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Safety is key as Sportive event descends on Arran

Organisers say safety is their top priority ahead of a major cycling event on Arran this weekend.

The reassurance was offered after road traffic concerns were raised at a meeting of Arran Community Council.

Some 230 cyclists are expected for the new Arran Sportive today (September 3), a prospect that caused community councillors to voice safety worries.

The event, which will comprise a series of non-competitive timed sections around the island, is organised by youth development charity Ocean Youth Trust Scotland as a fundraiser.

The charity's chief executive officer, Nick Fleming, said: 'I absolutely understand these concerns,

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and safety on the roads is something we're taking very seriously. We have been working with North Ayrshire Council, the emergency services and Caledonian MacBrayne in putting together our safety plan for this event, and will have support from Arran police on the day.

'We will brief the cyclists in advance of and at the event on the safety concerns specific to Arran roads – for example tight bends, steep descents, poor road surfaces and oncoming vehicles often in the middle of the road. Cyclists will also be reminded to be considerate to drivers by letting them overtake wherever possible

and by travelling in single file, particularly on climbs where they'll be moving more slowly.

'We will have five motorbike marshals present on the route, who will all be equipped with first aid kits and will be in contact with our HQ in Brodick, where we will have a first aid car with highly skilled first-aiders ready to respond. We should not have to call out the ambulance unless absolutely necessary.'

Speaking at a meeting of Arran Community Council on Tuesday, police sergeant Alan Dodds said: 'Fluorescent warning signs will be put up around the course. We will be meeting the event organisers on Friday afternoon, and they will be reminded that cyclists are

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Head teacher Barry Smith presents Bethany Walsh with the Dux award at the Arran High School awards ceremony held on Wednesday. For more from the ceremony and the award winners see next week's edition of the *Banner*.

When will cyclists pass through my village?

Event organisers have released approximate times by which time all cyclists should have finished particular sections of the route, though they expect that most riders will be through well before this time.

Brodick – Lochranza: noon.

Lochranza – Pirmill: 1pm (riders passing through from around 10am).

Pirmill – Blackwaterfoot: 2pm.

Blackwaterfoot – Whiting Bay: 4pm (riders passing through from around 10.30am, most at about noon).

Whiting Bay – Brodick (finish): 5pm.

Machrie – finish (short route): 3pm.

Cyclists will set off in a staggered start from Brodick at around 9am, so the fastest may reach Lochranza before 10am, and similarly earlier for the other routes.

Strung out

As the day goes on, cyclists will probably become more strung out, so the period of time when cyclists are passing through Lochranza, for instance, will be shorter than the time they're passing through Whiting Bay.



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New ferry services plans unveiled

Ferry operator CalMac has reassessed its commitment to transform west coast ferry services after the firm's successful bid for the Clyde and Hebrides ferry service.

The finalisation of the legal agreements, signed on Monday August 22, will see the operator take on the contract for a further eight years.

Managing director Martin Dorchester said: 'The new contract marks the start of a new era in ferry services on the west coast which we are delighted to be introducing.

'The last nine years have seen significant improvements to ferry services and we look forward to building on this work by taking our

services, and the benefits they offer to our customers and the communities we serve, up to a new level.

'Our bid was based on key themes, including retaining safety at the heart of our operation, a sustainable long-term reduction in subsidy through improving operational efficiency and revenue growth, and enhancing our service to offer even higher levels of customer satisfaction and community engagement.

'We recognise the importance of ferry services in developing sustainable communities, driving economic growth and enabling island and rural companies to do business with the rest



Ferry operator CalMac Ferries Ltd have signed the contract to operate the Clyde and Hebrides ferry services. Pictured is MV Isle of Arran departing from Brodick. 01_B36calmac01

of the world. We also have an enduring commitment to improving environmental sustainability and are a socially responsible employer which values and invests in our staff. We are proud to be a living wage employer and have signed up to the Scottish Government's business pledge.'

Listed among the improvements, most of which will be put in place in the first two years of the contract, are maximising opportunities for local compa-

nies; supporting businesses where 30 per cent of staff are disabled or disadvantaged; and supporting social enterprises in tendering for supply contracts.

There will also be the introduction of electronic ticketing and an investment of £6 million in on-board and port and passenger area improvements.

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Diversifying is the key, says Bell Ingram

THE news that current farm subsidies will continue for a further four years has given farmers and landowners a window in which to mitigate the probable significant reduction in the farm subsidy regime, says Bell Ingram.

The views of the politicians charged with negotiating Brexit does not augur well for a farming system that is predicated upon subsidies. However, it would seem likely that in upland areas such as Argyll any future payments to farmers and landowners will be in the form of grants for conservation.

It is against this background that Bell Ingram is working with a number of clients on plans to diversify away from agriculture and into other profit centres.

Just because a farm is rural does not mean it cannot be a well-run, diversified business incorporating activities that have no relationship to agriculture.

The renewable energy sector has in the past few years

benefited from significant subsidies. Bell Ingram has been working with clients on hydro and wind power, and is now working with clients on anaerobic digestion, energy barns and off-grid solutions.

Off-grid is one of the most exciting and potentially lucrative areas, particularly for private house developers, which as yet has not seen its full potential realised due to the lack of battery capacity.

The private rented sector continues to show strong demand, although rental growth is somewhat static on the West Coast.

There has also been a considerable upturn in the demand for mobile phone mast sites, with several negotiations ongoing.

In these and in many other areas, Bell Ingram is working with clients to develop a coherent strategy for these uncertain times and would be delighted to discuss ideas with clients both old and new.

Safety the priority at Sportive

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not exempt from the Road Traffic Act.' Mr Fleming added: 'We're really excited to be holding this event in a location as gorgeous as Arran, and have been so grateful from all the support we've had from islanders for it.

'It should be a great day, and we hope it will introduce many cyclists to the beautiful destinations on our doorstep in Scotland. Most of our participants are staying on the island for the full weekend, so this should give them a chance to enjoy the island's attractions.'

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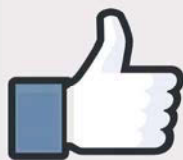
The BBC is on the lookout for potential Arran participants to take part in popular television show *This Farming Life*.

The series follows farming families and individuals around Scotland, showing the hardships and the rewards of farming as well as the often sad and heart-warming nature of life in the farming communities.

The production team is looking for island farmers, crofters and hill farmers on Arran and throughout the West Coast of Scotland who might be interested in appearing on the show.

The first series of the popular documentary followed the struggles and triumphs of five very different farming families in some of Scotland's most beautiful and remote landscapes and was very well received by both farmers and urbanites alike.

If you are interested in appearing in the series, contact Kate Thomson on kate.thomson@bbc.co.uk.



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Wayne's world of cleaning up litter

WAYNE Dixon is on a 6,000-mile, one-man mission to keep Britain tidy.

And the 44-year-old Lancastrian is willing to come to Arran if invited.

Angered and frustrated by the state of the environment around his home town of Blackburn, Wayne set off from the port of Fleetwood on February 1

to walk the coast of Britain – a long-held ambition – picking up litter as he goes.

