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Arran top for lifestyle but population crisis looms

'Two out of three is bad', says economic group

Hugh Boag

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A new report has found that Arran is the third most desirable place in Scotland to live.

In the most comprehensive study ever conducted on the island, the Arran Economic Group (AEG) used both national and local statistics to measure the quality of life on Arran. Only Orkney and East Dunbartonshire scored higher as more desirable to live in.

But while the report has been welcomed, there is concern that the statistics do not reflect the whole picture.

Arran has a strong economy with an estimated double digit growth of 10 per cent and a prediction of 80 to 100 new jobs being created on the island in the next two to five years.

But the population is

declining and ageing rapidly, with a North Ayrshire Council projection of a 47 per cent decline in working-age population by 2025, if nothing changes.

So while the quality of life and economy may be in a healthy state, there is an urgent need for a balanced growing population, and that means attracting new and younger residents.

Chairman Tom Tracey told the *Banner*: 'For Arran, it turns out Meat Loaf was wrong. Two out of three is very bad. A severe reduction in working-age population will impact economic growth and quality of life. Taken together, both these effects will accelerate over the next five years if the problem is not addressed.'

'To be clear: we have jobs across all sectors but few candidates to

fill them. There are skills shortages which cannot be ignored, but the primary reasons we are unable to attract or retain employees is that we have a severe shortage of low-cost permanent accommodation.'

Now the AEG is urging everyone who is looking for affordable/social housing accommodation on Arran to log their names on the Common Housing Register and duplicate their details with the other housing associations operating in North Ayrshire.

Mr Tracey said: 'The AEG objective is to make Arran a world-class place to live, work and visit by 2020 and beyond, but to make that happen the island needs a sustainable growing economy, a high quality of life and a balanced growing population.'

■ Full report, see pages four and five.



A smiling May Crawford took first place with her colourful wicker basket of blooms at the Arran Horticultural Society summer show held in the Lamlash Community Theatre. The keen Brodick gardener was just one of the winners at a splendid show.

Full report and pictures starts on page 11. 01_B33hort11

'Loos change' appeal needs help

Businesses in Brodick have been urged to get behind a 'loos change' appeal to help support the re-opened public toilets.

Brodick Improvements Committee, which has taken over the running of the public toilet facilities at Brodick beach, is appealing to the community to help contribute to their upkeep.

Businesses in Brodick have been approached for a monthly contribution for the maintenance and modernisation of the facilities, which include improved lighting and the addition of hand driers. The committee, which negotiated with North Ayrshire Council to take over the running of the toilets, temporarily managed to re-open them just in time for the Brodick Highland Games, one of the busiest days of the year.

It is now finalising the details of a community asset transfer of the facilities, which should come

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New plant for Brodick Co-op

A planning application has been submitted to North Ayrshire Council by the Scottish Co-op for the installation of new plant equipment at its main Brodick store.

The replacement plant, located to the west of the site, will also include an extension of the timber enclosure and the formation of five more parking spaces near the turning head at the delivery area.

This will increase the number of parking spaces at the site to 68. In addition to this, the application includes a new metal palisade enclosure to fence in the existing three 2,000-litre liquid petroleum gas tanks towards the rear of the property.

Neighbour notifications have been issued to 27 properties within 20 metres of the site boundary and the application is currently under consideration by planning officials.

New owners take over at the Glenisle Hotel

The popular Glenisle Hotel in Lamlash is under new ownership.

The 13-bedroom hotel was handed over two weeks ago to Neil and Anne Kennedy, who have taken over the running of the establishment. Anne has a long history of working in the hospitality industry and Neil is a chartered accountant. Together they searched for the correct hospitality business for over two years before identifying the Glenisle Hotel as the correct investment for them.

Previous owners Timothy Billings and Geoffrey Dalmore sold it after running the successful hotel and bistro for nine years. After a lengthy development and

improvement process, winning many awards in the process, they decided that the time was right to sell the business and to take on new challenges.

Earlier this month Geofrey commented on social media: 'We have just received word that the sale of the Glenisle Hotel is now complete. So, as of today, we are free men and no longer hoteliers. Our new lives really begin today.'

The couple, who are still living in Lamlash, have been enjoying their new found freedom and spare time with a visit to London before they return to Lamlash where Timothy is a councillor with North Ayrshire Council. The hotel



The Glenisle Hotel in Lamlash.
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has won numerous awards, and is ranked highly on travel review sites. It won the best small country hotel in the Scottish islands at the Scottish Hotel Awards last year and this year it won the hotel team of the year award at the Scottish Hos-

pitality Awards.

Josh Hill, business agent in Christie & Co's Glasgow Office who brokered the sale, said: 'We are delighted to have been involved in the sale of this beautiful hotel in Arran. We knew before we began market-

ing the Glenisle that there would be high levels of interest as we continue to see a growing appetite for boutique hotels across the region.'

Attempts by the *Banner* to contact the new owners were unsuccessful.

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'Loos change' appeal needs help

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with a small grant, but they hope that, with the help of contributions from local organisations, they will be able to keep the loos open from 7am to dusk all year round. Businesses can set up a standing order at the Bank of Scotland using the 'loos change' account.

In a letter to businesses, chairman Harry Davidson said: 'We have carried out some initial work to have them operational and plan additional hand driers and improved lighting to bring them up a standard expected from today's tourists and residents. This will be a great benefit to the villag-

ers and tourists alike who will be pleased to see this important amenity available again. Obviously the costs of keeping the toilets in good condition will be considerable. We ask for your support at whatever level you feel is appropriate for your business.'

He added: 'Members of the committee hope you can support this venture, which we undertake in addition to our efforts to restore sand on Brodick beach and also the maintenance of the slipway to encourage and accommodate our sailing visitors. We hope you can support our efforts for this project.'

VisitArran chief executive Sheila Gilmore said: 'Brodick Improvements Committee has been working hard to establish the re-opening of Brodick public toilets and they are to be commended for doing so. However, this is where the hard work begins. I'm sure that all VisitArran's Brodick businesses will be as supportive as possible.'

Businesses who wish to contribute can contact chairman Harry Davidson on captainh@tiscali.co.uk and secretary Bill Calderwood on bic.contactus@btinternet.com to arrange for a standing order form or bank details for donations.



Brodick Improvements Committee chairman Harry Davidson at the re-opened Brodick toilet block.

Beach barbecue bonanza

The rearranged Brodick beach barbecue was held on Sunday in glorious sunshine and attracted a big crowd.

Brodick Improvements Committee had taken the decision the week before to postpone it due to poor weather.

And what a good decision it turned out to be, with visitors enjoying a day of fun in the sun.

The burger stall and bar did a roaring trade and children enjoyed races on the green and a sandcastle competition.

The beach volleyball saw a competitive six-team tournament, and there were also adult and children's putting competitions as others chatted and enjoyed a day at the beach.

The afternoon ended with the huge raffle, which is al-

ways a feature of the day, and compere Tommy Gilmore thanked all the businesses who had donated for their generous contributions.

All the money raised will be put to good use by the improvements committee which has just taken over and reopened the toilets at Brodick green where they plan some upgrading work.



And they're off at one of the children's races. 01_B33beach02



The Scully family won the sandcastle competition. 01_B33beach04



The crowd watch the beach volleyball competition. 01_B33beach05



Tommy Gilmore and Alison Bilsland conduct the huge raffle. 01_B33beach06



Colin Guthrie performs his popular 'Aldi/Lidl' ditty. 01_B33beach03



Stacey Smith is hard at work at the burger stall. 01_B33beach01

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Poetry gig at the McLellan Festival

An evening of poetry and song will be a night to remember, as the McLellan Arts Festival for 2017 gets into full swing.

Arran Theatre and Arts presents for the first time on Arran An Evening with Maura Dooley on Friday September 1 at Corrie and Sannox Hall, where there will be free wine.

