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Villages rally to save the island's toilets

Bid to reopen facilities for summer thrown out

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There was fresh hope this week that several of the closed public toilets on Arran could be reopened.

Talks are now going on with community groups in four villages with a view to them taking over the toilet blocks which have been closed by North Ayrshire Council.

However, with the school holidays here and the summer season in full swing, that is not expected to happen any time soon. And a move by Conservative Councillor Timothy Billings to have them reopened while talks continue was thrown out at a full council meeting, before it was even discussed.

Community groups in Brodick, Lamlash and

Lochranza are all in talks about taking over the toilets in a community asset transfer, and a new group has also been formed which hopes to take over the toilets in Blackwaterfoot.

Council officials recently came over to the island and toured the four toilets with representatives of Arran Community Council and met those interested in taking them over.

Brodick Improvements Committee is keen to take over the toilets at Brodick beach and hopes to secure an asset transfer, which would see the block handed over the community for a nominal sum and work carried out to bring them up to a reasonable standard.

The group also hopes to be given some funding to

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Shiskine smiles at garden party



The ladies of Shiskine SWI in their finery. 01_A27garden04

It is hats off to the ladies of Shiskine SWI who look resplendent in their finery at the centenary garden party held at Lady Jean's home Strabane on Sunday afternoon.

A few showers failed to dampen the spirits as groups belonging Isle of Arran Federation celebrated 100 years of Scot-

tish Women's Institute by holding a garden party with lots of hats, teas, scones and colour.

Music was provided by the Arran Brass Band who played on the garden lawns.

Sadly Lady Jean, who had hoped to attend the event, was unable to do so.

For more pictures, turn to page 3.

Flying start for new adventure playground

Arran's new adventure playground has had a super successful start.

Families have been flocking to the Isle be Wild attraction at Brodick Castle and Country Park since it opened on Saturday.

It has already led to a big increase in visitors to the castle gardens, at a time when the castle itself is closed, giving a huge boost to revenue for the National Trust for Scotland property.

Access is free to the playground with the normal garden admission price, but interim property manager Chris Mills says, that annual Trust family membership take up has soared in the last few days as it is the cheapest way to regularly use the attraction.

He said: 'I know it is the start of the school holidays, but the launch has been amazing and not just from local and visitors who are here. People have been telling us they have come over for the attraction and that is good news all round if we can bring more people to the island.'

The fact that all castle vis-

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 get them up and running. However, they have hit a new snag, namely that the land they sit on is owned by Arran Estates, but it is hoped this can be overcome.

At the recent Arran Community Council meeting, chairman Bill Calderwood gave a detailed account of the behind-the-scenes work being undertaken to secure the reopening of the toilets.

He said he believed there needed to be a 'concerted strategy' as each village was pitching against the same funding source – the Arran Trust.

They day after the community council meeting, Councillor Billings put a motion to the full North Ayrshire Council cabinet which stated: 'North Ayrshire Council recognises that the decision to close

the public toilets on Arran has caused unnecessary bad publicity for the council and is adversely affecting the tourist trade on Arran, and agrees to the immediate release of £12,000 from the Community Investment Fund to enable the closed toilets to be immediately reopened and kept open for at least the next four months until a permanent solution is agreed.'

However, Councillor Billings was left frustrated after he was unable to have the motion discussed due to it being blocked by both the ruling Labour group and SNP councillors following the 'no action' decision at the previous cabinet meeting. Councillor Billings said: 'I was very frustrated and angry at what looked like political point scoring to the detriment of the people and visitors of Arran.'

'I could understand if I lost my case once the discussion had taken place, but I cannot understand why all the members of one party had taken the decision to block the discussion, especially as two of their members are councillors for Ardrossan and Arran.'

Arran SNP councillor Ellen McMaster was asked to comment but declined to do so.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'We are continuing to engage with local communities regarding the transfer of facilities and hope these can reach a positive conclusion shortly.'

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Arran High School would be affected by the 'teach first' plans. 01_A27school01

Labour oppose plans for Scots 'teach first' scheme

North Ayrshire Council has voted to oppose controversial education reforms in its schools, which includes Arran High School.

Last week's council cabinet meeting passed two motions by the ruling Labour group on the Scottish government's educational governance review and their plans for a Scottish 'teach first' scheme.

Speaking on the reforms, Labour's John Bell, the council's cabinet member for education, said: 'The deputy first minister has completely ignored the views expressed by experts, teachers and unions during his consultation and is pushing ahead with his wrongheaded reforms.'

'The Scottish Government's own report says that changing the governance system will not improve education but makes it clear that respondents stressed that austerity was the issue that needs to be addressed. There is nothing in these reforms that will address the issue of edu-

cation funding. Our head teachers face being landed with a huge amount of new responsibilities, including hiring and firing staff and being responsible for the attainment gap, without the central support from the local authority that they currently enjoy.'

'These reforms will remove local democratic accountability. They have been labelled 'Thatcherite' because of their similarities to reforms undertaken by the Thatcher government and are being supported by Tory MSPs. I am pleased North Ayrshire Council has voted against the plans and I look forward to making the positive case for keeping our schools local.'

The second motion on 'teach first' passed following concerns about having less qualified teachers in Scottish schools.

Speaking on the motion, Councillor Robert Foster, who seconded Labour's motion, said: 'Teach First is a Tory scheme and Ruth Davidson has been calling

for its introduction in Scotland for some time. I am shocked and disappointed that the SNP plan to oblige.

'North Ayrshire Council has voted to value the work our teachers do in our classrooms. We want to support them doing that not water down our teaching system by lowering the training standards.'

The Scottish government carried out the Education Governance Review consultation over six months last year and published their analysis last month.

At the time deputy first minister John Swinney said: 'We are determined to create an education system which ensures that every child achieves the highest standards in literacy and numeracy, with the right range of skills, qualifications and achievements to enable them to seize the opportunity to succeed. Current evidence shows while our system has many strengths there are also weaknesses and we must improve performance.'

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Centenary garden party celebration



Federation president Anne Pringle welcomes the guests. 01_A27garden03



The rain can't dampen the spirits at the garden party. 01_A27garden01



Angela Cassells at the tombola stall. 01_A27garden02

Lamlash SWI are ready to enjoy the afternoon. 01_A27garden05



Kilmory SWI come out from under their umbrellas ahead of the celebrations. 01_A27garden06

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Glenisle win team of the year award

The Glenisle Hotel in Lamlash won the hotel team of the year award at the Scottish Hospitality Awards held recently in Glasgow.

Co-owner Timothy Billings said: 'As the only Arran business to be a finalist in the awards, we were thrilled to win. Any hospitality organisation is defined by its team and we are especially proud of our team who have built up a reputation for top-notch customer service. This is a wonderful recognition of their dedication and hard work.'

Timothy with the Glenisle team of the year. 01_B27award01



Call to overturn bike ban on bus

A call has been made for buses on Arran to overturn a bike ban and provide racks for cyclists to use.

It comes after Lamlash cyclist Shelli Brennan found herself 'abandoned' when she arrived at Brodick to be told she couldn't take her bike on the bus.

Stagecoach has a policy which does not allow bikes on buses on the island unless in an emergency.

The company providing the bus service on Arran is operated under tender to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) which specified the buses it operates on the island are unsuitable for bikes.

But Shelli told the *Banner*: 'I'm 62 and was traveling from Rutherglen to

Lamlash. I was carrying two trolleys, a kitten and my son's bicycle.

'I managed the trains and ferry and then when I got to Brodick, I was told I could not take the bicycle on the bus.

'The 323, meeting the 3.15pm from Ardrossan, was virtually empty, but I was left stranded with a three-month-old kitten that had been travelling for the past three hours. This is unacceptable.

'In the city, the buses have racks for bicycles. Arran is a holiday island with a substantial concentration of cyclists, many of whom are not diehard cyclists and could do with the back up of taking a bus if they find they've over-stretched

themselves or if the weather turns for the worse.

'They've made them wheelchair friendly and they have the space for buggies, but that space can't be used for a bike, even if the bus is empty, which mine was. They have even changed Arran's roads to accommodate the new buses. Surely you can provide cycle racks.

'We invite people to our island to enjoy the outdoors, but unless you're an Olympian, you wouldn't be able to cycle to the west side. Or, if you just cycle to Lamlash, odds are that you wouldn't be able to get back to Brodick because of the steep incline. We often see cyclists putting themselves at risk, wobbling

across the road or walking their bikes up the hill. The road is very twisty and narrow at one point, making it impassable for vehicles. If the buses helped, it would open up the island to even more access and encourage more people to take up healthy sports.'

A spokesman for Stagecoach said: 'Unfortunately, we do have a policy that we cannot take bicycles on buses on Arran as there is not space for them without blocking the aisle. Only on extreme occasions, where our drivers may come across an injured cyclist, can we consider helping to take a bicycle on a bus.'

'We regret the inconvenience which caused the complainer on the day.'

Corrie swings update

Both playparks in Corrie could be retained, it has emerged this week.

Contrary to reports in the *Banner* last week the playpark at sandstone quay is not under threat, as was previously thought. Instead it is the swings at Corrie harbour which have been earmarked for closure.

Understood

However, it is understood these could be taken over by the Corrie and Sannox Village Association, which have already agreed to take over the the new toilet block proposed for Sannox.

Appeal for missing engine

An appeal has been made for the return of an outboard engine which was left unattended in Catacol.

The incident happened around 2.30pm on Monday afternoon and involved a Mariner outboard being left for no more than 20 minutes on the beach at Catacol. It was within sight of the road and only about 20 yards away when it was lifted.

The engine is 2.5 horsepower, serial no 1B128213, colour grey/red/black. Anyone with any information is asked contact the police at Lamlash or Angus Anderson 07708 454770.



Lamlash early-years graduates line the stage at their graduation ceremony.



Brodick early-years graduates, left to right, Mavis Helliwell, Darci Bunyan, Riley MacNeil, Keryn Beedie and Blair Adams with staff Aileen Brand and Ann MacKay.

Ready for the 'big school'

Early-years pupils from the island attended graduation ceremonies before the school holidays, marking the transition from pre-school to primary school.

A large contingent from Lamlash celebrated the occasion with a performance attended by parents, siblings and grandparents. Performing songs with associated

actions, the pupils sang and danced before each one of them took the microphone and expressed their career options for 'when they are grown up'. Among them,

many wished to be police officers, while others wished to be writers, YouTubers, bus drivers, vets and a combination of all of these.

The graduation ceremony

concluded with pupils putting on their graduation gowns and mortar-board hats and receiving a personalised backpack.

At the Brodick early-years

graduation, a small ceremony was also held for the five pupils who will be moving onto Brodick Primary School at the start of the new academic year.



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New adventure playground

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-sitors now have wristbands – which change colour each day to prevent repeat use – will also help control anyone trying to use the gardens without paying, a problem highlighted by the *Banner* in the past.

However, only hours before the playpark was due to open, some minor damage was caused by vandalism at the new attraction.

On Friday night two bolted down stools, away from the main cafe area, were ripped from their moorings, which Chris described as ‘disappointing’. Arran police have been informed.

‘All we would ask is that people respect what we are trying to do as we want the attraction to be available at all times to everyone.

‘The facility is going to be important to bring revenue to the castle and that in turn means we can improve what we do here,’ Chris added.

New sensory play equipment has already been ordered for the park and, depending on its success, a second phase could be considered in the future.

Meanwhile, a crackdown on boy races using the castle drive as a racetrack will see barriers erected at the entrance and exit.



Among the first to use the attraction were Californian visitors, now living in Edinburgh, dad Alex Janus, mum Lauren with children Evan and Graham, and dog Lenny at the revamped chutes. 01_A27wild11



One youngster having fun on the zip-slide. 01_A27wild05



Evie Southwick from Shiskine has her face painted. 01_A27wild09

Families go wild at Brodick play

A fantastic new play experience for younger visitors to Brodick Castle and Country Park opened last weekend.

Isle be Wild takes its inspiration from Arran’s rich natural heritage to create a unique play area for children of all ages.

With its rugged appearance, it fits into the estate’s woodland area and encourages outdoor adventure.

