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New McLaren hotel plans on the table

Developer has listened to what opponents said

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The developer behind a new hotel on Brodick shorefront has submitted new plans for a smaller development than originally proposed.

Revised plans, which have been lodged, reduces the size of the hotel, cuts the number of rooms and significantly increases the amount of parking which will be available.

The appearance of the building has also been significantly enhanced.

The changes could go a long way to satisfying the significant opposition to the proposals for the former eyesore McLaren Hotel site, with the developer also insisting it is offering a new class of accommodation and is not trying to

compete with existing providers. An amended planning application for the demolition of the existing hotel and the erection of a new hotel on the site has been submitted to planning chiefs at North Ayrshire Council by developer the abodeGroup.

The new plan is for an 88 guest room, mid-market aparthotel – down from 97 rooms – reduces the scale and mass of the building by 10 per cent and significantly increases the number of parking spaces from 52 to 80.

There would also be five staff rooms on the top floor.

The new hotel, which would also feature a restaurant and bar, has previously faced stiff resistance with a number of objections –

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Young farmers highlight ferry woes



Young Farmers chairman Reece Currie, right, with club members Daniel McAllister and Laura Tulloch beside their CalMac ferry creation. 01_B40farmers01

Arran Young Farmers have really pushed the boat out with their latest hay bale sculpture.

In a cheeky dig at the current woes of CalMac the young farmers have created a ferry, closely resembling the Caledonian Isles, in a

field at Corriegills emblazoned with the slogan: Caledonian MacBreak-down.

Wry smile

It has been giving passing drivers a wry smile as they go along the main Brodick to Lamlash road after

it went up, after three nights' work, earlier this week.

But the creation also has a serious side. It is the Arran entry to the annual Young Farmers 'bale art' competition which is raising money for

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Ferry woes

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the STV Children's Appeal. And the young farmers are hoping to inspire people, who are cheered by the sight of the bale art, to donate to the appeal which supports children and young people affected by poverty in Scotland.

Last year the Arran entry celebrated the McCoo work of artist Steven Brown but chairman Reece Currie, who was behind the ferry concept, said: 'We wanted to be a bit more topical this year and have a gentle wee dig at CalMac.'

Ironically the hay ferry has already suffered damage when her funnel blew off in Monday night's high winds. The club would like to thank farmer John Murchie for the 'brilliant location' and also to everyone who kindly gave them the use of the bales.

Anyone wishing to donate to the STV Appeal can do so at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/baleart2018

New McLaren plans

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most notably from VisitArran, the Arran Civic Trust and Arran Community Council as well as individual members of the public – who cited reasons for objecting to the proposal as its size, scale, parking provision, appearance and the lack of provision for staff accommodation.

The Norfolk-based abodeGroup has been in talks

with planning officials for more than three years and first made its plans public more than a year ago and finally submitted plans for a £9 million hotel in May.

In a new supporting planning statement, the developer now says: 'The balance has been achieved by designing a three-storey building, utilising the roof space for additional rooms, that maintains the



The new view from the rear, presently overgrown with trees.



A new artist's impression of the proposed hotel on the old McLaren Hotel site shows a narrower frontage and additional parking allocation.

visual gaps between it and its neighbours. The width of the 'main building', element occupies just over half of the site width at the front elevation.'

It goes on: 'The proposed new building has been designed to be of a higher quality, in respect of detail, materials and scale. The change in materials proposed, with glass to the front, stone facing to the main building, rendered walls to the rear, coupled with varying widths and heights creates visual depth. Dormer windows are placed within the eaves line of the main building roof, reflecting details as can be seen on other buildings in Brodick, for example the nearby Douglas Hotel.'

The question of staff accommodation has also been a sticking point with objectors, however, the developer now says: 'The hotel is expected to employ a maximum of 25 FTE members of staff in total. It is envisaged that 80 per cent of the staff will be employed from the mainland, and therefore staff quarters in the hotel will be provided for these employees.'

'The remaining 20 per cent will be recruited locally, and will therefore be able to walk, cycle or use public transport to travel to/from work.'

'It is not expected that there will ever be more than 19 members of staff on duty at any one time.'

The fact that there were only 52 parking spaces for hotel guests, bar and restaurant visitors and staff was also a major concern. However, in increasing the parking provision the developer now says: 'The council's parking standards would require a maximum of 70.4 car parking spaces for guests, and 8.3 car parking spaces for staff (i.e. a total of 78.7 spaces). The

proposed site layout shows a total of 80 car parking spaces, including four disabled spaces.'

A spokesman for the abodeGroup said: 'We have had the opportunity to carefully consider the comments made during planning consultation and are pleased to present an updated, economically viable revised design which is around 10 per cent smaller in terms of scale and mass and incorporates accommodation for staff that may be sourced away from Arran.'

'The development proposes a new class of accommodation designed to not significantly compete with what is already available on the island, thereby bringing new visitors who will boost the economy, whilst removing the existing eyesore that residents and visitors approaching Brodick have endured for the past decade.'



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Arran residents to get say on streetscene budgets

Residents of Arran are being invited to have their say on how some street maintenance and cleaning budgets could best be spent as part of an initiative known as Participatory Budgeting.

The proposals aimed at Shaping North Ayrshire urge people to get involved in helping to mould local services that affect them.

The Arran consultation will be at Brodick Hall on Tuesday October 9, between 11am and 1pm, and in Shiskine Hall between 2pm and 3.30pm.

At the sessions, residents will learn about the relevant Streetscene budget and what it covers. They will weigh up all the options, analyse various scenarios and dis-

cuss with council officials how they think the money should be spend.

Further consultation will take place in late January 2019 before any decisions are made.

Successful

Councillor Louise McPhater, cabinet member for communities, said: 'The pilot last year in the Three Towns proved really successful so it is great this is being rolled out across North Ayrshire.'

'This is another "participatory" approach. It's about the council's budget and how we spend it. We want people to have their say and be involved in the whole democratic process. You really could have an impact in Shaping North Ayrshire.'

A golden return for the Shiski Diski

Last Saturday night 140 people of all ages turned up at Shiskine Hall to celebrate 50 years since the first Shiski Diski was held in 1968.

Founders Dougie Maclean and Charles Currie were there to relive the music from the intervening years and give out the fantastic number of prizes

donated by Arran businesses to the crowd, who all danced throughout the night and sang along with classics like Hi Ho Silver Lining and 500 Miles.

Some of the crowd even wore their Shiski Diski T-shirts from the 20 year anniversary event held in 1988 which were designed by well known Ayrshire cartoonist Malky McCormick. The night raised more than £1,400 for Shiskine Hall funds.

Irene Currie and John Hamilton, who were born two days apart in Lamlash many years ago, wearing their Shiski Diski T-shirts.



Founders Dougie Maclean and Charles Currie were back at the turntables.



The 50th anniversary Shiski Diski in full swing.

Thumble Tumble uses her magic to help save Scotland's libraries

Angela Proctor, author of the magical Thumble Tumble series of books set on Arran, is lending her support to a campaign aimed at preventing library closures during National Libraries Week.

Following the closure of around 45 public libraries in Scotland in the last two years, and at least 449 across the nation since 2012, Angela is working with more than 50 libraries across Scotland, including Arran Library in Brodick, to deliver a series of exclusive personal appearances and magical giveaways including 150 books.

Using the power of her Thumble Tumble book series, which features in VisitScot-

land's National Storybook trail, she hopes to remind people of the vital importance of libraries for well-being and bringing communities together.

Angela said: 'This National Libraries Week, I'm calling on people across Scotland to visit their local library and help save Scotland's libraries. I have been working with some of Scotland's most extraordinary librarians to hide some magical tokens within Thumble Tumble books in libraries across Scotland next week.'

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Even a dog is confused by Brodick's 'road to nowhere' sometimes known as Springbank Way. 01_B40road01

We won't extend road to nowhere

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Council chiefs have categorically ruled out creating a short stretch of new road to serve Arran's first council houses being built in a generation.

This is despite the fact the existing 'road to nowhere' will have to be extended when a second development is built in less than two years' time.

Residents in the Springbank area of Brodick had been under the impression, it now seems wrongly, that a new road would be built to cater for the 34 new houses to be built behind Brathwic Terrace and a second development nearby.

As reported in last week's Banner North Ayrshire Council has now unveiled its plans for the site, which

are the first new council houses on Arran for more than 30 years and will have a range of types of accommodation. Work is expected to start next spring with completion a year later.

A second development of 20 houses is planned by the Trust Housing Association by 2020/2021 near Springbank Farm which will require an extension of the existing dead-end road sometimes called Springbank Way.

