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Island officer Gus bows out after 28 years' service

'I was meant to retire last year but was enjoying things so much that I stayed on for another year.'

by Colin Smeeton
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Island officer Gus Macleod has retired after nearly three decades working on Arran for the local authority.

He took up the role as assistant local officer in 1991 before becoming island officer in 1999 – the job that he held until retiring yesterday, Friday June 28.

During that time he has been stuck at sea, stranded without power for a week and trekked across Holy Isle on many a council assignment.

Having carried out a wide range of duties Gus admits there have been very few dull moments during 28 years of service.

He said: 'It has been eventful. I've probably visited every place in Arran whether it's in an environmental health

capacity, building standards, roads, waste or something else.

'I've been over to the Holy Isle on many occasions to meet contractors. You'd arrive at the north side of the island and the only way you could get across is by walking. So that was always enjoyable and kept me fit!

'Overall, I have to say working for the council and helping the island has been rewarding. It's been great, not without its challenges, but really enjoyable. I was meant to retire last year but was enjoying things so much that I stayed on for another year.'

Most islanders will have come into contact with Gus at some point and very few will forget his and others' role during 'Snowmageddon' in 2013.

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Music to the ears



Arran High School held its annual music concert earlier this week, showcasing the musical talent of youngsters from schools across the island. With more than 150 high school pupils taking part, the show involved more than 50 per cent of the pupils at the school. For a full report with pictures see next week's Banner. 01_B26front01



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Mega-yacht sighting fuels celebrity visitor rumours

A mega-yacht that caused a stir in Campbeltown early last week was also spotted by a number of Arran residents as it made its way around the island.

As reported by our sister publication, Campbeltown Courier, the mega-yacht called Fountainhead appeared in Campbeltown Loch on Tuesday afternoon when it was rumoured that award-winning television presenters Ant and Dec were on board the vessel.

The mega-yacht, which is the 79th largest in the world, is difficult to miss at 87.78m (288ft) long, nearly the length of a football field, and capable of travelling at 39km/h (24mph).

With a capacity of 14 passengers and 24 crew, it is not thought the TV duo were on board but it is believed that the rumour was fuelled by the

fact that the duo were seen and photographed playing golf on Bute.

The vessel was pictured by Banner reader Allan Napier of Corrie, who photographed her in the Kilbrannan Sound passing TS Royalist, a training brig owned by the Sea Cadets.

Megayacht Fountainhead is pictured alongside TS Royalist in Kilbrannan Sound by reader Allan Napier.





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Island officer Gus bows out after 28 years' service

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Commenting on that difficult time Gus said: 'That was certainly very interesting. I was without power for seven days but was trying to put things in place to help the island get back on its feet. It was a difficult period as you knew what was needed but it was difficult getting things organised.'

'We had to try and get helicopters out to help some of our most vulnerable residents, while we lost our snow plough for a considerable time because of the level of snow. We had mountain rescue helping us too. I remember they were due to be back at the base at noon but didn't return until 9pm as they kept getting stuck at various places.'

'It was an experience and just one of the things you have to deal when you work for the council on an island.'

Gus also played a key role in elections, making sure the ballot papers made it over to the mainland for the count.

He said: 'Elections were always fun. People see the count and the results but don't realise that getting

to that point isn't always straightforward. We would usually take an open rib and usually, while it could be bumpy, everything worked fine, and we got the ballot papers over to the mainland. But on one occasion, we broke down and drifted for three hours.'

'I can remember the chief executive, Elma Murray, calling to find out where on earth we were as we were holding things up.'

'We didn't want to call for help as that would have led to a bigger carry-on than necessary, so we managed to get another rib to come and collect us before we managed to

make it over to the mainland. 'I suppose it's all in a day's work.'

Gus is now looking forward to spending time with his wife Sharon – who also retired this year – playing golf, sailing and building a house for his daughter and son-in-law.

Gus added: 'It has been a full-on job. Working as an island officer encompasses such a wide and diverse range of jobs. After nearly 30 years, it's time to call it a day. A big thanks to all my colleagues over the years and, of course, all those on the island who have been such a support to me and made my job much easier.'



Retiring island officer Gus Macleod pictured on his last day of work after nearly three decades with North Ayrshire Council. 01_B26gus01

Picture perfect Perthshire... Rural comedian Jim Smith... Colin Prior's landscape photography... Media tycoon Laura Kuenssberg... Andrew Carnegie... Rewilding Ayrshire...

Residents get assurances on construction traffic

by Hugh Boag
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The final plans have been unveiled for the first council houses on Arran in a generation.

North Ayrshire Council is planning to build 34 homes to the rear of Brathwic Terrace in Brodick, as it seeks to help address the social housing shortage on the island.

The contractor for the £5 million development Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd, was procured through Hub South West, along with three other sites in North Ayrshire, as part of a procurement strategy to achieve cost savings through economies of scale.

However, there has been widespread concern among residents in Springbank over construction traffic using Brathwic Place, the only way in and out of the site.

And many turned up to raise

their concerns at a 'meet the builder' drop-in consultation held in the Ormidale Pavilion last Wednesday where they were given assurances that while there will be some disruption it will be kept to a minimum.

A spokesperson from North Ayrshire Council, explaining that steps would be taken to minimise the impact on surrounding residents, said: 'The proposed contractor has agreed to only make construction deliveries to the site twice a week – on Tuesdays and Thursdays – and these would be scheduled during school hours to minimise impact.'

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, added: 'The drop-in event went really well, and it was important that we met with the public to provide as much detail and information as we could.'



Ashleigh's area director Derek Davidson and technical assistant Gary Cowan discuss the development at the drop-in consultation as community councillor Jim Henderson inspects the plans. 01_B26brathwic01

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

'We are well aware of the challenges faced by residents in accessing affordable housing and this new development

will be an important step towards addressing the issue.'

'Across North Ayrshire, we're building hundreds of modern, energy efficient homes for our residents and the feedback we have received from tenants of the

new homes has been hugely positive – I'm sure Arran will be no different.

'I also hope that surrounding residents will be reassured that we have listened to their concerns regarding the impact of the development on the local road network, and welcome the range of measures that we will put in place to ensure that the construction stage runs smoothly.'

The event allowed people 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.

Prestwick-based Ashleigh's area director Derek Davidson and technical assistant Gary Cowan spent two hours answering questions about the development works.

He confirmed that work

on the site would start in the autumn and that they would be on site for 12 to 18 months. The homes should be ready for residents to move into by winter 2020.

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. Homes should be ready for residents to move into by winter 2020.

The public can view the plans online at www.northayrshire.community/consultationevents/consultations/ from until Thursday July 11.

Montrose House set for summer fete



Montrose House will be hosting its annual summer fete on Wednesday July 3. 01_B28_montrose_01

The ever-popular Montrose House summer fete, organised by the Friends of Montrose House Association, is all set for its annual fundraiser early next month.

The event which will take place on Wednesday July 3, from 2pm, will feature all the usual stalls and delicious treats from the tearoom.

Donations of books, baking, tombola prizes – but not bric-a-brac – will be grate-

fully received at the home in advance, or the morning of the day itself, from 10am onwards.

This is the friends only fundraising event and all money raised goes to provide support for service-users and staff who fall outside the budget for the home and the Stronach Day Service, both of which provide support to those older members of the community needing specialist help.

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An afternoon of summer

Something for everyone



Pupils and teachers at Brodick Primary School once again enjoyed an afternoon of summer sunshine and a huge attendance at their annual summer fair.

favourites, raffles, bric-a-brac, plant stalls, face painting and a number of fun activities for the children and adults.

Despite rain showers in the morning, temperatures rose steadily throughout the day and by late afternoon the school playground was bathed in a warm sunshine which helped to attract the crowds – along with the alluring smell of burgers and freshly-made waffles which filled the air.

By far the most popular for the children, and their parents who were at the ready with their cameras, was the visit by two of Arran's emergency services.

Two officers from Police Scotland parked their vehicle inside the school gates and engaged with the children who were also allowed to sit in the police vehicle. Children asked the officers questions to learn about the work that they do

On offer for the visitors were the familiar



Youngsters try their hand at the tombola. 01_B26bps02

The pupil-run home-baking stall rapidly sold out of its popular and tasty treats. 01_B26bps03



A young Brodick Primary pupil makes a sale at the plant and bric-a-brac stall. 01_B26bps01



Children were delighted to be able to test the fire hose. 01_B26bps08



At your service, Arran High School Mountain Bike Club members perform free repairs on bicycles. 01_B26bps04



An Arran High School Mountain Bike Club member demonstrates how the Manual Master machine works. 01_B26bps05



Children enjoy a good soaking in the summer heat. 01_B26bps10



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Fun at the school fair

at Brodick primary fair

while many were intrigued by the inside of the police van.

Representatives of Arran's fire service also visited the school with their vehicle and allowed children to climb inside to have a look. A short demonstration of fire fighting was held and the children were given the opportunity to hold the fire hose and spray water across the parking lot. Being a warm summer evening some of the children ran underneath the water to enjoy a cooling shower.

At the other end of the playground the Arran

High School Mountain Bike Club offered free bicycle repairs and the chance for adults and children to test out their Manual Master machine which allows cyclists to develop their balancing and agility skills.

The annual Brodick Primary School summer fair helps to raise funds for educational resources for the school and contributes to the cost of outings.

Pupils also benefit from helping at the stalls while also socialising with family, friends and visitors.



A friendly firefighter allows a young boy to sit in the fire engine. 01_B26bps09



The friendly face of the police, PC Sam Davidson spoke to the children about crime and allowed them to climb inside the police vehicle. 01_B26bps07

Children have a go at a coin flip game in the hope of winning a jar of jelly beans. 01_B26bps06



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Children show off the contents of one of the kits which will be gifted to every primary seven pupil on Arran.

Kits for kids heading to high school

Read Write Count Moving Up kits have been gifted to every primary seven pupil on Arran to support their transition to secondary school.

