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Arran community rallies behind visa row couple

Let me stay in the place I love, pleads Lizanne

by Hugh Boag editor@arranbanner.co.uk

An Arran businesswoman could be deported in days unless there is an 11th hour reprieve.

Lizanne Zietsman, who runs The Sandwich Station with husband John Malpas, has had her visa to stay in the UK refused by the Home Office. Now frantic efforts are being made to halt her deportation ahead of next Friday's deadline.

Lizanne, who holds a South African passport, has been told she is no longer welcome but an online petition calling for this to be reconsidered has already attracted more than 5,200 signatures and the Arran community has rallied in support, while MP Patricia Gibson has taken the fight to parliament.

And the widespread support has brought the couple hope. John told the Banner this

week: 'My wife and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Arran for the overwhelming show of support following a particularly cruel and counterproductive decision by the Home Office to refuse the renewal of my wife's UK visa. 'For those of you who do not know the circumstances of this decision please allow me to give you a little background. I am a British citizen and my family have had both

a house and strong commu-

nity ties in Corrie since the 1950s. 'I met my wife Lizanne in 2006 while we were both working for the much-missed Creelers restaurant and quickly fell in love. Lizanne was born in Zimbabwe but due to the much-publicised political troubles had to renounce her citizenship and obtain a South African passport in her early childhood.

'After our first summer together I decided to join her on her return to Africa where we spent many happy years running safari lodges in Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania. Eventually the



Lizanne Zietsman and John Malpas outside The Sandwich Station.

stresses of Africa and the lack of security of any potential investment we might make there led us to the decision to leave.

'In 2015 we came back to Arran for a short break to clear our heads and figure out our next move but we quickly fell back in love with island and its people, and within a very short time it felt like we had never left

'Roll on a year and we were fortunate enough to be able to put all of our savings into the acquisition of the Sandwich Station in Lochranza where many of you have met my wife and occasionally me when I am not hiding in the kitchen dreaming up obscure sandwich fillings.

sandwich fillings. 'Since taking the shop on the business has gone from strength to strength. We had to become VAT registered early last year and everything continues to grow. We have Continued on page two

Parking charges to be reviewed

by Colin Smeeton editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Plans for seasonal parking charges in Brodick are to be reviewed after a concerted effort was made by all three Arran and Ardrossan councillors to win a fight to have the council reconsider the decision.

However, the victory is only a stay of execution and could still be rejected when North Ayrshire Council reconvenes after the summer recess.

The 'call in request' follows the decision made by the council, as part of a council-wide strategy to introduce short-stay parking charges, to introduce charges on the shorefront in Brodick in a first for Arran.

The charges, which were given the go-ahead at a full council meeting last month, were also allied with the decriminalisation of parking enforcement (DPE) which would allow for the council to take control over parking enforcement, currently dealt with by Police Scotland, but only in response to complaints or obstructive parking.

Voicing their objections to the decision and outlining

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Graduation day



Seven youngsters from Brodick Nursery are all smiles at their graduation day. The pre-school group will be taking the next step of their education in August when they advance to primary one after the summer break.

Pack your medicines

With schools out many families are set to make the most of their summer holidays. NHS 24 is encouraging travellers who take regular medicines to plan ahead to avoid any unwelcome stress or impact on health.

Whether the holiday is abroad or within the UK, the Be Health-Wise this Summer campaign is highlighting the importance of having enough of your usual medication to last a whole trip, including unexpected travel delays, and a few days after you return. Advice

For more advice on travelling with medicines this summer, visit NHSinform. scot/travel



Parking charges to be reviewed

Continued from page one the reasons in a lengthy report, Councillors Timothy Billings, Ellen McMaster and Tony Gurney presented their case to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee which agreed that the parking charges should be reconsidered

This stay of execution does not mean that parking charges will, or will not, be introduced, but rather that the recommendation of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee will now be considered by the Cabinet.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'The Audit and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations on the proposed Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and the introduction of car parking charges will be considered at a future meeting of Cabinet.

'Cabinet members can then choose to accept the recommendations or move ahead with the previously-approved proposals, which would then be considered by a meeting of the full council.'