Seven months and more than 1,000 miles later, he is in Argyll, accompanied by his handsome canine companion, Koda, a four-year-old Northern Inuit.

Koda's wolf-like appearance belies a playful nature, and the bond between man and dog is strong.

Regularly camping beside the highways and byways on his trek, having a wolf for company can be no bad thing.

As the prospect looms of a winter spent in Scotland, Wayne is hopeful that the

kindness of the people here will make conditions slightly more bearable as he continues his quest for cleanliness.

Wayne said: 'I'm doing this to raise awareness of the problem of litter, but also to raise money for the charity Mind, and also the Northern Inuit Rescue Society.'

He added: 'I'd be delighted to come to Arran if invited. I'm up for that.'

Would you like to welcome Wayne and Koda to Arran? Follow their progress and contact Wayne via his Facebook page, called Wayne Dixon.



Koda and Wayne take a breather as they move through Argyll, picking litter along the way.

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Fundraiser keeps on growing

A large number of green-fingered enthusiasts gathered at the Brodick Golf Club last Friday for the annual sunflower competition which saw a large amount of entries.

Growing year on year, the competition is judged in two categories; the tallest and the Best in Show, as well as a booby prize for the entrant whose sunflower

did not make the grade. Organiser, announcer and family relation of most of the entrants, Nicol Hume measured up more than 30 entries and in an informal and entertaining ceremony on the balcony of the golf club, awarded the prizes.

Taking first prize for the Best in Show, was the entry from club captain Lindsay Keir whose sunflower was

applauded for its impressive girth. At 130 inches and taking the Tallest in Show award was Bill McNicol who has a long history of winning the title with his giant sunflower specimens that tower over the competition.

Organiser and enthusiast Nicol Hume presented the winners plates and a bottle of whisky, while the booby

prize of a box of miraculous growing formula was awarded to Kenny McMillan due to the fact that his plant had failed to grow.

The competition, which has been arranged by Nicol since 2009, helps to raise funds for the golf club and has become an eagerly anticipated and fun event on the club's summer calendar.



Winner of the tallest entry was Bill McNicol who received his prize from Nicol Hume. 01_B36sunflower03



Lindsay Keir stands proudly with his Best in Show sunflower. 01_B36sunflower04



Nicol Hume measures the sunflower entries with his stepladder. 01_B36sunflower01

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Every snip and stitch makes a big difference

A dedicated group of Arran crafters have put their skills to good use by taking part in a workshop challenge which produced clothes for underprivileged children in Africa.

The workshop organised by Fiona Doubleday and Coral Smith of the local organisation Crafts and Company, was in aid of Little Dresses for Africa, an international charity that brings people together to help girls in some of the poorest countries of the world including Malawi, Uganda and Kenya.

The gathering was attended by 12 ladies who set themselves the challenge of turning as many pillowcases into dresses in

three hours and the result was more than 40 beautiful dresses that will go towards the charity.

Offering craft workshops for charity is a central focus of the work of Crafts and Company whose intention is to use craft as a way of effecting social change by supporting charities at international, national and local levels.

Selling

All summer they have been at Whiting Bay market selling a range of craft kits and packs for experienced and new crafters.

Plugging into the 'craft revolution' currently sweeping the UK, Coral and Fiona are keen to put something back into an in-



Workshop attendees show a selection of the dresses that they created which will be sent to Africa.

dustry that has given them so much over the years.

Fiona Doubleday said: 'A huge thank you to the ladies who gave up their time to help make wee girls in Africa smile. Let the crafting revolution roll on because every snip and stitch real-

ly does make a difference.'

The next workshop will be held on behalf of the charity Mind, which supports people with mental health issues. It will be called *Mirrors for Mind* and will explore mixed media techniques to decorate a mirror

that can then be taken home by participants.

This will be a ticketed event with all profits going to the charity.

Further details plus details of future events can be found at www.craftsandcompany.net.

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In a Facebook posting on the Arran Community and Voluntary Service Facebook page, a lunch club spokesperson writes: 'Volunteering can be a very rewarding and enjoyable activity. Volunteering is often described as a fantastic way to get out or give something to the community, and is a great way to meet people and make new friends.'

If you would like to support this worthy cause, contact Sophie or Bobbi on 01770 600611.



Throwing open the doors

'Doors Open Day' – co-ordinated by the Scottish Civic Trust – permits free access to hundreds of buildings around the country and in North Ayrshire that means free access to some of the West of Scotland's most cultural assets.

Venues such as Kilwinning Abbey Tower, the recently refurbished Saltcoats Town Hall, and Harbour Arts Centre are just some of the venues set to throw open their doors. Saltcoats Heritage Centre will also be open offering free access to the portrait exhibition, while Irvine Royal Academy will open its doors to let people see the 250kw Solar Array on its roof.

Audrey Sutton of North Ayrshire Council said: 'Doors Open Day is a great day out for all the family. It gives everyone the chance to appreciate the splendour of some of our most stunning architecture and get a history lesson to boot.'

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Operatic performance at special choral church service at Corrie

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John Sillars, patron and performer of the McLellan festival, opened the service with a reading.



Students of the Royal Northern College of Music perform at Corrie church.

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all part of the annual Peter Wilson Arran Summer School which sees them spending 10 days developing their technique and performance skills before performing at an opera gala night held at the Lamplash community theatre.

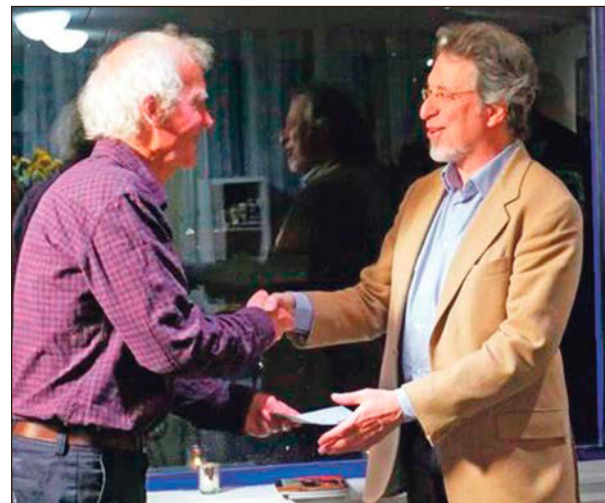
John Sillars, patron of the McLellan festival, opened the proceedings with a short reading before the singers performed five hymns with both solos and quartets which filled the church hall with their soaring operatic voices.

The opera gala night was

taking place at the Lamplash Community theatre on Friday September 2, at 7.30pm.

The the students provided solo and group performances as well as an oratorio in which local singers joined with the students as chorus members.

Curtains d on the fina the McLell



David Constantine presents the first prize for the poetry competition held last week to Jed Myers from Seattle. B36mclellan03

After another busy and successful season, this year's McLellan festival is drawing to a close but, with three events still to go, there remains much talent on display from the final performances.

The first is the opera gala on Friday September 2, which promises to be a wonderful evening with opera greats from the talented students of the Arran Summer School.

They are fortunate to have two sets of very talented students on Arran this year.

