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The Arran War Memorial Hospital has received a £1 million windfall from a mystery benefactor.

The 17-bed Lamlash hospital is run by NHS Ayrshire and Arran, which confirmed that a 'generous donation' had been received by the hospital's endowment fund.

The story first appeared

in the *Sunday Mail* at the weekend, which said the donation had been left in a will, but this has not been independently verified.

A donation to the hospital endowment fund means that the gift has to be invested and only the income earned on that gift can be spent for a specific purpose.

Health officials say that since the donation is still being finalised they are unable to say where the money, said to be a seven-figure sum, has come from or how it is going to be spent. That could take several months.

An NHS source was quoted by the paper as saying: 'It is a massive cash injection.'

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The Arran War Memorial Hospital. 01_B39hospital01



Alex and Sheila Roberts were surrounded by family and friends at Montrose House to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary on Wednesday. To make the event all the more memorable, staff at the Brodick care home hosted a special celebration with cake and champagne, and close friend John Sillars presented the happy couple with a card from the Queen congratulating them on 60 years of marriage.



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tion for a hospital of this size and will go a long way to safeguarding its future.'

As well as providing 17 inpatient beds, the hospital has an accident and emergency department, maternity, and a range of outpatient services. It is staffed by the island's GPs supported by other professions, both visiting and in-house.

The hospital first opened its doors in 1922 on land gifted by the Marquis and Marchioness of Graham as

a memorial to the island's 81 soldiers who died during the First World War.

Stephen Brown, interim director of the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, told the *Banner*: 'NHS Ayrshire and Arran can confirm that Arran War Memorial Hospital has received a generous donation to their endowment fund.'

'The donation is still in the process of being finalised, therefore we cannot comment further at this time.'

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Masonic donation is big boost for supporters' league

Members of Lodge St Molios 774 presented a cheque for £1,600 to the Isle of Arran hospital supporters' league last week in Lamlash Masonic Hall. The terrific sum was raised at a darts competition, held earlier this month, which was open to all and organised by the lodge.

The cheque was gratefully received on behalf of the league by Sandra Hall, a founder member, and secretary Jim Arnold from Right Worshipful Master Chris Stirland.

There was a full turnout of Masons and Jim thanked



Sandra Hall accepts the cheque from the Right Worshipful Master Chris Stirland as Jim Arnold looks on. 01_B39molios01

them all for their efforts and generosity. Jim also said that he knew that this kind of successful fundraising did not 'just happen' and he thanked all those who did the preparatory

groundwork, who helped on the night, who donated prizes, who took part in the competition and those who arranged the presentation of the cheque.

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Spectacular sights after walker mountain rescue

Members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team were treated to these spectacular scenes of a cloud inversion, which had engulfed the entire Clyde area, after the successful rescue of a female walker who had become lost trying to descend Goatfell in thick fog.

The team received the emergency call around 3.25pm on Monday afternoon altering them to the lost woman. Contact was

made quickly via her mobile phone but the exact location of her whereabouts was uncertain. Both the team's Argocats were utilised to get team members, including one of our team search dogs, as high up Goatfell as possible while other team members made their way up Glen Rosa towards the saddle area.

A short while after the search had commenced the casualty was spotted by team members on some very steep ground to the west of the Coire Chatan area of Goatfell. Team members made their way to the casualty's location where she was then helped to safety and brought down off the hill by Argocat. Thankfully, the woman was unharmed.



The cloud inversion surrounded by the hills of Arran.



One of the team's Argocats sits high above the cloud inversion.

Fog causes holiday travel chaos

The September weekend ended with a headache for scores of visitors trying to get off the island on Monday because of the thick fog.

The unusual fog, which had been persistent for much of the day, finally halted the 4.40pm and 6pm sailings from both Brodick and Ardrossan with visibility making any attempt to make the crossings impossible.

However, that led to a big build-up of traffic waiting to leave the island along the shorefront in Brodick, but with the fog clearing slightly the delayed 7.20pm was

able to make the crossing, though leaving a number of visitors requiring overnight accommodation at short notice.

Some Arran residents, who had been away for the weekend, were also stuck in Ardrossan. The MV Isle of Arran made extra sailings on Tuesday before heading for dry dock.

Ironically, the cancellations also put paid to a talk to the Arran Civic Trust by the designer of the new ferry MV Glen Sannox, Jim Anderson, who was stuck in Ardrossan and could not make the trip. This will not be rescheduled for a later date.



The top of Holy Isle and Ailsa Craig can just be made out above the cloud inversion.

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Largest military exercise in Europe gets under way

Arran residents will soon see a big increase in military ships and aircraft in and around the coast of the island as Europe's largest military exercise, Joint Warrior, gets under way.

The biennial exercise, which starts tomorrow (Sunday) and runs until Thursday October 12, will see the involvement of 14 nations who will be bringing ships, aircraft and troops to military ranges across the country and to maritime exercise areas off the west and north coasts of Scotland. Included in these will be 35 naval units from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Spain, the UK and the US, supported by 11 rotary wing aircraft.

Exercise Joint Warrior is designed, planned and delivered by the Joint Tactical Exercise Planning-staff based at Northwood in London who will deploy to HM Naval Base Clyde to co-ordinate events during the fortnight.

Activity will include HMS Gannet in Prestwick and RAF Lossiemouth hosting international aircraft from Canada, France, Norway, the UK and US. There will be mine counter measures activity in the Campbeltown area and the Cape Wrath weapons range



Vessels gather on the Clyde during a previous Joint Warrior exercise.

in the north of Scotland will be used for joint fires activity.

Exercise Joint Warrior is linked directly with the NATO military training exercise programme and will mirror a broad range of crisis and conflict situations which could realistically be experienced in real-world operations.

Over the fortnight participants will be faced with a period of increasing political and military tensions, along with a huge range of realistic military tasks such as intelligence gathering and reconnaissance; anti-smuggling and counter-terrorism operations;



Type 23 Frigate HMS Argyll which will take part in the upcoming Joint Warrior exercise.

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Clyde's page on the Royal Navy website: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/clyde/jw/>

Major benefit changes on the way

People on Arran and across North Ayrshire in receipt of benefits are being reminded that major changes are on the way.

The next phase of the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) roll-out of Universal Credit begins on Wednesday November 22, which will see six benefits and tax credits replaced with a single monthly payment for the majority of working-age claimants.

Since 2015, a small number of people have been claiming Universal

Credit in North Ayrshire. The new phase will be rolled out to a much wider group of people in late November.

Welfare benefit

Universal Credit is a new type of welfare benefit administered by the DWP which is paid to those who are out of work and some people who are in work but on low incomes.

The changes will see Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Housing Benefit, income-related Employment and Support Al-

lowance, Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit replaced by a new single payment.

North Ayrshire Council staff will provide in-depth support to residents in the coming months. If you think that you could be affected or require further information, visit www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/universalcredit or contact your local Jobcentre for more information.