The primary reasons given for the move by the councillors were: that it is contrary to the council's own car parking strategy; that the short stay parking is required as long stay parking owing to the requirement of having to travel to mainland appointments; the effects on business, including promoting growth and tourism; and that the introduction of charges would encourage problematic parking in nearby areas.

Important too was the mention of the 'easy going approach to life on Arran' which as a tourist destination vastly differs from the mainland and city centres in how parking is utilised by residents and visitors and businesses.

A further number of reasons and implications were provided for maintaining the



Plans for the introduction of parking charges for the shorefront at Brodick will now be reconsidered by the cabinet. 01_B24parking01

status quo but in summing up the paper said: 'There is no local support to these proposals, and it is clear that the proposals were written without any understanding of how the existing car parking is used, what effects the introduction of parking charges will have on people's parking behaviour, and what the consequences of these changes will be on residents, businesses or visitors. The report makes sweeping assumptions about the benefits of parking charges whilst providing no evidence to back them up.

'In the case of Arran, the Cabinet has made a mistake as this proposal is clearly in opposition to the stated and agreed aims of the council. Therefore, the Audit and Scrutiny Committee should recommend that parking charges are not introduced on Arran, and that Arran is excluded from the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement proposals.'

The cabinet will now consider the recommendations when it meets again towards the end of August and the start of September.

Locals rally round visa row couple

Continued from page one a symbiotic relationship with many other businesses on Arran, particularly George Grassie at the fantastic Blackwater Bakehouse, who supplies us with vast quantities of world class breads.

'On Wednesday June 19 this whole dream came crashing down when we received a communication from the Home Office stating that Lizanne's visa renewal had been refused, she must cease working immediately, she must leave the country and that she did not have the right of appeal within the UK. Words really cannot express the shock, pain and anger that one feels when the person you love and spend every minute with is torn away from you, even now I find it very difficult to talk about it without falling to pieces.

'We do however have to put emotions aside and concentrate on the most important task at hand; re-establishing Lizanne's immigration status in the country.

'Assisting us with this campaign is our MP Patricia Gibson, who has been hugely supportive but she needs all of your help. Everyone who wishes to can write to Patricia at her constituency office so that she has sufficient ammunition to use when she goes to Westminster. I know many of you have done this already and for this I am very grateful. Lizanne has to leave on July 12 making this issue extremely urgent.

"Thanks are also in order for the thousands who have signed the 38degrees online petition. I feel proud to live in a country where people truly care about each other. There is a bright future if compassion is the basis of all decision making, please keep signing. 'Lizanne and I would like to

Lizanne and I would like to thank all of our friends in this special community who have worked tirelessly to help us with no regard to their own lives, without you we could not manage, we love you all and feel privileged to know you, thank you.'

Mrs Gibson met a large delegation of concerned islanders who attended her surgery on Arran on Saturday, and told them to circulate the petition to show their support for Lizanne.

The MP told the Banner: 'I wish to assure Lizanne and the very many islanders who are concerned about what the Home Office might do in this case, that she has my full support. I will be raising this matter on the floor of the House this week and will also present the petition signatures in the Commons as well in the coming weeks, to try to ensure that Lizanne can continue to live, work and contribute so much to Arran which is her home. I have already written twice to the Home Office about this since this matter was first raised with me on June 21.

'This case highlights how ill-thought Home Office policies are and how unfit for purpose this Government department is, under this Tory Government, when it comes to people settling in Scotland. Lizanne is a wellkent figure on the island who is held in deep affection by all who know her. To force her to leave her home, where she has built up a business, settled down and makes a valuable contribution to Arran, is cruel and defies all logic. I will do all I can to have her case reconsidered and will push for a common-sense decision for Lizanne, her family and her community.'

A Home Office spokesman said: 'All applications are considered on their individual merits, on the basis of the evidence provided and in accordance with the immigration rules. We do not routinely comment on individual cases.'

To sign the petition visit 38degrees.org.uk and search for Lizanne Zietsman.

Georgina is a swim champion

An Arran open water swimmer has completed a circumnavigation of Arran as a personal challenge and to highlight her opposition to a proposed fish farm in the north of the island.

Georgina Maclean of Lamlash symbolically finishing her heroic feat near the shore of the proposed site where the Scottish Salmon Company is seeking permission to build 20 120-metre circumference pens. Georgina was welcomed back by friends and supporters of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST).