The Scottish government initiative, in partnership with Education Scotland and Scottish Book Trust, will provide a kit containing the following items: a reusable water bottle, protractor and ruler set, pen/pencil and rubber set, journal notebook, scientific calculator, pocket dictionary, parent/pupil booklet and a USB stick.

The Moving Up kit was created after consultation with local authorities and ADES (Association of Directors of Education).

Learning professionals, librarians and teachers provided feedback about items that would be helpful for

primary seven pupils who are transitioning into secondary school.

Scottish Book Trust will also provide training and support to all the local authorities involved in the pilot scheme, helping to build and enhance current transition programmes between primary and secondary schools.

Exciting time

Deputy First Minister and Education Secretary John Swinney MSP said: 'The move to high school is a new and exciting time for many pupils and families but it can also bring a degree of uncertainty. These unique packs are a national first and aim to make the transition between primary and secondary a little easier. The kits contain items and advice which will give pupils the best chance

at a smooth change and help parents and carers to support their children at this important time.'

The Moving Up kits will be delivered by Scottish Book Trust, the national charity changing lives through reading and writing.

Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust, said: 'The transition from primary school to secondary school is an exciting time for young people, and our new Read Write Count Moving Up kits give pupils and parents much needed support.'

North Ayrshire, Glasgow, Dundee, West Dunbartonshire, Inverclyde, Clackmannanshire, North Lanarkshire, East Ayrshire and Renfrewshire local authorities will take part in the pilot scheme.

52 Stitched Stories joins with friends across the water

An arts and social project called 52 Stitched Stories has joined up with a sister group from West Kilbride to share stories and on-going progress.

The 52 Stitched Stories project began in January this year and the aim is to create a postcard piece of 'stitched' art every week for as many weeks as possible throughout the year.

Coordinated by Fiona Doubleday, the members meet once a month to share their work, processes and future ideas and the concept has already inspired a sister group in West Kilbride to be formed.

Coordinated by Ange Sewell, they meet in the Barony Centre, West Kilbride, and in their version of the project they have expanded the brief to include any media.

Following the meeting of



A small selection of the pieces which were exhibited at the West Kilbride meeting of the two groups.

the two groups, Fiona said: 'It was amazing to find that most people have managed a postcard a week so the overall body of work is already huge with nearly 50 people involved across the two groups.'

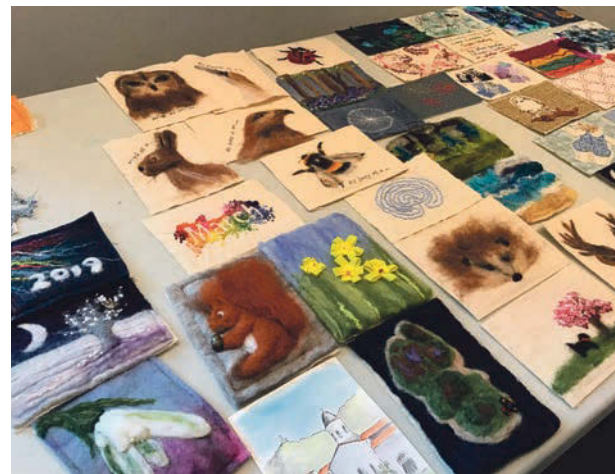
In March 2020 both groups will once again meet when

they exhibit their work in the Barony Centre and through the town. For some people this will be their first time exhibiting in a gallery and there is a palpable sense of excitement among the members.

The Arran group will be hosting a small exhibition prior to that with some of their postcards taking part in the Makers' Festival at Brodick Castle next month. Members will also be on hand to talk about the project.

52 Stitched Stories continues to grow exponentially and more communities are preparing to launch their own version in 2020. The Isle of Skye and several communities in the Borders are already meeting with Fiona to put their plans in place.

More information can be found on the website at www.52stitchedstories.com or if anyone would like to join the Arran project Fiona can be contacted by email at earththreadsuk@gmail.com



Arran, animals, poems and flowers are a recurring theme on many of the 'postcards' produced by the two groups.

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Fantasy fundraiser earns cash for cancer care

A magical day was enjoyed by supporters at an Alice in Wonderland tea party held in Lamlash last week where £613 was raised for cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

Organised by Pauline Reid Adamson and Charlie Adamson the event saw participants dressing up in fantasy outfits and enjoying a Mad Hatter's tea party in the garden.

The event was very well

supported with guests dressing up for the occasion and enjoying the meticulously detailed and artistic setting.

Support

Pauline said: 'A friend's grandson is going through treatment at the moment and we thought we had to do something to support such a wonderful charity.'

'The tea party was a great way to bring our community together.'

Clic Sargent, the cancer charity whose motto is Stop cancer destroying young lives, provides a number of services for those affected by cancer. From emotional to financial support, it also helps with providing medical care, accommodation and bereavement support.

Further information on the help that Clic Sargent can provide can be found at www.clicsargent.org.uk



Attention to detail – guests enjoyed a number of themed sweet treats.



Guests enjoy a sumptuous feast at the Mad Hatter's tea party.



Organisers Pauline Reid Adamson and Charlie Adamson welcomed guests at the Mad Hatter's tea party. Photos: Marbeth Nix



A young supporter dressed as Alice is tempted to play with the brightly coloured balloon decorations.



Supporter Maya Maclean dressed for the part with her fantasy outfit.

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Civil appreciation

It is all too easy to pass judgement on our local authority, especially in these times of austerity, but it is important to remember that, despite difficulties, this is the organisation and the people, that help to keep travel, commerce, civil functionality and amenity in good running order on Arran.

The hard work and dedication shown by people who serve the community can often go unnoticed, and while appreciated by some and expected by others, they can also be taken for granted.

It is for these reasons that we pay tribute to retiring island officer Gus Macleod this week, a man whose contribution to life on Arran spans nearly three decades. Twenty-eight years of service moves towards the realms of devotion.

It is fair to say that being the representative of the local authorities, and especially in the position of having to enforce bylaws – as Gus has had to do on occasion – can make one a target for enmity, something which Gus has always dealt with with good grace.

Not only have there been many changes over the last 28 years, both with how councils operate, public opinion and expectations, but the island location of Arran has also presented its own difficulties – again all challenges that Gus has overcome admirably.

We wish Gus all the best in his retirement and thank him for his many years of service to Arran and the community.

Thought for the week

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down. Psalm 146:9

Tiered bureaucracy

Sir,
Your report on the 'Uproar over move to bring parking charges to Brodick' takes the biscuit.

Firstly, the Scottish Government slashes ferry fares to get more cars here then another tier of bureaucracy imposes charges on the same cars when they arrive.

You couldn't make it up.

The Arran Banner would do us all a great service by introducing North Ayrshire Council to the Scottish Government. The left hand needs to know what the right hand is doing.

Yours,
Alistair McIntosh,
non-motorist,
Lamlash.

Parking ditty

Sir,
I read with interest and with a certain amount of dismay:

That parking charges in Brodick will soon come into play.

Why impose these charges there, I struggle to understand,

When safe parking in Lamlash, is in such great demand.

A beautiful and popular village of that there is no doubt,

But what a nightmare when one is trying to drive out.

Illegal and dangerous parking as

folk are crossing the line,

So why not introduce more spaces, even the odd parking fine.

Forget about parking charges and perhaps concentrate on thus,

That some of us locals have to park up, rather than travel by bus.

To visit and care for elderly parents and family across the Clyde,

Spending quality time and a few precious days, on the other side.

What good are parking charges really going to achieve,

One can't help but wonder how extreme and somewhat naive.

Why not make it easier for us to book our cars on a busy CalMac ferry,

And create motor home places that would surely make us merry.

Yours,
Lorna Greig,
Lamlash.

Negative vibes

Sir,
I read about the parking charges planned for the shore front in Brodick, Arran Banner, June 15.

I and others feel this proposal would be a huge mistake and produce negative vibes for the village and the island.

Tourism is so popular now in Scotland and Arran thrives with reduced ferry fares for cars. Imagine if visitors to the island were prohibited

from parking on the shore front and face parking fines on what should have been a lovely holiday on this beautiful island.

Please consider this and leave things as they are. If it is not broken, don't fix it.

Yours,
Katrina Scatchard,
Wakefield.

Citizen science

Sir,
Is anyone willing to set up a web page to record all sightings of basking sharks, otters, porpoise and dolphins along the coast between North Sannox and Lochranza?

It seems common sense and respect for our wildlife may not be enough to stop the building of a massive salmon farm there. More monitoring and facts will add weight to our voices.

Yours,
Kathy Sayer,
Kings Cross.

Lost dog

Sir,
My thanks go to members of Arran Coastguard who picked up my miniature Daschund Walter after he got lost on a walk. We collected him from the police station and he was a happy boy.

Yours,
Moira Howie.

Prostate partnership

Sir,
Every year, more than 3,000 men in Scotland are diagnosed with prostate cancer. Sadly, almost 1,000 men die from the disease every year. In some cases, their deaths could have been prevented had they received earlier diagnosis and treatment.

In an effort to raise awareness about prostate cancer and encourage more men to talk openly about the disease, Prostate Cancer UK is launching a partnership with Bowls Scotland.

Over the year-long partnership, prostate cancer information and leaflets will be available within bowling clubs, awareness posters

will be displayed on washroom doors and clubs will receive the offer of training on key prostate cancer messages to bring up in conversation with their members. Clubs and members will get the chance to buy the charity's 'Man of Men' pin badge for a suggested donation of £2 each.

The charity will also be at the 2019 Bowls Scotland National Championships in July to provide health information, access to services and support to bowlers who may have concerns about prostate cancer – a disease that kills one man every 45 minutes – the same time it takes to play a typical 15-end game of bowls. Prostate Cancer UK's ambition is to stop men dying from prostate cancer.

Anyone with concerns about prostate cancer can also contact Prostate Cancer UK's specialist nurses in confidence on 0800 0748383 or visit prostatecanceruk.org.