Ahead of the public open-

ing around 300 guests enjoyed a special invitation event last Wednesday and, to the delight of many youngsters, there was a special appearance by characters from the hit children’s show *Paw Patrol*.

And one youngster got to meet his favourite, Zuma, when he presented Logan Barr with his prize for winning the opening competi-

Tickles the Clown also did a roaring trade with her balloon modelling, and the face painting stall also went down a treat.

There were drinks, snacks and nibbles, for the adults and children, served from the new Red Squirrel cafe, and cocktails too.

But the main star of the show was the impressive new towering wooden play-



Children join Paw Patrol in cheering the arrival of the new playpark. 01_A27wild02

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Stuart Maxwell, general manager for the National Trust for Scotland in Ayrshire and Arran said: 'Broddick Castle and Country Park is one of Scotland's treasures and the trust is investing to encourage more families to have unforgettable experiences, all set in Arran's spectacular scenery.

Isle Be Wild is a great addition to the estate and we hope will encourage families from Arran and beyond to come back to Broddick and find out what we've got planned for the future.'

Isle be Wild is part of an investment of more than £2 million at the historic Arran estate which has been in the care of Scotland's largest conservation charity since the late 1950s.

New garden features and improved signage and trails are also being installed throughout the estate.

Extensive works are under way in the castle at the moment, designed to improve the safety of the nationally-recognised collection of stunning artworks, furniture and textiles. The castle is closed while this takes place and is due to re-open in spring 2018.



Jenny Hume of Broddick with her balloon doll created by Tickles the Clown. 01_A27wild03



Zoe McNally from Whiting Bay was one of the youngest at the pre-opening event. 01_A27wild06



The impressive new playpark. 01_A27wild10



Logan Barr receives his prize from Zuma (centre) who was with Paw Patrol pals Skye and Chase. 01_A27wild01

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Editorial

Toilet talks not soon enough

So, at last, it looks as if common sense may prevail.

Council officials are finally in talks with four community groups to take over some of the most used public toilets on the island – there is just one problem.

It is the first week in July, the school holidays have started and Arran is hoaching with visitors. We all know the island is getting busier every year helped not just by cheaper RET fares, but new attractions such as the Isle be Wild adventure park, great marketing by VisitArran and some excellent promotion by the businesses themselves. Everything's great – except there is nowhere to spend a penny.

However, at least there is at last some dialogue and we hope that the transfer of the facilities in Brodick, Lamash, Lochranza and Blackwaterfoot can be completed with the minimum of fuss. We do not believe this is an ideal solution but it is better than nothing and the community groups are to be applauded for their willingness to get their hands dirty for the common good.

However, the council is now in recess and we can see little happening in the weeks ahead to alleviate the situation, despite the best efforts of Councillor Billings to at least try and get them open in the short term.

Thought for the week

'The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Galatians 5:14)

Service should be restored

Sir,

I write concerning the stopping of the bus service Stagecoach X36 between Ardrossan harbour and Buchanan Street bus station in Glasgow highlighted recently in the *Banner*.

This service was never properly advertised, especially on the ferry, hence the 'light use' stated by Stagecoach, but, as stated in the *Banner* it was used by many elderly and infirm, maybe not to go to Glasgow, but to connect with other services such as the train to Largs or the bus to Crosshouse Hospital.

A few years ago I took up this matter and suggested at the time that a better and more economical bus service for Arran residents would be the No 12, which runs between Ardrossan and Stevenson. In this day of modern communication it should not be difficult to arrange a No 12 bus to meet the arrival of each incoming ferry from Arran at Ardrossan port. As you will probably know, every No 12 bus, in both directions, goes round the roundabout at Asda, and we would only need one heading for Stevenson at the time of the ferry arrival. Asda would probably benefit from this also.

I, along with many others, would be extremely grateful if our MP Mrs Patricia Gibson could take up this matter on behalf of the Arran residents, and possibly many visitors, for a service to be restored and I have written to ask her to do this

Yours,
Cathie Steed
Whiting Bay

Very frustrated

Sir,

It was the first proper coun-

cil meeting last week, with the first set of reports, motions and questions. It was a very long meeting, was very political, with lots of point scoring and many valid issues lost amongst the posturing.

The closed toilets on Arran is still an issue. Sterling work has got some open, and others may reopen in a few months time, however, the busy season has started and there are four closed toilets in the busiest parts of the island. I had submitted a motion to the council to use £12,000 from the Community Asset Fund to open the four closed toilets with immediate effect for the next four months, until the permanent solutions are sorted out. The Community Asset Fund was set up for this financial year for community projects and has about £3.1m in it – and as far as I am aware none has been allocated.

However, the week before when the 'Keep Arran's Toilets Open' petition was put before the Cabinet committee, they decided to uphold the decision taken in 2016 to shut the toilets. Therefore, before my motion could be discussed, I had to get a 2/3 majority of councillors to allow the suspension of standing orders, which are there to prevent the same topic from coming to council meeting again and again). I got 18 votes in support, including the cabinet committee members, but I needed 21 votes. However, none of the SNP councillors voted to support the suspension of standing orders – which blocked the council from discussing my motion and reopening the toilets for the summer season.

I was very frustrated and angry at what looked like political point scoring to the detriment of the peo-

ple and visitors of Arran. I could understand if I lost my case once the discussion had taken place, but I cannot understand why all the members of one party had taken the decision to prevent the council from even talking about reopening the toilets, especially as two of their members are councillors for Ardrossan and Arran.

I have written to Ellen McMaster asking her what were her and the SNP's reasons for stopping the discussion taking place, and stopping the toilets from being reopened. I have not yet had a reply. Unless there were good non-political reasons for blocking the discussion, they should reflect on what they did and ask themselves if they acted in the best interests of the people of Arran, who they were elected to represent.

I recognise that there will be a range of opinions about how issues should be resolved, and what the priorities are for the council. If the toilets stayed shut after the council had discussed the issue that is one thing. For the SNP councillors to vote as a group to stop discussion from even taking place is what I am cross about.

My motion was a non-political matter that is a real issue affecting thousands of people. If political differences cannot be put aside for a neutral issue, then what hope is there for any more difficult issues. If this is how things are going to be for the next five years, the only people who are going to suffer are the people of Arran, who I am here to represent.

Yours,
Timothy Billings
Conservative councillor
for Ardrossan and Arran

Comic one-liner

Sir,

Just when we have become accustomed to the Tories as tragedy, up pops Councillor Billings with a comic one-liner which Groucho Marx would have been proud of: 'The buck stops with my predecessors'! (Arran Banner July 1).

Well, no, it really doesn't. We expect our elected representatives to do more than just complain about what other people are or are not doing.

Successive administrations at North Ayrshire Council – including the present Labour administration, put in power by Conservatives – have had to make hard decisions on budgeting. Very reasonably, they are asking communities to engage with the asset transfer model in respect of toilet facilities and swings.

We could, of course, pay more council tax. But I can't recall Cllr Billings ever complaining about the nine years of council tax freeze – negotiated by the SNP government to reduce the tax burden on ordinary people.

There's something unappealing about those who carp from the sidelines while quietly accepting all the benefits of the SNP government's prudent management: the free prescriptions, abolition of university tuition fees and road bridge tolls, and free personal care for the elderly. Not to mention the massive investment and subsidy for Arran's transport infrastructure.

There's work to be done. I call on Cllr Billings to step up and be part of the solution.

Yours,
Malcolm Kerr
Brodick

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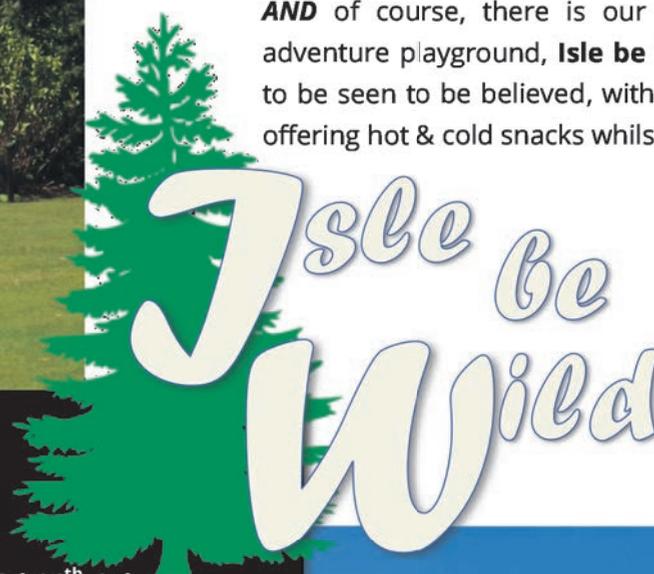
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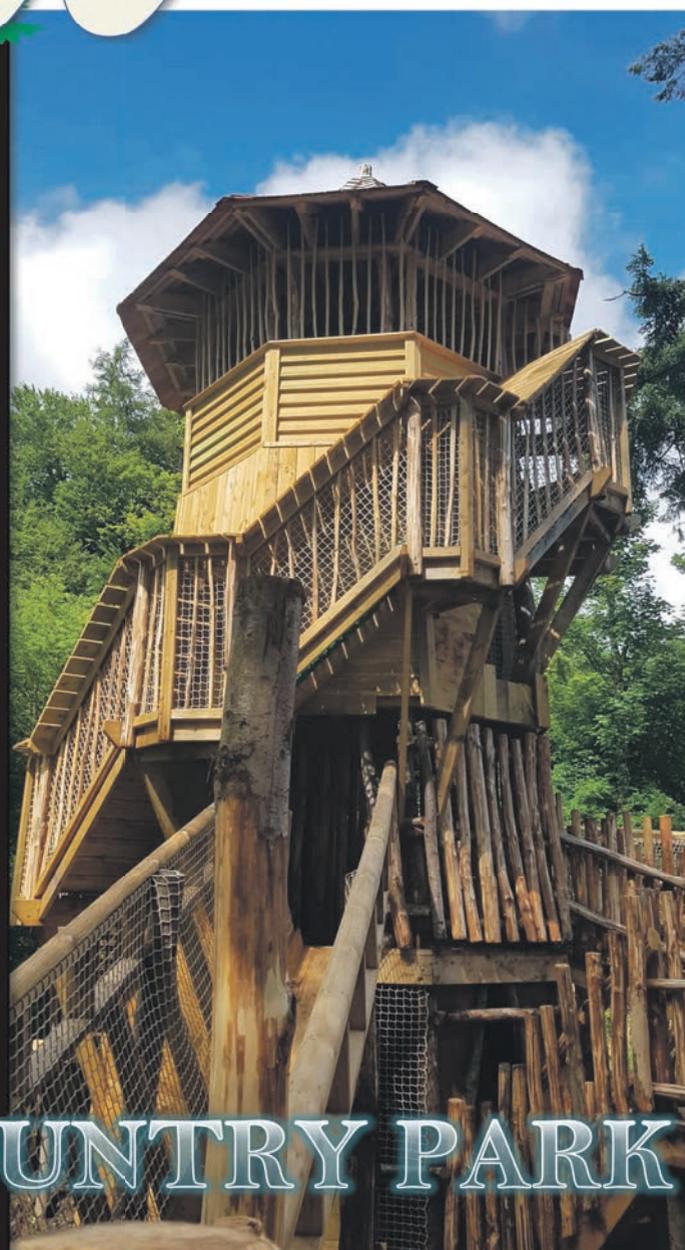
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BRODICK CASTLE & COUNTRY PARK



Seasonal ranger at Brodick Castle, Amy Bennett provided visitors with information and sold the National Trust charcoal. 01_B27wood06



George Welford of Lamlash builds a wooden replica of an 1860s era steamship. 01_B27wood03

Woodworkers the inspiration

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

Woodworkers on Arran have carved out their second successful Inspiration of Wood Festival which was even more popular and well attended than their debut exhibition last year.

The two-day festival, held at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, showcased the useful, attractive and inspirational uses of wood, with exhibits and demonstrations from the various groups of craftspeople that work with the medium of wood.

On display in the hall were numerous carvings from well-known woodcarvers, Marvin Elliot and Henry Murdo, who provided visitors with an opportunity to try their hands at carving.

