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Clauchlands is favoured site in search for new helipad

'No final decision will be taken until all potential options have been considered'

A site is being sought for a vital new helipad on Arran needed for medical emergencies.

The previous helipad in Brodick had to be closed to allow construction of the £22.2 million ferry terminal redevelopment. Air ambulance transfers and the new Coastguard search-and-rescue helicopter are presently using Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay as a temporary landing site.

It had been thought that the helipad may reopen in Brodick once the terminal work was completed next summer. However, this has now been ruled out as the ferries will be too close to the flight path and the helipad in Market Road is in a rundown state.

Now the Scottish Ambulance Service, working with the Coastguard, North Ayrshire Council and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, are on the search for a new permanent site and they are open to suggestions as to the best site.

At a recent meeting of Arran Community Council

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representatives heard from Jim Nichols of the Arran Community and Voluntary Service that several sites had already been ruled out.

These include the forestry car park at the top of Lamash Hill, which was considered unsuitable as it is often shrouded in mist and there are power cables in the area.

The site next to the Lamash fire station and the village tennis courts, earmarked for use at a new marine centre, were also ruled out because of the proximity of housing in terms of the noise to residents.

Sandbraes is also unlikely to be the permanent site due to the soft landing ground for the heavy Sikorsky S-72 helicopter and problems with patients being exposed to the elements during their transfer, as previously reported in *The Banner*.

The community council heard there was a historical helicopter landing

site where the Arran Outdoor Education Centre now stands, but it was unsuitable because of the proximity to sailing vessels at the centre.

However, it is understood the authorities favour a site in the Clauchlands area given its proximity to the Arran War Memorial Hospital. But Shiskine member Neil Arthur said he was concerned about ambulances using the single-track road to Clauchlands.

Mr Nichols said they were looking for a Category 1 site which would need a full risk assessment carried out. He said at the moment the HM Coastguard had to attend every emergency landing at Sandbraes which recently had been five days in a row – four Air Ambulance and one Coastguard call out, but with a Category 1 site this would not be necessary for medical evacuations.

Lamash representative Jim Henderson said: 'There is land just beyond the Outdoor Centre which I think would be best.'



Beach race is the real deal

A children's race on Brodick beach would have been impossible just a few short months ago. But with the new sand bedded in a real village beach barbecue could be held on Sunday. See page 2 for full story and more pictures. 01_B34beach04

The community council asked who would pay for the site and this will be investigated as Mr Nichols said: 'Nowhere is Scotland does the Scottish Ambulance Service provide the landing site.'

A Scottish Ambulance

Service spokesman said: 'A possible landing site has been identified at Clauchlands but no final decision will be taken until all potential options have been considered.'

'That process is currently ongoing. The health board

is normally responsible for the provision of a landing site at a hospital, however we will assist with provision of equipment, such as landing lights and windsock, for secondary sites that are outwith health board locations.'



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Now that's a REAL beach barbecue

The weather stayed dry and with sand underfoot locals and visitors flocked to the rearranged Brodick Beach Barbecue last Sunday.

drinks and by the time of the famed raffle a healthy crowd had built up on the beach.

Funds

They used the occasion to celebrate the return of sand to the beach for the first time in several years allowing for beach volleyball, sand races and the traditional sandcastle building competition all to take place.

The event is organised by the Brodick Improvements Committee and raised £1,150 for much-needed funds to pay for beach improvements.

It had been forced to be cancelled the week before because of high winds and the forecast of heavy rain.

There were burgers and



Flamegrilled ... Doreen McNulty and Stacey Smith have a laugh at the burger stall. 01_B34beach01



Six-year-old Jamie Ferguson of Brodick has a shot in the police car. 01_B34beach02



Tommy Gilmore at the microphone during the raffle. 01_b34beach07



The sandcastle contest in full swing. 01_B34beach05



Regular visitors the Russell family take on the eventual winners in the beach volleyball contest. 01_B34beach06

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Temporary repairs lead to 135 cancelled ferry sailings

The MV Isle of Arran has had a total of 135 cancelled sailings this summer on the main Arran ferry route, according to official figures supplied by operator Caledonian MacBrayne.

The ferry company revealed the figures this week, after a series of cancellations of the second summer ferry, which show that more than 17 per cent of sailings have been lost. While some are weather related, the majority are as a result of the vessel operating with temporary repairs.

The figures were released following last week's row over the on-off decision to take the MV Isle of Arran off the route to assist on the Islay route, a move that was called off at the 11th hour.

The 33-year-old ferry first suffered technical problems in May and was returned to service after temporary repairs were made, due to the difficulty in sourcing spare parts. Although seaworthy, the ferry now has a lower tolerance for certain conditions, resulting in more frequent disruption.

Now CalMac has revealed for the first time just how widespread that disruption has been. Since the MV Isle of Arran came into service as the second summer ferry on the Ardrossan to Brodick route in April there have been 108 cancelled sailings due to the temporary repairs and 27 others which were weather related out of a total of 791 scheduled sailings. Another 18 sailings were cancelled out of 105 sailings made by the vessel between Ardrossan and Campbeltown.

This is the audited figures for the routes up until August 8.

For the contract year 2015/16 the Caledonian Isles had just five cancelled sailings due to the weather out of 1,369.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'The current restricted performance of the MV Isle of Arran in certain weather conditions has been well documented. A decision was made to continue to deliver a service with restrictions in place, rather than the alternative which was the withdrawal of the vessel for dry docking repair during the height of the summer season.'

'A permanent fix to the vessel will be undertaken during her scheduled dry dock maintenance period later in the year.'

See letters page.



The MV Isle of Arran sailing out of Brodick this week. 01_B34repair01

SNP resign

The SNP group on North Ayrshire Council has given up control of the authority after a by-election defeat.

Labour became the largest party on the council last week after taking a seat from the SNP.

The losing SNP candidate was first minister Nicola Sturgeon's father, Robin.

The first minister's mother, Joan, has now stood down as Provost after the SNP resigned from the administration.

The decision paves the way for Labour to try and form an administration.

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Help to find training on Arran

The Arran Economic Group has launched the new ArranSkills Facebook page.

The page is entirely dedicated to training courses and related events on Arran for residents, employees and employers alike.

The page brings together in one place all training and personal development initiatives from agencies and organisations involved on Arran, including Skills Development Scotland, Argyll College, the Chamber of Commerce, Business Gateway and the high school. This is along with relevant and appropriate input, knowledge and experience from major employers on the island including the Auchrannie Resort and Arran Aromatics.

Sheena Borthwick-Toomey, development director for the Arran Economic Group said: 'If you have training needs or want to offer specific courses and would benefit from knowing more, check out the ArranSkills Facebook page. The economic group would be delighted to hear from you.'

Please contact either Sheena or Cecilia at sheena.borthwick.aeg@gmail.com or Cecilia at info@visitaran.com for more information.

Cemetery bid concerns about undiscovered remains

A new bid to extend Lam-lash cemetery could be delayed by work to evaluate possible undiscovered archaeological remains.

A planning application has been made by North Ayrshire Council for a change of use of neighbouring agricultural land to form a cemetery extension as well as the creation of a new access road, footpaths and a perimeter fence.

Following a previous objection and subsequent withdrawal of the application last year, the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency has now confirmed that there will be no unacceptable impact on the water environment and it has withdrawn its previous objection to the proposals.

However, the West of Scotland Archaeology Service has in its submission made mention of the status of the chapel and ancient graveyards nearby as being scheduled ancient monuments recognised as being of national importance.

And it says that further archaeological work on the proposed area would need to be undertaken to evaluate the area.

Its report states: 'While no known archaeological features have been recorded from within the application area, the proximity of the church site immediately to the east, as well as the presence of other finds in the area dating from the prehistoric to Viking age suggests that previously undiscovered remains may survive within the application boundary.'

This raises a potential archaeological issue which should be addressed when determining the application.'

The 9,581 square metre site will allow for a further 571 plots to be created in the cemetery, which is also known as the Kilbride Graveyard.

The ruins of the St Brides chapel, located on the existing site, are thought to date back to the 14th century and



Undiscovered remains may be found on the proposed site of the cemetery extension. 01_B32cemetery01

served as the St Brides Parish Church until the 1700's. The earliest legible gravestone dates back to 1603.

There is also a large modern cemetery on the northern side which features a row of Second World War airmen's graves as well as the grave of Colin Campbell whose son Dugald was the grandfather of author J K Rowling, who wrote the Harry Potter books.

Man jailed for historic sex offences

A 55-year-old Arran man has been jailed after being found guilty of sexually abusing three young girls.

At Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Monday Duncan Mulholland was sentenced to three and a half years imprisonment and placed on the Sex Offenders' Register.

He had earlier been found guilty after a jury trial of three charges of lewd and libidinous behaviour in his home at Torrylinn Farm, Kilmory and a house in Uplawmoor, Renfrewshire between April 1987 and September 2008.

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Arran pupils produce some excellent results

Arran High School head teacher Barry Smith has praised the efforts of pupils and staff at the school as they once again celebrate a successful year of exemplary results from pupils taking their SQA exams.