Yours,
Bronwyn O'Riordan,
Prostate Cancer UK.

Veteran support

Sir,
I'm getting in touch from the RAF Benevolent Fund, the RAF's leading welfare charity, as we are launching a major new centenary campaign, called Join The Search. Change A Life.

The campaign aims to get thousands of RAF veterans back on the radar and accessing support, following research showing that at least 300,000 RAF family members currently need help but aren't accessing it.

The campaign calls on people across the UK to refer friends, relatives or family members they might know who served in the RAF and are in need of help. The charity is very active across Scotland, spending £1.1 million helping 290 people last year.

Further information on the RAF Benevolent Fund can be found at <https://www.rafbf.org/>

Yours,
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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



A grey heron caught in the act

These photographs, taken by Arthur Duncan, capture the moment a grey heron caught an eel in the burn at Cordon, Lamlash. Grey herons can be seen hunting at various locations on Arran, either standing motionless while waiting to pounce on their prey, or wading through the water with their neck muscles tensed and ready to strike. There are four known heronries on Arran at Lochranza, Brodick, Lamlash and Lagg.

Adults muscle in on Arran engineering competition

by Colin Smeeton
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Entries are open for the annual Arran engineering competition which, this year, will also be open for adults to enter.

Previously aimed at children of school age the competition will take place at the church hall, Lamlash, on Saturday July 20 at 9.30am.

Organiser Rory Cowan said: 'Scotland has produced a large number of very worthy engineers - in fact Scotland has punched well above its weight in engineering terms for a very long time indeed, and we should be proud of it.'

'That is why for several years now we have run an engineering competition on Arran aimed mainly at



school children. However, in the past we have had many enquiries from adults wishing to take part and this year we have decided to open the

competition to anyone and everyone.

'The rules are published on www.morayhouse.com and you can download the rules

and an entry form from there. Please get your entry in by Saturday July 13 - we need to be able to plan the day.'

The task this year is to design

Winners from last year's competition were Daisy McNamara with runners up Rosie McNamara and Olivia McNeice, all with their inventions.

and build a marble track within an envelope of one metre square and 500mm high. The marble should travel at least three metres on the course and preferably much further. Entrants may use levers, springs or other devices to lift the marble and the marble may be used to trigger another marble which may then take over from the first.

The winning design will be the one where the marble takes the longest time and travels the longest distance. A point will be awarded for each 50 mm (or part of) travelled and for each five seconds (or part of) taken. Additional style points will be awarded for innovative solutions.

Rory continued: 'Entries are invited from individuals or teams of people living

on the Isle of Arran. We all take engineering for granted, however, few people actually realise how much the engineer supports our daily lives. It would be fair to say that just about nobody in this day and age could get up, have breakfast and go to work or school were it not for the support of the engineer.'

'The engineering function is largely taken for granted but in reality is just about the most important support act enabling the human race to live comfortably - or at all.'

The competition will be judged by Rory Cowan, Donald McNicol and Charlie Smith and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places. Entries must be submitted by no later than Saturday July 13.

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Woodside Arran gets cash boost

Woodside Arran, a social enterprise helping to build a food network on the island, has received a funding boost from North Ayrshire Council's Fairer Food participatory budgeting event.

Woodside Farm, in Kildonan, was one of 19 projects selected to receive a share of £19,161 to improve access to food in the community.

The recipients of the fund were announced recently after being chosen by the public at the Fairer Food decision day at Eglinton Park, Kilwinning.

Around 400 residents went along to the event to hear more about the shortlisted initiatives before voting for their favourites.

The participatory budgeting process, which kicked off earlier this year, invited individuals and groups to bid for up to £1,250 to help fund initiatives that improve access to food in their communities.

Woodside Arran was one of

five initiatives receiving the full grant of £1,250.

As well as voting, those attending the event enjoyed cooking demonstrations by Centrestage, a food growing workshop with Eglinton Growers, a Bling it Bike arts and crafts session with the Active Travel team, guided walks with the countryside rangers, multi-sports activities from KA Leisure, a silent disco and more.

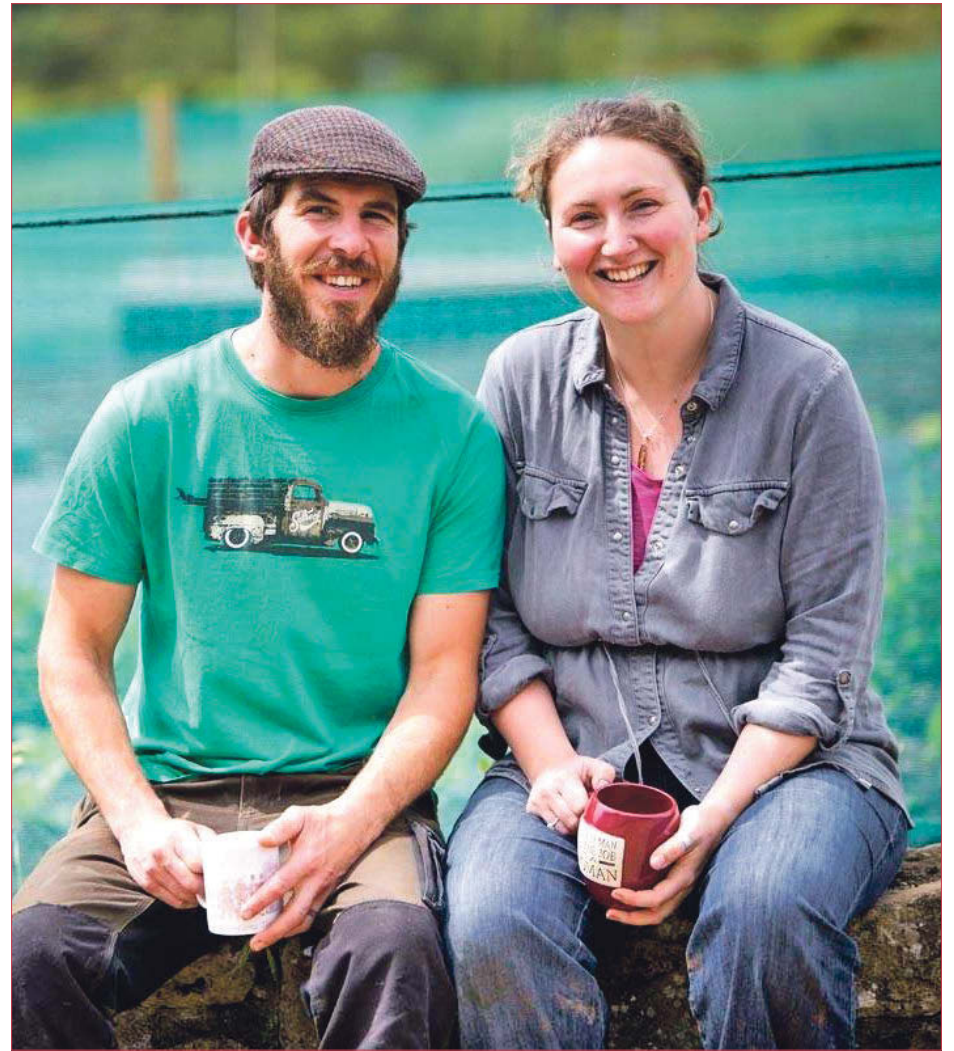
Councillor Louise McPhater, cabinet member for communities, said: 'Sadly, food poverty is something which affects many families and individuals across the UK, impacting negatively on their health and well-being physically and mentally.'

'In the right environment, food can become a powerful tool in bringing people together and helping to reduce social isolation in our communities.'

'We have many fantastic

community groups and projects in North Ayrshire running some amazing food-based initiatives and we are thrilled to contribute financially to some of these through our participatory budgeting exercise.'

Woodside Arran is run by four directors and was founded by husband and wife team Andy and Jenny Macdonald. Their aim is to establish a diverse food network for the island that encompasses organic growing techniques, permaculture design principles and regenerative agricultural practices. They grow fruit and vegetables in their market garden, rear rare-breed pork and produce free-range eggs. In addition to their own produce they source organic produce and deliver it straight to people's doors or through their mobile shop - The Real Food Shop - which visits villages around the island.



Andy and Jenny Macdonald of Woodside Arran.



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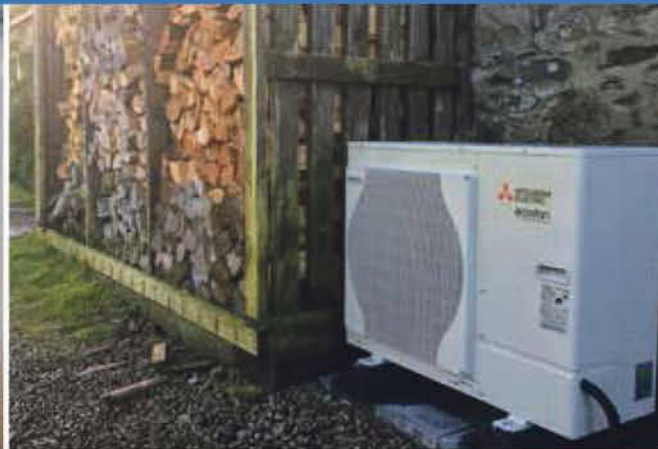
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Arran MP to join campaigners at island WASPI meeting

Patricia Gibson MP will take part in a meeting today (Saturday) of the Arran branch of the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI), writes Colin Smeeton.

Joining members of the Cunninghame group at the Ormidale Pavilion, Mrs Gibson has promised to continue the fight against what she calls state pension inequality.

WASPI campaigners are fighting to secure state pension payments which they should have received when they reached 60 years old. However, the UK Government raised their retirement age, with little or no notice, leaving a generation of women born in the 1950s out of pocket by tens of thousands of pounds and missing out on the retirement they had expected.

