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Uproar over move to bring parking charges to Brodick

Seasonal charges are planned for shorefront

by Colin Smeeton
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Parking charges are set to be introduced on the shorefront in Brodick.

It is the first time there has been a charge for parking on Arran, but the move has been ruled out in the other island villages by North Ayrshire Council members who voted for the charges in Brodick at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

The charges, which will take in the entire shorefront from near the ferry terminal to the Royal Bank of Scotland, are aimed at ensuring a regular turnover of available spaces and eliminating rogue parking.

Early proposals of the actual tariffs to be charged see them starting at £1 per hour and £3 for four hours, with all day tariff also under consideration. The charges in Brodick would be seasonal and operate seven days a

week from April to October. The measures are part of a council-wide strategy that will see short-stay parking charges introduced in Irvine, Kilwinning, Largs and Saltcoats.

A supervisor and up to six parking attendants will be employed to enforce the charges, although it is not thought any of them will be based on Arran full-time.

Since the withdrawal of the traffic warden service in 2012, the issue of parking offences has had to be dealt with by police officers, but this was only enforced in response to complaints or issues of obstructive parking.

The council has been powerless to take any enforcement action despite an increase in complaints regarding poor parking, so the decision to introduce parking charges has been allied with applying for the decriminalisation of

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Arran comes alive to the sound of music



A collective of musicians entertain the appreciative audience on the Douglas Hotel terrace during the Arran Folk Festival last weekend. For full coverage, turn to pages four and five. 01_B24festival01



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Lagg opens its doors and welcomes in the world

Words and photos
by Hugh Boag
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The new Lagg Distillery opened its doors to the public for the first time on Wednesday.

Visitors were waiting outside the door of the new multi-million-pound distillery and visitor centre before 10am, with many of the tours already booked up for the day.

And staff at the second Isle of Arran Distillers Ltd property on the island are expecting a huge number of visitors this Fathers' Day weekend, with visitors eager to see the new distillery from near and far.

This area of the island was a hotbed of whisky production, both legal and



The stunning new distillery at Lagg 01_B24lagg01; and, right, the names of all the members of the Lagg Cask Society who have bought casks are on the distillery wall 01_B24lagg08.



illicit, during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The Lagg single malt will

be heavily-peated in a style reminiscent of the original Arran whiskies and

quite distinctive from The Arran Malt produced at the company's other distillery in Lochranza. Under the watchful eyes of the new distillery manager Graham Omand and master distiller James MacTaggart, the spirit produced at Lagg is expected to mature into a rich, earthy

and memorable single malt.

Work on the Lagg distillery began in February 2017 and has taken 28 months to complete. Three bonded warehouses have also been built on the site.

The distillery is now open daily from 10am to 6pm, with tours running regularly throughout the day. The visitor centre also has The Shielling Bistro, serving a extensive range of locally-sourced produce, which has spectacular views over Cleats Shore and the seascape beyond, plus a gift shop.

Visitors will be welcomed with a stunning hi-tech virtual journey into the island's past before touring the new distillery floor, which will include a guide through the

production process. Visitors can also spend time in the tasting rooms relishing the new-make spirit and discovering a new cocktail.

Visitor experience manager Faye Waterlow said on opening day: 'It is a momentous day for Isle of Arran Distillers and the team at Lagg. Finally, the doors open to the public and we can show you the new Lady on the Hill, the beautiful Lagg Distillery and visitor centre.'

Managing director Euan Mitchell added: 'Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in this amazing project from concept to doors open. Here is to many happy drams at Lagg in the years ahead. Slainte!'

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Uproar over parking ch

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parking enforcement (DPE) which will return enforcement measures back to the local authority, which will be able to enforce the law through Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs).

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said: 'We've taken a long, hard look at all aspects of car parking across North Ayrshire, considering how residents, motorists and visitors are impacted in every town (sic). That means we need a local co-ordinated parking enforcement service to ensure we have a sensible and balanced approach to parking in our town centres.'

'Currently 21 out of 32 local authorities in Scotland have DPE parking powers in place so we can hopefully learn valuable lessons from other areas to ensure that any changes are introduced smoothly.'

A report before the council cabinet stated: 'The island of



Arran is a well visited tourist destination and attracts a number of cars and other vehicles, particularly since the introduction of the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET).

'The existing on-street parking available at Brodick shorefront is well used by

both visitors and residents of the island.

'It is proposed to introduce seasonal parking charges along Brodick shorefront to meet the needs of tourists and visitors where an all-day tariff will also be considered. It is anticipated this will pro-



Clockwise from above left, Faye Waterlow welcomes guests to the press preview 01_B24lagg03; the hi-tech visual introduction 01_B24lagg04; John Sillars was among the first to see inside the distillery 01_B24lagg09; even the sheep at Glenkiln farm welcomed the new distillery 01_B24lagg11; production manager Graham Omand in the new distillery. 01_B24lagg06



Charges plan for Brodick



Brodick shorefront is set to have parking charges for the first time. 01_B24parking01

on social media. Many of those commenting on an Arran community Facebook site expressed dismay and said that parking charges are not suitable for a small village like Brodick and that it is incongruous with attracting tourists.

Others see it as nothing more than a tax opportunity by stealth, while a large proportion fear the knock-on effects of charging for parking on the shorefront. Citing other areas on the mainland where parking charges were introduced and surrounding areas had become inundated with people parking their cars in residential roads, many are concerned that the introduction, once allowed, will spread to other villages.

vide for enhanced turnover of vehicles parked on the shorefront while still facilitating island resident parking needs when choosing to leave their cars on the island while visiting the mainland.'

However, news of the move has been met with hostility

Two consolations to the

introduction of the charges are that the long-stay car park behind the small Co-op will remain free of charge and that the council will also be 'reviewing the potential for resident parking permits' to ensure local residents are not disadvantaged by the changes. How this would be implemented, though, remains uncertain.

The cabinet decision, while agreed, is not set in stone. It is expected that further engagement and consultation will be carried out with local elected members and residents before a final decision is taken. The council must also follow a statutory process and make an application to the Scottish Government so it is unlikely that car parking charges and the decriminalisation of parking enforcement would be formally introduced before autumn 2020.

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Silver folk festival proves to



Visiting newspaperman Toni Carver with Corrie's Gerry Hearn on the bouzouki. 01_B24folk03



Festival goers enjoy music on the Douglas Terrace on Friday afternoon. 01_B24folk04

The Arran Folk Festival may have reached its silver anniversary this year but the event was pure gold as far as the festival goers were concerned.

This year marked the 25th festival, its ninth under the guardianship of ArranEvents, and what a festival it was, being considered one of the best yet.

Organisers were delighted to be able to include a strong Arran element to this year's programme. But what turns the weekend from a couple of concerts in Brodick Hall into festival is surely the afternoon sessions, and these have grown arms and legs over the years thanks to many fine returning musical visitors and the stewardship of the force of nature that is 'Uncle' Keith Robertson at the Douglas Hotel.

With mixed weather this year, the Friday event was held in bright sunshine on the terrace, with the music inside in the packed hotel bar on Saturday and Sunday. These combined with the ever-growing late-night ses-

sions – which this year moved to the Brodick Bar – made for quite a weekend of music and merriment.

At the first of the two sell-out events, the Friday evening concert was opened in perfect fashion by Brodick son Bobby Watt, a constant supporter of the festival, who even debuted a beautiful new song the lyrics of which came from Helen How of Lamlash.

Wonderful

Bobby was followed on the Friday by the wonderful Maeve Mackinnon Trio. Maeve's wonderful singing – in both English and Gaelic – was underpinned by the most amazing accompaniment from Ross Martin on guitar and Brian 'Beard' MacAlpine on keyboard.

Rounding off the concert in fine style were Jenn Butterworth and Laura-Beth Salter. Arran is lucky to have had Jenn and LB perform a few times over the years; their vocal harmonies and musical interplay are of the sublime quality.

Saturday's concert saw the

Arran theme continue thanks to the premier performance of a new project from local lass Gillian Frame with husband Findlay Napier and the multi-talented Mike Vass.

Their expert musicianship set the tone perfectly for an incredible headline performance from Highland supergroup Dàimh, whose set ran the gamut of Gaelic music from soft, plaintive laments to intricate puirt à beul (featuring the beautiful singing of Ellen MacDonald) and blistering sets on fiddle and pipes from Angus MacKenzie and Gabe McVarish, expertly accompanied by Ross Martin on guitar and 'Yogi' Cameron on mandola and accordion.

A final Arran connection materialised with the appearance of Dave Town, who made Saturday's concert sound so good. Dave started his sound engineering career back in the early days of the Arran Folk Festival and it was a lovely touch having him back to round out the 25th anniversary.

Roll on next year.



