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## Sunflower fun

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Festival gets  
under way

Pupils at the Lamlash campus this week enjoyed an action-packed show by Scottish stunt cycle team, The Clan. Full story pages four and five.



# Plans lodged for slipway

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The long-awaited planning application to create a controversial timber stacking yard and slipway at Machrie has been submitted to North Ayrshire Council.

Forest Enterprise Scot-

land wants to create a timber stacking yard within a one-metre bund, including dense woodland planting, and formation of the adjacent slipway on a site to the north of Dunedin, Machrie.

But the £300,000 plan has been contentious since it was first mooted more than two and half years ago.

The plan is to use the slipway to ship 3,000 tonnes of trees a month to the mainland, which are to be felled on the west side of the island. This would avoid the need to transfer all the wood over the String Road to Brodick for shipping.

But the plan has deeply divided opinion with the

Machrie Improvements Committee firmly against it, saying it would 'destroy' the tranquillity of the quiet side of the island and ruin tourism.

The committee also has concerns over the big increase in the number of timber trucks on the unclassified Machrie Moor

Road and damage to the fragile animal and bird habitats. There is also concern that the timber lorries will have to cross regularly the A841 from the timber yard to the slipway.

However, others consider it would be an advantage to have less timber traffic on the String Road

to Brodick with the resultant damage to the road by the heavy timber traffic and it would reduce the number of trucks travelling through the ferry port.

The planning application gives the first detailed description of the site which extends to approximately

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# Work starts to save Lamlash green

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Work is to start next week to help save Lamlash green for future generations.

As reported by the *Banner* back in January, the green has been gifted to North Ayrshire Council by Lady Jean Fforde and legal ownership has now been transferred.

As a result, works can now start to shore up the green from the ravages of the sea. Following a tendering process, work is scheduled to start on Monday and, weather depending, will take around four weeks to complete.

The works will involve removing the section of damaged gabion baskets and replacing these with a section of armour rock. In addition, armour rock will be placed in front of structurally sound, existing gabion baskets to both sides of the damaged section.



The green, which is being severely eroded by the sea, was generously gifted to the council by Lady Jean, as reported in the *Banner* in January.



Ancillary works will include extending and protecting an existing culvert, while infill soil and seeding will be placed behind the armour rock on the green.

Temporary fencing will restrict access to parts of the site while work is under way and an informa-

tion board is to be sited, outlining the work that is being done. The overall length of the works will be in an area approximately 110m from the chemist to the Glenisle Hotel.

The long-anticipated work follows a lengthy campaign by the Lamlash

Improvements Committee after a two-year-old consultant's report indicated that the foreshore and green could be lost to sea erosion in anything from 10 to 30 years.

The committee tried to facilitate the replacement of protective gabion baskets

and the repair of the crumbling green, but the council caretakers were loath to spend the vast amounts required on land that they did not own.

Lady Jean, who leased the land to the council, then agreed to gift the land to the local authority earli-

er this year in order for it to be saved and preserved for future generations. This generous gift has now allowed for the preservation and protection work which will take place before winter storms have a chance to further erode the well used green.

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## Plans lodged at last for Machrie slipway



An artist's impression of how the new timber transfer station and slipway will look.

**From page one.** 1.25 hectares and is to be developed as a hard stand for stacking timber felled on the island as well as a concrete slip to allow loading onto barges.

Approximately half a hectare of the site is soft with a low one-metre high bund and woodland planting, while the remainder is a porous hardcore surface in the stacking yard and concrete for the slipway which is being designed by Glasgow-based Mike Hyatt Landscape Architects.

At the Arran Community

Council meeting this week, members agreed to ask for more time to consider the application, since they had only had a couple of days to view the application and expected more information to become available. They will now discuss their response at their September meeting.

Scottish Natural Heritage has already told planners: 'We do not intend to offer formal comment on this proposal as it falls below our threshold for consultation.'

A spokesman for Forest Enterprise Scotland said:

'If the planning application for the new Machrie pier is approved, it would result in the removal of a significant volume of timber from crossing the String Road, of around 40,000 tonnes every year, and also reduce the congestion around the pier at Brodick.'

'We have consulted and explained our proposals in detail and involved the local community in discussions along the way.'

'It is now for the open and transparent planning process to determine whether the project should proceed or not.'

# Patience pays off for sunflower champion



Jim Green narrowly missed taking the tallest plant prize with his 130 inch tall sunflower plant.

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Brodick Golf Club's annual sunflower competition reached new heights last week when the runner up for the last three years, Wylie Hume, took the top spot with his 135in tall specimen.

The light-hearted and well-supported competition involves participants all planting their sunflower seeds before a pre-determined judgement day when Arran Horticultural Society chairman John Sillars visits and selects the winners.

Competing in two categories, entries are judged for best in show, tallest in show and a booby prize is awarded for the entrant whose endeavours have complete-

ly failed. The winner of last year's competition and veteran of the event, Bill McNicol, was unable to enter the competition after his sunflower plant experienced a catastrophic failure.

Receiving the booby prize for her entry, Susan Butchard was the recipient of the good natured but dubious honour for her plant which contrasted strongly with other contenders and the eventual winners.

At 135in Wylie Hume's sunflower towered above the club's rooftop leaving cousin and event organiser Nicol Hume having to scale a ladder to measure the winning specimen.

In the runner-up position

Jim Green became the new challenger with a specimen measuring just above 130in tall.

Judge John Sillars declared Heather Raeside's sunflower as the best in show based on its size, vitality, looks and girth of the stalk. The Popplewell family were runners-up. Commenting on the number of entries John said: 'It's another good entry this year with lots of really strong examples making the decision very difficult.'

After judging, the winning entrants were awarded prizes with new champion Wylie Hume receiving the Sunflower Plate and a bottle of 10-year-old whisky.



Winner of the tallest sunflower on show, Wylie Hume shows off his impressive sunflower plant. 01\_B35sunflower01



Organiser Nicol Hume and horticultural society chairman John Sillars judged the competition. 01\_B35sunflower03



Organiser Nicol Hume scales a ladder to measure the sunflower entries. 01\_B35sunflower04

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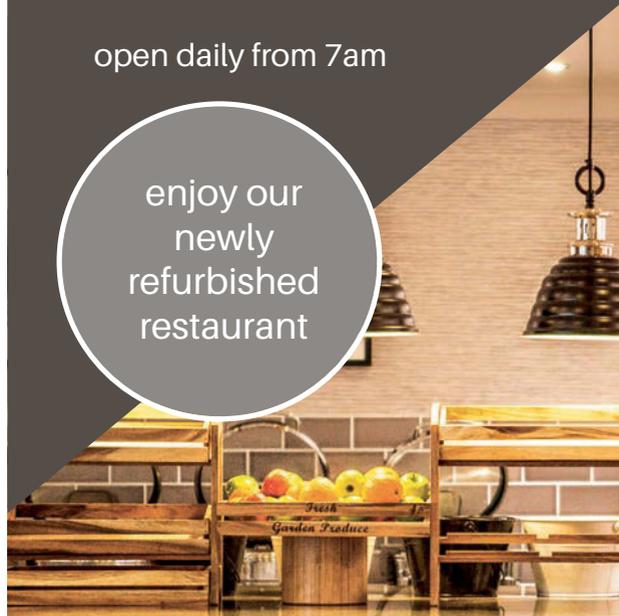
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# High flying stunt r

Primary and high school pupils at Lamlash campus were captivated by The Clan cycle stunt group who visited the school on Tuesday to inspire and stimulate interest in taking up cycling as a healthy outdoor activity.

The Clan, a Scottish-based team of bike experts and stunt riders, performed an exhilarating daredevil stunt show before talking to the children about bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling.

In the afternoon, stunt cyclists met members of the well-established high school mountain bike club and joined them for a quick cycle while exchanging tips and tricks.

The club, which is of-

ferred as an extracurricular activity by teacher Robert McNeice, has proven to be so popular that the group now visits local primary schools, offering bicycle MoTs and talks and demonstrations with their primary peers.

Owing to their success and motivation, Lamlash Primary School has recently secured bicycles to allow some of the junior pupils to also take part in the cycling activities.

The club has, due to its popularity, expanded into far more than learning about bike control, road safety and cycling skills. It also provides pupils with the tools required to become more active, learn to be more confident and

be involved in community events. In addition to this, pupils have been involved in volunteering for outdoor trail maintenance and working with tools in a group setting to accomplish their goals.

Being part of the club has also allowed them to meet Olympic champion Sir Chris Hoy and to take part in cycling events across the country.

For many of the pupils, meeting the inspirational members of The Clan was a dream come true after having seeing them perform twice in recent years at the farmers' show at Glenkiln, where they left a lasting impression with their feats of daring and spectacular jumps



Pupil Jodie McGarrie joins head tea



Lamlash Primary pupils ask The Clan members questions about cycling. 01\_B35bike02



Ross McArthur and Lynne Armstrong are both airborne during one of their aerial stunts. 01\_B35bike01



Fearless Danny Stewart takes his hands off the bars during his jump. 01\_B35bike04

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# Riders inspire future cyclists



Teacher Barry Smith with The Clan members. 01\_B35bike09



Pupils cheer on Ross McArthur who balances on a narrow bar. 01\_B35bike07



Danny Stewart performing aerial acrobatics on his bicycle. 01\_B35bike05



Lynne Armstrong is flying high during one of her stunts. 01\_B35bike03



Danny Stewart is inverted during his back flip. 01\_B35bike08

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## Emergency waiting times double

The number of patients waiting more than eight hours to be seen in Ayrshire and Arran's A&Es has more than doubled since last month, statistics from NHS Information Services Division have revealed.

With only the first two weeks of August's figures collated, the data already shows 53 people have waited more than eight hours compared to 22 people in July.

The week Sunday August 6 to Sunday August 13 saw 25 people wait more than eight hours in A&E before being seen - more than the entire month of July.

South of Scotland Labour MSP and shadow health minister Colin Smyth said: 'These figures show the real difficulties facing NHS Ayrshire and Arran. Whether it be from recruitment, retention, waiting times or access to treatment our NHS is facing a growing crisis, despite the often heroic efforts of NHS staff.'

'The Scottish government needs to wake up to the fact that the funding it provides is simply not keeping up with demand and delivering the service people need and deserve. To have 25 people waiting more than eight hours at A&E before even being seen is just not good enough.'

# Bid to boost land ownership on Arran

A bid to encourage more community land ownership on Arran is to be made next week.