Patricia Gibson MP said:

'This is an issue I have long championed at Westminster to secure justice for these women, many of whom have been thrown into financial hardship, including 4,800 of my own constituents, around 250 of whom live on Arran.'

'The UK Government must restore rightful pension payments to these women and the WASPI campaign will continue until it does.'

'Saturday's meeting is at 11.30am in the Ormidale Pavilion and is open to all WASPI women and is a chance to reflect on this ongoing campaign and discuss future campaign initiatives.'

'I will continue to support these women and am working with them to ensure this issue stays firmly on the political agenda until they secure their rightful pension payments, despite the UK Government's attempts to sweep it under the carpet.'



Patricia Gibson MP joins with WASPI campaigners who are fighting against changes made to their pensions.



Arran residents and Contact the Elderly volunteers enjoy an afternoon tea in the sun lounge at Auchrannie Hotel.

Elderly enjoy Auchrannie hospitality

A small group of members of Arran's Contact the Elderly group enjoyed an afternoon tea hosted by the Auchrannie Hotel, writes Colin Smeeton.

Enjoying finger sandwiches, scones and savoury treats the small group was out on one of its regular monthly outings.

Siobhan McGinlay of Contact the Elderly said: 'A special thank you goes out

to Linda Johnston, Shereen El Bagoury and the rest of the team at Auchrannie for hosting a wonderful afternoon tea for one of our Arran Contact the Elderly groups on Sunday afternoon. The six older guests and four volunteer drivers all had a wonderful time.'

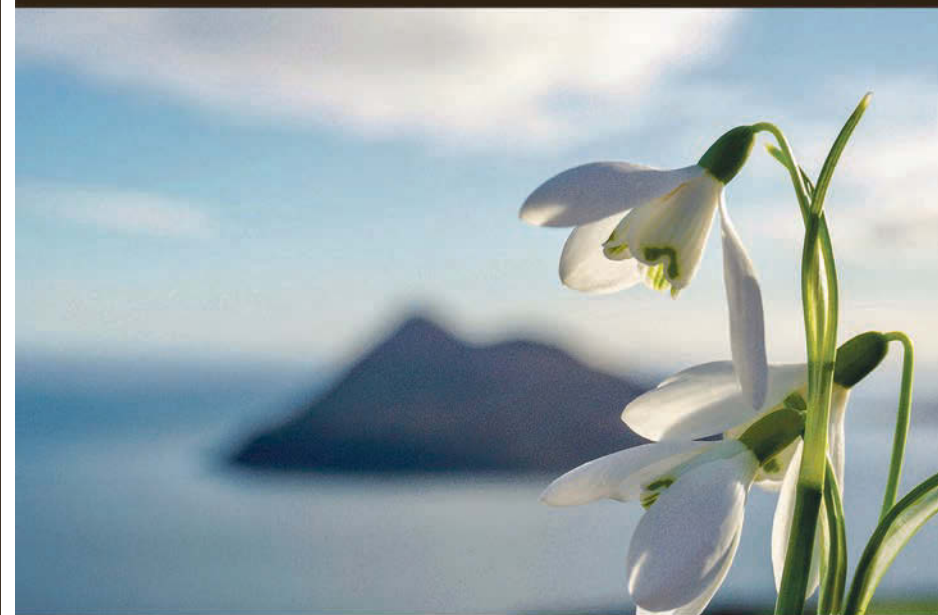
Contact the Elderly on Arran is always looking for more people to get involved with the charity, either

as a driver one Sunday afternoon a month, or as a host one Sunday afternoon a year, or as a guest.

They also welcome referrals for older people who live at home and are socially isolated.

For more information please contact Siobhan McGinlay on 074110 49975 or see www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk/ for more details.

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Pupils listen intently to Angela Proctor before creating some of the characters from her book. 01_B25thumble04



Brodick castle's Sue Mills outlines the locations that the children will be visiting during their tour.

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Arran is a magical place for Thumble Tumble readers

Words and photos by Colin Smeaton
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Children's book *Thumble Tumble and the Olipheist*, which has been included in the Scottish schools' Curriculum for Excellence, has encouraged a number of children to visit Arran to learn about the characters and places mentioned in the book.

One of more than 50 primary schools using the book as their novel study, Barshare Primary School in Cumnock, recently visited Brodick Castle to gain an insight into the



Barshare Primary pupils and teachers join author Angela Proctor and castle representatives on the stairs at Brodick Castle. 01_B25thumble02

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OFFERS & competitions

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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 Hartis 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.

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Enjoy great days out at the seaside with the five-star Scottish Seabird Centre in North Berwick. Control interactive live cameras, experience 3D films, book a seasonal guided boat trip and enjoy lunch with a view in the newly refurbished café.

Over the summer, the islands in the Firth of Forth are home to internationally important breeding colonies of seabirds including puffins, guillemots, razorbills, terns and eiders. Marvel at the 150,000 thousand gannets on the Bass Rock, the world's largest colony of Northern gannets, and speak to their expert staff about the seasonal wildlife on the surrounding islands.

This fabulous prize for four people includes entry to the Scottish Seabird Centre, a Catamaran Cruise around the Bass Rock and Craighleith 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.

location where the book is set.

Castle representatives Sue Mills and Jeremy Fielden welcomed 28 children from the school and gave them a personalised tour of the castle, showing them the locations mentioned in the book and providing them with a number of fun outdoor activities to enjoy as part of their visit.

Thumble Tumble and the Olipheist is author Angela Proctor's first book in a series of three – so far – which tells the stories about a little witch called *Thumble Tumble* and her adventures on Arran.

Angela has had to reprint the book after the first run sold out following the launch of what is believed to be the first novel study pack specially tailored to Scotland's current Curriculum for Excellence.

Launched earlier in the year, the educational pack has already been officially adopted and endorsed by education departments covering hundreds of schools across Scotland.

Explaining why the book is so popular with education de-

partments, schools and pupils Dennis Hopkins, headteacher at St Bridget's Primary School in North Ayrshire, said: 'A H Proctor's self-produced teaching pack, to accompany her very popular *Thumble Tumble* series, promises to be one of the most effective reading resources we've ever used.

'Unlike many other commercially-produced reading resources, Angela has sought the views of our professional learning academy and has tied her pack in so well to satisfy our appetite for higher order reading skills.

'We were also absolutely delighted when she visited our school recently to talk about her journey as an author. She has inspired many of our pupils to follow in her very successful footsteps and to visit the magical island of Arran that features in her books.'

Angela, who joined the pupils of Barshare primary during their visit, said: 'The imagination and creativity that inspires the future generations of authors, playwrights, poets and songwriters, is

born from the inspiration and education we discover in our childhood. Indeed, my successful *Thumble Tumble* adventure series would never have been possible without the magical experiences I had at school as a child.

'To help make sure that Scotland continues to be a world leader in creativity, I decided to create a new novel study that will give schools the magical key to unlock the most creative minds.'

Five local authorities are already using the pack for use in their local schools, including North Ayrshire, Glasgow, East Ayrshire, Stirling and the Scottish Borders, and the pack will be launching in the other 27 Scottish local authorities next term.

In addition to commissioning the teaching pack, Angela is donating 100 per cent of all author profits back to any schools wishing to purchase books to use with the teaching pack.

For more information about the books, news and events or to learn about the author herself, visit: www.thumble-tumble.co.uk

Busy start to summer for mountain rescue team

by Colin Smeeton
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Walkers and climbers were this week told to take care on the hills after Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) recorded a busy June.

With the busy holiday period just starting, the volunteers have already seen a big increase in call-outs this month.

It began on the very first day of June when rescuers evacuated a woman with a suspected lower leg injury from the Goatfell path. She was taken to the Arran War Memorial Hospital where she received further treatment.

On Monday June 10, the team was called out to help a male hill walker who had slipped on Cioch na h-Oighe. SARLOC – a method for locating lost climbers and walkers via text messages – was used to give a grid reference of his location and team members then made their way in both Argo Cat vehicles to the head of Coire Lan.

After approximately an hour the walker was located on some extremely steep ground below the ridge after having fallen around 25 metres on to a ledge. An AMRT



Left, while picturesque, the mountains on Arran can present many dangers and challenges, even for experienced walkers and climbers; and above, AMRT members on Goatfell earlier this month when they helped a group of walkers who became lost in the mist.

Photographs: AMRT

member was lowered down to his location and he was then checked over and lowered down to safety in the coire below.

Although shaken and suffering some minor cuts on his hands, the man was relatively unscathed from his ordeal and was able to walk off the hill with team members.

The following week on Tuesday June 18, the team was again called out to assist

a group of walkers lost in the mist on Goatfell. Both argocats were used to get team members up below the summit and after gaining a location of the lost walkers via SARLOC, team members quickly located the group on the south ridge of Goatfell and walked them off to safety. Although cold and wet, all of the group were uninjured.

The team presently has 28 volunteer members who all have a vast amount of local

knowledge of the hills and mountains between them. Funded entirely by donations,

grant aid and fundraising, the team, which operates out of the newly-extended base at Cladach, is on call 365 days a year.

Members also provide

logistical support and assistance at a number of local events, including the Goatfell hill race and the Goatfell torchlight challenge among others.



Above, two Argo Cats are regularly used by the AMRT to transport members, casualties and equipment to remote locations; and left, a member of the AMRT is lowered onto a steep ridge during a rescue at Cioch na h-Oighe.

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Classic motorcycle show

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Organisers of the annual Classic Motorcycle Show at the Arran Heritage Museum promised it would be the biggest and best yet and they were correct on all accounts.

With more than 80 exhibitors and a record number of people attending the event last Sunday, the show, now in its sixth year, was indeed the biggest and best in its history.

Crowds of people, who were outdoors enjoying the summer sunshine, were treated to an extensive display of motorcycles through the ages which extended across the manicured gardens of the museum and beyond into the field opposite.

On display were a number of vintage, classic, off-road, trial and rare motorcycles which, for a relatively small show, exhibited a large number of unique and very collectable machines.

