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SOS plea to keep abandoned boats

CMAL cites safety reasons as need for their removal

There has been a public outcry over the decision to remove three abandoned boats from Brodick harbour.

As reported in last week's Banner, harbour operator Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) plans to remove the boats from the mouth of the Strathwhillan Burn unless the owners come forward to claim them.

But the decision to take them away, after many

REPORT
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years, sparked a lively debate on the Arran Banner Facebook page last weekend with most calling for the vessels to be saved.

Among the comments posted by readers were: 'These boats have been there for years or since I can remember, I think it would be a shame to get rid of them, can people leave

nothing alone. I come to Arran every year with family and never once has anybody said they were an eyesore.'

'I kind of like them. They're old and have character. I often see tourists taking pictures of them.'

'Oh, that's a shame. I like the boats, they're part of the history of the place and a lot more appealing (to my eyes at least) than the huge new ferry terminal building!'

'My son loves to go and see the old boats at the harbour every time we visit. Think you will lose a bit of the island's character.'

'Why don't they make them part of the harbour with flowers in them it would look inviting and they can be saved, as long as I have known them they have never looked out of place. The big one would look good painted and a story about what they used to be used for would be good history for the village and the island.'

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The public widely back the old boats being left in the harbour. 01_A37boats01



Triple trouble for teachers ...

Teachers at Brodick primary face a headache telling triplets Harry, Finn and Reece Popplewell apart. The three are part of a record number of primary ones starting school this year. For a full report and pictures of all of the new starts, see our centre spread on pages 12 and 13. 01_B38school08



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COAST to give new lease of life to former tennis courts pavilion

The first steps have been taken which should see the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) move its operations to the former tennis pavilion in Lamlash.

Planning permission is being sought to turn the pavilion into offices and a multi-use space as the first phase of a proposed marine discovery centre.

The environmental organisation is also busy raising finance to carry out the renovation work which will see internal alterations to the existing toilets and the creation of a glazed extension to the front to form a reception and exhibition and meeting area.

Hire of the tennis courts, together with racquets and balls, and the use of the putting green will continue to be available from the pavilion after the change of use.

Andrew Binnie, COAST's executive director, told the *Banner* that plans to purchase and reinvigorate the

Lamlash tennis courts area were progressing well and that they were currently busy writing funding applications to renovate the pavilion.

Mr Binnie said: 'This is an essential first step as it will provide an HQ and multi-use office space for COAST and the South Arran Marine Protected Area.

'We plan to continue to hire out courts and provide racquets and putters but hope to do this throughout the entire summer season. We will also be seeking funding to upgrade two of the court areas.'

In a statement in support of the planning application, which is being considered by North Ayrshire Council planning officials, COAST explains: 'The existing building was created as a tennis pavilion back at the start of the 20th century to provide meeting, changing and toilet facilities for members and visitors play-



The former tennis pavilion which will be the new COAST headquarters. 01_A38coast02

ing tennis or putting. The facility is currently owned by the Lamlash Tennis and Bowling Club which is struggling to maintain both the building and the playing surface of the four tennis courts.

'Tennis membership has declined over the years, and the courts are lightly used outwith the eight weeks of the summer season. The club has agreed to sell the facility to COAST which intends to repurpose

the building as offices and multi-use space.'

Prior to submitting the application, COAST held a public meeting in Lamlash to make the public aware of its proposals. The meeting was attended by more than 80 people who voted unanimously in favour of the proposals.

COAST is currently housed in cramped, rented accommodation in Lamlash with poor access to its two main projects – the No Take

Zone (NTZ) and the South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA).

It says the proposed alterations and extension will revitalise the building and enable COAST to become a more economically secure social enterprise and create a valuable community asset.

Mr Binnie added: 'We will also be seeking funding to upgrade two of the court areas.

'We hope to move into the pavilion next year and then to start the architectural design process for the proposed marine discovery centre. This will require a separate planning application and the involvement of the whole community as well as North Ayrshire Council and other stakeholders. Later this autumn we will be holding a public meeting to update the community on developments and seek their views.'

Editorial opinion: page 8.

Plea to keep abandoned boats

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But not everyone agreed, with one reader commenting: 'Can't go changing anything can we ... even when it's three filthy floating skips.'

CMAL says all three boats have fallen into state of disrepair and appear in danger of breaking up. As such, they are now considered wrecks and pose a risk to vessels navigating within the inner harbour.

A second public notice has been posted in the *Banner* today appealing for the owners of the remaining abandoned boats to come forward. A spokeswoman said: 'The owners have until September 23 to come forward and claim their boat. After that date any of the abandoned boats that remain unclaimed will need to be removed for harbour safety reasons.'

David Warwick



In last week's report on the takeover of Arran Haulage Services Ltd, we referred to the founding partners as being Donald Bannatyne and Derek Warwick. This, of course, should have been David Warwick and we apologise for any inconvenience caused to the family.

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Mum will walk to raise awareness of her son's rare condition

'We want to help raise funds for a charity that means a lot to us'

A Kilmory mum whose child is affected by a rare form of dwarfism called achondroplasia is to undertake a charity walk around Arran to raise awareness of the condition.

Affecting one child in every 15,000 to 40,000, the condition is so rare that Louise Milroy's one-year-old son Lauchlan is believed to be the only child on the island with the condition.

Funds raised from the charity walk, which takes place on Monday September 26, will go to the Re-

stricted Growth Association (RGA) which provides information and support for the estimated 6,000 people in the UK who have a restricted growth condition.

Mum Louise said: 'We didn't know about Lauchlan's condition until he was born and both myself and my husband Bryan are average height so we want to help raise awareness and raise funds for a charity that means a lot to us.'

People affected by achondroplasia grow to an average of four feet. They can also encounter a range of

medical issues as a result of their condition, including spinal stenosis, gait and mobility issues, and joint pain. RGA promotes self-belief and personal growth, empowering people to embrace the opportunities available to them, while giving them the confidence to ask for support when they need it.

If you wish to contribute to Louise and Bryan's fundraising effort, donations can be made on their JustGiving page at: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louise-milroy.



Louise and Lauchlan Milroy, who will be raising funds for RGA with her charity walk.

Walkers rescued from burn crossing

A group of walkers on a Duke of Edinburgh course had to be rescued after they became trapped at one of the burn crossings in Glen Easan Biorach near Lochranza last Friday September 9.

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team was called out after the group of three adults and six teenagers had become stuck at one of the burn crossings due to the rapidly rising water levels. The team assisted the group across the burn safely by creating a human chain and using a rope for security and, although cold and wet, all were thankfully unharmed.

The team advises walkers to be aware that burn crossings can become impassable extremely quickly.



Lauchlan Milroy recently celebrated his first birthday.

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Get behind anvil Davy and help him win fundraiser of the year

The man who dragged an anvil up Goatfell for charity has been nominated as a finalist in the JustGiving Awards 2016.

Davy Ballantyne from Kilmory raised a tremendous £15,469 for charity, breaking his £3,000 by an incredible 515 per cent.

It took Davy, assisted every step of the way by Fraser Aitchison, 26 days to haul to 120kg (18 and a half stone) anvil up the 2,866ft mountain.

His feat attracted worldwide attention and he received donations from all over for his charity the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) which

he chose after his daughter Roisin was diagnosed with type 1 of the condition last year.

Just Giving, the world's leading online fundraising platform, received a record number of more than 14,000 entries for their national awards this year. Davy, 55, is one of three finalists to be nominated for endurance fundraiser of the year.

