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End parking peril in Lamlash

'If you have people parking on the bend it just makes the situation much worse'

Roads chiefs have been asked to come up with a solution to end a parking nightmare in Lamlash.

The big increase in the volume of summer traffic has turned the village into a real bottleneck, with cars parked down both sides of the main street. But the biggest problem is the junction near the Co-op, which has been highlighted as a major safety concern because of indiscriminate parking.

Cars parking on the bend are blocking the line of sight for drivers and are making it, at times, extremely difficult for drivers turning out of Benlister Road, in particular the Thomson construction vehicles.

Police on Arran have for weeks been trying to alleviate the situation but admit there is little more they can do unless new traffic restrictions are put in place.

The issue was discussed at Arran Community Council last week where members

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considered a report prepared by Sgt Allen Dodds on the situation.

The problem at the junction is particularly acute for vehicles going south, and Lamlash representative Daniel Lamont said: 'If you have people parking on the bend, it just makes the situation much worse.'

And Shiskine member Neil Arthur added: 'If you cleared the cars at the bend it would give a clear line of sight going south. It is just lazy parking with people determined to park at a junction.'

PC Valerie Gray said that while it was in the Highway Code that drivers should not park within 10 yards each side of a junction, it was not an offence to do so, unless it was deemed dangerous. She said the police had been working hard to

try to help resolve the issue and added: 'We are willing to help when we can.'

Mr Lamont agreed, saying: 'There is not much the police can do.'

He said Lamlash Improvements were in favour of parking bays, at least along the straight section, and keep clear signs at the bend so people could be moved along.

But the meeting heard that while lines such as 'H' bars painted on the road were advisory and did not constitute parking restrictions.

The community council heard that the parking problem was exacerbated by trade vans and other commercial vehicles using the car park at Hamilton Terrace, with vehicles sometimes parked all weekend, blocking the spaces for others.

They also said there was a lot of long-term parking by residents.

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Kilpatrick calf is crowned champion

Deborah Robertson presents the overhead champion trophy to Neil Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm, who won with his three-month-old Limousin cross calf being held by Kirstie Barton at the 180th Arran Farmers' Society Show. Tracy Warwick took the reserve champion prize with her horse Grantstown Unique. Four-page special inside. 01B_32front01 and 01_B32front02



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Lamlash has a big parking problem

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Vice-chairman Bill Calderwood said: 'It is up to North Ayrshire Council to get something done. Sgt Dodds has done a lot of work on this for which he is to be commended. Let's hope his extensive response can start the wheels in motion.'

However, members heard that calls for a box junction were not the way forward with Mr Lamont commenting: 'A box junction is not appropriate and it is a very long process.'

And members heard that some villagers did not want



Vehicles parked on both sides of the road outside the Co-op. 01_B32park02



Cars parked at the junction as a lorry tries to turn out of Benlister Road. 01_B32park03

yellow lines either, with Lamlash representative Jim Henderson stating: 'The community is not keen on yellow lines.'

Wait

It was agreed to wait for a response from North Ayrshire Council and that a combined approach could be taken on parking issues with Lamlash Improvements and other improvement groups on the island who had parking issues, in-

cluding Corrie and Sannox Improvements.

A spokeswoman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We will be assessing parking practices on the A841 at the junction with Benlister Road, Lamlash, in the next few weeks to determine any appropriate action.'

Roads bosses have confirmed that a yellow box junction marking 'would not be appropriate' at this location.

Delay in opening of new bus terminus

The new bus terminus at Brodick ferry terminal will not open until at least next week, it has been confirmed.

Owner Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) announced last week that the terminus would open last Friday, as reported in *The Banner*. However, after going to print, we were told this would not now be the case.

The opening was to coincide with the completion of phase two of the £22.2 million ferry redevelopment by contractor George Leslie Ltd. However, it is understood there are issues surrounding the operational use of the new bus stances.

In a statement CMAL said: 'Calmac Ferries Ltd have opened the phase three pedestrian queuing area as planned, but unfortunately,

due to last-minute technical and operational reasons, the planned handover of the bus stances in the bus terminus will be delayed by a short period of a few days. We are aware that the Highland games take place on Saturday August 6 and we are keen to avoid any changes that will disrupt visitors during a particularly busy period.' As a result the new terminus will not open until next week.

The spokeswoman added: 'There are some issues in respect of the operational responsibilities surrounding the use of the stances, which CMAL hopes to resolve in the next few days. We apologise for the delay. However, the overall terminal redevelopment remains on track. The completion of phase two was one week ahead of schedule.'

Farmer guilty of lewd acts

An Arran farmer is facing jail for performing lewd acts towards children dating back nearly 30 years. Duncan Mulholland, 55, a director of two companies, was found guilty after a trial at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court of abusing three girls aged seven, 12 and 15 over a period of 21 years.

The jury found Mulholland guilty of three charges of lewd and libidinous behaviour in his home at Torrylinn Farm, Kilmory, and a house in Uplawmoor, Renfrewshire, between April 1987 and September 2008.

He was remanded in custody and will be sentenced later this month.

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Lindsay Proudfoot cuts the 90th birthday cake which his band mates presented to him.
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The last of the original founding members of the Isle of Arran Pipe Band celebrated his 90th birthday last week when he was presented with a large chocolate cake in recognition of his achievements.

Lindsay Proudfoot, who joined the band in 1975 as its first ever secretary, has since been the treasurer, pipe major and held various other positions during his 42 years of service, and can still be seen taking part in an arduous schedule of events, some involving mile-long marches in full regalia.

At a small ceremony at Brodick Castle last Sunday, after another well-attended performance, his band mates, who call themselves his 'pipe band

family', many of whom he tutored to play the bagpipes, presented him with the cake before he had to rush off for another commitment.

Showing no signs of slowing down and also his wry wit, Lindsay, who lives in Brodick, said: 'I'm going for a ton ... see you again in 10 years!'

When asked what the secret was to his successful and long career, he replied: 'Be awkward, be opinionated and bash on regardless, just like a big dog.'

He may be 90 but Lindsay is still playing for the band at weekly events throughout the summer. 01_B32bd02



Concert at Brodick Castle

The latest summer concert at Brodick Castle will see internationally acclaimed duo Boyle Klöfver perform in the spectacular surroundings of the castle's drawing room. The duo is made up of Kimberley Boyle, who plays the flute, and Nils Klöfver on guitar. They will play classic masterpieces and arrangements of Scottish folk songs as well as a world premiere of a newly commissioned work by Scottish composer Eddie McGuire.

The organiser, Concerts in Castles, said of the show: 'By handpicking venues, careful programming of repertoire and well pre-sented introductions to each piece, we create an intimate ambience where music and space come together to give the audience an experience above the ordinary.'

The concert takes place on Tuesday August 9 at 7pm and bookings is essential for the hour-long show.

Market report

United Auctions at Stirling had forward 690 store cattle and 4,463 prime lambs and ewes this week.

Craigdhu (CH) blks £1035, 260ppk; Craigdhu (CH) hfrs £980, 232ppk; Hillhead (AA) £830, 216ppk.

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Smile of Arran return for second Arran walk

Supporters of the Smile of Arran charity have been in training for their Arran Walk tomorrow (Sunday) which will see their return after last year's successful fundraiser and with numbers increasing to more than 30 participants.

The Smile of Arran Trust was set up by the Tosh family, following the death of their son Arran who was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2014, and aims to raise awareness of brain tumours. Partnered with other charities, it provides support and grants to people affected by brain tumours as well as raising funds for research.

Supported by a large number of businesses and oth-

er people on the island last year, Alison Tosh, family and friends walked around Arran after receiving a rousing send off from the Arran Pipe Band at the Brodick Highland Games where they began their fundraising trek. Organisations on Arran continued to fundraise for the charity long after the event and support has continued to grow both on and off the island along with some big names backing the charity.

Charlie and Craig Reid of the Proclaimers, as well as Louis Walsh and Sharon Osbourne, have pledged their support and throughout the year fundraising has continued at numerous events which have already



Alison Tosh, second from the back, and supporters during their walk last year.

raised over £6,000 for the charity before the walk has even begun.

During the past year the family, from Hedingham, have received widespread support from various schools, individuals and groups through charity balls, auctions, football clubs, wedding venues and even a charity skydive and

sponsored head-shave. The money raised from these various initiatives, many of which have become annual events themselves, goes towards 'Arran grants' which is financial support for families and people who are affected by brain cancer and brain tumours. So far the charity has raised more than £80,000 which has benefited a number of causes and organisations which are supported by and in memory of Arran.

The charity will also host a stall at the Brodick Highland Games today (Saturday) and the walk tomorrow. Further information on the charity and its objectives can be found at www.smileofarran.org.

Tractor rally at museum

Tomorrow (Sunday) sees the sixth annual tractor rally taking place at the Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn, Brodick.