Organiser Lenny Hartley of Brodick displayed a number of vintage motorcycles with



Left, Paul Williams with his 1946 Velocette KSS which won the best in show trophy.

Photograph: Lenny Hartley/Jingly Jangly Images.

Right, Mike Hawthorne with Belle, a 1949 Vincent Grey Flash which was the winner of Best Race Bike and the People's Bike as voted for by the visitors to the show.

Photograph: Lenny Hartley/Jingly Jangly Images.

motorcycles, including his 1937 Honda Elsinore CR 250 which came in first place in the Off-Road and Motocross class. It was this motorcycle which won Best in Show in the 2016 show.

In addition to the off-road motorcycles, a number of trial bikes, which are becoming increasingly popular on Arran, well represented the growing sport with a variety of older and modern examples on show.

Cars too, vintage and post-war, were on display, with a 1944 specification Willys Jeep and a 1951 MG TD, which

won the Other Interesting Vehicles class.

The Arran Jazz Cafe Band added a relaxing but vibrant musical accompaniment to the show, while the Arran Pipe Band also held a performance which, temporarily brought the show to a standstill.

Following an enjoyable afternoon of music, motorcycles, good food from Cafe Rosaburn, and warm sunshine, a prize-giving was held where the following trophies were awarded:

Classic: Arthur Robinson, Honda CB72 250. Post classic: Laurie McNaughton, Norton Commando 850. Modern: Davey Cleary, MV Agusta F4 312R. Off-road and Motocross: Neil Currie, Honda Elsinore. Racing and Specials: Mike Hawthorne, Vincent Grey Flash. Other Interesting Vehicles: Bill Martin, MG TD 1951. People's Choice/ Bike of the Year: Mike Hawthorne, Vincent Grey Flash. Best in Show: Paul Williams, Velocette KSS.

unique racing pedigrees, including a 1960s 500cc Velocette Venom and a Yamaha TZ350, both with Isle of Man TT provenance.

Attracting a huge amount of attention from admirers, and winning the Racing and

Specials category, and the People's Choice class, was the 1949 Vincent Grey Flash replica, which was meticulously restored and rebuilt by Mike Hawthorne of MHR Engineering. Having sat in a wet garage since 1970, the

machine was rebuilt in only five months and has gone on to win numerous awards at motorcycle shows around the country and abroad.

Neil Currie of Shiskine impressed judges with his collection of off-road



Above, organisers Lenny Hartley, Ian Leitch and Ronnie Logan just before the prize-giving ceremony. 01_B26motorcycle07; and right, The Arran Jazz Cafe Band added a relaxing but vibrant musical accompaniment to the show. 01_B26motorcycle03



Judges Norrie Pattie and John Hartley cast an eye over the motorcycles on display.

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attracts record numbers



Above, David Robson of Glasgow and High Corrie is pictured on his Russian Ural 750cc with sidecar.
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Left, visitors browse the selection of more than 80 motorcycles which were on display. 01_B26motorcycle04



A rare racing machine, a Rickman Trident Metisse 750cc owned by Lenny Hartley.
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Always a huge attraction, the Arran Pipe Band perform at the show. 01_B26motorcycle09

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We really are spoiled for choice on Arran. Do you want sea views or stunning vistas while you enjoy your

meal? There are places for that. Gourmet meals served in opulent surroundings? You can get that too. Whatever your preference, Arran has it all, from pub meals to renowned restaurants, and everything inbetween.

Representing cuisines from around the world, and with many offering locally sourced products from our own shores, good quality restaurants are abundant in nearly every village on Arran.

Far removed from chain res-

taurants and offering unique, and often owner-run, service you can depend on good quality food, at affordable prices, at most restaurants and establishments on Arran which has rapidly gained a reputation and become a byword for quality food and drink.

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Business booming at Lochranza distillery

Isle of Arran Distillers in Lochranza is one of the most visited distilleries in Scotland, having attracted more than 126,000 visitors to its distillery and visitor centre last year, writes Colin Smeeton.

These figures have helped contribute to the growing industry which has seen visitor numbers to distilleries across Scotland topping two million for the first time.

According to the Scotch Whisky Association's (SWA) annual survey, distillery visits were up 6.1 per cent year-on-year and 56 per cent more than in 2010.

Visitors from Germany



and the United States provided the largest number of Scottish whisky tourists, with increased numbers visiting from France, Spain, and the Netherlands, as well

as India and China. Gerard Tattersfield, visitor centre manager at Arran Distillers, said: 'Year-on-year we see good growth, not just from whisky enthusiasts but from

more holiday visitors to Arran and the effects of Road Equivalent Tariff (RET).

'The Arran malt as a brand certainly seems to have come of age over the last few years and is now an established, quality independent player in the Scotch whisky industry.

'With our Lagg distillery now open we are hoping to attract even more visitors to the island.'

Karen Betts, Scotch Whisky Association chief executive, said: 'The growing number of visitors to distilleries reflects in part the growth in tourism in Scotland in general, and people coming to Scotland want to see our local crafts

and sample our food and drink. Distilleries offer something of an antidote to today's fast-paced world, where visitors can see the slow, careful craft, rooted in a distinct sense of place, that creates Scotch whisky.

'The growth in whisky tourism is also playing a crucial role in Scotland's rural economy, with more stays at hotels, more bookings at restaurants, and more customers for businesses, helping communities to grow and prosper.

'The industry has invested a great deal in creating fabulous visitor facilities. That investment has been

fostered by the more stable tax environment created by recent freezes in excise duty. We hope the government will continue this policy, which has helped the industry to continue to invest in world-class visitor attractions.'

The new distillery at Lagg, also owned by Arran Distillers, is expected to further boost visitor numbers to Arran as well as contribute to the national total.

Whisky exports were valued at £4.7 billion in 2018, with 41 bottles of Scotch whisky per second shipped overseas. Scotland is home to 128 operating malt distilleries, with 68 visitor centres.



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Arran Westie off to capital in latest Corrie's Capers

Second picture book in the children's series hits the bookshelves

by Colin Smeeton
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The second installment in the Corrie's Capers series, *Tattoo Toorie*, has just been released by Arran author Alison Page.

Vividly illustrated by Kirsty Oxley, the book and its predecessor are all part of a not-for-profit venture with all profits generated being split between the charity Mary's Meals and funding for the next book.

Alison Page is the Mary's Meals ambassador on Arran and her previous book, *The Westie Fest*, has already raised more than £2,000 for the charity.

The books, which tell the story of a West Highland terrier called Corrie, have proven to be incredibly popular among children and collectors, both on Arran and further afield.

Georgetown Primary school in Dumfries loved Corrie so much it used the book as a basis for several nursery projects over the last six months.

It also turned its school sports day into a sponsored Westie Fest Games in Corrie's honour, with all funds raised from this going to its school garden and Mary's Meals.



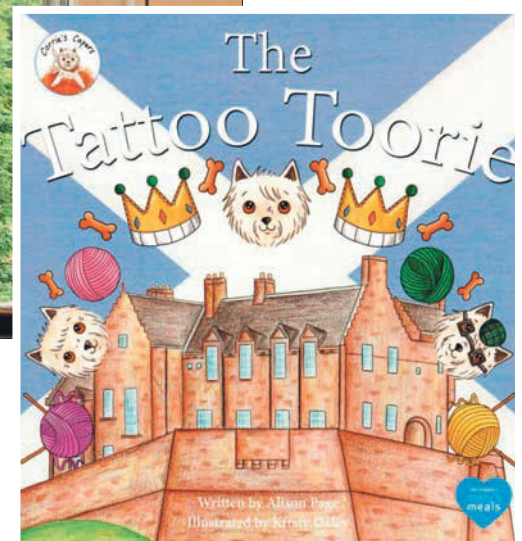
Author Alison Page and illustrator Kirsty Oxley in Edinburgh where the *Tattoo Toorie* story takes place; and below, the cover of *Tattoo Toorie* which has just been released. The book sales will benefit the charity Mary's Meals.

Alison, who has been delighted with the sales of the books in the series, said: 'There was always a risk I could be lining the loft with unsold books, so I'm very happy it has proved to be

popular. Thanks to everyone who purchased copies.'

Tattoo Toorie will be officially launched at The Glenisle, Lamlash on Friday July 19, where Alison will be signing her books, which

will be on sale at the event. People who would like to buy a copy of the book earlier can find a copy at a number of stores on Arran, or on the Corrie Capers website at westie.scot/



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An islands adventure

Arran and other islands of the Clyde archipelago

An illustrated guide
By David C & S Alison
Kilpatrick

Of the all the books which have been written over the years about Arran few include the other islands of the Clyde.

However, that has been rectified with the publication of 'Arran and other islands of the Clyde Archipelago', which has just hit the bookshelves.

It has been written, and self-published, by husband and wife team David and Alison Kilpatrick as something of a labour of love and is already selling well.

And as David admits from the outset: 'We have not written this book in order to make money.'

'After paying the cost of publishing, we propose to donate any royalties to the John Muir Trust, a charity very close to our hearts.'

The book itself is handsomely illustrated by some images of the islands and the birds, animals and flora and fauna which inhabit them.

And it is not the first time the couple have collaborated in their writing – but why a guide book?

David said: 'First we just like writing about things that interest us. Second we wanted to produce a guide that specifically contains the sort of information that we ourselves would like to have, in a fairly concise and readable form.'

'At the very least, potential visitors interested but ignorant of the Clyde islands should garner some idea of the characteristics of this archipelago and therefore what to expect.'

'A third reason for this is that it provides an excuse for publishing some rather pleasant photographs.'

The guide gives an overview



David and Alison Kilpatrick with the book on Brodick shorefront. 01_B25islands01

of the nine main islands found in the Clyde archipelago with the major emphasis on Arran and then Bute and Great Cumbrae.