Having been working in Corrie Hall all week, eight drama students attending the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland will present new theatre work already performed at a German arts festival for the Conservatoire.

Tickets are available at the door for all events or online at arranevents.com or at the Book and Card, Brodick.

This will consist of a piece of physical theatre based on *Watership Down*, a short multimedia film and a play entitled *Green Zone* in which two sisters, torn apart by war, must reconcile their differences. These interesting pieces, superbly performed, can be seen in Corrie Hall on Saturday September 3.

Finally, on Sunday September 4 there will be a performance of Rossini's *Petite Messe Solenne*, a glorious piece of music guaranteed to delight, especially given the talented young soloists supported by the local choir, McLellan Arts Festival Chorus.

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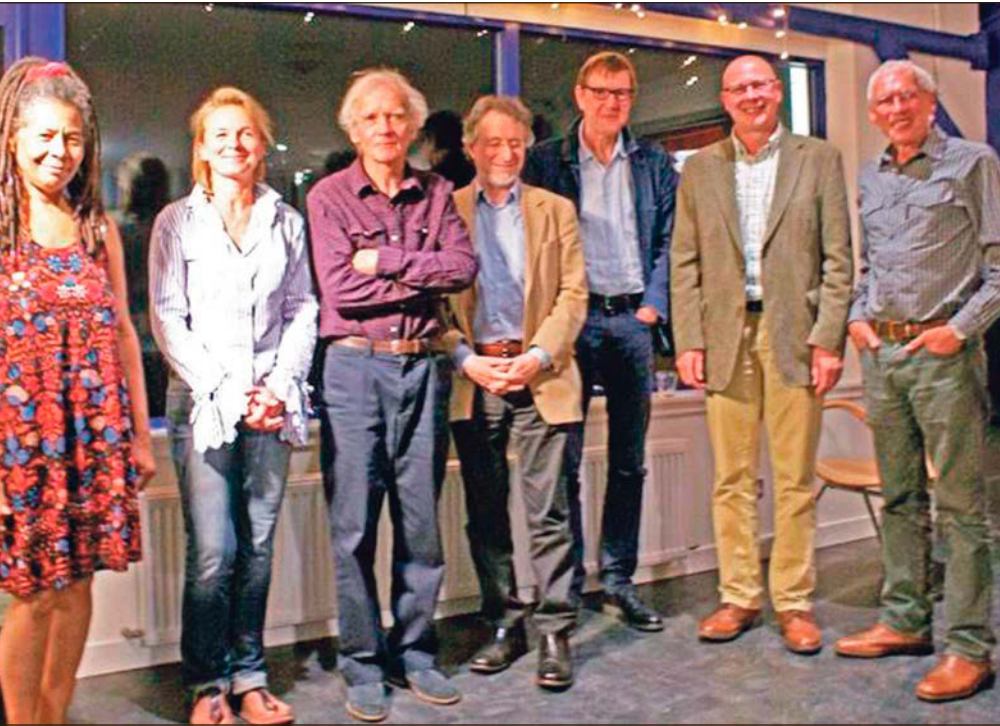
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Prize-winners and poetry competition organisers pose with David Constantine. B36mcllellan04



Charlotte Driessler, Matt McGill and Katherine O'Donnelly of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland enjoy some Arran sunshine. B36mcllellan02



Drama students Nicholas Ralph, Sinead Sharkey, Michael Abubakar, Isabel McLelland and Thomas England rehearse at Corrie Hall. B36mcllellan01

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Major events are good for Arran, despite disruption

It is reassuring to know that safety is the major consideration in this weekend's cycling event.

Reassuring, too, is the commitment from the organisers that consideration towards other road-users will be part of the safety briefing.

Island-wide events such as these arouse strong feelings in people and it is important to remember that the roads on Arran are intended for all road-users, including cars, cyclists, caravans, motorhomes and even pedestrians.

More importantly, the condition of the road surfaces and the geography of the routes mean that kind and thoughtful consideration is essential on all sides.

It has been suggested that while inconvenience is inevitable, the best way of combating this is through widely disseminated information as often the irritation of events can be allayed by being better-informed.

The Arran Sportive being held today, Saturday, in aid of the young people's development charity Ocean Youth Trust Scotland, seems to have achieved this.

The relevant organisations have been informed well in advance, permission has been obtained and safety procedures have been set in place.

Hopefully, by keeping everyone informed, inconvenience can be limited and everyone can be allowed to enjoy the experience.

While we find our feet with striking a balance between attracting large-scale events such as this and general inconvenience to the local population and other visitors, let us practice some patience and use these lessons to improve and set the standards for holding them.

It is also true that while there might be temporary inconvenience to drivers, it can also be seen as a small price to pay for inviting people not only to experience the many joys of Arran, but also to promote the island as a tourist destination.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus spoke to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12)

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Letters to the Editor



Terminal parking problems?

Sir,
Parking for cars near the new Brodick ferry terminal is going to be a serious issue. Only 80 car spaces will be provided in the new terminal car park, of which some will be for staff, some for the disabled and some presumably for long stay. There is no separate provision for long stay parking.

Thanks to RET, which has had the predictable effect of massively increasing the volume of visiting car traffic to the island, there are few spaces left in Shore Road for parking during the increasingly long season. Thus, it will be very difficult for long periods of the year and for popular sailings to park one's car within reasonable walking distance of the boat.

The only solution will be to park on a bus route and catch the bus in, since buses have guaranteed parking a short walk from the terminal. But parking at a distance will not only add to time, but will overload the few public parking spaces there available – at the convenience store car park for example.

Furthermore, since most folk will have luggage, the buses will not only have to accommodate the extra bodies but also their luggage. The buses do not have adequate provision for luggage.

Would the ferry committee which so blithely acceded to this new monster of a terminal kindly explain how they propose to deal with this situation?

Or is it all part of a cunning plan to eliminate the unprofitable foot passengers altogether?

**Ian Ferguson,
Corrie.**

Play darts for Parkinson's

Sir,
This year has seen a new partnership created between Parkinson's UK and the Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) that aims to raise £100,000.

Ahead of the World Series of Darts finals in Glasgow in November we are giving everyone the opportunity to arrange a local darts event that will raise funds for the charity and be a great social night too.

We have launched our free darts competition pack to help people host an event for Parkinson's UK at their local pub or club.

The pack will help you to make the night a success – and it's full of useful hints and tips. Please see www.parkinsons.org.uk/content/request-darts-competition-pack to request the pack.

All funds raised by darts nights will go towards improving the lives of people living with Parkinson's in Scotland.

**Jan Mattison,
community and events fundraiser,
Parkinson's
UK in Scotland,
Perth.**

Nuclear transport by air

Sir,
The UK Government has updated the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 to enable civil nuclear materials to be transported by air. An amendment was passed at the Delegated Legislation Committee.

Many of my constituents in North Ayrshire and Arran, and people across Scotland, are already deeply concerned about the transportation of nuclear materials by road and rail. This new development will,

quite rightly, cause real alarm.

When the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations were first written, it was not considered an option to move this material by air and it is not clear why this is considered to be an option now.

