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# We don't want new fish farm expansion here!

'We strongly believe our community should have a say in local economic developments that are likely to jeopardise our future'

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Community groups on Arran reacted in dismay this week at the news that the fish farm in Lamlash Bay is to press ahead with even bigger expansion plans. There had been hopes that further development by the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) had been shelved after its recent application was withdrawn ahead of a hearing scheduled for later this month. It was earlier 'called in' by the Scottish Government. However, the company has now indicated that it intends to resubmit an application furthering the scope of expansion even wider than previously stated. The withdrawn application sought to increase

net size from 10m to 12m while the new application also includes an increase in the biomass of up to 2,500 tonnes – the maximum allowed under current regulations – and an increase in treatment amounts along with the upgrading and modernisation of the whole site. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), which dealt with the application under the Controlled Activities Regulations, (CAR), initially indicated that it was willing to respond positively to the application pending a 21-day notice period for objectors to submit any opposition to the proposal. One of the opponents to the expansion, Community of Arran Seabed Trust

(COAST), vehemently objected to the decision, writing to SEPA and outlining its concerns that it would be detrimental to the health of Lamlash Bay, the recovering No Take Zone and the South Arran Marine Protected Area. It also cited increases in fish effluent and pollution from chemical treatments, along with sea lice infestations as its main concerns. COAST described the situation of SSC being able to self-monitor sea conditions at the site as unacceptable and contrary to public interest. The original application was to change the nets from 10m to 12m – all other cage and grid equipment was to stay the same. However, SSC has since

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## Double dux at high school



Arran High School has a joint dux this year. Alison Provan, left, and Rachel Janse Van Rensburg were both conferred the title by head teacher Barry Smith at the annual awards ceremony held on Wednesday night. See next week's Banner for full coverage of the awards night.

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# Fish farm to press ahead with expansion plans

Continued from page one taken the opportunity to review the development options at the site and intends to apply to upgrade and modernise the equipment, and increase the biomass and treatment amounts at the site.

A spokesman for the Scottish Salmon Company,



The entrance to the Scottish Salmon Company fish farm at Kingscross. 01\_B3455C01

which is registered in the Channel Islands and operates from about 60 locations across Scotland, told *The Banner*: 'We are currently undertaking a consultation exercise for our site at Lamlash in advance of submitting a screening and scoping application for our development plans.'

The earlier application stated: 'Lamlash remains a strong production area for us and the site, and the wider Arran area, is an area where we wish to strengthen and increase our operations.'

A spokeswoman for COAST said: 'As the proposed expansion covers more than 20,000 square metres and is classed as a major development,

COAST expects the company to undertake a full pre-application consultation process and will be holding North Ayrshire Council and SEPA to account to require a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment.'

## Jeopardise

COAST chairman Howard Wood added: 'We strongly believe our community should have a say in local economic developments that are likely to jeopardise our future. Lamlash Bay could become a thriving hub for marine leisure and sustainable fishing – why sacrifice it to foreign investors?'

Contributing to the growing tide of opposition, Jo

Totty from Arran Open Water Swimmers said: 'The short-lived relief experienced by Arran's open water swimmers is now met with disbelief. It's currently impossible to swim between Cordon and Kingscross, so swimmers were delighted to hear that the fish farm expansion had been withdrawn.'

'We'd still be unable to swim in the area as the revolting toxic effluent that comes from the chemicals and antibiotics used to control the sea lice clouds the water, and makes it smell and taste rank.'

'The sport is increasing both with locals and visitors: the health and environmental implications of



There may be a rainbow over the fish farm but community groups are opposed to its expansion. 01\_B3455C02

this new, larger application are frightening for the whole of Lamlash Bay.

'As a part of the wider community, the swimmers have already objected to the original fish farm expansion proposals – why aren't we being listened to?'

Following the initial stage of starting the screening/scoping process, which the

SSC will shortly undertake, an application will then be submitted to SEPA which will consider the application before allowing local groups, organisations and individuals to voice their opinion.

An expansion application will see the site upgraded and the biomass of its holdings increased.

## Fund first gives power to local people

Arran is to get a small share on a new community investment fund which has been hailed as a first for Scotland by the leader of North Ayrshire Council.

The fund is a key component of the council's Fair for All strategy which is looking to alleviate poverty

across the region. At a council meeting last week, elected members agreed to introduce the approach which will devolve funds to Locality Planning Partnerships.

The fund – which will immediately have £2.6 million to be shared across

the six localities – has been created to help the Locality Partnership model flourish by providing communities an opportunity to identify and invest in specific local priorities to develop stronger communities. The funds are based on the population of each locality with Arran getting just four per cent or £104,000.

Council leader Joe Cullinane said: 'The community investment fund is a radical step for the council. Devolving these funds to the Locality Partnerships, empowering them to invest money in their identified local priorities, is a first not only for us in North Ayrshire but for any local authority in Scotland.'

'This is community empowerment in action, not just words. It gives meaningful power and resources to the Locality Partnerships, which are made up of local ward councillors and community representatives, to make a difference to their communities.'

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# Tessa's special birthday gift for trust

A woman whose MacMillan ancestors lived on Arran has raised more than £1,000 for the Arran Trust by asking for donations rather than presents for her 30th birthday.

And last week Tessa Szczepanik, and her mum Lynette, from Kent handed over £1,017.50 (£930 in donations and £87.50 in Gift Aid) to the trust during their latest visit to the island they love.

Tom Tracey, who accepted the donation on behalf of the Arran Trust, said: 'We are extremely grateful to Tessa for this generous donation. It will be put to good use in the future work of the trust.'

The family's connection to Arran goes back a long way. Tessa's six times great-grandparents John MacMillan and his wife Kathrine Henry came across from Kilberry in the 1700s and the southern boundary of their farm at Tormore runs through the modern property of Ashlar at Machrie, where Andy Leese has his furniture business. When John moved to Arran, the Burrell Journal reprinted by Lady Jean Fforde mentioned that his guarantor was one of the MacMillans of Dunmore and related to the ancestors of the clan chief, George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap who lives at Finlaystone near Langbank in Renfrewshire.

Her five times great-grandparents Robert MacMillan and Kathrine Stewart continued farming at Tormore, married on Arran in 1784 and worshipped at the Old Clachan Church near Shiskine. The Arran Trust has helped to fund the restoration of the church where Tessa has two plaques about her family.

Her four times great-grandfather Robert MacMillan was born at Tormore in 1800, moved to Ayrshire, married Marion

our ancestors' farm at Tormore and the Old Clachan Church, as well as introducing us to our other MacMillan cousins in the Lake District, America and Canada.

'Our family remembers that we are cousins of the Macmillan publishing family and former Prime Minister Harold Macmillan but Grace kindly proved this for us because a document states that these Macmillans in the northeastern part of Arran kindly paid for our MacMillan family pew at The Old Clachan Church and this arrangement is very unusual.

'We have visited the Isle of Arran almost every year since 2002 - the beautiful landscape and kind, welcoming people have ensured that Arran has a huge place in our hearts.'

Tessa held her 30th birthday party at The Caledonian Club in London on Saturday July 1 and her family had asked Denise Lewis from Cakes Unlimited UK near the family home in Tonbridge, Kent to create an Arran cake for the occasion. During the party the adults were given coasters and the children given and colouring books, wrapped in Arran wrapping paper, all from Arran Graphics, which they all liked.

You can still donate to help the trust at: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Tessa-Szczepanik](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Tessa-Szczepanik)



Tessa's 30th Arran birthday cake.