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Former Arran resident George Pettigrew with Robin Bowles, both visiting from Yorkshire. 01_B24folk06



The always rousing Derek Shand belts out a song accompanied by Uncle Keith Robertson. 01_B24folk07



Cathy Baldwin and an Graeme Miller perform a duet. 01_B24folk15



Graeme Miller and Craig Smith of Stone-age Genga are always a popular act. 01_B24folk10



Tim Pomeroy finds a corner to perform. 01_B24folk14



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Stuart Farrar and Maria Palmer on the flute and whistle. 01_B24folk02



The Douglas Hotel bar is packed to hear some fine musicians. 01_B24folk12



Uncle Keith gets some help from the saxophone and accordion as he raises the roof. 01_B24folk18



Musicians packed the Douglas Hotel bar on Saturday afternoon. 01_B24folk09



A powerful songstress takes centre stage. 01_B24folk17



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Co-op shows its caring side to become safe space

Brodick Co-op has become the latest island organisation to be accredited as a 'safe space' as part of a network of places where disabled, elderly and vulnerable people can go to if they need help.

Staff at the store have received special training in order to spot signs of distress and appropriate methods of dealing with, and assisting, people who are feeling vulnerable or are requiring a safe space.

The refuge designation is an initiative known as Keep

Safe by Police Scotland and I Am Me, a community-led charity which aims to raise awareness of, and prevent, disability hate crime.

The shop will display the Keep Safe logo and trained staff will wear a pin showing that they are trained to be able to assist sympathetically and appropriately.

Brodick Co-op will now join the Brodick ferry terminal to be listed on a Keep Safe app which will allow users to plan out routes and be aware of

places of refuge should they require it. For further information on the initiative, details are available on the Renfrewshire-based I Am Me charity webpage at www.iamscotland.co.uk or on the Police Scotland website.

Bryony Goddard, Dylan Keogh, Dara Mathieson and Maya Maclean have all been trained to provide assistance if required.

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New ferry action group seeks official status

by Colin Smeeton
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The Arran Ferry Action Group committee has met to discuss and develop its strategy and is now looking at establishing links to be officially recognised by North Ayrshire Council.

This was one of the outcomes of its latest meeting on Wednesday June 5 and a brief report has been submitted by a representative of the organisation.

A spokesman for the action group said: 'With 97 per cent of its supporters citing reliability and resilience as their primary concern about our lifeline ferry service, our mandate is very clear. However, improving this is not going to be a quick fix. We are keen to establish our group as collaborative, co-operative and helpful.'

'We aim to forge links with key decision-makers, presenting our case together with possible solutions to

the problems we identify. As an example, naval architect Sam Bourne, currently working on a nautical project in Spain, participated by video link to discuss his proposals for improving the reliability of the Brodick berth.

'To be taken seriously by North Ayrshire Council, more used to dealing with other bodies, we intend to establish our right to participate in discussions under the Community

Empowerment (Scotland) Act. Since we are now properly constituted, with an elected committee representing close to 1,000 island residents and frequent visitors, we have every right to speak on your behalf and intend to do so.

'While we follow the process of applying for official recognition, letters of introduction will be sent to key organisations with whom we need to communicate in order to help drive forward

essential improvements. Meantime, we are preparing relevant background information for two articles a mainland press journalist is currently preparing about our ferry service.

'It was noted, with disappointment, that CalMac's welcome reintroduction of the helpful waitlist system comes with strings attached.

'We decided not to ask our supporters to contribute to our costs until we have achieved tangible results.

Meantime, we are funding our operation ourselves.'

The spokesman added: 'The complete minutes of our meeting are on our website www.arranferries.scot where anyone who has not already done so can "Have Your Say" - or sign one of our support sheets in shops all round the island.'

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Arran charity knitting project is a good yarn

by Colin Smeeton
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The Arran charity scarf project has really taken off with the help of a number of volunteers and supporters.

The charitable initiative, launched by the Bay Wool and Craft store in Whiting Bay, is raising funds for the Arran Mountain Rescue Team and the Arran RNLI, and has the additional benefit of producing brightly-coloured scarves which will be donated to a homeless charity.

Launched with the help of Arran MP Patricia Gibson, the project involves visitors knitting a few rows on a scarf while enjoying refreshments and the company of other knitters in return for a small donation.

Having started the fund-raising initiative at the end of April, the combined efforts of the volunteers has already



Steve Sparshott of Bay Wool and Crafts shows off one of the scarves that has been produced by volunteers.

stopped by the shop recently with a donation of 18 scarves and a generous monetary donation for the cause.

Kat Sparshott said: 'There has been great interest in the scarves: visitors have seen it in the Banner and popped in specifically to knit a few rows and have a wee chat, and we have one or two ladies who pop in regularly to add a section if they have time and are passing.

'We are incredibly grateful for all the support that we have received for these very worthy causes. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far and for all those who still plan on visiting and knitting a few rows.'

seen the completion of one six-foot scarf and another one is in the final stages of completion.

The brainchild of Shiskine artist Susie Thompson, the aim is to see how many scarves they can knit and crochet before the ShopArran

weekend in November.

Well-known spinner and weaver Rory Rutherford, who spins and dyes his own wool on Arran, has also contributed to the project with the donation of a scarf of his own.

In addition to this donation, Ann and John Stephenson, a

couple from Huddersfield, got in touch and asked if they could knit and donate some scarves after reading about the project in the Banner. Proprietors Kat and Steve Sparshott graciously accepted their offer but were overwhelmed when the couple

Social cafe gathering

People affected by endometriosis are invited to attend an informative social gathering this weekend where they can get information, sound advice, laughter and cake.

One in 10 women are affected by the chronic condition which can be painful and debilitating, and often leaves sufferers feeling isolated.

To find out more, or to meet others affected by the condition, a social cafe will take place at Arran High School on Sunday June 16 between 11am and 1pm.

Christian Aid record

The total sent to Christian Aid, including the door-to-door collections from the two villages of Whiting Bay and Kildonan, the Big Brunch held on May 12 and the Gift Aid that will be claimed, amounted to £2,188.55.

This is the highest total collected on the island during Christian Aid Week, so many thanks to everyone for their generous support.



Ann and John Stephenson of Huddersfield delivered 18 scarves to the cause after reading about the initiative in The Arran Banner.

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Price of progress

The inevitable march of time, cheaper ferry fares and the continual promotion of tourism has allowed Arran to become an all-year-round holiday destination.

Our busier shops, bars and restaurants are all testament to this, but so are our roads and, more specifically, the availability of parking. It is fair to say that finding parking or even driving along the Brodick shorefront can become somewhat restricted at times of peak activity.

We do like to consider ourselves as being distinct from the mainland in many ways, and we most certainly are, but in some, we are just like any other seaside village to be found along Scotland's rugged coastline – many of which have had parking measures introduced.

The onset of paid parking and the scourge of problematic parking is just one of the realities of modern-day living – and increased tourism – that we now face and the question has to be asked: can we maintain the status quo on Arran or are we destined to accept the negatives along with all of the positives?

As the proposals take shape, both in consultations and legislature, it will be interesting to see if we can find an ideal balance between retaining one of the many things that contribute to keeping Arran so special and the seemingly inevitable price of progress.

Thought for the week

'When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak' – John 16:13

The Buteman

Sir,
My father's family members are from Bute, grew up, were educated there, and went on higher education in Glasgow. Thereafter they led various professional lives on the mainland, but returning regularly back 'home'. Similarly, many kids from Arran were boarded and educated in Rothesay during term times.

This recent news about the closure of The Buteman newspaper title after 165 years makes me very sad, and I feel a deep sense of personal loss because of its historical connections to my family's heritage since 1900.

In a previous world of no social media, the paper has been an integral part of my family's lives over many years and an important local news medium, allowing them to keep in touch when elsewhere. I am certain many others believe this also.

Bute has a higher population than Arran and more could surely be done to promote development of the title and boost circulation levels to be on a par with The Arran Banner.

The Oban Times group, having successfully driven the The Arran Banner forwards in recent years, would seem to be an excellent natural new home for The Buteman, if that were possible.

Could it be that your group might find a way to do something to help to support the saving of this other historic title?

Yours,

**Andrew Hamilton,
Eaglesham and Lochranza.**

Festival thanks

Sir,
This year marked the 25th Arran Folk Festival, the ninth under the guardianship of ArranEvents, and what a festival it was.

However, there is no way the three of us in ArranEvents could run this with out a lot of support so, on behalf of Jon, Robin and myself, I would like to use your columns to extend thanks to everyone who has contributed to making this year's

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Motorhomes are not universally liked on Arran, as well as elsewhere in the Highlands and Islands. But they do themselves no favours when they show such little regard for pedestrians as seen here on Brodick promenade this week. Reader Fraser Rae who took the photo said: 'How could they be so inconsiderate? No one could get past with a pram, a buggy or a mobility scooter without going onto the road.'

festival another resounding success.

What turns the weekend from a couple of concerts in Brodick Hall into a festival is surely the afternoon sessions, and these have grown arms and legs over the years thanks to many fine returning musical visitors and the stewardship of the force of nature that is 'Uncle' Keith Robertson – we genuinely cannot thank Keith enough.

We also must thank the Douglas Hotel and Faye's teams from Lochranza, and now Lagg, distilleries for their continued and invaluable support over the years.