He faces opposition from paraplympian and double amputee Aaron Phipps who became the first disabled British man to climb Kili-manjaro without any assistance. As he got higher up the mountain, his off-road wheelchair could no longer



Flashback ... Davy hauls the anvil up Goatfell assisted by Fraser Aitchison.

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deal with the rough terrain, but Aaron never gave up. He climbed the last few kilometres on his hands and knees.

And Natalia Spencer whose five-year-old daughter Elizabeth died very suddenly last Christmas. Just two months later, Natalia set off to walk the entire British coastline. Half way through her challenge, she

had already raised £60,000 for Bristol Children's Hospital. Natalia is walking 20 miles a day, six days a week to prevent other families from having to experience her pain.

Now the people of Arran have the chance to help Davy to win. Online voting on the JustGiving website is open and the public have until midnight on Wednes-

day October 12 to votes. Votes that are not submitted through the official voting form will not be counted.

The awards will be announced during a celebration on the evening of November 22 in London to which all shortlisted nominees will be invited to attend.

Davy's wife, Annelies Slatts, said: 'Davy is delighted to have reach the final. Each vote will give JDRF more exposure, and that's what it's all about.'

To vote simply go to www.justgiving.com/awards/2016/voting.

New offices and storage in Lamlash

A new office block and storage units are to be built in Lamlash.

The building is to be erected on the vacant ground south of the Old Hay Barn in Park Terrace. The development, proposed by Gavin Fulton, has been given planning permission by North Ayrshire Council.

Mr Fulton presently rents out storage old the Old Hay Barn and in a planning statement said: 'There is considerable demand for this type of facility to store furniture on a short-term basis. There is also a demand for small-scale office space on Arran. The erection of the proposed building would serve to provide both facilities.'

The building will be approximately 15 metres long, eight metres wide and a dual pitched roof approximately five metres high. It will be finished in profiled metal cladding.

One condition of the approval is that, prior to the coming into use of the building, the first two metres of the access should be hard surfaced in order to prevent loose material from being deposited onto the public road.

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Maasai warriors brave the ferry to perform on Arran

Arran youngsters were treated to an exotic and colourful display of song and dance on Monday when a group of seven Maasai warriors performed at the community theatre in Lamlash.

After having performed at Lamlash primary school to a mesmerised young audience the group then performed at the high school where they sang a traditional Maasai prayer as well as

traditional songs that have been passed down through the generations of Maasai villagers.

The group, who only one week ago were herding goats on the African plains of southern Kenya, were visiting Arran as part of their two month tour of the UK performing in support of the Osiligi charity which they have been doing since 2003. Raising funds for community projects in their homeland, the Osiligi Maasai warriors have helped their communities with the fundraising which has gone towards building a school, medical centre and an orphanage as well as providing hundreds of water pumps across Kenya. The name Osiligi means 'hope', which is what the travelling tribesmen represent to the impoverished and desperately poor people of Oleopolis where many of the group come from.



The Osiligi Maasai warriors perform a traditional prayer. 01_B38maasai01



Sayianka narrates a tribal song as the remainder of the group perform the tribal dance. 01_B38maasai03



Spears and shields at the ready, the Maasai demonstrate their hunting technique. 01_B38maasai02

resent to the impoverished and desperately poor people of Oleopolis where many of the group come from.

Head teacher Barry Smith thanked the group for their visit which, he said, added to the large number of visitors and guests who have exposed the students to such a wide variety of cultures, people and values held by others which all contributes to a better understanding and appreciation of various people and their cultures.

The visit by the warriors was a 'once in a lifetime' experience for many of the students as well as the warriors, who had never experienced a ferry crossing before.

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Church auction

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church are holding an 'auction of promises' tonight (Saturday) at 7pm in Whiting Bay Golf Club. A magic show, a cake and a knitted jumper are just some of the 'lots' that have already been promised.

Organiser Sharon MacLeod said: 'Please come along and enjoy an entertaining evening with us.'

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The next draw is at the meeting on Thursday October 13 to be held Lamlash Fire Station at 7pm.

Residents are very welcome to attend. Just go along or you can contact Stuart Turner on 600056.

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Travel smart is the message for Arran's school pupils

Pupils across Arran have been getting some travel advice from special visitors as they returned to school after the summer holidays.

Rav, Mel and Start – who together make Travel Smart – have been touring the country to promote active, smarter and sustainable ways to travel to and from school.

The colourful characters are the friendly face of a serious campaign which encourages children to walk, scooter or cycle to school rather than get a lift from parents.

The trio have proved popular with pupils as they promote active and sustainable travel during their tour of North Ayrshire schools.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie said: 'This initiative gets a serious message across to children in an enjoyable and informative way.'

'We are encouraging all parents and carers in North

Ayrshire to try out different ways to travel to school, whether that's walking or cycling or in some other way.

'It isn't just great for the environment, it's great for the children and for their parents.'

'We understand that families have busy lives, but we are hoping that the parents will try to participate with their kids, as it is a fabulous way to discover their local environment, while getting healthier and saving money. It can also boost a child's road safety skills and independence and helps to reduce the impact of vehicle emissions on the environment.'

The development of the Travel Smart character was funded by North Ayrshire Council and Transport Scotland's Smarter Choices Smarter Places.

As Travel Smart ambassadors for North Ayrshire – Rav (the boy), Mel (the girl)

and Start (the bird) – show pupils how they use their travel visors to decide on how they are going to travel on every journey. Every time they are about to travel, the visor spins round to show them their preferred mode of travel.

Over the next year, Rav, Mel and Start will be promoting active and sustainable travel to school, work and on everyday journeys throughout North Ayrshire.

Lamlash pupils meet Rav, Mel and Start who are part of a campaign to encourage walking and cycling to school.



Arran Avoids Accidents project comes to an end

Primary-seven pupils from every school on the island and second-year pupils at Arran High School recently attended the final Arran Avoids Accidents experiential learning event which was held at the Lamlash Community Fire Station.

The event, which has been running on the island for the past 17 years, has sadly decided that it is to cease after work commitments from many of the agencies involved made it increasingly difficult to ensure its survival.

The multi-agency event gave the school children some hands-on experience and provided an insight into what it is like to be a member of an emergency service and

to gain knowledge of what to do and what not to do in the case of an emergency.

Each year local services and volunteers gave up their time to help at the event, which often saw up to 11 services taking part. These were the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Police Scotland, Heartstart, First Responders, North Ayrshire Road Safety, Coastguard, RNLI, National Trust Ranger Service, Brodick Country Park, Arran Mountain Rescue Team, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Liz Brady, of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, said: 'We would like to thank all the pupils who

have attended the event over the past 17 years and hope that they gained invaluable knowledge from groups of highly professional and experienced people and also to the services and volunteers who gave up their time. Many of them were at the event for the whole 17 years it was run. The event was a great success and without their support it could not have been run so professionally each year.'

Money that was gained through fundraising for the event has been donated to the Arran defibrillator project and the gazebo has been donated to Geoff Norris on behalf of the Coastal Rowing Club.

Help save Scotland's forests

Forestry Commission Scotland is urging all forest workers and visitors to 'keep it clean' and help minimise the risk of tree diseases spreading to healthy forests.

One of the ways that diseases can arrive in a healthy forest is to be carried there in mud and forest debris that gets stuck on people's boots or bike tyres, or even on dogs' paws and horses' hooves.

The simple advice asks people to take a few minutes before visiting a woodland to brush off dirt and mud – and to make this a habit before every woodland visit.

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Apricot jam mortar holds Brodick Castle together

It is Brodick Castle as you have probably never seen it before – in edible form.

Architects Robert Potter and Partners took the dedication to their work to a

whole new level when they created a Brodick Castle for Cake Fest Scotland last weekend.