Munro from Glasgow and lived in Irvine after their marriage in Ayr. He was a master slater. Their son John MacMillan moved to India in the 1850s, working as an engineer on the flood defences at Cuttack in Bengal, now part of the state of Orissa, and the family stayed in India until moving to England in the 1930s.

Tessa said: 'Grace Small, the retired genealogist at the Heritage Museum, kindly showed us the site of



Tom Tracey of the Arran Trust thanks Tessa Szczepanik for her donation as Cecilia Paul, Grace Small and Tessa's mum Lynette look on.

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The family plaques at Clachan Church.



Tessa outside the restored Clachan Church.

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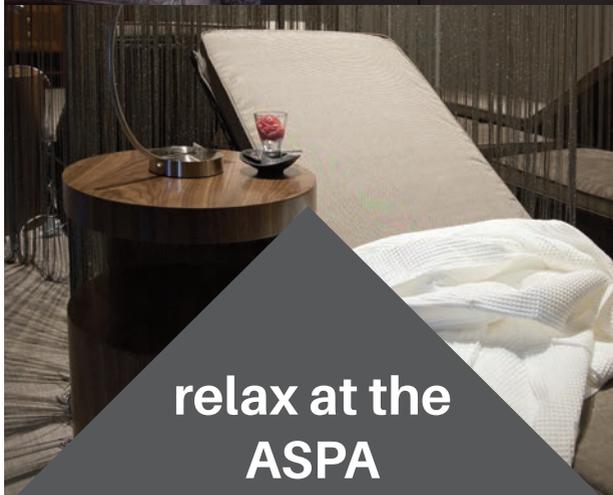
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The Molios saxophone quartet.

## Molios saxophone quartet return

Four young musicians from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland are returning to Arran once more as part of their autumn tour.

The Molios saxophone quartet includes Arran's own Iain Clarke. This year they will tickle the ears of the audience with a varied programme of music, taking them on a tour around the world

to hear music from different countries and cultures.

They will be appearing at three venues on the island. Tuesday September 12, Lochranza Church; Wednesday September 13, Corrie Church; Thursday September 14, Shiskine Church. All concerts start at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 at the door.

## MP welcomes move to take stillbirths out of the shadows

North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson has welcomed the announcement from Scottish health secretary Shona Robison that she is looking to extend fatal accident inquiries to include babies who are stillborn. Ms Robison has said that she has asked the Crown Office to consider the issue.

Mrs Gibson, whose own baby was stillborn at full term in 2009, said: 'I formally raised this matter with Ms Robison last year. Given that 34 per cent of stillbirths occur at 37 weeks and beyond we need

to do more to avoid unnecessary deaths. Experts in the field agree that for otherwise healthy babies to die near or at full term is an avoidable event.

### Impact

'I believe to have an FAI in each instance is in the public interest, since this could potentially allow lessons to be learned that could dramatically impact on the levels of stillbirth, each of which is devastating for the mother and family concerned.

'The inquiries would inform training needs and any serious failings to ul-

timately help deliver higher quality maternity care. Such inquiries would also be well placed to issue findings and, where appropriate, hospitals would be obliged to take on board and respond to those findings and prevent similar mistakes re-occurring.

'I look forward to progress on this issue which would be a huge step forward and would place Scotland at the forefront of tackling stillbirth in a meaningful way, driving progress on a sensitive subject that for too long has been in the shadows.'

## Art exhibition at library

A new exhibition at Arran library in Brodick features the work of the Wednesday Art Group.

The group meets, as you would expect, every Wednesday at the rangers centre at Brodick Castle. The group of women meets to create art, chat and enjoy each others' company, if anyone is interested in joining please contact Pam Holmes on 700786.

Inspiration comes from the landscape and wildlife of Arran with its special light and colours. The exhibition, which runs until the end of September, includes watercolour, pencil, acrylic, and pastel work. Most of the artwork is for sale.

## Embroidery group resumes

The new session of the Brodick embroidery group started on Thursday September 7, and is held every week at Brodick Library from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

The group is very friendly and it welcomes embroiders of all abilities. If you are interested in joining them to share ideas or to learn new techniques, Ann Hollingworth can be contacted on 840270.

## Corrie film club presents

September's Corrie film club showing is American Honey (2106 UK Cert 15) by award winning British director Andrea Arnold.

Star, a teenage girl with nothing to lose, joins a travelling magazine sales crew and gets caught up in a whirlwind of partying, law bending and young love as she criss-crosses the Midwest with a band of misfits.

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# Final work start as access system arrives

The work to complete the new £22 million Brodick ferry terminal is finally under way after the arrival of the passenger access system (PAS).

The project, which was due to be completed at the end of August, was delayed owing to Spanish manufacturer Adelte not completing the construction of the movable access system on time. It is its largest single section PAS built to date.

However, Monday saw the first of three sections arriving at the pier where two large cranes were awaiting them, which had arrived by barge over the weekend.

The installation and commissioning of the three large sections will take around six weeks to complete with the terminal expected to open by the end of October or the beginning of November. The building

work by contractor George Leslie Ltd has the company complete the terminal redevelopment on budget and in line with the revised timetable and it is currently completing final testing and commissioning of the buildings services.

CalMac, meanwhile, is busy with the fit-out of the building in preparation for the completion of the new PAS. Once all of the systems are complete and the PAS has passed all of the operational checks, CalMac will begin operating from the new facility.

Head of civil engineering at CMAL Ramsay Muirhead said: 'We are pleased that Adelte has now completed manufacture of the new PAS and its delivery will see the final phase of the project underway, and the opening of the facilities soon after completion.'



Workmen direct the lorry with the first of three sections required to complete the remaining passenger access system. 01\_B36CMAL02

'We are continuing to work closely with Adelte to ensure the work is completed as efficiently as possible.'

## Helping art on Arran

Anyone interested in furthering the arts and crafts sector on Arran is invited to a meeting next Wednesday in Brodick Hall. The new arts co-ordinator, Eileen Wilson, will be there to talk about her ideas for the future and to offer help to groups.

Some will remember a meeting two years ago when around 40 people turned up expecting to meet with Creative Scotland, and the boat let everyone down!

Now, with help from Creative Scotland, the Robertson Trust and North Ayrshire Council there is an arts co-ordinator so the project has an opportunity to develop and grow.

Anyone interested can go along on Wednesday September 13 at 2pm to meet Eileen and to find out how she can help island groups.

## Date set for MV Glen Sannox launch

The launch date for MV Glen Sannox has been set for Tuesday November 21 at the launching berth at Port Glasgow where she is being built by Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd, according to reports.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), who commissioned the new 100-metre Arran ferry are hoping that Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, will attend the ceremony.

An announcement is expected next week. CMAL originally anticipated an earlier launch date, however this later date is said to now allow for a further fitting out period and fits in with the tides which are required for a boat launch which is expected to be open to the public.

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# Toast to 10 years at the Isle of Arran Distillery

This year Master Distiller James MacTaggart celebrates his 10th anniversary at the Isle of Arran Dis-

tillery and an incredible 40 years in the Scotch whisky industry.

To celebrate, he has created a unique limited edition bottling that marks his first full decade of creating whisky on Arran. This fresh and vibrant expression of The Arran Malt has been carefully blended by James from a selection of first fill bourbon barrels from his first months of production in 2007.