To begin the evening, the audience will hear who Maura, the 2017 judge of the McLellan poetry competition, has picked as prize-winners. Hopefully, some of them will be present to read their poems. Last year the winner of the £1,000 first prize came all the way from Seattle.

Then there will be a short interval where the harp and whistle duo Arran Dawn will play and there will be the chance to buy poetry from the pop-up bookshop.

For the rest of the evening, Maura will share with the audience some of her own poetry. She is really looking forward to being on Arran. Her subjects are many and varied and her poetry is very accessible.

She can write about the homeless, rats in the underground or about contemporary romance. There is even a poem beginning: 'Warm wind on the night ferry/a glass and a dark song, a stroll and a dander, at the shining sea's edge' (*Raft of Desires*) which might resonate with Arran folk.

Maura was born in Tru-

ro but is of Irish extraction. She was brought up in Bristol and has a degree from the University of York. She has published several poetry collections, two of which were short-listed for the TS Eliot Prize. Her poem *The Message* won the Forward Poetry Prize in 1997.

Professionally, over the years, she has been very active on behalf of other poets, organising creative writing courses for five years at the Arvon Foundation, Lumb Bank, Yorkshire.

In 1987, she became literature officer at London's South Bank and for many years has been a persuasive advocate for progressive ways in which contemporary poetry can be taught in schools and borrowed more widely in libraries. At present, she teaches creative writing at Goldsmiths, University of London, where she lives.

On Saturday, September 2, again in Corrie Hall, Maura will lead a poetry workshop - A Breath of Fresh Air - designed to let new ideas take wing. Both new and experienced writers of poetry welcome. Please note, if booking by email, contact addresses are: arranunderdown@btinternet.com or cicelym39@gmail.com.

Numbers are limited so book soon if you want to be sure of a place.

Also on Saturday September 2, don't miss the famous festival ceilidh with



An evening of poetry with Maura Dooley.

supper in Whiting Bay Hall at 7.30pm. Always a great night of music, dance and food.

On Sunday afternoon, September 3, Maura's husband, David Hunter, who is an executive producer of radio drama at the BBC, has kindly offered to give an illustrated talk called 'More than just the Archers'. This is a free event taking place in Brodick library.

For the Friday gig and all festival events, you can reserve tickets online now or at the Book and Card Centre from August 26 (see advert in this week's *Banner* for other festival gems).

And please note, if you arrive in Corrie by bus, do not worry about getting home - the festival organisers won't leave anyone stranded overnight.

Police appeal over stolen chair

Police on Arran have issued an appeal for any information about a missing solid wooden high chair which has been reported stolen from the Isle be Wild adventure play park at Brodick Castle.

The distinctive wooden bar chair, one of a set of five at the new cafe, and worth more than £100, went missing between 6pm on Thursday July 27 and 1pm on Friday July 28, as previously reported in the *Banner*.

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NHS Ayrshire and Arran re-admission rate concern

West Scotland Conservative MSP Jamie Greene has expressed concern over new figures that show that the rate of early re-admissions for intensive care patients in NHS Ayrshire and Arran was above the national average.

The report by the Scottish Intensive Care Society Audit Group (SICS) underlined that: 'If patients are re-admitted to the unit within 48 hours after a previous discharge, it can be an indication that the first discharge was early.'

The figures show that NHS Ayrshire and Arran's ICU re-admission rate within 48 hours was around 1.8 per cent compared to a national average of 1.3 per cent. It's early discharge rate average around four per cent compared to a national average of two per cent.

Mr Greene said: 'The report is stark in its admission that these patients are not being discharged early because of clinical error but, at times, due to a lack of resources and staffing. Our early discharge rate is nearly double that of the national average and that should focus minds across Ayrshire and Arran.'

'Ministers need to get a grip on this situation as a matter of urgency. The public deserve better than this.'

Garden is back and blossoming

One of Brodick's finest gardens has opened its gates to the public again for the first time in several years.

Marlene and Robbie Brown opened their sprawling garden at 10 Brathwic Terrace for three days last weekend and, after a wet start on Friday, they were treated to dry, sunny weather which saw a steady stream of visitors.

The garden is a veritable maze of secret gardens, ponds, hideouts and even a polytunnel growing grapes. There are also a number of fun flowerpot men and other sculptures throughout the gardens beside the magnificent blooms. Tea, coffee



Robbie and Marlene in their magnificent garden. 01_B33garden01



A flowerpot man looks out over the garden as visitors enjoy a cup of tea.

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and cake were also available for a donation.

The Browns' said a couple of years ago that after more than 40 years, they were to stop holding their annual open garden event, but they have now changed their minds. All proceeds will go to the Church of Scotland on the island.

Robbie told the *Banner* that the garden at 'the Broons' is always open and that people are welcome to pop in at any time to have a look around.

Children's market fundraiser

A children's market fundraising event is being held in Lamlash church hall on Sunday August 20 from 11am until 3pm. The idea is to sell baby, toddler and children's items in order to raise funds for the children's Christmas party in December.

Organiser Debbie Ann Doig told the *Banner*: 'I attended the Christmas party last year with my daughter Arianna, who was 11 months at the time, and we had a great day. I could not believe it all happened through fundraising from another local mum. I decided that I wanted to help.'

There will be stalls selling children's clothes, toys, jewellery, baby massage, tombola, raffle, and tea and coffee. The Co-op in Lamlash has kindly donated prizes for the raffle. Entry is £1 but children are free. All proceeds will go towards the children's Christmas party

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AEG five-point plan of action

The Arran Economic Group objective is to optimise existing initiatives working with private, public and third sector industry groups together with the community, and to start new ones to achieve Arran as a world class place to live, work and visit by 2020 and beyond.

They will measure success in terms of a sustainable growing economy, high quality of life and a balanced growing population.



Chairman Tom Tracey. 01_B33life05

Here chairman Tom Tracey outlines the AEG five-point plan to tackle the issues:

1. Get Arran-based workers who are currently living in temporary accommodation but want/need permanent, onto the Common Housing Register.

2. Work with NAC and owners to bring the 75 'empty' houses on Arran back into productive use, using available grants if necessary.

3. Lobby for our fair share of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP).

4. Investigate five sites in Lamlash and Brodick for development over the next five years.

5. Use Arran Development Trust to facilitate the creation of affordable homes.

Ensure all levels of government (local and national) are aware of all the above challenges, to support the AEG case.

Everyone needs affordable housing

Special report by
Hugh Boag
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A lack of affordable housing has reached crisis level on Arran and the situation is only going to get worse.

Over the next two to five years, the lack of affordable housing challenge will become acute. Indeed, the Arran Economic Group (AEG) believes Arran has possibly reached that stage on some areas of the island.

It expects a sizable increase in job vacancies and an additional 80 to 100 new jobs being created due to the increased business growth and expansion of around 10 per cent per annum.

But unless these incoming workers can be found some-

where to stay, the continuing growing of the healthy island economy could be in jeopardy.

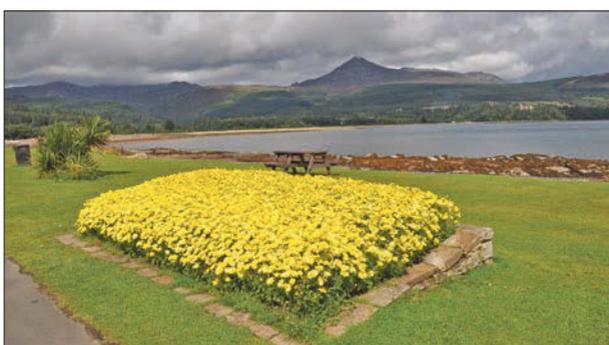
Now the AEG has taken the first major steps to address the issue. And its immediate call to action is for everyone who is looking for affordable or social housing accommodation on Arran to register their names on the Common Housing Register (CHR) and duplicate their details with the other housing associations (HA) connected with the North Ayrshire area.