Personal thanks must go to the long-suffering significant others who continue to stand by us – so far! – Lindsay, Lorna, Nicola and Trixi.

Of course, no Arran event is com-

plete without a raffle! Many thanks to the local businesses who year after year donate so generously, and to this year's super-sellers, Bethan and Robbie.

This year saw our ever-growing late-night sessions move to the larger surroundings of the Brodick Bar, so heartfelt thanks to our gracious host Graeme McKinnon and his team.

Finally, but most importantly, our deepest thanks go to all those, from near and far, who put their hands in their pockets and spent their increasingly hard-earned cash on concert tickets, raffle tickets, T-shirts and CDs, travel and accommodation, food and drink. Your support of both live music and our beautiful island is the real reason this festival exists.

So once again, to everyone involved – not just this year but every year – thank you!

Yours,
**Andy McCallum,
ArranEvents.**

Sing Messiah

Sir,
For the past 10 years, part of the McLellan Arts Festival in September has been the formation of a community choir to come together with the talented students from the Opera Summer School, organised by Peter Alexander Wilson, and Arran Theatre and Arts Trust under the baton of the kindly but rigorous, Alex Crowe.

These years have been both

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successful and inspirational for all those taking part and everyone is welcome.

This year, we are returning to The Messiah. No previous experience is necessary and there will be three rehearsals, before the arrival of the students, with Diana Hamilton as well as rehearsals with the conductor, Alex Crowe. In addition, there are helpful websites available which 'sound out parts' which can be very useful.

The main thing is that, if you like to sing, this is an experience not to be missed.

The performance date is Sunday September 8 at 7.30pm with a rehearsal that morning. The other fixed rehearsal date with Alex Crowe is Wednesday September 4 at 7.30pm at Arran Lodge, Altachorvie.

Other rehearsals are to be confirmed but if you cannot come to all rehearsals, do not be put off – the support of singing with the students really does carry the singers along with inspirational results.

If you would like to take part, please give your name to Margaret Wright who also has scores available. Telephone 01770 700384 or email mwright06@btinternet.com.

Looking forward to singing with you!

Yours,
Heather Gough,
McLellan Arts Festival.

Summer fair

Sir,
The staff and pupils of Corrie

Primary School would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our summer fair. A big thank you to all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes as well as the parents and residents who brought along home-baking and items for the stalls.

Thank you for the huge turnout of locals and visitors who contributed to the happy atmosphere despite the wet weather. We raised over £750 which we are all very proud of. All money raised will benefit the children.

Yours,
Staff and pupils,
Corrie Primary School.

Lighting issue

Sir,
We arrived on the island on May 7 and have noted that the street lights in Brodick and Lamlash have been lit constantly, night and day. Given the reductions in council funding of flower beds and other items on the island, I am surprised to see this waste of energy and unnecessary expenditure. As the days grow longer, why are these lights continuing to operate?

Yours,
Sharon Shenhav,
Lamlash.

Editors note: The Banner highlighted the situation in our April 27 edition, which is not just confined to Brodick and Lamlash, and will advise on the progress being made in our next issue.

Ewing faces fish farm questions on Arran

Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing could face a hostile reception when he visits Arran on Monday.

He is due to address an open meeting in Whiting Bay, at the invitation of Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson, to discuss the work he and the SNP government is doing to help Arran and other island communities.

But he is likely to face opponents of the proposed fish farm by the Scottish Salmon Company of the north-east of island, which has already stirred up a lot of controversy.

In a statement to supporters, the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) said: 'In our opinion, with Fergus Ewing supporting the open-cage salmon farming industry to double its "contribution" to the Scottish economy by 2030, he is damaging the hard-fought reputation of Scotland's, and therefore Arran's, farmers and agriculturalists as providers and exporters of high quality, high value food and drink.'

However, elsewhere, there is concern that Arran's thriving food

and drink sector has been put at risk by the looming threat of a no deal Brexit, which would see crippling tariffs placed on our exports to the European Union.

Working within the European Union's policy and trading framework for over 40 years, farming and processing industries have structured themselves regarding imports and exports accordingly.

Risking

The export tariff schedule that would be implemented in the event of a no deal, suggests that different agricultural sectors would be treated asymmetrically in the imposition of tariffs, risking the serious prospect of Scottish food being priced out of the market whilst food produced to lower standards is imported from third countries.

As a member of the EU, Scotland has enjoyed tariff-free and frictionless trade with its European partners and this has facilitated the exponential growth of food and drink exports in recent years.

In 2018, Scotland's food and drink exports were worth £6.3 billion, a 4.9 per cent increase since 2018. Food exports have grown by 125 per cent since 2007, largely thanks to increased trade with the EU, which is Scotland's single biggest export trading partner by some distance.

Mr Gibson said: 'Any Brexit scenario which undermines Scotland's tariff-free agri-food trade with the European Union will seriously threaten the livelihoods of the 67,000 people currently employed in Scotland's agricultural and related sectors, including those working on Arran.'

'Mr Ewing will visit Arran on Monday June 17 for a series of meetings.

'The first will be an open meeting in Whiting Bay village hall from 11.15am to 12.30pm. Mr Ewing will set the scene for around 15 minutes, with a further hour to take questions from the floor. Please come along if you wish to hear what Mr Ewing has to say.'



A map showing the site of the proposed fish farm at Millstone Point.

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Residents have opportunity to 'meet the builder'

by Colin Smeeton
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The final plans for the first council houses to be built on Arran in a generation will be unveiled at a drop-in event next week.

The 34 homes to the rear of Brathwic Terrace in Brodick, which will cost in excess of £5 million, form part of the council's vision to deliver 1,375 new homes across North Ayrshire by 2024.

As reported in last week's Banner, Brodick residents, particularly concerned residents in Springbank, are invited to attend the event to view the final plans for the houses and 'meet the builder' at a drop-in session at the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, on Wednesday June 19, between 4pm and 6pm.

The contractor for the site, Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd, was procured through Hub South

West, along with three other sites, as part of a procurement strategy to achieve cost savings through economies of scale.

Local residents are particularly concerned about the volume of heavy construction traffic which will have to use Brathwic Place, the only access road to the site. Arran Community Council has twice raised residents' concerns with North Ayrshire Council housing services.

Those attending the session will be able to ask any questions about the works directly to the contractor, as well as view the final plans and house designs, which will include a mix of 17 general needs, nine wheelchair liveable and eight amenity properties.

The new homes will benefit from Sunamp heat batteries which provide affordable heating and hot water. Other sustainable features include



dual zone heating controls, low energy LED lighting and solar photovoltaic panels placed on homes throughout the site to provide free electricity for tenants. In addition, an under-bath waste water heat recovery system will be installed within all properties with bathtubs.

Cabinet member for place, Councillor Jim Montgomerie, said: 'Here in North Ayrshire, we have one of the most ambitious council house building programmes in the UK.

'We are particularly excited about the opportunity to build much-needed new homes on Arran. We are well

aware of the problems faced by residents in accessing affordable housing and while this new development won't eliminate the problem, it will be an important step towards addressing the issue.

'Across North Ayrshire, we're building hundreds of modern, energy efficient

The already damaged road surface in Brathwic Place to be used by the construction traffic.

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homes for our residents and the feedback we have received has been hugely positive – I'm sure Arran will be no different.'

While the announcement of new houses on Arran has been warmly welcomed it has also been subject to controversy, with concerns about construction vehicle traffic in the narrow residential streets being raised by community members and at Community Council meetings.

Work is expected to get under way on building the new houses at Brathwic Terrace this summer and the homes should be ready for residents to move into by winter 2020.

Residents unable to attend the event can view the plans online at www.northyrrshire.community/consultation-sevents/consultations/ from Thursday June 20 until Thursday July 11.

OFFERS & competitions

WIN

ONE OF SIX FAMILY PASSES TO GALLOWAY COUNTRY FAIR 2019



Galloway Country Fair returns to the picturesque Drumlanrig Castle and Country Estate in the heart of Dumfries and Galloway on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August 2019.

An impressive array of acts will take to the main ring, with quad bike stunt man Paul Hannam secured as the headline act. Attendees on both days will see him in his element, performing breathtaking tricks and jumps as well as precision riding.

There are lots of fair favourites on the line-up – from the comical and educational sheep show and horse whisperer Grant Basin, to Buccleuch's very own David Lisett and Lee Hartsis conducting the gun dog display. Other activities across the weekend include Elite Falconry displays, Borderlines fishing demos, Stars Dog Agility and Terrier Racing as well as a free kids' activity zone from Team Challenge and countless craft, food and drink trade stalls.

If you'd like a chance to win this amazing prize, answer the following question.
Who is headlining the main ring at Galloway Country Fair 2019?

A family pass entitles one family of four (two adults and two children) entry to the Fair on either 17 or 18 August. Six winners will each receive a family pass worth £32, redeemable on either day of the event.

WIN

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This fabulous prize for four people includes entry to the Scottish Seabird Centre, a Catamaran Cruise around the Bass Rock and Craigleith and two nights stay at Gilsland Park, in a luxury two bedroom holiday home with decking and fantastic views.