The other islands featured are: Holy Isle, Pladda, Little Cumbrae, Inchmarnock, Sanda and Ailsa Craig, with a passing reference to the other much smaller islands scattered around the Clyde.

The most interesting fauna and flora are described in some detail, as are archaeological sites and numerous other places of interest.

Finally a variety of walks,

both short and lengthy, are also outlined. Dr David Kilpatrick was born in Edinburgh in 1950 and first visited Arran in 1965.

He spent his career as a consultant immunologist in medical research and has authored around 120 research reports and reviews and written the autobiography of Professor Sir John Crofton.

His wife Alison was also born in Edinburgh in 1952 and spent her career in education as a primary school teacher during which time she wrote several books for schoolchildren and teachers.

The couple were married in 1980 and have two children.

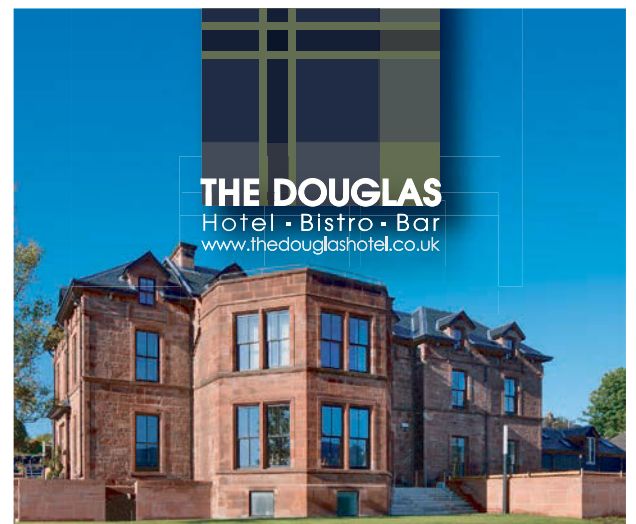
They bought a house in Pirmill in 1995 and, since retirement in 2012, spend around half their time there.

They previously collaborated on a medical education booklet in 1987 simply titled Aids, aimed at teenagers.

The book published by FastPrint Publishing costs £10 and is available at The Book and Card Centre in Brodick and other outlets.

It is also available on Amazon.

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| Brodick Castle and Gardens | Open 10am - 5pm |
| Octopus Centre | Old Pavilion, Lamlash, centre open seven days, 10am - 5pm |
| Octopus Centre – tennis | Old Pavilion, Lamlash, open 7 days, any time |
| Brodick Mini Golf | Open seven days, 9am - 5pm-ish, ALL weather |
| Soap making and candle dipping | Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am-4pm |
| Public swimming | Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodick, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm) and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm) |
| Swimming lessons | Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm |
| Arran Brewery | Open Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm |
| Arran Heritage Museum | Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am and 2pm or by arrangement Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm |

Saturday 29th June

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| Flow Yoga | Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am |
| Malt and Music Festival | Lochranza Distillery, from 11am |
| Craft Market | Brodick Hall, 11am - 3pm |
| Rink Games | Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm |
| Rink Bowls | Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm |
| Rink Bowls | Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm |
| Lamlash Church Fete | Lamlash Church, 2pm |
| Family games | Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm |
| RNLI Shop - Open | Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm |
| Lamlash Church Fete | Lamlash Church, 2pm |
| Arran CND meeting | Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 2.15pm |
| Gym Induction | Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm |
| Fun in the pool | Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm |
| Live Music | Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm |
| Live Music - Scott Nicol | The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm - 11pm |
| Malt and Music Festival Ceilidh | Lochranza Distillery, 8pm - 12.30am |
| Live Music - Restart | The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm |
| Over-21s' Disco | Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm |

Sunday 30th June

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| Shiskine Half Marathon | Blackwaterfoot Playing Field, 12noon |
| Live Music – Jeremy Levif | 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 - Jeremy Moby Levif | The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm |
| Alcoholics Anonymous meeting | Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm |
| Folk Music Session | Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm |

Monday 1st July

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| Morning Fitness | Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am |
| Coffee Morning | Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, Whiting Bay, 10.30am - 12noon |
| 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 | Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm |
| Rink Bowls | Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm |
| Live Music – Arran Dawn | Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm |
| Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s | Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm |

Tuesday 2nd July

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| Body Blitz (booking essential) | Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am |
| Healthy Outdoors Team | Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm |
| Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries | Home House House, Brodick, 10am - 3pm |
| Gardens open, teas in 19th century Boathouse | Dougarie Estate, 2pm - 5pm |
| Rink Bowls | Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm |
| Alcoholics Anonymous meeting | Brodick Church Hall, 2pm |
| Bridge class (beginners/improvers) | Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm |
| Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group | Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm |
| Steak Night – two Ribeye Steaks and bottle of win | Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm |

Gym induction
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs)
Flow Yoga
Netball
Eco Savvy Food Share
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Traditional Music Sessions

Wednesday 3rd July

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| Yoga | Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am |
| Hydrofit | Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am |
| Brodick Gardens Volunteers | Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm |
| Coffee Morning | 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, Brodick, 10.30am for 11am |
| Arran Skinnymalinks, Lamlash | Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am |
| Chair Yoga Exercise Class | St Mollis Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am |
| Knit and Blether | Bay Wool and Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm |
| Dog Classes | Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm |
| Talk introducing Arran's Unique Geology | Arran Heritage Museum, 1.30pm and 2.30pm |
| Montrose House Summer Fete | Stronach Day Centre, Brodick, from 2pm |
| Parkinsons Support Group | Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm |
| Arran Pace Makers Running Group | Brodick, 5.30pm |
| Flow Yoga | Shiskine Hall, 6pm |
| Junior Rugby (P3-P7) | Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm |
| Rink Games | Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm |
| Rink Bowls | Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm |
| Live Music – Milke Bailey | Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm |
| Tae Kwondo | 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, Brodick, 9pm |

Thursday 4th July

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| Morning fitness | Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 - 10.30am |
| Curly's Hidden Treasures | Octopus Centre, Lamlash, 10.30am - 3pm |
| Chair Yoga Exercise Class | Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am |
| Arran Skinnymalinks, Brodick | Brodick Church Hall, 10am |
| Spinning and Weaving demonstration | Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am to 3pm |
| Adult Tennis | Blackwaterfoot, 5pm |
| Body Blitz (booking essential) | Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm |
| Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +) | Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm |
| Eco Savvy Food Share | Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm |
| Eco Savvy Food Share | Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm |
| The Drift Inn Quiz | Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm |
| Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz | Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm |

Friday 5th July

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| Yoga | Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am |
| Hydrofit | Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am |
| ACL1 - 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 Kwondo | Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm |
| Live Music – Sharon Collins and the Anchorline | Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm |
| Friday Night Quiz | Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm |

Saturday 6th July

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| Flow Yoga | Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am |
| Craft Market | Brodick Hall, 11am - 3pm |
| Rink Games | Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm |
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| Live Music - Cams Campbell | Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm |
| Live Music - Anchorline Music Collaboration | The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm |
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Funding refusal

Lochranza has been turned down by the Millennium Commission in its quest to build a new village hall which comes as a blow to those so active in raising money, but it is not the end of the line.

Having planned to build a brand new £417,000 hall, the conditions from the commission were that the village had to find half the money. In fact they have already done that, having started raising money in May 1998. They have raised £40,000 themselves and secured about another £170,000 from North Ayrshire and other public bodies.

Where Lochranza hall has failed to qualify though, is in the points system for: community profile, present and future needs, design, energy efficiency and disabled access.

However, other sources of funding will now be sought.

Gaelic resource

Arran has a Gaelic resource centre, based at the Glenartney Hotel in Brodick. 'Taigh Arainn' (Gaelic for house of Arran) is run by the Dalriada Celtic Heritage Trust and in-

cludes books, brochures, computers, internet access and a wide range of learning facilities for fluent speakers and beginners alike.

Speaking at the opening this week were Councillor John Sillars, Donald Martin of Comunn na Gaidhlig and James McKelvie of the Arran Society of Glasgow. Also invited was Brian Wilson MP, a keen supporter of all things Gaelic, but who could not attend as he is believed to be on a trade mission to Mexico.

Making history

A little piece of history was created on Arran last Sunday. At Corrie Church seven children were baptised together by the Rev Dr Ian MacLeod.

Seven at one blow is unusual enough but what was unique was the service itself. The Church of Scotland has no service for the baptism of children but the Rev Macleod created a new service to match the occasion.

The Church's Book of Common Order, which dates from 1652, only offers two types of service for baptism, one is for infants and the other is for adults. There is nothing in between and this is a measure of how unusual it is for children of school age to be baptised.



The Rev Dr Ian MacLeod welcomes Robert Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Sophie Taylor, Simon Sloan, Kerrin Gorrie, Claire Taylor and Guy Sloan into the Church of Scotland where they were baptised. 01_B26twe01



Arran's young footballers got a chance to show off their skills at the annual Irn-Bru seven-a-side tournament at Sandbraes. Shiskine, pictured, were the senior winners while Whiting Bay won the junior section. 01_B26twe04



The Old Pier Shop in Whiting Bay re-opened its doors for business this week. Closed since January it will now be run as a DIY shop and builders' merchants by Chris and Susan Marriott. Pictured at the new shop, called MBS, are Liz Kennedy, Chris Marriott, Neil McKechnie, Susan Marriott and Margaret Green. 01_B26twe02



Taking home the trophies at the Kildonan and District sheepdog trials was the highest placed local handler Willie McConnell of Lamlash, pictured with his winning bitch, Style, and her son Moss. 01_B26twe05



Taking shelter from the rain are some of the trophy winners of the Glen Rosa Horseshoe hill race who are joined by Marion Noble of Arran Distillers, sponsors of the event. 01_B26twe03

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together

Minister: Rev Angus Adamson, Parish Assistant: Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 30th June
Lochranza Church, 9.30 am. Morning Worship.
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am. Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12 noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am. Prayer Meeting, 12 noon 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 30th June
Family Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served after the service. All most welcome to stay and enjoy more fellowship.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 30th June
Trinity 2
Holy Communion- 11 am.
Richard Trewby
Coffee after service
Everyone is welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 30th 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 30th June

Rev. Dr. Ian MacLeod
Kilmory at 10 am
Lamlash at 11.30 am
Songs of Praise on the Green if dry
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 30th 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 30th 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
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 30th 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 29th June
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm
Sunday 30th June
Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Holy Cross Church, Brodick
Thursday 4th July
5.30pm
Taize Praise and Meditation
Theme: The Light of Christ

DEATH

MANN: Jean. Died peacefully on Sunday evening the 23rd June 2019 at Montrose House, aged 97. The family would like to thank all the staff at Montrose house for their care and attention. Committal at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Irvine on Friday 5th July at 1.30pm. No flowers please.