However, residents are worried that the new development will see many more cars using the already busy Brathwic Terrace, as well as construction traffic during the building work.

Tom Tracey, chairman of the Arran Economic Group, said that while a new road was discussed he did not think there was even a

commitment given. He said: 'I would have thought the new road is needed to future proof the new development and avoid traffic weaving through the existing housing as well as supporting the new Trust Housing development.' 'The proposed number of houses is an increase on the previous announcement of 26 but I don't think changes it from a small development to a big development in a village the size of Brodick.

'Also, it has to be balanced against the real and increasing hardships being suffered by young local working residents in need of affordable accommodation and the new working residents needed to support health and social care, education, and the general economy.'

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'There are currently no plans to construct a new public road in order to serve the proposed development.'

'The proposals consist of 34 new dwellings, which would equate to approximately 15 additional vehicle movements at peak times, using typical census traffic movement data. The route used by these vehicles would be via Brathwic Place to access the wider road network at Alma Road onto Shore Road. The overall number of houses being accessed via Brathwic Place, including the 34 proposed new homes, is still significantly below the maximum number of dwellings recommended from a single access point within the council's roads development guide.'

Flu vaccine shift for pregnant women

All pregnant women on Arran will now receive their flu vaccine from NHS Ayrshire & Arran's maternity services instead of at their GP practice on the island.

Those affected will receive information about the change from their community midwife. Island mums to

be, who will be travelling to the mainland for a scan, will be given their flu vaccine at the same time. Those who are not travelling for a scan, but are due a flu vaccine, will be seen on Arran by a midwife from the mainland.

Dr Elvira Garcia, the board's immunisation co-ordinator, said: 'Pregnant

women are more at risk of flu-related complications so it is really important that they get the extra protection of the flu vaccine. This will help to keep them and their unborn baby well over the winter. The flu vaccine is safe for both mum and baby at any stage of pregnancy.'

New minister vows to resolve the ferry issues

Scotland's new islands minister has said he is determined to resolve the situation which has led to widespread disruption on the Arran and Islay ferry services.

At Holyrood, Mike Russell MSP, Bill Calderwood of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee, representatives of Isle of Islay Ferry Committee and Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson met with the minister for energy, connectivity and the islands, Paul Wheelhouse MSP, and Transport Scotland to discuss the ongoing problems of ferry reliability on both Arran and Islay.

Island communities rely on their lifeline ferry ser-

vices and disruption is impacting on the quality of life for islanders, tourism, business, farming and the provision of public services.

On Arran, disruption has been widespread with waste collection, care provision, tourist bookings, and cargo shipments all affected. This creates great personal and economic difficulties.

Extra sailings

Possible solutions include an additional vessel in the fleet; a commitment that CalMac will not reduce services, e.g. even if they are a boat down, they should add extra sailings earlier and later where possible, with



Islands minister Paul Wheelhouse, centre, with the Arran and Islay delegations.

a trained relief crew to help meet demand.

On behalf of the government, Mr Wheelhouse, who

expressed a desire to deliver solutions. Repairs should be carried out more rapidly, with the time taken to source spare parts reduced.

However, Mr Gibson and Mr Russell raised concerns that the investment in improvements such as road equivalent tariff, additional ferries and the increased frequency of sailings was being undermined by poor reliability.

Action plan

It was agreed that the Scottish Government will bring forward an action plan to support CalMac to restore reliability and normal timetables after several mechanical breakdowns.

Mr Gibson said: 'We had

a frank and robust discussion. Mr Wheelhouse has only been in post a few weeks but he took on board all our concerns and expressed his determination to deliver in the short, medium and long-term for the people of Arran, Islay and indeed all our islands. The current difficulties have been intolerable and everyone agreed to work together to ensure they are resolved with the minimum chance of a recurrence.

'Mike Russell and I will continue to liaise regularly and directly with Mr Wheelhouse and he readily agreed to come to Arran and meet with the ferry committee.'

Hearing support back on Arran

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland is inviting Arran residents to use the charity's community hearing support service.

The next drop-ins will take place at Shiskine Surgery on Tuesday October 9, from 11am to 12.30pm. The next one on the other side of the island will be at Arran Library, Brodick on Wednesday October 24, from 10.30am to 1pm.

The service provides free maintenance for NHS hearing aid users and volunteers, who have been trained by NHS Ayrshire and Arran audiology, will carry out basic maintenance on hearing aids,

such as cleaning hearing aids and replacing their tubing and batteries.

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland coordinator Fiona Goodwin said: 'We look forward to welcoming NHS hearing users to our Arran drop-ins. We want people to get the most from their hearing aids and so be able to hear more clearly when conversing with family and friends.'

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Organised by Stephen and Katharine Sparshott, well known faces at the monthly craft fair in Whiting Bay and at most events through-

out the island, the Brodick Craft Fair was a resounding success with a steady stream of visitors throughout the day.

Creative

Showing a diverse amount of creative talent, the crafts on display ranged from jewellery to hand-made cards and home decor to stained glass, origi-

nal artworks, photography and children's books, and much more besides.

The Brodick Hall Craft Fair will be a monthly event between March and October, taking place on the last Saturday of the month. There will also be an additional Christmas market which will take place on Saturday December 15.

Sophie Littlewood of Déercor paints a picture of a stag at her deer-themed home decor stall.

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More than 25 exhibitors set up stalls at the inaugural Brodick Craft Fair. 01_B40craft01



Popular products with Arran themes, Karen Bell of Karebell Designs and Ailsa Lawson 01_B40craft06



Janie Moor and Priscilla Helie were the faces of natural therapies, health and beauty treatments and provided advice on Juice Plus products. 01_B40craft02



Organisers Stephen and Katharine Sparshott pictured at their Katsock Crafts stall. 01_B40craft05

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Arran CND join in anti-Trident rally

A coach full of Arran CND supporters of all ages attended an international rally to oppose Trident and nuclear weapons at the Clyde naval base at Faslane.

Taking place on Saturday September 22, the 'Nae Nukes Anywhere' demonstration attracted support from around the UK and beyond with protesters marching from the long-established Peace Camp, just south of the base, to the north gate.

There they were addressed by a number of Scottish and international speakers. These included Jackie Kay the Scottish makar, the convenor of Scottish CND, and a group

representing the International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (Ican).

Ican recently won the Nobel Peace Prize after the United Nations accepted a treaty to abolish nuclear weapons.

So far 60 countries have adopted the treaty and many areas such as the state of California are encouraging their own countries to sign the treaty.

A spokesman for the group said: 'The peaceful and colourful rally in a beautiful part of Scotland made a stark contrast to the sombre backdrop of electric fences, watch towers and buildings housing the extremely expensive and immoral weapons of mass



Members of the Arran CND at the Faslane naval base near Helensburgh.

destruction.' Further information about

the Arran CND group can be found on the Scottish CND website at www.ban-thebomb.org/

Firefighters wanted on Arran

If anyone has always dreamed of being a fire-fighter, well now is their chance.

Scottish Fire and Rescue is looking to recruit retained firefighters at Brodick and Lamlash community fire stations.

The only requirements for the positions are that they need to be over 18 years of age, be physically fit and in good health, have good unaided vision and colour perception and be able to respond to Brodick or Lamlash fire station within five minutes for emergency call-outs.

In return the fire service says it can offer a challenging role doing something different and the chance to learn new skills that can be used in a variety of jobs.

If anyone is interested in helping to provide an important emergency service for their local community they can find out more at www.myjobscotland.gov.uk

First tree festival has taken root in Brodick

The wonderfully diverse world of trees is about to be celebrated for the first time as the inaugural Scottish Tree Festival is launched.

Gardens and woodlands across the country, including Brodick Castle and Country Park, are taking part in the free festival, which runs until early December and comprises of more than 70 events nationwide.

Organised by national garden tourism group Dis-

cover Scottish Gardens and supported by VisitScotland, the festival will showcase beautiful, unusual, heritage, exotic and champion trees from across the country.

Culminating in the UK's National Tree Week (November 24 to December 2), the festival aims to encourage local audiences and tourists to get outdoors and discover Scotland's wonderful gardens and woodlands and celebrate the country's tremendous trees. In its first year, it has inspired participation from the National Trust for Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland and Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, as well as individual garden owners, nurseries and tree-related activity organisers.

During the October school holidays, Brodick Castle and Country Park will host a series of brilliant family events inspired by the stunning colours of autumn.

Blair Estate in Dalry is also taking part where vis-

itors can enjoy a unique glimpse into the historic private garden and parkland landscape of Blair Estate, rarely opened to the public, with magnificent trees planted in the 19th century, including giant redwoods and a 'double' lime avenue.