It explains that most HAs form part of the CHR but not all. Indeed, Trust Housing Association, which is the main provider of social housing on Arran, op-

erates its own list and some HAs only take a percentage of applicants from the Common Housing Register. So, by registering a few times with different providers, this will ensure people are not missed and the chances are that much greater to securing a permanent home.

The group understands there has been a certain reluctance to register with a HA, due to the low turnover of social housing properties, which is presently less than three per cent per annum. People on Arran feel 'there is no point - there are never any houses'. However, unless there are names on the CHR and HA registers, this situation will not improve, the economic group argues.

The reason has become clear over the past few months as the AEG has looked further into the lack of affordable housing challenge faced on Arran. Local authorities and housing associations take their lead from various documents, one being the Common Housing Register and others such as the Social Housing Investment Plan and Local Development Plan. If these documents do not show a 'need' for housing, the providers will not build. So, it is essential, names are on the lists as these are the documents which drive construction and provision. The AEG is also working closely with the stakeholders responsible for the 'driver' documents



Attractive flowerbeds and stunning scenery add to the quality of life in Bodick. 01_B33life05

Arran quality of life

The quality of life on Arran has been measured as being the third highest in Scotland.

Last year, the Arran Economic Group commissioned a survey which drew responses from 254 residents to find out how people felt about the quality of life on the island.

Questions were based on

standard quality of life metrics, used across Scotland.

The group would like to thank all residents for participating in the survey and take this opportunity to share some of the very positive survey findings.

The results of the survey were compared with infor-

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to register to help tackle ing crisis



The last affordable housing built on Arran was St Molios Park, which opened four years ago. 01_b33life01

to influence the construction of affordable homes based on economic need.

Arran currently has 75 empty homes registered with North Ayrshire Council, which, if brought back into use, would certainly help ease the pressure.

North Ayrshire Council has the empty homes fund designed to provide funds to bring back these homes into use as 'affordable' properties for sale or rent. So, if anyone owns one of these properties, talk to the empty homes officer within NAC housing department for more details.

The AEG continues to work closely with NAC (housing, planning and economic development depart-

ments), HIE and the Scottish Government to put in place 'Arran proof' interventions to ease and improve the situation. The AEG has also identified five potential sites in Brodick and Lamlash and commissioned feasibility studies based on economic need with the results due towards the end of autumn this year. To enable construction, access to rural housing funds and meet the housing demand, the AEG is in the process of registering a new company with charitable status: the Arran Development Trust.

Once the supportive feasibility studies are complete, the AEG/ADT will be in a position to make further positive step announcements.

is third highest in Scotland

mation from the 32 local authority areas in Scotland, with overall results placing Arran third across all local authorities.

Orkney came out on top, with East Dunbartonshire in second place.

The survey revealed the following aspects of island life:

- Very few people experienced problems of vandalism or graffiti.
- Very few problems in terms of noisy neighbours or loud parties.
- Excellent community safety, especially people feeling safe at night.
- Very good ratings of personal health.
- Very low smoking rate, eight per cent.
- Very high degree of com-

munity involvement through community groups and/or charities.

Widespread feelings of 'belonging' in the community.

Low level of people in financial difficulty (six per cent).

But while the above shows many positives and prove how great a quality of life local people enjoy, there were also some negatives identified:

- A total of 82 per cent were dissatisfied with the island's roads.
- A third, or 33 per cent, had a recent negative experience due to animal nuisance or littering.
- Lack of ferry spaces, road traffic and pressure on services due to tourism were the main challenges felt to

arise from increased island tourism.

Tourism, on balance, is very well supported across the island, although it was felt additional pressure was put on services and infrastructure with residents suggesting additional funding is allocated to maintain and improve facilities to reinforce a good visitor and resident experience.

The AEG will be running the survey again later in the year and will be extending the current survey group.

It hopes that anyone who receives a survey form will take the time to give it their opinions so that any changes in the quality of island life can be identified, helping the AEG partners and stakeholders direct their efforts where they are most needed.



Lamlash Green is popular with dog walkers. 01_B33life02

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Editorial

Two out of three is bad

It's not often Meat Loaf makes an appearance in a discussion on the economic climate of Arran.

But Arran Economic Group chairman Tom Tracey used the lyrics of the US singer to stark effect when he states: 'Meat Loaf was wrong: Two out of three IS very bad.'

And it is a sound argument. Arran may have a booming economy and an excellent quality of life, but without fresh young blood these cannot be sustained in the long term. But how can they be attracted to Arran?

The AEG have thought long and hard about this and have come up with a five point plan to get things moving in the right direction. The first is to get everyone who wants or needs a permanent house on Arran onto the Common Housing Register. This may seem a given, but the process is not as straightforward as it seems and to have it clearly explained in the pages of the *Banner* this week should be a useful tool.

They also want to bring empty houses on the island back into use, investigate development sites, create an Arran Development Trust and try to secure all the funding they can for affordable housing.

It is not an easy issue and the AEG are to be applauded for the determination to take it on. Lets hope everyone gets behind them.

Thought for the week

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

Cemetery action

Sir,
I read the article regarding Kilmory Cemetery in last week's *Banner* with interest. A bit more than three years ago, I contacted then Councillor Margie Currie and MSP Kenneth Gibson with concerns about the maintenance of the graveyard and in particular the issue of drainage and industrial use of weed killer which was killing all the vegetation in precisely the area of the cemetery highlighted in the article, thus endangering the safety of the headstones in this area.

My mother and late husband are both buried in the same row as the graves discussed. I was assured by both at the time that steps would be taken to address these issues but nothing at all was done. Moreover, it was a disgrace to see water being pumped out of the newly developed area of the cemetery as mourners were leaving when one of my close friends was buried. NAC really do not seem to care at all. Hopefully your focus on the issue will finally lead to some action being taken.

Yours,
**Margaret Maciver,
Kilmory.**

Life saver

Sir,
On Monday August 7 I was on holiday on Arran and had just set out on a walk to Glenashdale Falls with my wife and her friend, when I felt unwell and decided to return to the car. I never made it; my heart's natural pacemaker stopped and I fell unconscious by the trackside.

To my great fortune a group of walkers including a competent first aider came to my rescue. She administered CPR until I came round and the am-

balance arrived. I do not know her name but hope that she sees this letter and knows that I want to thank her for saving my life.

I have to add that the Arran paramedics and the three hospitals I attended – Lamlash, Crosshouse and Ayr – were magnificent; their professionalism, care and encouragement were faultless.

I am looking forward to a full recovery, starting running again and returning to Arran someday to continue my interrupted holiday!

Yours,
**Jonathan Hassall,
Pattigham,
Staffordshire.**

Whale tale

Sir,
One fine summer's day, July, circa 1976-1978, my dad was gazing northwards from the Arran shoreline near Fairhaven across Catcol Bay. He saw a clinker-built, wooden row boat with two or three people fishing from it.

Suddenly, a massive shape appeared behind the boat. Dad's first thought was, Moby Dick!

He frantically shouted and waived to the guys in the wee fishing boat but they were oblivious to the signals and couldn't hear the shout over the radio in their boat.

All of a sudden, one of the guys turned around and saw the massive, pale, square head of the whale behind them!

The description of the whale fits that of a sperm whale. We are curious if anyone else has seen a sperm whale anywhere close to the north of Arran. Or, does this story sound familiar to anyone?

Were you one of the fishermen in that boat? If you have any information,

please email dianeadel@yahoo.com with Arran Whale as the subject.

Yours,
**Diane Hewlett-Lowrie,
New Jersey, USA.**

Parking plea

Sir,
Having posted this online, we felt that the best way to convey this request to the wider Arran community would be via the *Banner*.

Please can we respectfully ask that people do not use the Douglas Hotel car park or driveway as a pick up/drop off point for the ferry?

The ground is privately owned with shared access for the cottages on site. The Douglas pays for all maintenance. Stopping in the driveway causes access and sight line issues and we are worried about safety at such a busy junction.