It follows recent reports in the *Banner* that the island is facing a population crisis with an urgent need to attract younger, working people to come and live here.

On Thursday Community Land Scotland is coming to the island to hold a briefing session on the advantages of community land ownership. The event is being held at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick on September 7 from 1pm till 3pm.

It is aimed at any individuals or groups interested in buying land or developing housing and the organisations that support them. The speakers will include: Ailsa Raeburn, of the Scottish Land Fund; Derek Logie, of Rural Housing Scotland and Linsay Chalmers, the development manager of Community Land Scotland.

As development manager, Linsay's role is to promote and encourage the take-up of community land ownership across Scotland and

support peer-to-peer learning and networking among community landowners.

Linsay previously worked for Edinburgh social enterprise network where she developed the 'buy the good stuff' social enterprise brand and ran Scotland's first social enterprise festival.

The Arran Community Land Initiative in Whiting Bay is the only island group which is a member of the organisation.

Community Land Scotland was established in 2010 as a response to the need for a collective voice for community landowners in Scotland. It is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status.

The current membership includes Scottish community landowners - owning and managing around 500,000 acres between them - and aspiring community landowners of varying shapes and sizes throughout Scotland.

They represent these existing and aspiring community landowners to reflect their views in promoting changes to legislation to empower communities,



The Community Land Scotland stall at the recent SNP conference.

while acting as a point of contact for any communities in Scotland which wish to find out more about community land ownership.

Broadly, they work to represent the Scottish community landowning movement in different arenas of associated activity. Their key objectives are to: facilitate the exchange of information, enabling groups

to learn from each others' experience and successes; promote the growing importance of the community landowning sector to Scotland; reform The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to simplify and strengthen powers to communities; encourage community groups to register an interest in land; and work with communities to ease

the process of communities taking ownership of public land.

As reported last month in the *Banner*, while Arran offers the third best lifestyle in Scotland a lack of affordable housing means the island is unable to attract younger working families to the island to fill the increasing number of jobs available.

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# Council to double childcare provision

North Ayrshire Council is looking at proposals to meet the Scottish government's expansion programme which will almost double current childcare provisions.

Across Scotland, entitlement to fully-funded early learning and childcare, is due to increase from 600 hours to 1,140 hours by 2020 for all three and four-year-old children and eligible two-year-olds.

These changes mean that North Ayrshire is drawing up proposals to ensure it is ready to meet the demands posed by the large increase in hours in early learning and childcare. At a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, mem-

**'We have engaged parents and carers to ensure they have a real voice in how the proposals have been shaped'**

bers agreed to take forward plans which will allow the expansion to be implemented as smoothly as possible.

The Fullarton community in Irvine is one of a handful of areas across Scotland which has been piloting the 1,140 hours' programme and this has helped shape the proposed model for North Ayrshire.

Also, an extensive consultation exercise with parents and carers of children who attend early learning and childcare provision in North Ayrshire helped understand their views on dif-

ferent aspects of the expansion programme.

Councillor John Bell, cabinet member for education, said: 'We want to place families at the very heart of the expanded provision in North Ayrshire. We have engaged parents and carers early and extensively to ensure they have a real voice in how the proposals have been shaped.'

'The expansion of early learning and childcare means that we have explored a variety of ways in which the service can be delivered in future and

what kind of impact they will have on the lives of parents and children.

'Our over-riding priority has been to ensure we continue to provide high-quality provision for children as well as giving flexibility to families to help parents get back into work, training or education.'

The proposed delivery model will see early learning and childcare provision in North Ayrshire being available from 8am until 6pm over 50 weeks of the year in all ELC establishments. It is expected that

the proposed model would enhance the overall quality of care and learning by providing a consistent delivery over 50 weeks, instead of the current 38 weeks. It is also expected that the service would offer greater flexibility to parents and carers while also improving affordability across all NAC early learning establishments.

North Ayrshire Council's proposed model will now be submitted to the Scottish government which has requested that all local authorities develop expansion and implementation plans for the delivery of 1,140 hours of early learning and childcare.

## New pensions action group formed on Arran

A new WASPI group has been set up on Arran following the first meeting, which was held recently at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick.

There was a great turnout of 20 women who have been affected by the changes to their state pension age. Many women now have to wait a further six years longer than expected due to the maladministration and lack of communicating the changes by the Department of Work and Pensions.

Ann Fraser, coordinator of Ayrshire WASPI group, was warmly welcomed by the Arran women and North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson also attended part of the meeting and whose contribution was welcomed.

There are plans for a further WASPI meeting to be held later this month.

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## Editorial

A planning application has finally been lodged for a timber transfer station and slipway at Machrie.

It has been two and a half years since Forestry Enterprise Scotland first raised the prospect of the development on the west coast to take trees from there to the mainland, rather than bringing them across the String Road to Brodick for shipment.

The months and years which have followed have seen the project at the top of the forestry agenda only for it to slide down and then become viable again due to the fluctuating price of timber.

Now it seems it is all systems go. Certainly there is a huge amount of forest to be cleared, which is mainly Sitka spruce, on the west of the island, with one estimate putting it at 3,000 tonnes a month.

A slipway at Machrie would prevent the need for all that wood to be dragged over the String for transport from Brodick, but for a lot of residents on the quiet side of the island the development is not just unwelcome but would be a semi-industrial environmental eyesore.

Yet over in Brodick some take a different view, believing the slipway to be a good thing to stop so much timber being transferred over the String and through the busy streets of Brodick.

However, it is now time to resolve the issue, with all sides able to put their arguments to planners before a final decision is made.

### Thought for the week

And Jesus began to teach them, saying: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy' (Matthew 5:1)

## Recycling déjà vu

Sir,  
I have just returned from my annual sojourn on Arran and noted the recent coverage in the *Banner* on the recycling issues.

For me this was déjà vu as a few years ago I had a similar locking of horns with Perth and Kinross Council over the design of the new recycling arrangements in Blairgowrie. A balustrade surrounding the skips made it difficult, and indeed dangerous, for frail people to raise the rubbish bags and then bridge the gap between fence and skip.

I was told the fence had to be this high to conform to a British Standard but on checking I found this was only to ensure no-one fell over the fence ... the ease or safety of delivery was not considered. I pointed out that the fence did not need to be that high.

In Inverness the wall above the car approach road level was less than two feet high and to my knowledge no locals have joined their rubbish. This cut no ice! I suggested a compromise: a shelf to rest the rubbish bags but was told this was impossible. Then two years later a moveable shelf was installed and works very well. Heavy bags can be raised to the top of the fence, rested on the shelf and then at leisure decanted into the skip. When the skip is being replaced, an operative merely hinges the shelf back out of the way. My advice to folk on Arran ... keep hammering away at the liability, the recycling centre people have to protect the wellbeing of the clients using the system they designed, or they may be liable.

Yours,  
**Ian A Brown**  
Blairgowrie

## Anvil demand

Sir,  
Year on year we return to Arran and yet, after 50 years, we still hadn't climbed Goatfell. So this was the year. On a beautiful day we climbed and pushed our way to the top and felt exhilarated as we stood on the summit.

On the way down, we found Davy Ballantyne's anvil discarded to the side of the path. We thought it a great pity that Davy's amazing feat has been left without recognition or celebration. Surely such a significant achievement should be 'set in stone' for all to wonder at as they stand at the trig point on the summit of Goatfell.

Davy Ballantyne's anvil needs to be returned to the summit and mounted with a plaque of recognition. If there was a donation box I'm sure successful climbers would be pleased to donate to diabetes research and the preservation of the Goatfell path which has given and continues to give so much pleasure to many.

Come on National Trust for Scotland - do the right thing.

Yours,  
**Anna Robinson**  
West Yorkshire

## Basic needs

Sir,  
Some time ago, the *Arran Banner* produced the publication of an unforgettable letter from a young girl expressing her disgust at the condition of the public toilet she used. I have seldom felt so sad and ashamed of my generation at being in charge of allowing hygienic conditions to sink to such a low level during the 21st century. Of course I have experienced the feeling in Glasgow.

On my recent visit, I had

to embarrassingly use the Brodick toilet. I washed my hands elsewhere. The Sannox toilets were padlocked. Then, so thankful for the excellent Arran Active toilet.

Now my major point - which has been given initial local thought. The quality of the proposed future toilets. We have a golden opportunity to construct first-class modern toilets. A small sub-committee of qualified people could be given the task of obtaining suitable plans for spacious and attractive quality modern toilets. The toilets at Asda, Ardrossan are a fine example of clean, quality, modern conveniences. Asda often win awards on this score. The sub-committee could meet with the right people and obtain the foundation of good thought and construction. It would be dreadful to continue with the likes of the Brodick toilets.

I know very little details of the excellent work being done by the various communities but I hope the continued interest of Arran visitors produces further letters or cash, to support one of the basic needs of humanity.

Yours,  
**Edward Jackson**  
Glasgow

## Climate change

Sir,  
I'm writing to encourage your readers to join the thousands across Scotland who have already called on the First Minister to strengthen the new Climate Change Bill.

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# Mairi performs Whisky Galore! theme song



Mairi with Gregor Fisher, who stars in the film.

One of Scotland's best known Gaelic singers, Mairi MacInnes, performs the theme tune to the hit summer film remake of *Whisky Galore!*.

Mairi lived on Arran for 23 years and was instrumental in establishing Fèis Arrain 19 years ago and was delighted to be back teaching Gaelic song at the fèis this summer.

Mairi's most recent performance was at the On the Rocks festival on Eriskay inspired by the remake of Compton Mackenzie's *Whisky Galore!* movie which features Mairi performing the title song *Gairm na h-oidhche* ('Calling the night').