Gordon Smith, VisitScotland regional director, said: 'Autumn is often one of the most beautiful times of the year to discover Ayrshire and Arran, the area's parks and woodlands transform from rich greens to glowing oranges and reds. It is no wonder that our natural heritage remains one of the main reasons people visit Scotland.'

'This fantastic new festival provides a welcome boost for attractions and will help extend the tourism season beyond the busier summer months. It will also help raise awareness of stunning trees and gardens across the region.'

For more information and events listings, please visit: <http://discoverscottishgardens.org/events>

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10.00 – 13.00	Walk: The Glacial Landscapes of Glen Rosa



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Editorial

A little progress

Good to see there is at least some progress on the long saga of the redevelopment of the former McLaren Hotel site.

It is ultimately up to the planning officials or our elected representatives to rule on the planning application but the developer in its resubmitted plans, has certainly gone some way to meeting some of the objections which have been made.

It has cut the size of the hotel while improving its appearance and the number of rooms, while increasing the number of parking spaces – which were all on the list of objections, so at least it is trying.

It is the view of staffing which may still be an issue. The developer contends that 80 per cent of its staff of around 25 will be employed from the mainland and it is to provide five staff rooms to accommodate them. The other 20 per cent will be recruited locally, it says.

How it plans to achieve this we are not quite sure, but again that's one for the planners.

What we are at least pleased about is to see some progress. The McLaren site cannot be allowed to lie derelict and abandoned as it is for another summer next year.

We await developments with interest.

Thought for the week

'To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. It was by their faith that people of ancient times won God's approval.' Hebrews 11:1-2

Pirnmill memorial

Sir,
I would like to make clear that the war memorial for the fallen of Pirnmill in WWI which was dedicated last week, had nothing to do with North Ayrshire Council and very little to do with Pirnmill Village Association.

The idea was conceived by Miss Fiona Laing, who, having ascertained that the folk in the village thought it was a good idea, did the research, raised the funds, and consulted Mr Simon Horne, a skilled metal worker and Pirnmill resident. With his help a designer was found, and a design created. Miss Laing then proceeded to fund raise. She researched, and delivered a talk about Pirnmill village from its beginnings to the present day, the village contributed what it could, the shop donated the plastic bag money, and after a great deal of hard graft, mainly by Miss Laing, raised the required amount. The village association backed her endeavours and the treasurer was happy to look after the money.

Mrs Sue Furzer created, with the help of willing volunteers, a garden in the wood behind the memorial, the money being raised for that by her baking and selling cakes which were sold to the village.

North Ayrshire Council's Legacy Fund has provided the money to pay for the post dedication celebration.

Yours,
**Christine Black
Pirnmill**

See next week's Banner for a full report and photographs from the Pirnmill War Memorial dedication service.

ShopArran invitation

Sir,
As in previous years a number of shops on the island will join forces to offer a Christmas shopping weekend full of promotions, deals and surprises in order to encourage shopping locally. There will be prize draws for adults who purchase from six shops and for children who find the elf on a shelf in six shops.

I'd like to invite any new businesses to join – we ask that you have an actual shop or are renting a space for it. I'd also like to ask businesses, accommodation providers, cafes and restaurants to come on board and offer anything they can so that we can make the weekend more of an island event. We have brought the dates forward this year to November 16 to 18 so it doesn't clash with other events.

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The following is a copy of a letter to CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond.

Sir,
As you are aware it is a problem obtaining a car space on our lifeline ferry. Too add insult, when I went to purchase car ferry tickets for October 20 last Friday, I was informed the ferry was full for the ferry departure time I wanted so I requested to be wait listed.

This has always worked well over the past 14 years

since our move to the island. I was then informed that this service had ceased. In order to find out if there were later spaces I would need to keep ringing. What sort of service is that?

I made further enquiries with a member of the ferry committee and learned they were advised that this had happened. The ferry committee was advised that in CalMac, being totally risk averse, someone decided that putting customers' names and contact details in an unofficial handwritten book (the only one on the CHFS system) may breach some data protection protocols, although the customer supplied the information and knew how it was going to be recorded.

It is clear that all our information is already in your systems, so what exactly is the problem? Given that trucks on block bookings can opt out of their booking by 2pm the day prior to sailing, having the book was a system that worked well in that event and over time has been excellent for residents. I believe if the ferry is 'full' you can ask to be 'wait listed' which shows as WL on the ticket. When I went in to do this on Saturday I was told no.

This is poor customer service. Please amend this with your ferry terminal managers. CalMac has everything on its system about our Campbell family, John and Sally, address, telephone number, mobile number, email addresses, cars and their make and number, the fact we are concession holders, and, who knows, our birth dates too! So please attend to this urgently. Your staff have enough hassle at the terminal nowadays without everyone ringing every day to see if they can get on

the ferry at a certain time on a certain day. Wait listing was the best solution. Please re-instate this service.

Yours,
**Dr Sally Campbell
Lamlash**

Church quiz

Sir,
Our thanks must go to the many participants who entered this year's quiz and the wonderful support we've received from Arran Active, Brodick and the Corrie Golf Club. Congratulations to this year's winner, M Brown of Lamlash.

Yours,
**Pat Reid
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Yours,
**Stephanie Stone
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Painting on glass at the distillery

A unique painting on glass exhibition opens at the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza today (Saturday) entitled Views & Booze Cruise.

Glasgow-based artist Michelle Cohen has been working alongside the distillery to create a new collection of work for their new gift shop. All of the paintings are based on the beautiful landscape of Arran and are framed in whisky barrel wood. Each of the 20 paintings are made on layers of glass giving a 3D effect.

Born in 1978 and originally from Saskatchewan, Canada, Michelle has travelled extensively and draws



A snowy image of Arran in a whisky cask frame.

inspiration for her work wherever she goes. Since 2011, she has lived in Glasgow and consequently the beautiful landscapes of Scotland have become the focus of her recent work, with an emphasis on the sky, the mountains, trees and water.

Michelle said: 'This particular painting on glass collection focuses on Arran. It is said that almost any scenery in Scotland can be discovered and enjoyed on Arran and these works aim to demonstrate this by showcasing the diversity in this magical island's land-

scape; from verdant fields, to sandy beaches, sweeping glens, and rocky mountain passes.

'The frames have been crafted from whisky casks of American Oak, the likes of which play a key part in whisky production at Lochranza.

'These images capture the essence of the island, in much the same way as the whisky itself is an expression of the island.

'It is the island bottled. What material could be more fitting to house them than the casks themselves?' she asked.

The artwork will be on display in the visitor centre until the end of the month.



A striking image of Glen Sannox in glass.



One of the glassworks of Michelle Cohen is of the Machrie Moor Standing Stones.



Lee Little, pictured with his daughter Bonnie, will be walking round Arran next week.

Fundraiser Lee is taking a little walk round Arran

A well-known islander is returning to Arran next week for a charity walk that will see him walking around the entire coast in two days.

Lee Little who now lives in Ayr, but whose dad Allan still lives in Whiting Bay, is expecting to complete the 55-mile route in 18 to 20 hours and the proceeds raised for the walk will be in aid of Cancer Research UK, Ayrshire Hospice and Yorkhill Children's Hospital.

Lee is no stranger to fundraising or physical exertion, having climbed Goatfell twice in one day last year as part of a work's charity group called Buzzworks Giving Back. Lee and his colleagues have raised more than £40,000 for their nominated charities so far.

The walk around Arran which will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday has a goal set to raise £500 through donations.

Lee said: 'Training is in full swing and my legs are like jelly after a decent paced 11-mile walk. I will need to get to about five times that distance but the three amazing charities I am raising for makes all the effort worthwhile.'

'Keep an eye out for me on the road and feel free to beep the horn when you see me in my bright pink t-shirt. Any help for these worthwhile charities will be gratefully appreciated.'

Anyone who wishes to support Lee can donate through his fundraising page which can be found at <https://uk.gofundme.com/walk-around-arran>

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Floral entries sought for creative writing contest

Writers on Arran and across Ayrshire are invited to take part in the annual Robin Whyte Creative Writing competition which is held in memory of the much respected Irvine lawyer, the late Robin Whyte, who was a talented creative writer himself.

An appropriate trophy in the form of an open book crafted locally in oak and ash plus a generous cash prize of £200 is on offer for a piece of prose or poetry by a writer, Ayrshire based or born, aged 16 or over.

There has been an encouraging response to previous topics, and this year's theme was inspired by recent discussions concerning the future of Glasgow School of Art.

The Tulip and the Rose reflects the collaboration in particular between Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Margaret McDonald, the distinctive illustrations of the several artistic movements of the late 19th century, and indeed the rising women's movement.