Owners are invited to bring along their tractors on the day, whether they are vintage, restored, modern, or just run of the mill, with the event starting at 1.30pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the public to see the variety of makes and sizes of vehicles produced over the years, and perhaps to marvel at the progress which has been made in automating so many tasks which can now be undertaken with these marvellous machines.

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The Rosa Burn ducklings pictured earlier in the year. Photo: Adrian Cannon

Anger after ducklings are killed by dog

There was anger this week after family of ducklings were slaughtered by a dog on the loose.

As many as 10 ducklings are thought to have been killed after the dog was seen running up the Rosa Burn in Brodick attacking them last weekend.

Hatched in May, the three-month-old ducklings have amassed a small following on a Facebook page and a website at www.rosaburn.co.uk, where updates on the ducklings are regularly provided by their caretakers, Julie and Adrian Cannon.

Consisting mainly of rescued and unwanted domestic ducks, they are a popular feature at the Rosa Burn bridge near the Arran Heritage Museum, where visitors and locals feed them

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and sightings of herons, geese and swans and even otters can often be made.

The couple bought the burn-side property eight years ago when they inherited the resident ducks who live on their back lawn and have been looking after them ever since.

They feed and nurture the ducks and deter the seagulls and herons that swoop down to try to feed on the vulnerable newborns. After writing a message on Saturday on their Facebook page celebrating that they had ensured the survival of more than 20 ducklings this year, a message posted on Sunday described the upset

and anger when a dog was seen killing the ducks. Unfortunately, by the time that Adrian made it to the golf course bridge, the dog had run away and its owners were nowhere to be seen but a family of ducks were found dead on the river bank.

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'It is difficult to know how many have been killed as many of them will be washed away or fled in terror but we only had eight return yesterday,' said Adrian. 'We have not reported it to the police as we could not find the owner of the dog but this would never have happened if the dog had just been kept under control and on a leash.'

Police Scotland confirmed that they had not received any reports of the incident.

Latin American rhythms in Lamlash

The celebrated South American harpist Ricardo Curbelo is making his second visit to Arran later this month, and those who were at one of his two concerts last year will surely want to hear him again – not to mention those who missed him last year, who are urged not to miss out this time.

His concert is on Friday August 19, rather than the usual Saturday, and takes place in the community theatre at Arran High School in, Lamlash. Ricardo, who not only plays the harp but also sings and performs on the maracas and the cuatro (go along to find out what that is), composes music and writes poetry too. He even makes his own harps.

His concerts range from vibrant, energetic and even jazzy pieces, infused with all the excitement of Latin rhythms, to gentler captivating melodies and romantic vocals.

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Ricardo Curbelo to perform in Lamlash.

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Youngsters perform on the tin whistle. 01_B32feis02



Becky Hill plays with the clarsach group. 01_B32feis01



The drama group stage their play Shiskine Fair. 01_B32feis03

Feis song is rousing successful Gaelic

There was a traditional rousing end to the Feis Arainn concert in the community theatre last weekend.

Successful week

The combined voices of all the youngsters who took part in the event came together to

sing the Feis song, rounding off another successful week.

A packed hall of parents, grandparents, supporters and friends had just watched the fruits of youngsters' labours at the various workshops they had been attending.

The annual Gaelic festival, now in its 17th year, is open to all children aged eight to 18 and as well as singing and drama, seven traditional musical instruments were taught: clarsach, accordion, drums, fiddle, guitar and the



The youngsters give a rousing finale with their Feis song. 01_B32feis12

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...sing finale to ...ic gathering

pipes and chanter. Preparing the backdrop for the concert and getting little hands full of paint was tutor Cil Paul, who also taught the children Celtic art.

Laughlin thanked all the tutors as well as the local businesses for their prize draw donations, North Ayrshire Council and all the other supporters of the event.

The tutors this year were: art Cil Paul, clarsach Becky Hill, drama Dougie Beck, drums Allan MacDonald, fiddle Gillian Frame, guitar Findlay Napier, pipes and chanter and whistle Lorne MacDougall, singing Mairi Macinnes.

Thanked

Organiser Aileen Mc-



Mairi Macinnes leads the choir in song. 01_B32feis06



Selling horses at the Shiskine Fair. 01_B32feis04



Youngsters taking part in the art workshop. 01_B32feis15



The Feis concert poster made by the art class. 01_B32feis14



The combined fiddles and guitars on stage. 01_B32feis10



The percussion group accompanied the choir. 01_B32feis8

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A parking free for all

The parking situation in Lamlash must be addressed and soon. It is, literally, an accident waiting to happen.

We can all see that the island is far busier with cars, motorhomes and other vehicles, with busy car parks all over the island. However, it is in Lamlash that the problem seems to have manifested itself into a full blown crisis.

There are various reasons. Limited car parking spaces means more cars parking at the side of the road, but it is the indiscriminate nature of roadside parking, particularly across the junction of Benlister Road, that is the crux of the problem.

The police have tried to help. They have put cones on the road at the junction, but they mysteriously disappeared. They have been talking to drivers but, without parking restrictions, their hands are tied.

The installation and funding of road markings, signage and other traffic engineering measures on public roads and associated footways are entirely a matter for the roads authority, so it is up to North Ayrshire Council's road department to act.

The police say that parking at or near junctions is not in itself an offence unless it can be deemed dangerous, causing an unnecessary obstruction, or in contravention of an existing no waiting or no loading order. It must be borne in mind that, although subjective in some cases, the criminal standard of proof required for such offences is high. Dangerous parking would require some element of risk such as fully obstructed views to be caused.

An unnecessary obstruction of a road would require the carriageway to be completely impassable and not merely requiring 'give and take' driver co-operation. It should also be noted that this type of driver co-operation frequently has a desirable traffic calming effect, police also say.

However, a box junction has been ruled out and advisory 'Twenty's Plenty' zones are no longer approved for use in Scotland so roads chiefs will have put on their thinking caps to come up with a solution – and quickly.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said: 'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.' (John 15: 12-13)

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Letters to the Editor



Energy compromise

Sir,

In response to the opposition to the wind turbines on Holy Isle, the questions put to me by Lamlash residents and the serious breakdown in communication with our neighbours there over the past decades, I arranged a meeting last Sunday with the people responsible for the project.

They made a very good impression, answered my questions honestly and seem to genuinely care about the environment and the massive changes (global warming, loss of habitat and biodiversity etc) that are in progress worldwide. The following points came out of our discussion, which I'd like to share with others in order that they may come to an informed and balanced opinion.

1. Looking at the photographs available on the NAC website (planning application 16/00648/PP), the turbines will have a much smaller visual impact than feared by many and when I mentioned the possibility of 'camouflaging' them, they agreed to look into getting green ones (instead of the usual white), in which case they would be hardly visible from our side.

2. The turbine design is such that the blades apparently won't be visible while turning.

3. They claimed that the five turbines will just about cover their energy needs, rather than producing much more electricity to sell, as stated by many people.

4. Solar panels in the quantity they could reasonably install wouldn't be able to generate enough energy for their electric central heating.

5. In terms of a danger to wildlife, yes, some birds

may be killed but wind turbines are apparently responsible for considerably fewer deaths than the number killed by household cats every year. It is also important to remember the huge environmental impact on wildlife of our current non-renewable energy generation plants.

6. When asked if they had plans to add more wind turbines in future, as feared by many Arran residents, they said this would definitely not be the case. Whether such an expansion would be given planning permission by NAC anyway is another point.

7. They mentioned that a study has been done to see if tourist numbers have declined in areas with wind turbines and, from what they said, this doesn't seem to be the case.

Personally, I am very much in two minds and would, of course, prefer not to have them there. I fully appreciate and enjoy the fact the Holy Isle is a largely unspoiled, peaceful island which should be kept that way if possible. Nevertheless, I ask myself why renewable energy solutions, which are clearly the way forward, should only be in other people's areas? I also feel that it is everyone's responsibility to react appropriately to the environmental impact human beings are having – and that sometimes means looking for compromises.

Yours,
Stuart Turner,
chairman,
Lamlash Improvements.

Beautiful structures

Sir,

The tone of last week's letter from Edward Jackson of Glasgow in the *Banner* left an unpleasant taste in the mouth that is becoming all

too familiar in these intolerant times. The loud minority all too often hold sway over the silent majority and never is this more true, it seems, than in opposition to plans for renewable energy. Edward Jackson is, I'm sure, aware that it is customary for planning applicants to re-present their proposal after making changes that seek to address the objections made against it. Heaven forbid that 'Arran Community Council plus thousands of people including Arran residents (sic)' should be allowed the opportunity to change their 'wishes' in the light of new proposals.

The Rokpa Trust has successfully addressed the concerns of Prestwick Airport by proving that there will be no radar interference and it has reduced the number and changed the location of the turbines, to address the concerns of other objectors, so it seems entirely reasonable for its proposal to be considered again.

It is the planning regulations that determine the length of time that objectors have to raise objections, not the Rokpa Trust, so to suggest that the timescales in this case are 'devious' is absurd.