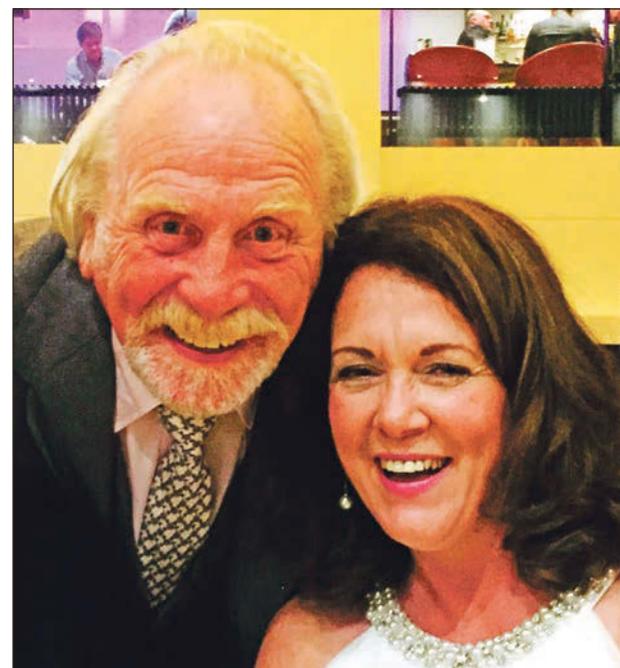
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Mairi, one of the youngest Mòd gold medallists, possesses the uncanny ability to connect with her audiences on a uniquely personal emotional level. These mesmerising performances make her one of Scotland's premier vocalists and creator of the Gaelic Women CD collection. She appears regularly on national television and radio.

Mairi has collaborated with artists such as Runrig, Phil Cunningham, Barbara Dickson, William Jackson, Tony McManus, Llangwm Male Welsh Choir, BBC Orchestras, and sang in the Celtic Connections production *Far, Far, From Ypres* to great acclaim. Mairi will be taking to the high road with the full cast in 2018.

Director Gillies McKinnon has brought the true story of the cargo ship SS Politician, which ran aground off the coast of Eriskay in 1941 releasing its cargo of whisky, back to the big screen.

The music from the film is available on an album, produced by Patrick Doyle and Maggie Rodford, featuring an array of Scotland's finest musicians, including Christopher Stout on the fiddle and Jarlath Henderson on the uileann pipes. Mairi's original song *Gairm na h-Oidhche* was composed for the film. Abigail Doyle wrote the lyrics for the song and the Gaelic translation was by Iain S MacPherson. The score was recorded and mixed at Air-Edel Recording Studi-



Mairi at the premiere with actor James Cosmo.

os in London by Nick Taylor, who also mastered the soundtrack album.

Patrick said: 'It was a pleasure to be asked by Gillies MacKinnon and the producers to compose the score for *Whisky Galore!*. It was another great opportunity to work with some of the finest Celtic folk instrumentalists in Scotland. I had worked previously with our key soloists on Pixar's *Brave* (Christopher Stout, Jim Sutherland, Jarlath Henderson, Matheu Watson and Lorne MacDougal), but this was my first time working with the wonderful, Scottish Gaelic singer Mairi MacInnes. Mairi sings the song *Gairm na h-Oidhche*, for which my daughter Abigail penned the lyrics.

'The song is featured in the beautiful, mystical night sequence, shot by Nigel Willoughby, as the islanders' row out to steal the whisky from the wreck of the SS Cabinet Minister.

'This score was a very personal one in many ways. It was an opportunity to work on the adaptation of a quintessentially Scottish story, which captures the country's stunning landscape on film.

'I am also great friends with many of the outstanding Scottish actors in the cast.'

The album is available on CD and for streaming and download across all major platforms including iTunes, Amazon and Spotify. The *Whisky Galore!* DVD will be released in November.

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## Kilmory backpack project plea

People across the island are being urged to help the Kilmory primary school backpack project.

The Mary's Meals initiative helps children in Malawi by sending them recycled school bags, polo shirts, skirts and shorts to let them get the most out of their education.

The P5-P7 class is organising the project with the support of the whole school. As well as sending their old school bags to Malawi, the Kilmory children are filling them with pencils, pens, crayons, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, pencil cases, notepads,

toothpaste, toothbrushes, towels, bars of soap, spoons, small balls, shorts or skirts, T-shirts or dresses, sandals or flip flops for children aged four to 12 years.

All items donated can be handed into Kilmory primary school or given to pupils, staff and parents. All items are needed by Friday September 15, after which they will be sorted into ages and sent to Mary's Meals.

P5 teacher Eilidh McNeish said: 'We would like to thank everyone for their support so far, but there is still time to donate to the appeal, which will change many lives.'

# Play park fight goes on

**Hugh Boag**  
 editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Several of the play parks under threat on Arran could still be saved.

At Arran Community Council this week, members heard that community groups in several villages were still trying to retain them.

It was first announced in June that seven play parks on the island were to be removed in a bid by North Ayrshire Council to save money. However, since then, just as with the public toilets, community groups have rallied to save the amenities.

And it has been revealed that the swings at Whitefarland have been saved, but at the expense of Thunderguy, where the swings will be replaced by a bench.

The four sites in Lam-lash, where two were un-



The swings at Corrie Harbour which are under threat.

der threat, are still being considered to be taken over by Lam-lash Improvements Association and so are the two sites in Corrie, where one is under threat.

However, the swings at Machrie will go as there

appears to be no strong case for their retention. But there is good news for Blackwaterfoot as, while the old play equipment is being removed, it is being replaced by new equipment and swings.

However, chairman Bill Calderwood warned that time was of the essence. He said: 'Action is going to have to be taken quite quickly as I understand council removals start within a week to 10 days at the most.'

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council confirmed that community groups only have until September 15 to register an interest in a community asset transfer of the play parks.

## Arran lifeboat goes to aid of yacht

Arran RNLI responded to a stricken yacht that had run aground at Inchmarnock.

The inshore lifeboat Rachel Hedderwick was launched at 1.30pm on Saturday August 26 in response to a distress call from the yacht.

When the Arran RNLI crew arrived on scene, the yacht had been towed clear of the rocks by a passing vessel. The Arran crew then worked with the Tighnabruich RNLI crew to ensure the vessel was seaworthy.

Arran RNLI helmsman Mark Nelson said: 'Thankfully, when we arrived, the yacht had been assisted by a passing vessel but we still wanted to ensure the vessel and her crew were fit to continue on their journey.'

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|                                                     | <b>Friday 15th</b>   | All day School Outreach with Aeron Moore, Geopark Seasonal Ranger.<br>18:30—20:00 <i>Talk:</i> Introduction to Arran Geology at the Rosaburn cafe in the Heritage Museum. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and scones provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>Follow in the footsteps of ancient reptiles!</i> | <b>Saturday 16th</b> | 10:00—14:00 <i>Walk 1:</i> Introduction to Geology with Stuart Blake. Meet at Lochranza CiC.<br>10:00—16:00 <i>Walk 2:</i> Geology of North Arran. Meet at Lochranza CiC.<br>14:00—17:00 <i>Walk 3:</i> King's Cave to Drumadoon. Meet at King's Cave car park.<br>11:00—14:00 <i>Family event:</i> Geology timeline walk with quiz, ending at Hutton's Unconformity. Meet at Lochranza CiC.<br>13:00—16:00 <i>Family event:</i> Interactive geology activities at Lochranza CiC.<br>19:00—20:00 <i>Talk:</i> 'Volcanoes of Scotland' by Dr Kate Saunders (University of Edinburgh) at Corrie Hall. |
| <i>Touch a fossilised lightning strike!</i>         | <b>Sunday 17th</b>   | 10:00—12:30 <i>Walk 4:</i> Glacial landscapes at Glen Rosa with NTS Head Ranger Kate Sampson. Meet at Glenrosa Campsite car park.<br>11:00—13:00 <i>Walk 5:</i> Corrie shoreline with Dr Simon Cuthbert (UWS). Meet outside Corrie Primary School.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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# Minister hails work of locality partnerships

The work of North Ayrshire's locality partnerships is being celebrated almost one year on from their launch.

The partnerships are designed to bring democracy to a grassroots level and help local communities have a real say on issues which affect them.

Having launched in September last year, members of the Arran locality partnership and Arran Community Council joined the five other North Ayrshire partnerships and partner organisations at a special conference to share ideas and best practise. They were joined by Arran councillors Ellen McMaster, who chairs Ar-

ran partnership, and Timothy Billings.

And the keynote speaker was the Scottish government's minister for local government and housing, Kevin Stewart MSP. Mr Stewart said: 'The Community Empowerment Act provides a framework to help communities strengthen their voices in the decisions that matter to them and offer them more opportunities to make a difference on their own terms.'

'Local partnerships, like those running in North Ayrshire, are a good example of what has been achieved by creating new rights for community groups. Giving people more control over

decisions that affect them, empowering communities to develop their own economies, wellbeing and environments.'

The event, staged at Fullarton Connexions in Irvine last week, allowed members to discuss the progress being made through North Ayrshire's locality partnerships, based in Arran, Irvine, Garnock Valley, Kilwinning, North Coast and Cumbranes, and the Three Towns.

The locality partnerships are made up of local people and those with specific expertise who work together to develop locality plans.

The plans ensure a stronger and more localised way



Scottish Government Minister Kevin Stewart (front row, fourth from right) with elected members at the conference.

of setting local priorities and responding to community challenges.

North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane, who is chairman of the Community Planning Partnership, said: 'We are now almost 12 months on from the launch of our locality partnerships and this is the perfect time to share their successes and address some of the challenges.'

'By empowering our local communities, it has given them a greater stake in decisions that affect their everyday lives. Today, we've seen some of the best examples of partnership working and I'm looking forward to seeing that develop over the coming months and years.'

Find out more about locality partnerships across North Ayrshire on the web-

site [www.northayrshire.com/community](http://www.northayrshire.com/community)

This site also features the searchable consultation portal, which lets communities see at a glance who is consulting on what in their local area and how they can contribute.

These consultations give everyone a chance to have an input and be involved in the decisions that affect their lives.

## Market reports from Stirling

United Auctions at Stirling had a catalogue entry of 7,857 store lambs and feeding ewes at their sale on Monday August 28.

Leading prices were: store lambs: Balgown (TexX) £64.50, Auchenhew (TexX) £62, Bloomfield (TexX)

£52, Craigraineach (SuffX) £66, Auchenhew (SuffX) £60.50, Craigiew (Mule) £70.50, Craigeaineach (Mule) £59, Craigview (BF) £45.50.

Feeding ewes: Bloomfield (Cross) £50, Bloomfield (Tups) £80.

On Monday August 21 the agricultural centre had a catalogue entry of 8,026 store lambs and feeding sheep.

Leading prices were: TexX lambs: Springfield £71.50, Kilpatrick £64, Bellevue £60, Bridge £50. BF lambs: Altgolath £35. Ewes: Bellevue £70.