Profusion

The judges look forward to a profusion of literary bouquets; as Mackintosh said: 'Art is the flower. Life is the green leaf.'

'You must offer the flowers of the heart that is in you.'

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



The Robin Whyte Trophy which was created by artist Jim Brown.

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Friday 12 October

RANT

The all girl Shetland fiddlers featured at Celtic Connections



An artistic image of Rant who will be playing at the Brodick Bar.

Enjoy Rant at the Brodick Bar

A classy folk band will be appearing at the Brodick Bar on Friday October 12.

The band is called Rant and they are a real coup for Arran as they were nominated for Folk Band of the Year at Scots Trad Awards in 2016.

Rant is the meeting of four of Scotland's finest fiddle players, two from the Shetland islands and two from the Highlands, and they tour their unique brand of 'chamber-folk' far and wide.

Bethany Reid, Jenna Reid, Lauren MacColl and Anna Massie join forces

to create a sound which is both rich and lush, yet retaining all the bite and spark synonymous with a Scottish fiddle player.

Using just their fiddles, they weave a tapestry of melodies, textures, layers and sounds.

Known for their work as soloists and with various bands, this is a celebration of the instrument they all have a passion for.

Since the release of their debut album Rant in 2013, which won them critical acclaim in the form of a Herald Angel Award for outstanding performance

across all the Edinburgh festivals, the band have made major festival and concert appearances across the UK, Ireland and Scandinavia, and recorded strings for Julie Fowlis on her album Gach Sgeul.

Their latest release Reverie saw them continue this song strand, collaborating with Fowlis once more, and, for the first time, Scots singer Ewan McLennan.

They have recently launched a major youth project Rant 4/4 - A Project for Projection and will release a third album in 2019.

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White Stag dinner raises charity cash



The Arran Trust was delighted to receive a cheque for £1,580 which was raised through a prize draw at the annual White Stag dinner this year held as part of the Malt and Music Festival at the Lochranza distillery.

Arran Distillers have always been great supporters of the Arran Trust, and this money will be used to help sustain and conserve the natural beauty of the island, for residents and locals alike.

If anyone has a project and would like to find out more, or apply for funding through the Arran Trust, please apply to info@arrantrust.org, or visit the website www.arrantrust.org.

Visitor centre manager Gerard Tattersfield presents the cheque to Angela Elliott-Walker, a trustee of the Arran Trust.

Arran Brewery launches first lager

The Arran Brewery has launched its first ever lager after successfully test marketing a number of recipes.

The lager is to be called Insignia at 3.6 ABV. The lager will be made at Arran's Loch Earn Brewery in St Fillans Perthshire and the brewery is currently taking installation orders from the trade. It will come in two versions one for Glasgow and one for Edinburgh.

The brewery expects to handle installations during the winter months and have the lager fully available throughout Scotland by April 2019.

As well as its new lager Arran Brewery is to launch its first sour beers from its Arran View Brewery in

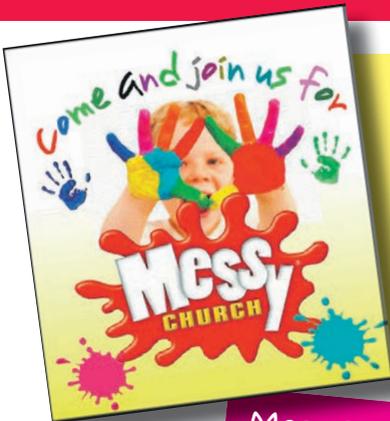
Dreghorn. Managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'We are just awaiting the transfer of a brewing licence for the equipment we are installing from our Devils Dyke operation.

'These beers will be available for Christmas and are aimed at a specific segment of the craft market that Arran has been missing out on as with open fermenters on Arran we could not risk using these stains of yeast in case they infected our main beers, but at Dreghorn our small 2.5 brl plant will be able to meet the limited demand in Scotland that we feel will only grow,' Mr Michaluk added.

The brewery has also re-launched its October (Hallowe'en beer) called Arran

ID an Indian dark ale and this is available in cask and shortly in bottles.

Families are invited to come along to enjoy some fun, stories, crafts and food in Lamlash Church



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Arran Brewery's new Insignia lager which will have regional branding.

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Arran joins world's biggest coffee morning



Eileen Gregg, Judith Ross and Lisa Nicolson with just some of the homebaking on offer at Cafe Rosaburn. 01_B40macmillan04

Organisations, schools and individuals on Arran all joined thousands of people from all over the country last Friday when they hosted coffee mornings in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Known as the world's biggest coffee morning, the event is organised by the Macmillan charity, which encourages people to host their own events to help raise funds for the charity, an initiative that has helped to raise more than £200 million since it started in 1990.

In Brodick, Eileen Gregg, Judith Ross and Lisa Nicolson of Cafe Rosaburn organised a well-attended event with a large raffle, stalls, and a bake-off competition which was won by Sarah Blair with her Victoria sponge.

Visitors to Cafe Rosaburn at the Arran Heritage Museum were treated to a huge selection of delicious home-baking which was

enjoyed in the restaurant or outdoors under a specially erected marquee.

Judith said on behalf of all staff and volunteers: 'We would like to personally thank every single person and local business who has contributed raffle prizes, home-baking, time and effort and all of those who attended and bought raffle tickets and donations. Without all of these the coffee morning wouldn't have been such a success.'

Along with the proceeds from the coffee morning which raised almost £900 on its own, a contribution from Aloe Vera stallholder Pam McCrae, and a separate coffee morning held at the Corrie and Sannox Village hall, a total of £1,007.52 was raised for Macmillan.

Meanwhile, pupils from Kilmory Primary School's enterprise group held a coffee morning in the village hall and conducted an afternoon of activities which

were run by just five pupils ranging between P1 and P7.

In the morning pupils baked their own cakes – which did not last until the afternoon – while donated home-baking was enjoyed by visitors who filled the village hall. Following the tea and cakes, pupils entertained the visitors with the raffle which they ran themselves – from getting the visitors to select tickets, through to calling out the winning names and delivering the prizes.

Amanda McDonald on behalf of the group said: 'A very big thank to everyone who baked, donated, helped and supported our Macmillan coffee afternoon. We raised an amazing £433 for such a great charity.'

Montrose House care home in Brodick also hosted a successful and well-attended coffee morning which raised £526.14 for the charity.



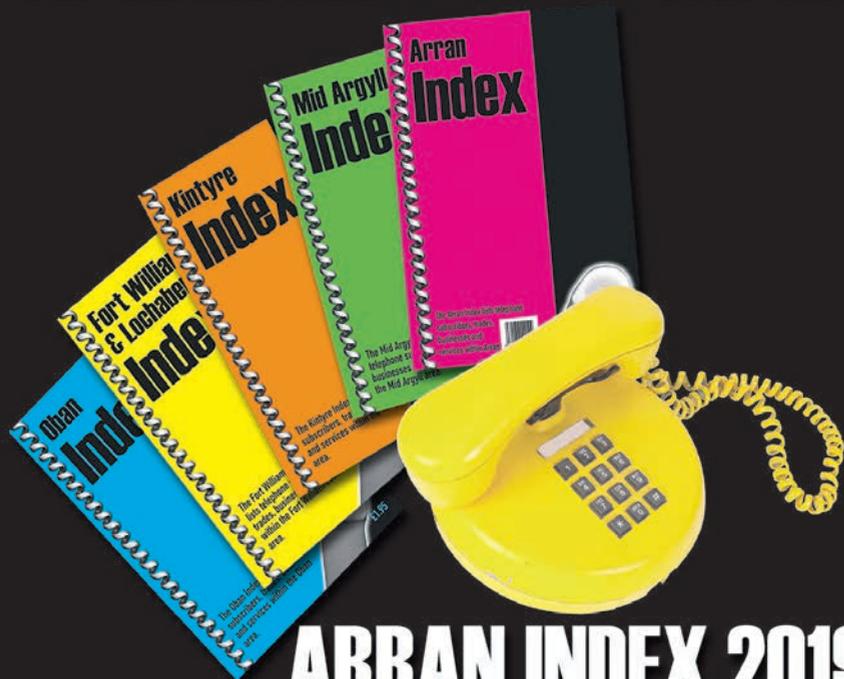
Members of the Kilmory community filled the village hall in support of the coffee morning. 01_B40macmillan07



Kilmory primary pupils hold a raffle, call out the prize winners and deliver the prizes.