Exhibiting their craft were picture frame makers, guitar makers, wood turners and furniture makers, and photographers, as well

as a fine display of historic and rare woodworking tools, which Stuart Gough has collected over numerous years. Members of the Forestry Commission were also on hand with an informative display and interesting information about declining tree species and wood varieties on Arran.

Inside, too, model boat builder, George Welford demonstrated his skill in working with lime wood – painstakingly building model boats – while outside, full-scale boat builders from Arran Coastal Rowing displayed their finely crafted skiff Seabag.

In the garden, lumberjack Mark Bunyan and artist Robert Coia demonstrated milling raw lumber and remarkably detailed chainsaw carvings.

Showing an equal amount of patience as the woodcarvers, Corinna Goeckert, ranger and naturalist from the National Trust for

Scotland, packed a large charcoal maker with rhododendron wood to make charcoal the 14-hour all night process was then taken over by senior ranger Kate Samson and the finished product was available to view on Sunday.

The proceeds from its sale will go to buying and planting more trees at Brodick Castle and Country Park.

Providing Corinna with a helping hand, Sam Easson who constructs well-built yurts, demonstrated the time consuming work that goes into yurt construction with two examples of his work; one of which could easily accommodate a group of six comfortably.

Woodcarver, sculptor and host of Inspiration of Wood, Marvin Elliott thanked all of the exhibitors, visitors, demonstrators and artists themselves for contributing to a very successful and popular event.



Woodworker Mark Bunyan demonstrating his craft. 01_B27wood05



Grubby Greenies Nature Club At the Community Land Whiting Bay

Wild about nature and getting messy in the outdoors? Then we need you and you need us. The Arran Community Land Initiative is looking for a new gang to explore and discover what's in your environment.

So if you like growing, planting and hunting for bugs then come along and find out what's at the bottom of the Community Garden.

Wednesdays in the School Holidays - 10am to Midday

- 5th July Creative containers – take a lesson from nature and paint up the plant pots!
- 12th July Shelter Building – get creative and enjoy a campfire reward!
- 19th July Give a bug a home – build a bug hotel!
- 26th July Get tribal – make wild art for the community garden
- 2nd August we are at the Farmers Show – come and join in activities there!
- 9th August Wildlife hunt – explore and discover on the Community Land

Saturdays – first Saturday of the month - 10am to Midday

- 1st July Give the pests the heebie jeebies! Build a bug scarer!
- 5th August Harvesting & cooking outdoors! Yum!
- 2nd Sept Lets go fly a Kite! Make a kite and send out a message for nature.

Meet at the Community Land, off Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay (except when we are at the Farmers Show!)

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Robert Coia, one-time apprentice to Marvin Elliott, and a talented woodcarver in his own right, sets to work on his latest sculpture. 01_B27wood07



Lumberjack mushrooms and the chainsaws used to create them. 01_B27wood08



or ranger Kate Sampson with the finished coal. 01_B27wood09



The finished charcoal. 01_B27wood10



Visitors browse the many wooden items on display at the Corrie Village Hall. 01_B27wood02



Charlie Ross of Lamlash tries his hand at woodcarving with Henry Murdo while his brother Harrison patiently waits his turn. 01_B27wood01



Woodcarver Marvin Elliott with some of his elaborately carved items. 01_B27wood04

Summer bridge competitions

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer bridge competition played at Lamlash on Monday July 3 were as follows: N/S: 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie. E/W: 1 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 3 Gege Kroner and John Dick.

The results of the competition on Monday June 26 were as follows: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone, 3 Jim Peacock and John Baraclough, 4= Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson, 4= Margaret and Douglas Bruce.

Club draw

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club June draw were: 1st prize Terry Lord, 2nd prize Margaret Kerr.



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Top Green Tourism award for campsite

Lochranza Campsite has achieved a gold award at its first grading attempt from Green Tourism, the world's largest sustainable tourism certification programme.

The award is based on measures of good practice relating to the environment, waste, energy use, culture, communication, transport and social responsibility.

Lochranza Campsite was described as offering 'a really green experience to guests' and particularly commended for their efforts to minimise waste of energy and water and for their specially-written local information which aims to encourage visitors to the area to stay longer.

Owners Kathryn and Ni-

gel Wells applied to participate in the Green Tourism scheme after Kathryn studied sustainable tourism as a distance-learning course with University of the Highlands and Islands. Sustainable tourism is committed to making a low impact on the environment and local cultures and a positive impact on local economies.

Kathryn and Nigel, who regard the award as the start of a journey to become even greener said; 'We were motivated to apply to join the Green Tourism business scheme by a desire to do our best for the lovely, unspoiled place that we are fortunate enough to live in.'



Kathryn Wells of Lochranza Campsite with her Green Tourism award.

Market report from Stirling

United Auctions had forward 294 store cattle and 111 cast cows at their sale in Stirling on Wednesday June 28.

The prices were: bullocks – Craigdhu (CH) £1060 and 268ppk; Hillhead (AA) £940 and 245ppk. Heifers – Craigdhu (CH) £1060 and 236ppk, Hillhead (AA) £910 and 228ppk.

Cast cows, £ per head – Ceither Gaoithe (Sal) £915, Claughlands (HO) £905, Balgowan (AA) £895, Glenkiln (AA) £835, Craigdhu (AA) £740.

PPK – Ceither Gaoithe (Sal) 156ppk, Glenkiln (AA) 140ppk, Craigdhu (AA) 135ppk, Balgowan (AA) 129ppk, Claughlands (HO) 125ppk.

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Classic motorcycle show returns and will be bigger than ever

Arran Heritage Museum is hosting its fifth annual classic motorcycle show on Sunday July 16, and this year's event promises to be even larger than ever.

Off-road

Invitations to members of mainland clubs and local enthusiasts have been given to show their machines – including off-road motor-

bikes – and the response so far indicates that there will be a very memorable turnout.

The show starts on Sunday at 1.30pm when a parade of gleaming vehicles will be lined up on the lawn, and their owners will be on hand to discuss and explain their machines.

As musical accompani-

ment, the Arran Pipe Band will play a set at approximately 2.15pm. Café Rosaburn will be providing delicious teas, snacks, burgers and meals.

Famous

There will also be the famous museum tombola stand. All that is needed to complete the afternoon is for the sun to shine.



Arran Heritage Museum. 01_B27museum01

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Grinduro is not just a bike race. It's a celebration of cycling with as much emphasis on the fun as the ride, with excellent food, an impressive display of art and incredible handmade bikes, live music, camping and a festival atmosphere.

The course is a serious affair but the Grinduro isn't meant to be a sufferfest. We've linked together some of our favorite roads and trails on the Isle of Arran. The course features a mix of surfaces (smooth pavement, gravel and hard-packed dirt) over the trails terrain that ranges from steep and technical to fast and flowing. Along the way you'll enjoy views of rugged coastline, lowland marsh, soaring peaks, and historic ruins.

With a Gran Fondo-style mass start from Lamlash, you'll be pedaling out of the village alongside your heroes and the pace will be conversational—because overall time doesn't matter, only the four timed segments. The Grinduro segments are designed to reward the most well rounded of rouleurs.

There's a kind of bike racing that you never hear about—events within events as prestigious as the Tour de France down to just about every Podunk pro bike race ever ridden. Somewhere on the course, far from the television cameras, there's a group of riders that's not thinking about overall victory. Typically, these riders, seriously out-paced by the overall contenders, simply limp to the top of the big climbs. Once they crest the top, though, they send it, hell bent for leather down the descent. They hang it all out, hitting apexes with F1-driver precision, seeing speeds at least 20 kilometers per hour more than the riders at the front of the race, and regaining large handfuls of minutes.

That was my lot in life. I was one of the riders you've never heard of who was taking 30 seconds, or more, per mile out of the race leaders on a mountain descent. I could lose a couple of fingers and still only need one hand to count the number of times I made it over the top with the leaders, but I was a goddamn good descender. If I close my eyes I can still feel some of those descents in the Alps and the Pyrenees. Going downhill has always been something special to me.

Just a couple of years ago, I attended my very first Enduro World Series event—a type of mountain bike race designed, more or less, to mimic international style motorcycle enduros. In this event, riders pedaled to the start of a special, timed section, collected their wits and then attacked the short, individual time trial with everything they had. At the 'stage' finish, they had a chance to grab a drink, chat with media, teammates and friends before pedaling off—most often at a conversational pace with a friend at their side—to the next stage's start.

Enduro reminded me of weeknight group rides that I used to ride from the California Pedaler bike shop in Danville, California. We'd meet up and cruise at a casual tempo to the base of Mount Diablo, regroup and then race roughly 10 kilometers to the ranger station at the top of

the mountain. There, we'd wait for everyone to catch up, and when each of us was ready, we'd race the descent, bombing the twisty road for all we were worth.

Just like the folks that used to do that weekly road ride on Mount Diablo, the enduro racers that I saw were a diverse group. At the elite level, there were pros from the seemingly polar-opposite worlds of downhill and cross-country. But perhaps most impressive was the sheer number of everyday riders—people who might not have the time and inclination to count watts for hours on end in hopes of winning a cross-country race, or who might not like the idea of signing up for a full-fledged downhill event. But they were all out there. Competing. And from my vantage point, it looked like they were having fun.

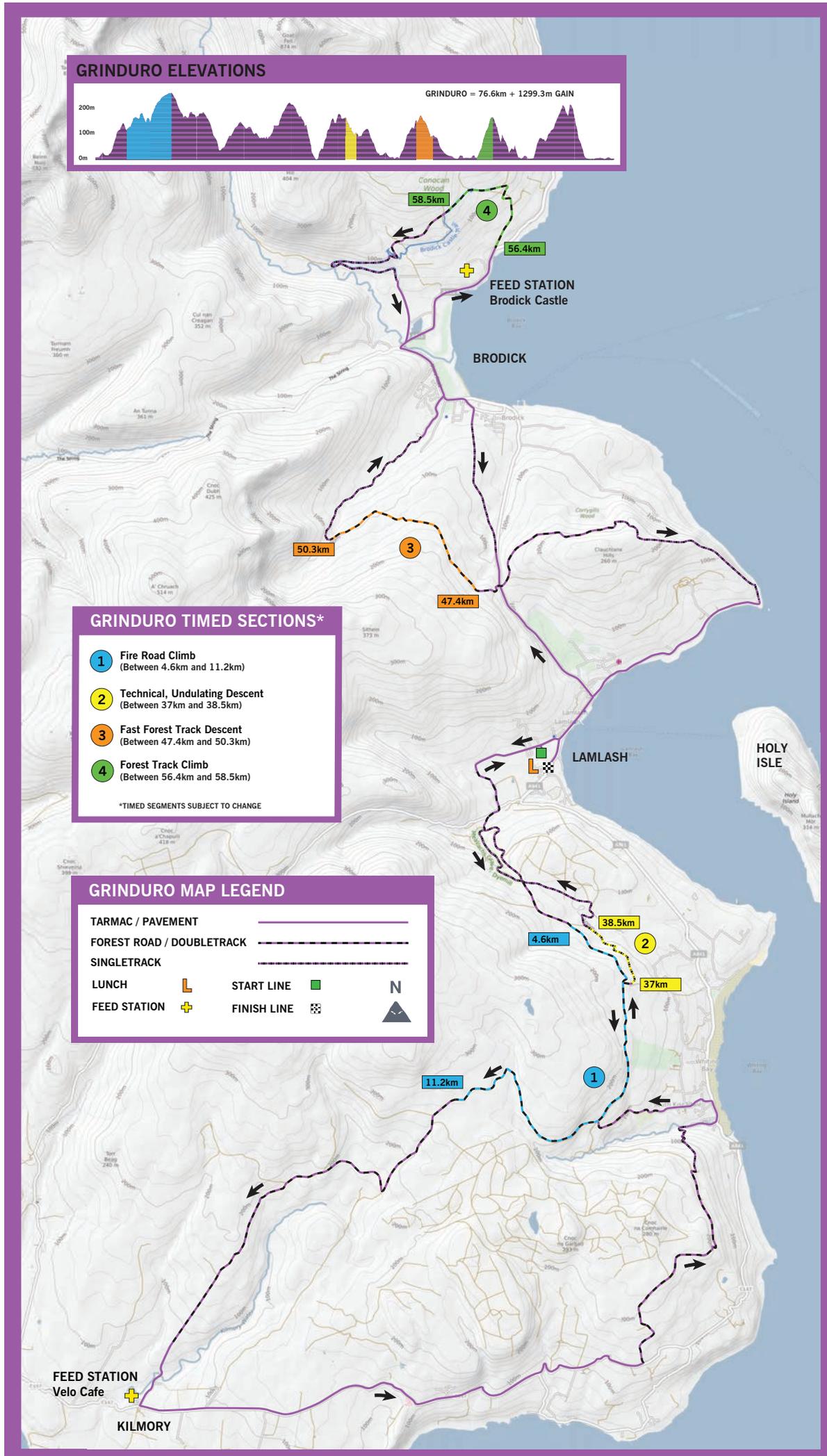
So why not take a little bit from the enduro mountain bike scene, a little bit from gravel racing, a little from gran fondos, and create a new type of bike race that's friendlier, all-inclusive and more exciting for every rider. Imagine a competitive event that has you out on the bike all day, but only really suffering for a short period of time. Imagine casual riders and pros, cyclocrossers and criterium specialists—and everything in between—riding and racing on a course designed to award all-around bike riders.