You can also find out more details by visiting the UK government website at www.gov.uk/universal-credit

Council facing 10-year funding gap

The report indicates that the authority could face a funding shortfall of up to £156 million

The potential scale of the financial challenges facing North Ayrshire Council over the next 10 years has been laid out in a special report to councillors this week.

The report indicates that the authority could face a funding shortfall of up to £156 million in its revenue budget over the next decade, with approximately half of that total – £70 million – occurring within the next three years.

This means the council will have to think hard about the services it delivers, how these are delivered and its partnership with local communities. A funding gap of this scale is expected to impact on the council's workforce.

The report, which details the council's long-term financial outlook from 2018/19 to 2027/28, was considered by cabinet members on Tuesday.

North Ayrshire Council leader Joe Cullinane said:

'Since 2010, North Ayrshire has had to save £73 million as a result of austerity and now we face this significant gap in our funding over the next decade.'

'The difference between projected demand for services and anticipated funding shows that we need real terms increases if we are minimise the potential impact on existing jobs and services while meeting increased demands.'

'This is clearly a very worrying report. We will need to work with our communities, public and third sector partners and the trade unions to respond to the challenge and make the right decisions for our communities.'

Since 2010/11, North Ayrshire Council has had to make savings of £73 million from its revenue budget due to funding not keeping pace with the cost of and demand for services.

This new report provides a long-term financial out-

look giving the council time to plan its response to future financial challenges. It is based on the council's best estimates and anticipates that North Ayrshire's grant funding will reduce at the same time as the authority faces a higher demand for services and increasing costs.

The outlook shows that the council will have to meet increased commitments such as inflation, workforce costs, and an increasing demand for services, particularly for a growing older population and vulnerable residents.

The projected shortfall is expected to impact on the size and shape of the council's workforce and a commitment will be made to actively engage with staff and the trade unions as plans are developed.

Councils are legally required to set a balanced budget, meaning that expenditure cannot be more than the council's income.

Getting crafty at Charisma Lane

Brodick has a new craft shop which features the work of artists from across the island.

Charisma Lane is the brainchild of Karen McCormick, who opened the coffee shop of the same name in Auchrannie Road three months ago. Now the enterprise has expanded to include an intimate craft shop.

The opening ceremony, complete with ribbon-cutting, was carried out by Cath Campbell from Blackwaterfoot accompanied by her husband Angus last Friday.

The crafters currently on board are Ailsa Lawson, Seaspray Designs, Earth Threads, David Kelso, Poppies, Susie Thomson,

Katsock Crafts, Yvonne Bailey, Eleanor McAlister, Karen Bell and Tufty's crafts, with, hopefully, more to follow.

Karen said: 'I am delighted to be able to offer

an outlet for local crafts people.'

'I hope my customers will welcome the chance to browse when they are in for a coffee or a bite of lunch.'



Karen McCormick, centre, with Angus and Cath Campbell in the new craft shop. 01_B39craft01

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Auchrannie goes green with new eco retreats

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David Johnston, Auchrannie facilities and projects manager, tries out the prototype hot tub being made from Scottish larch in Forres.

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The new development of 14 units, in two different designs, will be introduced over a period of three years, with the first six due to open in time for Easter next year. Bosses say the develop-

ment will contribute to the sustainability of the resort without adding large numbers of additional guests to the existing resort or island infrastructure.

Local suppliers and contractors will be used throughout the development as much as possible. However, the modular-built units will be constructed by a specialist firm near Carlisle, commencing in October when the groundworks, in the currently undeveloped Glen Cloy site, will simultaneously take place.

The units are designed to fit into the landscape and be virtually invisible and unobtrusive.

They will be single-storey, have turf roofs, and

their stone and cedar exteriors will blend in with the landscape. They are designed with luxury in mind and have all the facilities and ambience of Auchrannie's hotel suites albeit with a different design brief. Every effort is being made to make the units and their environment as eco-friendly as possible, maximising the use of recyclable materials and buying as locally as possible while minimising energy use and the environmental footprint.

In addition, the units, which will be surrounded by meadow grass, have generous spacing between them, and are designed to be south-facing and don't overlook one another.



An artist's impression of how the interior layout could look.



An artist's impression of the eco retreat showing the wood-clad exterior and outside space with a tub.

er. While they are not designed for self-catering, each unit has a mini kitchen in which guests can keep their champagne chilled and enjoy a freshly brewed espresso.

They will also have log-burning stoves, covered bike storage, external wood-fuelled hot tubs, fire pits and their own private external space. They will also be dog friendly.

Managing director Linda Johnston said: 'Auchrannie is successful because we have sufficient facilities to cater for all of our guests' needs and deliver awesome customer service. We have decided to restrict our current development to 14 units for couples only, thus adding only 28 guests to the current infrastructure. If we put too many guests on site this could be compro-

mised, Auchrannie could lose its appeal and the business model could fail.'

Auchrannie previously had outline planning permission to build 70, two-to four-bedroom self-catering units in the glen but after careful consideration, the management team at Auchrannie decided to downscale the development to protect the glen's rural environment, which is overlooked by the hotel and spa, and to ensure that the resort's infrastructure and successful unique selling points were protected for the future.

While planning permission has been approved for the development, the team overseeing the project is still working on the finer details of design, planning and interiors ahead of work starting.

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Bill Calderwood is re-elected chairman of community council

Bill Calderwood has been re-elected as the chairman of Arran Community Council.

At the annual meeting held in the Ormidale Pavilion, he was re-elected unopposed. Richard McMaster stays on as vice-chairman with Jim Henderson taking over the role of secretary. Peter Randell is the



Bill Calderwood.

new treasurer, taking over from Mr Henderson. Despite his recent retirement, Jim Nichols is to continue in his role as minute secretary for the meetings.

Changes to the constitution, following a North Ayrshire Council-wide review, means that members can join from the age of 16 and representatives will now serve for four years, rather than two. The AGM has also been moved to October to allow for the accounts to be audited more efficiently.

Mr Calderwood said: 'There are some new challenges coming up this year including preparing for the Islands' Bill. We have a full complement of members and we look forward to a period continuity and consistency now that we are at full strength.'



The girls from club on a recent ride out had a pit stop at the popular Velo Cafe in Lagg.

Bike repair workshop open day

On Saturday October 7 the young people of Arran High School mountain bike club will be hosting an open day of their bike workshop.

Having visited all the islands' primary schools to deliver Dr Bike repair sessions, they have decided to offer this service to the wider community, offering free bike MOTs with minor repairs. There will

also be some recycled bikes for sale with any funds raised used to support the sustainable delivery of their cycle mechanics venture.

If you have a bike that is in need of minor repair and don't know what to do or you have the skills but don't have the correct tool, pop along between 10am and 1pm next Saturday.

Winter dog classes start

Winter dog classes with Margaret Kay will begin shortly with the sessions taking place over the next 10 weeks. The classes will begin on Wednesday October 4, at Whiting Bay Hall between 1pm and 3.30pm.