A fresh nose with notes of salt combine with lemon oil, pairing the coast of Lochranza with the iconic citrus notes of the Arran Malt. The palate runs over with the immediate warmth of white pepper which softens as boiled sweets and

apple pastries start to show. The lengthy finish sweetens further to candy floss as it fades away with the freshness of a well-made whisky-sour cocktail. This is a delightful expression of Arran Whisky where the true character and complexity shines through beautifully.

## Great pleasures

James said: 'The last 10 years have been very special for the distillery. We've released our oldest age statements, including the 18-year-old which was a real coming of age for Arran. One of the great pleasures of my job is crafting unique bottlings inspired by the island and its history - a history that I'm proud to be part of.'

Managing director Euan Mitchell added: 'James is a man dedicated to traditional whisky making, but with an eye to the sensibilities of the modern whisky drinker; he's been instrumental in establishing the quality reputation of the Arran Malt and opening scotch up

to a new generation of fans.

'This bottling is a fantastic way to pay tribute to the influence James has had on the Arran Malt and to give the Arran community a chance to own a piece of distillery history. We hope people will join us in raising a dram to a great man and a fantastic Master Distiller.'

Starting at Bowmore on Islay in the '70s, James has been witness to the rise, fall and rise again of the popularity of single malt Scotch whisky. At Arran, he has overseen the distillery's incredible success at home and abroad and has created its enormously popular limited editions - the final bottling in the Smugglers' Series sold out from its distillery shop in Lochranza within a day of going on sale with customers queuing from 6am to get their bottle.

Last year, 104,000 people made the journey to find 'the Arran Waters' at the Lochranza distillery -



James inspects a glass of Arran whisky at the distillery.

a 93 per cent increase since 2012, and 18 per cent increase on 2015 - a reflection of the popularity of James' work and the warm welcome offered at the home of The Arran Malt in Lochranza.

With the new Lagg Distillery site due to open on the south of the island next year, James will be helping establish a new chapter for whisky production on the Isle of Arran.

Non Chill Filtered with no artificial colouring, the James MacTaggart Anniversary Single Malt is bot-

tled at natural cask strength 54.2% abv.

A limited edition release of 12,000 bottles worldwide, it is available online from early October at arranwhisky.com, from the distillery shop in Lochranza and at specialist whisky retailers worldwide. All up-to-date information on release dates for all limited edition Arran whiskies can be found at www.arranwhisky.com or on its social media pages. Search for Arran Whisky across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. RRP £64.99.



The James MacTaggart 10th anniversary bottling with James in silhouette.

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# Waste warriors wanted to join recycle week

Zero Waste Scotland is calling on local authorities, businesses and organisations on Arran and across Ayrshire to sign up and join its recycle week army of ambassadors.

Recycle week, which takes place from Monday September 25 to Sunday October 1, is the annual UK-wide campaign to raise awareness of how important it is to recycle. Over the course of the week Zero Waste Scotland will be encouraging people from Arran to become waste warriors and do their bit by recycling as much as they can.

Good progress has been made on recycling in Scot-

land in recent years, with people recycling more often at home, at work and when out and about. Despite this achievement to date, 60 per cent of the waste households are currently sending to landfill could be recycled.

### Benefits

Zero Waste Scotland is encouraging local authorities and businesses on Arran to use recycle week to highlight the benefits of recycling with their employees and members by promoting ways in which every person can do their bit.

Cabinet Secretary for the Environment Roseanna Cunningham said: 'By

recycling more we can all help protect our environment and relieve pressure on scarce raw materials. Scotland has an ambitious target to reduce waste, with no more than five per cent of all waste to go to landfill by January 2021 and 70 per cent of waste recycled or prepared for reuse by 2025.

'Events such as recycle week highlight how easy it can be for individuals and businesses to play their part and keep products and materials in valuable use for longer. Greener living has benefits for us all.'

To sign up to recycle week visit: [www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/recycleweek2017](http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/recycleweek2017)

# Terrified beginners try watercolour course



Attending the workshop were, from left, Maureen McKenna, Heather Raeside, Vicki Rigby with tutor Sheena Phillips.

Members of Arran Visual Arts, who host art workshops for members throughout the year, recently welcomed watercolour artist Sheena Phillips back to Arran for a course called: Watercolour for the terrified beginner.

Sheena Phillips from Haddington is a landscape and portrait painter using watercolour, acrylic oil and pastel and has tutored artists on Arran during previous visits. The two-day course started with some loosening up exercises before simple landscapes were produced using tones of one colour, then different colours using wet-on-wet techniques. Sunday saw the use of masking fluid, painting flowers and using tracing.

Feedback received at the end of the course was overwhelmingly positive with all of the attendees feeling that the course was not only useful but enjoyable.

## Arran Geofest 2017!

Friday 15th — Sunday 17th Sep

Celebrate Arran's spectacular geology with us at this years Geofest!

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**Friday 15th**

All day School Outreach with Aeron Moore, Geopark Seasonal Ranger.

18:30—20:00 *Talk:* Introduction to Arran Geology at the Rosaburn cafe in the Heritage Museum. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and scones provided.

**Saturday 16th**

10:00—14:00 *Walk 1:* Introduction to Geology with Stuart Blake. Meet at Lochranza CiC.

10:00—16:00 *Walk 2:* Geology of North Arran. Meet at Lochranza CiC.

14:00—17:00 *Walk 3:* King's Cave to Drumadoon. Meet at King's Cave car park.

11:00—14:00 *Family event:* Geology timeline walk with quiz, ending at Hutton's Unconformity. Meet at Lochranza CiC.

13:00—16:00 *Family event:* Interactive geology activities at Lochranza CiC.

19:00—20:00 *Talk:* 'Volcanoes of Scotland' by Dr Kate Saunders (University of Edinburgh) at Corrie Hall.

**Sunday 17th**

10:00—12:30 *Walk 4:* Glacial landscapes at Glen Rosa with NTS Head Ranger Kate Sampson. Meet at Glenrosa Campsite car park.

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## Editorial

### A new wave of opposition

After an extensive two-year battle to curtail fish farming in Lamlash Bay, the community has reacted angrily to the news that the Scottish Salmon Company plans, once again, to seek to expand its operations.

Seemingly unperturbed by public opinion and concerns about the environmental consequences of off-shore fish farming in Lamlash, the highly profitable business is certain to once again face major opposition from Arran organisations who have fought long and hard to establish and secure the Lamlash Bay no take zone and South Arran marine protected area of which they are fiercely protective and rightly proud of.

Having already shown their opposition by lobbying, demonstrating and resisting an increase in fish farming operations, environmental groups, village committees and concerned individuals are, even at this early stage, well prepared for another fight.

Fortified by the belief that governing bodies are looking after large scale businesses interests and profit motives over local environmental damage, they are calling for proper environmental impact studies to be undertaken and for further accountability from the fish farming industry.

It is bound to be a long drawn out endeavor and one that is certain to continue to face a tide of opposition and local resistance.

#### Thought for the week

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## Toilet funding

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Yours,  
**Tony Baboolal  
Lochranza**

## Distorted facts

Sir,  
Reading in your news item on A&E waiting times (*Arran Banner*; September 2) that some patients in Ayrshire and Arran were waiting eight hours 'before being seen', I felt instinctively that this could not be true.

A 90-second Google search proved me correct. A check on the NHS Information Services Division website, where this kind of data is routinely made available, shows that there has been an increase in the last month (of less than one per day) in the number of patients in Ayrshire A&E de-

partments waiting over eight hours 'to be treated, admitted or discharged'.

During this time they will have been identified, triaged, assessed, investigated, and received necessary treatment, a process involving numerous staff with diverse skills.