We know how handy it is, and we appreciate that spaces are limited elsewhere – however we do have to keep spaces for our residents and guests who visit for drinks and meals.

Thank you very much for your co-operation with this.

Yours,
**Elaine Campbell,
manager,
The Douglas Hotel,
Brodict.**

Upgrade paths

Sir,
As part of the new geopark project, announced in last week's *Banner*, six trails have been identified as possible options.

If the trails are to be upgraded can I ask they be made more suitable for the less abled to give everyone the chance to visit the sites. Improvements are needed to the paths to Hutton's Unconformity, the shore line to the waterfall at Kildonan, Lamlash from the quarry road end to Claunch-

lands Point, which is a new path requiring fencing. The Corrie and Sannox sites would need short less able paths and Blackwaterfoot and the Northend to have access for less abled along the shore.

At the foot of Imacher Brae there is a need for a path across the burn and a place made for everyone to view the rock formation of the hillside in all weathers.

Yours,
**Alasdair Hendry,
Brodict.**

Toilet tax

Sir,
I would like to thank Sharon Shenhav for her support for the proposed toilet tax. This tax could be part of the ferry ticket price. CalMac's parent company is owned by the Scottish Government. We are not short of politicians for the island. Is anyone listening?

Yours,
**Diana Burns,
Corriecravie.**

Cost contribution

Sir,
Great to read in the *Banner* of August 12 about the good folk who are prepared to open and run several public toilet facilities on Arran. It will be quite a challenge and commitment for the volunteers. As regular visitors we will make a contribution to the cost and encourage other friends of Arran to do the same.

Yours,
**Colin and Denise Bowes,
Lancashire.**

Coming back

Sir
Please pass my thanks to all the community groups who have got together to restore the toilets on Arran. I now look forward to my next visit to the island.

Yours,
**P M Trousdale,
Leeds.**

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It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen's coronation and is the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary groups.

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Full guidance on how to apply and further information is available online at www.qavs.direct.gov.uk.

Katie bakes for a different beat



The Music Matters group enjoy playing the percussion instruments.

There was a wonderful afternoon at Music Matters Arran when Mark and Carol Harwood of the Co-op presented 55 percussion instruments to the group.

These included tambourines, shakers, castanets, guiros and triangles. The joy was immediately apparent when Mark on guitar and Graeme McKinnon on piano had the hall jumping with the lovely folk shaking and rattling and singing along with great enthusiasm.

The money for the instruments was raised by the main Brodick Co-op, where one of the young employees, Katie

Beardsworth, was inspired to fundraise by baking and selling cakes.

The group meets in Lamlash church hall, whose minister, the Rev Lily McKinnon, said: 'We are very grateful to the Co-op for everything they do to support many activities on the island. The photographs speak for themselves – concentration, joy and a sense of belonging etched on so many faces. Music Matters thanks Katie and Brodick Co-op for the difference they are making to those living with dementia and their carers.'



Mark and Carol Harwood with the percussion instruments.

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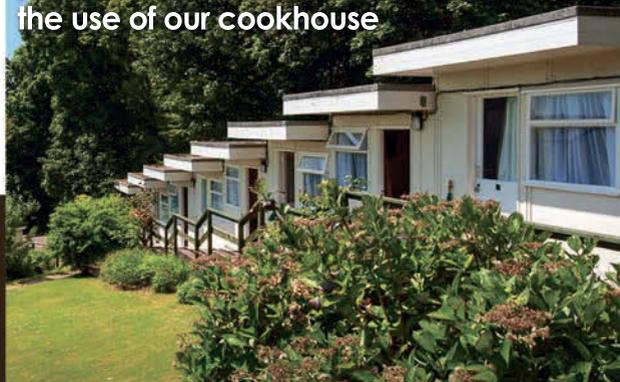
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All of the prize-winners at the summer horticultural show. 01_B33hort16

Botanical brilliance on display at summer horticultural show

Words and pictures by
COLIN SMEETON

Green-fingered gardeners had a chance to display their carefully nurtured buds and blooms at the well-attended summer horticultural show which took place at the Lamlash community theatre last Wednesday.

Filling the theatre with the sweet, delicate scents of flowers in full bloom, the lines of tables were bowing under the weight of rows of roses, gladioli, lilies and a huge assortment of colourful flowers.

Sharing the hall with the flowers and floral arrangements, an array of fruit and vegetables was also on display, most of them prime specimens with many belonging to John O'Sullivan, who took the bulk of the trophies and first place prizes for his vegetable entries.

Displaying enormously long carrots, parsnips, green beans, leeks and potatoes, John also entered his

impressive first attempt at growing a new vegetable for the first time: long beetroot.

The show, which is one of two held during the year by the Arran Horticultural Society, one in spring and one in summer, has grown to include various other crafts ranging from jams, preserves and breads to knitted items and even photography.

Cleaning up in the crochet section and earning herself the Chris Hall Rose Bowl, Nancy Bremner took nine first prizes from her 10 entries in the category. Another prolific exhibitor, but this time in the baking category, John Baraclough took the F C Henderson Trophy for winning the most points in the section along with the J F Turton Trophy for his first place winning photograph of a coastal skiff in the photography section.

The exhibition, which spills out of the theatre and into the corridor outside where

the hanging baskets were displayed, also extended to the school cafeteria, where the children's section and baking entries were housed and where the prize-giving took place.

At the end of the show, trophies were awarded to the prize-winners, who received them from Ellie Jones, Colin Totty and society chairman John Sillars. John said: 'We are immensely appreciative of the huge amount of quality entrants in this year's show.'

'We are particularly pleased with the horticultural entries whose standards remained impressively high despite the vagaries of the weather this year.'

'Congratulations to all of the prize, trophy and category winners and, as usual, thank you to everyone who visited and enjoyed all of the items on display.'

For full results, go to www.arranbanner.co.uk or see next week's Banner.



Daughters Lily and Eve Glover join mum Sarah Crawford in celebrating her first place win in the baking section. 01_B33hort09

Blooming beautiful displays at Arran



Francis Westwood receives the IP Engraving Trophy from Ellie Jones. 01_B33hort12



May Crawford is all smiles as she receives the Rhoda Henderson Cup for one of her floral arrangements. 01_B33hort17



Chrissie Lemon receives a first prize for one of her entries in the children's section. 01_B33hort13



Elizabeth Ross is delighted with the Eric Gregory Cup for her onions. 01_B33hort18



Scarlett Lemon joins her younger sister in winning a first prize in the children's category. 01_B33hort14



Chair John Sillars presents Ellie Jones with a bouquet of flowers for her work at the summer show. 01_B33hort15



Mairi Turnbull was once again the well deserved recipient of... 01_B33hort10



John O'Sullivan with his impressively long and perfectly formed carrots. 01_B33hort06

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Husband and wife team Iain and Lavina Hendry, who took first and second place respectively for their much-admired hanging baskets. 01_B33hort01



Olivia and Ava McNeice with one of their joint entries in the children's section. 01_B33hort08

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Nancy Bremner enjoyed a successful run with her entries in the handicraft section. 01_B33hort03

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Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
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Live music – Wildcard

Sunday 20th August

Family games
Fun in the pool
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RNLI shop
Live music – Joni Keen

Monday 21st August

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobix
Tae Kwondo
Summer bridge tournament
Adult tennis
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
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Tuesday 22nd August

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Pilates
Brodict Castle garden walk
Live music – Mike Bailey
Arran crafts fair

Wednesday 23rd August

Rock an pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
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Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
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Family friendly pub quiz
Burger and quiz night
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Coffee morning
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
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Thursday 24th August

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Bowling Club, 2pm
WBay Bowling club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Green, 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm

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

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
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NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 3pm

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10.30-12.30 and 1.30 - 3.30
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30 - 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
Lamlash church hall, 10.15am - noon
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 2pm