It is not clear where Edward Jackson was going with his reference to the Rokpa Trust 'researching new ways to get their ill-gotten gains', but, apart from being a logical impossibility and very poor English, sounded like he was imputing the source of its funding. If so, then he had better provide the evidence for this allegation.

Judging from a discussion of the topic on the Arran Community Forum on Facebook, there are many residents of Arran who support the proposal for Holy Isle. Indeed, if the number

of responses is indicative, these would seem to outnumber those who oppose it by roughly three to one.

Wind turbines may be an ugly eyesore to Edward Jackson, but neither he nor the Arran Community Council speaks 'for all the people'. I find them beautiful structures and I love the way their movement in the landscape attracts my eye and draws me to inspect their surroundings. My heart lifts every time I see a wind turbine, as it speaks to me, like a work of art, and says 'mankind will do better'.

No doubt, in 1877 there were people, like Edward Jackson, who objected to the building of Holy Isle Inner Lighthouse, but the same type of people would object most strongly if it were to be demolished today. The day of the lighthouse is gone, but the day of the wind turbine is now; I urge people to delight in it, not decry it.

I suggest that Edward Jackson look into his own heart and challenge his own understanding of beauty and then look again at the planning application.

Yours,
Chris Mowatt,
Kildonan House,
Kildonan.

Cream teas

Sir,

We would like to point out it was the Shiskine & Machrie Senior Citizens Committee who provided cream teas at the Blackwaterfoot Beer Festival and not Shiskine SWI as reported in The Banner of July 16.

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Yours,
Elma Judge,
on behalf of SMSCC.

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The zorbs provided much laughter and entertainment for adults and children. 01_B32loch05



Sophia Bentley, aged four, of Dumfries crosses the line in the ball and spoon race in the under-fives category. 01_B32loch13



Richard and Anne Hill selling the raffle tickets. 01_B32loch02



Mums and children compete in



Above: Dog competition entrants parade in the arena with the picturesque castle and bay as a backdrop. 01_B32loch06



Left: Winners of the raffle prizes are announced by Archie Cumming. 01_B32loch14

Rain can't stop Lochranza Ex

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

The annual Lochranza Extravaganza took place in the Lochranza and Catacol village hall last Wednesday and, even though the weather was inclement, it still managed to draw a healthy crowd of visitors to its many attractions.

Foremost among them was the dog show, which had a large number of entries and provided the competitors with an opportunity to parade their family pets in the arena where they were judged by Marion Gentleman and Wilma Stark. Very popular, too, were the children's races, which included the perennial favourite, but with a modern twist, the golf ball and spoon race. There were various age categories and numerous

competitions for the children to take part in, two of which involved the parents and children races which had healthy entries, thanks to the cajoling of Archie Cumming, who was the voice behind the megaphone.

Also popular were the zorbs by Arran Zorbs which saw children bouncing into each other and running on top of a pool filled with water amid peals of laughter.

Other events to keep the family entertained were the putting games, bouncy castle and the beanbag and ladder toss, as well as a large selection of children's toys on sale in the various bric-a-brac stalls that were out in the garden. Joining them in the grounds before the rain started was a book store and various raffles and competitions.

Richard and Anne Hill ran the incredibly



Bric-a-brac aplenty as visitors browse the goods and books on sale. 01_B32loch12



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the race which drew cheers and laughter from the fathers on the sidelines. 01_B32loch16

Fun play at the extravaganza

popular raffle, which featured prizes of wine, whisky, children's games and food and golf vouchers, among others.

Indoors, a home baking and food stall was available as well as the tearoom, where many took shelter when the heavier rains arrived at the end of the day. With so many fun events having taken place and with such a party atmosphere, even the rain could not dampen the spirits of those who were seen returning home at the end of the day, many with burgers and prizes in their hands.



Eddie, the springer spaniel, won a prize for looking most like his owner, Peter Allen of Catacol. 01_B32loch10



Max and Marek Danhel from Winslow, who won first place in the small dog category with Milo. 01_B32loch08



Seven- and eight-year-olds concentrate on their ball and spoon race. 01_B32loch15



Getting a special mention for sheer cuteness was Molly, a cross spaniel joined by Penny Morris, who was visiting from Suffolk. 01_B32loch11



Annabel Gold from Glasgow took first prize in the big dog category with Bindi, the golden retriever. 01_B32loch07



Cockerpoo Poppy won a prize for her waggly tail, which Irene Mculloch from Glasgow found amusing. 01_B32loch09

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Lois wins prestigious Saltire Scholarship to California

An Arran student has won a prestigious Saltire Scholarship and is presently gaining invaluable work experience the United States.

Former Arran High pupil Lois Crawford, from Blackwaterfoot, has just turned 21 and is studying marketing and human resource management at Strathclyde University, and is interning with the Silicon Valley Bank in Santa Clara, California.

Entrepreneurial Scotland's Saltire Scholarship programme places high potential undergraduates in their penultimate year of study from univer-

sities across Scotland on paid summer internships with leading organisations around the world. Saltire Scholarships are fully funded through supporters and donors of the Saltire Foundation, a registered Scottish charity which is operated by Entrepreneurial Scotland and exists to find, fuel and spark Scotland's next generation of business leaders.

The Saltire Foundation was founded in 2007 by Global Scotland, the charitable arm of Entrepreneurial Scotland. The Saltire Scholarship programme has grown from six scholars

in 2007 to 143 scholars in 2016 – the largest ever cohort.

Saltire scholar Lois said: 'My Saltire internship is with Silicon Valley Bank in the US, bringing me to the technology capital of the world. It has been such an amazing and rewarding experience. It's the kindness of Jean which has helped my and other scholars' internships to become a reality. I have learned so much in my short time here already and can't wait to see what the rest of the experience brings.'

Jean Young continues to support Scotland's next



Lois Crawford, second left, with Katie-Rose MacDonald, Katie White and Jay Alexander Clifford, who are also on Saltire scholarships.

generation of business leaders by funding four Saltire Scholarships taking place this summer. Born in Orkney as Jean Clair Drever, Ms Young now lives in Dallas, Texas, but returns to Orkney every year during the summer months. Ms Young first be-

came a Saltire Foundation donor in 2012 and has now funded a total of nine Saltire Scholarships.

Ms Young said: 'My scholars have changed my life and I am very proud of them. Their academic achievements are outstanding and I know their Saltire

internships will give them the necessary experience to go on and become leaders in their chosen fields.

'It's the most rewarding thing I have ever done and I get to fulfil my grandmother's wish of giving back to the Highlands and Islands.'

Visual arts and poetry collaboration

With Arran Open Studios (AOS) literally opening their doors next weekend, organisers would like to invite all residents and visitors alike to sample some of the works and thoughts that will be on display this year from August 12 to 15.

What the National Galleries magazine calls a 'simple but very imaginative' initiative takes place in the VisitScotland office at Brodick Pier. Selected local practising poets have been 'twinned' with local participating artists.

The poet has spent the past few months responding to one art piece (in whatever form) of the artist/maker.

And the results have been most unexpected and satisfying.

Seven poets have responded to seven art works. And both the art works and the poems will be on display in the small but perfectly formed 'taster exhibition' which will be the pathfinder for the main AOS event.

Poets represented are Cicely Gill, Alison Prince, Jason Watts, Lorna Sherry, David Underdown, David Pendlebury and Tim Pomeroy. The artists/makers represented are Nicky Gill, Ruth Mae, Simon Lawrence, Ed O'Donnely, Josephine Broekhuizen, Tim Pomeroy and Janet Inglis. The exhibition is free to enter and runs from Monday August 8 till Friday August 15. More information can be had from www.arranopenstudios.com or by calling 01770 600287.

Here is an example of one of the collaborations. Image in ceramic by Simon Lawrence (Studio 36), poem above by Jason Watts.

Prayer

*You are at a threshold.
In the interior
whiteness*

*From its mast
my body is a flag that streams out
feet anchored
fingertips flutter and invisibly
the dimensions of their gestures gather in a bag*

*To be holy is to be inexhaustible –
something, like a symbol
an icon, like an opening
folds and folds
a new rose that grows from the centre of the rose*

*But, those petals,
always there are curtains drawn
down over what's knowable*

*The while,
all the narrative is always present
wholeness has no background,
though your mind does*

*Grit of questions, questing; fingers poking
into the whiteness's volume
grit in your shoe*

*On the moor
a peaty pool skims its dimensions,
reflecting cloud
the colour and quality of air begin to have
meaning of themselves.*

*This pool has no one-to-one correspondence
at the mirror-boundary:
there may be a barrier in your blood,
or a gateway?*

*Dipped in it, fingers' tips
bend, they cannot possibly
can they reflect
a caterpillar that climbs at the threshold?*



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The 180th Arran Farmers' Show

Entries up as farmers' show proves as popular as ever

The Arran Farmers' Show may be 180 years old but this year it proved why it is as popular as ever.

Entries in both cattle and sheep classes were up this year, although, unfortunately, in a sign of the times, and probably for the first time in the show's long history, there were no dairy cattle on show.