Nuclear material was transported by air once in the UK in 2010, under the auspices of the Office for Nuclear Regulation, although there was no specific regulatory regime in place at that time. At that time, it was not understood that a specific regulation was required.

It is astonishing that it has taken the UK Government six years to realise that a specific regulation was required and that the previous transportation of nuclear materials by air was not conducted without the proper competent authority.

Concerns have also been raised about who is responsible for moving nuclear material by air. The committee was told that this was a matter for the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and movement by civilian airlines could not be ruled out, although the secretary of state indicated that she did not believe that commercial carriers capable of securely carrying civil nuclear material. However, there is real doubt as to whether the Ministry of Defence or any other department has the transport assets to do so either.

Apart from the obvious concerns about the potential for terrorist attack, human error must also be considered since the consequences of anything going wrong as these cargoes pass over our towns and cities will be incalculable. An accident involving aircraft would indeed be catastrophic and could contaminate large

tracts of land with potential radiological consequences for unprotected members of the public.

This Amendment was passed 11 to six votes at the committee with the SNP voting against, the Tories voting in favour and the Labour vote being split.

**Patricia Gibson, MP,
North Ayrshire
and Arran.**

Upgrade loos, don't close them down

Sir,
I have just returned home after my annual Arran 'fix'.

I have been holidaying on the island since 1947. There are two areas of concern that I have following this visit.

Firstly, I believe that while RET has had a positive effect on encouraging more to visit the island, the 'busyness' is beginning to detract from its charm. Of particular concern is the huge increase in the number and size of mobile homes. In my view these vehicles are too large for the island's roads.

My second concern relates to the decision to close the island's public loos. This is breathtakingly negative. Perth and Kinross Council recently proposed a similar move to close the manned/pay as you go toilet in Blairgowrie. As a tourist centre attracting many hundreds to the town centre this was crazy. The decision was reversed.

At present the main relief after visiting the Brodick loo is to emerge into clean pure air and perhaps recover from the effects of an icy cold stainless steel toilet plinth with no insulating seat. Upgrade the loo in Brodick, put an attendant in charge who could offer local advice and apply a modest fee of, say, 30p.

**Ian A Brown,
Blairgowrie.**

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Public donations are paying dividends in restoring beach

Generous donations from patrons who have supported the crowdfunding initiative to help restore Brodick beach have helped fund the planting of 500 Marram grass plants.

Last week Brodick Improvements Committee members planted the grass

species which thrive on sand dunes and help to stabilise and prevent coastal erosion.

Pleased

A spokesman for the BIC said: 'We are pleased to see this initial contribution to what we expect will be a longer term course of work.'

'We are also looking for sources for a quantity, several hundred tonnes of rock armour to make some progress on the first groyne which we hope will retain a portion of sand which has been eroded by recent high tides.'

'We are very grateful to the more than 100 donations we have received and the messages of appreciation are very encouraging.'

Further planting will take place as more of the Marram grass arrives and the crowdfunding page at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/brodick-improvements will continue to accept donations towards preserving the beach and funding for the necessary rock, sand and grass required to restore the area.



Marram grass that has been planted on Brodick beach will help to stabilise the sand and prevent erosion. 01_B36beach01

Shannochie Farm holds stockjudging event

Shannochie Farm was the venue last weekend for a tup viewing, stockjudging and barbecue, organised by the National Farmers Union of Scotland's Arran branch.

The McMaster family hosted the event on Saturday August 27 at their farm on the southern tip of the island, giving farmers the chance to view Texel, black-face and Suffolk tups, while Arran Young Farmers Club used the event to raise funds for the group.

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Talk on Gaelic heritage and folklore

A talk which should be of great interest to Arran residents and visitors alike is to take place at 7.30pm on Saturday September 10 in Brodick Church Hall.

Entitled 'Superstitions – or custom and belief?', and subtitled 'From Arran and beyond', the talk is by David Clement, an old friend of the island who is currently living in Dalry, in his native Ayrshire.

Linguist

David is a linguist by background and studied modern languages at Cambridge, but his interest in Arran stems especially

from his time on the staff of the School of Scottish studies in Edinburgh, which took him all over Scotland making recordings in Gaelic as part of the Linguistic Survey of Scotland. His involvement with Arran and its last speakers of Arran Gaelic is deep and of long standing.

While on the island, he usually stayed with Donald Craig of Pirnmill and his wife. Donald was one of the very last speakers of Arran Gaelic, and his daughter Liz Dale continues the tradition with her interest in Gaelic song.

David came to Arran two years ago, and the emphasis of his talk then was on Arran's Gaelic heritage.

Folklore

This time he will be talking not about the language, but more generally about folklore, of which there is a rich heritage on the island, relating it no doubt to customs and beliefs in the rest of Scotland.

There is absolutely no need to have any knowledge of Gaelic for David's talk, as it will be in English.

Tea, coffee and snacks will be available after the talk.

Livestock sale reports from Stirling

On Wednesday August 17, United Auctions had forward 1,078 store cattle and cast cows as well as 6,302 store and feeding sheep.

Leading prices:

Cattle: Bellevue, Sim £1,150, 132p/kg.
Sheep: Lambs - Tex: Springfield £73; Bellevue £72; Ardbheinn £71.
Suff: Drumnaghina £70;
Mule: Craigraineach £64.

Ewes

Mule: Ardbheinn £60; Drumnaghina £59;
Tex: Drumnaghina £63.
Cross: Ceitheir Gaoithe £53; BF, Drumnaghina £44; Ballarie £29.

SuffX lambs: Hillhead £65.50.
TexX lambs: Balnacoolle £74; Bellevue £64.50; Bridge £63.
Mule lambs: Craigview £65.
ChevX lambs: Glenkiln £56.
BF lambs: Craigview £44; Altoghlath £36; Corriegills £41.
Cross ewes: Balnacoolle £45.50.
BF ewes: Corriegills £46.50.

On Monday August 29, United Auctions had forward 6,504 store lambs.

Leading prices:

TexX lambs: Craighdhu, £73; Balgowan, £72.50; Bellevue £64.50.
SuffX lambs: Drumnaghiner, £71; Shed dock, £62; Hillhead, £61.50.
ChevX lambs: W Glensherraig, £57.
TexX ewe lambs: Balgowan, £76.
Suff X ewe lambs: Drumnaghiner £72.

On Monday August 22, United Auctions had forward 5,372 store and feeding sheep.

Leading prices:

Willow wrens

In the late summer some woodlands, scrub and hedgerows can seem to be awash with small birds with slender bills and legs, tirelessly on the go, nimbly flitting through the foliage.

What are they? They are warblers. To give them their systematic name they are phylloscopus or leaf warblers. There are currently thought to be in excess of 70 species of these 'old world warblers' on our side of the Atlantic.

Most are rather plain little birds – in muted tones of green, yellow or brown – and identification, to say the least, can be difficult. Many are long-distance migrants.

Here on Arran there are two species which are widespread: the willow warbler and the chiffchaff. A third, the wood warbler, is increasingly rare on Arran. Last year there were records from only one area on the island. All three species are summer visitors to the island with most spending the winter south of the Sahara.