With the pupils back at school following their exam results last week, early indications are that the Higher results performance is the best for at least five years.

Mr Smith said: 'Although we do not yet have the official data release from the Scottish Government Insight Benchmarking tool, our own calculations tell us that once again this year the performance of our young people in SQA examinations has been very strong. For the third year in succession we have increased the number of Level 5 (National 5) and Level 6 (Higher) qualifications being attempted by our students, which demonstrates the high aspirations and ambitions we have for the young people of Arran. Whilst there is still room for further improvement in all areas, the quality of qualifications our students attained in S4, S5 and S6 has improved again this year.'

'The overall performance of our young people at Higher is at the highest level for at least five years. This is as a direct result of the tireless effort of all of our staff throughout some



Achieving five Highers or six National Fives are S6 pupils Ben Downing, Lewis Coyne, Ross Kerr and Bethany Walsh and S5 pupils Rachel Janse van Rensburg, Abbie McKelvie, Alison Provan and Cailean Robertson. The successful pupils are pictured with head teacher Barry Smith. 01_B34result01

very challenging times, the hard work and application of our young people and the tremendous support of parents and the wider community. I would like to thank everyone involved with the school for helping us to continue to attain the high standards we expect, ensuring every young person who leaves Arran High School can do so knowing

they have the skills, attributes and capabilities, supported by relevant SQA qualifications, to confidently take their next steps in life.'

Club draw winners

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol village hall 200 club July draw were: 1 Jim Jack, 2 prize Margaret Craig.

Drivers hit by parking crackdown

A crackdown has seen a big rise in the number of parking tickets being handed out to drivers on Arran.

Police on the island have, in particular, been targeting car parks in Lamlash and Brodick as well as Market Road following public complaints regarding the misuse of spaces by motorhomes and other vehicles. They have been handing out tickets to cars which are badly parked in both car parks and where there are yellow line restrictions.

However, North Ayrshire Council says there has been no change to the parking restrictions which have been in place since 2010.

A council spokesman said: 'Police Scotland have the necessary powers to enforce parking restrictions under the North Ayrshire Council (Off Road Parking Places) (Controlling Regulations) Order, which has been in place since 2010.'

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Fun and games at museum children's day

The final event of the Arran Heritage Museum's summer calendar is the children's fun day which was filled with families enjoying the drier weather and traditional games when it was held last Sunday in the museum gardens.

Packed with activities for the children, there was an impressive line up of events and activities which included horseshoe tossing, face painting, cake decorating and adding to the volume of the event, a crockery smash which saw children throwing beanbags at piles of crockery to win prizes. Equally popular was the children's tombola offering generous prizes and an embroidery and spinning demonstration, which along with the bash-the-rat game, was enjoyed by the young participants almost as much as the chocolate fountain.



Parents enjoy teas and snacks while the children entertained themselves under the marquees.

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Enjoyed

Coffee, teas, cakes and light lunches from the Rosaburn Cafe was enjoyed in the seating area, while candy floss and various other treats were available as the Arran Fiddle Group and the Isle of Arran Pipe Band entertained the crowds throughout the day.

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Above: Children earned sweets as prizes in the smash, bash, crash challenge which was incredibly popular. 01_B34children03



Children were fascinated by the working model train display. 01_B34children02



Left: The Arran Fiddle Group provided visitors with a rousing performance.

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A performance by the Isle of Arran Pipe Band attracted a large crowd.

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Hospital taxi share service launched

The Ardrossan-based Mainland Taxis are to pilot a new hospital taxi share service which they hope will fill some of the void left by the Red Cross hospital transfer service which ended in June.

Looking to help solve some of the difficulties patients have been experiencing in getting to the hospital, the taxi firm are to offer the scheme to patients and relatives who are travelling to Crosshouse, Ayr and Irvine Central hospitals.

Peter McGuinness of Mainland Taxis said: 'From the start of September when someone phones to book a taxi to take them to the hospital they will be offered the hospital taxi share service as an option. If another person has phoned for the same hospital and the same ferry time then a taxi can be shared which will help to keep the costs down.'

'We have very reasonable set rates for transport to the hospitals but this initiative will hopefully reduce these costs for the traveller even further as well as a provide an invaluable service for our valued and local customers on Arran.'

'As with many of these types of initiatives, the more it is used the more cost efficient it will become,' he added.

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Charity walkers pledge to give something back

Drenched, tired but happy and elated, 31 participants finished their round-the-island walk last Thursday for the Smile of Arran charity, which is now in its second year.

Started by the Tosh family of Hedingham after their son Arran died of a brain tumour in 2014, the Smile of Arran charity, through its affiliations with other groups, provides research funds and grants for people and families that are dealing with brain tumours and cancers. The organisation receives widespread support from island businesses who have held fundraisers and who have collected for them throughout the year.

Trust organiser and mum of Arran, Alison Tosh said: 'We are so grateful for the

continued support from island people and businesses who have supported us and who continue to support us through their fundraising efforts. I cannot thank everyone enough but special thanks has to go to the Little Rock Cafe, Lamash Bay Hotel and the Whiting Bay golf club who have been with us every step of the way. Also a special thank you to Sheila Gilmore who has been invaluable in helping us with arrangements and for her help and support on the island.

'By way of saying thank you we are hoping to give back something to the island in a venture that will sponsor a child wanting to follow their dreams of learning a musical instrument or even a local child



Participants finished at the Little Rock Cafe in Brodick who support the Smile of Arran charity throughout the year. 01_B34smile01

who might be dealing with a tumour or cancer. Sheila will assist with facilitating this or applications can be made on our website at

www.smileofarran.org.' The Smile of Arran Trust walkers, which included the entire Tosh family and friends of Arran, received

a rousing send off when they followed the mass pipe bands at the Brodick Highland Games where they also held a stall.

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A parking problem

Parking has become a big issue on the island. Since the introduction of RET fares, the number of cars, motor-homes and other vehicles coming to the island has increased dramatically.

But they all need somewhere to park. There is no doubt a lot of drivers come to Arran and throw the Highway Code and a good deal of common sense out the window when they drive off the ferry. They appear to think the laws of the road somehow don't apply on Arran.

The situation has been compounded in Brodick by the closure of the car park at the ferry to allow construction of the new terminal. This has seen cars using and abusing Market Road as well as other car parks near the ferry terminal never designed for ferry traffic. And it's not just visitors who are causing problems but local residents too.

The Banner also recently highlighted the problems in Lamlash so it is not surprising that the police on Arran have been taking action to try and alleviate the problem. That has upset some people but it is our view that any action that can be taken to make the roads and car parks safer should be applauded.

Every North Ayrshire car park has a list of the restrictions which apply, so there is no excuse for any drivers caught where and when they shouldn't be. But the police can only do so much. It is up to everyone to show some consideration to other road users to make driving on the island a more pleasurable experience.

School of success

It will have been an anxious summer for all pupils waiting for the SQA exam results.

So it is great to hear Arran High School had another great year of results. The school, as always, has punched well above its weight thanks to the hard work of head teacher Barry Smith and his staff. To those now heading for university we wish them well and to those back at school this week we say study hard and the rewards will come.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Lessons can be learned

Sir,
After reading your coverage of the proposed redeployment of the *MV Isle of Arran* to temporarily cover the Islay route, I would like to reinforce our efforts to provide clarity and confirmation of what our plans were during this period.

Having to withdraw the *MV Hebridean Isles* from the Islay route caused serious capacity issues for the island. We had to work hard to redeploy thousands of passengers booked on the service, no easy task. To manage the situation we took a number of steps including the chartering of a freight vessel to carry cars and moving the *MV Finlaggan* on to 24-hour operations.

However, we felt there was still going to be serious capacity issues on the route during one of the island's busiest periods of the year, the Islay Show week.

To provide additional cover, plans were started to redeploy the *MV Isle of Arran* in the event of the *MV Hebridean Isles* still being out of service during this period. While acknowledging this would cause disruption to the communities of Arran, the island's ferry committee agreed this was a necessary move in the circumstances.

I can assure customers that we informed them as soon as a final decision was made to move the *MV Isle of Arran*. This was announced on the Friday with the vessel due to move to the Islay route on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the following week.

Bookings were closed earlier than this to allow us to manage traffic and passenger demand, but we could not inform customers that the vessel was definitely

moving because this decision had not been taken at this time. We could not confirm the decision to move the vessel any sooner than we did.

In the event, repairs to the *MV Hebridean Isles* were completed and the redeployment of the *MV Isle of Arran* was not required.

Redeploying vessels is never a easy task. It takes time and planning, sometimes for eventualities that never happen, as in this case. We felt that telling customers the vessel was moving before we had explored all options would add nothing to their ability to base their travel plans on accurate information.

We are continually striving to improve how we communicate with customers. This was an extraordinary set of circumstances that we had to try and manage as best we could within the limited fleet resource we have available. We will, as always, be looking at what lessons can be learned for the future to improve the way we communicate our decisions with customers.