The rain tried to spoil the party in the morning, but unlike washout Wednesday last year the weather dried up for a time and the sun tried to come out – but the rain returned at lunchtime, leading to the presentation of prizes being held outside the secretary's tent.

A steady stream of visitors poured into the field all

day and appeared to stay a while and enjoy the many attractions in the show-ground, and the food stalls did a roaring trade at lunchtime.

Overhead champion

Star of the day was the three-month-old Limousin cross calf of Neil Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm who took the overhead champion prize, with runner-up Tracy Warwick on her horse Grantstown Unique.

During the day, Scotland's top equestrian display team performed twice in the main ring, where the Arran Pipe Band also entertained.

The vintage tractor parade was also able to go ahead this year, as was the Young Farmers' bale rac-

ing demonstration, but the Highland dancing display had to be cancelled because of health and safety fears.

The dog show, as always, attracted a healthy entry and the best in show was Karen McGugan with her dog Haley from Culzean.

In his speech before the prizegiving, Willie Robertson thanked everyone involved with the society for their hard work in making the show a success.

He also introduced the new society chairman George Tod, who takes over from Lady Jean Fforde who has retired after being a great supporter for many years.

□ See next week's *Banner* for full results.



Above: Cameron McNeish was named best young handler with Limousin cross calf Pop.

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Left: Andrew Currie, seven, with a calf from Belleview.

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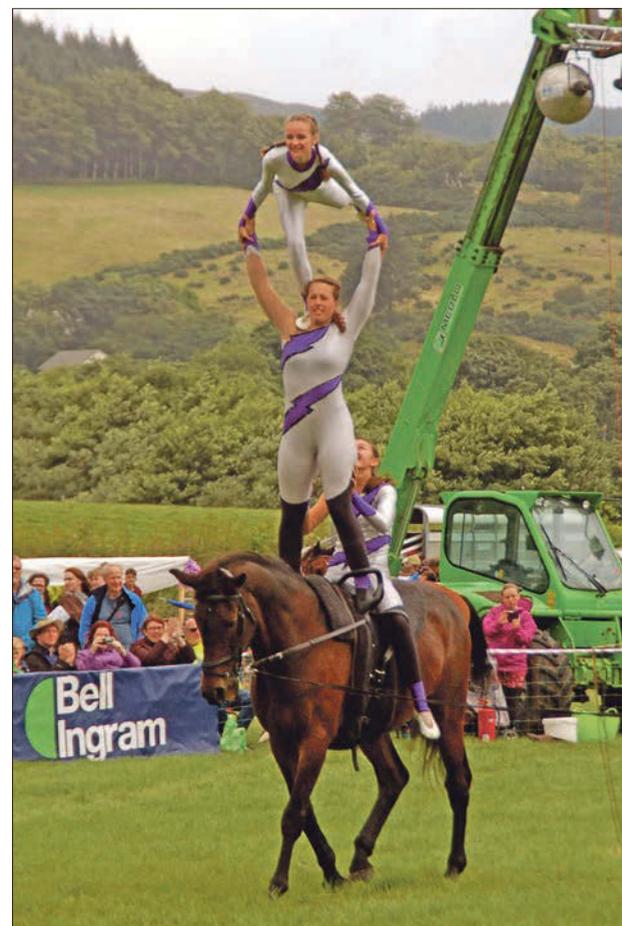
Beth McCarthy who won pet lamb class, taking over from her brother Ben who won it last year.

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Reserve beef champion Crackle with Pop from South Feroline.

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Kirsty McWilliam and her team from Riders of the Storm performed daring equestrian stunts during their show.

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The 180th Arran Farmers' Show

Farming and family fun at



David Henderson with his champion Texel. 01_B32show28



Alasdair Currie and mum Margie lead a Simmental cow and calf in the judging ring. 01_B32show18



The serious business of sheep judging. 01_B32show16



Leesa and Eilidh Dunwoodie from Ardrossan admire a Hereford cow and calf from Clachaig. 01_B32show03



Winners of the vintage tractor competition went to Linda and Eva Curlew for the Massey Ferguson 35 which has been in the family for four generations. 01_B32show36



Winner of the best in show in the dog competition went to Karen McGugan with Hayley. 01_B32show37



Kirstie Barton with the newly crowned overhead



The Young Farmers bale racing demonstration. 01_B32show01



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Judging the year old Blackface shearlings. 01_B32show07



... champion. 01_B32show34



Ian Paterson of Glenlee with his champion Robert McInness Blackface ewe. 01_B32show32



Judge Alan Campbell examines the Texel category 01_B32show11



Kyle Smith, Pete Brown and his wife of Clachaig with their Texel cross commercial sheep group. 01_B32show30



... out through their paces in the pony section. 01_B32show17



Judging the cross-bred breeding cow with calf at foot class. 01_B32show15



Rab Lammie with his champion Border Leicester. 01_B32show29



All of the prize-winners at the Arran SWI handicraft show.

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Bumper entry as SWI show off their handicraft skills

The Isle of Arran SWI Federation hosted its traditional handicraft show on Wednesday when a massive 460 entries were exhibited in more than 21 categories.

The show, historically held on the same day as the farmers' show, includes many types of disciplines

from knitting, painting and card-making to photography and baking. Items are entered by individuals and from joint efforts by the five SWI groups around the island who make up the federation.

Each year carries a theme. Last year was Mary Queen of Scots, while this year was

Alice in Wonderland and The Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Taking pride of place at the exhibition were the splendid community trays, with Lamlash taking the top prize this year. An equally coveted prize is the best in show, which, in the handicraft section, went to Alison Thompson

for her appliqué and hand-sewn quilt, which has been in the making for almost five years. A self-confessed Shakespeare fan, Alison celebrated the 400th anniversary of the bard's death with an interpretation of an Elizabethan wall hanging from the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which

included plants, flowers, fruit and even some of her favourite Shakespearean verses.

The prize-giving ceremony at the end of the day included a raffle with prizes from local businesses including a luxury hamper from George Leslie Ltd before the trophies were

presented. Show convener Nancy Bremner and president Anne Pringle thanked all of the 120 members and 46 exhibitors for entering their contributions to the show and to KA Leisure for the use of the theatre.

■ A full list of the prize-winners will be in next week's *Banner*.



Alison Thompson of Lamlash displays her best in show quilt. 01_B32SWI01



Morag Gardner won the Rachel Cup for her black shawl which won the best hand knitted article prize. 01_B32SWI05



Mary MacKenzie, Hillary Stubbs, Janet Mair, Alison Thompson and Mary Adams won the best community tray for Lamlash. 01_B32SWI02



Nancy Bremner, show convener, won the best knitted toy category with her Wee Scotsman. 01_B32SWI03

Magnificent Mary's Meals coffee morning

A coffee morning held to raise funds for the Mary's Meals charity raised the magnificent sum of £1,087.02 last Saturday.

Held in Lamlash church hall it was a very happy event with all the knitters, growers, bakers, refreshment stall makers and servers mixed together with more than a sprinkle of visitors and locals from across the island responding gen-

erously in support Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals' mission is that in this world of plenty, no child should be left to go hungry and should have the opportunity to learn.

Education

The money raised will feed 89 children in a place of education for a whole school year.

Mary's Meals volunteer Alison Page said: 'I would

like to thank all the lovely people involved with making our Mary's Meals fundraising coffee morning such a success.

'Thank you Arran.'



The church hall was packed for the coffee morning. 01_B32meals01



Inset: Alison Page celebrates the success of the coffee morning with Mrs Marr.

01_B32meals02



Robert Marr at the home baking stall.

01_B32meals03

Singer returns to Corrie Hotel after nearly 50-year gap

A musician who made his first attempts at playing in public at the Corrie Hotel has played his first gig there in nearly 50 years.

However, he has not left it as long this time as Dave Dick returns to the Corrie Hotel tonight (Saturday) with his band Clan Blues who will be playing a mix of acoustic, Americana, folk and blues.

Dave told the *Banner*: 'I played the Corrie Hotel two weeks ago for the first time in nearly 50 years and it was a very successful night, so I'm really looking forward to going back with the band. It's an excellent venue for live music.'

Fellow band member Ian Cole also knows the island well but Jamie McClelland, the youngest group member, has never been on the island before. The gig starts at 8.30pm.

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Laidback approach to round the world cycle



Richard Evans pictured at the World Duathlon Championships.

Richard is a frequent visitor to Arran

A regular visitor to Arran has published a book about his adventures while cycling around the world.

Richard Evans made the epic journey on his recumbent bicycle and *Laid Back Around the World in 180 Days: Diary of a long bike ride*, published last month, is a travelogue of his six-month journey around the planet in 2014.

Author Richard is a frequent visitor to Arran and has been since early childhood, being the great-nephew of Sheila Selkirk of Brodick. He gave up his car some years ago and now uses a bike – usually his recumbent cycle – as his main mode of transport, no matter the distance.