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# Many hands contribute to the biscuit tin initiative

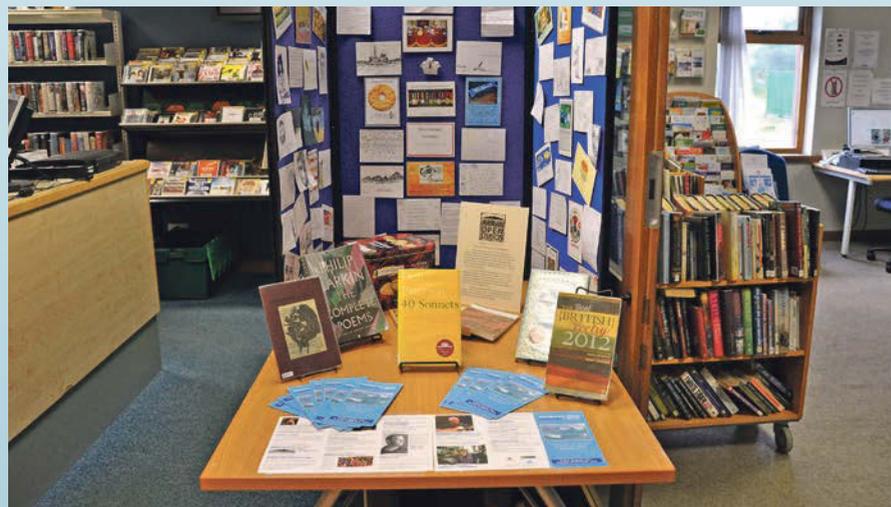
The Arran Open Studios weekend was once again a resounding success with their newest innovation, the biscuit tin initiative, being particularly successful and receiving a large amount of entries. The initiative allowed visitors and residents to contribute by making a drawing, poem or sharing a reflection on the cards provided in the Paterson of Arran biscuit tins left at 12 locations across the island. Organisers have been delighted that this idea seems to have inspired so many with dozens of submitted

cards being filled with verses, musings and sketches. One contribution to each of the 12 tins was received by post from Whithorn artist Jack Sloan, whose imagination was particularly stimulated by the initiative. Contributions, coming from far and wide, have included poems, inspirational words and a few self portraits. Some chose to write a short verse, odes to loved ones or even finely drawn landscape scenes. Unsurprisingly many of the submissions

carried a biscuit theme while others included drawings. One was in memory of a favourite artist. While some obviously spent a great deal of time making detailed sketches some of the contributions were simple images of people places and objects, many including boats. The response has been so positive that organisers are considering opening next year's initiative to artists across Scotland. An exhibition of some of the cards received are on display in Brodick Library where visitors are invited



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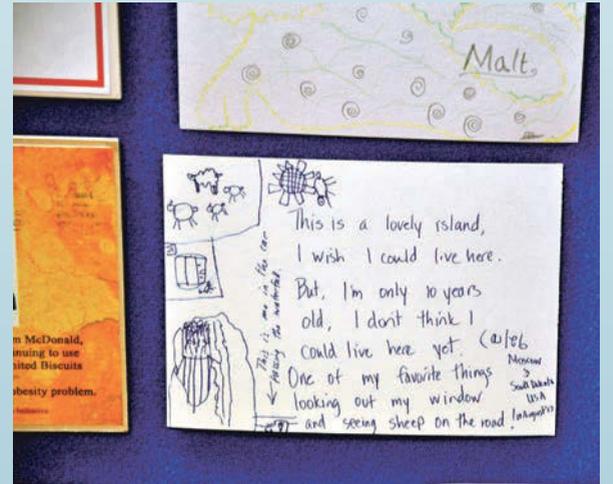


An exhibition of BTI contributions on display at Brodick library. 01\_B35A0501

to look at and read and see how other people have spent their time filling in the postcards, either alone or over a coffee or a pint.

The Arran Open Studios weekend was held from August 11 to 14.

A spokesman said: 'We would like to thank all of the venues that lent space for the biscuit tins, to Paterson of Arran for donating the tins and supporting the event and to all those who contributed thoughts or sketches.'



A contribution from a 10 year old from Moscow and the USA. 01\_B35A0502

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 Films made on Arran, about Arran and by young Arran Film makers including newly acquired footage of vintage film of Arran from the 1930s  
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**AN ARRAN CLAMJAMFRY**  
**MEMORIES, MUSIC AND DRAMA**  
**TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER**  
**Arran Lodge at Altachorvie, Lamlash 8pm**  
 Tickets £12 Children and young people at school are free  
 A fascinating evening of memory, biography, music and drama. Tickets for performances can be bought online at [arranevents.com](http://arranevents.com), at the Book and Card Shop or at door.



**JACKIE KAY AND BURNS**  
**Thursday 7th September**  
 International Scottish poet Jackie Kay entertains as well as celebrating Burns and her Scottish Heritage with poetry, music and song.  
**Arran Lodge at Altachorvie, Lamlash 8pm**  
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# McLellan Festival go

The McLellan Arts Festival starts tonight (Friday) with Maura Dooley and the McLellan Poetry Award winners' gig in Corrie and Sannox hall with music by Arran Dawn. Last year's winner, Jed Myers, came all the way from Seattle and there is sure to be a tense final to the contest this year again.

Tomorrow (Saturday) there is an evening of ceilidh entertainment with live music and a generous buffet supper in Whiting Bay hall at the famous festival ceilidh – please remember to BYOB.

Beautiful choral music in Corrie Church can be heard on Sunday with an interesting talk about radio drama by David Hunter in Brodick Library on Sunday afternoon.

On Monday evening (September 4) there are delights in store at the Arran Film Night in Corrie and Sannox hall with new, unseen archive film of Arran in the 1930s as well as films by Arran young people.

A truly fascinating event takes place on Tuesday evening (September 5), at Arran Lodge, Altachorvie,

Lamlash when Tim Pomeroy, sculptor, musician and poet gives his Arran Island Images in Clamjamfry - a tribute to Desert Island Discs with a difference. It promises to be an evening where Tim talks about images which have made an impact on his life, interspersed with music and drama. Please BYOB at this event.

The festival is privileged to have the Scottish Makar, Jackie Kay, fresh from the Edinburgh International Festival on Arran on Thursday September 7 at Arran Lodge, Altachorvie. Jackie



**Drama students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland rehearse in Corrie hall ahead of their performance at last year's festival.**



will perform her new work on Burns as well as other poems all intermingled with Scottish song from Joni Keen, John Cruikshank, George Pettigrew and Peter Wilson. Please BYOB to this event.

Friday evening (September 8) in the community theatre, Lamlash is another event not to be missed when the students of this year's Arran summer school take to the stage for the Opera Gala. Other talented young people, drama students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, will showcase their work in Cor-

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**Tuesday 5 September 2017**  
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Last year's poetry competition winner **Jed Myers from Seattle, right, is presented with his prize by David Constantine.**

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Community Theatre, Lamlash, 7.30pm  
Tickets £12 Children and young people at school are free  
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rie hall on Saturday September 9 – all those who attended a similar performance last year will remember the quality of their performances.

The final event of the festival is the Beethoven Mass in C on Sunday September 10 when the opera summer school joins with a community choir from Arran in this beautiful choral work.

Adverts in the Banner give details of tickets and times. For more information go to [arrantheatreandarts.co.uk/festival-2017](http://arrantheatreandarts.co.uk/festival-2017). Tickets are available online at [arranevents.com](http://arranevents.com), at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick or at the door.



**Scots Makar, Jackie Kay will perform on Arran, fresh from the Edinburgh Festival.**

# McLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL - 2017

**Fri. 11th August – Sun. 10th September 2017**

*"and when the seed was sown, the hairst was gether"*

Robert McLellan (Arran Burn)

**Friday 1st September MAURA DOOLEY**  
Corrie and Sannox Hall 8.00pm. £12

**Saturday 2nd September POETRY WORKSHOP**  
Corrie Hall 11.00am – 3.30pm  
£10 including lunch.  
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**Saturday 2nd September FAMOUS FESTIVAL CEILIDH**  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.30pm  
£12 including supper. BYOB

**Sunday 3rd September McLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL AT CORRIE CHURCH**  
Corrie Church 12.00 noon. Free event

**Sunday 3rd September DAVID HUNTER**  
Brodick Library 2.30pm - 4.00pm  
Free event

**Monday 4th September ARRAN FILM**  
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. 8.00pm  
Entry by donation

**Tuesday 5th September AN ARRAN CLAMJAMFRY: MEMORIES, MUSIC AND DRAMA**  
Arran Lodge at Altachorvie, Lamlash 8.00pm. £12

**Thursday 7th September JACKIE KAY AND BURNS**  
Arran Lodge at Altachorvie 8.00pm. £12

**Friday 8th September OPERA GALA NIGHT**  
Community Theatre Lamlash 7.30pm. £12

**Saturday 9th September DRAMA LIVE**  
Corrie and Sannox Hall 8.00pm. £12

**Sunday 10th September BEETHOVEN MASS IN C**  
Arran Community Theatre, Arran High School, Lamlash 7.30pm. £12



**Students of the Royal Northern College of Music will return to perform at Corrie Church.** 01\_B36church02

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See Arran Banner and website, [arrantheatreandarts.org](http://arrantheatreandarts.org) for more details.

The 2017 McLellan Festival will run from Friday August 11th to Sunday 10th September 2017. Tickets for performances can be bought online at [arranevents.com](http://arranevents.com), at the Book and Card Shop, Brodick from Saturday 26th 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](http://arranevents.com) or at the Book and Card Shop for £40. A massive saving for all festival goers (10 paying events).