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Editorial**Spend it wisely**

We are delighted to report on a £1 million windfall for the Arran War Memorial Hospital. We didn't see that coming – it must have been all the fog on Monday!

Since being revealed at the weekend, it has been the talk of the island as to who the benefactor will be and to date it remains a mystery. What it shows, however, is the esteem our wee island hospital is held by those who have had to use its services.

And the facilities would not be there today if it was not for the generosity of the Marquis and Marchioness of Graham who provided the land as a memorial to the island's 81 soldiers who died during the First World War. A plaque in their memory still hangs at the hospital entrance.

While spending the donation may be some months away yet, it is important it is used wisely and to the most benefit of patients.

And while it may be a huge donation, let us not forget that the Isle of Arran Hospital Supporters' League raises money month in and month out for the hospital, with the island's Masonic Lodge pitching in this week.

For as we all know, every penny counts.

Thought for the week

'This is the day the lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.' Psalm 118:24

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Ugly pier

Sir,

Why does the new Brodick pier have to be so ugly? Could there not have been some architectural design incorporated into the framework to make it more aesthetically appealing?

It never looked good from the outset but there was always the feeling that when it was complete the final outcome would be revealed to have been worth waiting for. If this is the final outcome, it is a big disappointment.

All of the old piers around the island had attractive features about them that drew you to them for all sorts of reasons. This pier lacks all of the charm that these piers generated. Does progress demand such lack of sensitivity? If you tried to build a house as ugly as this you would never get planning permission.

This may prove to be a super pier from an operation-

al point of view but how can the ugliness be made more appealing?

Yours,
Kerr Robertson,
Brodick.

Motorhome tax

Sir,

I was saddened to read, in your letters columns of September 16, of the loss of business to the Arran brewer caused by cancelled ferry trips to and from Ardrossan. A port CalMac seems increasingly to have difficulties operating from in inclement weather.

As a South Ayrshire resident who is well aware of the better shelter at Troon harbour I can only express sympathy for the minority of the Arran population who supported the proposal to move operations from Ardrossan to Troon!

However, as person who has had many lovely holidays on and visits to Arran, I am delighted for the

locals that they are getting a nice new extra ferry to serve their £22 million new terminal at Brodick on all the days the boats can run. It is wonderful that the *Banner* can hail a mega millions boost to the island's economy.

Just one word of caution. I suggest all islanders view the recent information from Alasdair Allan MSP for the Western Isles regarding the bad side of the huge increases in mobile home travel experienced by Lewis, Harris and the Uists.

He points out the facts that neither the roads, parking areas nor even waste management is able to cope with a near tenfold increase in motorhome visits since 2007.

Be aware too that mobile homes neither bring business to hotels and guest houses nor do they represent an enormous source of sales as these big wagons bring within them supplies bought far from the island

and often outwith Scotland.

Mr Allan is proposing a levy on motorhome travellers to the islands which Arran may also have to consider in years ahead.

Yours,
John Wilson,
Prestwick.

Festival oversight

Sir,

May I through your letter columns make amends for a serious omission in the list of thanks in last week's paper regarding The McLellan Arts Festival.

I should have accredited Johnny McLellan who very generously allows us to perform his father's work without charge so that all of us on Arran can hear and appreciate Robert McLellan's fine poetry and prose.

Thank you Johnny. Many apologies for this oversight.

Yours,
Heather Gough,
Corrie.

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Sale raises funds for DoE expeditions

The Duke of Edinburgh group held a table top car boot and craft sale at Arran High School recently to raise funds for their expeditions.

Featuring a wide variety of stalls from sewing items to jewellery and clothing to artwork and a tombola, the event was well attended throughout the day with shoppers picking up some of the many bargains on sale. In addition to the stalls, visitors were able to enjoy a host of home baking and tea and coffee in the canteen which was staffed by silver Duke of Edinburgh participants.

All of the funds raised from the event, and other

events throughout the year, goes towards the expeditions which, this year, saw the gold group kayaking from Fort William to Inverness and from Ardrossan to Kintyre.

The silver group, who have already circumnavigated half of Arran, still have their assessed section to do while also undertaking a seabird survey later in the year.

Sophie Andrew and Natassja Alberti, who are both silver DoE participants, sold home baking and refreshments to the supporters and visitors.

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The Kellys

CASE STUDY

The Cables

CASE STUDY

Mikey and Sarah Kelly of Arnall House in Whiting Bay first approached us in January. They were finding the running costs of the cottage were increasing to an unacceptable level. They knew they needed to do something but were not sure where to turn. Our survey showed the cottage was heated by electric panel heaters and the water by two 2.50kw immersion units in a copper cylinder in the attic space.

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Anyone with an interest in drama, whether it is on stage or behind the scenes, should get along to the annual meeting of the Isle of Arran Drama Association.

They hold a one-act drama festival in the community theatre in February

every year and many teams take part, both junior and senior, to a sell-out audience.

Chairwoman Jerry Arthur said: 'If you have an interest in drama, please come along to the AGM on Thursday October 5 at

7.30pm in the High School. You don't have to be part of a group. You will be made most welcome. You may decide to join one of the groups as a performer or a crew member. You may find you have something to offer to the committee.'

'We welcome new members and new groups and look forward to seeing you there.'

The final scene of the play *Present Slaughter* at this year's festival.

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Talent sought for writing competition

Creative writers on Arran are invited to take part in this year's Robin Whyte Creative Writing competition to be in line to win £200 and a fine trophy.

The award is named after the much-respected Irvine lawyer Robin Whyte who was a talented creative writer of poetry, lyrics and prose, as well as a witty after-dinner speaker, not least as a past president of the Irvine Burns Club.

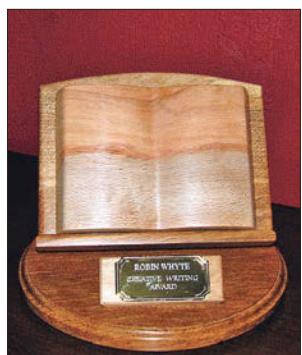
Robin died in 2015 and as a tribute to his creativity an appropriate trophy was locally commissioned, along with an annual cash prize of £200 for a piece of creative writing by an Ayrshire and Arran based or born writer, aged 16 or over.

There has been an encouraging response over the past two years on two very different topics, and this year's competition of-

fers the theme Head in the Clouds, lending itself to a wide range of interpretations.

The beautiful trophy, an open book in oak and ash, was crafted by artist-in-wood Jim Brown.

Further information is available from George Watson on geowat110@gmail.com or Meg Whyte on Megwhyte247@btinternet.com



The fine trophy up for grabs.

First meeting of Whiting Bay Thursday Club

The Whiting Bay Thursday Club, which has been in existence for more than 50 years, meets every fortnight throughout the winter months from October through to the following March.

Meetings are held in the lesser hall of Whiting Bay village hall and provide a social get together for the retired and semi retired residents of the village and the immediate area.