Held as part of the Festival of Architecture, the cake festival in Stirling saw 100 teams of amateur and professional bakers from all across Scotland recreate the country's top 100 buildings in cake form.

Conservation

Robert Potter are conservation accredited architects leading the design team appointed by the National Trust for Scotland for the fire separation improvement works planning at the castle, as reported in the *Banner* last month.

So when the firm were looking for an entry for Cake Fest, the partner in

charge of the Ayr office, Andrew Easton, came up with the castle concept which, he says, was his first – and probably last – Bake Off experience.

The cake itself was baked in three separate 300mm x 300mm x 150mm sections, each of which took five and a half hours in his kitchen oven to reach the required consistency. It is a rich fruitcake covered in marzipan and fondant icing for robustness.

As anticipated, the tower was structurally challenging just like the actual castle itself. The original stone tower suffered a collapse before being rebuilt with much thicker walls, but the apricot jam mortar did a good job binding the cake layers together.



A close up of the Brodick Castle cake.



Brodick Castle in a foreground as crowds inspect the many splendid cakes.

Andrew told the *Banner*: 'I hope you will agree it to be a fair attempt at re-creating the castle in an edible format, albeit the battery, kitchen, north courtyard additions were omitted due to time constraints.'

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Pavilion of dreams

It is good to see progress is being made to find a new home for the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST).

In what will be the first phase of the plan to create a marine discovery centre, COAST proposes to move its headquarters to the former Lamlash tennis courts pavilion.

It is a project it has been keen to take the community along with every step of the way, and it is good it is willing to take over the hiring of tennis racquets and putting equipment once it moves in next year.

Taking over a facility which was underused may just give it a new lease of life, not just to COAST, but to the whole site. Yes, down the line, two of the tennis courts are likely to go to make way for the new discovery centre, but the others will be upgraded so there is no reason why the two facilities cannot have a bright future together.

The tennis court pavilion is an ideal site for the COAST HQ. It overlooks the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone (NTZ), which was the first real building block for the environmental organisation.

As well as offices, the pavilion will provide it with a multi-use space for exhibitions and meeting rooms for the many marine experts, from all over the world, who regularly visit COAST to tap into the extensive knowledge it has of the coastal waters around the island, which are now further conserved by the South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA).

So the new home for COAST will allow it to have a much higher public profile than its cramped, rented accommodation at the back of Lamlash allows at present.

Of course with the plans drawn up and submitted for permission there is another stark reality – cash. COAST is at present busy writing funding applications to as many organisations as it can think of.

We hope that raises the necessary money to allow works to begin and let COAST move premises as soon as possible. But then the real work begins because the next big step after that will be to design the marine discovery centre.

Exciting times indeed.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' (Micah 6:8)

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Letters to the Editor



Saving the day for a photographer

Sir,
Seeing the rugby photo on last week's 20 Years Ago page brought to mind one of my worst nightmares in 28 years of *Banner* photography.

It was a special occasion. The BBC was coming to film an Arran rugby match in Lamlash, with former Scotland international John Beattie providing the commentary.

Throughout the game I stood next to John, exchanging pleasantries and taking photos of the action. In that pre-digital era we used Olympus OM2n SLR cameras, and a 36-exposure spool of Ilford FP4 was quite enough to get a selection of suitable *Banner* photos.

As the match finished, I headed back to the *Banner* office and straight into the dark room. With the camera back opened, horror of horrors, I could feel that the film had tangled and failed to engage on the take-up spool. So after carefully re-loading a new film, I drove straight back to Lamlash. Sure enough, the Arran boys were enjoying a post-match shandy in the afternoon sunshine outside the PHT.



The photo of Bert Ramage, Alastair Dobson, Chris Stanger and John Beattie that saved the day for Howard.

Parking the car, I strolled nonchalantly over the road and asked Bert Ramage if I could have just one more photo with Alastair Dobson, John Beattie and Chris Stanger.

That one photo saved the day and saved my bacon. Today's photographers have it easy!

Yours,
Howard Driver,
Stow-on-the-Wold,
Gloucestershire.

Tea break plea

Sir,
I am writing to ask your readers to pop their kettles on and roll out their best bakes to support people with epilepsy. Epilepsy Action's Tea Break will see hundreds of people coming together on Friday October 21 to raise funds for the 600,000 people living with epilepsy in the UK. There are 53,000 people living with epilepsy in Scotland.

Every cup of tea shared and slice of cake bought at an Epilepsy Action Tea Break will raise vital funds for the charity's life-changing work.

By coming together with a tea break, people can help break down the isolation that people with epilepsy can face. The funds raised could help support Epilepsy Action's nation-

wide network of coffee and chat groups. Offering support and a friendly listening ear, these groups can be real lifeline to people living with epilepsy.

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To request your free pack, visit epilepsy.org.uk/tea-break or call the fundraising events team on 0113 210 8824.

For more information and support about epilepsy, readers can call the Epilepsy Action Helpline on free-phone 0808 800 5050.

Yours,
Carl Foster,
Fundraising events officer,
Epilepsy Action.

Hen party is top of the world



Heather and her hen party at the top of Goatfell.

Many brides chose to have their hen parties on Arran, but how many of them make it to the top of Goatfell complete with veil, badge, sash and sunglasses?

Step forward Heather Simpson from Clarkston in Glasgow who made it to the top with the rest of her hen party. And to prove it we have a picture of Heather at the top with mother of the bride Moira, mother of the groom Liz

and bridesmaid Shirley Seivewright.

Shirley said: 'She spends most summer holidays in Arran but this year was extra special. They get the *Banner* delivered every week so this would be a fabulous surprise.'

Heather is getting married in Greenbank Church and then Lochside House Hotel in Ayrshire today (Friday) to Kris Gibson following the hen weekend at the Auchrannie.

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Women's institute meetings resume for the new session

Arran Federation SWI
Kildonan Women's Institute hosted the first federation meeting of the new session with Anne Pringle, president, in the chair. Each institute was represented and a busy meeting followed. All points raised regarding show, centenary celebrations, federation badges and finance will be reported back to the institutes by their representatives and suggestions/opinions regarding any of these things will be sought prior to the next meeting.

Congratulations were offered to Jerry Arthur, Morag Gardner, Elizabeth Kelso and Ellie Jones who qualified to represent the federation at the golf competition held recently at Fortrose and Rosemarkie.

The Ayrshire federation emerged the winners this year but Arran were very ably represented. On a local level, congratulations were given to Morag Gardner who won the 12-hole SWI competition at Corrie.

Those present were delighted when Nancy Bremner of the Kildonan institute agreed to shadow Mari this coming session and take over the post of federation secretary in session 2017/18.

After Nancy's very successful convening of this year's show the institutes

know they are in very capable hands. Members regard Nancy as a very skilled knitter but the delicious baking she provided for the afternoon tea showed that is only one of her many talents.

Finally the next full meeting of the federation will be held at Shiskine Church Hall at 2pm on Thursday December 1, with a mini meeting for show representatives only to be held in Corrie Hall at 2pm on Thursday October 6.

Janet Mair

Lamlash SWI

You know the summer is over when the SWI restarts its monthly meetings. The Lamlash institute members have already held their first one.

The president warmly welcomed former and new members. Sadly, as a sign that it is still holiday season many apologies were received from those unable to attend that night.

As it was the first business meeting for some time there was a lot to discuss plus the show report and information from two federation meetings to consider. SWI diaries and the latest magazine were distributed.

On reading the magazine at home that night it was spotted that the centenary exhibition in Stirling in May

that we anticipated attending would not go ahead as planned due to the local authority having to cancel the booking in favour of use as a local election counting centre.