# WHAT'S ON

## Everyday

Trout fly fishing  
Brodick Castle  
Arran Brewery  
Soap making and candle dipping  
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick

## Saturday 2nd September

Army Cadets  
RNLI Shop  
Over 21s disco  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Blackwaterfoot bowls  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Flow Yoga  
Growers drop in session  
Live music - Alan Frew  
Darts Tournament  
McLellan Festival Poetry Workshop  
McLellan Festival Famous Ceilidh  
Live music - Big Licks

## Sunday 3rd September

Family games  
Fun in the pool  
AA meeting  
RNLI Shop  
McLellan Festival - David Hunter  
Live music - Big Licks unplugged

## Monday 4th September

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  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game  
McLellan Festival - Arran Film

## Tuesday 5th September

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  
Brodick Castle garden walk  
Flow Yoga  
Scottish country dancing  
McLellan Festival - Arran Clamjamfry  
Crossing the boarder - Jewish musical

## Wednesday 6th September

Rock an pop bingo  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service  
Yoga-Arran  
Mixed hockey  
Dog classes  
Knittnerly and Natterly  
Family friendly pub quiz  
Burger and quiz night  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Coffee Morning  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game  
Summer ceilidh  
Chair Yoga  
Flow Yoga  
Arran Parkinson's Support group  
Lamlash SWI

Loch Garbad, bank fishing  
Garden open 9am-dusk  
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm  
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm  
Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm  
9.30am - 11am  
9.30am - noon  
Bowling Club, 2pm  
WBay Bowling club, 2pm  
Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am  
Community Land, WBay, 10am - 12noon  
The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm  
Masonic Lodge, Lamlash, from 5pm  
Corrie Hall, 11am - 3.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Brodick Library, 2.30pm - 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  
Brodick Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm - All welcome  
Shiskine golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm  
Brodick Bowling Green 6.45pm  
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm  
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 8pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Bowling Club, 2pm  
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm  
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm  
Corrie Hall, 6pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Arran Lodge, Lamlash, 8pm

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm  
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm  
The PHT, 8.30pm  
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm  
Brodick Bowling Green 6.45pm  
Lamlash church hall, 10.15am - 12 noon  
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm  
St Mollis Hall, Shiskine, 11am  
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm  
Fire Station, 7.30pm

## Thursday 7th September

Morning fitness  
General knowledge quiz  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Ladies' hockey  
Quilt Arran  
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers  
Adult Tennis  
Ceilidh with Arranach Band  
Chair Yoga  
Arran Soul Choir  
Brodick Embroidery Group  
McLellan Festival - Jackie Kay & Burns

## Friday 8th September

Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza children's badminton  
Lochranza adults' badminton  
Arran Vets  
Arran Vets  
AA meeting  
Tae Kwondo  
Arran Aromatics factory tours  
Quiz  
Smart Recovery Meeting  
Opera Gala night

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm  
Lochranza & Catacol Hall, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Arran Lodge, Lamlash, 8pm

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Home Farm, Brodick, 11am, 1pm & 3pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 1.30pm - 3pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7.30pm



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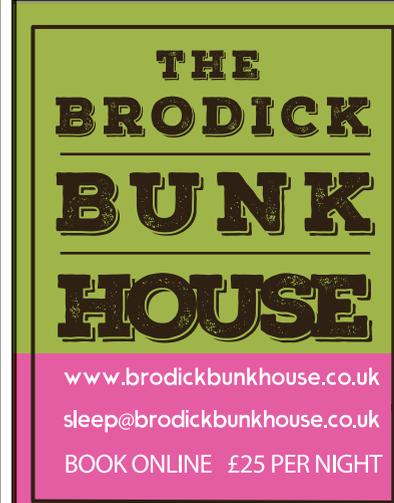
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## What's On.....

### BRODICK CASTLE from the Outside

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A guided historical tour of the exterior of the Castle – stout footwear advised.

**Please book at Reception on arrival**  
**Adults Free with Garden Entry**

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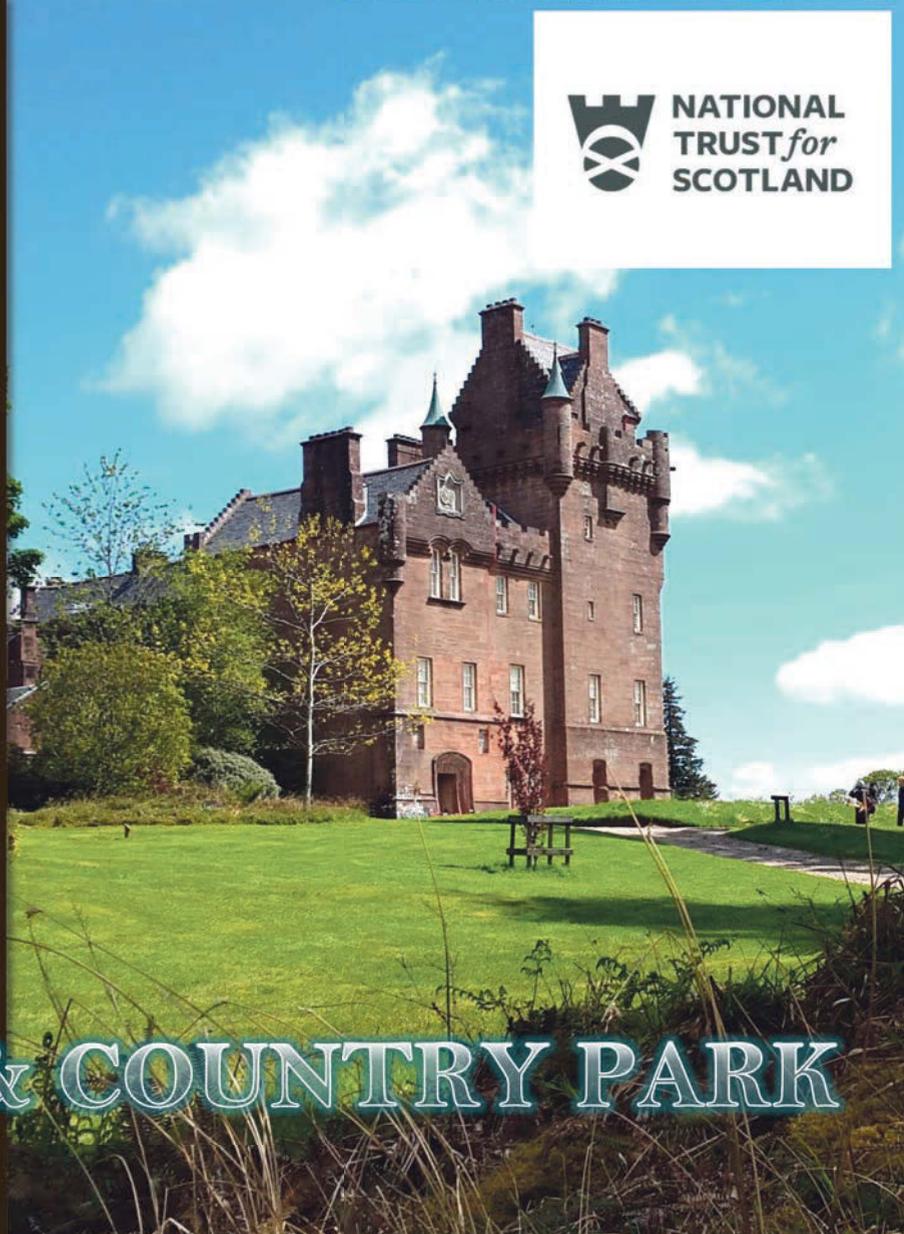
**No need to book - please meet at Reception**  
**Free with Garden Entry**

### GOATFELL TORCHLIGHT CHALLENGE

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Experience the magic of being on the high mountains in darkness, in the company of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team and the Rangers. A joint charity event, all proceeds will be shared between Rangers' upkeep of our mountain pathways and the Mountain Rescue Team.

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# Tracy lifts people's choice award

Artists across Arran displayed their talents at the Arran Visual Arts exhibition at Lochranza and Catacol Hall and it saw nearly 500 people visiting the exhibition and voting for their favourite works.

There was a healthy 115 entries in this year's exhibition with 24 pieces being snapped up by collectors, totalling a value of almost £1,000.

In addition donations for entry collected £430 for the club's funds which will go towards workshops, running costs and special events. The people's choice competition, where people vote for their favourite artwork, was also well supported with 364 people casting their vote.

The top 10 in the people's choice awards were: 1 Tracy Gibson with *You looking for me?* which had 49 votes, 2 Karen Bell with *Spring Hare* with 16 votes, 3 Jill Hargan's *The Ferry* with 15 votes, 4 Yvonne Bailey's *Sheep Dog*, Judith Dunkerley's *Corrie Cottages* and Janelle Paton's *True Love* with 12 votes, 7 Janet Rawlin with 10 votes, 8 Janelle Paton's *Night Haze* and Norma Russell's *Sunset over the Bay* with nine votes, 10 David Penn with *Lochranza castle* and Phil Holmes with *North from Goatfell* with eight votes.

A spokesman for Arran Visual Arts said: 'Thanks to everyone who visited and those that took the trouble to

vote. A special thank you to all the families who took part in the craft workshop which included weaving, spinning, clay modelling and silk painting. Thanks also to all artists and stewards for their help in another successful exhibition.'

Arran Visual Arts, a collaboration of more than 140 amateur and profession artists, host two exhibitions a year, an Easter exhibition at Arran High School and a summer exhibition at Lochranza and Catacol Hall.



Tracy Gibson with her people's choice winning painting 'You looking for me?'

## Get involved in biggest coffee morning

Macmillan Cancer Support's much-loved world's biggest coffee morning will be returning for its 27th year to homes, workplaces, communities and schools across the country on Friday September 29.

In Scotland, 6,665 coffee mornings, including several on Arran, raised more than £2.3m in 2016 and this year's event aims to raise even more money for people affected by cancer.

The first official event took place in 1991. It has since become the biggest fundraising event of its kind, raising more than £194m UK-wide for people affected by cancer over the past 26 years. This is the year that the total raised by this year's event will pass the £200m mark. For more information on Macmillan's Coffee Morning or to register for your free fundraising pack, visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee).

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# Arran bees chosen for research project

**Honey bees on Arran are thriving thanks to the work during the last four years by the Arran Bee Group. Now the island has been chosen to carry out a national piece of research into honey bees and the fight against Varroa. Here Elanor McNamara explains:**

In 2013 the Arran Trust made a substantial grant of £2,000 to the Arran Bee Group to enable us to subsidise the buying of 11 nuclei - baby colonies - of honey bees.

The bees were sourced from Dumfries, and are Scottish black bee hybrids. Scottish black bees might not be always as prolific in the honey department as the Italian bees popular over the border, but they get out of bed earlier, and are better able to forage during border line conditions, which is quite often what they get here - bees not liking damp.

Four years, some ups and downs and a few hundred jars of honey later, our bees have blossomed. There are now 57 colonies of honey bees on Arran, and one on Holy Island, busy gathering pollen and nectar from a huge variety of plants, and pollinating them in the process. I have certainly noticed an increase in my yields of pears, apples and soft fruits and I hope you are feeling the benefits, too. Honey bees are essential to life on earth in their capacity as pollinators, and this is why many of us keep bees.