If you'd like a chance to win this amazing prize, answer the following question.
How many gannets can be seen on the Bass Rock each year?

Prize must be taken between 01 and 30 September 2019. Bookings must be made in advance and are subject to availability. Scottish Seabird Centre boat trips are subject to suitable weather conditions. See www.seabird.org for full boat trips terms and conditions.

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Winners drawn from all competitions also enter a prize to win a bottle of Whitetail Gin.

Chinese youngsters to visit Arran on uni trip

During July and August around 500 young people from China will visit Arran for the first time as part of a university tour.

The 14- and 15-year-olds are visiting the UK as part of a 12-day education tour, organised by Glasgow-based company Visit University. During the trip the students will visit seven different universities, including the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, as they seek to learn more about their education options after high school.

'In addition to these university visits, we seek to show our visitors cultural aspects of life in Scotland, and to introduce them to local people as much as possible,' said Nick Scott, founder of Visit University.

Student numbers from China to the UK have risen dramatically in recent years, with more than 100,000 young people coming to study here each year. In recent weeks the UK has risen to first place in terms of students 'preferred destination for study', replacing the USA – with experts attributing

this change to US President Donald Trump's anti-immigration policies and the ongoing US/China trade war.

Visit University was established in 2014 and now welcomes thousands of students each year to the UK from Hong Kong, Singapore, USA, Japan and China for educational-focused trips.

The visitors to Arran will come in groups of approximately 30 students, with adult group leaders accompanying them.

Travelling to Arran is an addition to the programme for 2019, as organisers seek to show more of Scotland to the

visitors, rather than just the central belt.

While on the island the young people will learn ceilidh dancing at Brodick hall, participate in their own mini Highland Games, and go for a walk to learn about the history and geographical features of the local area.

'We are seeking to employ local people to deliver these events, so we would welcome contact from anyone who would like to be involved,' said Nick.

For further information, or to get involved, please email Nina.H@visituniversity.co.uk



While on Arran the Chinese students will participate in their own mini Highland Games.

Discovering Skipness Castle

The Arran Historical Society enjoyed a visit to Skipness Castle recently where members learned about the history of the ruinous building and the surrounding area from their guide Frances Hood.

Frances outlined the history of the castle: prior to the 13th century it was in the possession of the McSweens in the



One of the cross-slabs from the Skipness cemetery that members were able to inspect.

domains of the Lord of the Isles. In the 13th century and later it was administered by the Campbells of Inveraray. It was then left to decay in the 17th century before being stabilised and coming under the protection of Historic Scotland in the 20th century.

The original hall house and chapel date from the early 13th century. At the end of the 13th century, curtain walls enclosed the hall house and the chapel was built. Then, later, towers were built at the north and southeast corners. The seaside entrance has double doors, a murder hole and a portcullis. The view from the battlements shows the site was picked to observe the sea traffic across Loch Fyne, the Kyles of Bute, Arran and down Kilbrannan Sound.

Near to the castle lies the ruins of St Brendan's Chapel which contains a historic cemetery. The cemetery is notable for the grave cross-slabs which date from the late 13th century. These have been covered to protect them but Frances had access to them



Arran Historical Society members pictured at St Brendan's Chapel in Skipness.

and allowed the members to view the fine workmanship of the carvings.

Society members remarked

after the event that it had been an excellent day, clear and sunny weather all afternoon and incredibly interesting.

Next trip cancelled

The proposed annual trip by the Arran Historical Society on Friday June 21 to the National Trust Burns' Museum at Alloway had been cancelled due to a lack of support from members. Members who have already paid for the trip will be reimbursed at the July meeting.



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Mountain rescue team open day

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team will be hosting an open day this weekend which will provide an interesting insight into the inner workings of the organisation and the equipment that they use.

Taking place today (Saturday), between 2pm and 4pm, members of the public, team members past and present, family and friends, emergency service colleagues and anyone else who would like to go along are invited to visit the team base at Cladach where some of equipment and vehicles will be on display. Personnel will also be on hand to answer any questions and demonstrate the operation of some of the equipment.

The open day will also provide an opportunity to have a look at the newly extended team base and see some of their latest acquisitions and donations, which includes a military spec night vision camera donated by Thales UK.

Health staff to give life through organ donation

by Colin Smeeton
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Every year hundreds of people die while waiting for an organ transplant because of a shortage of organ donors. And the kind of illnesses that can result in organ failure, such as kidney disease and heart disease, are on the increase.

Most people agree that organ donation is a good thing. Yet only 52.3 per cent of people in Scotland are on the NHS organ donor register, and Ayrshire and Arran currently has one of the lowest sign-up rates in Scotland.

MSPs this week voted to adopt an 'opt out' system for organ donation, meaning there will be assumed consent if the bill is passed.

However, NHS Ayrshire and Arran is already encouraging staff to sign up to be an organ



Consultant Crawford McGuffie (third left) with Emergency Department staff at University Hospital Crosshouse with their donor cards.

straightforward – it took less than five minutes and my donor card arrived by post really quickly.

'I've now discussed it with my family and they are clear about my wishes. The whole family are now registered donors and I'm clear about their decision too. It's important for us as a family to be clear about this.

'If the time ever comes, we are now in no doubt that we are committed as a family to giving life through organ donation and that will make any difficult decisions much easier.'

Chief executive John Burns is also an organ donor. He explains: "The more people who register, the more likely someone will be able to get the life-changing transplant they are desperately waiting for. Every registration and every family conversation about organ donation decisions could potentially save a life and give hope to the hundreds of people in Scotland who are currently on the transplant waiting list."

To join the NHS Organ Donor Register, call 0300 123 2323 or visit www.organ-donationscotland.org and remember to share your wishes with your family. Together we can save more lives.

donor, and sharing stories on social media and YouTube about the many reasons why they have chosen to sign up. Search for NHS Ayrshire and Arran on YouTube to watch the video stories.

Many of the Emergency Department staff are on the organ donation register, including medical director and ED consultant, Crawford

McGuffie. Dr McGuffie said: "Working as a consultant in emergency medicine and dealing with life and death almost on a daily basis, organ donation was something that, of course, I knew about.

'It had always been my intention to register as an organ donor but I had never actually got round to signing up. Registration was really

Council leader goes live on social media to discuss Basic Income plan

Council leader Joe Cullinane is set to go live on social media to answer residents' questions on the Basic Income concept.

North Ayrshire Council is one of four Scottish local authorities, along with Fife, City of Edinburgh and Glasgow City Council, exploring the feasibility of introducing a Basic Income pilot into the area.

Basic Income aims to provide every citizen with a regular, unconditional payment, regardless of other forms of income. It aims to promote equality and provide people with a basic income they can use whether they want to earn, learn, care or set up a business.



Councillor Cullinane.

To allow residents to understand more about the work going on around Basic Income and what it could mean for them, the council leader will be hosting his second 'ask the

leader live' themed on the topic. Residents can tune into the live feed to watch or put forward questions from 7pm on Wednesday June 19, either by logging onto Facebook and visiting the Customer Services, North Ayrshire Council page, or by watching on Twitter via the @NAC_Leader account.

Questions can also be submitted in advance by emailing them to: Leader@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

The first Ask the Leader Live session took place in May when Councillor Cullinane answered questions relating to the council's new draft Council Plan. The video achieved more than 1,500 views.

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Volunteers past and present gathered for a 30th anniversary photograph outside the ArCaS shop this week.

ArCaS - 30 years of caring

Arran's cancer charity ArCaS this month celebrates its 30th anniversary of providing care and support to cancer sufferers on the island.

The charity was started in 1989 by Francis Harwood, joined a few months later by Sheila Goldsborough, two people on Arran suffering from cancer and experiencing the extra difficulties associated with living in an isolated, rural community.

In the beginning they formed a support group, with Helen Cook at the first treasurer, but it was unbeknown to them then how it would develop into the extraordinary organisation it is today. It is a tribute to all those who have helped to produce this phenomenon that after 20 years it should be the thriving organisation it is today and if you have done anything to assist ArCaS over the years,

your help is appreciated and acknowledged.

In 30 year ArCaS has donated a staggering £1,277,343 worth of items of equipment and services to aid those suffering from cancer on Arran.

The first ideas, based on Frances's experiences, were to provide transport to mainland hospitals - mainly the Beatson Cancer Centre in Glasgow at this time. Frances had had to travel to

her appointments by public transport. Bemoaning the difficulties of doing this to a fellow train traveller whilst feeling very ill, she realised that if anything was to change then she must be the one to change it.

The other aspect of her condition was that there was no information or support to be had on Arran for cancer patients to help them cope with the enormity of the situation

they were in.

Transport from Ardrossan ferry terminal to the hospitals was arranged through Cunningham Cancer Care who already had a system of volunteer drivers on the mainland for patients in the Ayrshire area. These were called upon to meet Arran patients at the ferry terminal and take them up to the hospital and back. The mileage allowance paid

by CCC was reimbursed by ArCaS.