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Alistair Gold and Farquhar Ross did a roaring trade selling raffle tickets in Brodick. 01_B40macmillan02



Pam McCrae and Shiona McGarrigle of the Aloe Vera Company donated a percentage of sales to the Cafe Rosaburn Macmillan coffee morning. 01_B40macmillan01



Supporters at the Arran Heritage Museum enjoy some of the tasty treats on offer. 01_B40macmillan03



Organisers of the Kilmory coffee afternoon were Kilmory Primary School's enterprise group. 01_B40macmillan05

Craig Hatton named new chief executive of council

Craig Hatton has been named as North Ayrshire Council's new chief executive. Mr Hatton will take over the top job from Elma Murray OBE, who announced last month she was retiring.

Mr Hatton has played a key role in the authority since joining the council nine years ago. He is currently the executive director of place, which covers services such as housing, roads, building services and street-scene.

Ms Murray had agreed to remain in post until a new successor was appointed and it is expected that the handover will happen within the coming weeks.

Mr Hatton said: 'First and foremost, I want to pay tribute to Elma and the amazing transformational work



Craig Hatton.

managed a wide range of local government services.

At North Ayrshire, he has led a strong team delivering significant transformation across a broad range of services securing many national awards along the way, notably a Municipal Journal award for workforce transformation in the creation of a fully integrated streetscene service.

Ms Murray said: 'I want to pass on my best wishes to Craig and I'm sure he will do a fantastic job at the helm of North Ayrshire Council.'

'We have many challenges to face but it's a real privilege to serve one of the best parts of Scotland. Once again, I would like to thank all staff, partners and residents for making my time as chief executive so enjoyable.'

she has delivered during her time as chief executive, culminating in us winning APSE's Council of the Year last year. I very much hope to maintain that record and look forward to continuing our journey towards improving people's lives right across North Ayrshire.'

A building surveyor by profession, Mr Hatton has



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Expert tells of volcanic Arran

Bob Gooday, an expert on Arran geology, in particular the Ard Bheinn area, gave an informative presentation to a packed meeting of the Arran Natural History Society earlier this month, writes Jim Cassels.

Bob is currently working on the Arran Geopark project which aims to attain UNESCO Geopark status for Arran. Using both still and moving images, not only from Arran but from around the world, he gave a vivid description of Arran's past spanning almost half a billion years. From its location some 60 degrees south of the equator, he mapped its movements north through consecutive geological periods each

with an impact on the developing area that would become Arran. The impact of the volcanic past was highlighted.

From the floors of ancient oceans to ash clouds that blocked out the sun, geologists have been studying the volcanic rocks on the island for more than two centuries. Active research is still ongoing, including his own work in the Ard Bheinn area. From the questions from the audience, he had successfully generated interest in these strange past environments, Arran's place in the history of volcanology, and the new thoughts on what the island can still tell us.

It was an excellent start



Bob Gooday in the Lochranza Interpretation Centre which officially opens in October.

to the society's winter programmes of talks.

The next meeting of the society was on Thursday October 4, in the Rangers Centre when Patrick Hayes gave an illustrated presentation with the title, The Bulbs of Kyrgyzstan.

Patrick is the head gardener at Brodick Country Park. He has more than 20 years' experience in horticulture in a range of establishments including RHS Wisley, Battleston Hill Woodland Garden and Gardens by the Bay, Singapore.

His special interests in horticulture include propagation for conservation purposes, commercial growing and woodland plants.

It was these interests and passion that led to the expedition to find and document bulbs such as tulips and Iris in the country of Kyrgyzstan. This is the basis of Patrick's presentation.

Meeting with a local horticulturist and botanist, a route was planned to access sites where these plants evolved naturally.

Further expeditions have taken place in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, with future plans for trips to Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

Later this month there is an opportunity to learn more about the Arran Geopark Project.

It aims to explain, protect, and provide access

to Arran's fantastic geology. By next March there will be three interpretation centres and six self-guided walks in place, supported by a number of events and talks through the year.

This year's geology festival is being run over three days starting on Friday October 12. Further information can be found on the Arran Geopark Facebook page.

The Arran Geopark Project are hoping that, after a successful 2019, and with community support, Arran will be able to apply to become a UNESCO Geopark, gaining recognition for Arran's world-renowned geology.

Youth initiatives can bid for cash

Young people from Arran are being urged to get applications in for the chance of winning up to £800 of funding to help deliver projects in their community or school.

More than £50,000 has been allocated from what was formerly the Youth Action Fund to deliver this Youth Participatory Budgeting event which aims to build a legacy following the Year of Young People 2018.

Chance

The event will see youth groups, clubs and individuals aged eight to 25 across North Ayrshire given the chance to pursue their ideas which will bring benefit to young people in the area.

Applications must be based around one of the three YoYP legacy themes: health

and wellbeing; poverty and inequality; participation and young people's voice.

Application forms can be found on the YoungScot website and must be submitted no later than noon on Friday October 26. Completed application forms can be sent by email to youthpb@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

After the closing date, a short-list of between six to 15 projects per locality will be selected to progress to an online vote via Young Scot from 9am, on Friday November 9, until noon, Tuesday November 20. Young people from across North Ayrshire will then vote on the projects they want to fund, and the winners will be announced on Tuesday November 20, via the North Ayrshire Council Twitter feed.



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Saturday 6th October

Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Orca Krafts Art Classes Charisma Lane, Brodick, 10.30am - 12noon
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
 Highland Dance Classes, P2 and under Arran High School, 11am - 12.30pm
 Highland Dance Classes, P3 and over Arran High School, 11am - 1pm
 Orca Krafts Art Classes Charisma Lane, Brodick, 3pm - 4.30pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Barry Jackson Sicilian Blue's & Roots Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Live Music - Audioclass - First class indie rock covers The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Over 21s' Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 7th October

Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.30am and 2.30pm
 Live Music – Barry Jackson, Sicilian Blue's & Roots Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Davie G & Jim Pottymouth - Acoustic versions of popular cover son The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Folk Music Session Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 8th October

Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.00am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
 Chantraine Dance Class for adults Village Hall, Lochranza, 4.30pm - 5.30pm
 JogScotland mixed ability running group Whiting Bay 5.30pm
 Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
 Circuit Training Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
 Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s, Brodick Church Hall, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Live Music - Mike Bailey Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm

Tuesday 9th October

Healthy Outdoors Team Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.30am and 2.30pm
 Castle Garden Walk Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowls Bowling Club, 2pm
 Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
 Flow Yoga Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 6pm
 Arran Hockey Club - Juniors (5 - 14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
 Scottish Country Dancing. Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm
 Trev's Pop Music Quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Traditional Music Sessions Brodick Bar, 9pm
 Body Blitz Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 10th October

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
 Brodick Gardens Volunteers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 10am - 1pm
 Coffee Morning St Bride's Church, Brodick, 10.30am - 12noon
 Chair Yoga St Mollo's Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.30am and 2.30pm
 Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Dog Classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm



Arran Pace Makers Running Group Brodick, 5.30pm
 Flow Yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
 Tae Kwondo Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Advanced Juniors & Adults, AHS, 7.30p - 8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Live Music - Davie Anderson Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Family Friendly Pub Quiz PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
 Quiz Night Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm
 Rock 'n' Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 11th October

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Chair yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
 Spin Off Meeting Whiting Bay Church Hall, 11am - 3pm
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.30am and 2.30pm
 A.C. L. I. Volunteer Gardening Day Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
 Castle Time Travellers Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
 Quilt Arran Firestation, Lamlash, 2pm - 4.30pm
 Messy Church, Early Years to P7 Lamlash Church, 3.30pm - 5.45pm
 Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
 Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome Little Rock, Brodick, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Arran Hockey Club - Seniors (12 yrs +) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Arran Soul Choir Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7pm - 9pm
 Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Body Blitz Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
 Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 12th October

Yoga Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11.00am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
 T'ai Chi with Sue Thurgood Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
 Orca Krafts Art Classes Charisma Lane, Brodick, 4.30pm - 6pm
 2 for 1 Fish and Chips Felicity's @ Eden Lodge 5pm - 6pm
 Chantraine Dance Class for adults Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm - 7.15pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Tae Kwondo Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30p - 8.30pm
 Friday Night Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
 Live Music - Mike Edwards Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Karaoke & Open mic The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Live Music - Rant Brodick Bar, 9pm

Saturday 13th October

Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Orca Krafts Art Classes Charisma Lane, Brodick, 10.30am - 12noon
 Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour 11am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
 Orca Krafts Art Classes Charisma Lane, Brodick, 3pm - 4.30pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Live Music - Abel Faces Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Live Music The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Over 21s' Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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Make a Will, make a difference

The Ayrshire Hospice were absolutely delighted that £30,162 was raised during their last Make a Will fortnight with 372 Wills being prepared or updated by a team of 38 supporting solicitor offices across Ayrshire & Arran, with 21 offices from North Ayrshire and Arran alone.