It's been a learning curve for many of us in the Arran Bee Group since many of us were new to beekeeping. But the experienced members, and members who quickly gained experience, have been working hard, travelling all over the island to support any beekeeper who needed help.

The beekeeper's year is divided firmly into two: the winter is a waiting game. You don't open hives in the winter for fear of chilling or disturbing the cluster of bees huddled very much like penguins in a rugby ball shape deep in the hive. You give them a bit of bakers candy to keep them go-

ing, and cross your fingers.

When the bees wake up in early spring the fun begins. Spring and summer are spent by the beekeeper trying to make sure that the bees don't swarm - making sure the bees have room, performing artificial swarms where necessary, and other tricks to discourage the bees from heading off for pastures new. All being well there might be a small surplus of golden treasure at the end of the summer to make it all feel worthwhile.

Bees feel swarmy when they are strong - it's the bees' way of having a baby. While beekeepers like their colonies strong, they don't like their bees flying away. Especially so now that varroa destructor has colonised Scotland. Varroa is the major threat to honey bees at the moment. They are parasitical mites that breed in the cells of developing bees. They are physically damaging to bees since they latch on behind the head, and they carry fatal viruses.

Varroa were a native pest to the Asian honey bee, but jumped ship when European honeybee keeping spread east. European honey bees are less able to cope with varroa and untreated infestation is fatal.

There are several chemical and mechanical ways to treat varroa, and bee scientists are looking for improved treatments all the time. In this regard Arran Bee Group has been selected for a national piece of research.

Graeme Sharp is our local expert. He works from the agricultural college at Auchincruive where he has a huge apiary and teaches beekeeping. He has been over several times to run training courses for us, and when he heard of this lat-

est research project he suggested Arran Bee Group as a well-coordinated group. Obviously Arran is great as a study area since it has such clear boundaries.

Honeybees can only range three miles from their hive meaning it is unlikely that a swarm could arrive here on their own.

Arran Bee Group collectively agreed to participate and last week Fiona Highet, of SASA (Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture), was here with St Andrews and Aberdeen universities PHD student Luke Woodford to explain their project and take a small sample of bees from all 57 hives. They are looking at our varroa burden and also the virus burden carried by the mites. They are also taking over charge of our varroa treatment programme. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to aid in the war against varroa, and to end up with the healthiest possible bees ourselves.

It is more important than ever that nobody brings bees to Arran. Doing so could skew the results of this research, and give all our bees a setback. If you would like to start beekeeping you would be made very welcome at any of our meetings, usually the third Thursday in the month at the Ranger Centre at the castle at 7pm. We have club hives which exist to supply colonies to those who need so we can probably supply you with bees more cheaply than importing them. Additionally they will be locally adapted bees, best prepared for our dubious climate.

One other issue of importance is in identifying any wild colonies on the island, which are a nuisance to householders as well as being a reservoir of infection and disease. We would be grateful to hear from an-

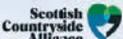
yone who knows the location of any wild colonies either in properties or elsewhere. Please contact either Margo, on 302393 or Robert on 830302.

Our next meeting is Thursday September 21 at 7pm at the Ranger Centre, where Luke will talk in more depth about the science behind his research. All are welcome.

**Pictured left to right at one of the club apiaries at the Arran Community Land Initiative are: Fiona Highet, SASA, St Andrews and Aberdeen universities PhD student Luke Woodford and bee expert Graeme Sharp.**



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# Arran young people are leading from the front

A programme to develop the coaching and leadership skills of North Ayrshire's young people has been hailed a success.

The 'Leaders Week' course, organised by the council's active schools team, was attended by almost 70 high school pupils during the summer holidays, including six from Arran High School.

They were put through their paces by Active Schools Co-ordinators with the aim of creating a legacy of confident young people who can, in turn,

pass on their knowledge to other young people in North Ayrshire.

Pupils took part in sports and activities such as netball, football, dodgeball and four square at Ardrossan Academy, and also enjoyed a Positive Coaching Scotland tutorial workshop, highlighting the importance of a positive mind-set and providing the right environment for young people to thrive.

By the end of the course, the young people gained a Top Play Top Sport qual-

ification which allows them to work in primary and secondary schools.

It is hoped the pupils will use their newly-developed skills to coach younger children from their cluster area.

Bruce McMaster, Active Schools co-ordinator, said: 'It was a terrific few days and I must pay tribute to all the pupils who took part in the Leaders Week programme. They worked really hard, took in a lot of information and showed an enormous amount of potential.'



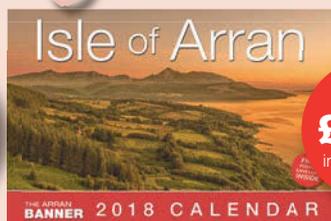
Arran pupils took part in leaders week.

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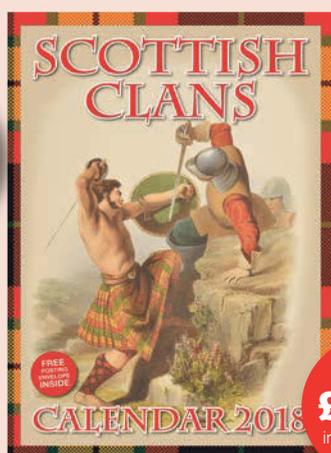
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## Parents urged to return child flu consent forms

Parents on Arran are being urged to return their children's flu vaccination consent form as soon as possible to ensure they are protected against flu this winter.

This year's childhood flu vaccination programme will see more than 2,000 schools across Scotland offer the free nasal vaccine to more than 450,000 primary school pupils.

Health professionals are reminding parents of the benefits of the free nasal vaccine as figures reveal over a quarter, (27 per cent) of the children eligible didn't receive the vaccine last year. As no child will receive the vaccination without consent, the importance of returning a completed form, which has been sent home in school

bags, has been highlighted in a bid to ensure more children in Scotland are protected.

Dr Gregor Smith, deputy chief medical officer for Scotland, said: 'As always we're urging all parents across Scotland to join the fight against flu by getting their children vaccinated as early as possible this winter.'

'Getting the free nasal vaccine only takes a few minutes but can protect your child from flu for up to a year so it really is the best defence against the virus which can be extremely infectious and serious.'

'Even the healthiest of children can fall seriously ill from flu so that's why it's so important that they get their vaccine at school so that we can help prevent

the spread of the virus to family, friends and others around them.'

To date, more than 1.2 million doses of the nasal vaccine have been given to two-to-11-year-olds in Scotland as part of the Scottish childhood flu immunisation programme.

Dr Elvira Garcia, NHS Ayrshire & Arran immunisation coordinator, said: 'Getting the flu vaccine is particularly important for children with health conditions, such as diabetes or chronic heart disease.'

'We are asking parents to return the completed consent form on time to ensure their child receives the free flu vaccination this winter.'

'The vaccine is simply the best defence against flu and not only helps protect your children but it also helps reduce the spread of the virus amongst others.'

The programme is expected to eventually prevent an estimated 200 deaths a year, and 1,100 hospitalisations from flu.

For guidance on completing the consent form and for more information on the childhood flu vaccine, visit [www.immunisation-scotland.org.uk/childflu](http://www.immunisation-scotland.org.uk/childflu) or phone NHS Inform on 0800 22 44 88.

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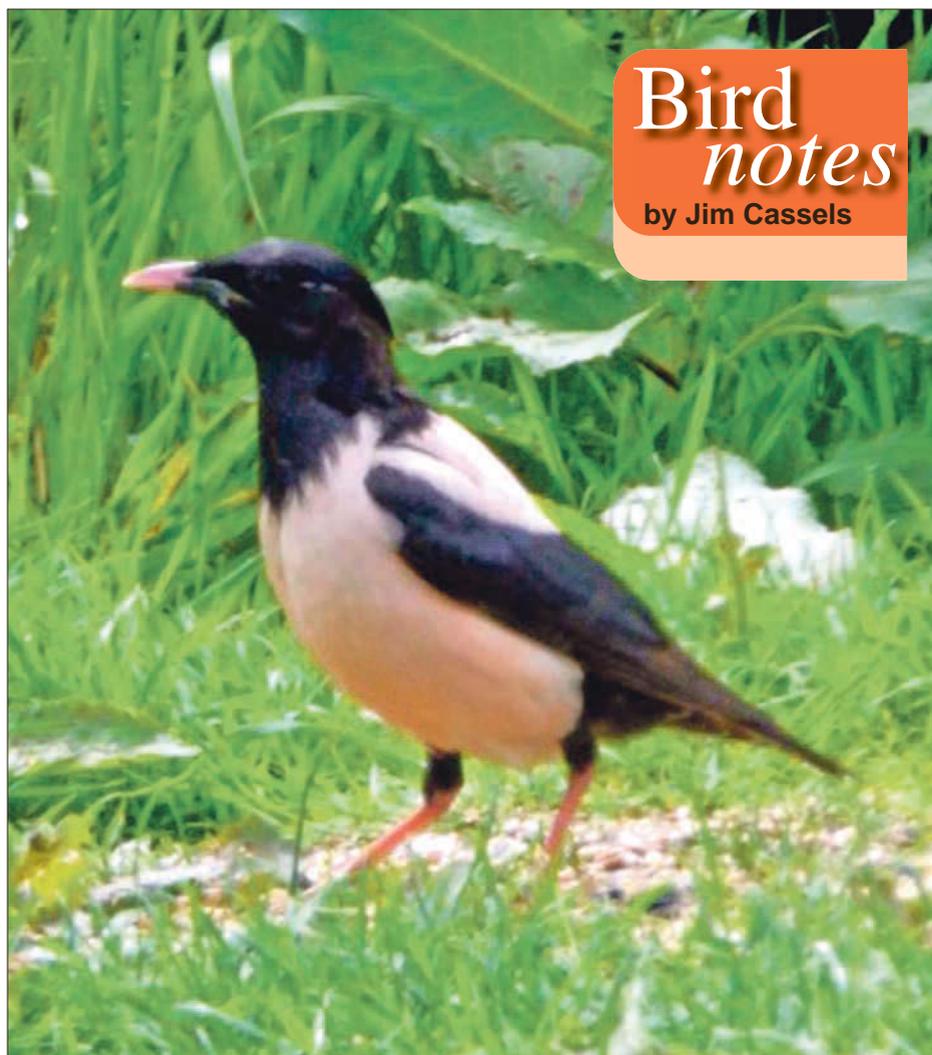
# Rose-coloured starling is a rare vagrant

On Monday July 10 a resident in Sliderry was at the kitchen window washing the dishes and keeping an eye on the garden birds, when this stunning bird with its pink body, pale orange legs and bill, and glossy black head, wings and tail appeared.