Yours,
Simon Richmond
Area Manager (South)
Caledonian MacBrayne

Delayed ferries

Sir,
Below is a copy of the letter sent to the customer care department at CalMac.

On the evening of Monday August 8 this year I was unfortunate to be on the delayed 6pm sailing from Ardrossan to Brodick.

Before the end of the journey an announcement was made that because the vessel was running late the only public transport available was a bus running to Lamlash and Whiting Bay.

As I and my party all live on the north end of the is-

land we were faced with the dilemma of how to get home - and it was not only my party heading north.

There were others trying to cross the island to Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot, people trying to travel beyond Whiting Bay as far as Blackwaterfoot and around the north end of the island again to Blackwaterfoot.

I have contacted the bus operator and received a reply stating it is contracted to wait no longer than 31 minutes after the scheduled departure time for a delayed ferry but often would endeavour to get passengers to their destination but on this occasion there were no spare drivers/buses to make this possible.

He further suggested that it was up to yourselves, as the ferry operator, to ensure your ferries sailed to schedule. Invariably ferry delays outwith weather conditions are caused by the volume of traffic during that day's sailings.

You do state quite clearly in all your timetables, vehicle booking confirmation slips and on the web site that all vehicle for conveyance should be at the terminal 30 minutes prior to the programmed ferry departure time. There can only be two reasons for a backlog of traffic waiting past the ferries scheduled departure time is that vehicles are arriving too late to be processed or there are not enough personnel on duty at the marshalling area to handle the traffic prior to the vessels scheduled departure time.

Foot passengers must be onboard 10 minutes prior to departure in order that the door can be closed and safety checks and announcements can be carried out. This should also apply to motor vehicles, if they

are not booked in and in the marshalling area 30 minutes prior to departure they should be left behind.

As mentioned earlier it is they who cause the ferry to sail late, not the foot passenger, but it is the foot passenger who suffers because they cannot get to their final destination. The ones causing the delay motor off happily into the setting sun, not caring and oblivious of the chaos left behind.

This did not only happen to the 6pm sailing on Monday but on the same sailing the following Friday, August 12, and I bet there were a lot more people left behind then.

There was another ferry later that evening but I have no feed back as to whether that sailed on time or not.

Yours,
John Lawson
Cairngorm
Catacol

Violist required

Sir,
After a session which has involved playing at several local events in churches, garden fetes and homes for the elderly, the group Arco is hoping to find a viola player.

Arco is a mixed ability string ensemble group, presently comprised of eight violins, two violas and two cellos, which meet regularly for practice at Ormisdale Pavilion. Sadly, however, one violist can only attend occasionally on account of work and the other has recently left the island to live on the mainland. Practise sessions will recommence in a few weeks and if there are any violists out there who might be interested, please contact our team leader Alice Maxwell in Lamlash on 600329.

Yours,
Ian MacLeod
Corrie

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Wide range of partners unveiled for new Argyll Enterprise Week

A wide range of partner organisations have signed up to take part in Argyll's first Enterprise Week, with a huge array of free support on offer.

Argyll Enterprise Week is new initiative, debuting in Oban between October 31 and November 4.

Hosted in partnership by Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the week of activities aims to inspire, inform and connect businesses, social enterprises, communities and entrepreneurs from across the area and beyond.

Access to funding is a key theme, with DSL Business Finance, Argyll and the Islands LEADER, crowd-funder Growth Deck, SJ Noble Trust, Scottish Edge, Business Gateway and angel investor Investing Women Angels all delivering sessions to explain the funding they can offer to businesses and how to apply.

Central to the week will be a business support fair which will showcase the

wide range of support available. More than 25 organisations will be on hand to outline the support they offer, including Scottish Development International, Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service, Argyll College, Interface and the council's planning and regulatory services.

Networking events throughout the week will be facilitated by Women Enterprise Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses, InspirAlba and the Oban Times.

Digital, innovation and internationalisation support will be provided through workshops from Digital-Boost and HIE's specialist teams.

David Smart, head of special projects for Highlands and Islands Enterprise commented: 'We are delighted to be working with such a wide range of enthusiastic partners. Argyll Enterprise Week will demonstrate the strength and depth of support available, with our partners focusing on offering practical support to help

enterprise flourish in Argyll and the Islands. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in enterprise to get involved with what is going to be an exciting week.'

A focus on key sectors is supported by partners including Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, Scotland Food and Drink and Craft Scotland. Activities supporting social enterprises will be led by InspirAlba, working with partners including the Social Enterprise Academy.

Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for sustainable economic growth said: 'The regeneration work that we are carrying out across the area, and the business advantages our geography gives us, mean that there are both general and niche business opportunities here to develop. Argyll Enterprise Week is all about supporting the talent and ambition of our business community in turning these opportunities into success for our people and the long term prosperity of Argyll and Bute as a whole.'

The event programme will be published at the end of August, when the activities will open for bookings. For more information visit www.hie.co.uk/argyllenterpriseweek or call the local Business Gateway team on 01546 604555.

Arran Farmers' Society prize draw winners

The results of the Arran Farmers' Society prize draw held at the annual show earlier this month were as follows: five x £100 cash prizes, donated by Arran Farmers' Society, Donald Macqueen, East Mayish, Brodick; John Wilson, Wheatfield, Kilmaurs; Jenny Lambie, Kildonan; Stanley Tod, c/o Balgowan; John Reid, Goldie Place, Stevenston.

ALKO 425 'Special' lawnmower, courtesy of R & L Miller Ltd, Dalry, Howard Wood, Alt Na Ceirde, Whiting Bay.

Three night stay for up to six people, two bed apartment, courtesy of Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Linton McMillan, Kirkmichael.

Whole lamb for freezer, courtesy of Island Meats, Willie Cook, Kildonan.

Forest safari for two adults, courtesy of Mogabout, Oswald Wardrop, Hauplands, Ardrassan.

Dinner for two, plus a bottle of house wine, courtesy of Felicity's at Eden Lodge, The Coffee Pot, Whiting Bay.

Two mini barrels of Kinloch Hotel Uisge Dubh Ale, courtesy of Best Western Kinloch Hotel, George Comrie, Glencairn Gardens, Stevenston.

Two-hour island tour, up to eight people, courtesy of Arran Motors, Devlin (The blacksmith).

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Thermos Flask, donated by Miller Hardie, Calum Imrie, Alton Farm, Milton of Campsie.

Torch, donated by Miller Hardie, Joe Faulkner, Parkhouse, Torbeg.



A recent silent protest by the Women in Black.

Invitation to join Women in Black

Once a month a small gathering of Women in Black hold a silent vigil at the Arran Coastal Way marker in Brodick.

Part of the worldwide network of women committed to peace with justice in our world, they meet in silence to remember all the forgotten victims of war – civilians and soldiers killed in war situations not of their making. They meet to demonstrate against war and hate, to state that violence breeds violence and that peace with justice for everyone is the way.

Women in Black was started by Israeli and Palestinian women protesting against the actions of the Israeli Army. Vigils are held around the world and in Scotland in places, including Edinburgh and Inverness and now on Arran.

Women of any or no political or religious view who can relate to these aspirations are warmly invited to gather with them on the last Saturday of each month between 1pm and 2pm. This month the gathering will be on Saturday August 27. Anyone attending is asked to wear black and, if desired, bring a placard to state their conviction. The support of men is also welcome.



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All of the trophy winners at the Arran Horticultural Society summer show. 01_B34hort28

Horticultural society serve up a feast of fare at the show

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

After months of hard work, green-fingered enthusiasts reaped the rewards of their labours at the well attended prizegiving ceremony at the Isle of Arran Horticultural Show last Wednesday.

Awarding the prizes, as well as the newest cup category, was Gill Gregory, wife of Eric Gregory, a long-standing participant at the show who passed away last November after many years of competing in the vegetable growing sections.

Fun section

Flowers, fruit and vegetables, as well as floral arrangements and produce from entrants' harvests were displayed in the community theatre, while additional categories such as baking, handcrafts and photography were on display in the cafeteria area.

A popular and fun sec-

tion for children also took place in the cafeteria, with more than 21 categories for them to compete in, ranging from floral arrangements to baking and toy-making.

Dominating the vegetable category and winner of five of the six trophies available, John O'Sullivan once again produced a huge variety of exhibits from his garden, many of which are grown to show-standard in one metre long PVC tubes. In the cut flowers category Mairi Turnbull and Malcolm Wheeler vied for the most first places and while Malcolm took the Bank of Scotland Cup for the best sweet peas in the show, Mairi took the Silver Vase for her rose exhibit.

In the pot plant section which filled the entire theatre with a floral aroma, were the liliums of Iain Hendry whose brother Charles won the Roy Ure trophy for his fuchsias which

were in full and magnificent bloom.

Taking two trophies in the decorative arrangements, including best in section was May Crawford whose 'Tropical Storm' and 'Spice it Up' arrangements both won first places.

Mouth-watering

In the baking section, Jo Totty took the Mrs F C Hendersons Trophy for most points in the section thanks to her winning quiches, Coburg cakes and her banana loaf.