Guest speakers, musical entertainment and quizzes, followed by tea and cakes form the basis of these meetings, and then on alternate fortnightly meetings a lunch is arranged at various venues around the island.

The first meeting of the season is being held on Thursday October 5 at 2pm when new members can be assured of a warm welcome. For any other information please call secretary Peter Randell on 700831.

Clyde steamers at war

The September meeting saw 60 members of the Arran Historical Society and visitors hear a fascinating talk by Ian Quinn – a real master of his subjects. Ian, who admits to being a ‘steamer dreamer’, can be found wherever and whenever PS Waverley is sailing, and is always ready at the drop of a hat to talk to groups interested in his favourite subject, writes Norma Davidson.

A few years ago he collaborated with others to produce a book, *Paddle Steamers at War, 1914-1918*. Proceeds from the book contribute to the upkeep of the Waverley. In partnership with Fiona Laing of Arran, a talk and slideshow was produced and delivered at Pirnmill Village Hall to generate funds for the Pirnmill war memorial restoration.

The talk given to us included that content and also continued between the wars and then into the Second World War. Next year will see the centenary of the armistice, and as yet there has been no recognition of these ships and their crews in official remembrance. Ian feels it his duty to promote the work they did and the sacrifices made to this and future generations.

The First World War paddle steamers were strong boats, but armed usually with one gun and had little protection from armaments or the weather. Most of them were Clyde-built at yards such as John Brown's at Clydebank, Fairfields in Govan, Harland and Wolff, Glasgow, and Denny's in Dumbarton. They operated on their West Coast routes in a variety of liveries which were instantly recognisable – the Glasgow and South Western Railway, Caledonian Railway, the North British and LMS Railway, to name but a few. On their call-up for war service, they obviously



Speaker Ian Quinn at the historical society meeting.

operated in Admiralty grey with the exception of the ‘Loch’ boats which had a camouflage green.

A picture was shown of the Duchess of Fife, built in 1903, loaded with Territorials passing Largs in 1914. The Duchess of Hamilton and the Duchess of Montrose were both early war casualties. The role of these ships was usually troop transport, hospital ships or as mine clearing vessels.

We saw a wonderful pic-

ture showing a rowing boat lowered from the Duchess of Rothesay, and the poor man in the bow was instructed to catch a mine floating on the sea. The audience hoped he, the rowing boat, its crew and the Duchess of Rothesay survived the encounter.

There was also a picture of the Dunoon-Cloch anti-submarine boom across the Clyde. This stretched four miles across the estuary and was used in both wars, allowing ships to pass through in daylight hours only, at a charge of £1 per ship, paid to the Admiralty. No inflation there, the same charge in 1918 as in 1945.

Some vessels had a long life. The Duchess of Fife, launched in 1903, served at war and in peacetime right

up to 1953, while some lasted a mere few months. The Glen Sannox, built in 1892, a fast, elegant vessel, was quickly released by the Admiralty as she was too costly to run. The King Edward, built in 1901, was the first commercial turbine steamer in the world, and was a forerunner of the Atlantic liners. She went to war as a hospital ship and eventually returned to Oban in 1919 from Archangel, Russia. The Queen Alexandra, built in 1902, sank a U-boat by ramming it, obviously damaging itself. She sailed home at full astern all the way. The first PS Waverley, built in 1899, saw service in the First World War and the Second World War.

A total of 45 men lost

their lives on those ships between 1914 and 1918. After the war, the ships were repaired and restored to their old liveries in the Clyde dockyards.

By the summer of 1939 with war being imminent, the ferry timetables were issued monthly, the September issue lasted a mere three days. Again, the ships were called into service as escort vessels, salvage vessels, tenders and mine sweepers, with King Edward again becoming a hospital ship.

One skipper, John Cameron, a well-known face in Brodick, had the distinction of being on the Waverley when she went down, also serving on the Glen Sannox and the Queen Mary. Members heard a recording of him describing the demise of the Waverley at Dunkirk on May 29, 1940. She had tried to help the Oriel (Eagle III), which was beached. The attempt was unsuccessful, so she tried to rejoin her convoy and was bombed by German aircraft. One bomb put the steering gear out, a second hit the sick bay and a third sank her. Those on board clung to life-rafts, but were heavily shelled and many died. Ironically, the Oriel survived. Altogether 313 men were lost in the Sec-

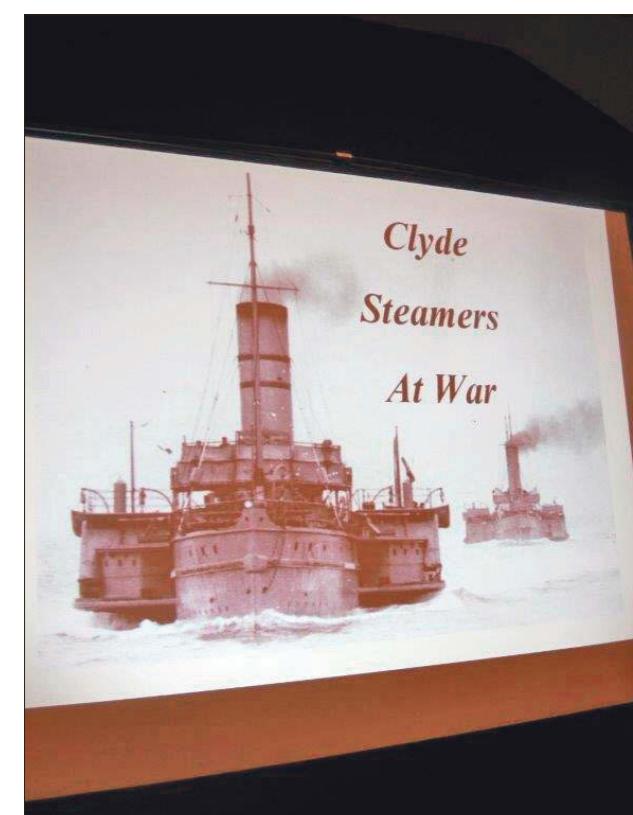
ond World War from the steamers, of which 300 were soldiers from Dunkirk on the Waverley.

The Jeanie Deans and Talisman both went to war and survived until 1967. The King George V made seven trips to Dunkirk and received a commendation for bravery. President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill sailed on her on one occasion also.

To come full circle, the meeting saw pictures of the Marchioness of Graham, one of the first Arran car ferries, the much-loved Glen Sannox car ferry, the Queen Mary, recently returned to the Clyde for renovation and a permanent home, and our old friend, PS Waverley, launched 70 years ago and still flying the flag in her familiar CalMac colours for all the many brave steamers of the past century and more.

The next meeting of the historical society will be on Monday October 16 when the speaker will be David Anderson, a civil engineer, who is a well-known speaker on the history of the electricity industry and its development in Scotland and its future.

The meeting commences at 2pm in Brodick Hall and, as usual, visitors are most welcome.



An illustration from Ian's talk.