At one stage these three species were considered to be one species, the willow wren. It was Gilbert White, curate of the Hampshire village of Selborne, who first distinguished them as three separate species. Gilbert White was one of the first English naturalists to make careful observations of his surroundings and record these observations in a systematic way. He believed in studying living birds and animals in their natural habitat which was an unusual approach at that

time, as most naturalists preferred to carry out detailed examinations of dead specimens in the comfort of their studies. The result of all his detailed observations was the publication in 1789 of his book called *The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne* and since that time it has never been out of print. It is one of the most published books in the English language.

Within it, he distinguished the willow wren as three



Juvenile Willow Warbler.
Photo by Nick Giles

species – chiffchaff, willow warbler and wood warbler, largely on the basis of their songs. Indeed the wood warbler gets its name from the trilling song performed by the male with gusto, head raised, bright yellow throat puffed out and body all a quiver. The scientific name sibilatrix means the whistler.

Song is still the most reliable way of separating these three species. Take time to use the internet to listen to each song because it is difficult to convey songs in words. Here is

an attempt. Wood warblers' typical song is a trill that can be likened to a spinning coin coming to rest on a hard surface. Chiffchaffs sing their name – though sometimes they seem to get a little confused and mix up their 'chaff' and their 'chiff'. Willow warblers have a cascading song, that to me is a sound of spring.

At this time of year at the end of the breeding season, when birds are less likely to be singing, it is a challenge to separate the two most widespread species on Arran, the willow warbler and the chiffchaff. They are very similar to each other in appearance, and to make matters worse, most of the useful features can vary between individuals. Even within the species there can be a range in appearance. For example, adult willow warblers are greenish brown with clean, largely whitish underparts. Any yellow on the underparts is usually restricted to the head and upper breast. By contrast, in young willow warblers, the entire underparts can be a uniform, bright, yellow colour.

Here is a quote from a good bird book: 'Chiffchaffs often have a tendency to look duller and dingier than most willow warblers, with dirtier-looking underparts – although they can be as bright as the brightest willow warblers. They also have a tendency to continually flick their tail downwards while moving around.' It is difficult to tell them apart.

I tend to try to focus on the legs. In the chiffchaff the legs are typically dark brown or black. In the willow warbler the legs are typically a pale brown or flesh colour. However, colour, as you know, can be dependent on the light.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the *Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012* as well as the *Arran Bird Report 2015* and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.



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Arran author releases his fifth novel



Arran author Gordon MacLeod who has just finished his fifth novel.

Well-known author Gordon MacLeod, who was raised on the Isle of Arran but who now lives in Merseyside, has just completed his fifth novel, *Carrot Toppers*.

Gordon, whose first novels were based on Arran, covered topics such as environmental threats and the Highland clearances as well as the serious topics of vulnerable people and sexuality and religion.

While his first two novels, which vividly portrayed his deep-rooted love for Arran, were in the adventure genre, his latest efforts take on a more serious theme in what is described as the stark portrayal of what life is like for those who feel increasingly marginalised within UK society.

The novel is set in 2016, amid the current climate of economic austerity, in a town in the north of England. A small group of people are out of work and find they are being increasingly dehumanised by a welfare system that seems more intent on punishing them than helping them back into the workplace.

As well as having written four other novels, Gordon has also completed a play called, *44(1)(b)* and a screenplay called *Molios*, among various other works for publications and church magazines.

Art and poetry blend at Arran Open Studios

As part of this year's Arran Open Studios there was a taster exhibition in the VisitScotland office which took the form of a cross-art collaboration between poets and makers.

This exhibition was very well received and inspired many positive comments in the visitors' book accompanying the show.

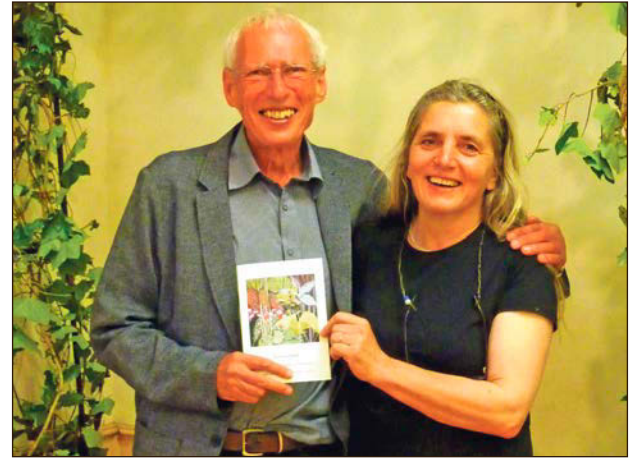
Seven artists/makers took part with seven of practicing local poets. Each poet was asked to produce a poem to respond to one art work.

The results were and are reflective and thought-provoking. But for one poet, David Underdown of Corrie, one poem was not enough – he came at the painting *Nasturtium* by Josephine Broekhuizen of Lamlash, time and time again, each time entering and leaving the painting via fresh linguistic and musical avenues.

His poem *Fallen Leaves* led to a whole pamphlet, or chapbook, as they are known, of poems based on Josephine's painting.

During the Arran Open Studios, these chapbooks (limited edition of 100), were distributed via donation of £2 at the Whiterock studio of Josephine and at the VisitScotland office where the exhibition was housed.

There are still some 50 copies available from David or from The Book and Card Shop, Brodick and the Rock Pool in Corrie. Josephine's painting has since gone on to be one of her several representing The McGill Duncan Gallery in Castle Douglas.



David Underdown and Josephine Broekhuizen.

Reducing Arran's waste can be fun



Zero Waste Week Arran is coming soon and Eco Savvy is preparing a week of fantastic events.

There will be a social evening with some fun crafting, eco-style, a swap shop for clothes and accessories with up-cycling repair and remake workshop, and a beach clean.

For the main events this year, Eco is hosting the Big Green Footprint in Whiting Bay Hall on Thursday September 15.

The Big Green Footprint (BGF) takes people on an environmental journey through the ages, leading to today and the use of plastic bottles. Visitors will meet some interesting historical characters on the way.

They will tell a little about changes which happened during their lifetime and discuss some of

the impacts these changes made on lives and the environment. When your journey arrives at the plastic bottle you will have choices to make and different paths to follow.

North Ayrshire Council waste awareness staff will be there to explain exactly what happens to the contents of blue bins and introduce the 'right bin' leaflets for Arran.

Workshops

The BGF is supported by an exhibition of work from up-cyclers around the island and includes a variety of great workshops, competitions and challenges, something for everyone.

A similar event is repeated in Brodick Hall on Saturday September 17.

Working with Eco, the council, Arran Community Land, COAST and local businesses, the promise

is that reducing your waste will be fun.

All Arran businesses and community spaces are invited by Eco Savvy to display a clear vinyl window sticker showing where drinking water bottles can be refilled.

The aim is to reduce the amount of single-use plastic on the island by encouraging everyone to use a refillable water bottle.

The initiative begins with a primary school competition to design the window stickers, and all entries will be on display at the BGF exhibitions in Whiting Bay and Brodick, where a panel of judges will choose the overall winner and winners from each age group.