His round-the-world journey takes him from the vast deserts of Kazakhstan to the Pyrenees via the monsoons of south-east Asia, the Australian Nullarbor, the Canadian Rockies and Great Lakes.

Potholed highways

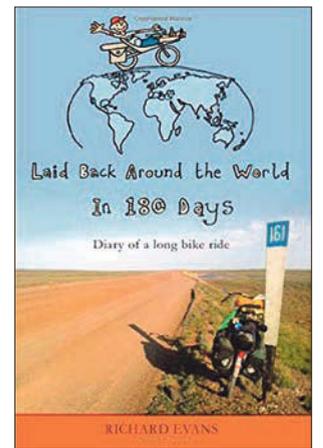
Averaging around 1,000km per week, Richard shared treacherously potholed highways with speeding juggernauts, faced freezing nights and scorching days, and battled headwinds strong enough to blow him off the road.

He had inquired whether he might be able to attempt a new world record, but Guinness informed him that he would not qualify as he was using a recumbent, and

the world cycling record was achieved on an upright machine.

He suggested that they open a new category for recumbent cycles, but they rejected this idea. So he did it 'just for fun' and to raise money for the charity Road Peace, which supports those bereaved or injured in road crashes such as cycling fatalities, and works for road safety.

Richard was last on Arran, enjoying some hillwalking with some of his siblings and Arran cousins, in May, but had to leave early to head to Aviles, Spain, to take part in the World Duathlon Championships as part of Team GB at the beginning of June.



The cover of Richard's book.

He came in as the third British finisher and 12th in the world for his age group.

Cousin Laura Selkirk said: 'Richard is the second of my cousins to circumnavigate the globe. My cousin Helen Selkirk sailed around the world with her husband in the early 1990s, stopping off in Lamlash Bay en route.'

Laid Back Around the World in 180 Days: Diary of a long bike ride by Richard Evans is available from Amazon in both paperback and Kindle format.

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Machrie postbox reminds creator of his beloved Arran

An Australian man who was born in Lamlash has recreated a memento from his youth by building a replica of the Machrie postbox on his 100-acre property in Wollombi, New South Wales.

Graham Kinnear passed the Machrie postbox many times as a child on his way to see Archie and Mary McDermott, who lived in Gate Cottage on String Road.

Those memories have stuck with him ever since the 1940s and now, living in Australia with his Scottish-born wife, Anne, Graham was convinced that the rainforest hillside beside the house needed a reminder of Arran.

The nine-tonne postbox has been reproduced as a garden sculpture, hidden away in the mist and hills, where the greatest attempt to capture all of the detail of the original Machrie postbox has been made, including using the same Permian sandstone that was quarried locally in Wollombi, and the same stone mason's markings are engraved on the stone.

Graham said: 'Nothing can reproduce the weathering and lichens of the original but, hopefully, it will get there in time.'

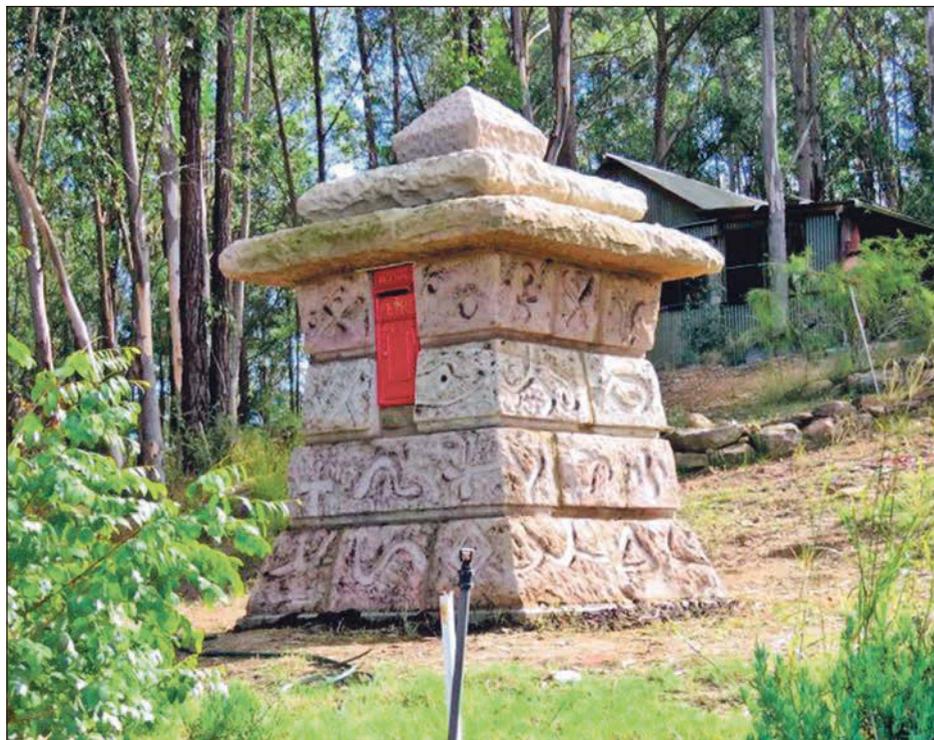
Sitting among the ironbarks, the stringybarks and the grey gums, the postbox is expected to en-

dure the storms, bush fires and floods for centuries to come.

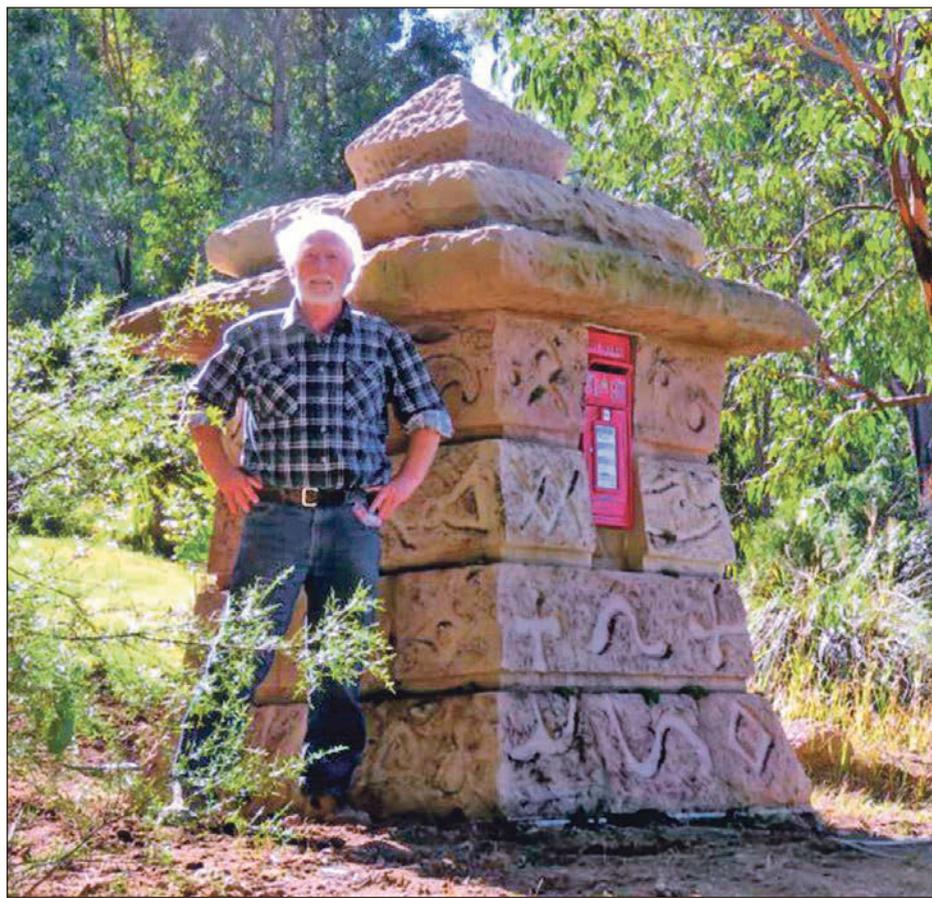
'It is at home with the kindred spirits of this land, comfortable in its isolation, yet linked to memories of yonder time. The little reminder we have here of Arran brings us a lot of joy.'

'Arran is a mystical place with a great spiritual presence and is almost magical in the atmosphere it creates. If you have come from the land there, no matter how far away you are, it still holds its attraction and lure.'

'The spirits of the rainforest rocks and trees here in Wollombi embrace a kindred spirit from Arran.'



The postbox sits in a private 100-acre property where Graham has lived since 1980.



Graham is pictured with the Machrie postbox replica in Wollombi, Australia.

Citizens Advice now offers tax help

In addition to the general advice service currently offered throughout its bureaux and surgeries, the North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service (NACAS) is now able to offer a specialist tax service to both new and existing clients on Arran as part of a scheme backed by HMRC.

With an increasing in demand for tax assistance, residents of North Ayrshire will now be able to obtain advice about a range of tax issues, including PAYE, special relief, National Insurance and tax credits from the service.