The campaign is hugely popular and has now raised over £140,000 for the hospice since it began seven years ago, mainly thanks to the ongoing support of the many participating solicitors throughout Ayrshire who willingly give their service free of charge in return for a donation to the hospice.

The next Ayrshire Hospice Make a Will Fortnight will take place later this month. If you'd like to take the opportunity to make or update your Will in exchange for a donation to the hospice, all you

need to do is call the participating solicitor of your choice and book an appointment between 15th and 26th October. The solicitors will guide you through the process and will also collect your donation to the hospice. A list of all the supporting solicitors is available on the Ayrshire Hospice website at <https://www.ayrshirehospice.org/how-you-can-help/fundraising/legacies/or-by-calling-the-fundraising-office-on-01292-288488>.

Kathryn Howell, senior fundraising officer at the hospice said: 'Our thanks must go to the generous solicitors and supporters in the North Ayrshire community and beyond, for once again supporting this important campaign. It really was an exceptional amount to raise during the two week campaign whilst at the same time providing our sup-

porters with some important advice on making their Will.'

During 2016/17 over £777,000 was kindly left in bequests and legacies to the Ayrshire Hospice by people in their Wills. These gifts are a vital source of income for the hospice as over two-thirds of their funding comes from voluntary donations.

The care provided by the Ayrshire Hospice is at no cost to the patient, however, it does require extensive, on-going fundraising support. It costs almost £7.6million to run all hospice services, including clinical, fundraising and support services – equating to approximately £20,800 per day.

Would you consider leaving the Ayrshire Hospice a gift in your Will? Every gift, large or small, makes a difference to patients, their families and loved ones,

and those the hospice will care for in the future. Just 1% from an estate can make a significant difference and leaving a gift to the hospice in your Will

could have tax benefits for your estate by reducing inheritance tax.

If you would like any advice about the Ayrshire Hospice Make a Will Fort-

night or would like to find out how you could leave a gift in your Will to the hospice, please contact the fundraising office on 01292 288488.



North Ayrshire solicitors Jas Campbell & Co, Taylor Henderson and Nellany & Co proudly displaying the grand total they helped to raise by taking part in the Ayrshire Hospice Make a Will Fortnight 2017.

Make a Will Fortnight 15th - 26th October 2018

In support of the Ayrshire Hospice Make a Will Fortnight, a number of solicitors across Ayrshire and Arran have very kindly agreed to waive their fee and write or update your Will in return for a donation to the Ayrshire Hospice.*

All you need to do is contact a participating solicitor from the list opposite and make an appointment with them between Monday 15th and Friday 26th October 2018.

Did you know?

Over two thirds of the hospice's funding comes from voluntary donations including Gifts in Wills and every penny counts.

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference to the patients we care for today, their families and loved ones, and those we will care for in the future.

Please consider the Ayrshire Hospice in your Will. We will always spend your gift wisely and your donation will be very much appreciated.

For further information please contact: Kathryn Howell Tel: 01292 288488 Email: donate@ayrshirehospice.org Website: www.ayrshirehospice.org

Ayrshire Hospice

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Jas Campbell & Co back initiative

Jas Campbell & Co Solicitors in Brodick have signed up to support the Ayrshire Hospice Make a Will Fortnight between 15th and 26th October.

Along with their offices in Ardrossan, Saltcoats and West Kilbride the solicitors have very kindly agreed to waive their fee and write or update your Will in return for a donation to the Ayrshire Hospice.

Senior Partner at Jas Campbell & Co, Ian Hunter said: 'The Ayrshire Hospice is a charity my firm has supported for many years through various charitable events and Make a Will Fortnight is an ex-

tremely important part of this relationship. The hospice is an important and well respected organisation in the local area providing comfort and support to many people. With increasing awareness of this event, the numbers of our clients participating are rising year on year and hopefully will continue to do so.'

Kathryn Howell, senior fundraising officer at the Ayrshire Hospice said: 'We're truly indebted to Ian Hunter and his team at Jas Campbell & Co for their wonderful support in the past and we are delighted to have them on board once again this year.'



Ian Hunter and his team at Jas Campbell Solicitors are once again supporting the Ayrshire Hospice Make a Will Fortnight seen here with former senior fundraising officer Olive Lindsay.

During part of October and November, Jas Campbell Solicitors will be supporting two very worthwhile charities as part of Free Will Month whereby our Solicitors will waive their fees for writing or updating simple Wills in exchange for a donation to one of these charities.

If you would like to make use of this opportunity, please arrange an appointment at our Brodick office and one of our Solicitors will guide you through the process and will also collect your donation for the benefitting organisation. Jas Campbell offer a complete and professional service designed to provide you with the expert advice you require to make an informed decision on the contents of your Will. We also offer a free and secure Will storage service within our Saltcoats office.

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Ayrshire Hospice:

Between the 15th – 26th of October Jas Campbell supports Ayrshire Hospice, a local charity, who run a Make a Will Fortnight. During this period Jas Campbell Solicitors will write or update your Will for free, in exchange for your donation to the hospice. Ayrshire Hospice provides exceptional care to adults and their families across Ayrshire who are affected by any life-limiting illness. As over two thirds of their funding comes from voluntary donations (including gifts in Wills such as these) Jas Campbell are very happy to support this effort.

Ayrshire Hospice

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Why have a Will?

At present, fewer than 30% of the adult population in Scotland have a valid Will. Making a Will is the only way to ensure that your wishes are carried out after your death. If you don't leave a Will, the law decides how your Estate (finances and possessions) is passed on – and this might not be in line with your wishes. Many people who have made a Will have done so because they've witnessed one of the negative impacts not having a Will can have on a family.

It is particularly important to have a valid Will if you have children or other family members who depend on you as a Will isn't just about money; it's also about deciding who should look after your children if you die and making proper financial arrangements for them as they grow up.

Will Aid:

Will Aid is a special partnership between the legal profession and nine worthy charities throughout Scotland, the UK and the rest of the world. In order to help support their work, throughout November Jas Campbell will write or update your Will for free, in return for a donation to Will Aid. The donations and gifts received from these Wills are then used to help thousands of people around the world to change their lives for the better.



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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday September 26, 1998

Changing Rooms

Television likes Arran but next month it makes an unusual visit. The programme Changing Rooms will arrive and two neighbours will each have two days, assisted by BBC technicians, decorators and designers, to completely revamp a room in each others' house. Ronnie and Denise Mann, who live in the former church at Kildonan and George and Christine Stewart of The Cnoc will change places.

The Mann's lounge will be redesigned by the Stewarts while down at The Cnoc the Stewarts' dining room will be redecorated by the Manns. All this takes place at a frenetic pace and there is no consultation with the house owner about what they may like.

At the end of the programme each couple returns to their own home to see how wonderful or awful it now looks. The programme is to be screened over the Christmas period.

Riding to success

At 13 years old Jenny Campbell of Lam-lash took her pony Iorsa Cobweb to the Royal Highland Show in June this year. There she came third in her class and, as one of the first four, was eligible to com-

pete in the BSPS Championships at Peterborough.

Only one show down from the Horse of the Year Championships, the Peterborough Show is a daunting experience. It is so large that there are over nine rings in action at one time with more than 2,000 ponies taking part. But still Jenny did well and came eighth in the show hunter class. Cobweb, bought by her parents four years ago, was bred on Arran by Phyllis Warwick.

Holy Holograms

The Biblebus came to Arran this week. It is the mobile leg of the National Bible Society and was launched by HRH The Princess Royal three years ago. Designed for use by schools which are not within easy reach of Bibleworld headquarters in Edinburgh, it came here from Dunoon on the Rothsay ferry last week.

Aimed mainly at primary 5 to 7 and secondary 1 and 2 children it embraces modern technology to introduce young folk to traditional beliefs. Up to 32 children can enjoy an 80-minute journey through time as holographic images take them down a time tunnel to see God creating the world, planets, animals and people. The bus has been parked in the high school playground and next moves to Stevenston.



Arran's elected leaders. The new community council are, back row, Stewart Walls (Brodict), Margo Popplewell (Shiskine), Kate McAdam (Lamlash), Elma Stevenson (Corrie), Anne Hutchison (Lamlash), front row, Janice Gemmell (Brodict), Sheila Gilmore (Shiskine), Terry Crawley (Lochranza), Tom Campbell (Pirnmill) and former chairman John Sillars.



Joining representatives from most major newspapers in Scotland, Arran Banner's Rosalind Millar jumped at the chance to attend a one-day event in Majorca, Spain.