Georgina completed the 121.9km (76-mile) swim in 42.3 hours over 18 stages starting on Monday June 3 and ending on Saturday June 29 – roughly the equivalent of 2,438 lengths of an Olympic swimming pool.

Speaking after her swim, Georgina said: 'Hopefully my Arran swim has highlighted the potential damage we can inflict on our historically pristine coastal waters and why it is so important we don't farm fish here or permit any pollutants, be it plastic, chemicals or sewage, to be dumped at sea.

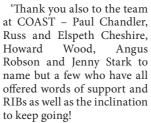
'Tve experience first-hand and up close of how beautiful our coastline is and am now more determined than ever to do whatever it takes to keep it that way. If I have in any way inspired people to think more about how they could possibly help to conserve and protect our seas, then it's a win for me. 'Arran and the wider Firth and Clyde region do not need any more manufactured, unsustainable, polluting open caged fish farms with profits going overseas to foreign companies whose governments do not allow manufactured open caged farming on their shores, because of the damage it causes to their own waters.'

People who wished to support Georgina in her challenge were directed to make a donation towards the marine conservation charity COAST which has been on the front line of voicing its opposition to fish farm development on Arran and throughout Scotland.

Encouragement

Celebrating the massive accomplishment, Georgina thanked everyone who supported her during the challenge, saying: 'It would not have been possible to achieve this personal challenge without the support, encouragement and tolerance from several people; there are no words to thank them enough.

"Thank you to Derek Morgan, Nikki Thom, Jo and Colin Totty, Jemma and Scruff, Zabdi Keen, Inge Brown, Fiona Clarke, Andrew Rigby and Mike Godwin, Dave Lydon, Luke Furze, Gavin Cameron, Rob and Nanette Cowieson, Arran Open Water Swimmers, Chris Attkins, Otter's Tail Adventures, Lucy and Wally Wallace, Martin Wood and the Arran Kayak Club team.



"Thanks too, to all who have donated to COAST in order to help keep the education, pressure and awareness that we need to all be guardians of the sea, and lastly to my parents, Judy and Jim Lepley, who encouraged me into the water from an early age to discover my love for swimming and the sea."



Georgina and support swimmer Jo Totty pass the Cock of Arran. Photograph: Angus Robson/Howard Wook Inset: An unusual perspective of Georgina during her swim from under the waterline. Photograph: Gus Robson.



Members of COAST, supporters and friends welcome Georgina back after completing her challenge.

Swimmer Georgina Maclean. 01_B27swim01

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New record set for fastest



Team Arran: a number of island runners took part in the marathon. 01_B27marathon0



And they are off - runners set off at the start of the race. 01_B27marathon03





A new record has been set for the fastest Shiskine half marathon with the first runner crossing the finish line of the 21km (13-mile) race in a record time of 1hr 13 min 47 sec. Organised by Shiskine Valley Improvements, the popular race, which takes place on the relatively flat roads around Blackwaterfoot, enjoyed a good entry of 130 runners with a healthy number of islanders also taking part.

Among them was first place local runner Michal Bochenek with a time of 1.28.13, who was also the first Arran runner home in



In first place, Gregor Yates of Bellahouston Harriers. 01 B27marathon05



Arran's Tim Keyworth powers towards the finish line. 01_B27marathon09



Ken Hogge of Arran Pacemakers finishes his race. 01 B27marathon11

the Ormidale 10k earlier this year.

In first place overall was Bellahouston Harriers runner Gregor Yates while Kilmarnock Harrier and Athletic Club runners David Mclure and John Speirs took second and third place respectively with times of 1.17.31 and 1.22.24. And for the second year in a row Laura Wallace of Ayr Seaforth AC was the first female home in a time of 1.27.57.

Enjoying warm but slightly windy conditions, the runners set off from a new starting location further down the road from the Blackwaterfoot playing fields at exactly noon, as is customary, and finished at the playing fields with race timings all undertaken by the



First female over the line, Laura Wallace of Ayr Seaforth Athletic Club. 01 B27marathon07



First local runner Michal Bochenek crosses the finish line with a smile on his face. 01_B27marathon08



Allsop included the Arran half marathon in his five marathon challenge in aid of UNICEF. 01_B27marathon06

professional timing company KitST.