This area of speciality, which NACAS can now deliver, provides prudent advice to clients who have complex tax issues alongside the general advice that is

given by volunteers on a daily basis. The new service sees a shift in how HMRC delivers advice across the country, enlisting NACAS, based on its reputation and existing advice services, to assist those who require help with what can be a complex issue for many.

North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service holds an outreach service at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion on a Monday between 9.30am and 1pm, and anyone wishing to seek help with their tax issues can visit the office on a drop-in basis. Alternatively, clients can call an inquiry line on 01294 467848 to speak with a member of staff or visit the NACAS website at www.nacasa-dvice.org.uk.

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Arran Heritage Museum
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Loch Garbad, bank fishing
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Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 6th August

Army Cadets
Over-21s disco
RNLI shop
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Live music
Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic
Lamlash Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Brodick Highland Games
Live Music - Backwater
Volunteer Day - Arran Land Initiative

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - 12 noon
Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Ormidale Park, from 11am
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Whiting Bay, 11am - 1pm

Sunday 7th August

Family games
Fun in the pool
RNLI shop
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA meeting
Live music - Lucy and Friends
Brodick Beach barbecue
Tractor rally

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm - 5pm
Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodick Beach, 2pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 1.30pm

Monday 8th August

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
WBay Bowling Club rink game
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Citizens advice
Lamlash Aerobix
RunArran
Tae KwonDo
Summer bridge
Coffee morning
Whiting Bay bay fun week - mini olympics
Live music
Coffee morning

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
The Jetty, 2.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
Whiting Bay church hall, 10.30am - 12noon

Tuesday 9th August

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Rotary Club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
RunArran run coaching
RUNFIT
Open cricket session
Lamlash Drama Club
Flow Yoga
Live music
Summer entertainment (drama club)
Evening Concert - Boyle Klovfer Duo

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6.45am
Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Castle, 7pm

Wednesday 10th August

Rock and pop bingo
Tae KwonDo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Live music
Unplugged music night
Drift Inn quiz
Roundhouse open day
Vile Victorian children's tour
Mixed hockey
Dog classes
Summer ceilidh
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Coffee morning
Cir Mor mountain walk
Film night (mountain festival)

9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm
Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15 - 12noon
Brodick Rangers Centre, 9.30am - 5.30pm
Corrie Hall, 7.30pm

Thursday 11th August

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Live music
Ladies hockey
RUNFIT
Cardiac rehab
Burger and quiz
Winter bowls
Tennis senior club night
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Castle paintings tour
Whiting Bay market
RUNFIT
Northend ceilidh night
Live music - Freckless Fuddle and the Prince
Blackwaterfoot shore scramble
MS coffee morning

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am
Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
nightFelicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Balmichael Centre, 7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Brodick castle, 2pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 2pm
Lamlash Green, 6.45am
Lochranza & Catacol hall, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8pm
Kinloch Car park, 10.30am
St Molios Church, Shiskine, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 12th August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
AA meeting
Live music
Tae KwonDo
Factory tours
Wild flower wander
Open mic and karaoke
Frydays @ Lochranza Field Centre
Live music - Coast
Live music - Johnny Scotland
Castle Secrets

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Arran Aromatics, 11am - 3pm
Brodick Rangers Centre, 2-4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Lochranza field centre, 5.30pm - 8pm
Coast, Whiting Bay, 7pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Brodick castle, 11am



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Decision awaited

Last Wednesday the final episode of the drama of the Charters Towers planning application started in Brodick Hall. In deciding whether the development should go ahead, a public inquiry was held in the hall which was set up to resemble a court.

At the head sat Scottish Office reporter Timothy Brian and to his left sat Celia Urquhart, her lawyer and three others. On the right was the North Ayrshire Council lawyer along with another gentleman. During the day and the following day, evidence and opinion was heard and given and, on Thursday, after the council's last witness was heard, the two sides summed up their arguments.

Mr Brian's report will follow in a few months and his decision will not only decide on whether the development will go ahead or not but also whether Ms Urquhart might have a justifiable complaint against NAC for compensation for the additional costs to get her application pro-

cessed. The council, on the other hand, has also made the point that it may make a claim for the time and effort that it has had to go through on behalf of Ms Urquhart.

Half Century

James Brown of Corriecravie House has been exhibiting livestock at the Arran Show every year for 50 years. Cattle numbers at the show are in decline partly due to the hard work and time needed to prepare animals for the show ring.

James has not only made the time but he has also done the hard work which along with his skill has paid off when, on Wednesday, he walked off with half a dozen cups for his champion Ayrshire cows. Making his work slightly easier this year was his niece, Isabel Clutton, who visited with her family from Staffordshire and who is related to artist William Dyce, who is well known for his paintings of Arran scenes.

Nursery anniversary

To celebrate 10 years in business at the Brodick nursery gardens, Howard Wood and his wife Lesley promoted one of Arran's favourite outdoor activities – a barbecue in the garden.

Inviting outdoor cooking expert Billy Walker, the barbecue was held on Thursday at the Pier Brae site where the demonstration attracted a constant stream of people who went and watched and sampled some of the food of offer. Howard had previously worked with his father in their Whiting Bay nursery before buying the Brodick nursery.



Billy Dickie instructs an eager youngster on the rules of the AYC Brodick Cup race which this year coincided with the annual beach barbecue and watersports day. B32twe01



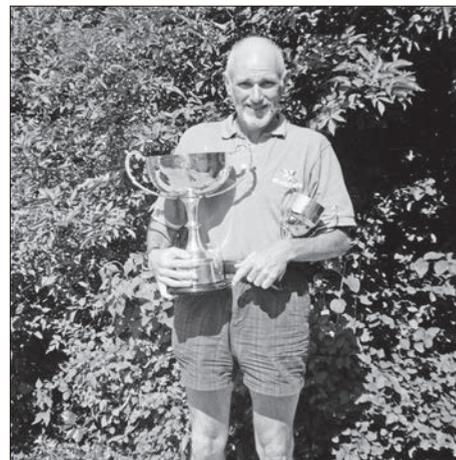
Father Shonnie MacAuley, right, is pictured with his successor, Father Noel Colford who takes over this weekend. Father Colford joined the priesthood at 17 and studied at the Scots College in Rome. B32twe05



Shiskine Community Tray winners at the SWRI show were: Edna Picken (federation), Lillian Todd (convener) and Jerry Arthur of Shiskine. B32twe06



Lady Shaw Stewart this week officially opened the secure vault door of the Beckford and Hamilton silver collection which, after two years not on show, is housed in the old wine cellar in Brodick Castle. B32twe03



Jim McDowall entered the record books at Lamlash Golf Club when he won the Lamlash Open last weekend to become the first person to win the open twice, having won in the centenary year in 1989. B32twe04



On Wednesday 2,800 people attended the 160th Arran Farmers' Society show which was, for the first time, spread over three fields to accommodate all of the entrants and the crowd. B32twe02

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DEATH

HANNAH - Andrew. Peacefully at home in Auchloch, South Lanarkshire on Tuesday 19th July. Andrew, beloved husband of Marion (deceased), father of June, Alan, Anne, Mary(deceased) and Adam, and Grandfather of Morag, Gabrielle and Emma. Grateful thanks to all the carers in Auchloch for their unstinted care of Andrew during his last year of life. Funeral service at Brodick Church 10th August at 11.30, thereafter the interment at Brodick New Cemetery. Coach will be available at Brodick Pier for travel to and from the ferry. Memorial service at the Douglas Suite, Auchloch Garden Village, Lesmahagow 9th August at 12.30. All friends and family welcome.



Whiting Bay Golf Club
Wednesday July 27, the Jim Pirie Quaich. 29 played in this popular competition named in honour of past captain and former club champion, Jim Pirie. By happy coincidence, Jim's son David was present in the clubhouse to present the trophy to winner Murray Foggo, who pipped present captain David Brookens on a countback, both players carding net level par rounds of 63. 1 Murray Foggo 10, 63 ACB, 2 David Brookens 12, 63, 3 Alan Foggo 3, 64 ACB and lowest gross, 4 John Pennycott 13, 64. Brian Murray and Sandy Pringle bagged the only magic twos of the day @4th and @17th respectively. Saturday July 30, ladies open. The new 15-hole stableford format, miss-



Rachel and Mark Wren with Morag Gardner, who presented the trophy for the island mixed fours played at Lamlash on Monday.

ing out holes 8, 9 and 10, proved popular and everyone enjoyed a fun game of golf with those in the afternoon having the added bonus of glorious sunshine. The delighted winner, for the second time in 22 years, was Lesley Wood with 33pts, second Mary Maguire 31pts and third Beth Paterson 27pts. Beth also had a magic two @17th. The hole winners were 1 Jill Foggo, 2 Pat Adamson, 3 Jill Foggo, 4 Rion Calpon, 5 Rachel Wren, 6 Jean Davidson, 7 Christine Mcleod, 11 Beth Paterson, 12 Rachel Wren, 13 Elizabeth Kelso, 14 Christine E McLeod, 15 Susan Butchard, 16 Carol Simpson, 17 Brenda Liv-

ingstone, 18 Susan Butchard. Special prize to Brenda Rankin and lucky prize to Sandra Mackenzie. The course was in superb condition thanks to Stewart, James and Kieran. Thanks also to John, Jack and Jenni behind the bar and Mary in the starters box for all their help. The ladies' changing room has been renovated due to Jenni's hard work and perseverance and now looks lovely and fresh. We are grateful to Dougie, Gordon and Douglas Junior for setting out the course and fetching in, and to the ladies who baked. Ahuge thank you to everyone who supported the event and donated prizes.