This fiercely-contested section saw an entire trestle table filled with a mouth-watering array of offerings including baked goods from Morag Murchie whose name frequently appears in the top three position list.

Best exhibit in the handcraft section was awarded to Deborah Robertson of Shiskine, whose knitting featured prominent-

ly in the show, along with Nancy Bremner and Morag Gardner who both exhibited various knitted and crocheted items.

Earning themselves additional pocket money with the prize money awarded in the children's category

were Olivia and Ava McNeice who won the M F Murchie Cup with their miniature garden, while Darcy Brown took the Jim Cassels most meritorious prize.

At the end of the prizegiving, the raffle was held.

Society president John Silars thanked all of the entrants for the contributions and for the outstanding quality of entries on display.

*Full picture report and results of the show on the following pages.



Lily Glover took various first place prizes in the children's category. 01_B34hort08



Mairi Turnbull with her prizewinning white and purple gladioli. 01_B34hort01



Charles Hendry's fuchsias impressed the judges.

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A colourful display of flowers brightened the community



The best vase of sweet peas earned Malcolm Wheeler the Bank of Scotland Cup.

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Posy in a teacup was won by Lily Glover.

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An obvious winner in the long carrot class was John O'Sullivan's entry.

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The largest marrow on show went to John O'Sullivan.

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Gill Gregory presents Hilary Stubbs with the Dippen Lodge Challenge Cup for her hydrangeas.

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Above: The wicker basket of cut flowers that earned May Crawford the Rhoda Henderson trophy.

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Julie Hamill, not necessarily a Star Wars fan, took first place with her R2D2 entry.

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Left: The strong fragrance of Iain Hendry's winning lily filled the theatre.

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Showing what it takes to win the best collection of vegetables is John O'Sullivan. 01_B34hort09



The best in show vegetable assortment that earned John O'Sullivan five trophies. 01_B34hort10



The baking category saw many entries as well as appreciative admirers. 01_B34hort06



All smiles as May Crawford receives the Allen McKay memorial quach from Gill Gregory. 01_B34hort23



John Lammie's dahlias won him the John Sillars Cup. 01_B34hort17



Admirers inspect the quality of handcraft on display. 01_B34hort16



The foliage of Myra Frost's plant earned her a first prize. 01_B34hort19



Norman Cuthbert, who also had an entry in the produce category, took first place with his dahlias. 01_B34hort18



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Horticultural show prize list

The full results were: Section 1 - Cut flowers. Vase medium decorative (3 blooms), 1 Sonia Harding. Vase small decorative (5 blooms), 1 John Lammie, 2 John Lammie. Vase small or semi-cactus, 1 N Cuthbert. Vase ball, one cultivar (5 blooms), 1 John Lammie. Vase miniature ball (5 blooms), John Lammie. 4 pansies, on board, 1 Jean Barclay. 6 Roses, on board, 1 M Turnbull, 2 M Turnbull, 3 Sonia Harding. 3 Roses, on board, 1 M Turnbull, 2 M Turnbull, 3 1 Hendry. Vase, 1 stem, 1 large flowered rose (HT type), 1 M Turnbull, 2 M Turnbull. Vase, 3 stems rambler or old fashioned roses, 1 Alison Bilsland. Vase phlox (4 spikes), 1 Malcolm Wheeler, 2 Malcolm Wheeler, 3 Jean Barclay. Vase carnations, disbudded (6 stems), 1 Malcolm Wheeler, 2 Malcolm Wheeler, 3 Myra Frost. vase pinks (6 stems), 1 Nicola Leckey. Vase calendula (6 blooms), 1 Sonia Harding. Vase African marigolds (5 blooms), 1 Jan Murray, 2 Jan Murray, 3 Jan Murray. Vase French marigolds (5 blooms), 1 Jan Murray, 2 Jan Murray, 3 Jan Murray. Vase gladioli, large flowering (1 spike), 1 M Turnbull. Vase gladioli, large flowering (1 spike), 1 m Turnbull, 2 L Currie, 3 Sonia Harding. 2 Vases of sweet peas, two varieties (9 stems of one variety in each vase), 1 Malcolm Wheeler. Vase sweet peas, one colour (12 stems), 1 Malcolm Wheeler. Vase sweet peas, mixed (12 stems), 1 Malcolm Wheeler, 1 Malcolm Wheeler, 2 Nicola Leckey. Vase hardy herbaceous, mixed, 1 Nicola Leckey, Kathryn Stefanuti, 3 Jan Murray. 2 Vases hydrangeas (2 blooms in each vase) 1 Hilary Stubbs, 2 Gill Gregory, 3 Sonia Harding. Vase cut garden flowers, 1 Janet Baraclough, 2 Kathryn Stefanuti, 3 Elby Lang. the bank of Scotland Cup for the best vase of sweet peas in the show: Malcolm Wheeler. The Hiles Muir Trophy for the best exhibit of 3 spikes of gladioli: M Turnbull. Silver vase presented by the late Mrs Blain, for the best exhibit of 6 roses: M Turnbull. The Dippen Lodge Challenge Cup. Presented by Hon Frances de Moleyns, for the best exhibit of hydrangeas: Hilary Stubbs. The John Sillars Cup for the best exhibit of dahlias (classes 1 - 15): John Lammie. The Millennium Cup for the most 1st prizes in Horticultural Sections: John O' Sullivan.

The Archie Craig Memorial Trophy for the best exhibit in Section 1: Janet Baraclough.

Section 2 - Pot plants. Pot lili-um, 1 Iain Hendry, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Sonia Harding. Pot plant, foliage (not more than 8in pot), 1 Myra Frost, 2 Hilary Stubbs. Pot geranium, zonal, 1 C Hendry. Pot plant geranium, other, 1 L Currie. Pot begonia, double, tuberous, 1 Sonia Harding. Pot fuchsia, single (not more than 8in pot), 1 C Hendry, 2 Jean Barclay, 3 Jean Barclay. Pot fuchsia, double (not more than 8in pot), 1 C Hendry, 2 C Hendry, 3 C Hendry. Pot fuchsia, pendulous (not more than 8" pot), 1 C Hendry, 2 L Currie. House plant, flowering (up to 8in pot), 1 L Currie, 2 N Cuthbert. Orchid, flowering, 1 Morag Gardner. Hanging basket, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Sonia Harding. Patio pot, floral, 1 Tom McNeish, 2 Alison Bilsland. The Lady Jean Fforde Cup presented for best exhibit in Section: L Currie. The Roy Ure Tray for the best pot fuchsia: C Hendry.

Section 3 - Decorative. Arrangement in a small teapot, 1 Kate Russell, 2 Hillary Stubbs. Bowl of floating flowers, 1 Hillary Stubbs. Wicker basket of cut flowers, 1 May Crawford, 2 Hillary Stubbs, 3 Hillary Stubbs. Floral arrangement, Tropical Storm, 1 May Crawford, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Janet Baraclough. Cameo, miniature exhibit not exceeding 4in overall, 1 Hillary Stubbs. Floral art exhibit, Spice it Up, 1 May Crawford. The Allen McKay Memorial Quaich for best exhibit in Section: May Crawford. The Rhoda Henderson Memorial Cup for best exhibit in class 74: May Crawford.

Section 4 - Fruit. Apples, 1 Morag Murchie. Blackcurrants, 1 Andrew Stefanuti, 2 Andrew Stefanuti. Redcurrants, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 Sonia Harding, tea plate any other fruit, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 Colin Currie, 3 Morag Murchie. Bunch grapes, 1 Morag Murchie.

Section 5 - Vegetables. 4 Courgettes, 1 L Currie, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 Sally Brookes. Marrow, for quality, any size, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 Donald Macleod. Cauliflower, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 Sally Brookes. 3 Car-