Labour MSP Colin Smyth's distortion of the facts is both mendacious and incompetent, presumably intended to undermine public confidence in the Scottish Government's stewardship of the NHS.

I'm confident that for patients ill enough to spend eight hours being assessed and treated in A&E, the time NHS staff are spending on them will be the least of their concerns.

Instead, they will very probably reflect at some

point on how lucky they are to live in a country where emergency treatment is available to all on a basis of need, is free at the point of use, and where the government is so strongly committed to these central NHS principles.

Yours,  
**Dr Malcolm Kerr  
Brodick**

## Senior thanks

Sir,  
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The fantastic sum of £400 was raised for the Christmas party fund. Thank you!

Yours,  
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The Arran Banner regularly receives photographs of its readers enjoying their holidays in far flung and exotic locations, as well as those closer to home.

When space allows we like to print these pictures of people who have remembered to take their favourite paper with them. In this week's edition we have Banner readers who have travelled as far afield as rural Uganda and the mountains of India.

If any readers are heading on holiday soon make sure and take your Banner with you and get in touch to let us know where you have been at: editor@arranbanner.co.uk



Iain MacDonald, Murray and Alan Picken enjoy a break, reading the Banner during a tuk tuk race across India.



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# Final fling for festival

The McLellan Arts Festival has been going for a week now, and a great week it has been, but it is not too late to get along and enjoy the last weekend.

Tonight (Friday) is the ever popular opera gala in the community theatre in Lamlash at 7.30pm when the talented young opera singers from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, attending the Arran summer school, will transport you in an extravaganza of some of the best music and song from opera and the shows.

Last Sunday some of the singers performed at the annual festival service in Corrie Church under the direction of Alec Crowe. During the service, conducted by the Rev Angus Adamson, there were also readings from the work of Robert McLellan by John Sillars and Ailsa McNicol.

Tomorrow (Saturday), more talented young theatre students in their final year at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire will perform in Corrie Hall at 8pm – a promise

of exciting drama from the next generation of Scottish actors.

Then on Sunday evening, at 7.30pm, the beautiful Beethoven Mass in C will be performed by the Royal Northern College of Music students and the McLellan Festival Chorus in the community theatre, Lamlash.

Principal study tutor Peter Wilson said: 'We are delighted that the summer school is taking place again on the island. We have some new faces and exciting new voices. The programme for the gala is a balance of great romantic opera and some lovely songs from the shows. On Sunday, the first part of the oratorio concert will consist of solo songs followed by the Beethoven Mass in C. We are still desperately seeking a sponsor as this year has been a challenge.'

Tickets are available at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick, online at [arranevents.com](http://arranevents.com) or at the door.

\*See centre spread for poetry night review.



The singers from the Arran summer school, with choir director Alec Crowe, after they performed in Corrie Church. 01\_B36festival03



John Sillars reads from the works of Robert McLellan. 01\_B36festival02



Young opera singers from the Royal Northern College of Music perform in Corrie Church. 01\_B36festival01



Aerona Moore gives her earlier talk.

## Geology talk at heritage museum

A new ranger geologist, Aerona Moore, is now working with the team preparing the bid for Arran to become a recognised Geopark, as previously reported in the *Banner*.

Last month she gave a talk on Arran's unique geology at the Arran Heritage Museum, and such was the response that she will be repeating the exercise on Wednesday September 13.

This will take place in the museum's Geology Room, starting at 2pm, and will be of 45 minutes' duration. A very capable communicator, in that time she will provide her audience with a brief introduction to the unusual geology of the island which attracts so many students of the subject year after year. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

# Louise takes first prize

Arran's McLellan Festival returned to its roots this year when the traditional opening event of the 10-day extravaganza, the prizewinners' reading for the McLellan poetry prize, was held back in Corrie.

The village hall provided the perfect setting for a warm and inspirational reading of this year's crop of winning poems chosen by acclaimed poet Maura Dooley.

The competition attracts entries from far and wide and, as has often been the case, several of the prizewinners made long journeys to Arran specially to read their poems.

At Maura's suggestion this year each poem was read twice, and this, coupled with her lucid explanation of why she had chosen them, worked brilliantly, giving the audience a real opportunity



Judge Maura Dooley, right, presents Louise Greig with her  
Photos: Eileen Wilson Kerr



David Hunter gives his talk on radio drama.

to absorb the subtleties of some fine poems.

The overall winner of the £1,000 prize was Louise Greig from Aberdeen whose witty and tender poem 'Mrs Miniver was a fool about inanimate objects' wowed the audience. It describes the sustaining benefits we distil from the familiar things around us, in this case a much-loved house: 'I walk from room to room. The walls are/papered in contentment. The doors are like old elephants, heavy with/memory.'

Louise, who only started to write seriously a few years ago, also creates books for children and was thrilled to be able to meet Arran's own Alison Prince, creator of 'Trumpton'.

Other poems were of an almost equally high standard. Doreen Gurrey travelled from York to share her wonderful sonnet 'Sortie' and Sally Davis came up from Portsmouth to read her poem 'This is all I know'. As well as writing poems, Sally, who in her biographical note describes herself as a 'writer and rocket

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# in poetry competition



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scientist', was involved with the design of parts of the Rosetta satellite that achieved the amazing feat of rendezvousing with a comet.

After a lovely musical interlude with Heather Macleod and Stuart Farrar's Arran Dawn, Maura read some of her own poems, sparse, haunting but immediately accessible: 'what makes this home, / wide light, a weaver's window, each stone in that wall. // This is the heart's small change, / a little silver saved against the rain.'

A memorable evening was followed by her sell-out poetry

workshop the next day. On Sunday Maura's husband, David Hunter, gave a very entertaining talk to a capacity crowd at Brodick library.

David is an executive producer of drama for BBC Radio 4 and under the title 'More Than Just The Archers' he enthused about the potential of radio as a medium for drama.

His talk included tantalising clips from BBC plays over the last 40 years.

As more than one person observed, it was a reminder of the very special pleasures of listening to radio

communally. We went out again into the rain with our heads full of sounds and ideas.

This was Maura and David's first visit to Arran and, on the basis of the wonderful weekend's entertainment they provided, it is to be hoped it won't be the last.

David Underdown

**Below: Poetry competition winner Louise Greig performs her winning poem.**



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# WHAT'S ON

## Everyday

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

## Saturday 9th September

Army Cadets  
James McGeechan  
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  
The George Lindsay Band  
Performance from Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

## Sunday 10th September

Family games  
Fun in the pool  
AA meeting  
RNLI Shop  
The George Lindsay Band  
Beethoven Mass Choral performance from Opera Summer School and Arran Community Choir

## Monday 11th September

Over 50s badminton  
Badminton  
Morning fitness  
Badminton  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Circuit training  
Lamlash Aerobix  
Tae KwonDo  
Adult Tennis  
Shenanigans

## Tuesday 12th 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  
Tim Pomeroy

## Wednesday 13th 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  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game  
Chair Yoga  
Flow Yoga  
Arran Parkinson's Support group  
Lamlash SWI  
Fatman and the Angel

## Thursday 14th September

Morning fitness  
General knowledge quiz

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  
Fiddlers' 7.30pm - 10pm  
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  
Pierhead Tavern, 9pm  
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 8pm

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Pierhead Tavern, 4pm  
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 7.30pm

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  
Shiskine golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm  
Fiddlers' 7.30pm-10pm

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  
Fiddlers' 7.30pm-10pm

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  
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm  
St Molios Hall, Shiskine, 11am  
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm  
Fire Station, 7.30pm  
Fiddlers' 7.30pm 10pm

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Ladies' hockey  
Quilt Arran  
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers  
Adult Tennis  
Chair Yoga  
Arran Soul Choir  
Brodick Embroidery Group  
North Country Winters  
Folk Like Us

## Friday 15th 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  
Buchaneers  
Live Music TBC  
The Bar Stools

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  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Fiddlers' 7.30pm-10pm  
Coast 8pm-10pm

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  
Fiddlers' 7.30pm-10pm  
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# Machrie Moor recreated down under

Retired engineer Graham Kinnear, who was born in Lamlash but who now resides in rural Wollombi in New South Wales, Australia, has continued with his admiration of all things Arran by constructing a hom-

age to the Machrie Moor stone circles on his 100-acre property.