I brought the idea to several bicycle-industry friends. Giro, immediately understanding the potential, ran with it. The result is a new kind of bike race called Grinduro.

— Joe Parkin

~Joe Parkin is an American bike racer who moved to Belgium in 1985 at the age of 19 to race professionally. After six years as a European pro, competing in cycling's monuments such events as Paris-Roubaix he moved back to the US and focused on mountain bike racing. As you can see by the essay above, the dude has a knack for writing. If you like his stuff, check out two books he's written about his racing career: A Dog in a Hat and Come and Gone.

COURSE MAP



WHERE ARE WE?!

“Scotland in miniature.” That’s the Isle of Arran in a nutshell. With human history dating back waaay past your slightly smelly great-grandmother, a lot of folks have rambled these coastlines and hills scouting race terrain and colonizing potential Grinduro village sites. It’s been a geologists paradise since James Hutton found some cool rocks here in 1787, and 230 years later people finally have gotten around to taking advantage of that awesome geology and holding a sweet bike race.

DOES PREHISTORY COUNT AS HISTORY?

The Isle has been continuously inhabited by humans since the early Neolithic period, perhaps as far back as 7000 BC. ‘History’ technically began when societies developed writing systems about 5300 BC, so Arran was home to groups of prehistoric cultures. Yep, you’ll be riding in the footsteps of dinosaur people. The Isle has a particular concentration of early Neolithic Clyde Cairns; tall rectangular stones that mark gallery graves and served as places of ritual and internment. So ride hard, but don’t put yourself in the grave.

ROCK ON

At the northern tip of the island sits an important example of Hutton’s Unconformity, one of the most famous and significant sites in the study of geology and the history of the earth. Before Elvis and The Beatles made rock ‘n roll big, James Hutton spent years traveling Scotland scouring for a very particular kind of rock. In 1787, he came to Arran and found his first example of an unconformity, a place where the junction between two types of rock formations can be seen. These geological phenomena mark the location where rock formations created at different times and by different forces adjoin, and served as evidence for Hutton’s groundbreaking and earth shattering theories about the age and formation of this big space rock of ours. Point is, there’s some rock here on Arran, so we’d recommend carrying a tube or two.

MODERN TIMES

Today, the Isle of Arran is home to about 5,000 souls who are lucky enough to enjoy its rich and lengthy history, stunning natural beauty, and laudable reputation of being home to one of the world’s greatest bicycle races. Tourism is vital to the modern economy of the island, and the Arran Trust is an important Isle organization that enables conservation and sustainable tourism. With an understanding of both the importance of tourism to the community and the rich heritage of Arran, the Trust provides valuable fundraising for conservation and community projects across the Isle. So thank you, Arran Trust, for your part in conserving and improving this beautiful bit of rock for us all to enjoy.



ARRAN DISTILLERY *Q+A*

Interview with Jaclyn Mckie

Grinduro : On your website, you say that great malt whisky is a distillation of the place it's made. What about your whisky speaks to its origins on Arran?

Jaclyn Mckie: We are the first functioning distillery on the island for over 160 years, but we are also the latest in a long line of stills producing 'The Arran Waters'.

Perfectly placed to hide whisky from the exciseman, and transport it up the Clyde to Glasgow, Arran was a hub of whisky making in the 17th and 18th centuries. Our Smugglers' Series was a celebration of this. A trio of bottlings all concealed in packaging designed to resemble leather-bound books.

A couple of years ago we undertook a complete redesign of the core range to reflect the landscape of Arran. Purple grouse, green moors, blue seas – all were incorporated match the spirit that is drawn from the island itself.

Our inspiration comes from the island. From its rich history to the very mountains that surround the distillery.

We've heard that the Arran water, air and climate have something special; what do these add to the whisky? Are there any other particular ingredients you use that give your whisky a distinct quality or taste?

We get our water directly from Loch na Davie, in the mountains above the distillery. In terms of ingredients, we don't believe in tampering with tried and tested methods: water and barley, distilled with care.

A point of difference between us and other distilleries is the speed at which we run our spirit through the stills. At six litres per minute, we are one of the slowest in the industry. This results in the fruity notes that have become our trademark, due to increased contact with the copper of the stills.

You clearly take immense pride in your home on Arran and have an admirable sense of place, can you tell us more about the Distillery's relationship with Arran and the local community?

Arran is a small island – every business and every person is part of a close knit community. We're all aware of the fact that if one of us does well, we all do.

This is why we are putting so much investment back into the island. Our new £100m distillery at Lagg is going to boost tourism in the south of the island, which is often neglected. Back in the north, at Lochranza, we've invested a further £1m in renovations

In the Distillery's relatively short 22 years, you've been blessed with a considerable amount of royal and celebrity visits, awards and honors. What is a moment or achievement that you're particularly proud of?

We're very proud to have two casks set aside in our warehouse for Prince Harry and the Duke of Cambridge, plus another for film royalty Ewan McGregor.

One of the most satisfying things is to see just how far the 'Arran Waters' have travelled. We export to over 150 countries around the world and our White Stag society frequently brings the most dedicated fans together at tastings and events.

Our visitor centre has seen international visitors go out of their way for a dram of the Arran malt from the source – we even won 'Best Contribution to Wine or Spirits Tourism' at the international Drinks Business Awards.

Above all, we are driven by a desire to produce the best possible spirit and lay the ground work for many more decades of whisky production of the Isle of Arran.

We can't wait to crack into a bottle after finishing Grinduro, any tasting hints for the beer-swilling cyclists among us?

The first thing to note is that the Arran Malt is very different to other scotches. While we do have our popular peated Machrie Moor, our core aged range are fruitier than many would expect with our trademark citrus tones.

This makes Arran whisky a great introduction to those less-familiar with Scotch whisky, who might be put off by the more smoky palattes of heavily-peated malts.

Our Robert Burns Single Malt goes particularly well in cocktails, or with a splash of ginger ale for anyone looking to dip their toes in the water.

In terms of a simple dram, a drop of water can bring out new depths of flavor. The 14 year old single malt is a personal favourite of our master distiller, James MacTaggart with its spicy tones balancing the sweetness of toffee and vanilla.

ARRAN BREWERY Q+A

Interview with Russell Muir

First off—what makes your Arran Brewery beer special?

It tastes good! All of our ingredients are 100% natural and we don't skimp on quality. This gives our beers a natural, clean taste that reflects the island itself.

Of course we'd be happy to taste them all and come to our own conclusions, but what is the favorite or most unique of all the beers you make?

By and large our most popular beer is the Blonde. It is an excellent beer for sitting with friends in the sun. Our most unique beers would definitely be our id (Dark IPA 6%) or our Sleeping Warrior (Barley Wine – 8.3%). The id, as a dark IPA has all the hop forward flavours of an IPA but confuses your mind by having the sweetness of a dark beer. Our Sleeping Warrior is a real specialty beer. As an 8.3% barley wine it has an intense, rich flavor which will continue to mature over time.

It sounds like natural ingredients—and the Arran water—is a crucial piece of your formula. What about the water gives the beer its magic?

The water on Arran has an excellent mineral quality that gives our beer a very fresh and natural quality. As it rains so much on the island...we have a great resource to draw from.

You seem to very much value your sense of place, tell us more about the Brewery's relationship with Arran and the local community.

As the only brewery on the island, we have a unique place as a destination but also within the community. We are happy to support local businesses with our beer and are involved with local events and charities.

We know that a portion of your proceeds from the Red Squirrel Ale goes to protecting Red Squirrels on Arran and around the world, can you tell us a little about why you've chosen to commit to the Red Squirrel, and what's being done to help protect those furry friends?

The Red Squirrel in the UK is hugely under threat. Many places have been completely wiped out and replaced by the North American Grey Squirrel. As Arran is an island, it has been able to protect its natural population of reds and the grey has yet to make an appearance. Long may it continue! So with all the proceeds from our Red Squirrel beer, we are able to send donations to charities around the UK and the world to help them preserve populations of red squirrels like we have on Arran.

Finally, what's the ultimate beer to crack into after finishing Grinduro?

Being our most popular beer, and the fact that we've made a special label for the Grinduro event on Arran, it has to be our Blonde. Enjoy!



VAN T'S

Glasgow's own The Van T's are one of the most exciting young bands to emerge from the Scottish music scene in quite some time. The band—fronted by twin sisters Hannah and Chloe Van Thompson (guitar and vocals) and featuring Joanne Forbes (bass) and Shaun Hood (drums)—will be bringing their own brand of reverb-laden alt surf rock to the Grinduro stage. We caught up with the group during their European travels, and Mr. Hood was kind enough to answer a few questions.

What are the Van T's all about—in four words or less?

Having fun making noise.

Tell us about what it's like to have twins in the band; any particularly unique pros and cons?

They have a good intuition of each other that seems to have developed from the womb but also tend to travel together meaning that if one is late for something then the other is too!

What's your favorite show you've ever played?

Hard to choose but I'd say supporting the Jesus and Mary Chain at the Paradiso in Amsterdam a couple of months ago just about tops my list.

What's your dream venue?

Could be anywhere from the Hammer-smith Odeon to the bottom of the sea. See answer above.

At said dream concert, which three people or bands would you want in the audience?

In the audience?!? Our three biggest fans, whoever they may be!

Hi-tops or low-tops?

Low.

Denim or sparkles?

On shoes neither, in life sparkles.

Mexican food or Indian food?

Mexican.

Do you guys ever ride bikes, or will all of the cyclists at Grinduro look like aliens?

We've all been on a bike before but that's about as far as our riding goes, I'll be keeping an eye out for alien bike riders.

So would you rather ride the Grinduro course in your normal clothes or play a show in a full spandex bike getup?

Full spandex obviously.

PRODUCT REVIEW



SRAM

Sometimes you don't find adventure—it finds you. Riders with SRAM road 1x groups know what I'm talking about. They may have bought the group to race cyclocross, but its off-road capability was just begging to be ridden on rough singletrack. Pretty soon training rides for their one hour races turned into four to five hour epics. We've also received reports from SRAM RED eTap HRD riders that the group's road racing chops paired with

some crazy adjustable disc brakes has a way of inspiring protracted looks at maps to find the long way back on mixed surface roads. Whether you choose 1x or eTap HRD, either way you'd better be prepared to come up with some good excuses for why you need more time off work to explore the possibilities. SRAM.com

GIRO



Those Empire VR90 shoes sure are hot. And cool. Have you seen the orange ones? Back when you were learning to tie shoes in kindergarten we're sure you never imagined that one day you could be lacing up a pair of rocket ships to your feet AND riding a bike without training wheels, but that day has come. Unlike those

days on the playground when your laces came loose and you lost another patch of knee skin, these will never come untied and trip you up no matter how rad you get. Not that you have to worry about skinning knees anymore, all you knee-pad wearin' enduroists out there. Giro.com

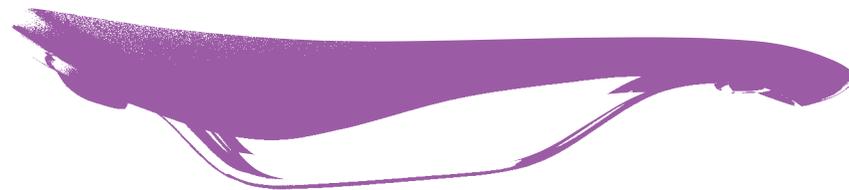
Clement Pneumatici



Clement's X'PLOR MSO tires take their name from the airport code for Missoula, Montana; a place that before 1866 was called "Hell Gate". It's really rugged, and really raw. The place has more grizzly bears than people, trout that will take a finger off a small child, and all kinds of epic routes that are more than ready to blow your tires off. Unless you happen to be rockin' some

X'PLOR MSO tires, which are built to handle the variety of unforgiving conditions you'll find riding everywhere from Missoula to Scotland. We've been riding the beefy 700c x 40c tubeless flavor of these tires for a while, and can confirm that they hook up in nearly all dirt conditions and that our stoke hasn't deflated yet. Clementcycling.com

fabric™



Want the scoop on this multiple award-winning Scoop saddle from Fabric? It's suitable for all types of cycling, and all types of people cycling seem to get along with it pretty darn well. Forget those hard stretched covers that are more irritating than your kid sister, the Scoop features a unique, three-piece construction that builds in phenomenal comfort all day long.