Winner of the Nancy McCutcheon Trophy Alice Anderson, with her friends from Shiskine Golf Club.



Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 19, Summer Cup, 41 played, CSS 64.
Douglas Robertson 79-19=60,
Gordon Hendry 68-6=62,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

NICOL: Sheila Margaret. Archie, Anne, Allan and Sheila wish to thank all the doctors, nurses and other staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital for the care and attention to Sheila over the past year. Thanks to Social Services, the Home Care team and District Nurses who allowed Sheila to remain at home for so long and to the management and staff of Cooriedoon Nursing home for the loving care and attention during her short time with them.

Thank you to the Rev. Angus Adamson for visits and for the moving service at the crematorium and to friends who joined us there. Thanks also to David and Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements and to those who sent messages of sympathy. £365 was generously donated, on the day, to Parkinson's UK.

Benjamin Cook 82-18=64.
Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 64.
Sunday June 23,
Marchioness of Graham Trophy, Bogey Competition, 24 played, CSS 64. Sam Tattersfield 19, four up, John May 20, three up, Iain MacDonald seven, two up. Well done to the Brodick team on beating Lamlash in the first round of the Hope Cup.

Fixtures: Saturday June 29: Hope Cup finals day at Lochranza from 1pm. Sunday June 30, Sweep, 8.30am/1pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday June 19, Summer Cup. 1 G McKelvie 69-9=60 and scratch, 2 D Logan 72-11=61, 3 R I McMillan 78-17=61. Magic twos, Alistair McDonald which happened to be the 'Magic one'.

Fixtures: Saturday June 29, AGU Hope Cup semi finals and final at Lochranza. Wednesday July 3, 18-hole sweep, ballot at 6pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies' section: Thursday June 20: Stroke round three, CSS 66, PAR 65, six played. 1 Sheena Murchie 82-14=68, 2 Ruth Hardie 97-26=71. Scratch, Sheena 82.

Fixtures : Wednesday July 17: Ladies' Open, 15-hole competition.

Spaces available. See club website for details.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday June 20, Nancy McCutcheon Trophy. 1 Alice Anderson 26 points, 2 Ann May 22 points, 3 Fiona Scott 21 points.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Fixtures: Tuesday July 2, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary and Duncan Sillers Cup, tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm. Thursday July 4, Ladies; Open Tri Am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 19, The Ballantyne Cup, 19 played and the CSS stayed 63. After just missing out on the Seniors Open Championship, John Pennycott continued his fine run of form to win the Ballantyne Cup by one shot from Wolfi Kroner. 1 John Pennycott 14, 61, 2 Wolfi Kroner 17, 62, ACB, 3 Ronnie Mann 14, 62, 4 Kevin Jackson 10, 63. Nicol Auld's 72 was the best gross score.

Saturday June 22, The AGA Hope Cup: Whiting Bay enjoyed a comfortable victory against Shiskine Golf Club at Lochranza and will now

play the host club in next week's semi final. Sunday June 23, The Morton Quaich: Nineteen played on a glorious morning which got even hotter as the day went on.

Refreshments in the sunshine were enjoyed at the outdoor tables behind the home green. Very entertaining, as was the tale of a past captain literally getting his knickers in a twist halfway through the back nine. But back to the golf:

David Morrison shot a fine gross 70 to win by two shots from Kevin Jackson. 1 David Morrison 11, 59, 2 Kevin Jackson 10, 61, 3 Jamie Macpherson 5, 62, ACB and lowest gross, 4 John Pennycott 13, 62. CSS came down to 62. Macic twos, Laurence Blair, Wayne Dale and Jamie Macpherson, all at the 17th.

Fixtures: Saturday June 29: AGA Hope Cup at Lochranza, 1pm and 6pm. Sunday June 30: Medal, draws at 9am and 11am. Wednesday July 3: Summer Trophy.

THE LAST WALTZ
Grief Circle
Is somebody special missing?
If you would like a safe place to share memories over coffee and cake, call in to Heather Lodge on the last Sunday of the month.
Next meeting Sunday 30th June, 2-4pm

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Man's seven golf rounds and 40 miles on the run

Glasgow man Paul McLean, who credits Ayrshire Hospice with allowing him and his family extra time to spend with his terminally ill mother, has completed a gruelling Arran challenge to raise money for the charity.

Last weekend, Paul played each of Arran's seven golf courses - 93 holes. After each round, he ran to the next course before teeing off again.

The challenge entailed approximately 40 miles of running and approximately 13.5 miles of golfing which he completed within 36 hours including a 'few hours of sleep'.

Paul said: 'I wanted to combine a physical pursuit with some golf and somehow ended up designing a challenge which involved me running and hacking my way around Arran. For the record, I dislike running and my golf is getting progressively worse,

Paul's 36-hour Arran challenge boosts Ayrshire Hospice

so I perhaps could have chosen a more suitable challenge.'

Speaking about what drove him to undertake the challenge, Paul said: 'My mum's second battle with breast cancer began a few years ago, a challenge she faced head on without any sign of fear or complaints. Even during lengthy spells of treatment, she always put others first and this selflessness epitomised her personality.'

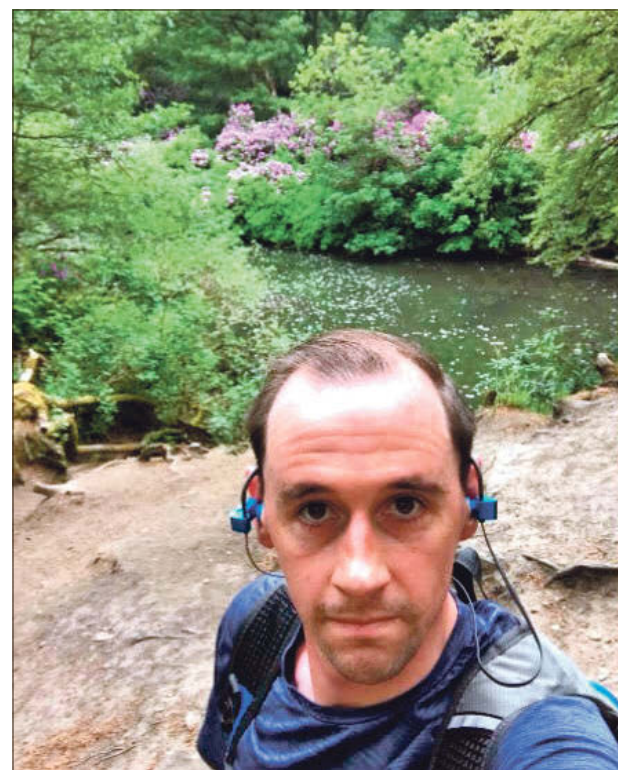
'Towards the end, and despite our best efforts to prepare her to pass at home, it was clear she required a greater level of care to ensure her final weeks were as com-

fortable as possible. This was offered by Ayrshire Hospice and was the best thing that could have happened in those final few weeks.'

'They offered expert care for my mum and the rest of the family, recognising family members go through a difficult time also. It was purely through the care on offer at the hospice that we were able to spend extended, quality time with her. This included a special 10 weeks with her new grandson, Alexander, who was born in August 2018 and enable us to be with her at her side when she passed on November 9 2018.'

Paul's challenge started at Shiskine and continued clockwise around the island.

Anyone wishing to donate to Paul's challenger should visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/arrangolfultamarathon>



Right: Paul McLean of Glasgow during his training for the golfing ultra-marathon in aid of Ayrshire Hospice.

Arran runner on target for Unicef



David Allsop during his training for the marathons.

Arran runner David Allsop is nearing the mid point in his five marathon and half marathon challenge in aid of Unicef.

No stranger to the marathon scene, David is a well-known face on Arran and recently returned home to take part in the Goatfell race.

His latest challenge has already seen him complete the Stirling Half Marathon and Edinburgh Marathon. He has the Arran Half Marathon to complete this weekend, followed by the Great North Run in Newcastle and lastly the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow.

David, who now lives in Kilsyth, is running the marathons while raising money, through his Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/david-allsokeep-children-safe, for Unicef.

Unicef gets emergency aid to children all over the world during humanitarian crises. They have rapid response teams getting life-saving food, clean water, medical care and sanitation to children caught up in conflict, civil war and famine.



David Allsop triumphantly crosses the finish line after completing the Goatfell race last month. 01_B21Goatfell08

Arran Bridge results

The results of the aggregate competition played on Monday June 24 are as follows:

N/S 1 Margaret MacGill and Jan Beattie, 2 Liz Robertson and Jennifer McArthur, 3 Pat Adamson and Brenda Livingstone. E/W 1 John Barraclough and Jim Peacock, 2 Elizabeth McKellar and Sue Thurogood, 3 Jennifer Whales and Doug Chase.

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Eilidh's riding high after cycling panel appointment

Eilidh Hamill of Arran High School is to play a key role in developing cycling in Scotland over the next two years as part of the Scottish Cycling Young People's Panel (SCYPP).

Eilidh has been selected as one of nine panel members – after applications were received from across Scotland – to be a part of the first SCYPP.

Led by Scottish Cycling, the national governing body for cycle sport in Scotland, the panel provides a national platform to represent a voice for young people from across Scotland to influence and shape the future of cycling

in Scotland. Eilidh, along with the eight other panel members, will have the opportunity over the next two years to have her views heard and valued and the chance to influence decision making and drive change in the sport.