Having previously appeared in the *Banner* pages after constructing a nine-tonne replica of the Machrie postbox, Graham

continued with the theme and has now finished construction on an eight stone henge just 50 metres from his Arran postbox.

Graham said: 'I have always been intrigued by the long forgotten cleverness behind the Neolithic stone circles at Machrie Moor. The Machrie Moor standing stones will still have some of their secrets hidden away. Undoubtedly, they brought great prestige and power to some people in the dim and distant past, allowing them to forecast the future lengthening and shortening of the days and many more things.

'They stand as a monument to stone age ingenuity, reflecting many earlier generations of stellar ob-



A replica of the Machrie Moor stone circles that have been created in New South Wales.

ervation and perhaps even calculation. Perhaps they were a lot more advanced than we care to think. As a gesture of admiration to that Neolithic society, and inspired by the Machrie Moor standing stones, I thought this would be my

salute to the Neolithic people.'

The henge, which is not just an arrangement of standing stones, is aligned for winter and summer solstices and sits high up in the rainforest hills. The project, now Graham's sec-

ond Arran related one in two years, is undoubtedly not his last as Graham enigmatically alludes: 'The threads of time going back ten thousand years on Arran still fascinate me, what next for that retired mad engineer from Lamlash?'



Graham Kinnear stands next to his Machrie postbox on his private 100-acre property.




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Volunteers present donations to Fuka School and Orphanage.



A group singing with the children from the Kimashuku orphanage.



Volunteers take time for a group picture at Berea Bible College where they were accommodated.

# Arran students change lives in

Before the school summer holidays two pupils and their geography teacher from Arran High School made the trip of a lifetime to undertake voluntary work in Tanzania. Here is teacher Brian Donlin's report on the trip:

'On Saturday June 3 at 4am Meagan Bennett, Ben Downing and myself stood in the departure queue at Glasgow Airport ready to begin the first stage of our journey to Tanzania.

After meeting another pupil from Carluke in Glasgow we would depart for Amsterdam, meeting up with the remainder of our work party from Perth.

Together we numbered 23 pupils and four members of staff, all undertaking a trip to work with charity groups in Tanzania. Most notably the Vine Trust, whose motto reads: 'Connecting people to changing lives' – some-

thing which would become extremely relevant over the course of our trip.

Our trip to Tanzania was built around working with both the Vine Trust and the Tanzanian Women's Research Foundation (TAW-REF).

Two groups which specialise in working with vulnerable groups in Tanzania who, amongst many other projects, build homes for those who are in desperate need. As part of our trip we would be working to build houses for two groups of people in dire need.

Elinami Elisoni was 10 when his father died in 2006.

When this happened he, along with three of his siblings, were abandoned by their mother as she felt she could not provide enough food for the whole family.

Over the course of the past decade Elisoni's siblings have moved on looking for work or to other members of their extended family, leaving Elisoni alone living in a tiny wooden house caring for himself.

Mama Eliambuya was widowed with five children and currently cares for one of her grandchildren whose parents died a number of years ago. She does her best to care for Kelvin however they currently live in a small mud house. Mama Eliambuya does have land to build a new home for Kelvin and herself, however her brother-in-law has been



Meagan Bennett makes a new friend.



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trying to take this land from her and if not for the support of TAWREF may have succeeded.

The group has been working with local Fundi's (builders) to build houses for both Elinami Elison and Mama Eliambuya. Both houses should be completed by the end of the summer giving both groups the homes they so badly need.

During our trip, we also visited the Kimashuku and Fuka orphanages. Two organisations that have been assisted by the Vine Trust and work towards providing homes and education to vulnerable young people in Tanzania.

While there, we helped to both do some much-needed maintenance to a dormitory block at Fuka. We then took the chance to meet, speak

with and play with the children of both orphanages, an experience that illustrated very clearly how people who have very little can still take great joy from some of the simple pleasures in life.

As a well-earned reward at the end of a hard two weeks the group had the opportunity to spend two days on Safari at the breath-taking Tarangire and Ngorogoro National Parks.

Bearing witness to both spectacular scenery and the opportunity to see all of Africa's 'Big five' (Rhino/Water Buffalo/Elephant/Leopard and Lion). This experience helped to cap off what had already been the trip of a lifetime for the group.

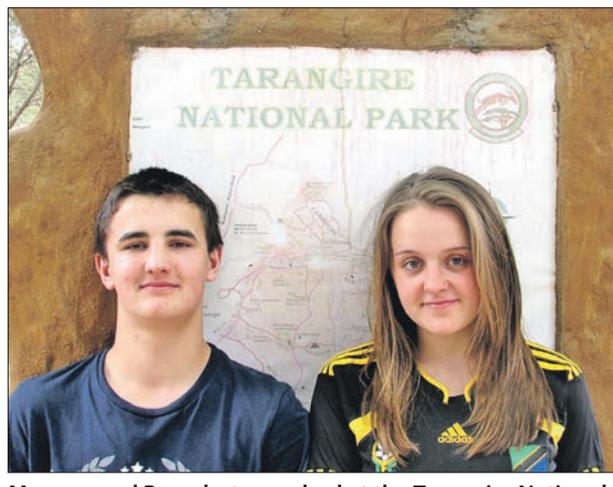
As the trip ended and Meagan, Ben, myself and the pupils from Perth and Carluke

headed back to Kilimanjaro Airport to start our journey home, filled with memories of a life-changing two weeks.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us both with fundraising and the donations that we passed on to the many fantastic charities we met in Tanzania. Without the support of both the local businesses and wider community on Arran this trip without a doubt would not have taken place. Without this support Meagan, Ben and myself would not have had the opportunity to not only participate in such a worthwhile programme but to have our horizons expanded so remarkably in the process, so all that remains for us to say is 'Asante Sana'.



ama Eliambuya's home.



Meagan and Ben photographed at the Tarangire National Park.



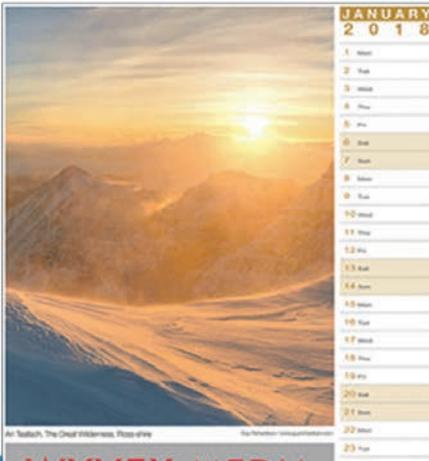
The group is pictured at the start of the Kilimanjaro ascent.