We're pretty stoked on the comfort, clean design, and multiple trick rail options, and we're not the only ones: the Scoop is a decorated multiple "Best in Test" winner. Available to buy at Grinduro Scotland in limited edition Grinduro colors, or to win if you earn a spot on the podium. Now there's a reason to pedal hard. Fabric.cc



THE BICYCLE ACADEMY

Q&A with Andrew Denham

The Bicycle Academy provides frame building courses and skills masterclasses for all levels of aspiring builders, and a fully equipped specialty workshop to build and learn in. Located in Frome in Somerset, they specialize in teaching and are renowned for the exceptionally high standards that their students achieve. We caught up with head-teacher Andrew Denham to get his thoughts on frame building, bike riding, and dessert.

Why did you start The Bicycle Academy?

I created TBA because no-one was doing a great job of teaching frame building, it just seemed far too difficult to get into and yet there's clearly so much untapped potential out there. We're 5 years old this July and we've come a long way, but in truth we're only just getting started.

What are the most challenging and rewarding parts of building a handmade bike?

Anyone can stick a few tubes together to make a bicycle shaped object, but creating

a purposeful design and building it well is always challenging, whether it's your first or 5,000th frame, but the thrill of riding a bike you've made or seeing the look on the face of the person you've made it for is practically priceless.

Have you taught any builders we will have heard of?

Yeah loads! In total we've taught around 700 people, many of whom are now award winning professionals. Adeline O'Moreau (Mercredi) and Rob Quirk (Quirk Cycles) both started out with frame building courses at TBA, and Tom Donhou has done a couple of Masterclasses along the way. You can meet them and see their handmade bikes on display at Grinduro Scotland!

What do you think makes the Bicycle Academy unique or special?

We're determined to help people to build awesome bicycles, however we can.



So whether it's running course, designing tools or selling supplies we give it everything we've got to help people to do a great job. We've taken a fresh approach to the whole thing and people really like that.

What's a bike you've built that you're really proud of?

The bike I built for the first Hack Bike Derby event, I love that thing. It's a hillbilly rat bike klunker made out of scrap tubes and old parts to race in the woods with friends. It's so much fun to ride and makes everyone smile.

Dirt or road?

Dirt, I used to race downhill and love riding anything off-road. The Megavalanche is one of my favourite events because of the mass start and incredible scenery.

What's more dangerous—riding bikes or building them?

That's a good question. Riding bikes fast off-road can be pretty dangerous but a frame-

builder's torch burns at 3500 degrees C so I'd say they're about even.

Beer or whiskey?

Beer, because as much as I try I'm a rubbish whisky drinker. I've heard the beer from Arran Brewery is pretty special so I'm looking forward to trying that.

Donuts or ice cream?

I recently had a Crème brûlée donut WITH vanilla ice cream, it was mind blowing!

Thanks Andrew! We're lucky enough to have a handful of master frame builders joining us at Grinduro, displaying bikes they've built to be the ultimate Grinduro shred machine. Check them out in the pop-up shop, marvel at their beauty, and make sure to use the ticket provided in your race packet to vote for your favorite—the chosen frame builder will win a trip to Grinduro California!



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear reader, racer, or impressively curious passerby,

You've just about made it through this tome of a race packet, and we very much appreciate your commitment to the Grinduro Gazette. There are many newspapers out there, including some very good journals of cycling and beyond. In fact, this very Isle is home to The Arran Banner, which has the distinction of having been listed

in the Guinness Book of Records in 1984 under the title of "local newspaper which achieves the closest to a saturation circulation in its area". But you chose us, and for that we thank you.

There are a lot of other folks that need to be thanked too, a crew of people across the world without

who's help we wouldn't be here, frolicking on a beautiful Scottish isle. We truly are grateful to Melanie Garrido and the crew at Giro, Zyro, the folks at Focal Events, our local connections at Visit Arran and the Arran Trust, our supporters at SRAM, Fabric, The Bicycle Academy, Arran Brewery and the Arran Distillery,

the Pier Head Tavern, as well as the Arran Banner for helping get this pile of ink and paper into your hands.

Finally, we want to thank you, dear reader and rider, for making this party roll. Ride hard, get slideways, and have fun. Cheers.

GRINDURO!

MAP OF GROUNDS



*NO DRINKING in the Camping Area or Pop Up Shop

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH

- 13:30**
GRINDURO GATES OPEN - Arran High School
- 13:30 – 22:30**
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 14:00 – 22:30**
REGISTRATION / CHECK IN - Sports Hall
- 15:00 – 22:30**
BAR / DRINKS - Canteen
- 17:30 – 20:30**
FOOD VENDORS - Grinduro Village
- 18:00 – 19:00**
STEEL BRAZING DEMO WITH THE BICYCLE ACADEMY - Grinduro Village

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

- 04:59**
Sunrise
- 07:00 – 08:30**
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 07:00 – 08:30**
BREAKFAST - Grinduro Village
- 09:00**
MASS START - Start Line by Campground
GRINDURO RACE BEGINS - Ride with 4 timed segments, aid stations, snack stops, lunch, and good times.

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

- 11:30 – 13:00**
LUNCH - Grinduro Village
- 12:30 – 13:30**
AFTER LUNCH START TIME - Start Line by Campground
- 15:00 – 19:00**
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
FINISH LINE STUDIO PORTRAITS - Grinduro Village
- 15:00 – 24:00**
BAR/DRINKS - Canteen
- 17:00 – 20:00**
DINNER - Grinduro Village
- 18:00 – 19:00**
STEEL BRAZING DEMO WITH THE BICYCLE ACADEMY - Grinduro Village
- 19:00 – 20:00**
AWARDS - Theatre
- 20:30 – 21:30**
THE VAN T'S - Theatre
- 21:54**
Sunset
- 22:00 – LATE**
DJ TONY ROBSON - Theatre

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

- 07:00 – 09:00**
FOOD VENDORS - Grinduro Village
- 07:00 – 10:00**
GRINDURO ART & BIKE EXHIBIT - Sports Hall
- 09:00 – 11:00**
STEEL BRAZING DEMO WITH THE BICYCLE ACADEMY - Grinduro Village
- 09:45 – 10:15**
CHECK-OUT & BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 1B - Arran High School
- 11:05 – 12:00**
FERRY CROSSING 1 - Ferry
- 12:45 – 01:15**
CHECK-OUT & BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 2B - Arran High School
- 13:55 – 14:50**
FERRY CROSSING 2 - Ferry
- 15:30 – 16:00**
CHECK-OUT & BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 3B - Arran High School
- 16:40 – 17:35**
FERRY CROSSING 3 - Ferry
- 17:45 – 18:15**
CHECK-OUT & BUS LOADING FOR FERRY GROUP 4B - Arran High School
- 19:20 – 20:15**
FERRY CROSSING 4 - Ferry

Kildonan trials now in its 45th year

The Kildonan and District Sheepdog Association recently held their 45th annual sheepdog trials at Whitehills, Brodick, in mixed weather over two days.

Competing in the event on the first day were Arran

handlers in the confined class which saw a healthy field of nine entrants taking part. Confined class trophy winners from the earlier Dougarie trials at Glenloig, Niall McMaster and Mathew McNeish, were

among those who competed against the next generation of shepherds, with 12-year-old Donald Currie putting in a fine performance with Meg. The open competition was held the following day.



Niall McMaster guides Liz in splitting the small herd of sheep into two groups. 01_B25dog01



Donald Currie, aged 12, and Meg return the sheep to a pen after a successful trial. 01_B25dog02



Jen McNeish shuts the gate after dog Glen directs the sheep into the pen. 01_B25dog03



Mathew McNeish directs Pip to pen the sheep after an effortless herding through the posts. 01_B25dog04

Duo attempt to cross Scotland in six days

A former Arran High School student and Machrie resident, now living in Aberdeen, will attempt to run across the width of Scotland from Ardnamurchan to Aberdeen in six days to raise money for a cancer charity.

Corri Black, a professor of public health and health service research at Aberdeen University, will at-

tempt the 240 mile challenge with team mate Carron McKellar in an effort to raise £5,000 for Maggie's Centre, Aberdeen.

Starting at Ardnamurchan lighthouse, the most westerly mainland point in Scotland, the two fundraisers will run along paths and trails with the intention of completing their chal-

lenge six days later at Maggie's Centre in Aberdeen. Their aim is to raise awareness about the many people living with cancer and the work that Maggie's Centre does to support these patients, family and friends.

Maggie's Centre was started in 1996 by Maggie Keswick Jencks who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her vision for a new approach to cancer care allows for people to live life more positively with cancer through participation in medical treatments and with the support of professionals in a relaxed domestic atmosphere.

The challenge dubbed CS6D, (Cross Scotland in six days) will take place during October. If you wish to support Corri and Carron and Maggie's Centre, donations can be made on their JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/teams/cs6d



Corri Black, right, and Carron McKellar training for their trans-Scotland fundraiser.

Cider & Sausage Festival

1-5pm

Saturday 8th July

£2 Entry

LIVE MUSIC

At Kinloch Hotel Blackwaterfoot

Primary pupils go wild for John Muir Award

For the seventh year in a row, P6 and P7 pupils at Whiting Bay Primary School have completed their John Muir Award.

This requires them to spend at least four days out of the classroom exploring wild places.

Each year there is a different focus, but the objectives are the same – to engage with the natural environment and encourage involvement in conservation. This year the fo-

cus was rivers and ponds, with pupils challenged to discover a wild place, explore its wildness, conserve a wild place, share their experiences.

Pupils visited Glenashdale, Lag a Beith (Roots of Arran), Arran Community Land Initiative, Knockankelly Burn and Brodick Castle Country Park.

Activities included the children using all of their senses to explore each different area, studies of local

flora and fauna – both outside and inside the classroom – and many games to encourage an enjoyment of the natural environment.

All pupils who completed the challenge received certificates at a presentation about their experiences at the school before they broke up for the holidays.

Organisers thanked the Arran Trust for their support and everyone who took part and those who attended the presentation.



P6 and P7 students show fellow pupils their John Muir Awards.



Pupils enjoy a moment of sunshine while completing an assignment.



Whiting Bay Primary pupils enjoying the great outdoors while earning their John Muir Awards.

WIN

A ONE NIGHT STAY FOR TWO AT THE TOWNHOUSE ABERFELDY WITH DINNER, BREAKFAST AND A BOTTLE OF WINE



A warm Scottish welcome awaits you at the Townhouse Aberfeldy. Fully refurbished in 2015 and tastefully decorated throughout, relax and unwind in a luxurious bedroom with stunning views of glorious Perthshire. The winners will dine



in the Upstairs Restaurant which serves delicious food using the best of Scottish ingredients, complemented by a bottle of their choice from the house wine menu. Enjoy a hearty Scottish breakfast the next morning before checking out.

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN, just answer the following question:
What is the name of the restaurant at The Townhouse Aberfeldy?