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

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Friday 25th August

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Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
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AA meeting
Tae Kwondo
Arran Aromatics factory tours
Quiz
Smart Recovery meeting
Live music – Folk like us
Live music – The Buchaneers
Dougarie dog trial (confined)
Open mic night
Coffee morning

Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
Coast, WBay, 8pm - 10.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm

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Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
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Lochranza Hall, 8pm
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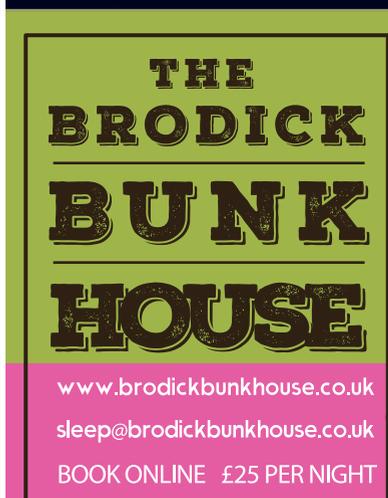
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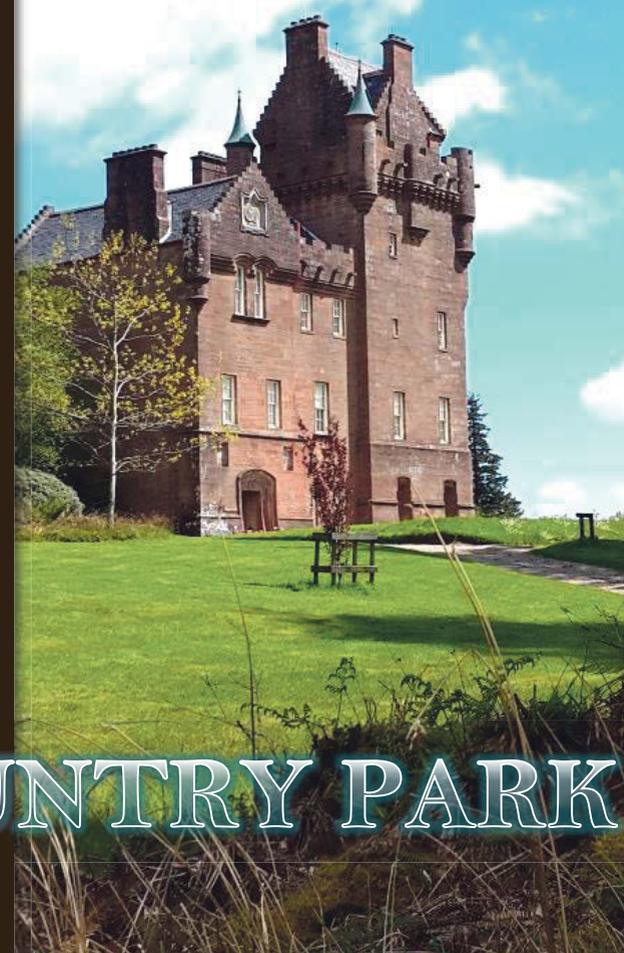
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Fer wins new Grinduro bike in volunteers' draw

The Grinduro organisers gave away a brand new Charge bicycle at the awards ceremony at the end of their cycling event in Lamlash last month.

They held a draw from all the volunteers who helped make the event such a success and Ann Murchie (Fer) was the lucky winner of the high quality English-made, single-speed, cyclo-cross bike, one of only 100 made for Grinduro. Congratulations to Fer.

Fer on her new bike.



Patrick and Beverley Scott completed the Arran Coastal Way in a charity bid to raise money for the animal anti-cruelty charity.

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Charity walk

Patrick and Beverley Scott of Whiting Bay have walked the 65-mile Arran Coastal Way to raise money for an animal charity in their native South Africa.

The fundraising couple have been completing charity walks in Britain since 2011 and this year, after moving to Arran in March, they chose to do the coastal way, over a period of seven days, since it was close to home.

Their latest fundraiser was one of their shortest in the past six years, having completed a host of long-distance walks, including the 146-mile Shakespeare Way and the 187-mile Thames Path, from the source near Kemble to the Thames Barrier in London.

All of the walks have been funded by Patrick and Beverley themselves and all of the money raised has gone to the Animal Anti-Cruelty League, which operates almost exclusively in the impoverished townships in South Africa. The funds are used to sterilise dogs in the townships of Port Elizabeth, with over-breeding being a perennial problem in those areas due primarily to the owners being too impoverished to be able

to afford the surgery. So far, through their fundraising efforts they have raised sufficient funds to sterilise about 480 dogs from these walks. Their latest fundraising will be used for spaying dogs in the rural areas of Bedford and Adelaide in November.

Beverley said: 'It was a most rewarding walk to do, with breathtaking scenery along the way. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know the coast of Arran where we now live. The weather was very changeable and we often had a good soaking at some stage of our walk. We took a break for the weekend because we are both pipers in the Arran Pipe Band, and the band was playing at events, but it gave us some time with our two dogs, four cats and two parrots at home who were starting to feel rather unhappy because they were alone all day.'

The walking couple have a Facebook page, Walking for Paws and Claws, which raises additional funds through supporters and friends and, along with this, they also do a pub challenge while completing their walks.

Alan's life was not a trip but an adventure

Alan Johnston January 9, 1964, to July 31, 2017

As it says in Matthew's gospel: 'By their deeds you will know them' as a means of judging the character of a man. Alan Johnston did many deeds and many, many people know of them and how they have affected their lives. His last deed was to orchestrate the celebration of his life on Friday August 4 at St Moli-os Church with the help of his two children, Claire and Calum, to ensure that the many people who attended left the church not deflated at their loss, but elated at having known Alan and recalling their own personal memories of him.

Alan was born on January 9, 1964, at Rottenrow maternity hospital, Glasgow, the second son of Eileen and Forbes Johnston. He was a year younger than big brother, Gordon. The family lived in Giffnock for Alan's first five years and it is then that he formed his lifelong love of Queen's Park Football Club, being taken to Hampden by his dad to watch the Spiders.

In 1970, the family made the life-transforming decision to move to Blackwaterfoot and take over the Harbour Shop. At first Forbes continued to commute each day to the mainland to work, leaving Eileen to manage the shop with the help of her sons.

Gordon and Alan fitted into island life well and Alan's adventurous streak led to many mishaps, including falling off the roof of Shiskine school, and he was constantly in need of medical attention through his early years for the inevitable bumps and scrapes from the Shiskine boys' rumbustious play.

Due to his prominent front teeth Alan earned the nickname 'Plug' at school after the *Beano* character. His parents tried to make adjustments to straighten his teeth by fitting a retainer, which immediately disappeared three feet below ground in the front garden at the Harbour Shop, never

to be seen again. The few years of being the youngest Johnston came to an end when David arrived and Alan threw himself into the previously unknown role of big brother by leading his wee brother astray throughout his life.

At school, Alan flourished. He was popular with his fellow students, not just from Shiskine but from throughout the island. His sporting talent exceeded his academic success and he was often sports champion, representing the school and later the island at both rugby and football. With his home team, Shiskine, he enjoyed many successful seasons, winning leagues and cups but the highlight of his football career came later, in what could be described as his veteran football years, when he turned out at Hampden for Queen's Park, which resulted in him being stretchered off late in the second half with a broken ankle.

At school, Alan met a Brodick lass Sheila Gilmore and, after leaving Arran High, Alan, Sheila and brother Gordon moved to Ayr, where his early business ventures were less than an outstanding success. Alan returned to the island to start a new venture at the Book and Card Centre. This turned into a resoundingly successful venture due, not in any small part, to Alan's enthusiasm and personality. Nothing was too much trouble to satisfy his customers and soon the people of Arran recognised that if they wanted something, then Alan's shop was the go to place to get it. He gathered around him a team of like-minded staff who gave the shop a welcoming atmosphere that made it a must visit attraction for locals and visitors.

In their early 20s, Alan and Sheila got married and settled down in Lynnhurst in Shiskine, soon starting a family with Claire and then Calum coming along. Alan continued to play for



Alan Johnston lived life to the full.