Twenty years ago

Our 20 years ago feature is taking a short break. Back then the paper closed down for two weeks during the school October holidays so material from that time is in short supply, but do not worry as the popular weekly feature will be back soon.



A freshly cast bronze sword is held aloft by the metal worker for the audience to behold. 01_B39burn06

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Ring of fire lights up



Creating an atmosphere, a shaman stands in front of the burning pyre. 01_B39burn03



A large crowd assembles around the pyre and wooden posts which volunteers set alight. 01_B39burn01

**Words and pictures by
COLIN SMEETON**

The much-lauded Prehistoric Festival at the Brodick Castle and Country Park saw a record number of people attending the activities held over the September weekend.

The most highly anticipated was the Burning the Circle event – held high in the hills overlooking Brodick Bay – which saw a large crowd attending the burning of the structures which archaeologists will study to gain an insight into prehistoric remains such as those found at Machrie Moor. As reported in last week's *Banner* in the days prior to the festival, archaeologists, rangers and National Trust for Scotland Thistle Camp volunteers constructed a large set of concentric wooden posts with a post-lined avenue and a central pyre housing a wooden structure filled with

various animal bones and objects which would later afford them artefacts to study.

As night fell, an air of anticipation circulated among the gathered crowd who witnessed a procession of prehistoric characters who – to the rhythmical beating of the Arran Taiko Drummers – advanced along the avenue, lighting the posts as they made their way to the pyre. In the build up to the lighting of the fire, the music intensified and a primal and tribal atmosphere was created with demonstrations from a suitably-attired shaman, flint napper, potter and a metal worker and unusually a bagpipe performance.

As the fire was lit and the flames roared high in to the air the scene was complete with all of the senses stimulated into transporting the observer back to prehistoric times. The smell and warmth



Visitors start amassing at the prehistoric structure as the sun sets. 01_B39burn04

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Brodick sky

of the fire combined with the sound of the drumming and the crackling of the roaring flames created an exciting spectacle, especially for the younger children who were among the crowd.

The Prehistoric Festival, which was run in conjunction with Northlight Heritage, the National Trust for Scotland and University of Glasgow, started with an evening event at the prehistoric roundhouse on Friday evening. A host of smaller events, including pottery making, a prehistoric buffet and flint napping demonstrations, took place on Saturday ahead of the burning ceremony.

The following day visitors were taken on a guided walk by artist and archaeologist David Aitcheson who provided interesting details on the people and archaeology of the monuments at Machrie Moor.



sun sets over Brodick Bay.



Some of the Thistle Camp volunteers who helped to create the timber circle replica. 01_B39burn05



Edward Stewart, Elizabeth Robertson and Andrew Stirling join Sue Mills, Brodick Castle head education guide, and experimental archaeologist James Dilley at the Bronze Age roundhouse. 01_B39burn02



Arran Taiko Drummers provided a fitting audio accompaniment to the performance. 01_B39burn08



A prehistoric enactment takes place as the fire takes hold. 01_B39burn07

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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 30th September

Army Cadets
RNLI shop
Over-21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Macmillan coffee morning
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Flow yoga
Growers drop in session
Live music
Live music – Gridline rock and indie band

Sunday 1st October

Family games
Fun in the pool
AA meeting
RNLI shop
Live music – Tim Pomeroy performs

Monday 2nd October

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobics
Tae Kwon Do
Adult tennis
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran Skinnymalinks (slimming class)
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Tuesday 3rd October

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
Flow yoga
Scottish country dancing

Wednesday 4th October

Rock an pop bingo
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Dog Obedience Classes (£30 for 10 weeks)
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Burger and quiz night
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
6.30pm
Chair yoga
Flow yoga
Arran Parkinson's support group
Lamlash SWI
Zumba Gold
Just Jhoom (Bollywood dance fitness)

Thursday 5th October

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception

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

Ladies' hockey
Quilt Arran
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Adult tennis
Chair yoga
Arran Soul Choir
Brodick Embroidery Group
Arran Skinnymalinks (slimming class)

Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30-8.00pm
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
Thursday - Brodick Church Kitchen 10:30 - 12 noon

Friday 6th October

Yoga
Hydrofit
Rosemary's Macmillan coffee morning
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
Arran Vets
AA meeting
Tae Kwon Do
Arran Aromatics factory tours
Quiz
Smart recovery meeting

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Lamlash Church Hall 11am - 1pm
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 and 3pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 1.30pm - 3pm

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Basking shark survey gets under way

Residents on Arran are being urged to get out shark spotting as the 2017 autumn basking shark survey in the Firth of Clyde gets under way.

Basking Shark Scotland are following on from

2016's successful expedition where 24 individual basking sharks were identified and catalogued, with the biggest around eight metres long.

Basking sharks are often seen in the waters around

Arran at this time of the year. A total of 405 sightings were recorded last year well down from the 735 in 2015, but still a big increase in the two years before that.

This year the survey hopes to re-sight the same individuals from last year. If so, this would prove the same sharks would be returning to the same areas at the same time of year. As such this could highlight areas of the Clyde that could be important feeding grounds for the gentle giants.

Basking sharks are seasonal visitors to the Clyde and are harmless plankton eaters. They can grow to a maximum of 12m long and weight several tonnes.

Basking sharks can be spotted all over the Clyde, either close to shoreline or far offshore.

They can be confused with other marine animals such as porpoises and seals, however the easiest way to identify them is by their classic triangular dorsal fin which can be over a metre high.

In calm seas sometimes the nose and tail can also be seen breaking the water surface as they feed.

Oban based Basking Shark Scotland are appealing for the public to submit sightings either via their website or phone to assist with the survey.

Location, time, size, num-



A survey team photographer gets close to a basking shark.

ber of individuals and notable behaviour are an example of best information to record.

Founder Shane Wasik said: 'This survey is very exciting for us and for the understanding of the sharks behaviour. Being

able to re-capture individual sharks would be a first for the Clyde area and highlight some of the amazing marine life that lives there. The sharks can be widespread over large areas so any help the public can give us would be really useful.'



The gaping mouth of a basking shark from under the waves.



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The benefits of Sheltered Housing

Lynn Ross has been at Glen Estate since 2012. Initially unsure about sheltered accommodation Lynn has been 'pleasantly surprised' at the amount of independence she has with her support needs still being met, which she sees as a great balance.

Lynn's family are also 'delighted' at where their mother now lives, taking all kinds of worry away from them, with the added bonus of being able to stay in the devel-

opments guest rooms when they come to visit. Rates for guest rooms are under £12 per night.

When asked to describe her home, Lynn calls it 'a safe place to be' where she has the choice of joining the many activities on offer. Lynn laughed when asked by a friend if she ever gets lonely, as there is always so much happening 'there is companionship if needed so I don't feel lonely at all'.