As an experienced bird-watcher, he knew instantly that it was a rose-coloured starling and called his brother. The excitement was palpable. The bird was associating with a flock of common starling and was feeding in the adjacent fields as well as coming into the garden. The bird was later photographed, caught and ringed by a licensed ringer.

In the previous month there had been reports of rose-coloured starling from six locations in the UK, three in Scotland on Islay, Barra and Skye. It is not known how many birds were involved. The rose-coloured starling is a rare vagrant to Arran. The last report had been in Brodick on Friday June 28, 2002.

Its breeding range is from easternmost Europe across temperate southern Asia. It is a strong migrant, and winters in India and tropical Asia. It is a bird of steppe and open agricultural land. In years when grasshoppers and other insects are abundant, it will erupt well beyond its core range, with occasionally significant numbers reaching western Europe and the UK. In their natural habitat they are highly gregarious birds, and often form large, noisy flocks, which can on occasion be a pest for growers of cereal crops or orchards. On the other hand they are also greatly beneficial to farmers as they prey on pests such as locusts and grasshoppers, thereby limiting their numbers. For ex-



The rose-coloured starling spotted at Sliderry.

ample in Xinjiang province in China farmers build artificial nests to attract the birds and the birds help control locusts reducing the use of costly polluting insecticide.

The birds breed in tight colonies in a very short breeding season timed to take advantage of peak abundance of grasshoppers during May to June. It is during dispersal after breeding that some birds stray into north-west Europe. The Sliderry bird was one such bird in 2017.

Males in the breeding season have elongated head feathers which form a wispy crest that is fluffed and more prominent when the bird gets excited. In winter, the crest is

shorter, and the edges of black feathers within the plumage become paler as the edges of these feathers erode. Winter plumage in males is comparatively dull. Females in contrast have a short crest and lack the sharp separation between pink and black. The juvenile birds can be distinguished from Common Starling by its obviously paler plumage and short yellow bill. Young birds moult into a subdued version of the adult plumage in autumn. These lack the crest. They do not acquire their adult plumage until they are nearly one year old in females, and nearly two years in males before they get the crest. From examination while being ringed,

the Sliderry bird was a male hatched in 2016

The Sliderry bird hung about with the common starlings for the whole day on Monday July 10, but although the flocks of common starling were checked throughout the week it was not seen again

Enjoy your birding.

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## Diana, Princess of Wales

Diana, Princess of Wales, who died in a car crash in Paris last Sunday, visited Arran once in her life. That was on Wednesday 29th September 1989.

She came to open the new Arran Provisions factory in Lamlash. Her visit was brief, landing in a helicopter at the factory, being shown around it by Iain Russell, having lunch and then departing. It was also a very informal visit with all the primary schoolchildren being there and with Diana speaking to many of them.

Today, the day of the funeral, many island businesses are closed either all day or for the morning. Churches are being kept open for those who wish to visit them. A



Ross Duncan of Brodick swept the board at the AGA Junior Handicap Competition at Corrie when he won the overall and under 13 handicap prizes and had the best scratch score of the day. 01\_B34twe05



Two 15-year-olds, Allison McKelvie and Elizabeth Starren, were in the right place at the right time when they heard a distress whistle from Craig Tierney of Cheshire who encountered difficulty while on the Witch's Step. Allison, who is the great-grand niece of the McKelvie of potato fame, along with her friend Elizabeth, alerted the Mountain Rescue Team. 01\_B34twe01

Book of Condolence is also available at the council offices in Lamlash for 10 days for anybody wishing to make an entry.

The ferries will be sailing and CalMac will observe two minutes' silence at 11am and, apart from that, the ferries will run normally.

## In the rough

In three years' time Machrie Bay Golf Club will be 100 years old. But two years after that it may cease to exist. This is because negotiations over a lease beyond the year 2002, between the club and the landowner, have broken down. The club was told by Dougarie Estate owner Mr Stephen Gibbs that the lease will not be renewed.

Club captain Peter Emsley and his committee met with Mr Gibbs three times and had finally made their best offer which Mr Gibbs had thought was derisory. Mr Emsley also spoke of the considerable work which the club had done, most notably the improvements in drainage which means the first fairway is no longer a lake all winter. Mr Gibbs was not available for comment before going to press.

## Dispensing dilemma

Following the reviews by the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board into the requirements of Drs Kerr and Guthrie to dispense for their patients it has been decided that they should continue to do so for patients who live outside Brodick, Lamlash and Whiting Bay.

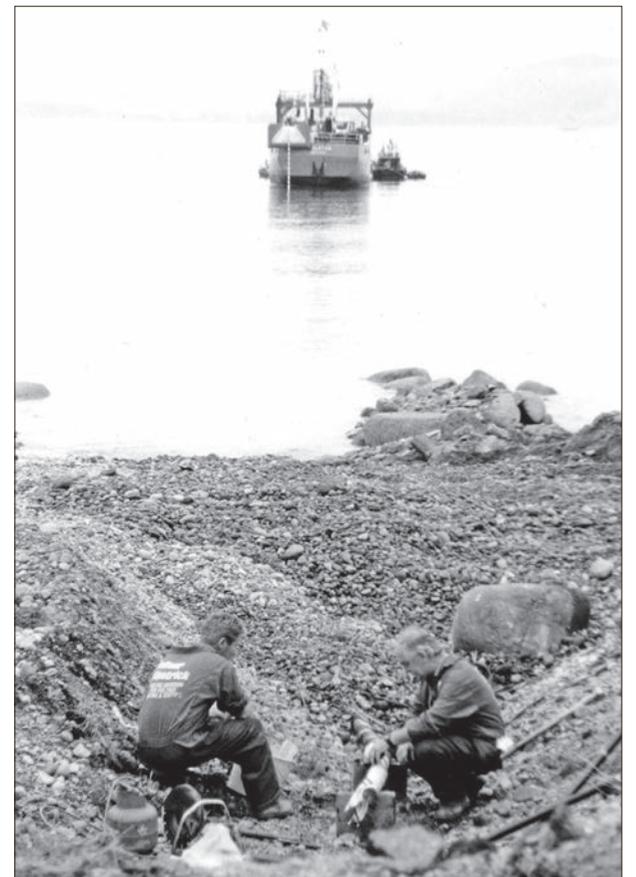
The review was set up as a result of chemist Stewart Walls asking the board to look at the position. During the enquiries health council member Lavinia Gibbs held a meeting in Corrie with villagers. During that consultation certain other difficulties emerged and the board has agreed to look further at these.



Councillor John Sillars and Vice-Mayor of Karmoy Astor Damm open a bottle of wine to celebrate the launch of a longboat called the Spirit of Karmoy. The vice-mayor and associates from Norway were visiting the Largs Viking Festival and visited Arran to witness the launch. 01\_B34twe04



Marching through Brodick the Dalkeith and Monkton Colliery Band joined Arran Brass at their concert last Saturday to a delightfully full hall. 01\_B34twe03



Dutch cable laying vessel, The Galatea, arrived at Banliken Shore to lay replacement cables running from Carradale. The cables they replaced were 34 years old and are linked to the cables running to Brodick which now supplies the entire island with electricity. 01\_B34twe02

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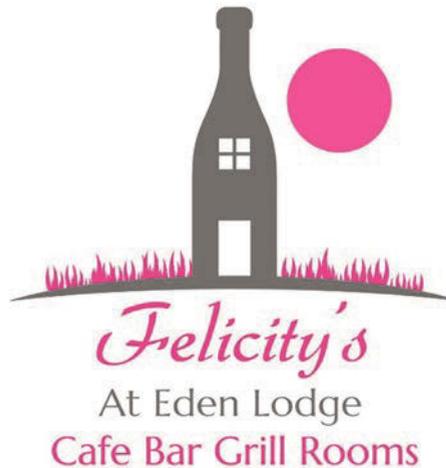
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Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship accompanied by the Oban and Lorne Strathspey & Reel Society.  
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# Triathletes go from strength to strength

Arran Junior Triathlon Club members started the new season by competing in the Glasgow Junior Aquathlon at the Allander Sports Centre in Milngavie, where the youngsters excelled themselves.

All of the Arran entrants managed personal bests, with two receiving their most improved times from spring events.



Arran Junior Triathlon Club members pictured with their new club tracksuits.



Luke Goatley improved on his personal best time by 21 seconds.

Luke Goatley came in fifth position in his age group, beating his best time by 21 seconds. Beth McCarthy and Grace Poplewell received the most improved for their age groups while Ruby Wright finished in sixth place. Coach Craig Wood congratulated all entrants on their performance.



Club members pose for a group photo after their event.

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**Bridge results**

The results of the Arran Bridge Club match points competition held at Lamlash on Monday August 28 were: 1= Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 1= Jan Beattie and Margaret MacGill, 3 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 4 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson.

## Orienteering team members sought

Andy McNamara from the Arran Outdoor Centre is taking an Arran schools team to the British Score orienteering championships in Yorkshire on October 14. The team will leave Arran on Friday October 13 and will return on Sunday October 15. This event is open to all primary five to secondary six children on the island and there will be 13 places available on the team.

There will be a training afternoon/evening on Friday September 8 at Brodick Country Park and a further training day in Dean Park in Kilmarnock on Friday October 13.

There will be an information evening at the Outdoor Centre at 7pm on Sunday September 3. If your child would like to come along please contact Andy via email: andymcnamara@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



### Brodick Golf Club

Tuesday August 22, August second medal, five played, CSS 67. Div 1: 1 Ann J May 72-06=66, 2 Susan Butchard 79-09=70. Div 2: 1 Heather Raeside 93-23=70.

Wednesday August 23, Summer Cup, 33 played, CSS 64. Gordon Hendry 67-5=62, ACB, Ewan McKinnon 62-0=62, Bob McCrae 72-8=64, ACB. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 62.

Sunday August 27, Brandon Cup final, 12 played, CSS 66. Douglas Robertson 82-18=64, Jimmy Armit 77-12=65, Kenny McMillan 82-13=69, ACB. Scratch, Matt Keir 69. Sweep. Seven played, CSS 66. Iain MacDonald 71-6=65, Ian McDermid 87-18=69, David Hendry 86-14=72. Scratch, Iain MacDonald 71.