If you love up-cycling and would like to exhibit your work at these events, contact arran.ecosavvy@gmail.com or call 700411.

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An evening of fun and music

If you enjoy good music mixed with plenty of humour, there is an event coming up that must not be missed.

The Classic Buskers will be a Brodick Hall on Saturday September 17, and the audience can look for-

ward to an evening of great entertainment. Formerly known as the Cambridge Buskers, the duo comprises Michael Copley on woodwind and Ian Moore playing the accordion. Michael plays more than 40 woodwind instruments at incred-

ible speeds, ranging from recorders, flutes, panpipes, crumhorns and ocarinas to a pico pipe and a rubber trout.

A modest Ian says that his instrument is 'a small but perfectly-formed accordion, either pink or yellow'.

The Classic Buskers have performed in more than 20 countries and in 15 languages, from London to Lyon, Paris to Potsdam, Toronto to Tokyo and Vienna to Valencia.

The concert starts at 7.30pm, and seating will be café-style. Take a bottle if you like. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Inspirations of Arran in Brodick, or online from www.arranevents.com.

The concert is jointly presented by the McLellan festival and the Isle of Arran Music Society.



The Classic Buskers - multi-talented musicians with a sense of fun.

Saxophone quartet return to their Arran roots

For the third year running the talented young musicians of the Molios Saxophone Quartet will be returning to Arran to perform two concerts as part of their autumn tour.

Having derived their name from the church in Shiskine where they first performed, the quartet includes the well known face of Iain Clarke from Torbeg, who joined three others members when they formed in 2013 at the Junior Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Conservatoire

After leaving the junior conservatoire and pro-gressing into higher education at the conservatoire the group continued to meet and rehearse, putting on their first independent recital in the summer of 2014.

Following that concert, the quartet embarked on their first concert tour in spring 2015, performing in



The Molios Saxophone quartet who will be performing on Arran during their third tour.

Arran and Glasgow. They completed a second tour in autumn 2015 and their third tour will take place from September 7 to 10 this year, with performances in Arran, Glasgow and Perth.

The group will play at Brodick church on Wednes-

day September 7 and in Shiskine church on Thursday September 8.

Advance

Both concerts start at 7.30pm, entry is £5 at the door or tickets can be booked in advance on 860219.

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Stagecoach hold-up

Four years ago during the 'bus fuss', Arran Transport lost the school's four-year bus contract to Western Scottish. Things have moved on since then and now that Stagecoach has taken over from Western and the contract is about to expire, its bid has met an obstacle.

Each bus driver at Stagecoach received this week a redundancy notice. John Murray of Stagecoach said that the letter was standard and that if Stagecoach got the contract all drivers would be re-employed.

Neil Renilson, managing director of Stagecoach, told the *Banner* that they had already tendered for the contract but Strathclyde Passenger Transport had re-advertised for tenders, presumably less than happy with the bid. He said: 'We hope we win it, but if we lost it we would have no business on Arran and we'd have to shut up shop and go away.'

Council nominations

Nominations for the new community council are now in and the most surprising is that Charles Fforde looks set to be the councillor for Corrie and Sannox.

At least he is the only nomination and will not be opposed. The only village where a contest seems certain is Lamblash, where three potential councillors are vying for two seats.



Scottish Rugby Union coaches Graham Kilgour and Greg Oliver visited Arran earlier this week to give P7 pupils from the island the opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of playing touch rugby. B36twe03

They are Kate MacAdam, former police sergeant Jim Wilson and Gary Hemming.

The Missing Postman

BBC Scotland will be filming sequences for a drama called *The Missing Postman* on the Isle of Arran between December 23 and October 1, 1996.

During this time they will be filming at Lochranza, on the Ross Road and in Lamblash with some disruption expected. Because of the nature of filming on the Ross Road, a road closure notice has been obtained and the road will close for two days starting on September 25. During that time driving up the Ross Road could involve a fine of £100.



Honoured guests at Arran High School's 50th birthday celebrations are Margaret McBride, Jean Humphries, Mary Morrison and Flora Currie, who were all teachers at the school in 1946. B36twe02



Betty Bunyan, who has become an institution in Corrie and Sannox, where she did a milk round and the travelling shop, retired last Saturday after doing her final round for the residents after 10 years. B36twe05



Youngest pupil Laura Bunyan of Corrie lays the time capsule in its trench for Arran High School teachers and pupils to dig up in 2046. Behind her is rector Iain Murray. B36twe04



Alex Miller presents Veronica Woodman with a bouquet of flowers for presenting the prizes at the third National Trust for Scotland sheepdog trial held last Sunday at Brodick Castle. B36twe01

What's on

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Every day

Trout fly fishing
 Brodick Castle, garden open
 Arran Brewery
 Arran Brewery tour
 Lamlash tennis courts/putting green
 Arran Heritage Museum
 Soap making and 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, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
 Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 3rd September

Army Cadets
 Over-21s disco
 Family games
 Fun in the pool
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Live music
 Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic
 Lamlash Bowling Club rink game
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
 Blackwaterfoot bowls
 Brodick Bowling Club rink game
 Flow Yoga
 Psychic night
 Live Music - The Splinters
 Live Music - Jonnie Scotland
 Garage sale
 McLellan Arts Festival - Dark Down

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 9.30am - 11am
 9.30am - 12 noon
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
 arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 Bowling Club, 1.45pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Kilmory Hall, 7pm - 9.15pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Strathdon, Lamlash, 10.30am - 4pm
 Corrie & Sannox Hall, 8pm

Sunday 4th September

Family games
 Fun in the pool
 RNLI shop
 Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
 AA meeting
 Live Music - Truetones
 McLellan Arts Festival - Rossini Petite messe

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm - 5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Lamlash High School, 7.30pm

Monday 5th September

Over-50s badminton
 Badminton
 Morning fitness
 Badminton
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Circuit training
 WBay Bowling Club rink game
 Brodick 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
 Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Arran High School, 6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm

Tuesday 6th September

Pop quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth club
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot bowls
 RunArran run coaching
 RUNFIT
 Open cricket session
 Lamlash Drama Club
 Flow Yoga
 Live music
 Scottish country dancing
 Garden walk

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick 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
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
 Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
 Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3pm

Wednesday 7th September

Rock and pop bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass rehearsal

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm

Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives and genealogy service
 RunArran
 Yoga-Arran
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
 Live music
 Unplugged music night
 Drift Inn quiz
 Mixed hockey
 Dog classes
 Roundhouse open day
 Brodick Bowling Club rink game
 Flow Yoga
 Coffee morning
 Lamlash SWI
 Coffee morning
 Parkinson's support group

9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
 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, Brodick, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm
 Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
 Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
 Lamlash fire station, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 10.30am - 12 noon
 Lamlash fire Station, 2pm - 4pm

Thursday 8th September

Morning fitness
 General knowledge quiz
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 Live music
 Ladies hockey
 RUNFIT
 Burger and quiz night
 Winter Bowls
 Tennis senior club night
 Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
 Quilt Arran
 Flow Yoga
 10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
 Whiting Bay market
 Red Squirrel breakfast
 Castle treasures tour
 RUNFIT

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
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 Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am
 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, Brodick, 6pm
 Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 2pm
 Brodick Rangers Centre, 8am - 9.30am
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Lamlash Green, 6.45am

Friday 9th September

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Lochranza kids badminton
 Lochranza adults badminton
 Quiz
 Arran Vets surgery
 Arran Vets reception
 AA meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo
 Factory tours
 Castle Secrets
 Frydays @ Lochranza Field Centre

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
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
 9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Arran Aromatics, 11am - 3pm
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 4th September
Holy Communion, 11am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 7th September
'Pop-up' service with Father Simon in the Catacol Hotel at noon.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

The annual Churches Together Quiz will take place in Brodick Church Hall on **Thursday 8th September** at 7 pm (not 7.30 as previously) Tea, coffee and a light snack supper provided.
ALL WELCOME

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Rev Angus Adamson, Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
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Sunday 4th September
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirnmill 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.

