-offs at 6.30pm. The Arran FA Cup final takes place on Saturday August 20.

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