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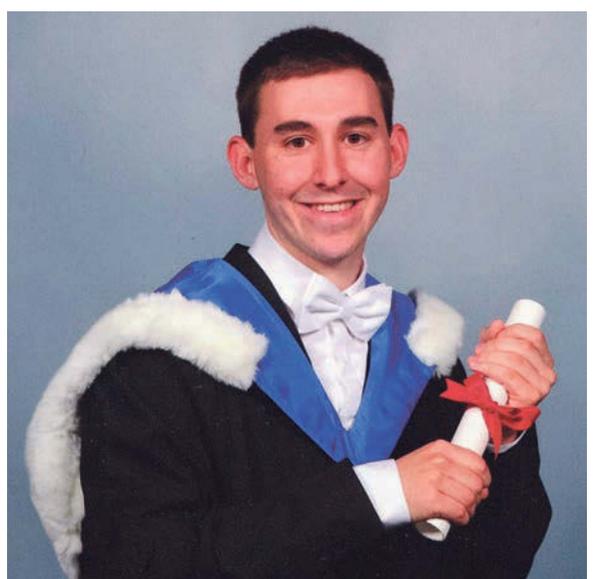
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GRADUATION



Congratulations to our grandson Robbie Reid on achieving his 1st class law degree with honours at Edinburgh University. Well done love Nana xx (10a Hamilton Terrace, Lamlash)

DEATH

CHAPPELL, Jean - On 30 July. Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital after a long illness. Beloved wife to Peter, much loved mum of David, Graham & Martin and grandmother to William, Anya, Kerris, Rowan & Carter. Funeral at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium Tuesday 9 Aug (contact Graham: 07703206237 for further details)

Brodick Bowling Club results

Despite a rather wet month all rink games managed to be played, and the club competitions are nearing completion. The rink games results were as follow: July 2, Robert Crawford, Charles Hendry and Jim Gourlay (+6); July 5, Charlie Weir and Robert Crawford (+24); July 7, Charlie Weir and Charles Hendry (+12); July 9, John Lauder and Andy McCrindle (+18); July 11, John McConnachie and Andy McCrindle (+19); July 13, Colin Haggerty and Andy McCrindle (+20); July 16, John Kerr and John Robinson (+8) July 18, John McConnachie, Colin Haggerty and Ernie Stanger (+27); July 20, John McConnachie, Ann Hollingworth and Robert Crawford (+6); July 23, Robert Crawford, Charles Hendry and Geoff Rhodes (+10), July 25, John Lauder, Vera Ransome and Gillian Anderson (+10); July 27, Charlie Weir, Lynne McVicar and John Lauder (+12); July 30, Ann Hollingworth, John Kerr and Jim Gourlay (+14).

Arran Bridge Club Results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition held at Lamlash on Monday July 25 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 3 Winnie McCallum and Allan Hutton; E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Margaret McGill and Jan Beattie.

The results of the aggregate competition held at Lamlash on Monday August 1 were: N/S 1 Jan Beattie and Margaret McGill, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Douglas Chase and Jennifer Wales; E/W 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson.

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too numerous to mention, but you know who you are. We had a wonderful display of prizes and a grand raffle.

Last but not least, thanks to the ladies who organised the event and to everyone who came to play. Hope to see you again next year.

Sunday July 31, Nestor's Jug. A total of 27 played in this stableford competition.

Continuing his run of major successes, having won the Jim Pirie Quaich just a few days ago, Murray Foggo came home with a magnificent 42 points to pip John Rankin by three. 1 Murray Foggo 10, 42pts, 2 John Rankin 9, 39, 3 Kieran Aherne 28, 36, ACB, 4 David Mack 10, 36. Magic twos came from Bill Locke and John Rankin @6th and Murray Foggo @15th.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 21, Summer Cup and Scratch Cup, CSS 64, par 64. 1 T Jameson 66-5=61, 2 M Wren 73-9=64 BIH, 3 Alan Smith 76-12=64. Best scratch T Jameson 66. Magic twos Alan Smith, R Waero and A Winship. Overall winner of Scratch Cup (best two rounds) Todd Jameson 71+66=137.

Thursday July 21, yellow medal, CSS 61, par 61. 1 J Gibson 72-12=60, 2 J Henderson 79-18=61 BIH, 3 A

Martin 77-16=61. Magic twos for J Cameron and J Gordon.

Sunday July 24, medal shield, round three, CSS 64, par 64. 1 L Dutton 82-24=58, 2 W O'Connor 89-20=69. Scratch, L Dutton. No magic twos.

Monday July 25, island mixed fours, 20 couples played. 1 Rachel and Mark Wren 65 BIH, 2 Lesley and Graeme Handley 65, 3 Beth and Jimmy Gordon 65.5. Scratch, Kate McAdam and Sam Handley 82. Individual prizes: 5in hole nearest pin in 1, Graeme Handley, 16in hole nearest pin in 1, Anne Gibson, 18in hole Target, nearest centre lady, Jackie Winship, gent, Ian Heron.

Ladies' section: Wednesday July 27, stroke 4, CSS, 66, 13 played. 1 Ellie Jones 80-17=63, 2 Jackie Winship 29, 68, 3, Sheena Murchie 84-15=69. Scratch, Ellie Jones 80.

Thursday July 28, summer stableford, CSS 63, Par 64. 1 S MacFarlane 42 pts, 2 T Jameson 40 pts, 3 A Colquhoun 39 pts. Magic twos, T Jameson, Stuart Campbell, M Harvey, S El Adm, W Currie.

Sunday July 31, Hastings Mug round two, CSS 65, par 64. 1 A Winship 78-14=64, 2 I Bremner 75-8=67, 3 I Taylor 85-17=68. Best scratch, T Jameson 73. Magic twos, L Dutton. Hastings Mug overall winner, best two rounds. Congratulations to I Bremner, 129, runner-up, I Taylor 131.

Fixtures: Friday August 5, Dan Crawford Salver/open practice day. Saturday August 6 and 7, Lamlash Open. Would any is-



Whiting Bay Open champion Lesley Wood, right, with runner-up Mary Maguire and third-placed Beth Paterson. B32golf04

land members still wishing to enter please give names to Jim Henderson as soon as possible.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday July 27, gents 18-hole medal, eight played. 1 Lee Kennedy 64-11=53, 2 Jack McNally 79-12=67. Scratch, Lee Kennedy 64. Magic twos, Brian Sherwood, Lee Kennedy and Jack McNally. Well done Jack on winning the medal as Lee is not a member.

Thursday July 28, ladies greensome open. 1 Alison Thompson and Fiona McMillan 35, 2 Jacqueline Bruce and Moira Simpson 41.5, 3 Ann Shaw and Senga Rowan 42 BIH, 4 Ghislaine Taylor and Jenni Turnbull 42, BIH, 5 Marlene Waudby and Alison Bland 42 BIH. Scratch, Fiona Henderson and Winnie MacCallum 52.

Lowest putts, Esther Henderson and Isobel MacDonald 16. Platinum (130 years), Yvonne Brothers and Ann McVicar.

Hole one, nearest the pin in three, Maria Watson and Anne Wilson. Hole two, longest drive, Jacqueline Bruce and Flora Simpson. Hole three, mystery hole, Ellie Jones and Jennifer McArthur. Hole four, nearest the pin, Moira Kerr and Elinor Henderson. Hole five, longest putt sunk, Yvonne Brothers and Ann McVicar. Hole six, nearest the pin in two, Senga Rowan and Ann Shaw. Hole seven, mystery prize, Sheila

Locke and May MacEwan. Hole eight, nearest the pin in two, Beth Gordon and Jen Maxwell. Hole nine, longest drive, Jen Maxwell and Beth Gordon. Hole 10, nearest the pin, Pat Adamson and Sheila Gray. Hole 11, longest putt sunk, Dot Whytock and Linda Mailer. Hole 12, nearest the pin, Jacqueline Bruce and Moira Simpson.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 27, summer cup, 47 played, CSS 64. John McKean 71-13=58, Iain MacDonald 69-7=62, Gordon Hendry 67-5=62. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 65.

Sunday July 31, Royal Bank Shield (greensome), 24 played. Jim Reid and Brian Smith 56, John Beattie and Ian McDermid 58, Lindsay Keir and Terry Raeside 59. Fixture: Sunday August 7, Last Brandon qualifier before final.

Tuesday August 9, ladies open, stableford. Details and entry forms. at www.brodickgolf.com.