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Sunday 4th September
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Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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Sunday 4th September
Worship will be conducted by the minister,
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Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service; please stay and enjoy more fellowship.
There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 4th September
Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Morning Mass 11am

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(continuing)
Sunday 4th September
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 4th September
Service 11am at Ormidale Pavilion
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DEATH

MACLEOD - Catherine Sutherland Macleod (née Maclean). Much loved wife of the late Murdo and beloved mother of Kirsten, Fiona and Iain, died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on August 23, 2016. The service was held at Kilchrenan Parish Church on Wednesday August 31. Donations to Marie Curie welcome.

MCEWAN - Steven. Died suddenly on Saturday, 27th August 2016, aged 25 years, surrounded by family and friends. Funeral arrangements will be posted as soon as available. All welcome.

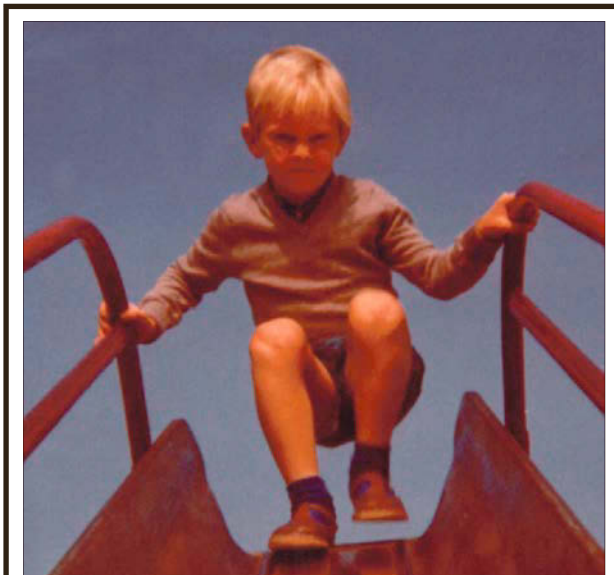
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CRISP - Maurice Crisp and family would like to express their sincere thanks to, relatives, friends and neighbours, for their kindness, cards and flowers during their recent bereavement. Thanks to the doctors and staff at both Arran War Memorial Hospital and Crosshouse Hospital for their care of Rena during her short illness. Thanks to Jean for a comforting service, Alan and Robert of the Co-operative Funeral Care for funeral arrangements. Thank you to all who contributed to the collection which raised £150 for Arran War Memorial Hospital Supporters League.



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BIRTHDAY



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Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 25, Summer Cup, CSS 64, par 64. 1 S MacFarlane 69-12=57, 2 D MacFarlane 62-0=62, BIH, 3 N Young 67-5=62. Scratch, D MacFarlane 62. Magic twos, D MacFarlane, J Young, P Jameson.
Sunday August 28, Summer Stableford round four, CSS 63, par 64. 1 Alan Smith 38 pts, 2 G Andrew 37 pts, 3 A Winship 35 points. Scratch, G Andrew 27 pts. Magic twos, I Bremner. The overall winner of the summer stableford, best two from four was Alan Smith with 75 points. Runner-up, Scott

MacFarlane with 75 points. Alan won with the better third round.
Ladies section: Fleet 4 and Medal 6 Wednesday August 24, CSS 65, 6 played. 1 Kate McAdam 84-20=64, 2 Liz Sinclair 85-17=68. Scratch, Kate McAdam 84.

Fixture: Saturday September 3, Grouse qualifier, make up own fours, see starter for times.
Sunday September 4, autumn handicap at Lamlash.
Thursday September 8, Summer Cup. Make up own games, see starter for times.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday August 24, Summer Cup. 45 played, CSS 64. Alastair Dobson 71-9=62, Matthew Keir 66-4=62, Alistair Hume 73-11=62. Scratch, Matt 66.
Saturday August 27, Belhaven mixed Texas scramble. Team of I Keen, P Jameson, I Murchie and G McKay 52.5.

Sunday August 28, Brandon final. Gordon Hendry 66-5=61, John May 87-21=66, Nicol Hume 80-12=68. Scratch, Gordon 66. Sweep, same result except

John Beattie second with 87-23=64.

Ladies section: Tuesday August 30, flag competition, nine played, CSS 69. 1 Heather Raeside, 93-26=67, flag in 18th hole, 2 Trish Martin 101-30=71.

Tuesday August 30, 9 hole stableford, two played, 1 Liz Robertson, 21pts.

Fixture: Friday September 2, Kintyre Cup.
Sunday September 4, AGA autumn handicap at Lamlash Golf Club.

Tuesday August 13, This-tle Brooch.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday August 14, The Alan Maxwell golf day. Thirty-four teams took part, and £1,900 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Thanks to all who participated and donated raffle prizes and thanks to all the local businesses for their kind donations.

First prize with a score of 61 BIH, Jack McNally, Donald Logan, Graeme Andrews and Allan Napier. Second prize with a score of 61, Gregg McGeoch, Darren McNaughton, Greg McNaughton and Fraser Moore. Third prize with a

Summer bridge news

Results of the aggregate competition at Lamlash on August 22.

NS - 1 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 2 Jennifer Mc Arthur and Liz Robertson, 3 Jan Beattie and Margaret McGill.

EW - 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 3 David Boag and Eendy McNiven.

Aggregate competition at Lamlash on August 29.

NS - 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Alison Bilsland and Tricia Martin, 3 Doug Chase and Jennifer Wales.

EW - 1 Jean Barclay and Elizabeth McKellar, 2 Margaret McGill and Jan Beattie, 3 Douglas and Margaret Bruce.



Continued from page 18 score of 60, Derek Milne, Mairi Milne, Iain Milne and Alison Thomson. Fourth prize with a score of 59 BIH, Malcolm McPherson, Fraser Jackson, Shona Jackson and Colin Beggs.

The list of hole prize-winners and all the prizes from the day are at the pro shop.

Wednesday August 17, gents 12-hole medal, 12 played. 1 and scratch, Lee Kennedy 47-5=42, 2 Dave Nicholson 53-10=43 BIH, 3 Joe Faulkner 48-5=43. Magic twos, L Kennedy and J Faulkner. Well done to Dave on winning the medal as Lee is not a member.