The show cups now suitably engraved were presented and then Jean's game followed. It caused much hilarity and guess work often wildly wrong apart from the identity of the person who didn't bake but liked gin! Supper was a vast array of magnificent puddings which the members all did full justice to.

By the October meeting please have given some thought to classes/themes for next year's show and some ideas for an alternative to the Stirling trip. It is hoped to have a full turnout of institute members then. New members always welcome.

Janet Mair

Kilmory SWI

Kilmory SWI is holding an open night at Kilmory village hall on Monday September 26 at 7.30pm. This will be a demonstration and training night in the use of defibrillator machines and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. This is a vital skill that could save a life. Kilmory hall has a public access defibrillator and everyone should have the confidence to use it.

Jamie Greene backs Arran whisky for rural award

Jamie Greene MSP, the Conservative member for the West of Scotland, has nominated the Isle of Arran Distillery for the prestigious Scottish Rural Awards 2017.

At a reception in the Scottish Parliament last week, nominations for the awards officially were opened. A mini 'ballot booth' was set up for MSPs and guests to submit some early submissions. There are 10 categories including artisan drinks, which will face fierce competition from Scotland's boom in craft gins.

Mr Greene officially registered his vote for the Arran Distillery for this category citing that 'it was a great example of a small, industrious, ambitious island community business which had seen excellent growth and had ambitious plans for expansion and export'.

He added: 'I visited the distillery before my election and was taken aback by



Jamie Green is pictured at Lochranza with a bottle of Arran whisky which he has nominated for an award.

not only the quality of the product itself – I am yet to try its latest vintage and am looking forward to doing so – but also the whole visitor experience. It is a wonderful, well-structured programme.

'I am really pleased to learn about their expansion plans and proud to support this fine local business in these prestigious awards which recognise the importance of the rural economy and small business in Scotland.'

Nominations close on Friday October 14 and the local MSP has urged all residents of the west of Scotland to get behind the campaign to recognise Arran Whisky as a potential category winner by getting online and voting. Nom-

inations are still open for a range of other categories, including business diversification, rural tourism and hospitality, agriculture, food, and the environment.

The Scottish Rural Awards, partnered by the *Arran Banner's* sister publication, *Scottish Field* magazine and the Scottish Countryside Alliance, are the ultimate benchmark of excellence in rural Scotland. They celebrate the true industry, innovation, dedication and community spirit of those who live and work in our wonderful countryside.

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It is time to expect the unexpected as migration season starts

August this year was warmer and drier than the corresponding time in 2015. This August was similar in terms of rainfall and temperature to July. Towards the end of the month, with lower temperatures some nights, there was more than a hint of the approach of autumn.

Having said that, summer visitors were still to the fore, including family groups of the following: sedge warbler in Corriecravie on 1st, whitethroat in Auchenhew on 2nd, willow warbler in High Whitefarland also on 2nd, sand martin in Monyquill on 4th, spotted flycatcher in North Sannox on 5th, tree pipit in Slidery on 18th and common sandpiper in Sliderywaterfoot on 20th. In addition, there were 90 swallow at Corriecravie on 1st and 60 at Kilpatrick Farm on 23rd. The largest group of house martin was 30 at Slidery on 20th. A white leucistic house martin caused a bit of a stir in Whiting Bay/Kingscross between the 1st and the 5th. The last record of swift was a single bird over Auchencairn on 5th. Swift do not breed on Arran. Please try to give me your last record for swallow and house martin this year. Last year there were October records for both species. Other signs of successful breeding this month included: 24 black guillemot off Whitefarland on 1st, young great spotted woodpecker in Glenloig on 13th,

mute swan with five young at Clauchlands on 14th, five buzzard over High Cloined on 16th, juvenile water rail and juvenile moorhen in Corriecravie on 17th, a second brood of blackbird in Lamdash on 26th, eight grey heron in Lochranza, also on 26th, and a collared dove with an occupied nest in a TV satellite dish in Blackwaterfoot on 28th.



Coot is only the third recorded since 1989.

Photo Jim Cassels

In August, breeding is coming to an end, and after breeding a number of species begin to flock together, some in preparation for migration. These included: 25 pied wagtail at Port Buidhe on 5th, 20 mistle thrush in Corriegills on 8th, 500 manx shearwater in Brodick Bay on 11th, 70 goldfinch and 70 curlew at Clauchlands on 13th, 48 meadow pipit in Slidery on 20th, 42 red-breasted merganser in Cosyden also on 20th, 400 starling in Slidery on 21st, 100

ringed plover and 14 redshank at Sandbraes on 23rd, 50 linnet at Cleats Shore on 27th and 100 house sparrow in Feorline on 29th.

All around the coast were signs of birds on migration, including eight sanderling at Drumadoon Point on 2nd, five wheatear on Cleats Shore on 5th, four greenshank at Sliderywaterfoot on 14th, a great skua in Brodick Bay on 18th, two whimbrel on Slidery shore also on 18th, 11 white wagtail at Sliderywaterfoot on 20th, a knot and 31 turnstone at Machriewaterfoot on 22nd, four sandwich tern in Machrie Bay 27th and eight dunlin at Machriewaterfoot on 28th.

As reported in the last Bird Notes, on July 31 there was an exceptional sighting of a juvenile red-necked phalarope on a pond on a farm in Slidery. The bird was also present on 1st August but there was no sign of it on 2nd August. The last Arran record was in August 1983. Other birding highlights this month included: a juvenile coot at Port na Lochan from 3rd to 14th (only the third recorded on Arran since 1989), two little grebes at Mossend Pond on 8th, 14 red frouse by Urie Loch on 18th and a group of eight black-throated diver off the King's Cave on 28th.

September sees the start of the peak migration season when many birds are on the move. It is the time to expect the unexpected. I look forward to hearing from you.

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 2014 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.



Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

FOR AUGUST

Swallows in the rain capture this summer. Photo Shona Redmayne



Spotted flycatchers are one of a number of species that had a good breeding season.

Photo Arthur Duncan

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Ms Marie Gray of Corrie primary school with, left to right, Millie Dwyer, Emily Mochan, Kieran Turner and Nadia Filipkowska. 01_B38school02



Seventeen new Brodick primary pupils are joined by teachers Mrs Morag Donaldson and Mrs... 01_B38school01

Back to school numbers for primary one

Arran primary schools have had a record intake of primary one pupils this year.

In a healthy sign, a total of 44 pupils are starting their schooling at the island's seven primary schools.

Foremost among them

is Brodick primary with a huge intake of 17 pupils, including the Poplewell triplets who were delighted to be at 'big school'.

Primary one teacher Mrs Morag Donaldson said: 'Having such a large number of pupils in the same

year is ideal. The pupils are at the same level and this will help them progress through their schooling careers.'

Lamlash follows with a healthy intake of 10 bright and eager children, while Whiting Bay has six and Shiskine has



Mrs Diana Dunn and Mrs Lucy Marriott with Lamlash pupils, front row: Matthew Lindsay-Smith, Jack Hird, Blair Robinson, Joshua Johnson, Maxwell Tannahill, Stella Brunasso Cassinino. Back row: Connor Inglis, Dominik Gren, Jack Smith, Mali Ross. 01_B38school03



Pirnmill primary ones are Poppy Murdoch and Clover Emmett Gilson. 01_B38school07



Donaldson, Mrs Jenny Duncan and assistant Mrs Suzanne Haddows.

ool in record all the new starts

four, as does Corrie who had none the previous year.