The Illia Price Engraving Trophy went to Morag Murchie who featured prominently in the baking section. 01_B34hort25

rots, long, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 John O' Sullivan, 3 Sally Brookes. 3 Carrots, stump rooted, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 John O' Sullivan, 3 John O' Sullivan. 3 Long leeks, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 John O' Sullivan, Sally Brookes. 3 Parsnips, 1 Morag Murchie. Calabrese/Broccoli, two heads, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes. 3 Globe onions grown from sets, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 John O' Sullivan, 3 John O' Sullivan. 3 Flat onions grown from sets, 1 N Cuthbert, 2 Ian Bremner, 3 Ian Bremner. 6 Shallots, 1 Andrew Stefanuti, 2 Andrew Stefanuti, 3 N Cuthbert. 2 Lettuces, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 Sally Brookes. 6 Garden peas, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 Donald Macleod, 3 Morag Murchie. 6 Pods broad beans, 1 Alice Maxwell, 2 Donald Macleod. 6 Pods runner beans, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 John O' Sullivan, 3 Sonia Harding. 6 Pods French beans, 1 Nicola Leckey. Pot of parsley, single plant, 1 John O' Sullivan. 3 Stalks rhubarb, for quality, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 John O' Sullivan, 3 Jean Barclay. 3 Beetroot, globe, 1 Andrew Stefanuti, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Sonia Harding. 3 Beetroot, Long, 1 Morag Murchie. 2 Heads of celery, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 Sally Brookes. 4 Potatoes, white, variety to be named, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 Ian Bremner, 3 Donald Macleod. 4 Potatoes, coloured, variety to be named, 1 John O' Sullivan, 2 John O' Sullivan, 3 C Hendry. 2 Cobs sweet corn, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 Sally Brookes. Collection of vegetables, 6 kinds from above, garnishing allowed, 1 John O' Sullivan. 2 Cucumbers, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Nicola Leckey, Sally Brookes. 6 Tomatoes, red, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 M Turnbull. 6 Tomatoes, yellow, 1 Tom McNeish, 2 Tom McNeish, 3 Sally Brookes. 1 Truss tomatoes, 1 Sally Brookes, 2 Sally Brookes, 3 C Hendry. Any other vegetable not specified above, 1 Andrew Stefanuti, 2 Andrew Stefanuti, 3 L Currie. Novelty vegetable, any vegetable of unusual form, 1 L Currie. Basket or tray of mixed vegetables from the kitchen, 1 Sally Brookes. The MacAndrew Cup for best exhibit in section, excluding class 120: John O' Sullivan. The Orr Watt Cup for the most points in section: John O' Sullivan. Anne Middleton Trophy for best exhibit of potatoes: John O' Sullivan. Charles Revell Trophy for best collection of vegetables: John O' Sullivan. Eric Gregory Cup for best exhibit

of onions: John O' Sullivan. N.V.S medal for best dish in Section: Sally Brookes.

Section 6 - Baking. 2 Soda scones, 1 L Currie, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Nicola Leckey. 3 Plain oven scones, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Elizabeth Ross, N Cuthbert. 2 Individual quiches, 1 Jo Totty, 2 Jo Totty. 3 pancakes, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Sarah Crawford. 3 Coburg cakes, 1 Jo Totty, 2 Jo Totty. Victoria sponge with jam filling, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 Elizabeth Ross, 3 Nicola Leckey. Gingerbread, 1 Nan Metyard, Jo Totty, 3 Morag Murchie. 3 Shortbread fingers, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 May Crawford, 3 Jo Totty. 3 Empire biscuits, 1 Nan Metyard, 2 N Cuthbert, 3 May Crawford. 3 Canapes, 1 Elizabeth Ross. Banana loaf (1lb tin), 1 Jo Totty, 2 Neil Frost, 3 Morag Murchie. 1/4 lb Vanilla tablet, 1 May Crawford, 2 Jean Barclay. White loaf, yeast, hand made, 1 John Baraclough, 2 John Baraclough, 3 Jo Totty. Mrs FC Hendersons Trophy for most points in Section: Jo Totty.

Section 7 - Produce. Bottle red wine, with flanged cork, 1 Morag Murchie. Jar raspberry jam, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 May Crawford, 3 Sonia Harding. Jar rhubarb and ginger jam, 1 Sonia Harding, 2 Nicola Leckey, 3 N Cuthbert. Jar apricot jam, 1 Sonia Harding. Jar chutney, 1 Nicola Leckey. Jar jelly, any variety, 1 Clive Harding, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Kate Sampson. Jar lemon curd, 1 N Cuthbert, 2 Janet Baraclough, 3 Alison Henderson. Jar marmalade, 1 John Baraclough, 2 Marshall Ross, 3 Hilary Stubbs. 1/2 Dozen hen eggs, 1 Morag Murchie, 2 L Currie, 3 L Currie. 1/2 Dozen duck eggs, 1 L Currie.

Section 8 - Handcrafts. Jumper, 1 Morag Gardner, 2 Deborah Robertson. Cardigan, adult, 1 Morag Gardner, 2 Nancy Bremner. Baby garment, 1 Morag Gardner, 2 Morag Gardner, 3 Deborah Robertson. Childs garment over 22in chest, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Deborah Robertson. Any knitted article using more than one colour, 1 Deborah Robertson, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Elizabeth Ross. Any other hand knitted article using less than 100gms, 1 Deborah Robertson, 2 Nancy Bremner, 3 Nancy Bremner. Any other article using more than 100gms, 1 Deborah Robertson, 2 Morag Murchie, 3 Deborah Robertson. Any article made from recycled material, 1 Elizabeth Ross, 2 Hilary Stubbs. Crochet item using silk or cotton thread, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Morag Gardner.



The newly introduced Eric Gregory Cup first winner was presented to John O'Sullivan by Gill Gregory.

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ner. Article of crochet using less than 100gms of heavy yarn, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Morag Gardner. Article of crochet using more than 100gms of heavy yarn, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Morag Gardner. Article in counted stitch, 1 Hilary Stubbs. Soft knitted toy, 1 Nancy Bremner, 2 Elizabeth



Chrissie Lemon received prizes for her photography and baking skills. 01_B34hort27

Ross. Art work, any medium, 1 Elizabeth Ross, 2 Hilary Stubbs, 3 Hilary Stubbs. Any article in any other craft or using more than one craft, 1 Deborah Robertson, 2 Nancy Bremner, 3 Jo Sullivan. Chris Hall Rosebowl for best exhibit in section: Deborah Robertson. Illia Price Engraving Trophy for exhibitor with most points having exhibits in any two sections from sections 6,7 and 8: Morag Murchie. Section 9 - Children's. Bouquet of leaves and grasses (own jar), no flow-

ers, 1 Not known, 2 Cara Henderson, 3 Ava McNeice. Bouquet of leaves and grasses over 7 years (own jar), no flowers. 1 Lily Glover, 2 Emma Henderson, 3 Olivia McNeice. Miniature garden, 1 Olivia and Ava McNeice, 2 Eva Glover, 3 Gemma Totty. Bowl of floating flowers, 1 Dan McGovern, 2 Chrissie Lemon, 3 Lisa Henderson. Posy in egg cup, 1 Beth McNeice, 2 Cara Henderson, 3 Kate McGovern. Posy in teacup, 1 Lily Glover, 2 Cara Henderson, 3 Chrissie Lemon. Colour photographs showing animals, 1 Megan McCartney, 2 Dan McGovern, 3 Dan McGovern. Colour photographs showing landscape, 1 Dan McGovern, 2 Chrissie Lemon, 3 Lisa Henderson. Soft toy, ten years and under, 1 Jemma Totty, 2 Lily Glover, 3 Chrissie Lemon. Sewing or knitting, 1 Julie Hammil, 2 Kate McGovern, 3 Olivia and Ava and Beth McNeice. Picture in any medium, 1 Olivia and Ava McNeice, 2 Olivia McNeice, 3 Eve Glover. Animal or figure made from fruit and or vegetable, 1 Darcy Brown, 2 Olivia McNeice, Ava McNeice. 9 Varieties of pressed tree leaves, named, 1 Scarlett Lemon, 2 Olivia and Ava McNeice, 3 Chrissie Lemon. Edible necklace made of fruit, vegetable, nuts, sweets, 1 Scarlett Lemon, 2 Beth McNeice, 3 Daniel McGovern. Picture or collage, using shells, seeds, beads, 1 Scarlett Lemon, Dan McGovern, 3 Chrissie Lemon. 4 Oven scones, 1 Chrissie Lemon, 2 Jemma Totty, Scarlett Lemon. Any other article made from recycled material, 1 Chrissie Lemon, 2 Julie Hammil, 3 Kate McGovern. The Jim Cassels Trophy for most meritorious exhibit in section: Darcy Brown. The MF Murchie Cup for best miniature garden: Olivia and Ava McNeice.

Section 10 - Photographic. Category A - Black and white, any subject, 1 Andrew Stefanuti, 2 Kate Sampson, 3 Diana Carswell. Category B - Colour. Nature, animal, bird or group, 1 Kate Sampson, 2 Sonia Harding, 3 Diana Carswell. Pictorial, flowers, trees, 1 Hilary Stubbs, 2 Jan Murray, 3 Andrew Stefanuti. Pictorial, landscape, seascape, 1 Diana Carswell, 2 Hilary Stubbs, 3 Kate Sampson. Pictorial, architecture, 1 Kate Sampson, 2 Hilary Stubbs, 3 Jan Murchie. Portrait or group, static or active, 1 Andrew Stefanuti, 2 Kate Sampson, 3 Kate Sampson. Any other subject, 1 Jan Murray, 2 Kate Sampson, 3 Jan Murray. JF Turton Trophy for best entry in show: Diana Carswell.



Olivia and Ava McNeice, who won many prizes of their own, accept the Chris Hall Trophy on behalf of Deborah Robertson. 01_B34hort26

Award-winning poet is highlight at festival line-up

The McLellan Arts Festival 2016 is already in full swing and festival-goers can now look forward to the next batch of exciting events. These begin tonight (Friday) with Ricardo Curbelo's benefit performance for the Music Society in the community theatre where he will take the audience on a colourful and energetic journey through different Latin American countries on harp, cuatro, maracas and vocals.