Valid Sundays-Thursdays and must be redeemed by 23/12/17. Guests must be over 18 years old. Prize is non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash alternative.

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Golfers enjoy longest day challenge

Four intrepid golfers have raised more than £1,300 by taking part in a 72-hole golfing challenge called Macmillan's Longest Day, playing four rounds of golf on one day in aid of the cancer charity.

Dougie Macfarlane, Iain Murchie, Norrie McIntyre and Lamlash Golf Club captain Scott Campbell all started the epic challenge at 7.30am on Wednesday June 21.

Dougie picks up the story, saying: 'On the day the sponsorship forms were filling nicely and the weather looked like it might be kind to us. The first two rounds went by quickly, aided by bacon rolls and coffee from Sarah in the clubhouse, then we decided to break for a quick pint and lunch, again presented by Sarah.'

'With the ladies teeing off at 1pm we decided to play back nine first which was a good call as we didn't in-

terfere with their medal in the slightest. We enjoyed another pint stop after the third round then we headed back out about half four for the final one.

Man hugging

'At about 7.30pm we reached the final green with wives and partners on the club balcony to cheer us in.'

'After lots of quite emotional man hugging, we headed to the clubby and

Lamlash Bay Hotel for well-earned refreshments.

'So far a total of around £1,300 has been raised but sheets and links are still up, so we are hoping to possibly reach the £1,500 mark.'

If you wish to contribute to the Macmillan's Longest Day fundraising effort, a link can be found by typing Lamlash Golf Club into the search bar at www.just-giving.com.



Dougie Macfarlane, Iain Murchie, Norrie McIntyre and Lamlash Golf Club captain Scott Campbell have raised over £1,300 for the Macmillan Longest Day fundraiser.



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Six of the best as Gordon unveils his latest dramas set on Arran

Arran-born author and playwright Gordon MacLeod has released his latest book, entitled *Arran Dramas*. The book, a compilation of five dramatic works, features three plays for stage performance, one for radio broadcast and one for the screen.

The title is because all five works are set on Arran, so for some there will be many familiar places, but absolutely no familiar faces to read about.

Through his work, he hopes the plays will primarily entertain, while conveying a little of the beauty, history and life of the island and its people.

When asked what influenced him to write these new works and of their subject matter, Gordon, who now lives in Southport, said: 'The book contains several dedications to people who have had a significant role in my life and, unusually for me, I even start this one with an introduction to try to give some insights that might go some way towards answering that question. In terms of the

five works, they range from crime through to the supernatural, but they also provide a social commentary on anything from the structures that exist in society and the way it is ordered, through to some serious questions about how some issues are dealt within our contemporary society'.

One of the shorter works in the book, a one-act play, he has dedicated to the Isle of Arran Drama Association, in recognition of the part they play in bringing entertainment through their annual drama festival to the island. In the introduction to his works, he acknowledges that the island has a very rich heritage of the performing arts.

Speaking about the cover of his book, which was designed by his sister Elaine Campbell, who also designed the cover to his previous novel *Carrot Toppers*, Gordon said: 'Given my affection for all things Arran, and particularly all things Machrie, I was even more delighted to find the cover of my new book features the Standing Stones in Machrie.'

'Although Elaine is probably better known nowadays for her work for the Douglas Hotel, she is an immensely talented textile designer and I am indebted to her for giving of her skills to the cover design of this book'.

Gordon has previously written five novels that have been published, three of these being set on the island. The first, *Silicon Glen*, was published by Tartan Moon in 2009. Last year his novel about austerity, *Carrot Toppers*, was released on Amazon

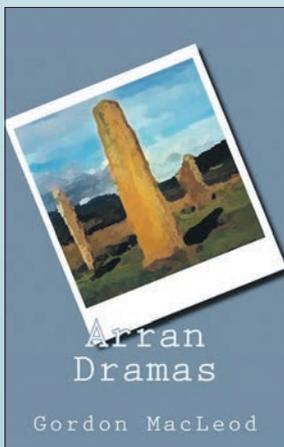
in both paperback and Kindle formats.

As for future work, he says: 'Scottish drama and novels do not seem to curry much favour with the literary and dramatic world at the moment, and, although not all my work is based in Scotland, I'll continue to write about how I view the world and, given Arran played by far the biggest part in my upbringing, if my writing keeps drawing me back there and to Scotland, then so be it. I can think of no finer place or people in the world I would want to be associated with'.

Arran Dramas is available from the Amazon bookstore in paperback and from all good bookshops.



Gordon MacLeod.



The front cover of the book *Arran Dramas* features an image of the Standing Stones at Machrie Moor.

Sensational tribute band at PHT

The best Sensational Alex Harvey tribute band is coming to Arran next weekend. But don't just take our word for it. That is the view of Zal Cleminson, one of the original members of the legendary Scottish band. The Sensational Alex Harvey Experience has been in existence for more than five years, and the current line-up for over a year. All of the band are SAHB fans and some members have worked with original members, including Chris Glen and Zal who describes SAHE as 'the best SAHB tribute by far'.

They are to play their first ever gig on Arran at the Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash on Saturday July 15 at 9pm.

The Sensational Alex Harvey Experience have played gigs all over Scotland and at the end of 2016 played at the Voodoo Rooms in Edinburgh and the O2 ABC in Glasgow. Gigs in England are slated for 2018 as the band goes from strength to strength. Expect to hear all of the well-known SAHB numbers, plus a few surprises, and see some of the stage theatrics Alex Harvey used to employ.



The Experience on stage.

The band are all great musicians and a party atmosphere is guaranteed. The band look forward to their first 'overseas' gig on Arran on July 15 – Yo Ho Ho! Vambo Rool!

The band features Andy Massie on vocals, Willie McGonagal on guitar, Nelson McFarlane on bass, Davie Cowan on keyboards and John McAvoy on drums.



Iona Summers performs *Chandelier*. 01_B26ASC01



Charlie Hodgart singing the Leonard Cohen classic *Hallelujah*. 01_B26ASC02



Guest soprano Lynne Kenmuir perform a rousing rendition of *Make you feel my love*. 01_B26ASC04



Mike Bailey sings the moving and soulful *Down to the river to pray*. 01_B26ASC07

Choir put the soul into debut



The Arran Soul Choir perform a pitch perfect and well rehearsed version of *Lean on me*. 01_B26ASC05

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

The Arran Soul Choir set a new standard in live musical performances on Arran with their sold-out debut concert thrilling the audience with a professional quality and refined production that has left a lasting impression on both performers and spectators.

The sold out audience, who were lucky enough to secure the highly sought after tickets, packed into the Lamlash Community

Theatre where they enjoyed the singing talents of more than 70 performers, a live band and a professional sound and lighting production crew.

Featuring the talents of the soul choir members – which was recently formed for the sole purpose of singing and making music in a no pressure, friendly and no commitment environment – the wealth of ability with a varied repertoire was evident throughout the show. Guest soprano Lynne Ken-

muir performed solo and joined other singers from school age to retirement age with a selection of songs ranging from contemporary pop songs to country, jazz and classics.

Non-stop music

Seated in a cafe style arrangement with complimentary soft drinks and nibbles the audience enjoyed an hour of non stop music before a coffee and cake interval followed with raffle prizes donated by island businesses.

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Scottish Charity Number SC002089

Rosaburn, Brodick, Open Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm



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Wednesday 8.30pm

Pub Quiz

Sunday 9th @ 4pm

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Susanne Kelly, Liz Faulkner, Val Waite and Emma Davis sing

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...their heart and ...out concert



Organiser James O'Neil receives a huge round of applause and heartfelt thanks from the choir. 01_B26ASC11

Ranging from luxury hotel stays to food, drinks, events and vouchers the proceeds of the raffle all went directly to the Arran defibrillator project which provides defibrillators for public use across the island.

The second half of the performance continued in a similar vein as the first, studied with talent and expert showmanship, culminating in a rousing finale by the Arran Soul Choir with a Abba megamix.

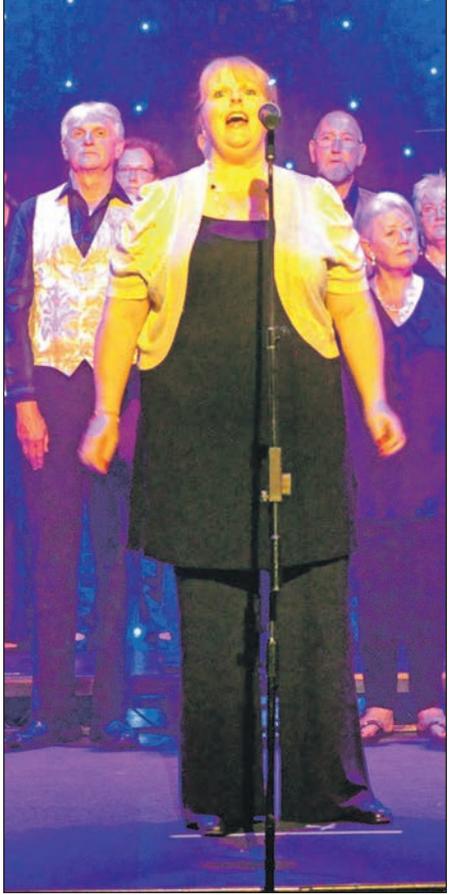
Reaching a peak crescend-

do with Gloria Gaynor's *I will Survive* the audience could contain themselves no longer and spontaneous dancing broke out with members of the audience joining in and singing along with the choir.

A representative of the choir concluded the evening by thanking musical director and organisers James O'Neil, David Lambert and Carolyn Lambert along with the band, guest soprano and stage crew, for an unforgettable evening.



Performing another Abba number, Bethan Remington sings *The winner takes it all*. 01_B26ASC09



Jill McKillop and the Arran Soul Choir perform *Thankful*. 01_B26ASC06



Colin Waite performs perfectly the vocally challenging *To where you are*. 01_B26ASC08



...g *The Rose*.



Emily Divine sings a soulful version of *Crazy in love*. 01_B26ASC10

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Grubby Greenies Nature Club

At the Community Land Whiting Bay

Wild about nature and getting messy in the outdoors? Then we need you and you need us. The Arran Community Land Initiative is looking for a new gang to explore and discover what's in your environment.

So if you like growing, planting and hunting for bugs then come along and find out what's at the bottom of the Community Garden.

Wednesdays in the School Holidays - 10am to Midday

5th July	Creative containers – take a lesson from nature and paint up the plant pots!
12th July	Shelter Building – get creative and enjoy a campfire reward!
19th July	Give a bug a home – build a bug hotel!
26th July	Get tribal– make wild art for the community garden
2nd August	we are at the Farmers Show – come and join in activities there!
9th August	Wildlife hunt – explore and discover on the Community Land

Saturdays – first Saturday of the month - 10am to Midday

1st July	Give the pests the heebie jeebies! Build a bug scarer!
5th August	Harvesting & cooking outdoors! Yum!
2nd Sept	Lets go fly a Kite! Make a kite and send out a message for nature.

Meet at the Community Land, off Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay (except when we are at the Farmers Show!)

For all sessions, please wear sturdy shoes, bring refreshments and waterproofs just in case!