Ann Reid, Coordinator at Glen Estate, Brodick said: 'Working daily with our tenants I fully believe that Trust Housing provides the most practical housing option for many retired people; to have a place they can call home, with no responsibilities for repairs and maintenance, and as little or as much care and support as they need. Moving to sheltered accommodation can help older people to remain independent for longer. Some

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Photo contest explores the human-animal bond

To mark the opening of the new Arran Vets premises in Knowe Road, Brodick, the practice ran a photography competition with the theme of *The human-animal bond*.

The competition was judged by broadcaster and journalist Kirsty Wark ahead of the opening, as recently reported in the *Banner*.

Arran Vets owner Char-

lotte Clough explained: 'For the competition all the photographs had to be taken on Arran and had to show the importance of animals in our lives.'

'Using the pictures entered, I created a display for the waiting room to show the wide range of animals with their owners on Arran in 2017, and also one canvas to compare with photos courtesy of Arran Heritage Museum to show animals and humans on Arran in the past.'

The two top winners won a year's worth of tick and flea treatment for their cat or dog. The three runners up won one tick and flea treatment for their cat or dog or a £20 voucher for use at the practice.



Armfuls of blackie lambs at Bridge Farm, Shiskine by Laura Currie.



Taking shelter by Jackie Newman.

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First prize was 'Taking shelter' by Jackie Newman showing her spaniel Bows-
er sheltering from the snow on a winter walk. Second prize, 'Armfuls of blackie lambs' by Laura Currie, showed Wallace Currie and Jess at Bridge Farm, Shiskine at lambing time.

Joint runners up were Helen Logan with 'John and Jack', of a Pirnmill sunset with her son John and new puppy Jack; Vicki Yuill 'A love like no other' with her daughter and horse in a meadow; and Clare Breslin, 'Molly at the Witches Step Casistail Abhail', showing new puppy Molly in the mountains.



A love like no other by Vicki Yuill.



Molly at The Witch's Step Casistail Abhail by Clare Breslin.



John and Jack in the sunset at Pirnmill by Helen Logan.



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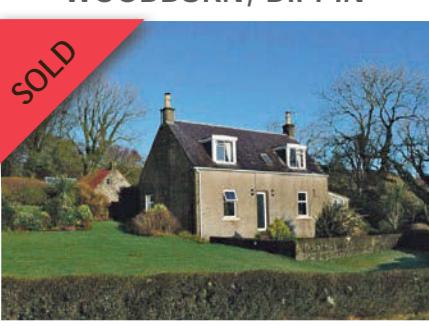
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Catacol Bay, Lochranza, Isle of Arran, KA27 8HN

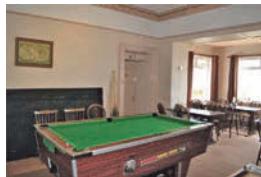
- Seafront Location
- Well established family run Hotel
- Oil Central Heating
- Extensive land surrounding the property
- Various outbuilding suitable for development
- Hotel EPC Rating:- G

We are delighted to present the Catacol Bay Hotel to the market which in our opinion would make a beautiful family home. The property is a Large Detached Villa which was built in the 1850's as the church Manse. This property is currently being used as a fully licensed hotel run by the same family since 1979 however, the sale is due to our client wishing to retire.

The property boasts being located on the picturesque north end of Arran only 1.5 miles from Lochranza ferry terminal and approx 16 miles for Brodick ferry terminal.

We also offer an excellent development opportunity. There is a cottage and a refurbished bungalow included in the sale which could potentially be leased separately.

This property benefits from being in a prime location offering breathtaking sea views, Oil Central Heating in main hotel. There is a car park to the front together with a large garden to the right and a large beer garden to the left offering seafront views. As well as having the bungalow and cottage, the property also includes various outbuildings at the back including beer store, dry store, boiler house, freezer store with 4 chest freezers, brick freezer store with 2 chest freezers, laundry room & drinks store.



Offers In The Region Of £325,000

7 The Paddock, Isle of Arran, KA27 8GA

- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Private well maintained Gardens
- Pristine Condition
- Private Parking and Garage
- EPC D



Bright and spacious detached villa. This beautiful and modern family home is in excellent decorative order throughout and boasts bright and spacious open plan living space with mezzanine landing. The property which offers views of Goatfell is conveniently located to Brodick ferry terminal for easy commuting not to mention, only a stone's throw away from the popular leisure resort, The Auchrannie. This family home would also be suitable for a holiday let due to the high demand for rental property on the Island.

Offers In The Region Of £325,000

Glen Farm, Kildonan, Isle of Arran, KA27 8SF

- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Beautiful rural setting
- Pristine condition throughout
- Large Byre offering excellent development opportunity
- EPC G



Large Detached Villa which offers panoramic elevated countryside and sea views. Located on the south of the island this property offers an excellent development opportunity which includes a large Byre at the side which is suitable for conversion for private use/Business/holiday let. Kildonan offers beautiful beaches and there is easy access to all amenities including fishing at Loch Garbat, The Kildonan Hotel and Brodick Ferry terminal.

Offers In The Region Of £325,000

Rosedene, Knowe Road, Isle of Arran, KA27 8BY

- Sought after residential area
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Private enclosed Gardens
- Driveway for off road parking
- EPC F



This Detached Cottage is presented to the market in walk in condition throughout. The property offers excellent family accommodation but would also be suitable for a retired couple as it is located only a stones throw away from the sea front, shops & transport including Brodick Ferry terminal. The property also offers easy access to the Brodick Golf Club and the Ormidale Pub.

Offers In The Region Of £225,000

Croftbank, Lochranza, Isle of Arran, KA27 8HL

- Electric Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Private well maintained gardens to front & rear
- Ample Storage throughout
- 2 wood stores
- EPC G



Two story stone built cottage overlooking Lochranza Castle. The property offers excellent family accommodation and is in pristine condition throughout. Tiered landscaped garden at rear. Lochranza is also the site of Scotland's newest distillery, Isle of Arran Distillers, which opened in 1995 and is the first legal whisky distillery on the island for over 150 years.

Offers In The Region Of £320,000

Loan Mhor, Shannochie, Isle of Arran, KA27 8SJ

- Set in beautiful rural area offering sea views
- Double Glazing
- Three outbuildings suitable for conversion
- Ample Storage throughout
- Loft space with ladder
- EPC B



Two story stone built former farm house which requires complete renovation. This quant property is situated in prime rural location offering breathtaking sea views. The house offers well proportioned family accommodation and would be an excellent development opportunity as there are 3 large outbuildings suitable for development subject to obtaining planning permission.

Fixed Price £180,000

Brantwood Lodge, Brodick, Arran, KA27 8AJ

- Panoramic Sea views
- White Metre Heating
- Landscaped Gardens
- Off road parking
- Garage
- EPC F



Spacious detached bungalow occupying an elevated position. This family home boasts spectacular panoramic sea views and is located only a stones through away from the ferry terminal which is deal for easy commuting. Brodick offers many leisure facilities including the The Auchrannie Leisure Centre and Brodick Castle.