Then on Saturday (August 20), Arran pays its homage to the bard's 400 birthday anniversary two shortened Shakespeare plays performed in the community theatre. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a tale of mixed up lovers, wicked spirits and comic bungling amateur thespians and *The Tempest*, Shakespeare's last play, a tale of banishment, magic, power and colonisation.

For anyone into writing, whether as a reader or a practitioner, the absolute highlight this year has to be the visit by David Constantine. A multi-award winning poet, translator, novelist and short-story writer, his visit is a major coup for the festival organisers. David worked for 30 years as a university teacher of German language and literature. As well as 10 collections of poems he has written two novels and four volumes of short stories and earlier this year he attracted headlines when Charlotte Rampling won an Oscar nomination for her performance in the film *45 Years*, based on his story *Another Country*. You can see the film, also starring Tom Courtenay, at a special showing in Corrie Hall on Monday August 29 which will be introduced by David.

Another side of Constantine's career has been as an editor and translator. With his wife Helen he edited the journal 'Modern Poetry in Translation' for many years and he and Helen will lead

a panel discussion with four local professional translators at Brodick Library on the afternoon of Sunday August 28.

David's main reason for returning to Arran is to present the £1,000 prize for this year's McLellan poetry competition, which this year attracted entries from 20 different countries across all five continents. In fact, the winner will be travelling all the way from Seattle to receive the prize on Friday August 27 at the Little Rock Cafe, Brodick. The evening will feature David reading from his own work, readings from the winning poets, and music from harp and whistle duo Arran Dawn.

Also on Saturday, in Whiting Bay Hall, is the super sizzling famous Festival Ceilidh with dancing, music and supper. Included in the line up will be compere Stuart Gough, singer Tim Pomeroy, piper Angus Adamson, Jazz Cafe Band, duo Biff and Tom who make up The Buchaneers and not forgetting the foot stomping Drambusters.

While fans of sacred music will thrill to the wonderful singing of the talented students from the Royal Northern College of Music at a special service in Corrie Church on Sunday August 28 at noon. More of this spectacular talent will be on show at the ever popular Opera Gala on Friday

September 2 in the community theatre, Lamlash and on the evening of Sunday September 4 when the students will join with our own McLellan Festival chorus to sing the beautiful Petite Messe Solenne by Rossini.

A fascinating event for all those who love Arran and good music will take place on Wednesday August 31 when Arran man and entertaining raconteur John Sillars will talk about his memories at An Arran Clamjamfry at Altachorvie. This will be interspersed with fabulous music from Edinburgh duo, Various Moons comprising Colin Donati, poet, songwriter and guitarist and jazz influenced classic cellist, Robin Mason. Various Moons have appeared at various Scottish festivals and literary events, including at the Byre Festival in St Andrews, Steve Kettley's Click Clack Club, Edinburgh, and at the Anstruther Three Harbours Festival as well as appearing at this year's Celtic Connections Festival.

The festival aims each year to help young people develop their skills and this year, as well as the opera students, a group of talented drama students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland will bring to Corrie Hall on Saturday September 3 a physical theatre performance based on Wa-

tership Down called Project Down, a short film made for children by Katharine O'Donnelly and two short plays devised and developed for the festival.

This year's programme has something for everyone with tickets available online at arranevents.com and at the Book and Card Centre, Brodick. Tickets will be available at the door for all performances for those making a snap decision, and do remember the bargain festival season ticket for £40, giving you access to all performances except the poetry workshop. Children and young people at school are free at all events.



A Midsummer Nights Dream & The Tempest
Saturday 20th August
Durham Shakespeare Group. Interesting and entertaining performance of the bard's last play in his 400th anniversary year.
Community Theatre, Lamlash 8pm £10
Children and young people at school free



DAVID CONSTANTINE
FRIDAY 26th AUGUST
The judge of this years McLellan Poetry Competition gives a reading of his own poems and introduces the winners
Music with Arran Dawn,
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<p>Friday 19th August RICARDO CURBELO Rhythms from South America. Community Theatre, Lamlash. 7.30 £10</p>	<p>Saturday 27th August FAMOUS FESTIVAL CEILIDH Whiting Bay Hall. 7.30 £10 (including supper) BYOB</p>	<p>Wednesday 31st August ARRAN CLAMJAMFRY Music and memories with John Sillars and music. Various Moons. Altachorvie, Lamlash. 8.00pm. £8.00</p>
<p>Saturday 20th August THE TEMPEST Community Theatre Lamlash. 8.00pm £10</p>	<p>Sunday 28th August McLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL AT CORRIE CHURCH. Sacred Music. 12.00 noon. Free</p>	<p>Friday 2nd September OPERA GALA NIGHT Community Theatre, Lamlash. 7.30pm. £10</p>
<p>Friday 26th August EVENING WITH AWARD WINNING POET, DAVID CONSTANTINE Music Arran Dawn. Little Rock Cafe, Brodick. 8.00pm £10</p>	<p>Sunday 28th August FOUND IN TRANSLATION PANEL DISCUSSION Brodick Library 2.30 – 4.00pm. Free</p>	<p>Saturday 3rd September DARK DOWN (based on Waters p Down) and The Little Prince (suitable for adults and older children) Corrie and Sannox Hall. 8.00pm £8</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Monday 29th August FILM – 45 YEARS Introduced by David Constantine on whose short story the film is based. Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay. Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. 8.00pm Free (donation)</p>	<p>Sunday 4th September ROSSINI. PETITE MESSE SOLENELLE Community Theatre, Lamlash. 7.30 £10</p>
		<p>Saturday 17th September CLASSIC BUSKERS Brodick Hall 7.30. £10</p>

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT SCHOOL FREE AT ALL EVENTS.
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.

SPECIAL OFFER
A Festival season ticket which entitles entry to all events except Poetry Workshop, can be purchased online at arranevents.com or at the Book and Card Shop for £40. A massive saving for all festival goers (10 paying events).

Work on upland footpaths is never ending

Nature Notes with
JACK IBBOTSON

Hillwalking has increased dramatically since the 1960s and has put great pressure on Scotland's fragile upland habitats.

Imagine how many people must have walked the



A section of path under repair. B34NTS02No

main Goatfell path since it appeared on the 1843-1882 OS map series. All of those steps, combined with the natural effects of climate, can cause severe path erosion. If left unchecked, paths can form gullies, boggy areas and wide braided scars on the landscape. This has the potential to damage rare vegetation and archaeological sites as well as detract from the natural beauty of an area.

Upland paths provide a gateway for people to enjoy Arran's unique and beautiful landscapes. Large numbers of visitors come here each year with the goal of climbing Goatfell or one of the neighbouring mountains. How many would want to visit the uplands with dangerous paths, bog-

gy tracks and landscape scale scars? Upland path work preserves one of Arran's main attractions - the spectacular mountain landscape.

Footpath work is usually physical and often involves a hefty walk to the site, even before a tool is picked up. Many of the paths are extremely remote and can pose serious logistical and technical challenges. Much of the work is 'pre-emptive' and stops small areas of damage becoming expensive future repairs. Work often involves tasks including repairing braided paths and gullies, constructing waterbars and crossdrains and stone pitching. Sometimes it also involves using winches and even helicopters to move larger boulders and aggregates. Throw



Hard at work on path maintenance in difficult terrain.

in a good dose of 'changeable' upland weather and you have a pretty difficult job. The reward comes on completing a section and knowing a small section of upland has been preserved for another 100 years or so. Unfortunately the work is never ending and paths

continually need maintenance. Only last week a three to four metre landslip occurred on a popular section of path in Glen Rosa.

The National Trust for Scotland is at the forefront of upland footpath work and boasts a highly-skilled in-house mountain path team which carries out es-

sential maintenance on Arran, Ben Lomond, Ben Lawers, Glencoe and Torridon.

On Arran they also make use of local contractors which reduces the need for travel and provides sustainable local employment. Not to forget the volunteer groups, such as the Thistle Camps, who also donate many hours of hard labour to conserve the islands uplands.

So next time you are out walking in the hills pause for a second and give a thought to the dedicated hard-working teams who are responsible for maintaining the ground underneath your feet.

Long may this vital work continue.

If you would like to keep up to date with goings on, check out the website www.nnts.org.uk or the Facebook page www.facebook.com/ArranRangerService/

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 24 August, 1996

Back to school 20 year picture special . . .

There was a healthy intake of primary one pupils for the start of the new school session.

A total of 43 infants started classes with a massive intake of 18 new pupils at Lam-lash primary as a result of a lot of new

housing in the village. The school now has a role of 84. Brodick primary was next with 13 new starts, there were five at Whiting Bay, four at Shiskine and three at Pirmill.

There were no new starts at Kilmory.