Questions

Pirnmill primary, the school where the children were eager to learn about the *Banner* and had lots of questions for the photographer, has

two new primary ones joining in on the question time. At the south end of the island, in Kilmory primary school, Mrs Karen Barbour is delighted with her single new primary one entrant who, despite having no peers this year, was very

happy to learn and play with the older children, including his big sister.

This year's large intake of primary ones was last rivalled three years ago in 2013 when Arran had a then record number of 43 pupils starting first year.



Finlay Bowers and his teacher Mrs Karen Barbour at Kilmory primary.

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Cara Henderson, Kaleb Turner, Liam McCormick and Evie Southwick pose with deputy head teacher Quinton Black at Shiskine primary. 01_B38school06



Whiting Bay pupils Layla Cociuban, Toren Litton, Lucas Pearcey, Victor Gwizdowski, Isla Robertson and Leah MacHale. 01_B38school04

Plenty on offer on Arran this September weekend

Red Door

As the seasons start to change the girls in Red Door are starting to gear up for autumn and winter. They have lots of new stock arriving to suit every taste. A new range of bags and accessories are due in from Earth Squared of Edinburgh soon and they have lots of new Edblad jewellery goodies are on there way from Sweden to keep the Edblad followers hap-

py.

Red Door always has a great selection of scarves to help brighten the duller days, lovely vibrant silks and warmer cosy ones to. A lovely bright range of new baby toys are on their way and it's always fun when the toy orders arrive, as we are all big kids at heart! Oh and they haven't even mentioned the Christmas word yet ...

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The MV Balmoral provides a rare and very special experience. Unlike most museum ships, the view is always changing.

The ship will be undertaking a series of cruises in the Firth of Clyde over the September weekend. On Monday September 26 the MV Balmoral will leave Lochranza at 3.30pm for a cruise around the Cock of Arran and out towards Skipness Castle. To book go to: www.whitefunnel.co.uk

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'It will be so good to see the bell tower restored to its former glory'

The Sannox Christian Centre is to start work on the restoration of the Sannox Church roof and bell tower.

Over the past year, Dundarroch Cottage was fully refurbished to provide accommodation for nine guests in four en suite rooms, as previously reported in the *Banner*. This also included a total refurbishment of the lounge and dining areas and kitchen. They received £30,000 in donations for the materials and the work was done by volunteers and local tradesmen – and many people are now enjoying the comfortable, warm new Dundarroch.

The centre were also given a Celtic Cross by a church in Balfron. It was

made by one of its members and the church paid for the oak and steel foundation. The cross now stands proudly onsite and has attracted many favourable comments.

The next phase of development is the refurbishment of the church roof and bell tower. The centre applied for a grant of £50,000 for the second time but was unsuccessful despite support from the community and North Ayrshire Council's planning department. So it has been decided to do it the same way as Dundarroch – a bit at a time.

The bell tower is in serious need of repair so that is where it will start. The centre has received \$2,000

(£1,700) from a family in Texas whose ancestors came from Arran and a donation of £3,000. This is the start of the roof fund and they plan to start building work soon.

People and finance

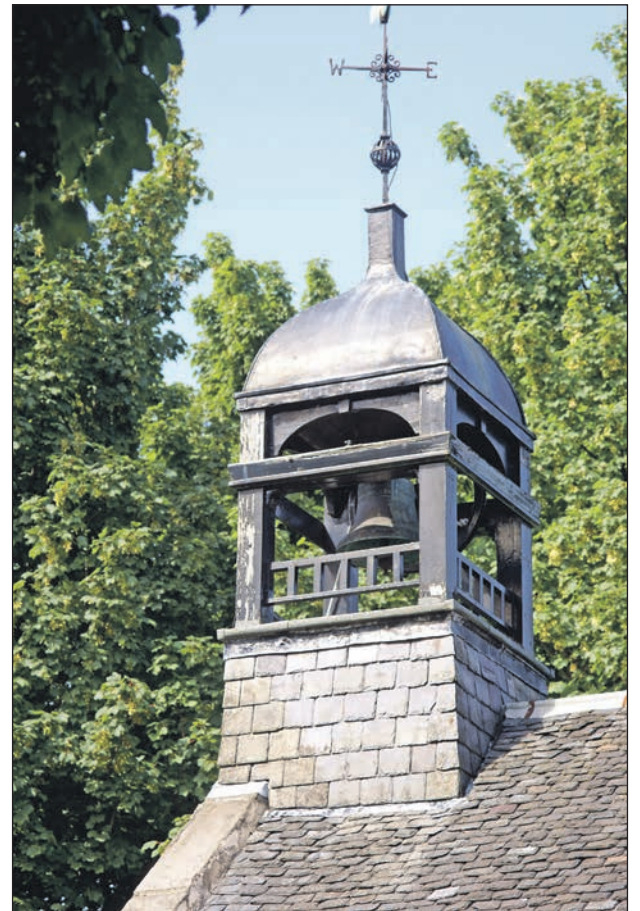
George Hazel of the Sannox Christian Centre said: 'We believe God will provide the resources in terms of people and finance as we progress just as He did for Dundarroch. It will be so good to see the bell tower restored to its former glory.'

'The first thing we need, however, is scaffolding. To comply with health and safety, and to ensure the safety of the workers, we need to encase the bell tower in scaffolding. This is ex-

pensive to hire or buy and so we are looking for someone to lend us scaffolding for about a year to complete the bell tower and roof. If anybody can help with this, it would be much appreciated.'

'Sannox Church has stood the test of time for 200 years and has served the community on Arran. Now it is time to restore it so that it can serve for another 200 years. The support we have received from the community over these four years has been wonderful, thank you. It has been such an encouragement.'

'We look forward to working together to complete this next phase of restoration at Sannox.'



The bell tower will be restored to its former glory.

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Arran visits inspire band to release debut album

Musical duo Graham McCusker and Amy Webber, who have taken part in the Peter Wilson summer school for the past four years, will be releasing their first album later this year.

After meeting at the Royal Northern College of Music and attending the Arran summer school during the McLellan festival, the duo, who until recently per-

formed cover songs, formed a band called KAZE and will be recording their first album during October.

They were spurred on by illness after Graham, who is from Paisley, was diagnosed with leukaemia. He decided while undergoing chemotherapy that the band would write their own material and try to 'make it'.

During the first four

months of treatment he and Amy, from Kent, sat in the hospital room writing lyrics and chords for their new songs. Summer was spent on Arran writing new material and, while there, they wrote a song called *Come away with me* which is all about Arran.

Now three months on from being cancer free, and 17 songs later, KAZE is

fundraising to record and release their first EP which will be released towards the end of the year. The Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kazelikes will be updated with their album's progress.



Musicians Graham McCusker and Amy Webber make up the band KAZE.