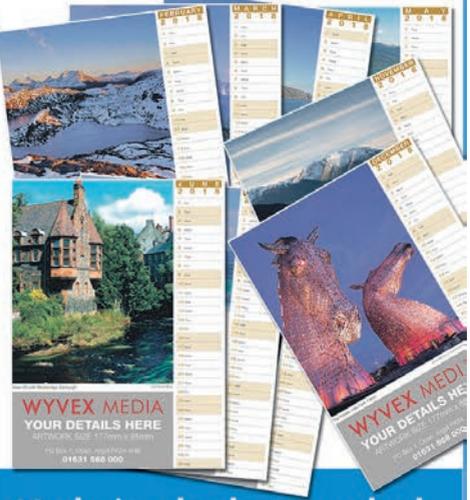
Two work groups come together after completing a day's work at Elisoni's home.

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# Historical society learns about Stalin's legacy

The speaker for the Arran Historical Society's August meeting was Robert Holmes LVO. He was born and educated in Belfast, and joined the British Foreign Service, later the Diplomatic Service, in 1957 at the age of 16, one of the youngest ever appointees, writes Norma Davidson.

He served in Moscow and Budapest in the depths of the Cold War, and afterwards in Santiago, Bonn, Tonga, Oslo, Chicago and Madrid. In 1988 the Queen appointed him a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO). After retiring in 1994 with the rank of first secretary he did work with the University of Glasgow

and consultancy work. He and his wife now live in Houston, Renfrewshire.

Joseph Stalin was effectively ruler of the USSR from 1925 to 1952. He eliminated all opposition, encouraged citizens to spy on each other and report perceived misdemeanours to the Party. He instigated The Great Purge in the late 1930s and throughout his reign of terror between three million and six million people were killed.

Lavrentiv Beria was head of the Secret Police, and had all the evils of Stalin. After the war he was sentenced to death as a traitor. Ivan Serov had played a major part in the down-

fall of Beria, and was A Spy Like No other, which is the title of the speaker's book. He was living, at the age of 12, at the beginning of the Russian Revolution of 1917. He played a major role in the 1939 invasion of Poland, was instrumental in plots against Beria, and worked in Ukraine with Nikita Krushchev. Serov had a senior position in SMERSH, and worked to set up the STASI, (Secret Police) in East Germany. He was head of the KGB for four years and head of the intelligence service until his death in 1963. There were 1.5 million people deported or killed in this period.



Speaker Robert Holmes, left, enjoys a chat with society member John Lauder.

By 1953 MI6 and the CIA were building the Berlin Tunnel, a means for tapping Soviet telecommunications. So by the time Serov visited the United Kingdom with Krushchev in 1956 the West was getting information. Serov proved to be so difficult to deal with he was banned from returning by the Foreign Office. Although Krushchev had by this time turned against Stalinism, Serov did not. He went to Budapest to negotiate during the Hungarian uprising against Moscow's control.

There was no agreement reached, he reported to Krushchev, and subsequently force was deployed to crush the uprising. Yuri Andropov, the Soviet ambassador in Budapest and Vladimir Kryuchkov, the secretary at the Soviet Embassy were supporters of Serov when he was promoted to head of GRU (Main Intelligence Directorate). In 1958 his post as head of KGB was filled by Alexander Shelapin, and together they helped to get Krushchev ousted.

Oleg Penkovsky was spying for the West at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. He informed the CIA that Russia's missile strength was considerably less of a threat than they boasted, enabling President John Kennedy to risk a face-up with the Soviets.

Happily, the world breathed a sigh of relief when Krushchev backed down. A year later Serov disappeared, rumoured to have killed himself, but in fact died of natural causes in 1990 in his 80s.

At this point the speaker introduced Lee Harvey Oswald into the picture. Oswald, an American, had lived for three years in Minsk under KGB supervision. After returning home to America he met three KGB agents in Mexico, one an assassination expert, on October 3 1963. He attempted at a later date to shoot and kill a US general.

While not successful it was a rehearsal for three weeks later when he assassinated President Kennedy. Oswald himself was shot dead two days later by Jack Ruby, who acted on his own volition. It is not thought Serov was directly involved, and a later investigation by the KGB pronounced 'there was something fishy' about it all.

Yuri Andropov was a proponent of extreme measures, and instigated the Prague Spring in 1968, and in 1979 invaded Afghanistan. He died in 1984. His colleague, Vladimir Kryuchkov led a KGB coup against Mikhail Gorbachev. He was imprisoned for treason, but being a close friend of Vladimir Putin, was released, and

died in 2007 aged 83.

Vladimir Putin rose to lieutenant colonel in the KGB, then entered local government in St Petersburg, being involved in property management.

By 1996 he had moved to Moscow. Two years later Boris Yeltsin made him director of the Federal Secret Service, and in 1999 he became one of the three deputy prime ministers, an appointment to acting prime minister followed on the same day, and just one week later he became prime minister. Boris Yeltsin resigned, and Putin guaranteed an indemnity to the Yeltsin family against any charges.

In the last 10 years Putin has been implicated in much; the assassination of Litvinenko in London, the annexing of Crimea, the invasion of the Ukraine and the suspected denigration of Hilary Clinton during the US presidential election of 2016, being just a few we all know of.

Sadly, Putin's era appears to have taken Russia full circle and back to the militant, controlling isolationist state akin to the days of Stalinism.

The next speaker will be Iain Quinn, who will talk about The Clyde Steamers at War. This will take place on Monday September 18 commencing at 2pm in Brodick Hall.



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## Arran Sportive back this weekend

More than 120 cyclists will take to the roads today (Saturday) in the second Arran Sportive.

This year the 56-mile charity cycle, in aid of the Ocean Youth Trust Scotland, will have participants from Scotland, England, Ireland and as far away as Australia.

On the route there will be two water stations – one at Pirmill primary school and one at Velo Café Lagg and Brodick Co-op have donated some bananas.

After the event VisitArran will be running a barbecue and Arran Brewery will also have a stall. The trust has been donated products from Arran Distillery, Kinloch Hotel and James of Arran chocolate which will be used as prizes for the participant that raises the most money. CalMac ferries are also sponsoring the event.



Back, left to right: Ruth Yates, Nan Meteyard, Anne Green, Margaret McKenzie, Mike Hesp, Anne (hotel manager), Jean Peacock, Kate Hesp. Front, left to right: Jim Green, Bill Tate, Anne Rudge, Don Rudge, Fiona Tait, Margaret Harvey.

## Kildonnan Lunch club is 200 not out

The Kildonnan Lunch Club celebrated its 200th lunch on Tuesday September 5 with champagne, entertaining speech, balloons and a magnificent cake modelled on the small island of Pladda, complete with sailing ship.

A very pleasant time was had by all participants. Re-

grettably six members could not attend this special day, but were remembered fondly. The club meets on the first Tuesday of every month with no agenda; just a good old-fashioned blether and pleasantries. They are all looking forward to the next 100 lunches.

## Opportunity for young deaf job-seekers

Young people from Arran who are deaf or hard of hearing are being offered the opportunity to attend a free one-day, working safely course.

The course, which is being run by the charity Action on Hearing Loss Scotland's Moving On service in Glasgow between 9.30am and 4.30pm on Tuesday 19 September, is open to deaf people aged 16 to 25 who are interested in gaining a recognised health and safety qualification for their CV.

The Moving On service's employment advisors, who sign to a high standard in British Sign Language (BSL) and are fully deaf aware, help to build the confidence of young people and support them to gain vital work and life skills.

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The pizzas have been a hit with locals and visitors alike and they plan to focus and expand on the takeaway side of things over winter.