Bay Stores in Whiting Bay has new owners. Taking over from John and Kathy Steed, who have run the shop for eight years, are Douglas and Pat Ferguson. Most recently from Benbecula, the couple are used to island life and look forward to enjoying Arran life.



A lone piper plays at the top of the String road. And what is the occasion you may ask? None other than being considerate, Dr Robin Whitla practises the bagpipes in isolation because his wife cannot stand the noise at home.



Celebrating the success of the Arran Taste Trail Guide with a competition, Maureen McKenna of the enterprise company holds the box while Padraig Aherne of the Distillery and Eileen Aitcheson of the Tourist Board pick the winners of the prizes- Arran whisky.

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The Returning Officer is obliged to publish their proposals. These proposals will be on display on the Council's website www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and available during office hours from 1 October 2018 to 23 November 2018 at the following Council Offices: Arran Local Office, Lamplash, Isle of Arran, KA27 8JY; Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE; Kilbirnie Branch Library, Avils Place, Kilbirnie, KA25 6BL; Brooksby Medical and Resource Centre, 31 Brisbane Road, Largs, KA30 8LH; and Saltcoats Town Hall, Countess Street, Saltcoats, KA21 5HP.

For further information call (01294) 324113 or email elections@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 09.00-16.45 weekdays (16.30 Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk *and at The Council Offices, Lamplash.

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 26.10.18. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987 Applications for Listed Building Consent.

18/00740/LBC; Brodick Castle, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8HY; Installation of 6no flags at the main entrance to Brodick Castle.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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A recruitment pack is available to download on our website www.crossroads-scotland.co.uk/opportunities. Alternatively, please contact **0141 226 3793** or email recruitment@crossroads-scotland.co.uk.

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Arran Medical Group

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- All pregnant women – clinic appointments
- All people aged over 65 – clinic appointments

If you are unsure if you are in an eligible group please do not hesitate to contact the surgery. All our Flu clinics will be by appointment only.

Appointments will be available from October. To make an appointment for a flu vaccination at any surgery please phone 01770 600516.

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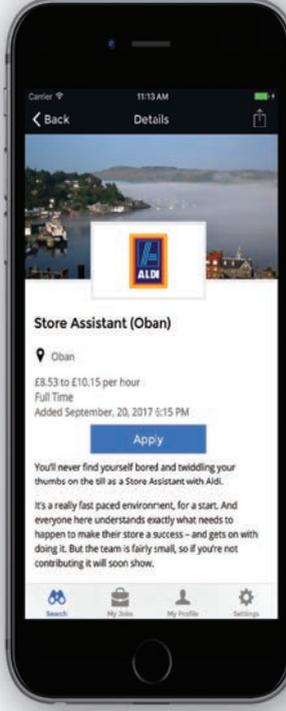
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Sunday 7th October

Pirmill and Lochranza Churches together 10.15am. Joint Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Shiskine Church, 12noon Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Brodick Church, 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Harvest Thanksgiving Service

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

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Kilmory - 10am,

Lamlash - 11.30am.

All welcome, including families; children's area Scottish Charity SC015072

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 7th October

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.

Everyone most welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service; please stay and enjoy more fellowship.

There will be a service in Cooredoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 7th October

Service 11am, Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and coffee after the service

Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.

Telephone 600222

Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 7th October

Shiskine, 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick 6pm

Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 7th October

Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

DEATH

HAMILTON:

Alistair Stewart - Peacefully, after a short illness, at Arran War Memorial Hospital, on 2nd October, 2018, aged 91yrs, dearly loved husband of the late Marion, step-father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great great grandfather. Funeral, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited, to take place at Lamlash Church and thereafter, Lamlash cemetery, on Friday, 12th October at 11.30am. Bus to meet the 9.45am sailing from Ardrossan and back to the pier for the 4.40pm sailing.

LANE:

Suddenly, after an illness bravely borne, James Morris, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, died on the 27th September 2018 peacefully at home surrounded by family. The funeral service will be on Monday 8th October 2018 at Lamlash Parish Church at 12pm to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only.

MACPHERSON:

Archibald Ronald Died suddenly on Friday 21st September. Dear husband of the late Helen Constance MacPherson (nee Whitty). Much loved father of Iain and Jamie and father-in-law to Fionna, dear grandpa of Eilidh and Erin, brother to Isabella, Mhairi and Margaret. The funeral took place on Thursday 4th October. Thank you to everyone who attended.

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CURRIE:

Stewart - Alison, Ian and Hazel would like to thank family and friends for all cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy and support following Stewart's death on 15th September. Very grateful thanks are extended to exceptional staff at Cumbræ Lodge Care Home, Irvine, for their care over many years and particular thanks to Rev. Angus Adamson for his wonderful service and spiritual support. Thanks also to Clair and David Hendry for their efficient and caring funeral arrangements, also, very grateful thanks to all who attended the funeral service and donated to the retiral offering which realised the sum of £437.80 for Dementia Scotland.

FARQUHAR:

Richard - Mairi, Lynne and Bryan would like to thank all friends and family for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and support following their recent loss. Thanks go to Rev. Angus Adamson for conducting a service which reflected Richard's life and loves so well. David and Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements and to the Brodick Bar for the catering. Thanks also to Robert Watt for providing memorable words and music, to Andy Surrige for his help with the sound and to Gordon Davidson for his superb piping. The family would finally like to thank Ayr Hospital, Crosshouse Hospital, AWMH and all the staff at Arran Medical Group for all the care and attention Richard was given over the past few months. The collection raised £600 for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

HESP:

Michael - The family of the late Michael Hesp would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy, cards and support extended to them following their sad loss. We have been overwhelmed by the level of this support. Grateful thanks go to the Shiskine Medical practice, the District Nurses, the Home Care Team and the Alert Team who cared for Mike with such compassion, to David and Clare Hendry for the funeral arrangements, to Eleanor for the beautiful flowers, the Kinloch for the catering and finally to The Rev Lily McKinnon for her moving celebration of Mike's life - a life well lived. The sum of £565.00 generously donated has been shared between the RNLI and The Hospital Supporters League

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Blackwaterfoot bowlers celebrate season finale



Blackwaterfoot bowlers prepare for the final tournament of the season.

Bowlers in Blackwaterfoot celebrated the end of the season with a traditional feast following their last tournament.

Despite the occasional downpours, the last tournament took place on Saturday September 22 and was completed in good spirits with only two short intermissions for rain.

Wrapping up the sea-



Bowlers having a lark about: Peter 'see no evil' Harper, David 'hear no evil' Price and David 'speak no evil' Brambles.

son on a high note, Jenny Douglas was the winner, John Robinson was the runner-up and Reuben Betley finished in third. The company then moved to the Old House, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs John Robinson, for the usual celebration party.

Although this is the last tournament of the season, games will continue through the winter months on Saturdays and Tuesdays as the green is an all-weather rink.

A spokeswoman for the club said: 'We are happy to welcome members of other clubs as winter members, and remind them to keep an eye on What's On in the Banner as it is necessary to start earlier as the nights draw in.'



A celebratory dinner was held to mark the end of the tournament season.

Final September results at Brodick

After the marvellous summer the September weather broke down, but nevertheless most rink games at Brodick Bowling Club were played with good numbers of players.

The final one-day competition of the season, the President's Bowl, was played on Saturday September 15 and won for the second year in succession by Charlie Weir. Play on Saturday September 29, the final day of the season, concluded with a spider won this year by Andy McCrindle.

President Kate Nichols, in her concluding remarks at the end of refreshments in the clubhouse, thanked all who had manned the bowls and tennis pay-box this season, one which had been marked by an increased membership, good attendances at rink games, and a lovely playing sur-

face thanks again to Stevie Bunyan and his staff.

Best scores in rink games last month were: September 1, Charlie Weir and Ian Davidson (+14); September 3, Kate Nichols and Andy McCrindle (+19); September 5, Kate Nichols, Ernie Stanger and Jim Gourlay (+6); September 8, Jim Nichols and Ian Davidson (+19); September 12, Charlie Weir, Keith Kelsall and Kate Nichols (+24); September 17, Charlie Weir and Jim Gourlay (+2); September 20, Andy McCrindle, Robert Crawford and Charlie Weir (+18); September 22, Charlie Weir, Ian Davidson and Lavinia Hendry (+18); September 24, Robert Crawford and Jim Gourlay (+11); September 29, Iain Hendry and Charlie Weir (+16).

Hat-trick Archie settles the score against Celtic

Ayrshire Sunday League

Irvine No 1 CSC 2
Isle of Arran 4

Arran gained revenge for an earlier defeat at home to the Celtic boys from Irvine with on-form striker Archie McNicol netting another hat-trick and play-maker Johnny Sloss getting his maiden goal in

the red and black. The fitness coaching from Laura Aitcheson looks like it has been paying off for some of the players as their performance against Irvine Celtic was very physical and they appeared to be dominating for most of the game.