Fixtures: Saturday September 2, Belhaven Texas scramble. Sunday September 3, AGA autumn handicap at Corrie Golf Club. Wednesday 6 September, final round of Summer Cup. Tuesday September 5, Medal. Tuesday September 12, three club, Tuesday September 19, outing to Corrie.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 24, Summer Cup, CSS 66, par 64. 1 Dougie MacFarlane 64-

0=64, 2 Colin Richardson 82-16=66, BIH, 3 Jon Smith 79-13=66. Scratch, Dougie MacFarlane 64. Magic twos, QJ Young at 8th, Billy O'Connor at 16th, Serge El Adm at 4th, Dougie MacFarlane at 13th.

Sunday August 27, Summer Stableford final, CSS 64, par 64. 1 Alan Smith 40pts, 2 Eugene Mitchell 34pts. Scratch, Alan Smith 28pts. Overall – best two scores over four rounds – Alan Smith 70pts, runner-up, John O'Sullivan 55pts.

Ladies's section: Wednesday August 23, stroke five, CSS 65, Par 65, 11 played. 1 Yvonne Brothers 84-18=66, 2 Sheena Murchie 84-15=69, 3 Alison Heron 92-22=70. Scratch, Yvonne and Sheena 84. Magic twos, Jackie Winship at 16th.

Fixtures: Sunday September 3, AGA autumn handicap at Corrie. Thursday September 7, Summer. Make up own games, see starter for times. Saturday September 9, AGA Arran Grouse final at 1pm at Lamlash. Sunday September 10, gents' captain's prize day.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday August 23, Summer Trophy round 14. Deceptively benign conditions greeted the 25 who played in the latest round of the Summer Trophy as CSS went out to 66, reductions only. That said, Mark West managed home in three under that figure to win by three from Davie Morrison. 1 Mark West 14, 63, 2 David Morrison 8, 66, 3 Jamie Stewart 5, 67

and lowest gross, 4 Andrew Martin 12, 67. Magic twos, Kerr Drummond and Stan Rainey, both @4th.

Saturday August 26, Texas scramble and barbecue. A fine afternoon at last for the postponed Texas scramble ensured a fun day for players and spectators alike. A good turnout of players and supporters joined in the 15-hole format which meant that the players could make straight for the barbecue without having to endure the final three holes on an empty and demanding stomach. There was plenty of fun for all and the young ones in particular had a whale of a time knocking golf balls up and down the first fairway while the mums, dads and the rest enjoyed a convivial afternoon in the sunshine.

Congratulations to Team Blair who, amid all the merry-making, played some very decent golf to win the scramble with a score well under par for the 15 holes played. Organisers said a huge thanks to all who attended and to all those who worked so hard to organise and run the event and to Andy Martin for his generous sponsorship of prizes.

Fixtures: Saturday September 2, mixed fours salver. Sunday September 3, AGA autumn handicap at Corrie Golf Club. Wednesday September 6, the Bannatyne Cup.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 22, Peter Sutton, CSS 65. 1 C Laing 83-17=66, 2 P Betley 79-11=68, 3 A MacDonald 82-12=70. Overall winner of



David and Linda Blair and their two sons made up Team Blair who won the Whiting Bay Texas scramble with a score well under par.

the Peter Sutton Cup with 386 is P Betley, runner-up R Woods with 391. Winner of the Lady Mary Cup with nett 51 is P Johnston and runner-up is F Scott with nett 56.

Fixture: Tuesday September 5, September medal at 12.30pm.

### Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday September 2, sweep, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Sunday September 3

AGA autumn handicap at Corrie Golf Club. Entry sheet in the clubhouse, start times available morning and afternoon. Wednesday September 5, Wednesday Medal, ballot at 5pm.

### Arran Golfers' Association

Saturday August 26, AGA final. Todd Jameson of Lamlash Golf Club beat eight-times champion, Ewan McKinnon of Corrie Golf Club in a highly entertaining final full of twists and turns at Brodick Golf Club.

Todd's one under par front nine put him three up only for Ewan to win 11, 12 and 13 to square the match. Todd won 14 and 15 to go two up, then holed a downhill 20ft putt at 16 for a crucial half. Following a drive to the edge of the green at 17, Ewan birdied the hole to give himself a glimmer of hope, but Todd appeared nerveless as he holed his putt to halve the hole for a 2 and 1 victory. Both players are to be congratulated on their exemplary sportsmanship throughout in what will no doubt turn out



Machrie Bay captain Hamish Bannatyne and vice-captain Campbell Laing presents Phil Betley with the Peter Sutton Trophy.

to be the first of many finals in which they play against each other.

Fixtures: Sunday September 3, AGA autumn handicap at Corrie Golf Club, late entries accepted. Saturday September 9, Grouse foursomes at Lamlash Golf Club at 1pm. Draw: Shiskine B v

Machrie A at 1pm, Whiting Bay B v Brodick A at 1.10pm, Corrie B v Brodick B at 1.20pm, Lochranza A v Corrie A at 1.30pm, Lamlash A v Lochranza B at 1.40pm, Whiting Bay A v Machrie B at 1.50pm, Shiskine A v Lamlash B at 2pm



Elizabeth Kelso, Ellie Jones, Jenni Turnbull and Carole Stewart represented Arran at the SWI national finals at the Hirsell Golf Club in Monday August 28 in Coldstream. They looked very smart in the Shiskine Kiscadale team outfits which even Ellie, from Lamlash, was pleased to wear!



AGA Champion of Champions Todd Jameson, right, and runner-up Ewan McKinnon.

# Friendly events held by riding club

Members of the Arran Riding Club have been busy recently taking part in a TREC competition and a combined training run.

TREC is a relatively new equestrian discipline, originating in an exam for trail ride leaders, and now competed internationally. This year riders had to navigate their way round Glencloy and the Fairy Glen, making sure they found all the people waiting in the woods to check them through. Successful horse orienteering requires attention to detail in the map room, where the route is copied, in order to have half a chance of finding the exact route on the ground.

Rona Fulton and Alison Currie were one of only a couple of pairs to find all the checkpoints. They topped this off with very good 'control of paces',

where riders must canter as slowly as possible and walk as fast as possible over a marked corridor.

The final section is the 'pvt' which consists of a series of obstacles to represent challenges and hazards that you could meet whilst out riding off road. To score well in this part horses have to go backwards, turn accurate tight turns, go under low branches and negotiate narrow corridors. Riders have to mount from the ground from the 'wrong' side, ride turns one handed and have a good, trusting partnership with their horse or pony. Runners up were Jen McNeish and Lily Currie, making it a family victory.

There was a great turn out for the TREC this year, and everyone enjoyed the day in a bit if sunshine squished between some very rainy

days. It's not often riders get to compete as a pair, and it makes for a very friendly event.

The TREC followed hard on the heels of the combined training run at Glenkiln. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to ride a round of showjumping followed by a cross country course, especially since it was a bit touch and go if the ground would be up to it following a wet August.

The riding club was grateful to Kenny and Eleanor Bone for allowing the event to go ahead – galloping horses do leave a few souvenir footprints when they jump cross country.

There were three heights available, 30cm, 60cm and 90 cm, which seems to be working well at providing something for everyone. The 30cm course was won by Rosie Wilkinson



Rona Fulton and Ricky and Alison Currie and Tia who won the riding club's recent TREC competition.

and Milo. Hollie Adamson and Ricky won the 60cm and Isla Yuill and Velvet clinched the 90cm class.

Well done everyone for getting round, and thanks to all the course builders and takers-down, pole-putter-back-on-ers, scorers and starters, it would not have gone ahead without any of them.



Faye Anderson takes a jump at the training run on Storm.



A rider tackles one of the 'pvt' obstacles.



Rona and Alison setting off on the orienteering. Even the horses are concentrating.



Class winner Rosie Wilkinson with Milo at the training run.



Lily flying round the cross country course on Busy. Lily brought Busy with her on holiday.

# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**

Ewan loses his crown to Todd

## McNicol's on the scoresheet as Shiskine put to the sword

**Brodick 12**  
**Shiskine 1**

The end of season Knock-out Cup began with the preliminary round on Monday night with new sponsors John Copperwheat of Copperwheat Coffee House. In the preliminary, Brodick played a depleted Shiskine team and ran out comfortable winners with an emphatic score line of 12-1.

Brodick took an early lead when Owen 'Pele' Quigley swung in a free kick which was missed by Jake Leese in the Shiskine goal. Matthew Dobson scores his first of the night after he rifled one from the edge of the area into the top corner. 'Pele' then scored again to

make it 3-0 going into half-time.

Brodick switched keepers in the second half with Archie McNicol coming out and going back to his natural position up front. This led to some of the Shiskine players questioning if Brodick's replacement keeper had met the league's age credentials of being over the age of 14. After a closer inspection they realised it was Wooleys owner Matt Keir and the game was able to continue.

Brodick scored nine times in the second half with three different McNicol's getting on the scoresheet. Archie bagged a hat-trick while cousin Kyle also scored along with centre-back Adam, who also got in on the act. Alan Mur-

ray also scored and 'Pele' bagged his second of the game. Fraser Anderson turned one into his own net after an outstanding cross in from Babbies MacNeil.

Shiskine's lone goal came when a ball struck a Brodick player's hand and Ryan Armstrong pointed to the spot. Despite Keir getting a hand to Ali Brown's penalty he couldn't prevent it from crossing the line.

Dobson got his second of the game and referee Ryan Armstrong gave him the man-of-the-match award for dictating play in the centre of the midfield.

Brodick will now face Northend in the semi-finals while Southend take on Lamlash in the other game on Monday night.



Shiskine goalkeeper Jake Leese saves an Owen 'Pele' Quigley attempt on goal. 01\_B35footy04



Goalkeeper Archie McNicol makes a brave diving save to prevent a Shiskine attempt at goal. 01\_B35footy03



Owen 'Pele' Quigley evades the opposition to surge forward with the ball. 01\_B35footy01



Goal scorer Alan Murray passes the ball with Shiskine's Fred Galbraith in hot pursuit. 01\_B35footy02

### Crunch play-off match will be league decider

The football season comes to a dramatic conclusion today (Saturday) with a single play-off league decider.

It will see Brodick aiming to complete four league titles in a row against Southend after they both finished the Arran Dairies League with 31 points.

The game is being played at the Ormidale Park at 4pm and it promises to be a cracking encounter between the two best teams in the league. Both teams are hoping for an enthusiastic crowd to offer them support.



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