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The Kilwinning-Fenwick Road	B778
The Nethermaims Road, Kilwinning	B779
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**Sunday 10th September**  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.

Pirnmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.

Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am

Corrie Church, 11.30am

Prayer Meeting, 12noon.

There will be a service of

Worship in Montrose House

at 1.30pm.

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(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)

St. Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

**Sunday 10th September**  
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Mrs Janis Gallagher.  
Coffee after service.

**Wednesday 13th September**  
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
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**Sunday 10th September**  
Worship will be conducted by

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There will be a service in

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**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday August 31, Com-mando Cup and Summer Cup, CSS 65, Par 64. 1 Mark Wren 71-10=61, 2 Dougie MacFarlane 62-0=62, 3 Stuart Campbell 68-5=63 BIH, 4 Jon Smith 76-13=63. Scratch, Dougie MacFarlane 62. Twos Dougie MacFarlane @8th, Iain Murchie @8th, Allan Colquoun @17th. Congratulations to the winner Mark Wren, who was presented with the Com-mando Cup.

Ladies' section: Wednesday August 30, Medal 7, CSS 66, PAR 65, 14 played. 1 Alison Heron 90-22=68, 2 Rachel Wren 91-21=70. Scratch, Sheena Murchie 87.

Fixtures: Saturday September 9, AGA Arran Grouse final, 1pm at Lamlash.

Sunday September 10, Gents' Captain's prize day, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Thursday September 14, Summer Cup, make up own games, see starter for times. Saturday

September 16, AGA Seniors Cup at Brodick, 1pm. Sunday

September 17, Scratch Cup Final.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday August 30, Summer Cup. 32 played, CSS 66. 1 Iain MacDonald 68-5-63, 2 Iain Pittman 78-13-65 ACB, 3 Don Rudge 86-21-65 ACB. Scratch Iain MacDonald 68.

McLelland Medal final, Bob McCrae beat Michael Holmes to win this prestigious trophy for the sixth time, leaving him one short of the seven won by Willie Innes.

Fixtures: Sunday September 10, Brandon qualifier. Wednesday September 13, Flag competition followed by annual prizegiving.

**DEATH**

**HOYLAND** - Marettie died peacefully at Milford on Sea on Tuesday 29th August aged 93. Beloved wife of Michael Hoyland, she was mother of Denys, Jane, Graham and Vhairi, grandmother of Kate, Sally, Harry and Beth and great-grandmother of Bella.

Marettie came from the Isle of Arran and lived for many years at South Luffenham and Stamford. She was a teacher, a party-giver and a hilarious story-teller as her many friends will remember.

We are saying goodbye to Mum at a family committal at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday 13th September at 12:15. Flowers would be welcomed there at North Cemetery, Strouden Avenue, Bournemouth, BH8 9HX



Ann May, the ALGU Island Champion with runner-up Susan Butchard.

Ladies' Section: Tuesday August 29, Thistle Brooch, eight played, CSS 67. 1 Ann J May 74-06=68, 2 Fiona Henderson 85-15=70, 3 Isobel MacDonald 89-18=71.

Fixture: Tuesday September 19, outing to Corrie, see board.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Wednesday August 30, Summer Trophy round 15, 23 played. Course conditions were excellent but the evening players had a plague of midges to contend with. CSS stayed at 63 and Stan Rainey bettered that by one to win from a following pack on 63.

1 Stan Rainey 11, 62, 2 Gus Macleod 12, 63 ACB, 3 John Pennycott 13, 63 ACB, 4 Peter Towndrow 12, 63.

Danny Head had the lowest scratch score of 67. Danny was initially reported as taking second place on 63 but a check of the handicap records showed that a recent away score at Lamlash, resulting in a one stroke reduction of handicap, had not come through the system. Magic twos Nicol Auld @14th and Frazer Barr @17th.

Fixtures: Saturday September 9, AGA Arran Grouse Finals at Lamlash Golf Club at 1pm. Sunday September 10, Medal. Wednesday September 13, Summer Trophy final round.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday August 29, August Sweep, CSS 63. 1 R Woods 83-17=66, 2 H Bannatyne 76-7=69, 3 F Scott 101-28=73, adjusted. Winner of the Lawson-Cameron handicap knockout is Phil Betley, beating Brian Sherwood on the 18th.

Fixture: Tuesday September 12, September Medal at 12.30pm.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Fixtures: Saturday September 8, AGA Arran Grouse at Lamlash GC at 1pm.

Wednesday September 12, Wednesday Cup final, Win-

ner takes all, shotgun start at 4.30pm.

**Arran Ladies Golf Union**

Saturday September 2, Island Championship. The final of the Island Championship was played in Shiskine between Ann May and Susan Butchard, both members of Brodick, and the best two lady golfers on the island. The weather was dry and sunny with a testing wind. Susan took an early lead winning the first two holes but as they settled into their game they won alternate holes until Ann won 9 and 10 to square the match. Then they won alternate holes again until the match was all square on the 18th tee. Susan narrowly missed her putt for a three but Ann sunk hers to win the match one up.

Congratulations to Ann, a new name on the trophy which

Susan has won three times before. It was a delight for all the spectators to watch such good golf played in such good spirit.

Fixture: Saturday September 16, Cir Mhor at 12.30pm at Whiting Bay.

**Arran Golfers' Association**

As you all know due to the terrible weather we had last Sunday the Autumn Handicap match was cancelled, writes AGA secretary Willie McNally.

Corrie held a meeting on Monday night and have agreed to hold it on Sunday September 10. The starter's sheet timings remain the same, and late entries will be accepted, but will have to slot in where there is a space.

It is £5 entry and £2 sweep. If you want to play get in touch with Corrie Golf Club to book a time.



Machrie vice-captain Campbell Laing presents Phil Betley with the Lawson-Cameron Matchplay Cup with runner up Brian Sherwood.

**Bridge results**

Results of the Arran Bridge Club competition played at Lamlash on Monday September 4 are as follows; N/S: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 3 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone. E/W: 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson.

**DIAMOND WEDDING**



Happy Diamond Wedding Anniversary  
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# Seven up as new hockey season gets off to a flyer

**Arran Ladies** 7  
**Ayr Ladies 2nds** 0

Arran Ladies enjoyed a comfortable victory against Ayr Ladies 2nds in their first game of the new season after having been promoted to division three of the West District Hockey League at the end of last season.

Despite the heat and the collective nerves they managed to secure a 3-0 lead by the end of the first half with Lorraine Hewie putting the first ball passed the opposition's goalie after just eight minutes of play.

Arran's defence, consisting of Ellie Wood, Elyse Aitken, Freya McNicol, Kirsty Barton, Cat Galbraith and goalkeeper Ali McKie, worked tirelessly to keep the opposition out of the scoring D and preventing any shots on goal.

The Arran midfielders Jenny Stark, Abbie McKelvie, Susie Murchie and Hannah McCartney remained strong throughout, feeding the ball through the opposition's defence to the forward line enabling a hat-trick from captain Anne Watts.

Two further goals came from Susie and a second

from Lorraine before the match ended. Mia and Helen kept up the attack, firing balls into the opposition's D.

The combined efforts of every team member took the final score line to 7-0.

Ayr Ladies nominated Lorraine Hewie as their dame of the game. Captain Anne Watts said: 'I'm very proud of the girls today, what a way to start the new season. Coach was speechless, now that's a rare thing.'

Arran Ladies had further cause for celebration when their very own trainee umpire Pauline Reid successfully passed her C badge umpire exam.