Thursday August 11, senior gents open. To enter, contact the club on 302349.

Corrie Golf Club

The club championship was played out over the past two weeks. The highlight of the qualifying was a hole in one by young Matthew MacDonald. The final was a close-run affair between Alistair MacDonald and David Jeffrey with David eventually coming through

as the new champion.

Wednesday July 27, Wednesday Cup. Peter McKinnon won at a canter with a great net 56. Captain Robert Logan swept up the magic twos money.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday July 26, Peter Sutton, six played, CSS 62. 1 B Sherwood 75-12=63, 2 A MacDonald 76-11=65, BIH, 3 J Pennycott 78-13=65.

Tuesday July 26, Lady Mary, two played, CSS 68, R/O. 1 E Ross 101-23=78.

Fixture: Tuesday August 9, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Arran Golfers' Association Friday August 12, Cham-

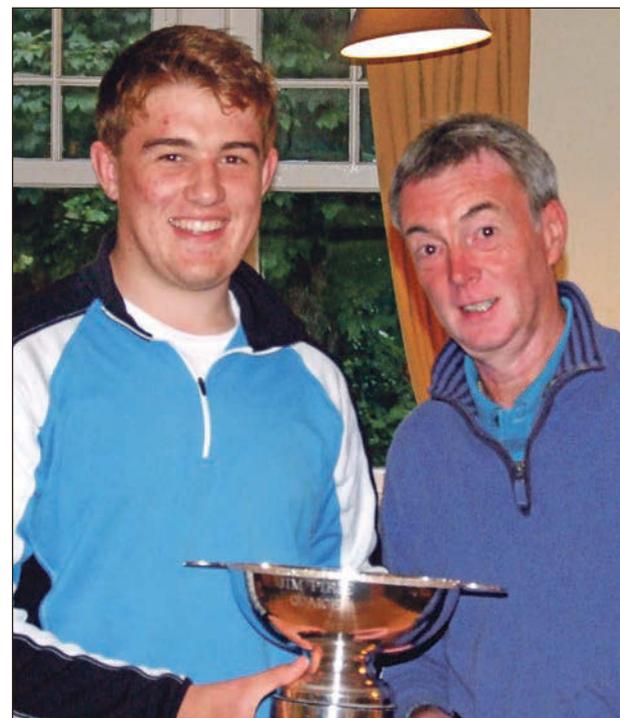
pion of Champions at Whiting Bay Golf Club. First-round matches from 5.30pm. Draw: Corrie v Shiskine, Champion v Machrie, Lochranza v Lamlash, Whiting Bay v Brodick.

New draw on completion of each round. Monday August 15, semi-finals at 5.30pm and final on Friday August 19 at 5.30pm.

Arran Ladies' Golf Union Saturday August 13, island championship final. The final between Kema Genda and Susan Butchard will take place at Machrie Golf Club at 1pm. Please come along to support the players if you can.



Alison Thompson and Fiona McMillan, winners at the Shiskine ladies greensome. B32golf02



Quaich winner Murray Foggo receives his trophy from David Pirie at Whiting Bay last week. B32golf03



Organiser Eric Dunn presents the Little Dazzlers with the trophy. 01_B32crick15



The Arran Viking and Longship Society entered a team of Arran Vikings.

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Above: Hat-trick Harry's Queens clean up with their Freddie Mercury video impersonations.

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Left: Finalists, The Pokemongoes also went by the name Pokomundies and Pokemonties.

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Hat-trick Harry's Queens vacuum the pitch for their batsmen. 01_B32crick13

Dazzling day at champions reta

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

Eleven teams – most of them in outlandish fancy dress – took part in the annual cricket family fun day last Saturday at the Ormidale Park under sunshine and blue skies. Organised by Sannox Cricket Club, the fun day raises money for the club and provides a day of family

fun and entertainment for the scores of people who visit the event to enjoy the cricket, tombola stall, the beer tent and the fancy dress costumes on display.

The fun day, which discourages serious cricketers and where the rules are made up as the day progresses, saw last year's champions, the Little Dazzlers, defend-

ing their title against a host of teams with names like Hat-trick Harry's Queens, The Champions, Hackett's Islandic Loyals and the all-girl team, the Galloway All Blacks, who travelled to Arran to compete in the not-too-serious tournament.

The six-a-side tournament was played with five overs per side and every player



The Pokemongoes bat against the Arran Vikings, dressed in full body armour.

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Team The Champions were seen confident before their match.



A Little Dazzler who ultimately won the title is bowled out.

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Team Mad Hatters enjoyed a su

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the cricket as in the trophy

had to take a chance to bat. The day progressed well with teams gradually being knocked out as the games continued late into the afternoon. The final was played between the Pokemongoes and the previous year's winners, the Little Dazzlers, but after an eventful game the teams were still tied meaning that a 'ball off' had to be

held. This saw the two teams having each member bowling towards the stumps allowing the team getting the most, or closest to, the wickets taking the fun day title and minuscule trophy. With some expert bowling, the Pokemongoes tried their best but the Little Dazzlers narrowly beat them to it, taking the title for

the second year running. Organiser Eric Dunn thanked all of the teams who took part, the visitors who attended and for the assistance from the referees and those manning the stalls and tents. The event raised £1,241 for the club's coffers, which will be used for running repairs on the Sannox cricket pavilion.



Team Hackett's Icelandic Loyals were inspired by the recent European Cup team. 01_B32crick01



The Little Dazzlers successfully defended their title. 01_B32crick06



...n looking relaxed and 01_B32crick09



Babbies McNeil bowls to a batsman from the Galloway All Blacks. 01_B32crick10



Two Little Dazzlers celebrate with the trophy after taking first place. 01_B32crick16



Above: Team Benidorm had a relaxed and casual approach all the way to their semi-final performance. 01_B32crick03



...uccessful day on the pitch.



Right: Team Galloway All Blacks impressed with their superior bowling abilities. 01_B32crick04

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League champions take title with an undefeated season

Southend 2 Brodick 5
Brodick maintained the 100 per cent win rate at Sandbraes on Monday night as they made it eight wins out of eight in the league to be crowned champions for the third year in a row.

It looked like the champions had scored early on only for Archie McNicol's effort to be ruled off-side. The home team took first blood with a powerful strike from Donny Park beyond Gregor Adamson in the Brodick goal. The lead was short-lived though as Southend made a poor clearance from a Brodick free-kick. John Drummond was first to react and volleyed the ball past the unsuspecting Fraser Gilbert.

In the second half, Brodick upped their game as Southend heads went down. Iain Keen floated a ball in which Toby Wingham got on the end of to get his 16th goal of the season. Archie McNicol's pace was too much for the Southend defence as he added another two goals to his account, looking almost certain to win yet another Arran

golden boot. Keeno also got in on the scoring for the blues while Southend got a consolation goal through Craig Dewar.

Referee Michael McGuire gave the man of the match award to Adam McNicol. He had another superb game at left back, stopping everything in his tracks and also creating some great moves. After the final whistle captain Matthew Dobson of Brodick was presented with the Arran Dairies League shield to make it a hat-trick in as many years for the club. It is hard to see past them with the talented young team they have for future years.

Southend 1 Lamlash 2
Lamlash secured second place in the league on Thursday night in their rearranged fixture against the MBS boys. It is the first time they have finished in such a high position in almost a decade.

After only a minute gone, Ben Tattersfield had managed to break through the Southend defence while on a mazy run and put the ball



Proud winners, Brodick displays the Arran Dairies League Trophy. 01_B32footy03

into the back of the net.

After Southend woke up they started to get a hold of the game and Donny Park was on target to make it 1-1. Donny also received a yellow card for a late tackle on Sean Higgins. Thankfully Higgy was unhurt and continued to have a solid

performance on the wing.

James Todd was next in the book as he mistimed a tackle on Murray Picken on the halfway circle. James made up for this though by scoring the winner with two minutes to go with a curling effort into the bottom corner. James also earned referee Fergus Judge's man of the match award with a great display in the centre of midfield.

Shiskine 1 Lamlash 7

In their final game of the season, Lamlash made it three wins in eight days as they thumped Shiskine by seven goals to one. John Murchie scored Shiskine's solitary goal to take his tally to nine in all competitions this season. David Copperwheat, Johnny Sloss and

Sam Tattersfield were all on the score sheet for the Lamlash boys.

However, it was Grant Adamson who stole the show with his man of the match performance and another four goals to his ac-

count to put him on 13 for the season, which leaves him in third place for the golden boot.

Referee Fergus Judge also had to award yellow cards to Jordan Crawford and David Copperwheat.



Gregor Adamson saves as Murray Picken goes for goal. 01_B32footy04

Final Arran Dairies League Table 2016

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brodick	8	8	0	0	65	10	24
Lamlash	8	6	0	2	41	13	18
Southend	8	4	0	4	28	20	12
Shiskine	8	2	0	6	16	39	6
Northend	8	0	0	8	6	74	0

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