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Shiskine at football in the guise of Alonso Jonsoni, Italian superstar and ice-cream maker to the hoi polloi and frequently featured in *Banner* reports by The Fanatic. He helped run Shiskine Valley Sports Day, organising the races for the children. It was at the sports day that he first produced bottles of Belle Noir as prizes for everything

from the tug of war to the five-a-side football competitions. Many an unsuspecting 'winner' swallowed this sparkling wine only to immediately regret it. He became club captain at Shiskine Golf Club and organised trips away for himself and friends to football, horse racing and golf.

A trip away with Alan was not just a 'trip' but an 'ad-

venture' – quizzes, competitions, strange drinks and fun. On a Shiskine Valley Sports Day committee outing to York, originally to attend the races, our trip coincided with people going down to London for Princess Diana's funeral. Alan had arranged a quiz for the journey, which we all enjoyed along with the odd drink from the extensive carry-out. It was only later that we found out the ire of some of our fellow passengers who told the BBC at London that the journey had been sombre apart from a group of rowdy Scots who were drinking and doing quizzes before departing the train at York. With the races cancelled out of respect for Diana, Alan immediately arranged an alternative adventure to Flamingo Land, where the party spirit was still permitted.

As ambassadors for the Tartan Army, Alan and his cohorts were legend in spreading cheer and Scottish goodwill throughout the world, even if the na-

tional team had not made the finals. I have no personal experience of these trips but, when Alan found out that I was going to Holland the day after a Scotland game, he arranged to stay an extra day and meet up in Amsterdam. I arrived with a few tourism people in tow to be met with a, 'How the devil are you?' from Alan, despite Scotland being gubbed 6-0 the night before ... and a very merry day ensued.

Alan was a long serving member of Arran fire brigade. Over 29 years he served, first at Shiskine and then in Brodick where his courage, sensitivity and bravery enabled him to help people in their hour of greatest need. He was so enthusiastic to use his acquired skills that he trained with International Rescue in order to potentially help in emergency zones.

Alan and Sheila's marriage did not last for ever, but despite Alan moving out of the family home, the happy years that the family

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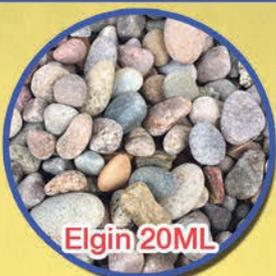


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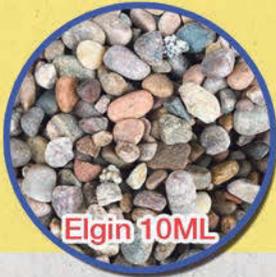
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Royals secret visit

During the Queen's visit to Arran last week, it has emerged that other members of the royal family were also around, unbeknown to the press hordes. We now know that Prince Charles, his two sons Princes William and Harry, and Mrs Camila Parker-Bowles spent the day on Holy Isle and joined the royal yacht after it had left Lochranza.

Other bits of information have also seeped out. It seems that, due to the ferry strike, 37 Special Branch cars were brought over to Arran prior to the strike and kept under security at Brodick Castle. And something we only noticed after the big day was over was that the people of Corrie had celebrated the visit by painting the three concrete sheep on the Sandstone Quay. While two were white and one was the black sheep of the family, now they are red, white and blue. There is no record of whether the Queen commented on them.

Walkers welcome

Remember the signs that caused all the trouble in the summer of '93? They began: 'Hillwalkers and visitors are welcome,' but the message they gave was not taken as a welcome. The letters of complaint to the *Banner* went on and on, some of the signs were defaced and soon they were all removed.

Next week new signs will go up, prob-



The winning line-up following the magnificent Brodick Ladies' Open on Tuesday are left to right: Kate Sneddon, scratch, Jean Robertson, silver, open champion Liz Robetson, Brodick ladies' captain Margaret Gauld and Betty Buchanan, bronze. 01_b33twe05

ably on the same cairns at access to the hills, and they will start: 'Walkers are welcome.' Scottish Natural Heritage, which is putting them up, hopes that the welcome will be taken at face value and create a concordat between hillwalkers and landowners, and not, as last time, a confrontation.

Connecting Arran

A Dutch cable laying vessel, The Galetea, arrived off the Arran coast at Banliken Shore on Wednesday to link Arran to the mainland. This was the second of two replacement electricity cables running from Carradale

The cables they replaced were 34 years old and the first replacement was laid four years ago. Since then new cables have been laid over the String to Brodick and this undersea cable now completes the upgrading of Arran's electricity supply.



Southend captain Jamie Macpherson receives the Knockout Cup from Ian Small after beating Shiskine 3-1 in the cup final, the first game of football at the new Ormidale Park. 01_B33twe03



Lamlash Golf Club captain Eddie Cannon with his haul of trophies from the Lamlash Open last weekend. With a super aggregate score of 119, not only did Eddie win the Open Trophy outright but also lifted the Blenheim Cup, for the best score on Sunday, the MacDonald Cup for best local, the Senior Shield for players over 55, and two sponsors' prizes. 01_B33twe04



It's back to school time and here we see Mrs Susan Kelly with the new starts at Corrie, Robin Blythe, Adam Stevenson and Ellis Graham. 01_B33twe01



Mrs Karen Barbour with the new starts at Kilmony. 01_B33twe02

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(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 20th August
11am. Holy Communion.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 23rd August
"Pop-up" service with Holy Communion, Kildonan Hotel.
12.00 noon.
ALL WELCOME

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 20th August
Lochransa Church, 9.30am
Morning Worship
Pirmill Church, 10.45am
Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon
Morning Worship.
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.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Charity Number: SC014005)

Sunday 20th August
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods.
All most welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Kilmory linked with Lamlash

'A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share'
Sunday 20th August
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 20th August
Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday Mass 11am
ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(continuing)
Sunday 20th 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 20th August
Service 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm
BACK IN THE CHURCH
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

JOHNSTON - Alan's family would like to thank everyone who came along to celebrate his life. Particular thanks go to staff at Crosshouse and Arran District Nurses for care over the last year. Also to all at Arran War Memorial Hospital, Clair & David Hendry, and Rev Angus Adamson for their support at this time. Finally a huge thank you to the staff and customers at the Book & Card Centre, to all at Kinloch Hotel, and everyone else for their ongoing support. The collection on the day raised over £2300 split between Macmillan and ARCAS - Alan would have thought the whole shindig was Bloody Marvellous!

Cream tea with a mountain view

Cream teas are all the rage these days, but have you ever thought of having one on the top of a mountain?

Well that's what the Arran Ranger Service had on offer for one day only last week. Ranger Corinna Goeckeritz explains: 'The aim of our pop-up tearoom was to raise some funds and awareness for our mountain footpath repairs on Goatfell.'

Walkers obtained a bottle of water for their tea at Cladach for a donation of £5 - to save us having to carry huge amounts of water - then got their cup-



Preparing cream teas at the top of Goatfell.



Enjoying tea at the top are Arran ladies l to r: Carol Brown, Jacqui Rankin, Barbara Crawford and Susan Dobson.

pa and scone at the top. 'Three members of the Brodick Castle gardens team helped us carry up a table, six camping chairs, six sets of china cups, saucers and plates, milk jug

and sugar bowl, a jar for a posy of heather, a table cloth, the scones, butter, cream and jam, two tea pots, stoves, fuel and pots for making the tea, bits and pieces for washing up and

about 10 litres of water.' Asked if there were any more planned Corinna replied: 'Not at the moment as it was quite an effort to make it all happen. Maybe next year.'