What's on

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open
 Arran Brewery
 Arran Brewery tour
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green
 Arran Heritage Museum
 Soap making & Candle Dipping

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
 9am-Dusk
 Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm, Sunday - 12.30pm - 5pm
 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
 Open all day
 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
 Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 17th September

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Arran Vets - Surgery
 Arran Vets - Reception
 Live music
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Blackwaterfoot Bowls
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
 Flow Yoga
 Live Music - The Barrstools
 Auction of promises
 The Big Green Footprint
 Phil Differ comedy night
 AYF fundraiser
 Lamlash Splash
 Junior Sailing Skiff launch

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
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
 Brodick Hall, 10.30am - 3pm
 The Douglas hotel, 9pm
 Strabane House, Brodick, 11am
 Lamlash Pier, from 11am
 Lamlash Pier, 1pm

Sunday 18th September

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
 AA Meeting
 Taiji & Qigong
 Live Music - Still Crazy

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm - 5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm

Monday 19th 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 Kwon-do
 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 20th 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
 Garden Walk
 Metafit

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 Castle, 2pm - 3pm
 Arran High School, 6pm

Wednesday 21st September

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwon-do

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Arran Vets - Surgery
 Arran Vets - Reception
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran
 Yoga-Arran
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Live music
 Unplugged music night
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog classes
 Brodick Bowling Club rink game
 Flow Yoga
 Arran Elderly Forum
 Coffee Morning
 Winter Cup
 Brodick Golf Club, 12noon

Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 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 bowling club, 6.45pm
 Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
 Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 11am
 Brodick church hall, 10.30am - 12noon

Thursday 22nd September

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Arran Vets - Surgery
 Arran Vets - Reception
 Live music
 Ladies Hockey
 RUNFIT
 Burger & Quiz night
 Winter Bowls
 Tennis senior club night
 Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
 Quilt Arran
 Flow Yoga
 Chair Yoga
 10th Ayrshire Shiskine cub Scouts & Beavers
 Castle Treasures Tour
 RUNFIT
 Brodick Embroidery group

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
 9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
 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
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am - 11.30am
 Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Lamlash Green, 6.45am
 Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Friday 23rd September

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 Arran Vets - Surgery
 Arran Vets - Reception
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwon-do
 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
 Brodick Castle, 11am
 Lochranza field centre, 5.30pm - 8pm



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Field of dreams

Work on the new sports field at the Ormidale Park is now well under way. Originally there was a disagreement on whether it should be sited in Lamlash or Brodick. Brodick was eventually chosen as it was nearer the pier and it would be independent from the school.

The project is costing around £850,000 and will include a full-sized football pitch, a smaller artificial pitch with floodlights and a 350-metre running track with four changing rooms. The sports association committee hopes that the facilities will bring new events to the island and is to urge North Ayrshire Council to hold district competitions there. The project is due



Elizabeth Kelso and Wilma Robertson, who this year represented the osland in the annual SWRI golf competition. The competition was held at Minto in Roxburghshire and Elizabeth and Wilma were second overall. B38twe03

to finish in November with plans for a celebrity to open the field.

Arrant arrogance

While people generally take considerable interest in any filming that happens on the island and welcome programme-makers, there has been some muttering over the BBC production team taking over portions of the island for the filming of *The Missing Postman*.

The ferry has been fully booked with a wardrobe truck, a dining bus, a kitchen truck, a road truck, a catering truck and a camera and lighting truck, all 10.5 meters long. On top of this, the Ross Road will be closed next Wednesday with a threat of a £100 fine for anyone driving on it as well as parts of Lamlash being closed to the public. The feeling from many, including Councillor Evelyn Sillars, is that this 'arrant arrogance' is riding roughshod over the island.

Petrol pump push

Moves are going ahead to try to replace the provision of petrol northbound between Blackwaterfoot and Brodick, a distance of some 30 miles. No petrol has been available since the closure of the pump at Pirmill some months ago and a committee of people from Pirmill and Lochranza has been formed which is at present putting together a business plan and is determined to see this through. There is no site earmarked but Synne Campbell, who was one of the first to promote the idea, felt that Lochranza would be an ideal location. The absence of a petrol pump could probably cause people to break the law as 'people do store', said Mrs Campbell.



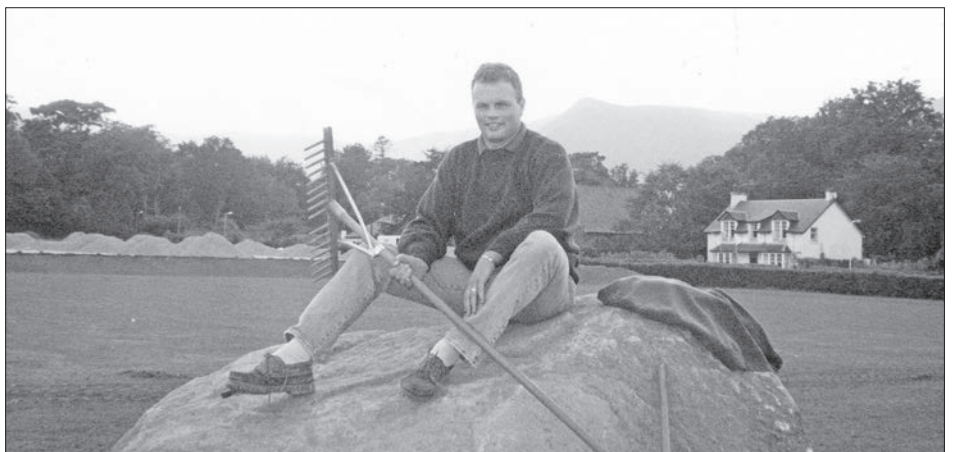
Tom McQuade of the British Heart Foundation presents a £6,000 defibrillator to Doctor Angus Campbell and Geoff Dawson. The lifesaving piece of equipment was bought by the Lamlash Medical Centre with half of the cost being covered by the BHF. B38twe04



A 47-strong party making up the McTaggart Scott Loanhead Band visited Arran for the first time last week. They did two concerts, one in Brodick Hall and a combined one with Arran Brass at Brodick Castle, pictured, on Sunday. B38twe01



David MacClelland, who recently received planning permission for a multi activity visitor centre and craft village at Balmichael farm, has now also introduced quad bike riding at the farmstead. B38twe05



Sports Association chairman Alastair Dobson sits on a rock on the new sports field and surveys the work in progress at the Ormidale Park. B38twe02

Public Notices

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL ARRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Arran Community Council calls for nominations of persons to stand for election to the Community Council.

In terms of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire, candidates for election must be aged over 16 and live within the boundary of the Community Council.

Nomination papers can be obtained from the Chief Executive's Office, Cunninghame House, Irvine during weekdays from 9am to 4.45pm or by contacting Melanie Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader on 01294 324131 or email melanieanderson@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Completed nomination papers must contain the name, occupation and address of the person nominated and the names and addresses of two proposers, each of whom should be a local government elector for the area. Each nomination paper must be signed by the person nominated and the two proposers.

Completed nomination papers **MUST** be delivered to, and received by, the Chief Executive at the above address by 12 noon on **Friday 14 October 2016**.

The Community Council comprises 12 Elected Councillors drawn from the extended villages of Brodick (2), Corrie including Sannox (1), Kilmory including Kildonan (1), Lamlash (2), Lochranza (1), Pirnmill (1), Shiskine including Blackwaterfoot (2) and Whiting Bay (2). Only local electors from the extended villages in question are allowed to stand as nominees and vote at the election.

In the event of the number of nominations exceeding the number of vacancies to be filled, elections will be held in the villages concerned. The date and time will be advertised locally within the villages requiring an election.

Dated: 17 September 2016.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive

THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL C147 BLACKWATERFOOT, ARRAN (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

Order made under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit any vehicle (with the exception of those involved in Drainage/Pipe Laying works) on C147-Blackwaterfoot, Arran, from 8am Sunday 18 September to 6pm Thursday 22 September 2016, or until works are complete, whichever is earlier.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

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NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT MEETINGS TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS ON FUTURE ASN EDUCATION PROVISION

A series of meetings will be held to discuss proposals on the future of ASN education in North Ayrshire. These meetings will be held for parents/carers and those interested in the proposals at the following venues:

Venue	Date	Time
Annick Primary School	22 September 2016	7pm
James McFarlane School	28 September 2016	2pm
James Reid School	28 September 2016	7pm
Staneastle School	29 September 2016	2pm
Haysholm School	29 September 2016	7pm

The meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss the proposal and hear the views of the wider community.