Captain Anne Watts added: 'On behalf of all of the team we would like to say a huge congratulations to Pauline. Thanks also to Billy Dunlop for his continued support of the club and Grace Mulholland for travelling to the island to assess Pauline.'

'Thank you to everyone who came along to support the team on Saturday and to the staff at the Ormidale Hotel for making our post-match teas the best in the division.'

The team will play their first away match today (Saturday) against MC Clydesdale Western at Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow with a 2.30pm pass back time. All support is most welcome



Threading her way through the opposition, Lorraine Hewie earned herself the dame-of-the-game title for her efforts. 01\_B36hockey03



Lorraine Hewie emerges from the D after stunning the opposition with a great goal shortly after pass back. 01\_B36hockey02



The Arran Ladies hockey team pose for a pre-season photograph. 01\_B36hockey01



Captain Anne Watts strikes the ball in mid air. 01\_B36hockey04

## First trophy win for Brodick bowlers

Despite the seemingly endless August rain almost all rink games were able to be played at Brodick Bowling Club.

Saturday August 26 saw the postponed George Watson Trophy played in lovely warm, sunny weather for a change, and after a close competition the winning pair were Kenny Mabon and David McDonald. The club congratulates both of them for winning their first trophy at Brodick.

The results for the month were: August 3, David McDonald and Sandra McArthur +6, August 5, Sid Allen and David McDonald +24, August 7, Ann

Hollingworth, Alan Bleakley and Sandra McArthur +14, August 9, Charlie Weir, John McConnachie and Andy McCrindle +15, August 12, Colin Haggerty and John Lauder +20, August 14, Charlie Weir and Charles Hendry +16, August 19, Charlie Weir, Andy McCrindle and Charles Hendry +6, August 22, John Lauder, David McDonald and Andy McCrindle +9, August 23, Charlie Weir, Teddy Kerr and Alan Bleakley +5, August 28, David McDonald, Jim Nichols and Teddy Kerr +25, August 30, Colin Haggerty, John McConnachie and Andy McCrindle +23.

# Massive crowd witness Brodick win

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second of the game on the stroke of half-time with a header that Adamson ended up nestling in the net after an uncharacteristic mistake from the goalkeeper.

The second half kicked off and Southend couldn't hold their lead for long as McNicol swung in a menacing corner and Babbies MacNeil got his head onto the ball powering it beyond Stevie Judge in the Southend goal to make it 3-3.

### Sliding

Archie then bagged his second of the game as he picked the ball up on half-way and rounded Southend centre back Gavin Gilbert before sliding the ball into the far corner giving Judge no chance.

Brodick were then awarded a penalty with 20 minutes to go despite the protests from the Southend defenders. Referee Stevie Crawford deemed that Toby had been pulled back in the area and so, pointed to the spot where Archie made no mistake in completing his hat-trick.

Southend went for broke going with three at the back and were rewarded when Donald Park smashed in a half-volley to give Southend a fighting chance.

Gavin Gilbert had a free kick from 30 yards with a couple of minutes on the clock. The set piece shot beat Gregor but hit the bar denying Southend a late equaliser.

Stevie blew the full time whistle and Brodick were

crowned Arran Dairies league champions for the fourth year in a row. Archie was given man of the match for his best performance of the season and getting a hat-trick to win his team the league. Sponsor Alistair Dobson was on hand to present the shield to his son, Brodick captain Matthew.

### Thank

The association would like to thank Stevie for refereeing, Ian 'Loco' McDonald and Sam Tattersfield for being refereeing assistants.

They would also like to thank both teams for an exciting game played in sporting spirits and all the supporters and spectators who came to watch and make the day a great finale to the league.



Brodick captain Matthew Dobson receives the Arran Dairies shield from dad Alastair. 01\_B36footy02



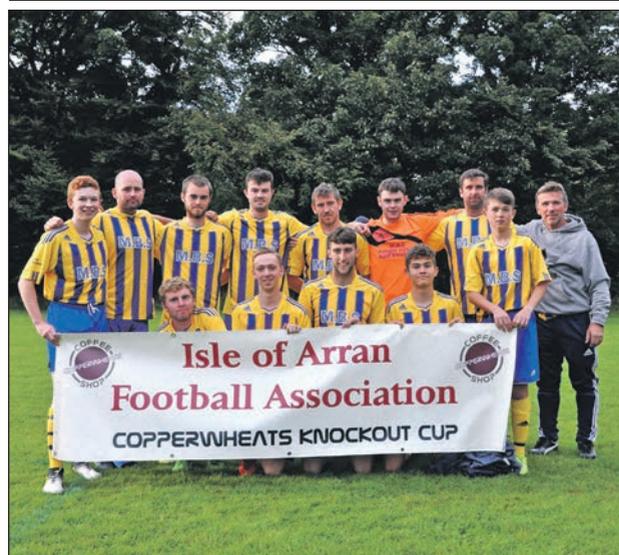
Goalkeeper Gregor gets through a crowd of players to punch the ball clear. 01\_B36footy07



Archie McNicol in a strong tussle with Danny Head. 01\_B36footy03



Brodick goalkeeper Gregor Adamson is beaten by a fierce Southend strike. 01\_B36footy05



Southend with the new Copperwheats knockout cup banner. 01\_B36cup01

## Copperwheats cup finalists decided

Lamlash and Brodick will contest this year's Copperwheats knockout cup final in a repeat of the final from last year.

Lamlash beat Southend 3-1 on Monday night with goals coming from Johnny Sloss, who got two, and Sam Tattersfield. Gregor Crichton scored Southend's only goal of the game.

In the other semi-final Brodick thumped Northend 13-0. Babbies MacNeil scored an impressive double hat-trick. Toby Wingham also got four while Archie, 'Pele' and Ross Dobson got the others.

After discussions with both teams they have agreed that the final will be played at the Ormidale Park today (Saturday) with a 3pm kick off. Let's hope there is a large number of spectators again cheering on both teams.



Lamlash are in the final of the Copperwheats knockout cup. 01\_B36cup02

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# Champions! Brodick make it four in a row

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Brodick made it four league titles in a row after a thrilling play-off match against Southend last Saturday. In the biggest match in the league, the two sides battled it out to see who would be crowned 2017 Arran Dairies league champions, after finishing the season level on points.

The game drew in a mas-

sive crowd to Ormidale Park with both sets of supporters in fine voice. The game had an old firm rivalry feel about it but with good natured banter from both sides.

Instead there seemed to be a lot of food critics in the Southend support as they tried to wind up those Brodick players who work in the food industry with banter about their products.

The game kicked off and



**Brodick are crowned four-in-a-row league champions.** 01\_B36footy01

straight from the off Brodick looked up for it and were rewarded after 10 minutes when Archie McNicol found the back of the net. Soon after Toby Wingham doubled the lead and Southend looked all over the place with the boys in blue dominating the first 20 minutes. At 2-0 McNicol also struck the woodwork and there were more chances for Brodick to put the game to bed early on.

Southend were then given

a reprieve when there was a mix up in the Brodick defence and Lewis Kennedy was left to tap in an open goal.

This gave Southend a new lease of life and it was not long until they had got the equaliser when Jack Simmons lobbed a shot over Gregor Adamson into the right hand corner of the net. The teams looked set to go into half-time all square until Kennedy grabbed his

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**Ryan Armstrong gets away from Matthew Dobson.** 01\_B36footy04



**Archie McNicol bears down on the Southend goal on his way to scoring the winning goal.** 01\_B36footy06



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