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CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 SECTION 17(4A)
(AS AMENDED BY CRIMINAL LAW AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010)
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
TAXI FARE REVIEW

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council, having consulted with taxi operators and organisations appearing to it to be representative of operators (referred to collectively hereinafter as "the trade"), has reviewed the existing scales and proposed to make the new Scales below. The proposed Scales, and any written representations, will be considered by the Licensing Committee on 1st November 2017, and the Committee will then or later fix the new Scales. These will come into force as below, subject to any Appeal to the Traffic Commissioner.

The proposed new scales increase fares slightly in line with changes in the cost of living and the operation of taxis. The proposed changes reflect the views presented to the Council at a meeting of the Council's Licensing Committee held in consultation with members of the trade on Friday 1 September 2017.

Any person may make written representations concerning these proposals by writing to Aileen Craig, Clerk to the Licensing Committee, North Ayrshire Council, Cunningham House, Irvine, KA12 8EE no later than Sunday 29 October 2017.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 (AS AMENDED BY THE CRIMINAL LAW AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010)

Proposed Taxi Fare Scales (Section 17(4A)(b))

These Scales will come into force as below, subject to any Appeal to the Traffic Commissioner, on Monday 11 December 2017.

Tariff 1 (Day) (Tariff 5 if more than 4 passengers carried)

All journeys starting or ending in the period 7am to 12am (midnight) (except where Tariffs 2 or 3 apply):

Initial Charge (Flagfall) – For a distance not exceeding 1,320 yards (3/4 of a mile) (or waiting time not exceeding 10 minutes) - £2.80.

Additional Charge (Mileage): Each additional 1/18 of a mile (about 98 yards) or additional waiting time of up to 25 seconds - 10p.

Tariff 2 (Nights and Sundays and during day across Zones) (Tariff 6 if more than 4 passengers carried)

All journeys (except where Tariff 3 applies):

- starting or ending in the period 12am (midnight) to 7am
- starting or ending at any time on Sundays
- starting or ending at any time on these Public Holidays:

2 January

Good Friday

Early May Bank Holiday

Spring Bank Holiday

Summer Bank Holiday

30 November (St Andrew's Day)

26 December (Boxing Day)

If a Bank Holiday is on a weekend, the following Monday is treated for this Tariff as a Bank Holiday

- From the Zone for which the vehicle is licensed to another Zone in North Ayrshire – if the journey starts or ends in the period 7am to 12am (midnight).
- On Christmas Eve and Hogmanay from 7pm until 12am (midnight)

Fares:

Initial Charge – For a distance not exceeding 1,320 yards (3/4 of a mile) (or waiting time not exceeding 10 minutes) - £3.20.

Additional Charge: Each additional 1/19 of a mile (about 93 yards) or additional waiting time of up to 25 seconds - 10p.

Tariff 3 (during night across Zones) (Tariff 7 if more than 4 passengers carried)

From the Zone for which the vehicle is licensed to another Zone in North Ayrshire – if the journey starts or ends in the period 12am (midnight) to 7am.

Tariff 1 charges (Initial and Additional) plus 50%.

Tariff 4 (Festive Periods) (Tariff 8 if more than 4 passengers carried)

All journeys starting or ending at any time on 25 December or 1 January:

Double Tariff 1 Charges (Initial and Additional).

Extra Charges

1 If the vehicle starts by carrying more than 4 passengers, the fare is charged as Tariff 1 to 4 (as appropriate) but with 50% added (Tariffs 4 to 8). The higher Tariff applies until the hire ends, whether or not any of the passengers leave the vehicle earlier.

2 Soiling Charge £50.

Notes

1 The fare scale applies only to journeys which end within North Ayrshire. Fares for journeys beyond the Council area are not set by the Council. They should be agreed between the passenger and the driver before the start of the journey.

2 Luggage shall be carried free if it is of a size which can reasonably be accommodated in the car.

3 The metered charge is the maximum which can be charged. The driver can always charge less.

4 The Tariff 2 and 3 charges apply as soon as the journey starts, and do not change if part of the journey is inside the Night Period, Sunday, Public Holiday, or Zone and part outside.

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**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Ladies' section: Saturday September 16. Fourteen ladies played in the autumn meeting at Whiting Bay for the Cir Mhor Trophy. The weather was wetter than was forecast but there were still some good scores.

The winner was Isobel MacDonald 85-18=67, runner-up Fiona Scott 96-26=70 and Ann May won the scratch with a 76-6=70. Thanks to Whiting Bay for courtesy of the course and to John for the catering.

Fixtures: Saturday October 28, Brodick Drumadoon at 10.30am. Sunday October 1, Winter Cup round one. Please note that from Sunday October 1, there will be only one Sunday morning draw at 10am.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies' section: Thursday September 21, Chachacha tri-am, 24 ladies dressed in pink to play a game with



Brodick Golf Club ladies enjoyed their annual outing at Corrie recently where Carole Stewart, Pat Adamson, Pat Reid and Heather Raeside were the winners.



Participants at the Shiskeine Ladies Pink Day.

lots of rules. It was a beautiful sunny day and ladies from Brodick, Lamlash and overseas came to join in the fun.

Winners, the nurses, Isobel MacDonald, Esther Henderson, Fiona Scott with 74pts. Runners-up, Ann May, Elizabeth Ross, Jerry Arthur with 69pts. Thanks to the tearoom staff who got into the spirit of the day by wearing pink wigs, finding pink tablecloths and serving pink cakes. The raf-

Keen 70-10=60, 3 G Hendry 67-5=62 BIH. Scratch G Hendry 67, Magic twos by G Hendry, S Beardsley and A Pattison.

Sunday September 24, Archie Hunter Cup for juniors. 1 Ruariah Scullion, 2 Reece Scullion.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday September 21, Summer Cup, CSS 66, par 64. 1 A Wales 75-9=66, 2 D MacFarlane 67-0=67, 3 W O'Connor 90-22=68 BIH over C Richardson and N Young. Scratch, D MacFarlane 67. Magic two N Young @17th. Medal shield final, cancelled.

Fixtures: Sunday October 1, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday October 5, front-nine medal, make up own games, see starter for times.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday September 23, the Corrie Open. A very good entry considering the weather over the previous few days. Congratulations to Pablo in managing to prepare a course in great condition if a bit soggy. Excellent scores by Graeme Andrew and Ian Keen, with Graeme shading it by half a stroke! 1 G Andrew 69-9=60 BIH, 2 I



Winner of Archie Hunter Cup for juniors Ruariah Scullion with Jim McConnachie at Corrie.



Isobel MacDonald with the Cir Mhor Trophy at Whiting Bay.

DEATH**MAY DUNN**

(Previously Heron) née Dempster, mother of Jacqueline, Hugh and Robert Heron died peacefully surrounded by her family on Monday 25th September at Arran War Memorial Hospital. She will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank all at Montrose House for providing a loving and caring home, and the warmth and compassion of everyone at Arran Memorial Hospital was also very special at such a difficult time. Thank you.