Originally the funds for this were raised by coffee mornings, tupperware parties, raffles and donations from individuals. Within two or three months of starting, word had got around - as it does on Arran - and more people wanted to help. A public meeting in the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot attracted a couple of dozen

Celebrate 30 years of



<p>Quiz Super prize, obtain forms from the shop</p>	<p>Display in the library</p>	<p>Stone hunt around the island See in shop for details</p>	<p>Mackerel Lottery Kinloch Hotel, 23rd June at 4.30pm</p>	<p>Annual Meeting with celebration cake at Ormidale Pavilion, June 19th, 7.30pm</p>	<p>Coffee Morning St Bride's Church Borodick 26th June 10.30am - 12noon</p>	<p>Lochranza Coffee Morning Details to be confirmed</p>	<p>The Book of ArCaS the story from 1989 to today buy in the shop</p>
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Everyone at the Douglas wishes ArCaS congratulations on their 30 anniversary.



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people who offered help in the form of fund raising, transport on the island to Brodick pier, home sitting with ill patients, shopping and eventually, counselling. A committee was formed and ArCaS is now in existence.

By the autumn of 1992 a charity shop had opened in Frances's home village of Pirnmill behind the Post Office and donations began to flood in. A year later the charity was growing so rapidly that it was decided to transfer it to Brodick, firstly to the Islander restaurant in the former Island Hotel, where the Big Co now stands. It later moved to the Douglas Centre, and the bar of the former Anchor Hotel before ArCaS were able to buy their own premises at the pier in 2001.

Much of the charity's income comes from this much loved charity shop at which year after year brings in well in excess of £100,000 to the charity coffers and it has been staffed by dozens of dedicated volunteers over the years. Such is the turnover of the shop it now requires a full-time manager a post presently filled by the hard-working and dedicated Lisa Remington. Other monies come from donations and bequests.

The charity shop is open Monday to Saturday from 11am to 4pm and donations are welcome of good quality clothing, bric a brac in good condition, books, CDs and DVDs, small equipment in good condition for babies and children, usable toys, good quality and functioning kitchenware and other household items, good condition



Frances Harwood welcomes guests to the 25th anniversary garden party at Strbane as Lady Jean looks on.



The raffle stall at the garden party.



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30 years of caring



Douglas Johnston hands over a cheque for £30,000 to the Arran Medical Group for palliative care last year.



Celia Urquhart opens the new ArCaS shop in the Douglas Centre in 1994 following their move from the Islander restaurant which had been damaged by fire.

sports equipment.

Every year since its inception ArCaS has donated money to improve health facilities both on Arran and on the mainland. Its very first major purchase of equipment was a sigmoidoscope for use by doctors at the Arran War Memorial Hospital at the request of Dr Alastair Grassie, who was extremely supportive of the group.

By the early 90s spending power had allowed the charity to purchase two Greasy Pumps for community nurse use and by 1994 moves were underway to renovate a room at the Lamlash hospital for use as a relatives room. A palliative care package was initiated after consultation with Dr Grassie and £10,000 was given to get this up.

By 2010 ArCaS had raised more than £600,000 since its inception and by 2015 that had risen accumulatively to more than £1 million. In June 2014 ArCaS celebrated their 25th anniversary with a garden party at the Strabane home of Lady Jean Pforde. The event to mark the silver anniversary of the charity attracted more than 500 visitors on the day.

Sadly in January 2016 founder Frances Harwood died a month before her 80th birthday but she left behind the legacy that is ArCaS today.

Last year the charity donated £100,000 to two projects on the island - £30,000 a year for two years to fund a dedicated team of palliative care nurses for cancer patients and £40,000 towards the purchase of a new state-of-the-art X-ray machine for the new A & E Department at the Arran War Memorial Hospital. Later this



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month, at the ArCaS agm, a new round of funding will be announced.

So 30 years later and ArCaS is going strong, the two original drivers have now become 11 and the annual mileage increased accordingly, taking all those Arran cancer patients to hospital. The support services have been many and varied, items of equipment purchased, complementary therapies paid for, the range being much extended since the beginning. Many volunteers have been involved in keeping the shop open, sorting and selling the mountains of goods donated by generous people. ArCaS is the best example of community spirit where the people support ArCaS and ArCaS supports the people when they need it most.

An exhibition celebrating the work of ArCaS is on at the library during June which has the names of each and every volunteer who has been involved during the last 30 years.

And look out for painted stones placed all over the island to celebrate the ArCaS anniversary. If you find a stone take a photo and put on ArCaS Facebook page and pop into shop for free key ring. Be sure and put stone back or place somewhere else. Thanks go to Shiskine primary school and early years class for painting the stones.

Here's to the next 30 years.

• A book on the history of ArCaS has been produced by Elizabeth Ross and is for sale in the shop priced £5. We are grateful for her assistance in compiling this article.



In July 2016 a group of ArCaS members were honoured to be invited to the Queen's Garden Party at Holyrood. Seen here are ArCaS chairman Douglas Johnston and wife Piet with Elizabeth and Marshall Ross.



Elizabeth Ross and Frances Harwood celebrate the charity having raised a staggering £1 million in 2015.



Lady Jean and Frances Harwood are gifted 25th anniversary rose bushes at the garden party.

Memorial bench dedicated to Frances

At a short but meaningful gathering at Pirnmill recently Douglas Johnston from ArCaS gratefully received a beautiful hand crafted mahogany and wrought iron bench presented to the charity by John Barraclough of Brodick.

The bench is dedicated to ArCaS Frances Harwood. The inscription on the bench reads: 'In memory of Frances Harwood, a lady of Pirnmill who found ed Arran Cancer Support Trust (ArCaS) in 1989 helping many Arran cancer patients.'

John Barraclough was thanked for the bench, David Jeffrey was thanked for his efforts putting in the plinth as was Jamie Gibbs who generously provided the land. The occasion was attended by a good number of people showing support from across the island.



ArCaS chairman Douglas Johnston, her son Mark Harwood, John Barraclough and volunteer Alan Thompson.



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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

A Peace of History on Arran

by Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk



An exhibition, designed to commemorate 60 years of peace campaigning and the movement for nuclear disarmament, was on Arran for four days last week.

Scotland – A Peace of History was displayed in Lamlash and Brodick in three venues, which enabled different groups of people of all ages to see it, with many taking the opportunity to do so.

The main venue for the colourful and informative display was in the upstairs community space of Arran Active in Brodick, where it was on view all day Saturday and Sunday, and the organisers were grateful to Andrew Walsh for enabling this to happen.

There was also a small display which illustrated the main ways that local people have campaigned since the 1980s, which included material from The Arran Banner archives.

Local CND members were on hand to answer any questions and take part in discussions about the content. The



CND volunteer Hilary Maguire with the main exhibition board 01_B24cnd02; a poster advertising a meeting in Brodick some years ago 01_B24cnd03; and John Page of Arran CND, right, discusses the local archive exhibition with a visitor. 01_B24cnd01

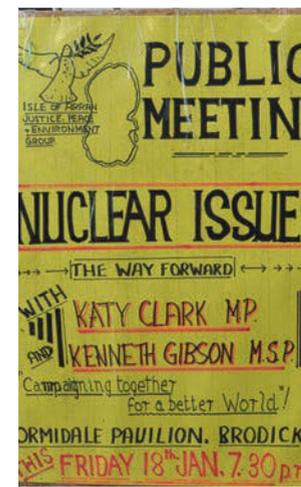
exhibition was well-attended by both local people and visitors.

Feedback about the information in it, the way it was

displayed and the cause itself was generally very positive.

The exhibition is now back on the mainland and continues its tour of Scotland.

Arran CND group meets monthly in Brodick – details of its meetings can be found in the What's On section of the Banner.



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A step back in time at the



Visitors are keen to get photos and video of the arrival of the pipe band. 01_B24craft08

There was a wide variety of traditional crafts on show at the Arran Heritage Museum last Sunday.

The annual craft day was second of its special event days being held this year, as part of its 40th anniversary celebrations attracted a good crowd – with the sun even making an appearance.

Visitors were able to view all kinds of local traditional skills and crafts in action. Experts demonstrated crafts including spinning

and weaving, quilting, embroidery, hand-sewing and darning, washday routines, butter making, and lots more throughout the afternoon and had the chance to join in and receive some basic tuition.

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band also performed and there was other traditional music-making throughout the afternoon. There was, of course, the ever-popular tombola with great prizes, and Café Rosaburn serving up delicious snacks.