The only negative was what looked like a soft red card for William Sillars



Hat-trick scoring Archie McNicol keeps his eye on the ball in a high speed race for possession.



Leaping high into the air but Arran's attempt at goal is unsuccessful.

near the end of the match as Arran conceded a penalty at 4-1 with the last kick of the ball, which Irvine scored for a second goal.

Man of the match was Donald Park for an outstanding shift in the mid-

dle of the park, breaking up play and creating chances for his fellow players.

In other news the club have signed former Southender Nick Emsley as they look to bolster their pool of mainland players in

case of ferry cancellations over the winter period.

The club have also expressed gratitude for a generous donation from the Arran Society of Glasgow. The much-appreciated funds will be used for

equipment and expenses.

The next game for Arran will be another away game with a trip to Pennyburn Park, Kilwinning to face Galston SAFC on Sunday with a 2pm kick off.

Photographs: Marc Head

Arran runners take to the streets of Glasgow

Around 50 runners from Arran took part in the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow last weekend.

The biggest team from the island taking part were the 35 10k participants and

two half marathon runners from Team Auchrannie made up of employees as well as family and friends.

They have already raised more than £5,000 for Auchrannie's 2018/19 charity

of choice, Marie Curie, with the total still rising.

There were also a number of entrants from Arran's two running groups, the Brodick-based Arran Pace Makers and the

Whiting Bay jogscotland group, who taking part in the 10k.

They joined around 30,000 runners of all abilities who took to the streets of Glasgow last Sunday in the two events.



Team Auchrannie in George Square before the start of the run.



The Arran running group members ahead of the Glasgow run.



Perfectly positioned Dame of the Game Mia Walker slams the ball into goal. 01_B40hockey05

Impressive home win for new-look Arran Ladies

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making a forceful press with the ball back up the pitch and then positioned herself to receive a pass-back at the top of the D and fired the ball into the goal, making no mistakes with her accuracy.

The final score ended 4 - 0 to Arran. Mia Walker was chosen as their Dame of the Game for her outstanding performance during the whole match.

Team captain Lorraine making a forceful press with the ball back up the pitch and then positioned herself to receive a pass-back at the top of the D and fired the ball into the goal, making no mistakes with her accuracy.

Also commenting on the new young players in the team Lorraine added: 'They did themselves

and their team proud with the effort they made, using their set piece passing, never giving up on a challenge and chasing every ball. It was also great to see them and the other team players successfully using the swivel manoeuvre which we have been practising on training nights, to keep the ball away from the opposition.

'Anyone who would like to come to and be part of the club or team are welcome to join us at Thursday night training as we are always happy to welcome more players and team umpires. Training is open to both men and women and boys and girls over the age of 12.'

The Arran Ladies are playing at home again today (Saturday) against East Kilbride 2s at 1pm.



Playing in mid field Anne Watts leaps into the air to avoid a collision with an opposition player. 01_B40hockey06



Captain Lorraine Hewie avoids the close marking to take a trio of shots at goal. 01_B40hockey02

In her first match for the team Isla McKelvie proves her worth with an impressive show of ability. 01_B40hockey04



Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday September 27, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Scott Campbell 79-17=62, 2 Paul Jameson 74-11=63, 3 Graeme Andrew 74-9=65. Scratch, Dougie MacFarlane 66. Magic twos, Dougie MacFarlane at 13th, Neil Young and Iain Murchie at 16th. Summer Eclectic. Winner

Neil Young 50-1=49 BIH, runner up Ian Bremner 52-2=49.

Sunday September 30, Stableford, CSS 64. 1 Graeme Andrew 37pts, 2 Serge El Adm 34pts. Scratch Graeme Andrew 28pts.

Fixtures: Sunday October 7, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday October 11, Front Nine Medal, make up own games, see starter for times. Sunday October 14, Glenburn Cup.

Ladies' Section: Wednesday September 26, Stroke 6, CSS 66, par 65, three

played. 1 Sheena Murchie 84-15=69, 2 Jenny Pattenden 108-31=77. Scratch, Sheena 84.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday September 29, Captain's Prize. 1 A Napier 37pts BIH, 2 R McLean 37pts, 3 D Logan. Many thanks to club captain Peter McKinnon for great prizes and sandwiches.

Fixtures: Saturday October 6, 18-hole medal, ballots at 9am and 1.30pm. Members please note that the Winter Cup will commence on Monday October 15 at noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday September 30, Winter Cup round one. A total of 12 played in the first round of the Winter Cup (which seemed only a few short weeks after the first round of the Summer Cup) and the winner on a fine net 60 was Dave Hackett. 1 Dave Hackett 14, 60 and lowest gross, 2 David Blair 15, 63, 3 Graeme Crichton 14, 66 ACB, 4 Ronnie Mann 14, 6. There were no magic twos and CSS stayed at 63.

Fixtures: Sunday October 7, Taylor Trophy

Greensome. One draw for partners at 10am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 2, Winter Cup. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 68, 2 John Pennycott 71, 3 Ron Woods 73. Magic twos Hamish Bannatyne.

Fixtures: Saturday October 6, Lochranza Hotel Cup, noon tee off. Tuesday October 9, Winter Cup, 12noon tee off.

Brodick Golf Club

Saturday September 29, Belhaven Mixed Texas Scramble, 36 played. Proceeds to Alzheimer Scot-

land in memory of Gus Robertson. 1 Trish Martin, Finlay Sillars, Fred Galbraith, Babbies MacNeil 54.6, 2 Gay McKay, Alastair Dobson, Ewan McKinnon, Iain Keen 55.5, 3 Kate McAdam, Bob McCrae, Douglas Robertson, Gordon Hendry 56.1.

Sunday September 30, Winter Cup Stableford, 10 played, CSS 34 points. Bruce Jenkins 6, 38pts, Bob McCrae 8, 32pts ACB, Alastair Dobson 10, 32pts ACB.

Fixture: Sunday October 7, Brandon Qualifier, 8.30am and noon.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Arran runners take to the streets of Glasgow

Youth comes to the fore in opening home game

Arran Ladies 4
MC Clydesdale Western 6s 0

Arran Ladies Hockey Club captain Lorraine Hewie tried an untested and new team formation using up-and-coming talent in their first home game of the season last Sunday against Glasgow's Milne Craig Clydesdale Western 6s, a decision that paid big dividends.

With six regular players absent from the team sheet, it was an opportunity to try something different. Moving the usual forward line players Anne Watts, Judith Ross and Lorraine into mid-field, and placing Mia Walker, Cerys Herapath and Isla McKelvie into the forward positions, the more experienced players

could give direction and assist the youngsters to press forward into the attacking D. Placed in field positions and providing a passing-mate when they had the ball allowed the younger girls to experience the exciting front line of the Arran Ladies.

They did come up against a very strong defensive line, with the Clydesdale captain and her senior teammate as right back blocking and repelling many efforts made to get into the goal area to shoot. Then 22 minutes into the first half Ellie Woods won the ball off an attacking forward and switched the playing field with a pass to Lorraine on the left, who carried the ball swiftly forward, passing the ball to Anne waiting



The Arran Ladies Hockey Club team who faced Milne Craig Clydesdale Western 6s. 01_B40hockey01



Defender Freya McNicol surges ahead to claim possession of the ball. 01_B40hockey03

at the top of the D - who then made the pass to Mia Walker positioned perfectly at the right goalpost to finish the play with a fantastic sweeping shot into goal.

With the ball reset, and strong and accurate passes coming back to Mia from Judith in right mid, a very determined Mia battled her way back into the D and scored again just two minutes later.

Although Clydesdale did press into the Arran goal area several times in the remainder of the first half, goalkeeper Ali 'Ninja' McKie and defenders Faith McKelvie, Ellie Wood, Freya McNicol, Hannah McCartney and new team player Megan McCartney successfully controlled each attack and cleared the balls out of danger.

The second half of the match was very similar to

the first, with lots of strong play from both teams, working hard to get past their opposition and into a shooting position.

Susie Murchie joined the team in the left midfield position strengthening Arran's defence and providing strong passes to the forward.

Yet again the goals did not come until 22 minutes into the second half. This time with a familiar run down

the left wing, Lorraine charged into the D and took a shot at goal, the keeper saved the first and second attempts at goal only to be picked back up by Lorraine and with sheer determination and a third time lucky, shotput the ball past the keeper's right hand side and into the net, giving Arran a 3-0 lead. This was followed shortly after with superb play from Anne

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