Funeral service to be held at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn, Irvine, KA11 4EF at 11am on Friday 6th October followed by a gathering at Cecchinis, Clyde Marina, Ardrossan, KA22 8DA.

At mum's request, bright clothes to be worn. No flowers please. Any donations to be made to mum's favourite charity ARCAS (Arran's cancer charity) at www.justgiving.com/arrancancersupport

A memorial service will be held at Montrose House in November. Details to follow

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Morning Worship.

Shiskine Church, 12noon
Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am
Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am
Prayer Meeting, 12noon

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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There will be Taizé worship on

Thursday 5th October at 5.30 pm in Holy Cross Church, Brodick.

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND PLACE. ALL WELCOME

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS****BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS****BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS****BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Arran Ladies expertly position themselves to allow a fast flowing game which the opposition were unable to control.

Arran Ladies dominate in Dumfries

Dumfries Ladies 2s	0
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Arran Ladies made the arduous journey to Dumfries last Saturday with a team of 12 players. It was a trouble-free journey, arriving in plenty of time for a good warm-up, as the team prepared themselves for a tough game against Dumfries Ladies 2nd team, who followed Arran up from the 4th Division last season.

Arran set out to play a strong defensive game, with Pauline Reid filling the goalie pads this week, Faith McKelvie playing as sweeper and the young team of Ellie Wood, Freya McNicol and Elyse Aitken covering right, centre and left defence. Strategic positioning of the defence widened the area of play

on the pitch and this completely opened up the field. Dumfries attacks were met head-on, and cleared quickly.

Continuous pressure was applied from the midfield and forwards driving through the Dumfries defence. After just 11 minutes into the game, Lorraine Hewie skilfully manoeuvred through three defending attempts down the left wing towards the back line and, using a reverse flick, scored Arran's first goal of the game.

This woke Dumfries up as they battled to try to equalise. Strong play from Dumfries allowed Arran's defence to show that their training on Thursday nights had paid off, as free hits were taken and executed in order to switch the playing

area and open up the playing field. This made things very hard for Dumfries to make any attempts at goal and, in their desperation to try to get the ball through, a dangerously high stick gave Anne Watts a blow to hand and face.

Play resumed in the second half with strong pressure from both teams. Pauline Reid made some fantastic saves and Dumfries were denied scoring from Arran's strong midfield and defence. With 15 minutes left to play, a pass from Arran's defence out to left mid, Susie Murchie, who switched the play over to the right wing with a strong accurate pass to Helen Thomson, gave Arran a chance for another goal. Helen gave one of her rocket shots from the side-



Lorraine Hewie, who scored Arran's first goal, takes command of the ball.

line straight to Lorraine waiting at the top of the D, who finished with a one-touch volley straight into the back of the goal.

The final whistle blew with Arran winning the

match 2-0. Captain Anne Watts was nominated dame of the game by the opposing team. This was a superb result, with really great teamwork and effort from everyone in the team.

Arran Ladies play Ferguslie Ladies at the ON-X sport centre in Linwood today (Saturday) with a 2pm pass back.

Any support would be most welcome.

End of summer bridge season

The Arran Bridge Club summer season ended with a fun competition played at Lamlash on Monday night.

The results of the match points competition played at Lamlash on Monday September 18, were: 1 Ellie Jones and Elizabeth McKellar, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson, 4 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock.

All members, and any interested new members, are reminded that the winter bridge season will begin at Lamlash on Monday October 2 promptly at 7.15pm. Considering that this is the 70th anniversary year, the club is hoping for a good attendance at both the Monday October 2 meeting at Lamlash Golf Club and on Thursday October 5 at Brodick Golf Club at 7.15pm.

If you would like to learn the game or brush up on your skills, there is also a class on Tuesdays at 2.30pm at the Brodick Golf Club. Tricia Martin can be contacted for further information on 01770 600900 or 01770 600835.

David one race away from seven marathon goal



David Allsopp completes his sixth marathon with the Loch Ness Marathon.

David Allsopp, who set himself the challenge of running seven full and half-marathons in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, is just one marathon away from reaching his goal.

With only one race to go, the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow this weekend, David has already completed the London, Stirling, Edinburgh and Loch Ness marathons, the Great North Run in Newcastle and the Shiskine half-marathon.

His last run, the Loch Ness marathon, he completed in a respectable time of three hours, 16 minutes and 20 seconds. Speaking after the race, David said: 'It was a fantastic race over an undulating course along the banks of Loch Ness in some stunning scenery.'

'As it's my last race on Sunday in Glasgow, the Great Scottish Run, I am appealing to supporters and asking friends and people of Arran who know me to dig deep and show their support for

families battling with cancer. By donating and supporting Macmillan Cancer Support they will make such a difference to people's lives. To donate, go to www.justgiving.com/david-fordeborah'

David, who lives in Kilsyth, was raised in Sannox and still frequently returns to Arran to visit family. His marathon challenges are all done in memory of his fiancée, Deborah, who lost her life to cancer in 2012.

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Triathletes show their spirit at season finale

The Arran Junior Triathlon Club, who have enjoyed numerous successes throughout the year, rounded off a very successful season with a grand finale at the Prestwick Autumn Aquathon.

A total of 15 triathletes attended the event, including debut appearances from Harvey Dale and Caylyn Millar. Grace Popplewell achieved second Tristar Girl, Luke Goatley achieved third Tristar Boy and Ruby Wright secured second Tri 1 Girl.

Jubilant coach Craig Wood enthused: 'Our 15 triathletes came ready to show everyone what Arran

Junior Triathlon Club is all about – team spirit, strength and success. A huge congratulations to all our young triathletes who competed – your hard work is paying off as you continue to chase and achieve new personal bests.'

'The club continues to go from strength to strength and aside from the hard work and determination of our young triathletes, this is due to the commitment and encouragement of the coaches and parents. The support that the club has received from the community and businesses has been phenomenal and without it the club would not be

where it is today. There are so many people to thank but we would like to say a special thank you to our sponsors from across the island, VisitArran and the Co-op, Brodick. For each and every person who has supported and continues to support the club, we would like to express our sincere thanks.'

Club members, while not attending competitive events during the winter, will not be idle as training continues throughout the off-season with indoor cycling on turbo trainers, length after length in the swimming pool and run drills that occur whatever the weather.

Highlights for the club during 2017 have included hosting their own Island-2-Island Triathlon event, which allowed the triathletes to show their skills on home soil. Also competing in the Scottish Junior Triathlon Nationals and bringing home their very first Scottish Junior National was Grace Popplewell.

The club welcomes new members from age seven onwards and details of their training sessions can be found on their website at www.isleoffarrantriathlon.com or by visiting the Facebook page Arran Junior Triathlon Club.



Rhea Webster, Ruby Wright and Caylyn Millar with their medals.



Arran Junior Triathlon Club members at the Prestwick Aquathon.



Triathletes who smiled while competing were presented with bobble hats.



Ruby Wright, Grace Popplewell and Luke Goatley with their trophies.



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