Thursday August 24, ladies 12-hole medal, 12 played, PAR 44, CSS 45. 1 Piet Johnston 56-12=44, 2 Kema Genda 52-7=45, 3 and scratch, Ann May 49-3=46. Congratulations Piet.

Wednesday August 24, Summer Trophy, round 14. 25 played in the latest round of the 2014 Summer Trophy.

Following the recent rains the course was in good shape with the greens deceptively tricky, so much so that CSS went up one shot to 64 and the lowest gross score was 72 by Jamie MacPherson. 1 Dave Hackett 14, 62, 2 Alan Kay 18, 64, 3 Andrew Martin 12, 65, ACB, 4 Kevin McAleney 12, 65. Magic twos came from Jamie MacPherson at the fourth, David Brookens at the 11th and Douglas Auld and Owen Quigley each at the 17th.

Sunday August 28, the Betty Black Cup. 21 played in the rearranged Betty Black. CSS stayed at 63 and recently crowned Champion of Champions, Nicol Auld continued his fine run of form to come in first place. 1 Nicol Auld 5, 61 and lowest gross, 2 David Morrison 9, 62, 3 John Pennycott 13, 63, ACB, 4 Markus Kroner 8, 63. Neill McKechnie and Nicol Auld bagged the only magic twos of the day at the fourth and 17th.

Fixture: Sunday September 5, AGA Drumadoon Trophy and autumn handicap at Lamlash.



Alaister Kerr and Alan Bannatyne won the AGA Ken Western at Shiskine last Saturday.

Wednesday September 7, Bannatyne Cup.

Arran Golfers' Association Saturday August 27, AGA Ken Western Greensomes, nine pairs played. The course was in great shape and scoring was anticipated to be low. 1 A Kerr and A Bannatyne 46-9=37, 2 J O'Sullivan and G Andrew 47-8.8=38.2. Scratch, A Kerr and A Bannatyne 46, BIH. Magic twos, W Kelso and B Sherwood, J O'Sullivan and G Andrew, A Napier and D Logan x 2. Congratulations to Gator and Para.

This year's Champion of Champions competition was held over Whiting Bay Golf Club, and congratulations to Stewart on the magnificent condition of the course. Considering he does most of it on his own with limited equipment, he's done a cracking job and all eight guys really enjoyed playing on it. Thanks also to John behind the bar for sorting buggies and refreshments and to all the referees for making sure there were no problems during the competition.

The first round was cancelled due to flooding at the first attempt but at second time of asking we got under way. Davy Todd, Nicol Auld, Ewan McKinnon and young Todd Jameson all won comfortably.

The semis followed a different path although weather meant a postponement, but again okay second time around and first match was

Davy against Ewan, a really great game saw Ewan take a strong lead in the first nine but a storming run of threes from Davy brought it back to just the one hole down. A tricky pin position at 17 meant Davy couldn't get up and down and Ewan took the match two and one.

Nicol took on Todd in the other game. There was nothing really to separate the two and after 18 holes the match ended all square after they both had a chance to take it on the last, a great drive saw Nicol green the par four first but just missed his eagle. Todd had a good up and down for birdie to take it to another hole where Nicol was given a three-footer to take the tie, the sportsmanship shown by Todd and Nicol was a joy to watch and the final concession typified the game and conduct of both players. In the final, Ewan was going for title number nine against Nicol who was going for four but with home advantage.

A great match although the golf didn't quite live up to the previous round's standards with a couple of loose shots thrown in. To add to the excitement, about 25 spectators watched the match swing back and forward till the turn where Nicol stepped up a gear that Ewan unusually couldn't match and a cracking tee shot at 16 by Nicol which gave him a concession for eagle and

the match. Again the game was played in great spirits.

The prize-giving was done in the clubhouse shortly after and a few drinks were consumed by both players and spectators alike. A great end to a great competition this year. Well done Nicol. Hopefully a return to the Hope Cup will now follow.

Fixture: Sunday September 4, autumn handicap at Lamlash Golf Club, sheets on notice boards, late entries accepted, phone host club.

Saturday September 10, Arran Grouse at Shiskine 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.

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Adam McNicol was overwhelmingly voted as young player of the year. 01_B36footy02



Archie McNicol took the player of the year award as well as the golden boot award. 01_B36footy03



Toby Wingham narrowly missed out on the golden boot award by three goals but still took the runner-up award. 01_B36footy04



Runner-up for the young player of the year award was Alistair McMillan. 01_B36footy05



Runner-up for player of the year was Southend's Danny Head, who also runs the league. 01_B36footy06



Player of the year Archie McNicol in action, contesting a high ball against Lamlash. 01_B36footy07

Player of the year unveiled as football season winds up

This year's end-of-season awards were voted for by players in the Arran Football Association.

Brodick striker Archie McNicol was the runaway winner in the players' player of the year award, with

Southend centre back Danny Head getting the runner-up award. Toby Wingham and Owen 'Pele' Quigley, both of Brodick, were tied on the same amount of votes for third place. In the young play-

er of the year award, Brodick's Adam McNicol won with a staggering 38 votes, with his team-mate Alistair McMillan coming second.

This year's golden boot winners looked like giants next to their awards as it

look like the golden boots had shrunk during transit. Archie won the prize for about the 40th year running with his tally of 23 goals. His team-mate Toby Wingham pushed him all the way this year though and finished three adrift on a total of 20.

This year's dirtiest player is a tight one between a couple of usual suspects. Jordan Crawford notched up one red card and then two yellows. Babbies MacNeil managed to miraculously stay on the field in every game he played but did rack up four yellows. Maybe some kind of charity boxing match could be organised to find out who takes first place.

Brodick, unsurprisingly, dominated the end-of-season player of the year awards after an almost perfect season. Only one defeat in three competitions for the Orwin House boys and that came in the Arran Haulage Cup at the hands of Southend. The South-

enders went on to beat Shiskine in a tense final in Lamlash by two goals to one.

The Arran Dairies league shield was only ever heading to one place though, as Brodick won every match and by some big margins too. Their average goal difference worked out at more than seven goals a game. Northend took the heaviest defeats as they ended up once again at the foot of the table with no points. Shiskine started off the season brightly under new manager, Franky, but slipped into old ways with struggling to get their best players as the season went on. Southend suffered their worst league placing for almost a decade as they slipped into third place. Lamlash improved

again and ended up sitting in runners-up spot next to their old enemies Brodick.

These two also went head to head in the final of the Association Cup but, despite a strong first half from Lamlash, ultimately Brodick were too strong and went on to do the double.

The end-of-season Ann Miller Cup, where the league champions take on an Arran select team, has been postponed.

Top goal scorers 2016
Archie McNicol (Brodick) 23 goals
Toby Wingham (Brodick) 20 goals
Grant Adamson (Lamlash) 13 goals
Iain Keen (Brodick) 12 goals
John Murchie (Shiskine) 12 goals
James Todd (Lamlash) 11 goals
Ryan Armstrong (Southend) 8 goals
Donald Park (Southend) 7 goals
Owen 'Pele' Quigley 7 goals



All of the award-winners pose with their trophies after being nominated by their team mates. 01_B36footy01

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