Applications

A rigorous recruitment process began in March when applications were submitted by young people between the ages of 14-23 years old from every region of Scotland.

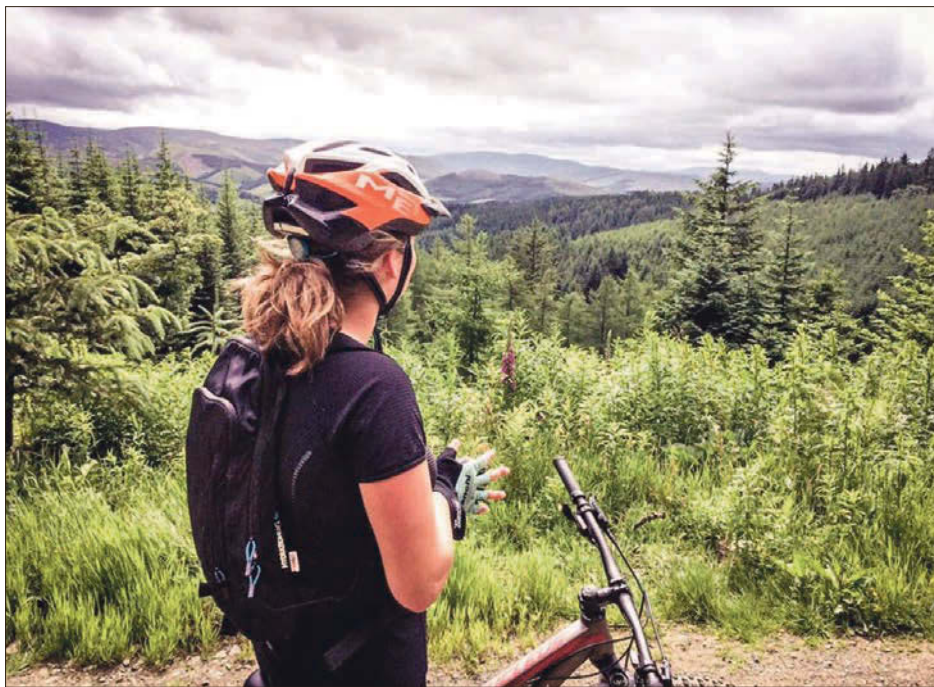
The new panel met for the first time in Scottish Cycling's headquarters at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on Thursday June 6, along with

their parents and guardians.

This provided an opportunity for the young people to find out more about the opportunities that lay ahead as part of the panel, to meet each other for the first time, and understand the expectations of them over the next two years.

Eilidh, 16, who is a Young Ambassador at Arran High School coaches a range of sports, including mountain biking in her school club.

When asked what she would like to achieve as part of the panel, she said: 'My main aim is to be able to impact positively within



Eilidh looks out over the hills during one of her cycling sessions on Arran.



Eilidh Hamill will represent young people in Scotland to help develop and promote the sport of cycling.

the sport – be it on a large scale or even changing one person's opinion of the sport. I want to spread my love of cycling and focus on creating opportunities.

'I would love to see higher participation rates within rural communities in competitions and increase the ability for participants here to train at higher levels.'

This is a new project for Scottish Cycling, and sits at the heart of its strategy for the

future. Scottish Cycling CEO Craig Burn congratulated the new panel members and is excited about the impact that the panel has the potential to make on the sport across the country.

He said: 'I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our nine new panel members and welcome them to the Scottish Cycling team.'

'I look forward to seeing the positive impact their dedication and passion for

cycling in Scotland has and encourage them to take full advantage of this experience.'

The panel will be engaged in projects across the organisation – from regional development to events, and coaching and education. They will be supported to identify areas of self-development so that they not only have an impact on the sport but also that they gain new skills and experiences to support their future endeavours.

Weather abates for Laidler-Gardiner Trophy

After three weeks of matches for the Laidler-Gardiner Trophy, many of which were hampered by inclement weather conditions, the Arran Bowls Federation's island championship finally went ahead last week.

Contested

Taking place over four days starting on Monday June 17, the island championships were contested by island teams at the Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club.

Rain once again threatened the proceedings early on

the final day but as the club plays on an outdoor carpet, matches were able to continue through the showers. There was some respite from the weather though and the final matches were played on a balmy evening.

All of the ties were keenly contested and the eventual winners were: Gents' singles, Charlie Weir of Brodick; Ladies' singles, Ann Frame of Whiting Bay; Pairs, Lamlash; Triples, Blackwaterfoot.

The Laidler-Gardiner Trophy was won by Lamlash

despite playing all their matches away from home – they have a problem with their green which means that it is unplayable at the moment.

Presentation

Following the final match, a celebration and prize presentation was held at the John Robertson Hall in Shiskine where a celebratory supper was enjoyed.

The competition rotates round the island and next year the Whiting Bay club will be the hosts.



All of the prize winners with their trophies, from left: Jock Sloss, Charlie Weir, David Price, Christine Robinson, Keith Thompson, Ann Frame, Jim Gibson and Iain Heron.

Southend dump Lamlash from Arran Haulage Cup

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| Southend | 3 |
| Lamlash | 2 |
| Arran Haulage Cup | |

Lamlash were hard done by to leave Sandbraes Park on Monday night, having been knocked out of the cup in a game that was almost equally matched, but decided in extra time. The Neil Young boys looked determined from the outset and put up a determined fight.

Creating chances through the first half, they were finally rewarded when Johnny Sloss scored a sublime free kick

into the top corner of the goals.

The lead didn't last long as Southend went on the attack down the right side and Donny Park converted a great solo goal to put the scores level at the break.

Lamlash went in front once again when Ben Tattersfield headed the ball into the bottom corner of the goals.

Southend pushed forward continually but the Lamlash defence stood strong until 10 minutes to go when Ryan Armstrong met Gregor Crichton's corner to nod it in and to force extra time.

It was Ryan once again who made the difference in the second half of extra time to power in a left-footed strike to put the Southenders through to the semi final.

Referee Ian McDonald gave the man of the match to young Southend defender Joe McHugh, who put in a solid shift defensively and also made some great runs down the right wing.

The semi finals of the Arran Haulage Cup will take place on Monday July 1 when Shiskine take on Southend and Northend play against Brodick.



Lamlash narrowly missed out on making it to the semi finals of the Arran Haulage Cup.

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The Southend team were the victors in the Arran Haulage Cup. 01_B26footyX01

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| Shiskine | 2 |
| Brodick | 10 |
| Arran Dairies League | |

Brodick striker Joel Small stole the show on Monday night with an emphatic display to earn the man-of-the-match award and add another four goals to his tally for the season. Lachlan Campbell scored his first goal for Brodick and also got another

to mark a brilliant game for the youngster.

Iain Keen made his comeback for Brodick and was rewarded with a goal too. John Drummond, Kyle McNicol and Cameron Logan were

also on the score sheet for the visitors.

Donald Mulholland scored for Shiskine and Martyn Hynes unfortunately got his second own goal in as many weeks.

Isle of Arran Dairies



Arran's Yvonne is determined to go for gold



In full swing, Yvonne launches the weight across the field.

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natural strength and ability to achieve her goal. Naturally co-ordinated, as most women are, she shows real promise and with another three of four phases of training she will be more than ready for the Brodick games in August.'

By phases, Scott means cycles of strength and skill building with periods of rest - all of which explains why the student and teacher can be seen either at the gym or on the field practising four days a week in all types of weather.

In addition to the Brodick games, Yvonne intends to enter the Bute and Cumnock

games in the heavy events section. Yvonne said: 'It would be nice if there were more women in the sport to compete and train with. If there are any other women on Arran who are interested then do get it in touch. I would love it if there were more women to have a female category at the Brodick Highland Games but even if there is not, I am still happy to compete with the men.'

Yvonne's biggest dream is to attend the Cowal Games, an invitation-only event, that takes place in Dunoon, Argyll and which is attended by more than 23,000 people.



Yvonne practises tossing the caber under the watchful eye of Scott Clark. 01_B25yvonne03

Arran's only strongwoman is determined to go for gold

by Colin Smeeton
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Yvonne Currie, who made history by becoming the first female competitor in the heavy events at Brodick Highland Games, has set her sights on another personal goal – winning a gold medal.

And the Lamlash strongwoman recently realised that her ambition is well within her capabilities when she took second place at the Ardrossan Highland Games in a strong field in her second competitive appearance.

But her introduction to the sport came about in a rather haphazard manner when

only three hours before last year's Brodick games, she was given an impromptu training session after saying: 'I think I'll give it a go.'

And ever since that day, having had a taste of the sport, she has been motivated to succeed. Competitive and feminine by nature, it may come as no surprise to many that she has decided to 'make a go of it' because she has never been cowed in trying her hand at new activities, even those traditionally undertaken by men.

Although working in the medical industry Yvonne frequently joined her brothers in the house-building trade and when heavy lifting was

required, she 'just got on with it' and gained the admiration of her co-workers who realised that she could haul heavy loads up flights of stairs as effortlessly as they could.

In fact, her unusual strength has been recognised before, at the gym, when a male gym member in conversation described her as having 'unnatural' strength after watching her lifting weights.

To help her hone her skills and achieve her dreams, Yvonne has enlisted the help of Scott Clark, Arran's now retired strongman, who has won numerous international events and more gold medals at the Brodick games than he can remember.

Scott said: 'Yvonne has the

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Heavy events champion Scott Clark goes through some techniques and tips with Yvonne Currie. 01_B25yvonne01



Yvonne practises shot put with a weight far exceeding the standard weight for women's competition. 01_B25yvonne05



Yvonne has her own group of supporters who joined her at the Ardrossan Games where she achieved second place. Photo: Mark Bunyan.



Yvonne Currie pictured competing at last year's Brodick Highland Games. 01_B25yvonne02



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