Claire Taylor and Simon Sloan who have just started the infant class at Corrie primary with teacher Susan Kelly. B01twe01



New arrivals at Shiskine primary are Patrick McMaster, Jennifer Ingham, Jamie McClelland and Eilidh Kerr with teacher Lillian Todd. B01twe02



The Whiting Bay new starts are Hazel Pennicott, Rebecca Murie, Rosie McCarthy, Danny Head and Nicky Emsley with acting head teacher Cynthia Sim. B01twe03



Departing members of the Arran Brass Band play their last concert next week before heading off to university and college. They are Catriona Mutch, Kelvin Aston, Claire Wilson and Robbie Cargill. B01twe05



The over 32's team which won the Fanatic Trophy at Sandbraes last Saturday with a 9-2 win over the Sprogs team captained by 'T bags' Candlish who is seen here congratulating the winning captain, 27-year-old Jamie 'elbows' Macpherson. B01twe04

What's on

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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

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

Saturday 20th 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
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Brodict Bowling Club Rink Game
Flow Yoga
Creative Composting Workshop
Live music - Alan Frew
Live music - Deep River Classic
McLellan Festival - The Tempest

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
Fiddlers, Brodict from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
Arran land Initiative, WBay, 11-1pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 8pm

Sunday 21st August

Family Games
Fun in the pool
RNLI Shop
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA Meeting
Live Music - Jonny Scotland

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 2.30pm - 5pm
Brodict church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm

Monday 22nd 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
Live music

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 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 & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm

Tuesday 23rd August

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
RunArran Run Coaching
RUNFIT
Garden Walk
Forgetful Princess
Childrens Secret Tour
Open Cricket Session
Lamlash Drama Club
Flow Yoga
Live music

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6.45am
Brodict Castle, 2pm - 3pm
Brodict Castle, 10.30pm - 2.30pm
Brodict Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodict Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm

Wednesday 24th August

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae KwonDo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Arran Vets - Surgery

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm

Arran Vets - Reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Live music
Unplugged music night
Drift Inn Quiz
Mixed Hockey
Dog classes
Roundhouse Open Day
Landrover Safari
Vile Victorians
Summer Ceilidh
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Archaeology of Arran Talks
Coffee Morning

9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Brodict Castle, 1am - 3pm
Brodict Castle, 11am
Brodict Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodict Hall, 8pm - 11pm
Brodict bowling club, 6.45pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodict, 1.30pm & 3pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15 - 12noon

Thursday 25th August

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

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
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Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am
Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Balmichael Centre, 7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 2pm
Brodict Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodict Castle, 7pm - 8pm
Lamlash Green, 6.45am
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 7.30pm

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Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm
Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Arran Aromatics 11am - 3pm
Coast, Whiting Bay, 7pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
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We will hold a series of engagement events during Autumn 2016. If you would like to remain on our distribution list for alerts about consultation events, or notifications about key publications during the process of preparing LDP2, please email ldp@north-ayrshire.gov.uk and confirm your contact details and that you wish to receive LDP2 related correspondence.

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Belles delighted to complete challenge

The Arran Belles cycle group completed their epic North Coast 500 challenge in nine days having covered 537 miles and faced challenging and severe weather conditions along the way.

The six-strong team of Gwen Menzies, Kim Toogood, Carol Vella-Boyle, Jillian Plenderleith, Linda Johnstone and Janice Small set off on Thursday August 5 from Inverness, as reported in *The Banner* last week, before heading northwards and completing a clockwise loop of northern Scotland before returning to Inverness.



Weary but happy the Belles celebrate their achievement.

The newly-created route takes in 500 miles of rugged coastal scenery and is rapidly gaining international recognition as a prime destination for cyclists, motorcyclists and adventurers who are wishing to complete an epic journey with stunning surroundings. The challenging route, which has steep accents and descents that can be exposed to the vagaries of Scottish weather, visits the villages of Ullapool, Durness, John O'Groats and Dornoch where the Belles spent time recovering and enjoying

the culinary treats which were on offer. With the emphasis placed on fun, safety and good food the entire trip has been recorded on the blog of Janice Small at www.arranbellesnc500.blogspot.co.uk.

Janice thanked the support team of Tom Vella-Boyle, Neil Currie and Murray Small, and after a gruelling and sometimes harrowing cycle she said she was grateful that everyone had made it safely home.



The Belles celebrate reaching John O'Groats.



The group pose for a photograph in the rain at Dunnet Head.

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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay
Sunday, 21st August
Holy Communion 11am. Celebrant:
Rev Josephine Houghton
Preacher:
Revd Hugh Houghton
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 24th August
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
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 21st August
Lochranza 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.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 21st August
Rev John Webster
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 21st August
Service 11am at Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
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WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005) Sunday 21st August
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
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(continuing)
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DEATH

CRISP - Rena
Passed away peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital on 13th August 2016 after a short illness. Funeral service at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dregghorn 1pm Tuesday 23rd August. Thereafter to Kilwinning Bowling Club. Bus to meet 11.05am boat returning at 4.30pm from Bowling club to Ardrossan. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection for Arran War Memorial Hospital Supports League. Bright colours NO black please.

WEDDING



Recently married in Lochranza Castle by the Rev. Angus Adamson. Tracey Murchie of Shiskine and Tom Davy formally of Christchurch, New Zealand. A massive thank you to all family and friends for help and support.

Bridge results

The latest results from the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition at Lamlash on Monday August 8 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 3 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone. E/W 1 Carol Calder and Pat Adamson, 2 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 3 Margaret McGill and Jan Beattie.

The results of the aggregate competition at Lamlash on Monday August 15 were: N/S 1 Anne McKelvie and May Mordaunt, 2. Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock. E/W 1 David Boag and Eendy McNiven, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson, 3 Margaret McGill and Brenda Livingstone.



Brodick Golf Club

Tuesday August 9, Ladies Open. The weather was reasonably clement and the greens in excellent condition for the Brodick Ladies Open when 81 players contested the many prizes. A local score of 41 Stableford points put down a marker to beat early in the day. One visitor matched it, but Isobel MacDonald's score held out to win the Open Trophy with a better inward half. The Hendry Trophy for the best score by a Brodick resident, was also won by Isobel. The McKechnie Trophy for the best Arran resident score, was won by Susan Butchard with 35pts.

Thanks go to Keith, Craig, Glen and Tom for setting out the course and to Jimmy and Glen for bringing in the markers. Thanks also go to the men who stewarded at the 11th and 12th

tees to avoid conflict with walkers. A huge thank you to all the people who helped in the clubhouse and to Irish and Douglas, making it an enjoyable day for everyone. Thanks go to Arran Active, Arran Aromatics, Arran Brewery, Arran Cheese Shop, Arran Dairies, Alexanders, Arran Gems, Arran Graphics, Auchrannie, Ann Hume, Belle's Boutique, Book and Card, Brodick Bar, Bunty's, Castle Bay Jewellery, Chocolates by James, Claddach Pottery, Copperwheats, Douglas Hotel, Fiddlers, Homestyles, Inspirations, Jolly Molly, Red Door, Taste of Arran, Trafalgar Restaurant, Wineport and Woolleys for their generous donations to the raffle which always goes to a local charity. A total of £534 was raised for Brodick Improvements Committees beach campaign. Also a big thank you to all the sponsors of the hole prizes. Hole 1, longest drive, Silver, Susan Butchard, Brodick. Hole 2, nearest pin in two, Bronze, Suzanne Nimmo, Tullieallan. Hole 4, nearest pin, h'cap 21-28, Lesley Mur-



Susan Butchard, left with the McKechnie Trophy and Isobel MacDonald with the Open and Hendry trophies won at the Brodick Ladies Open.

ray, Brodick. Hole 6, longest drive, Bronze, Gay Mackay, Lamlash. Hole 7, nearest pin h'cap 13-20, Sheena Murchie, Lamlash. Hole 8, nearest pin in two, h'cap 1-12, Ann May, Brodick. Hole 10, nearest pin in three, h'cap 1-12, Ann May, Brodick. Hole 11, nearest pin in three, h'cap 13-20, Liz Kerr, Shiskine. Hole 13, longest putt sunk on the green, all, Carol Simpson, Troon. Ladies Hole 14, nearest the pin in two, h'cap 29-36, Margaret Richardson, Dunaverty. Hole 15, nearest the pin, all, Jen Maxwell, Troon. Ladies Hole 16, nearest the pin in two, Silver, Elizabeth Kelso, Shiskine. Hole 17, nearest the pin in two, Bronze, Aileen Latona, Brodick. Hole 18, nearest the pin in two, all, Janette White, Irvine.

Prize-winners: Trophy, Isobel MacDonald, Brodick, 41pts BIH. 1st Silver, Sheila Gray, Shiskine 39pts. 2nd Silver Shirley-Ann McClunie, Irvine, 38pts. 3rd Silver, Jenni Turnbull, Shiskine, 37pts. 1st Bronze, Suzanne Nimmo, Tullieallan, 41pts. 2nd Bronze, Heather Malcolm, Irvine, 36pts. 3rd Bronze, Pat Turner, Shrewsbury, 35pts. Hendry Trophy, Isobel MacDonald. McKechnie Trophy, Susan Butchard, Brodick, 35pts. Golden Girl, Carol Simpson, Troon ladies, 34pts. Best front 9, June Richardson, Lamlash, 23pts. Best back 9, Elizabeth Kelso, Shiskine, 21pts.