The Isle of Arran Pipe Band in action at the craft day. 01_B24craft05



Councillor Timothy Billings has little joy at the tombola stall, but he still gets a sweet. 01_B24craft04



Spinners at work on traditional hand looms. 01_B24craft02

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Jenny Currie tries her hand at butter churning. 01_B24craft06

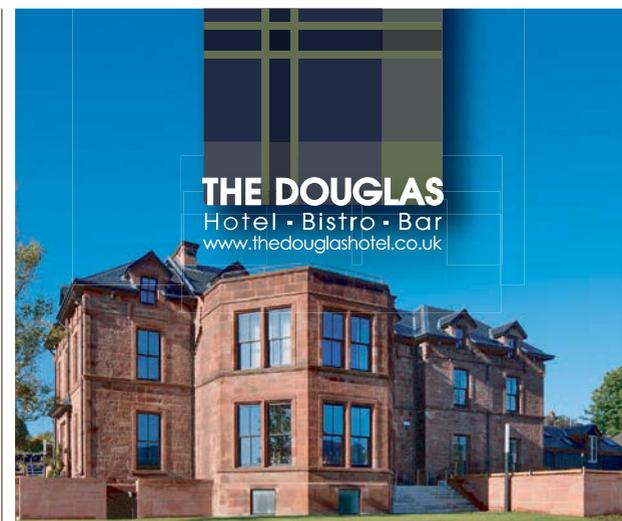


Young Rayne Gold of Lamlash tries her hand using a washboard. 01_B24craft01



Traditional quilting was carried out on the day. 01_B24craft07

Members of the Brodick Embroidery Group get busy. 01_B24craft03



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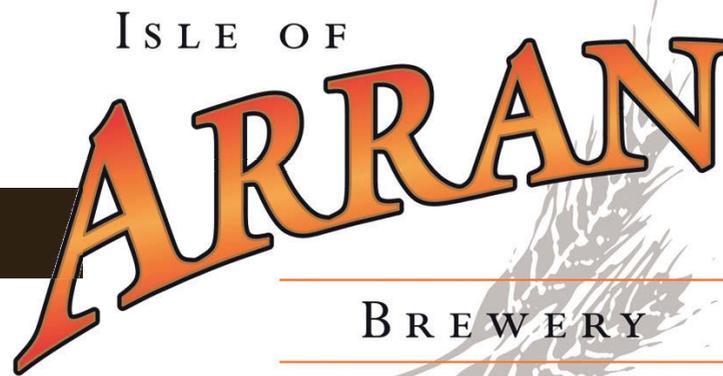
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Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 15th June

Challenge Arran Golf Pass Marathon Arran Golf Courses 4am - 10pm
Gents' Senior Open – Stableford Whiting Bay Golf Club
Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
Koffee for Kalimpong Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
Arran Mountain Rescue Team open day AMR Base, Cladach, Brodict, 2pm -4pm
Rink games Brodict Bowling Green, 2pm
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Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
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RNLI shop – open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
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Sunday 16th June

Gents' Senior Open – Stableford Whiting Bay Golf Club
About Endometriosis – for info, advice and cake! Social cafe, Arran High School, 11am - 1pm
Live music – Mike Edwards Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
RNLI shop – open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Live music – Tiderays The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Folk music session Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Monday 17th June

Morning gitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Fergus Ewing – open meeting Whiting Bay Village Hall, 11.15am - 12.30pm
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Arran Skinnymalinks, Shiskine St Mollo's Church, Shiskine, 5.15pm
JogScotland mixed ability running group Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Circuit training Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Summer bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396 Arran High School 6.15pm for 6.30pm
Rink games Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Live music – Arran Dawn Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 18th June

Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Healthy Outdoors Team Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Eco Savvy energy surgeries Home House House, Brodict, 10am - 3pm
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group Ormidale pavilion, Brodict, 5.30pm
Steak night – two ribeye steaks and bottle of wine Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 5.30pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
Flow Yoga Corrie Hall, 6pm
Netball Arran High School Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Eco Savvy food share Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm
Trev's pop music quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
Traditional music sessions Brodict Bar, 9pm

Wednesday 19th June

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodict Gardens Volunteers Brodict Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
Lamlash coffee morning for Save the Children Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Arran Elderly Forum Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am for 11am
Arran Skinnymalinks, Lamlash Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am
Chair yoga exercise class St Mollo's Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Knit and Blether Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Arran Pace Makers running group Brodict, 5.30pm
Flow Yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Junior rugby (P3-P7) Ormidale Park, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
Rink games Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
ArCaS AGM Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 7.30pm
Live music – Mike Bailey Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors & adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Family friendly pub quiz The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Rock'n'pop bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Thursday 20th June

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 - 10.30am
Chair yoga exercise class Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 10.30am
Arran Skinnymalinks, Brodict Brodict Church Hall, 10am
Arran Churches Together prayer group, St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church, Whiting Bay, 2.30-3.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Brodict Primary School, 5pm - 6.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 5pm-9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Shiskine Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodict Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Friday 21st June

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
ACLI – Friday garden party Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm
Adult tennis Blackwaterfoot, 11am
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Tae Kwon Do Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Live music – Fatman & the Angel Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 7.30pm - 3am
Friday night quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Saturday 22nd June

Flow Yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
Arran Coastal Rowing regatta Lamlash Pier, from 11am
Rink games Brodict Bowling Green, 2pm
Rink bowls Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Rink bowls Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
RNLI shop – open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Gym induction Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
Family Bingo Night Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
Live music – Otis & Marie Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 7.30pm
Live music – Rigid Soul, blues rock band The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm



THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday June 12, 1999

Folk festival

Crowds have been flocking to Arran in great numbers over the past few days as the 11th Arran Folk Festival gets into full swing.

The early part of the week took the form of informal sessions at public houses around the island in the afternoon, followed by an evening gig in the same pub. Playing host to both established bands and new faces on the folk music scene were the Corrie Hotel on Monday, the Ormidale Hotel on Tuesday and the Breadalbane on Wednesday.

The festival organisers have long placed great importance in taking folk music out to the community. Playing in many of the early gigs has been Tirconnell, a group of 11- to 16-year-olds from St Aloysius College in Glasgow who delighted residents of Montrose House and Cooriedoon, and the pupils of Arran High School.

New clubhouse

The new clubhouse at Lamlash Golf Club will be officially opened this evening (Saturday) by the Lady Jean Fforde.

In use now for almost a year, we asked one committee member why it was being officially opened so long after completion. He told us that they had asked if Prince Andrew might perform the ceremony and had been told to wait until the end of the year until his schedule was arranged.

However, when the committee contacted his office at the appointed time, they were told his schedule was fully made up. With a royal wedding next week, it is easy to see that coming to Arran may not have been first on his list.

Ship ahoy

The mini cruise liner which anchored in Brodick Bay on Thursday evening and appealed to so many people was the clipper Adventurer. Built in 1975 in Yugoslavia and recently refitted in Scandinavia, she is a little longer than our ferry and is equipped as a luxury expedition vessel.

A measure of her luxury is that there are 58 crew and 1,222 passengers. American owned, she cruises principally in northern waters. On Friday morning liberty boats were plying to and from the Brodick slipway.



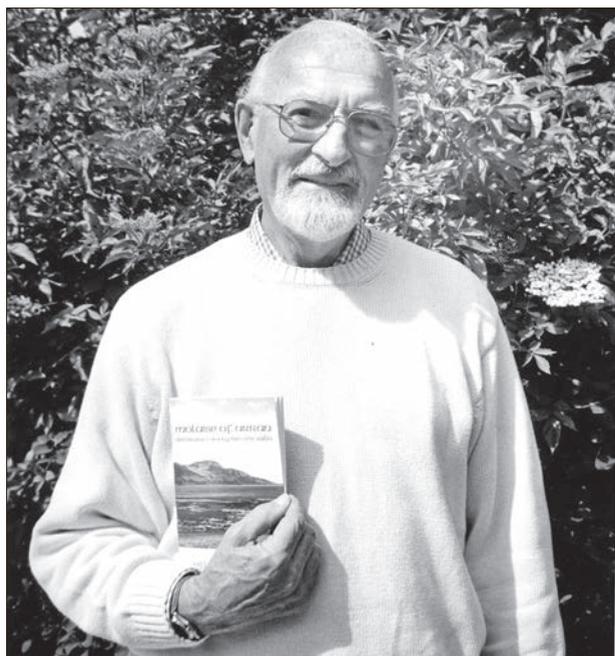
Pupils of St Aloysius College entertaining residents at Montrose House as part of the 11th Arran Folk Festival. 01_B24twe05



The 1999 Arran Open winner Alex Gold of Hamilton and handicap winner Bobby McCrae of Brodick with Marion Noble of Isle of Arran Distillers and Brodick club captain Alastair Dobson. 01_B24twe03



Classic cars in all their finery at the Arran Heritage Museum last weekend. 01_B245twe06



Bill McLaughlin of Whiting Bay with a copy of his new book *Molaise of Arran*, the son of an Irish king who renounced the throne and came instead to Arran to live in the disciplined poverty of a monk. 01_B24twe02



Alison Emsley of Whiting Bay Primary School won the P4 to P7 category in the North Ayrshire Council environment week competition with her painting of the Machie Moor standing stones. 01_B24twe04



Billy Dickie of Brodick is presented with a crystal bowl on his retirement after 15 years as a JP by Angela Dunbar, chairwoman of the North Ayrshire Justices Committee at his home. 01_B24twe01

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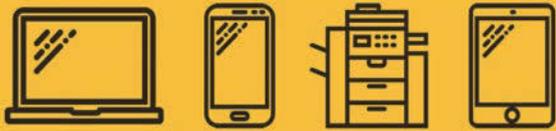
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Time: Drop in anytime between 4pm and 6pm
Venue: The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick, KA27 8DL

Alternatively, you can view the plans on-line at:
<http://www.northayrshire.community/consultations/> from Thursday 20 June 2019 until Thursday 11 July 2019.