In line with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 (as amended), North Ayrshire Council proposes that:

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- Haysholm School, Irvine;
- James McFarlane School, Ardrossan;
- James Reid School, Saltcoats;
- Staneastle School, Irvine.

Staneastle Early Years class is also proposed for closure. This will result in new, purpose built early years provision at Annick Primary School, which is located immediately behind Staneastle School.

A report outlining the background and benefits of these proposals will be issued to all parents/carers and interested parties. Copies of this document are available from Education and Youth Employment, 5th Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE. The document can also be viewed in all public libraries in North Ayrshire and on the North Ayrshire Council website, www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

All interested parties are invited to make written submissions on the proposal to the Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment), Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE or by email to: educ_consultation@north-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than 12noon on 4 November 2016.

John Butcher
Executive Director, Education & Youth Employment

Elma Murray
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Jamie Greene Regional MSP for West Scotland



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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 18th September
Holy Communion 11am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 21st September
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine
Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 18th September
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 18th September
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Everyone most welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service.
Please stay and enjoy more fellowship and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and other items. Everyone most welcome.

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Sunday 18th September
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Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 18th September
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30 pm
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All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 18th September
Service 11am
at Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 18th September
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

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DEATH

BARKER - Vera Phyllis

On September 7th peacefully at Montrose House, aged 86 years. Loving wife of the late John Raymond, dear Mother of Malcolm and David and Mother-in-law of Julie and Diane. Loved Nana of Nicholas and Olivia, Rachel, Lauren and Kimberley. Funeral service at St. Stephen's Church Acomb York on Monday September 26th at 11am, followed by private burial at Fulford Cemetery. Donations in aid of "The Friends of Montrose House". Our heartfelt thanks to all doctors, district nurses and staff at Montrose House for the care and support shown to Vera.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday September 7, The Bannatyne Cup. A total of 23 played on a day when heavy overnight rain meant the course was playing its full length. On the plus side, though, the greens were receiving well and scoring was good with CSS staying at 63. The top eight players all equalled or bettered par, best of all with an impressive net 58 was Sandy Pringle. 1 Sandy Pringle 13, 58, 2 Nicol Auld 4, 60 and lowest gross, 3 Danny Head 5, 61 ACB, 4 David Brookens 13, 61. Sandy bagged a magic two at second and Nicol got the only other one of the day at the 17th.

Sunday September 11, supplementary medal.

The postponement of the Cooper Angus par 3 competition, prompted by an appalling forecast, allowed us to schedule an additional medal and, wouldn't you know it, the weather was all right. No doubt if we had gone ahead with the par 3, the rain would have poured down and the wind would have howled; you just can't win. Anyway, the 13 who played enjoyed a soft course and a breezy morning which did nothing to deter Frazer Barr who romped home in 59 to take first place. CSS stayed at 63 and, perhaps surpris-



Brodick golfing ladies who took part in the Pink Day medal.

ingly, there were no magic twos. 1 Frazer Barr 10, 59, 2 Corey Allan 7, 61, 3 Danny Head 6, 62, ACB, 4 David Brookens 12, 62.

Fixture: Saturday September 17, AGA seniors handicap, Machrie at 1pm. Sunday September 18, Captain's Prize - one draw at 10am. Ladies welcome to join in. See clubhouse notice board or website for details. Wednesday September 21, medal.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday September 7, Summer Cup, 39 played, CSS 64. Matt Keir 63-4=59, Gordon Hendry 66-5=61, Iain Sillars 77-15=62. Scratch, Matt 63. Sunday September 11, Brandon qualifier, 18 played, CSS 65. Gordon Morris 79-

18=61, Jimmy Armit 73-11=62, Peter McCalla 71-7=64. Scratch, Peter 71. Summer Cup final results, best five rounds. Handicap, Gordon Hendry 307, Matt Keir 308, Terry Raeside 311. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 320, Ross Duncan 328, Matt Keir 330. Jinty, twos, Ewan McKinnon 18, Ross Duncan 15, Matt Keir 15. Annual Eclectic, Winter and Summer Cups, Ewan McKinnon 45, Gordon Hendry 47, Bruce Jenkins 48. Fixture, Sunday September 18, Three-club competition for John Gemmell Trophy. Wednesday September 21, Wednesday Cup first round.

Ladies section: Tuesday September 6, September Pink Day medal, nine played, CSS 69. Div 1: 1 Brenda Livingstone 84-13=71, 2 Isobel MacDonal, 88-16=72. Div 2: 1 Heather Raeside 94-25=69. Fixture: Tuesday September 20, Ladies outing, Shiskine 9.30am.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday August 31, Wednesday medal. Drew Crawford was telling everyone about his great two at the third until he was told it didn't count for the 'pot'! 1 R Logan 68-6=62, 2nd B Lewis 70-8=62, 3 B Innes 81-18=63

Saturday September 3, Saturday sweep. 1 A Macdonald 71-11=60. 2 B Paton 66-5=61. Scratch E McKinnon 60

Wednesday September 7, Wednesday medal and magic twos pot. Usual big Wednesday turnout with some remarkable scoring
Young Ben Innes returned a net 54 and will not be play-

ing off 18 next week. Donald Logan came back in a gross 29 after an indifferent front half to take second. The twos pot was also won by Alistair McDonald. 1 B Innes 72-18=54, 2 D Logan 67-10=57, 3 P McKinnon 80-20=60.
Scratch D Logan.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday September 8, Summer Cup. Poor weather meant that only a few brave souls ventured out, late afternoon. The winner was Scott Campbell 77-13=64, BIH, 2 D Currie 80-16=64. Scratch, D MacFarlane 64. Magic twos, D MacFarlane, second and 16th.



Lynda Howie won the Kay Maxwell Trophy at Shiskine back in August.

21ST BIRTHDAY



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Arran Ladies get season off to a flyer with home victory

Arran Ladies 3

Ardrossan Ladies 2s 1

Arran Ladies hockey team played their first match of the season against Ardrossan Ladies 2s on Saturday, sporting their new pink home strip tops, sponsored by the Ormidale Hotel.

The home side were first to score with a fantastic cross from Helen Thomson across the D, which Juliette Walsh intercepted and smashed past the goalkeeper.

Ardrossan scored an equaliser shortly after and

the score at half-time stayed at 1-1.

Ardrossan came out fighting in the second half but Arran's defensive team proved hard to beat, and goalkeeper, Ali Hollingworth, quashed any further attempts on goal by the visitors. Arran's midfielders, Abbie McKelvie and Elyse Aitken, ran rings around the opposition. Anne Watts drew the goalkeeper and then made a pass to Lorraine Hewie, who had a clear shot on goal, scoring

to take Arran into the lead. Shortly afterwards, Arran were awarded a short corner and the ball was flipped to Catherine McBain at the top of the circle. She hit it from outside the D directly on target and Lorraine Hewie made a diving deflection putting the ball between the goalkeeper's legs and scoring the third and final goal for the Arran team. The game went into five minutes of extra time due to injury stops but when the final whistle blew Arran Ladies came away with a 3-1 victory.

Team captain Cat Galbraith thanked Pauline Reid and Phil Adams for umpiring the match and the Ormidale Hotel for providing the post-match teas.

Man of the match, as voted by the opposing team, was Abbie McKelvie and dame of the game, as voted by her team-mates, was Elyse Aitken.

Arran have another home game against Giffnock La-



Arran Ladies hockey club prepare for the season with their new kit sponsored by the Ormidale Hotel.