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WHAT'S ON

Everyday

Trout fly fishing
Brodict Castle,
Arran Brewery
Soap making and candle dipping
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodict
Lamlash Church

Saturday 8th July

Army Cadets
RNLI shop
Over-21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Live music – Arran Ceilidh Band
Live music – Fat Tuesday

Sunday 9th July

Family games
Fun in the pool
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA meeting
RNLI shop
Live music – Joni Keen & Friends

Monday 10th July

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobix
Tae Kwondo
Summer bridge tournament
Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau
Adult tennis
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran Skinnymalinks
Arran Skinnymalinks
Coffee morning
Live music – Mike Bailey

Tuesday 11th July

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Flow yoga
Pilates
Brodict Castle garden walk
Live music – Tim Pomeroy

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Garden open 9am-dusk
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm
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Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Green 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 2.30pm - 5pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie sports hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Arran High School dance studio, 6.30pm
Brodict Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran high School, 6.30pm - visitors welcome
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Shiskine golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Shiskine Church Hall, 5.15pm
Brodict Church Kitchen, 6pm
Whiting Bay and Kildonan church hall, 10.30am - 12noon
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm

Wednesday 12th July

Rock an pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass rehearsal
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Mixed ability run (Arran Run coach)
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
Dog classes
Knittnerly and Natterly
Family friendly pub quiz
Bus pass club meal
Coffee morning
Burger and quiz night
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran Skinnymalinks
Live music – North Country Winters
Summer ceilidh

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
Dunfion Carpark, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
The PHT, noon - 12.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 2noon
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall 4.15pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Thursday 13th July

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Ladies' hockey
Winter bowls
Arran Bridge
Quilt Arran
Spinning and weaving demonstration
Chair yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Adult tennis
Live music – Arran Ceilidh Band

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Arran Heritage museum, 11am - 4pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am - 11.30am
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm

Friday 14th July

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
Arran Vets
AA meeting
Tae Kwondo
Quiz
Smart Recovery meeting
Live music – Buchaneeres

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodict 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
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 1.30pm - 3pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm

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Society visit two very different 'palaces of the people'

Members of the Arran Historical Society last week set off on a rainy morning bound for two very different 'palaces of the people' in Glasgow. But by the time we left our coffee stop at Braehead the weather improved and the remainder of the day was sunny, writes *Norma Davidson*.

Our first venue was the City Chambers in George Square. This impressive building was opened 150 years ago at a cost of £500,000. The interior is grand, with magnificent marble staircases connecting the three floors. Marble columns, priceless paintings, many from the Glasgow School, and mahogany panelling is everywhere. The building is now licensed for weddings, and corporate functions take place there, but, of course, it is principally the meeting house for Glasgow City Council.

We sat in the extremely comfortable council chamber while our guide explained procedure. There

are more than 80 elected councillors who attend their respective committee meetings, and the full council meets every six weeks to make council decisions. Councillors are also able to access the building at any time to use their offices.

Queen Victoria officially opened the chambers in 1888, and it is still a treasure trove of the very best of Victorian craftsmanship. There are two public tours each week-day and I would encourage anyone who has not been there to visit.

Beautiful

We then were taken to the Peoples' Palace on Glasgow Green. For more than 500 years the green has served the people of Glasgow well. From the days of being grazing land, vegetable beds, the location of the slaughterhouse and a public place of execution, a drying green, it has evolved into a beautiful green park.

In 1568 Regent Moray assembled his army on the green before defeating Mary, Queen of Scots

at the Battle of Langside. Charles Edward Stuart had his troops there after the retreat from Derby and before Culloden.

The annual Glasgow Fair was held here and it has had many illustrious visitors including Benjamin Franklin, William Wordsworth and Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Today the green itself hosts the World Pipe Band Championships, Proms in the Park and pop concerts.

Nearby the iconic Templeton's carpet factory is now converted into luxury flats, The Doulton fountain with the statue of Queen Victoria atop has been refurbished and is the largest terracotta fountain in the world, Nelson's Monument, a sandstone obelisk, stands 44 metres high, and despite a violent lightning strike in 1810 still stands as a prominent landmark.

Work on the Peoples' Palace began in 1895. Designed in orange Dumfries sandstone by A B McDonald, it was opened in 1898. A spectacular conservatory was erected adjacent to the palace and this was a great venue for concerts by such ensembles as the Glasgow Orpheus Choir.

The palace is a museum of the people of the east end of Glasgow and still is a repository of Glasgow life with exhibits as disparate as a slave's collar, the Anderson shelter of WW II, a 'single end' tenement flat, a replica of a Buttercup Dairy, a realistic cell from Pitt Street Jail, a display about the Red Clydesiders and Billy Connolly's banana boots.

A fascinating day, renewing old memories for some, learning new things for others, but certainly we all gained a greater appreciation of the great City of Glasgow and its people, past and present.



The Doulton fountain outside the People's Palace in Glasgow.



Norma Davidson tries on the Provost's chair in the city chambers for size.

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The Governess

The Governess, said to be a moving story set on the Isle of Skye in the 1830s, is just about to be filmed on Arran.

The film crew has been making preparations for the last week and over the next 10 days there will be filming at Glen Sannox, Torrylinn, Pirates Cove and, principally, Brodick Castle.

Castle administrator Veronica Woodman, says it will be business as usual at the castle for visitors with a couple of exceptions. The grass has been allowed to grow and become 'shaggy' because there were no lawnmowers in 1830 and the woodwork



Mrs Marion Munn of Lamlash, chairwoman of the Apache group, has received an invitation to lunch with the Queen at Brodick Castle next month. A host of leaders of local organisations will be joining her during the Queen's visit. B27twe03

has not been painted, leaving only the historically correct grey undercoat.

It is not known why Arran was chosen as the filming location rather than Skye, but the location manager, who selects the locations chosen for filming, is well known in Dougarie and spends a great deal of time on Arran.

Winds of change

People living between Blackwaterfoot and Catacol may soon have a new view to look at. For shortly when they look west they will see the Kintyre peninsula and, atop that, a forest of windmills. Scottish Power has won two contracts to erect 50 structures. Each will be 40 metres high with propeller blades of 20 metres above the hill top.

This is not something which would appear for planning permission on Arran, nor would Arran be informed through neighbour notification. The Kintyre Civic Trust, however, believes that Arran people will be as much affected, at least visually, as Carradale people. Altogether the windmills, which are likely to be thin and silver coloured, will be in three sites, one opposite Machrie, one opposite Whitefarland and one opposite Thunderguy.

Centenary dance

Brodick Golf Club tonight holds its centenary dance, an affair at which more than 300 guests will be present.

To house it, the largest marquee ever seen on Arran has been erected in the Ormidale Park, and a mainland catering firm will bring 38 staff, including chefs from the Glasgow Hilton, to prepare the meal.

The marquee stands next to the pavilion which will be opened by the Queen next month and last minute efforts are being made to complete the pavilion so its facilities might be used by guests.



Kerr Robertson, Bob Dick of Dick Bros, David Symons, Euroforest manager, harvesters Robert and Richard with Stuart Yates of Arran Plant who has a four year contract to transport logs from the forest to the barge in Brodick. B27twe02



Old and old together but still working and very popular today. Visiting Brodick was the David MacBrayne bus with the even older Waverley behind it. B27twe05



Geoff Brookes of Southbank Farm Park in Kildonan has a new attraction this year. Geoff and son Tony will be exhibiting two Clydesdale horses working the land, a sight that has not been seen on Arran for many years since mechanised implements and tractors took over the job. B27twe04



Laura Selkirk of Brodick did two parachute jumps recently. Her first was on behalf of the Aberlour Childcare Trust and the second, because she found it so exhilarating and exciting, was straight after the first. B27twe01

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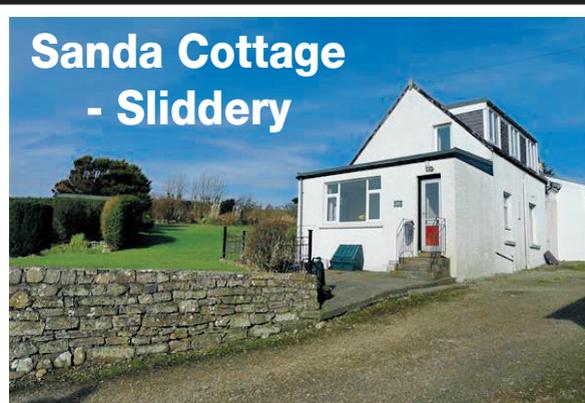
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Morning Worship

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Morning Worship.

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Morning Worship

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Sunday 9th July

Service 11am

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service

Wednesday at 7.30pm Home

fellowship group for bible

study and prayer.

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DEATHS

JULIAN LECK DAVIDSON

of Rosemount, Whiting Bay,

passed away suddenly at

home, aged 70.

Dearly loved husband of Sue.

Much loved father of Paul and

Neil. Grandfather of Molly

and Ella.

Funeral to be held at Whiting

Bay and Kildonan Church,

Tuesday, 11th July at 11:30am,

followed by interment at

Sannox cemetery. All friends

welcome. Family flowers only.

Donations accepted on behalf

of British Heart Foundation.



Lamlash Golf Club

Saturday July 1, 1st round
Club Championship qualifier,
CSS67 R/O, par 64. 1 Iain Mur-
chie 67-5=62, 2 Neil Stewart
71-4=67, 3 Danny Currie 83-
15=68. Scratch Iain Murchie
(67). Magic Twos J O'Sullivan,
A Wales both @16th.

Sunday July 2, second round
Club Championship qualifier
and Jamieson Cup 2, CSS65,
par 64. 1 Todd Jameson 66-
4=62, 2 Dougie MacFarlane
63-0=63, 3 Paul Jameson 76-
12=64. Scratch D MacFarlane
63. Magic Twos N Stewart, I
Murchie @16th, T Jameson
@8th, P Jameson @5th, D
MacFarlane @8th and 16th.

The first eight qualifiers go
forward to the quarter finals
this Saturday. The top four
qualifiers are: 4 Neil Stewart
71=72=143, 3 Todd Jameson
75=66=141, 2 Iain Murchie
67=72=139, 1 Dougie MacFar-
lane (74=63=137).

Iain Murchie was presented
with the Qualifiers' Cup with a
net score of 129.

Fixtures: Saturday July 8,
Club Championship quarter fi-
nal, 4.30pm. Sunday July 9,
Club Championship semi fi-
nal, 12noon. Hamilton Bowl 3,
8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm.
Thursday July 13, Summer
Cup, make up own games, see
Starter for times.

Friday July 14, E I Cannon
Charity Day, 4 Ball Stableford,
in aid of Santa's Sparkle.

Ladies Section: Fixture:
Wednesday July 19, Ladies
Open Tri-am, spaces still avail-
able. Tel 700591. Monday July
24, Mixed Fours Open compe-
tition.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday June 28, Wednes-
day medal. 1 L Hartley 74-
14=60, 2 R Logan 69-6=63, 3 A
MacDonald 75-11=64. Scratch,
E McKinnon 66. Magic twos,
Marvin Elliot. Yet another very
good score from Len. The mag-
ic twos sweep rolls over yet
again to a new high.

Saturday July 1, Commem-
oration Shield and Rose bowl.
1 D K Henderson 67-7=60 and



AGA President Jock Kelso presents the AGA Corrie Hotel Cup to the winning Machrie Bay team; John Milesi, David Brookens, Ross Traill and Ron Woods. B27golf02No

scratch, 2 J Innes 74-9=65.
Magic twos, S Beardsley. Very
good scoring by D K who wins
both the Shield and Rose Bowl.
It has to be said a very disap-
pointing entry for one of the
clubs most prestigious compe-
titions.

Fixtures: Saturday July 8,
Club Championship Round
Two, ballots at 9am and 2pm.
Monday July 10, Club Champi-
onship Quarter Final at 5.30pm.
Wednesday July 12, Wednes-
day Cup, ballot at 5pm. Friday
July 14, Club Championship
Semi Final at 5.30pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 27, Peter Sutton,
CSS 62. 1 R Woods 78-17=61,
2 C Laing 80-18=62, 3 W Kel-
so 78-9=69. Tuesday June 27,
Lady Mary, CSS 66. 1 E Kel-
so 91-21=70.

Saturday July 1, Captain's
Day, 22 played in damp condi-
tions although the course was
superb and the catering was
out of this world. Many thanks
to David Jeffrey and Katie and
her team. Stableford, 9 holes
from the yellow tees. Ladies:
1 M Woods, 18pts, BIH, 2 F
Scott, 18pts, 3 E Kelso, 16pts.
Gents: 1 D Brookens, 20pts, 2
R Woods, 19pts, 3 C Rutter-
ford, 18pts, BIH. Nearest the
pin: Ladies, K Genda at the
5th. Gents, R Woods at the 2nd.
Longest drive: Ladies, E Kelso
at the 6th. Gents, P Betley at the
seventh.



Ladies and gents winners at the Machrie Bay Captains Day, Marilyn Woods and David Brookens.