Please note that if ferry sailings are disrupted, the Housing Services Facebook page will be updated to confirm whether the event will take place.

Craig Hatton
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Sunday 16th June

Lochranza Church, 9.30 am. Morning Worship.
Pirnmill Church, 10.45 am. Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

Sunday 16th June

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
All most welcome to stay and enjoy more fellowship.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 16th June
Trinity Sunday
Holy Communion - 11 am.
Richard Trewby
Coffee after service
All Welcome

Wednesday 19th June

Everyone is invited to attend our "Pop-up" Holy Communion at Lochranza Hotel at 12 noon

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 16th June
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 16th June
Mrs Sharon MacLeod
Kilmory at 10 am
Lamlash at 11.30 am
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 16th June
Sunday Worship at 11am 'Heather Lodge', Brodick Left of the Douglas Hotel, opposite the ferry terminal.
Telephone 700346, 820223
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister:
Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 16th June
Service at 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Telephone 600222

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 16th June
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick at 6pm
Services will be taken by Rev Ernest Brown

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 15th June
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm
Sunday 16th June
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Prayer Group
Thursday 20th June
St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church, Whiting Bay, 2.30-3.30pm.

DEATH

AITKEN: J Peter Aitken b.v.m.s. m.r.c.v.s. Veterinary Surgeon aged 86 on Tuesday 4th. June 2019 secure in the dedication of all staff at Burnfield Care Home Giffnock.

Much loved by his wife Wilma children Audrey, Seonaidh and John, grandchildren Stuart, Lesley, Jennifer, Rory, and the late dearly cherished Niall Blair, great grandpa to baby Tommy. Warmly regarded by their partners and his nieces and nephew.

The family want to share memories of this very special man-classics buff, sportsman, artist and gardener who kept his quirky sense of humour through all the long years of his debilitating illness. Friends, carers, former clients from Arran and the mainland will be made most welcome on Sunday 23rd June from 2pm onwards at the Glynhill Hotel 169 Paisley Road Renfrew where we can meet in friendship to remember Peter.



Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 6, Summer Cup, CSS 65. 1 Scott Macfarlane 71-10=61, 2 Dylan Smith 86-24=62, 3 Calum Rae 76-13=63, 4 Paul Cowan 69-6=64. Best scratch, Paul Cowan 69. Magic twos Colin Richardson, Alan Smith, Allan Winship, Todd Jameson all @16th. Hole 4 was drawn so no winner.

Sunday June 9, Fleet Cup (36 holes), first round, CSS 63. 1 Andy Smith 79-16=63, 2 Ian Bremner 71-7=64 BIH over Neil Young 70-6=64. Best scratch Neil Young 70.

Sunday June 9, Fleet Cup (36 holes), second round, CSS 64. 1 Iain Murchie 70-6=64, 2 Neil Young 73-6=67. Best scratch, Iain Murchie 70. No magic twos recorded either round. Overall winner of Fleet Cup Neil Young 131, runner-up Ian Bremner 132, better first round over Iain Murchie.

Ladies' section: Wednesday May 22, 1st round championship, nine played. 1 Susan Butchard 75-11=64, 2 Ruth Hardy 91-26=65. Scratch,

DEATH

NICOL: Sheila Margaret - Peacefully in the loving care of Cooriedoon Nursing Home on 11th June 2019 after a long battle with Parkinson's, Sheila beloved wife of Archie, loving Mum of Ann, Allan and Sheila and proud Gran and Great-Gran. Funeral private. No letters or cards please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AULD, Iain - Margaret, Stuart and Gillian would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital for the kind and loving care they gave Iain. Thank you to Rev Angus Adamson for conducting a moving and emotional service including Diana and Douglas Hamilton with "The Arran Singers" ensemble and to all who came to pay their last respects both at Lamlash Church and graveside. Thanks also to David and Clair Hendry for their compassion and professional services. Amy and Euan for the lovely refreshments at The Drift Inn. Thank you to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy at this sad time. £720 was generously donated in the retiring collection which has been split between the Arran Hospital Supporters League and Air Ambulance.



Ian Bremner, winner of the AGA Thomson Cup, is joined by finalist Graeme Crichton and AGA president Brian Sherwood.

Susan Butchard 75.

Wednesday May 29, Medal 3 and second qualifying championship, eight played. 1 Kate McAdam 84-16=68, 2 Susan Butchard 81-11=70, 3 June Richardson 95-25=70. Scratch, Susan Butchard 81.

Wednesday June 5, Fleet 3 and third qualifying championship, 10 played. 1 Alison Heron 87-23=64, 2 Ruth Hardy 93-26=67, 3 Susan Butchard 78-11=67. Scratch, Susan Butchard 78.

Fixtures: Sunday June 16, Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday June 20, Summer Cup and Scratch Cup, make up own groups.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 5, Summer Trophy, 20 played, CSS 62.

1 David Morrison 12, 57, 2 Danny Head 5, 59, ACB, 3 Nicol Auld 6, 59, 4 John Pennycott 14, 62. Magic twos, Stan Rainey @2nd, Kevin Jackson @3rd, Ryan Armstrong and Nicol Auld @4th.

Sunday June 9, Medal. After Saturday's heavy rain the course had dried out quickly and played remarkably well for the 17 who played. CSS stayed at 63 and Pete Towndrow bettered that by six shots to win by that margin. 1 Peter Towndrow 12, 57 and lowest gross, 2 Neil McKechnie 12, 63, 4 Jamie Macpherson 5, 64, 4 David Morrison 11, 65. Magic twos came from Jamie Macpherson @2nd, Graeme Crichton @4th, Douglas Auld

Wednesday June 5, Sweep. 1 G McKinnon 62-2=60 and scratch, 2 Len Hartley 77-15=62. Magic twos G and E McKinnon but Raymond Burke's @8th wins the pot!
Saturday June 8, 18-hole

@7th and Neil McKechnie and Pete Towndrow @17th.

Fixtures: Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, gents' Seniors Open. Wednesday June 19, The Ballantyne Cup, all day competition with draw at 5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Last weekend saw the culmination of the 2019 Championship competitions at Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club. On Saturday June 8, Elizabeth Kelso and Piet Johnston met in the final match of the ladies' bronze championship. After a close match Piet prevailed to win the trophy for the second time.

On Sunday after a decent morning the Duisky finalists Joe Faulkner and Colin Allison were the first pair off. Defending champion Anne May then took on Kema Genda in the ladies' championship and they were followed by gents' finalists Tom Mitchell and Jack McNally. After some excellent golf in tricky conditions the prize-giving took place but not before players and spectators had enjoyed some welcome food and drink in the clubhouse.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday June 5, Sweep. 1 G McKinnon 62-2=60 and scratch, 2 Len Hartley 77-15=62. Magic twos G and E McKinnon but Raymond Burke's @8th wins the pot!
Saturday June 8, 18-hole

Bowling trio lift memorial trophy



Winners of the Angus Cook Memorial Trophy were Ann Frame, Johnny McGovern and Robert Frame.

The Angus Cook Memorial Cup Game was held at Whiting Bay Bowling Club on Sunday June 9 in fine weather.

The winners were Ann Frame, Johnny McGovern and Robert Frame, while consolation lollipops went to Cathie Steed, Jamie

Ainsworth and John Steed. The next fixture will be the Open Anniversary Triples on Sunday June 23 at 2pm. All are welcome.



Pictured are the Shiskine Championship winners with club captain Gordon Wilson. From left: Piet Johnston, bronze champion; Anne May, ladies' champion; Tom Mitchell, gents' champion; and Colin Allison, Duisky winner.

sweep. 1 A Napier 72-10=62 and scratch, 2 A Smith 75-12=63.

Fixtures: Saturday June 15, 18-hole sweep, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday June 19, Summer Cup, ballot at 6pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 5, Summer Cup, 40 played, CSS 64. 1 Babbies MacNeil 80-19=61, 2 Sam Tattersfield 82-19=63 ACB, 3 Terry Raeside 75-12=63. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 64.

Sunday June 9, Brandon qualifier, 14 played, CSS 64. 1 Bill Donaldson 79-16=63 ACB, 2 George Hamilton 79-16=63ACB, 3 Douglas Robertson 82-19=63. Scratch Billy Armit 78.

Fixture: Sunday June 16, Royal Bank Shield, four ball

better ball. Enter in pairs on notice board by noon on Saturday.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 4, Sweep. 1 Phil Bentley 60, 2 Hamish Bannatyne 66, 3 Reuben Betley 69. Magic twos Phil Bentley and Hamish Bannatyne.

Fixtures: Monday June 17, Club Championship and President's Cup finals, 5.30pm. Ladies, Kema Genda v Jenni Turnbull. Gents, Hamish Bannatyne v David Jeffrey. President's Cup, Alastair MacDonald, v Billy Paton. Tuesday June 28, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, 12.30pm/5.30pm.