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Elyse Aitken charges down the pitch with opposition players in hot pursuit. 01_B38hockey04



Catherine MacBain deflects the ball after an Ardrossan attempt at goal. 01_B38hockey02



Sunday September 11, the Captain's Prize this year was a men's stableford. The winner was Ian Bremner, 33 pts. Runner-up, Allan Winship with 31 pts, BIH, 3 P Jameson, 31 pts. Scratch, I Bremner 75, 26 pts. Magic twos, P Jameson.

Hamilton Bowl winner 2016 Mark Wren. Jack McLean Salver winner, Mark Wren beat Neil Young 3+1.

Ladies section: Wednesday September 7, Fleet 6, CSS 64, 13 played. 1 Anne MacVicar 83-17=66, 2 Kate McAdam 86-19=67, 3 Morag Gardner 87-20=67. Scratch, Anne MacVicar 83.

Fixture: Sunday September 18, Scratch Cup final.

Thursday September 22, Summer Cup, make up own games, see starter for times.

Arran Golfers' Association

Saturday September 10, Arran Grouse at Shiskine Golf Club. Thanks to Dougie Bell for starting and scoring, to Stuart for the condition of the course which was, as ever, lovely, and to Gordon Stewart for doing the prizegiving.

Only 12 teams played due to Whiting Bay not turning up. If any teams can't make it, they should at least phone the host club to let them know otherwise it causes mayhem on the day.

1 Dave Nicholson and Willie McNally 53-9.5=42.5, 2 Donald Logan and Alan Napier 49-5=44, also best

scratch. Congratulations to Dave and Willie.

Fixture: Saturday September 17, Seniors hand-

icap at Machrie Bay Golf Club. Yellow teas and qualifying age 55.



Dave Nicholson and Willie McNally, this year's Grouse Foursomes winners at Shiskine.



Representing Brodick Golf Club, Marc McLelland and Jim Reid beat 35 teams from around Scotland to win the Scottish club handicap grand final qualifier at Irvine.

Ready to make a big splash in Lamlash

More than 40 swimmers will today (Saturday) take part in the 2016 Lamlash Splash, a 1.3-mile non-competitive swim from the Holy Isle to Lamlash pier.

Leaving Holy Isle at 11.30am, the leaders are expected back at the Lamlash pier by noon, with the remainder following closely behind. This year there will be 16 local swimmers taking part, including Dean and Rhona Dunbar who have been seen braving the recent choppy waters and windy conditions while practising for the event.

The Splash, as it is affectionately known, is not a race but a challenge either to set a good personal time or to improve on a previous time.

The Lamlash Heather Queen, Jessica Reid, will also be there to see the swimmers off from the pier and will present the Ali Bodie Plate to the swimmer who has shown the most courage and determination in completing the swim.

Attendance at the Splash is always encouraged due to the magnificent display for spectators with the

swimmers and support flotilla filling the bay, including the RNLI rescue boat which keeps powered vessels away from the swimmers.

Local swimmers taking part in this weekend's Lamlash splash are: Georgina Maclean, Rhona Dunbar, Dean Dunbar, Zabdi Keen, Mary Bowers, Chris Hogge, Heather Raeside, Jo Totty, Gerard Tattersfield and Ann Hart.



Junior sailing club's second skiff is set to be launched

Arran's second skiff is ready to be launched after the Lamlash Splash today (Saturday) at 1pm at Lamlash pier.

The skiff, a rowing boat

The new skiff being turned for the last time before the launch.

Photo by David Ingham

for four rowers plus cox, has once again been built at Arran High School and the team of builders, including pupils from the school, have done another amazing job. Special thanks go to the master boat builders Steve Garraway and Rory Cowan.

Everyone is invited to come along for the naming ceremony and watch the maiden voyage, which will

be rowed by girls from the junior sailing club. The first skiff *Iolair*, launched almost exactly one year ago, will also be on the water to welcome her sister boat. Anyone interested (over 14 years old) will be invited to have a trial row with members of the Arran Coastal Rowing Club. To find out more visit: arrancoastal-rowing.co.uk.

Arran up to second place after close win over Birkmyre

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Adamson was replaced by Jack Barbour, causing a reshuffle of the backs with Tattersfield moving to stand-off.

Birkmyre came out all guns blazing in the second period, playing with much greater intensity and purpose scoring two quick-fire tries, cutting Arran's lead to 25-15.

As the half wore on unforced errors crept into the home side's play with far too many players falling off tackles. This was not helped by the injury to Liam Boal, who was withdrawn following a nasty looking head knock.

The visitors took full advantage of this as they scored their fourth try soon after, bringing them within five points of the hosts.

Arran rallied and the introduction of experienced duo Neil McMaster and Iain 'Ugg' MacDonald helped stem the defensive errors.

The home side started to play in a more controlled fashion and were rewarded with their fourth try of the afternoon as quick hands between Tattersfield and Danny Head released young Reece Currie who finished brilliantly in the corner. Tattersfield was off target with the conversion, but he landed a tricky penalty soon after giving Arran a 13-point advantage with 10 minutes remaining.

The visitors threw everything at Arran in the closing stages and scored a late consolation try. However, the home side held out for a 31-27 victory.

Overall, it was a decent result for Arran leaving them second in the West Division 3 table. Nonetheless, their poor second-half defensive performance will be a cause for concern ahead of next week's away fixture against table-topping Strathendrick.



Jack McNally intercepts a Birkmyre pass to claim possession of the ball. 01_B38rugby04

Summer bridge results

The latest results of the Arran Bridge Club summer bridge match points competition held at Lamlash on Monday October 12 were:

1 John Baraclough and Doug Chase, 2 Jan Beattie and Margaret McGill, 3 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 4 Margaret and Douglas Bruce.

There will be no summer bridge at Arran High School on Monday September 19.

The last night of summer bridge for this year will be on Monday September 26. The winter season will start at Lamlash on Monday October 3 at 7.15pm and at Brodick on Thursday October 6 at 7.15pm.

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Arran up to second in the league after promising start to the season

Isle of Arran RFC 33 Birkmyre RFC 27

Arran Rugby Club maintained their unbeaten start to the season with an entertaining 33-27 victory over Birkmyre at Ormidale Park on Saturday.

Despite missing key fly half Frazer Barr through injury and experienced prop Donald Murchie, Arran started the match positively and opened the scoring as Fraser Gilbert knocked over a close range penalty.

Arran dominated the opening exchanges and scored the game's first try after 15 minutes as Gregor Adamson, standing in for Barr at fly half, broke

through the Birkmyre defensive line and offloaded to the supporting Gilbert who touched down near the posts. Gilbert converted his own score giving Arran an early 10-0 lead.

This try sparked bottom of the table Birkmyre into life and they responded with an unconverted try of their own as some poor Arran defending allowed their number eight to score in the corner.

Arran responded immediately as Gilbert crashed over for his second try, following sustained pressure on the Birkmyre line. Sam Tattersfield took over kicking responsibility and added the extra two points

giving Arran a 17-5 lead. Tattersfield extended this to 20-5 as the visitors were penalised for being offside.

On the stroke of half-time, Arran were in for another try. Adamson made a crunching tackle on the halfway line and the ball broke to Gilbert who showed great pace and power to run the ball in from 50 metres, evading several would-be tacklers to complete his hat-trick. Tattersfield was off target with the conversion leaving the half-time score 25-5.

At the break Arran were forced into a change as a rather groggy looking

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The Arran Rugby Club team who sit second in the league after three games.

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Above: Arran's Robbie MacDonald prepares to pass the ball down the line. 01_B38rugby02

Left: An Arran player breaks through a defensive sea of red Birkmyre players. 01_B38rugby03

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