DEATHS

KIRKWOOD - Mary Shearer (née Millar). Of Blackwaterfoot, died peacefully on 10th August 2017 at Lamlash Memorial Hospital, where she was given exemplary care on many occasions. Beloved wife of the late George Kirkwood, she will be greatly missed by her children David, Morag & Andrew and grandchildren Sian & Alex as well as many whose lives she touched with her kindness & generosity of spirit, in her friendship and charitable work. The funeral will take place 22nd August Saint Molios Church Shiskine at 11:30am to be followed by a reception at The Kinloch Hotel. Mary requested donations instead of flowers to Arran Cancer Support or St. Molios Church.

STEWART - Annie Currie. Peacefully at home with her family, Nancy, passed away on Sunday, 13th August 2017. The family would like to thank all the services that enabled her to stay at home. Funeral service at Kilmory Church on Wednesday, 23rd August at 12:00 noon to which all are welcome.

Ladies on the lookout for hockey talent

The Arran Ladies hockey team are already preparing for the new season and are looking for new members who might be interested in joining them.

The club was promoted up the ranks after winning the Scottish Hockey West District Fourth Division last season. Training is open to any females, at all levels of fitness, experience, (even none), size and shape. Current club members range from 12 to 62 so age does not matter as enthusiasm and spirit is more important.

A club spokeswoman said: 'Being part of the club instantly introduces you to a variety of people from all over the island. We want to have fun and enjoy our activity with anyone who is interested in trying a new sport, returning to it, or who is enthusiastic and willing to give

it a go. Should newcomers wish to try out for the team, this year we will be playing in West District Third Division and have 11 home and 11 away games from September to March.

Camaraderie

'We have a good camaraderie and spirit in the group as could be seen at our stall at the Brodick Highland Games which was incredibly well supported and the human fruit machine was a really good laugh.'

The club is particularly interested in any umpires who may have retired but who still wish to support

they club because they love the game or still possess a desire to grab a hockey stick and enjoy whacking a hard ball around the field.

Ladies are welcome to join the regular training sessions for fitness and fun or they can register and play in the league too.

If you are interested in joining the group then pop along to the training sessions where you will be made to feel most welcome.

The club meets every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8pm on the astroturf pitch at the Ormidale Pavilion.

Summer bridge

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer competition held in Lamlash on Monday August 14 were: N/S 1 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Margaret and Douglas Bruce. E/W 1 Iron Culpon and Pat Adamson, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Elizabeth McKellar, 3 Eendy McNiven and David Boag.

Susan wins three-way Brodick Ladies' Open

Brodick Golf Club

Tuesday August 8, Brodick Ladies' Open. After endless days of heavy rain, the Brodick Ladies' Open was held on one of the few summer days experienced this year. A total of 88 ladies played in the Stableford competition. There was little run on the ball, so the CSS was 69, 34 Stableford points. However, three ladies scored 37 points so the trophy was won on a better inward half. Well done Susan Butchard of Brodick, whose handicap has now gone to nine.

A raffle was held with the money going to the Brodick Improvements Committee for upkeep of the toilets. A total of £555 was raised with thanks to Arran Active, Arran Dairies, Arran Cheese, Arran Pharmacy, Alexanders, Auchrannie, Arran Aromatics, Book and Card Shop, Brodick Bar, Belle's Boutique, Bunty's, The Old Byre, Chocolates by James, Castle Bay Jewellery, the Co-op, Douglas Hotel, Fiddlers, Inspirations, Jolly Molly, Little Rock, McAllister Opticians, Red Door, Taste of Arran and Wooleys for their generous donations.

Also a big thank you to the members who donated prizes and who helped out on the day. Thanks to Keith and team for preparing the course and to Jimmy for setting out and collecting hole prize information, the men who did the stewarding at the 12th and to Trish and Douglas. The team effort and the good weather ensured a successful day.

The full results were: first and trophy winner, Susan Butchard, Brodick, 37pts BIH, 1 Silver, Gillian McLeod, Williamwood, 34pts, 2 Silver, Joan Drennan, Ralston, 33pts, 3 Silver, Liz Kerr, Shiskine, 32pts. 1 Bronze,

Merle King, Ravenspark, 37pts, 2 Bronze, Aileen Latona, Brodick, 35pts, 3 Bronze, Alison Guthrie, Barassie, 34pts. Hendry Trophy for best score by a Brodick resident, Margaret Roxburgh, 32pts, McKechnie Trophy for best score by island player over 60, Sheena Murchie, Lamdash, 32pts. Golden Girl for best score by an over-60 from off Arran, Lilia Mc-Nicholl, Gullane, 32pts. Best front nine, Christine Nairn, Irvine, 23pts, Best back nine, Ann Ferrier, Ralston, 20pts.

Hole prizes: Hole 1, Longest drive Silver, Gill McLeod, Williamwood, Hole 2, Nearest the pin in 2 Bronze, Alison Guthrie, Barassie. Hole 3, Nearest pin all, Louise Marshall, Elgin. Hole 4, Nearest pin h'cap 21-28, Janette White, Irvine. Hole 5, Nearest pin in 3 silver, Ann J May, Brodick. Hole 6, Longest drive Bronze, Julie Whitelaw, Whitecraigs. Hole 7, Nearest pin h'cap 13-20, Joan Drennan, Ralston. Hole 8, Nearest pin in 2 h'cap 1-12, Susan Butchard, Brodick. Hole 10, Nearest pin in 3 h'cap 1-12, Jill McNicholl, Gullane. Hole 11, Nearest pin in 3 h'cap 13-20, Fiona Henderson, Shiskine. Hole 12, Nearest pin in 2 h'cap 21-28, Fiona McEchran, Ralston. Hole 13, Longest putt sunk on the green All, Brenda Livingstone, Brodick. Hole 14, Nearest the pin in 2 h'cap 29-36, Merle King, Ravenspark. Hole 16, Nearest the pin in 2 silver, Doreen Mainds, Troon. Hole 17, Nearest the pin in 2 bronze, Olivia Johnstone, Barassie. Hole 18, Nearest the pin in 2 All, Lorraine Morris, Williamwood.

Thursday August 10, Gents' Senior Open. A good turnout of members, locals and visitors with 59 playing on a fine



Winners at the Brodick Ladies' Open, Susan Butchard with the Open Trophy and Margaret Roxburgh with the Hendry Trophy.

dry day. Home CSS 64, away CSS 67. Winner of the Brodick Gents' Senior Open, Bobby McCrae 40pts, 2 Jim Reid 37pts, BIH, 3 Lindsay Keir 37pts. Sweep results: ages 55 to 64, 1 Jim Reid 37pts, 2 Peter Martin 34pts, BIH, 3 Iain MacDonald 34pts. Ages 65 and over: 1 Bobby McCrae 40pts, 2 Lindsay Keir 37pts, 3 Ian McDermid 36pts. Nearest the pin: Ken Newbound at 4th hole, Mike Adams at 7th hole, Bobby McCrae at 13th hole, Ian McDermid at 15th hole. Wednesday August 9, Summer Cup, 34 played, CSS 66. Greg McCrae 69-5=64, Ken Newbound 90-25=65, ACB, Nicol Hume 79-14=65. Scratch, Greg McCrae 69.

Sunday 13 August, Centenary Quaid, 26 played, CSS 36pts. John May 21, 39 pts, Stuart Brodie 17, 38pts, Lindsay Keir 18, 37pts, ACB.

Fixture: Sunday August 20, Captain's Prize.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday August 3, RNLI Stableford Open, 65 played, yellow tees. Gents: 1 David Aitken 28pts BIH, 2 Chris Brown 28pts, BIH, 3 Colin Whitelaw 28pts. Ladies: 1 Mary Hardie 23pts, 2 Christine Maxton 22pts, BIH, 3 Fiona Zegleman 22pts. Hole in one at the 7th by Douglas Crawford. Nearest the pin at the 10th, John Clark. Organisers thanked everyone involved who helped to raise £488 for the RNLI.