Arran Golfers' Association Saturday June 9, Thomson

Cup semis and final were played on a wet afternoon at Whiting Bay Golf Club. Thanks to Nancy and John for the hospitality.

Whiting Bay looked amazing, so many thanks to the greens staff. First semi and Graeme Crichton didn't have to hit a shot as Dave Hackett didn't show up. Ian Bremner beat Fred Galbraith in the other semi on the 18th hole. Ian then went home to dry out and get his spare pair of waterproofs ready.

The final was played in a great spirit and the standard of golf was excellent too. The midges appeared briefly at the top of the course, but luckily a breeze then started. Ian eventually ran out the winner, beating Graeme four and three. This was Ian's

seventh final and he has won this prestigious trophy before in 1989 and also playing in his first final in 1965.

Fixtures: Saturday June 22, AGA Hope Cup round one at Lochranza, 4pm. Lochranza - bye, Whiting Bay v Shiskine, Brodick v Lamlash, Machrie v Corrie. Saturday June 29, AGA Hope Cup final, 1pm and 6pm.

Senior Open

In the inaugural playing of this joint venture the Senior Open attracted 39 gents and 19 ladies from on and off the island. The gents played over Lamlash golf course between May 14 and 16 and the ladies at Brodick golf course on the same dates.

A mixed fours was held at Brodick on Friday May 17 for those who had

participated in the singles. The competition took the form of a stableford format which is always very popular.

The weather was superb all week and it is hoped to hold the competition again next year, but possibly in the latter part of June.

Thanks must go to the organising committee, the starter at Lamlash and Jackie Voight in the Brodick shop for all her invaluable help and expert computer skills.

Winners. Gents - 1 Derek Harrison (Lamlash) 37pts BIH from 2 Colin Brown (Lamlash) 37pts.

Ladies - 1 Vicky Rennie (East Renfrewshire) 38pts; 2 Ann May (Brodick) 36pts; Mixed Fours winners, Olive and Colin Keith (Largs Kelburne).

Three in a row as Southend maintain winning streak

Lamlash	0
Southend	4
Arran Dairies League	

Southend were eager to maintain their unbeaten record in their third game of the season on Monday night when they faced Lamlash, who were without their captain and playmaker Johnny Sloss, who was suspended.

The match was tight early on with both teams creating chances in the opposition box. On the half-hour mark it was the visitors, Southend, who broke the deadlock.

Donald Park went on a great run before firing a low cross which David Heenan saved but Lewis Kennedy was on hand to fire in the rebound.

The tightly-fought match continued with neither side making any further progress and by the half-time whistle the score remained at 1-0.

Donald then doubled the lead early in the second half when his shot hit the inside of the post and into the back of the net. Southend were awarded a penalty soon after when Fraser Thomson's tackle was deemed to be a dangerous one on Gregor Crichton. Ryan Armstrong stepped up and made no mistake from the spot.

The scoring was complete with five minutes to go when new signing Shane Henderson latched on to a corner with a neat finish on his left foot to make it 4-0. Referee Greg McCrae gave Ryan Armstrong the man of the match after another commanding display in the middle of the park.

The other scheduled fixture between Shiskine and Brodick was rearranged for Thursday night. The next fixtures in the Arran Dairies League will be on Monday June 17 when Northend take on Shiskine at the Ewe Camp and Southend play Brodick at Sandbraes.

Archie McNicol is voted player of the year

Archie McNicol is the Isle of Arran AFC player of the year after their inaugural first year in the Ayrshire Sunday ASA league.

At a short ceremony following the Happy Spider Cup charity match, player manager William Sillars presented Archie with the trophy as well as the golden boot award for scoring the most goals.

Johnny Sloss was the players' player of the year choice and he was also the runner-up top goalscorer.

Arran finished second in the Q&L Skips Division 1 and have several pre-season games already lined up over the summer.



Above, William Sillars presents Archie McNicol with his trophies 01_B24year01; top right, William presents Johnny Sloss with his players player award 01_B24year02; and, right, Johnny and Archie together with their trophies 01_B24year03.



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Arran High pupils pictured with Suzanne Lappin and Craig Beattie and Kilmarnock FC community coaches.

Former Scotland players coach Arran youngsters

Sportsound recorded at high school

Pupils from Arran High School landed a coaching session with former Scotland internationals and ex-pros in an initiative led by sportscotland and BBC Scotland.

Former Scotland players Suzanne Lappin and Craig Beattie were joined at the school last week by Kilmarnock FC community coaches, including former Killie midfielder Paul Di Giacomo, for a coaching ex-

perience to highlight the importance of sport within the school's curriculum ahead of Scotland's opening tie of the Women's World Cup against England on Sunday and the men's double-header against Cyprus and Belgium.

More than 60 S1 and S2 boys and girls took part in the training session at the school and their coaches for the day gave the children some hints and tips as well as sharing

tales from their experiences in football over the years in the hope of encouraging the younger generation to take up the sport.

Suzanne, a former Glasgow City FC midfielder, said: 'Coaching the pupils at Arran High School today and seeing their enthusiasm and passion for football is inspiring. They were so keen to learn and they're really excited about Scotland being in the Women's World Cup. There might even be a few future football stars in there.'

The pupils were also given an insight into the important role of sport in the media as the leading BBC Scotland radio programme, Sportsound, broadcasted their evening programme from the school.

The panel was hosted by BBC Scotland's David Currie. The guests were BBC Scotland chief sports writer Tom English along with coaches for the day, ex-Celtic player Craig and Suzanne.

During the recorded show the audience were given the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session with the sporting personalities asking about their career highlights as well as discussing Scotland's sporting



Pupils put some of their newly learned skills to the test during the training session.



Craig Beattie and Suzanne Lappin with Tom English and David Currie ahead of the Sportsound broadcast.

landscape. The programme was broadcast last Saturday.

Arran High holds the sportscotland Gold School Sport Award, a prestigious national award that recognises innovation and achievement in delivering physical

education and extra-curricular sport.

Barry Smith, Arran High head teacher, said: 'Having this event here on Arran is fantastic. We're delighted to be able to give our pupils the opportunity to be coached

by some of Scotland's top footballers and being part of the radio show is another positive experience for them. It's thanks to sportscotland and BBC Scotland for getting behind it. What a great example of partnership working.'

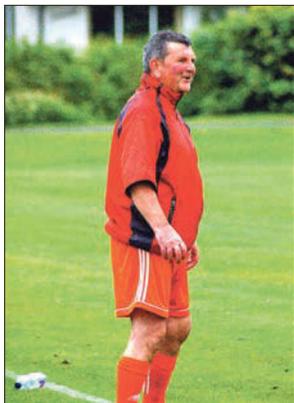
Action from the Happy Spider Cup



The crowd watch the action. 01_B24spider06



Brian Smith pops the champagne cork after the Little Rock victory. 01_B24spider15



Bobby McCrae waits to come back on. 01_B24spider18



Man of the match Chris Marriott makes another fine save. 01_B24spider04



Calum Rae needs closed down by two opponents. 01_B24spider13



Brian Smith rolling back the years. 01_B24spider17



Dad Bobby shows son Johnny how it is done. 01_B24spider19



Frazer Barr joins a race for the ball. 01_B24spider05



Alastair Dobson was solid in defence for Little Rock. 01_B24spider08



Man in the middle Charles Currie. 01_B24spider12



Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil takes the ball on a mazy run. 01_B24spider11

Former Scotland players
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Southend maintain
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The two teams join in the trophy presentation to Little Rock captain Brian Smith by David and Claire Johnston and her daughter Betty. 01_B24spider16

Rolling back the years at the Happy Spider Cup

Little Rock	5
Arran Energy	2
The Happy Spider Cup	

The inaugural Happy Spider Cup charity match was held on Saturday at Ormidale Park.

The weather may have been

far from ideal, with heavy rain and damp conditions giving the midges a field day, but there was still a good crowd to cheer the players on.

Some of Arran's players of yesteryear came out of retirement for the game, which will be played annually in memory of Alan Johnston, who was

such an integral part of Arran football over the years.

The match consisted of the current Arran AFC team split into two sides and joined by the 'old boys' who played as rolling substitutes for their respective teams.

Chris Marriott was given man of the match for turning

back the years for a fine display in goal. It was also great to see some of the legends of Arran football taking part in the game, including Bobby McCrae, Stevie Crawford, Brian Smith, David Johnson, Alistair Dobson, Calum Rae, Robin Odlum, Iain Maclean, Derek Weir, Jim Reid, Alistair

Currie, Fred Galbraith, Gordon Hendry and Frazer Barr. It was also great to see Charles Currie doing a stint as referee in the second half.

The game was played in good spirits. And special thank you to the Johnston family for presenting the Happy Spider Cup to winning

captain Brian Smith. Thanks also go to Stevie Crawford for providing the marquee and making sure the players and supporters were well hydrated.

After the match, the raffle was drawn with the proceeds going to ArCaS, the charity chosen by Alan's family.



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