Fixtures: Tuesday July 11,
Peter Sutton/Lady Mary at
12.30pm and 5.30pm. Thurs-
day July 13, Ladies Open Tri-
am, entry forms available now
from F Scott or in the tea room.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 28, Summer
Cup, 31 played, CSS 64. Six
players tied on 64, top three
ACB. Jim Green 85-21=64,
Bob McCrae 72-8=64, Angus
Raeburn 75-11=64. Scratch,
Bob McCrae, 72, ACB. Sun-
day July 2, Brandon Qualifier,
19 played, CSS 65. Bruce Jen-
kins 67-7=60, Iain MacDonald
73-7=66, Donald McKinnie 78-
11=67, ACB. Scratch, Bruce
Jenkins 67. Great score from
Bruce, who won both the handi-
cap and scratch by six shots.

Fixtures: Sunday July 9, Mar-
chioness of Graham Trophy,
bogey competition. draw at
noon.

Congratulations to our Jun-
ior Team on retaining the Kel-
so Cup at Whiting Bay.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 28, Can-
cer Relief Open, 19 played in
the first of the summer chari-
ty support opens. Conditions
were tricky with a cool easterly
wind adding to the difficul-
ties provided by the fast greens.
CSS went up to 64 and 65 for
the ladies. None of this deterred
Ronnie Mann who continued
his winning streak to take first
place by four shots.

1 Ronnie Mann 13, 59, 2
Nicol Auld 4, 63, ACB and
lowest gross, 3 Andy Mar-
tin 11, 63, 4 Stan Rainey 11,
65. Sunday July 2, Medal, 11
played on a cool day more like
April than July. Course condi-
tions were good with the greens
holding after Saturday's rain.
That said, scoring was compe-
tent rather than brilliant, but
good to see Jamie Macpherson
back in winning ways after his
injury forced layoff.

1 Jamie Macpherson 6, 63, 2
Alasdair Kelly 7, 64, 3 Doug-
las Auld 22, 65, 4 Tom Paterson
0, 67 and lowest scratch. CSS
stayed at 63 and there were

no magic twos. Fixtures: Sun-
day July 9, The Whiting Bay
Improvements Trophy Open.
Wednesday July 12, Summer
Trophy. Saturday July 15, Tex-
as Scramble, 15 hole fun event
starting at noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday July 2, Victory Shield
and Kay Maxwell, 37 played,
CSS 42. 1st Class: 1 Jack Mc-
Nally 45-5=40, 2 Martyn Ker
43-2=41, 3 Andy Gallagher
47-4=43, BIH. Scratch, Mar-
tyn Ker 41. 2nd Class: 1 Col-
in Rutherford 52-11=41, 2 Allan
Hutton 58-14=44, BIH, 3 Mike
Hesp 55-11=44. Magic twos,
Mike Adams, Martyn Ker x 2,
Jack McNally.

Fixtures: Sunday July 9,
Shiskine Valley Charity Texas
Scramble. Thursday July 27, la-
dies Greensome.

Arran Golfers Association

Friday June 30, AGA Corrie
Hotel Cup at Machrie Bay Golf
Club. Five teams of four went
out and played 18 holes from
the yellow tees, Stableford. In
the individual sweep, the result
were: 1 David Brookens, 40pts,
2 John O'Sullivan, 38pts, 3
Ross Traill, 37pts. Machrie Bay
won the cup with a total of 135
points - congratulations!

Junior Section: Friday June
30, Kelso Cup. The final of the
Junior Match Play Competi-
tion was played between Brod-
ick and Shiskine Golf Clubs at
Whiting Bay Golf Club.

It was a cloudy still day. Wolf-
ie Kroner, the Whiting Bay
captain, generously provided a
large box of balls which was
shared between the players.

The teams were: Brodick:
Mathew McDonald, Thom-
as, Gilmore, Kyle McNicol,
James Currie and Charlie Ait-
ken. Shiskine: Adam Brown,
Leah Brown, Rory Currie and
Donald Currie. The match was
refereed by Wolfie Kroner and
Stan Rainey. It was played with
impeccable etiquette and very
good sportsmanship. Whiting
Bay treated the players to burg-
ers and chips, which was very
much appreciated.

Ultra tour of Arran to be held next year

A two-day off-road running extravaganza is to be held on Arran next year.

The event, dubbed the 'Ultra tour of Arran', will see hundreds of athletes travel to the island to scramble up peaks and race through forests, racking up 100km in 48 hours.

It is being held by Rat Race Adventure Sports, the UK's largest provider of adventure races, and will take place on April 14 and 15, 2018.

Day one of the fully way-marked route will take participants through the villages of Brodick, Lamlash, and Whiting Bay, and feature quiet paths and forest trails. Day two steps things up a gear and is virtually all off-road, taking in some serious mountain sections, including North Goatfell and Goatfell itself.

Runners can choose from a one or two-day option, with each leg covering 50km – around 31 miles a day.

Jim Mee, of Rat Race Adventure Sports, said: 'The Ultra Tour is a really achievable step up from a marathon into ultra-running territory. However, they don't call it 'Scotland in miniature' for nothing.'

Incredible scenery

'The event will include some serious mountain running, taking in some incredible scenery and dramatic mountains in the North, and dense forest and coastal paths in the South, all designed to push our runners to their limits.'

A free shuttle bus will take participants from the ferry to the basecamp in Brodick where runners can set up camp. Each stage will start

at 7.30am, with three pit stops and spectator points on the route each day. On the Saturday night there will be food, drink and entertainment, as well as a bar for the well-earned post-run pint.

Mr Mee added: 'Our events are always designed to be spectator friendly and we expect many of our runners will want to come along with their families and make it a truly memorable experience.'

'Our campsites are fully-equipped for all age ranges and the basecamp is expected to be a real hub of activity over the weekend, with entertainment and come great food and drink to be had. From here, supporters can also follow the progress of racers using GPS trackers.'

To register visit www.ratrace.com

Bruce takes Shiskine hal

More than 100 runners took the roads on Sunday for the annual Shiskine half-marathon.

The winner in a superb time of 1hr 14min 54sec was Bruce Carmichael of Bellahouston who was taking part in the race for the first time in nine years.

Conditions were dry if a

little windy for the 107 runners, including a handful of locals who lined up at the bridge at Blackwaterfoot for the start at noon.

New look

The race was organised for the second year by the Shiskine Valley Improvements Committee, with a new look finish of a lap

of the sports field before crossing the finishing line.

The first female finisher was Katie White of Garscube Harriers in a time of 1hr 20min 49sec and who finished fifth overall. First local runner was David Allsop of Arran Runners who finished 19th in a time of 1hr 32sec 33sec. Among



Katie White gets her medal from Lauren Johnstone. 01_A27half06



The top three finishers, l to r: runner winner Bruce Carmichael and third Harriers. 01_A27half09



Bruce and Katie are all smiles at the end. 01_A27half08



Ciara is all smiles on the finishing line. 01_A27half04



Runners are still smiling as they head back to Blackwaterfoot and the race finish. 01_A27half12

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the other locals taking part were Ally Thomson, Fiona Clarke and Deborah Robertson. Only a handful of children and adults took part in the 3.7-mile round-the-square fun run held during the event.

Thank

The organising committee would like to thank the in-

dividuals, groups and companies who all helped to make the event possible.

John Robertson for the use of the sports field, ArranShand Business Development Service for the the race medals. The race marshals and those who manned the water stations, the timekeepers, Ar-

ran First Responders for first aid cover, the Arran Cadets, A&C Cameron, Blackwaterfoot, the Co-op, Kinloch Hotel and Machrie Bay Tearoom.

And, of course, to Paul Emsley who, as always, was on hand to ensure the event ran smoothly, despite 'retiring' two years ago.



Up Kenneth Neill, Ayr Seaforth, placed Scott Martin, Kilmarnock



Derek Fish of Camegie Harriers gives the thumbs up as takes the applause of the crowd in Blackwaterfoot. 01_A27half11



Winner Bruce Carmichael crosses the finishing line. 01_A27half05



Ciara Wood and Eilidh Hamill lead from the front in the fun run. 01_A27half03



The 107 runners sweep over the bridge at the start of the race. 01_A27half01

Whiting Bay bowlers lift centenary trophy

With the Laidler Gardner and Federation competitions behind them, Brodick Bowling Club played host to the other island clubs on Saturday June 17 when they competed for the Brodick Centenary Trophy.

It was a lovely sunny day, and the green was in perfect condition.

By a narrow margin, one of the triples teams from Whiting Bay emerged as the winners.

By the second half of June the club was able to concentrate on its domestic competitions, which were

now proceeding apace, but there was also time for regular rink games.

The winners of these have been:

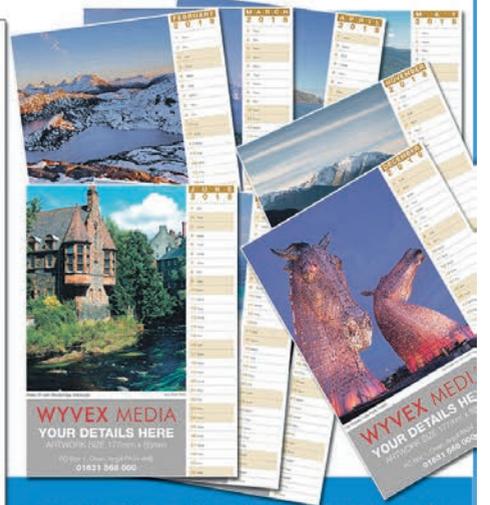
June 3, Andy McCrindle and Robert Crawford (+9); June 5, John McConnachie, Teddy Kerr and Robert Crawford (+12); June 7, John Lauder and Ernie Stanger (+2); June 10, John Lauder, Kate Nichols and Ann Hollingworth (+13); June 12, Robert Crawford, Andy McCrindle and John McConnachie (+16); June 14, Aileen Latona, Kenny Mabon and Robert Craw-

ford (+8); June 19, Robert Crawford and Lavinia Hendry (+15); June 21, Jim Gourlay and Robert Crawford (+12); June 24, Colin Haggarty and John Lauder (+12); June 26, Charles Hendry and Andy McCrindle (+19); June 28, Ian Davidson and Andy McCrindle (+28).

A spokesman for Brodick Bowling Club said: 'We have been delighted to welcome several new members this season, and trust that they will enjoy their bowling as much as the rest of the membership.'

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Bruce takes the title at Shiskine half marathon

Triple hat-trick heroes boost Brodick goalfest

Brodick 11
Shiskine 3

Brodick continued their goalfest on Monday night as they made it an incredible 42 goals in their last three games. The Brodick team were playing with new equipment thanks to their sponsor Alan Murray

on behalf of Orwin House B&B.

Three Brodick players scored hat-tricks and Archie McNicol took his goal tally to 16 for the season. Namesake Adam McNicol also scored a hat-trick from defence and Owen 'Pele' Quigley added three to his goal count as well. Babbies

MacNeil scored a brace as well to complete Brodick's to rout.

Shiskine scorers were Ali Brown, Stuart Crawford and an own goal by Brodick defender Mark Halliday.

Referee Sean Higgins awarded Pele the man of the match award.



The Shiskine goalkeeper gets behind a fierce Brodick shot. 01_A27footy03



The Brodick team go through their pre-game warm-up using the new equipment supplied by sponsors Orwin House. 01_A27footy07



Archie McNicol is full of determination. 01_A27footy01



Adam McNicol slips the ball past the Shiskine goalkeeper for one of his hat-trick goals. 01_A27footy04



Ross Dobson controls a high ball with a defender closing in. 01_A27footy06

Northend struggle to field a team

Northend 0
Southend 16

Northend succumbed to another thrashing at home, this time by the Southenders.

The Lochranza side are really struggling to put a team together and had to call in the services of some older players for the game. However, it turned out

a one-sided affair. There were three hat-tricks in this game as well, with Ryan Armstrong scoring four and getting the man of the match award from referee Sam Tattersfield. Corey Allan and Donnie Park were the other boys who bagged three each.

Lewis Kennedy and Fraser Barr got two each for the away team and the

scoring was completed by Fraser Gilbert and an own goal from Lyle Bunyan.

Brodick will host Southend on Monday night with both teams tied on points at the top of the table, so it promises to be a close encounter. The game kicks off at 6.30pm.

Meanwhile, Northend travel to Lamlash with a 7pm kick off.

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