Wednesday August 10, Summer Cup, 29 played, CSS 64. 1 Robert Waine 76-14=62, 2 Greg McCrae 68-6=62, 3 Angus Raeburn 74-12=62. Scratch Greg 68.

Sunday August 14, Centenary Quaich, Stableford,



Kema Genda, left, lifts the Island Championship trophy with runner up Susan Buchard and ALGU president Carole Stewart in the centre. B34golf03No

26 played, CSS 37. Kenny McMillan 13, 40pts, Calum McFadzean 11, 39pts, Chris Pattenden 12, 38pts.

Friday August 12, John Lowe Memorial. Due to the weather, the 21st annual competition was cancelled. Thanks to those who travelled to participate in the event.

Fixtures: Sunday August 21, Captain's Prize. Saturday August 27, Belhaven Mixed Texas Scramble.

Lamlash Golf Club

Friday August 4, The Dan Crawford Salver was won by Calum Rae with 40pts. Thanks to all who took part and raised the sum of £265 for RNLI Lifeboat.

Sunday August 14, Hamilton Bowl Final, ParBogey, CSS 64, par 64. 1 A Wales, score two BIH, 2 P Cowan, score two, 3 M Wren, score one. Best scratch, P Cowan, 67. The overall winner of the Hamilton Bowl was Mark Wren, best two scores, +3 and +1. Congratulations Mark.

Fixtures: Saturday August 20, Kilbride Challenge at Lamlash. Sunday August 21, Kilbride Challenge at Whiting Bay. Thursday August 24, Summer

Cup, make up own games, see starter for times. McLean Salver, the first round draw is as follows: S Campbell v A Colquhoun, I Murchie v M Wren, N Young v N McIntyre, W Currie v I Bremner. First round to be played by August 28, second round by September 8. Final on Friday September 9 at 5pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 9, Peter Sutton/ Lady Mary, 8 played, CSS 65, R/O. 1 J Pennycott 80-13=67, 2 C Laing 85-17=68, 3 B Sherwood 82-12=70. Magic two from C Laing.

Fixture: Tuesday August 23, Medal Sweep, 12.30pm and Lawson Cameron final at 5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday August 7, McCutcheon Trophy, 31 played. 1st class: 1 Brian Sherwood 48-6=42, BIH, 2 Joe Faulkner 47-5=42, 3 David Tod 47-3=44. 2nd class: 1 Jay Dobson 48-8=40, 2 David Johnston 54-11=43, 3 David Moore 57-13=44. Scratch, David Tod 47, BIH. Magic twos, D Tod, K McKinlay and B Sherwood.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday August 6, James Bunyan Memorial trophy. 1 J MacConnachie 75-9=66, 2 B Rooney 81-13=68. Scratch, W Paton 74.

Wednesday August 10, Wednesday Medal, 1 J McGovern, 78-13=65.

Saturday, August 13, Summer Cup. 1 J Innes 70-9=61, 2 D Logan 73-10=63. Scratch, J Innes 71.

Arran Ladies Golf Union

Saturday August 13, The final of the Island Championship between Susan Butchard and Kema Genda proved to be a wonderful match, played in great spirit in front of a good number of spectators. Both players started strongly but as the game progressed Kema managed to pull ahead and despite a late rally from Susan the match came to an end on the 17th which was halved in par 4's to give Kema a 2 and 1 victory and her first Island Championship title.

Fixture: Saturday September 17, The Cir Mhor will be played at Shiskine at 12.30pm.



Jay Dobson, winner of the McCutcheon Trophy at Shiskine.

Helpers being sought for new Arran Sportive charity event

A new cycle challenge is to be staged on Arran next month.

The Arran Sportive is a non-competitive charity event which will be held over two distances on the

island on Saturday September 3.

The event is being entirely organised by, and in aid of, the Ocean Youth Trust Scotland and already nearly 200 riders from all over Scotland have signed up to take part in the event with entries still coming in.

The start and finish will be at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick involving a staggered start from 9am.

There are two routes for the event: Route 1 is anticlockwise 56 mile round the coast road. Route 2: an-

ticlockwise 35-mile around the north of the island via the coast and String Road – coming off at Machrie and crossing the moor.

There will be water stations where riders will stop off at Pirnmill and Blackwaterfoot

Organisers are really keen to get as many locals involved as volunteers as possible, and a free lunch on offer for all helpers.

They are looking for en route marshalls, an essential role not only to show cyclists the route and point

out potential hazards, but also to encourage them along the way.

Start and finish marshalls are also required to 'dip' the cyclists timing chips in and out, as well as registration desk staff to sign participants in as they arrive to the event and directing them to the start line and water station volunteers to hand out water to passing cyclists as well as 'dipping' timing chips

A spokeswoman for OYT Scotland added: 'We want to bring more custom to as

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Lily and Isla take the honours at jumping derby



Overall champions and reserve champions of the 2ft 3 class and the 2ft 9 class.

The Arran Riding Club's annual jumping derby took place last month with jumping speed rounds, challenge and pairs for the various classes, including the ever popular chase-me-Charlie.

The overall champion in the 2ft 3 class was Lily Currie and the reserve was Daisy Amsing. In the 2ft 9 class the overall champion prize went to Isla Yuill with Jen McNeish the runner-up.

The full results were as follows: Jumping speed round: 2ft 3 class: 1 Lily Currie on Missy, 2 Daisy Amsing on Beauty, 3 Hollie Adamson on Prince, 4 Kirsty MacBain on Akeira. 2ft 9 class: 1 Eilidh Kerr on Martell, 2 Ellis McKelvie on Bud, 3 Jen McNeish on

Tia, 4 Isla Yuill on Velvet. Pairs: 1 Jen McNeish and Eilidh Kerr, 2 Kirsty MacBain and Lois Ashley, 3 Faye Anderson and Lily Currie, 4 Vicki Yuill and Liz Kennedy.

Challenge class: 2ft 3 class: 1 Hollie Adamson, 2 Lily Currie, 3 Kirsty MacBain, 4 Daisy Amsing. 2ft 9 class: 1 Isla Yuill, 2 Jen McNeish, 3 Lois Ashley on Kippen, 4 Faye Anderson on Storm.

Chase-me-Charlie: 2ft 3 class: 1 Kirsty MacBain, 2 Daisy Amsing, 3 Lily Currie, 4 Hollie Adamson. 2ft 9 class: 1 Ellis McKelvie, 2 Isla Yuill, 3 Jen McNeish, 4 Lois Ashley and Eilidh Kerr.



Faye Anderson leaps over the posts on Storm.



Above: Lily Currie, Champion in the 2ft 3 class.



Liz Kennedy on Diesel.



Left: Jen McNeish displays her first ribbon which she won in the pairs section.



Right: Eilidh Kerr clears the posts.

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Brodick barge into final as Lamlash leave it late

Brodick 5 Southend 2

It will be a repeat of last year's Arran FA cup final today (Saturday) as holders Lamlash and league champions Brodick booked their places after winning their respective semi finals.

Brodick continued their impressive form of late with another comfortable win over rivals Southend.

It was the away side who took an early lead though

when Greig Adamson was deemed to have brought down James Mutch inside the box to give away a penalty. Ryan Armstrong made no mistake from 12 yards to make it 1-0. Toby Wingham and Matthew Dobson were given yellow cards after playing their part in a minor fracas in midfield. Toby then equalised just before half-time with a brilliant finish into the bottom corner.

The league champions came out firing in the second half and Toby completed his hat-trick early on, taking his goal tally to an impressive 19 for the season.

The league's top scorer, Archie McNicol, also got on the score sheet. Then he was brought down in the penalty area by Corey Allan to give Iain Keen the chance to score from the spot, which he did emphatically. Ryan got a consolation goal at the end after a good run resulted in him nutmegging Gregor.

Referee Iain McDonald named Toby man of the match for his hat-trick and solid performance to get his team into the cup final.

Shiskine 0 Lamlash 1

Despite the lack of goals in this game it had everything else.

David Heenan and Finlay Murchie were on top form in goal for the two teams as the game finished 0-0 after 90 minutes.

Shiskine had hit the bar in the first half and Johnny Sloss missed a sitter with two minutes to go.

The keepers were stopping everything from crossing the line.

With 10 minutes to go in extra time Jordan Crawford was in the wrong place at the wrong time to put the ball into the back of his own net.

The home team battled back, hitting the woodwork in the last couple of minutes. The ball ran across the line but the failed to cross it.

Referee Dave Webster has to be applauded for stepping in at the last minute, sacrificing his place in the Shiskine team.

He gave the man of the match to Shiskine playmaker Willie Sillars who was bossing the midfield throughout the game.

The cup final will be played on Saturday at Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay due to rugby being set up in Brodick and Lamlash. Kick off will be at 3pm.



Surrounded by opposition players, Archie McNicol wins the ball in the air. 01_B34footy02



Matthew Dobson's attempt at goal is saved by the Southend goalkeeper. 01_B34footy01



All tangled up as two players clash in mid-air.

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