Thursday August 10, Ladies' Captain's Prize and Veterans' Trophy, 27 played. Silver: 1 and scratch, Sandra Myles 51-10=41, 2 Piet Johnston 54-

12=42. Bronze: 1 Angela Dale 60-13=47, 2 Julie Whitelaw 64-16=48. Well done Sandra on winning the prize. Saturday August 12, Gents' Captain's Prize and Veterans' Trophy, 40 played. 1st Class: 1 A Ker 44-4=40, 2 J Zegleman 46-5=41, 3 A MacKay 49-7=42 BIH. Scratch, M Ker 44, BL4. 2 Class: 1 C Laing 50-11=39, 2 C Whitelaw 52-11=41, 3 H Biggar 51-9=42. Magic twos, A Ker and D Zegleman. Well done to Campbell Laing for winning the Captain's Prize and Vets' Trophy.

Saturday August 12, Junior Championship. Stanley Tod made a fabulous double by winning the Junior Championship, beating his cousin Rory Currie 3 and 2 on the 10th green. His father, David Tod, won the Shiskine Golf Club championship in May. Stanley won both the Donald McGillivray Shield for best qualifying score, and the Alexander Trophy for the club championship. Both Stanley and Rory played some magnificent long straight shots in the match that was played in a great spirit of competition. Very well done and thanks to Rion Culpan for refereeing.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday August 8, the McNicol Cup. On a fine day for golf, 25 played in the McNicol Cup, one of the club's oldest and most revered trophies. Course conditions were good but the speed and borrows on the greens left many floundering and CSS went out to 65. Conditions didn't seem to trouble the top two however as Dave Hackett and Danny Head both carded re-

markable net 59s to forge a five-stroke gap at the top of the leaderboard with Dave just edging the cup on a countback. 1 Dave Hackett 15, 59, ACB, 2 Danny Head 4, 59 and lowest gross, 3 Nicol Auld 4, 64, 4 John Pennycott 13, 66. Magic twos, Douglas Graham, Dave Hackett and Danny Head, all at the 4th and from Wolfi Kroner at the 17th.

Sunday August 13, The Aitken Rosebowl. Four teams played in this year's Aitken on a beautiful morning for golf. The relaxed and sociable format of four-somes golf made for some entertaining if not brilliant play and scoring was steady rather than spectacular with John Pennycott and Douglas Auld prevailing on net 63.5. 1 John Pennycott and Douglas Auld 17.5, 63.5, 2 John Dick and Stan Rainey 12, 66, 3 Danny Head and Graeme Crichton 8.5, 68.5. Danny and Graeme bagged the only magic two of the day at the 17th. Fixtures: Sunday August 20, Kilbride Challenge v Lamdash at Whiting Bay, 10.30am for 11am tee off. Wednesday August 23, Summer Trophy.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday August 9, Wednesday Cup. 1 R McLean 73-15=58, 2 A Napier 66-6=60 and scratch. Another good score from Robert McLean who is getting ever closer to a single-figure handicap. Lots of magic twos with John McGovern's effort taking home the money. Saturday August 12, Summer Cup. 1 E McKinnon 55-1=54, 2 R Logan 67-6=61, 3 G Andrew 72-9=63. Very nearly a memorable day at Corrie with Ewan standing on the 18th tee requiring a three for a new course record. Regrettably, he pulled his drive a little

with the ball just missing this scribe by a couple of feet and settling under the hedge on the second tee resulting in a five. Nevertheless a fantastic round of golf considering the windy conditions.

Fixtures: Saturday August 19, Whisky Cup round one, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday August 23, Whisky Cup round two, ballot at 5pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 10, Summer Cup, CSS 65, Par 64. 1 Iain Murchie 67-5=62, 2 Dan Bremner 73-7=66, BIH, 3 Andy Smith 81-15=66. Best scratch, Dougie Macfarlane 66. Magic twos Paul Jameson @16th.

Sunday August 13, Hamilton Bowl CSS +1 to bogey. 1 Dan Bremner 0 BIH level to bogey, 2 Andy Smith 0 level to bogey, Best scratch, Dan Bremner -6 to Bogey. Magic twos Scott Campbell @14th, Dan Bremner @16th, Alan Smith @17th. Winner of magic twos accumulator, Scott Campbell @14th. Overall winner of Hamilton Bowl, John O'Sullivan, Level to Bogey with better 3rd score over runner-up, Dan Bremner.

Fixtures: Friday August 18, Final of Champion of Champions at Brodick. Sunday August 20, Kilbride Challenge, Lamdash v W/Bay, Team game, four-somes, 10.30am for 11am start. Thursday August 24, Summer Cup, make up own groups.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 8, Peter Sutton, CSS 64. 1 P Betley 76-11=65, 2 R Betley 94-28=66, 3 C Laing 85-17=68, BIH.

Fixture: Tuesday August 22, Last round of Peter Sutton/Lady Mary at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.



Stanley Tod beat his cousin Rory Currie in the Shiskine Junior Club Championship final, where Viv Parks and Rion Culpan were on hand to support and referee.



Stanley Tod, the new junior club champion at Shiskine, joins his dad David Tod, who is the gents' club champion, to make up Shiskine's father and son champion team.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Susan wins three-way Brodick Ladies' Open

Trouble erupts as top teams clash

Southend go level on points

Southend	4
Brodick	0

Ugly scenes of indiscipline are being probed by the Arran football league after shocking scenes saw a premature end to Monday night's potential league decider at Sandbraes.

Tensions were running high during the clash between the top two teams and they eventually boiled over, seeing three players sent off and cutting the match short. This leaves both teams level on points as they face their final match games next week.

Southend went into this game knowing that they needed to win to keep their title hopes alive as Brodick were sitting three points ahead of their rivals with just two games to go.

From the off the Southend boys looked up for it and were creating more of the chances. Lewis Kennedy

had the ball in the net but referee Stevie Crawford ruled it offside so the score remained goalless.

At the other end, Brodick nearly broke the deadlock only to be prevented by a great save from Stevie Judge followed up by an off-the-line clearance from Fraser Gilbert. At the other end, it was Fraser who scored first as Southend took a 1-0 lead going into half-time.

Mark Halliday was given a yellow card after a horrible tackle on Ryan and was lucky to not receive his marching orders.

In the second half, the home team doubled their lead when Lewis Kennedy flicked a header beyond Gregor Adamson. Donnie Park then added a third to give Southend a good cushion with Brodick struggling to create anything at the other end of the pitch.

Jack Simmons went on a darting run from right back

for the MBS boys and his cross ended up fooling everyone and nestling in the corner of the goal.

At 4-0 with around 15 minutes to go scenes got ugly as tempers flared. A minority of players engaged in fighting and, as a result, Southend's new boy David and Brodick duo Mark Halliday and John Drummond were all sent packing.

After a discussion with a couple of the Brodick players, the referee came to the decision that enough was enough and that 4-0 would be the final score.

It was a sensible decision as Brodick were out of the game and it was best to leave it before any more trouble erupted.

Both teams are now level on points and, if they both win their final game of the season, then the league will come down to a play-off match.



Southend's Ryan Armstrong winces in pain after a bruising tackle. 01_B33footy03



Another tense moment in goal as Brodick rush to remove the ball from their box. 01_B33footy04



Goalkeeper Gregor Adamson leaps into the air to deflect an attempt at goal over the bar. 01_B33footy02



Lewis Kennedy and team celebrate a goal which was ruled off side by referee Stevie Crawford. 01_B33footy01

Northend	1
Lamlash	8

Lamlash ran Northend ragged in Lochranza on Monday night, beating them by eight goals to one.

Referee Jack McNally gave man of the match to Sean Higgins after an energetic performance in

which he bagged two goals. Young Dylan Smith continued his good scoring form this season as he scored his first ever hat-trick for his team.

Brace

Ben Tattersfield also got a brace to add to his tally for the season and Jamie Sillars got the other one.

Dominick Demazeux got Northend's only goal of the evening.

Fixtures for Monday August 21 will see Brodick vs Lamlash and Shiskine vs Southend, both kick-offs at 6.30pm, with the Brodick and Southend teams desperate to attain the points advantage.

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