Following the race, handmade Arran-shaped ceramic medals, made by Margaret Gruber, were presented to participants by Shiskine Valley Improvements' Sheila Gilmore, who awarded them to participants in each of the age categories.

Sheila said: 'The feedback has been really positive, especially on the new medals. This was a great event run and supported by the community.There's many people to thank who gave their time freely as well as village businesses such as A&C Cameron, and Kinloch Hotel – and, of course, thanks also to Scottish Water for its sponsorship.'



Neil Miller and Andy McNamara laugh and hold hands as they cross the finish line. 01_B27marathon10



Shiskine half marathon



Richard Harris ran the marathon to help raise funds for Rosario Gray of Venezuela, who is fundraising for a Venezuelan hospital. 01_B27marathon16





Runners made their way through the village at Blackwaterfoot harbour. 01_B27marathon04

First Local female, Carol Brown, crosses the finish line. 01_B27marathon12



Catherine Logan joins her mum Lorna for the last few metres of the race. 01_B27marathon13



Barbara Crawford presents race winner Gregor Yates with his trophy. ${\tt 01_B27marathon15}$

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Barbara Crawford presents local winner Michal Bochenek with his trophy. 01_B27marathon14



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Sun shines on Kilmory su



Head teacher Shirley MacLachlan on raffle duties.

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Call us on 01563 521925 Hurlford Road, Riccarton, Kilmarnock KA1 3LS www.campbellfuels.co.uk The Kilmory primary summer fayre raised the amazing sum of \pounds 1,330 which will go towards resources and trips for the children.

It was held on a beautiful summer's evening and the smells from the barbeque attracted a good crowd.

A spokeswoman for the Kilmory primary parent council said: 'Many thanks for the donations of home baking, tombola, brica-brac, plants and raffle prizes from our families and friends.

'We are also always amazed by the generosity of our island businesses large and small which always donate so willingly to our raffle.

'We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came and supported our small school.'



Free cycle repairs by Arran high mountain bike club. $_{\rm NO_B27fayre2}$





The fayre was held on a beautiful summer's evening. Inset: Plants grown by the pupils were on sale.



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House plans for old school site

A planning application to build seven detached houses on the former site of Kilmory primary school has been submitted to North Ayrshire Council.

Planning permission was granted in 2008 for the development of five detached houses but applicant architect John Lamb believes there is now a need for cheaper, more affordable homes.

In a statement to support his application Mr Lamb says: 'Since then (2008) market conditions have changed, with the applicant believing demand for larger family houses in the Kilmory area are diminishing with an

increased awareness of a need for more affordable homes on Arran. In light of this, the applicant has re-evaluated the design brief.

'By increasing the density and reducing the size of each house, the architect is aiming to develop a more cohesive grouping of houses which relate to each other more closely, forming more of a courtyard style of development and therefore, the selling price of each individual house lower and more affordable for local families,' it states.

The site is bounded to the east by the original part of the primary school which has been converted to form holi-

day accommodation while, to the north, it is bounded by a stone wall beyond which are trees and an open field. To the west is a wooded slope leading down to the Kilmory Water in the valley below and, to the south, the site is bounded by the C841 public road from Whiting Bay to Lagg.

The concept is to group the houses so that, although they remain detached, they appear to link together to form three distinct groups, providing more cohesion, in a more appropriate massing for their semi-rural setting and avoiding a regimented pattern typical of a more suburban development.

Annual Christian Aid collection

The annual Christian Aid door-to-door collection in Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot has this year raised £939.12 for the charity.

Ioan Stewart of Blackwaterfoot said: 'Many thanks to the eight people that helped to collect this fantastic sum and thank you to everyone that donated to this very worthwhile cause.'

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Community spirit

The community spirit on Arran has again shone through this week in the support shown to Lizanne Zietsman, who is facing deportation.

Obviously no one knows the full circumstances, but for a young, hard-working couple such as Lizanne and her husband John to have their world turned upside down by a Home Office visa refusal seems unduly harsh.

The are valued members of the Arran community and the Sandwich Station they run in Lochranza has been getting nothing but high praise since they took it over.

What also galls is that John has roots on Arran and chose to return to build their future together on the island. Now all that is in doubt.

The support of the community in their fight has undoubtedly given the couple hope and John has thanked everyone who is supporting them in the pages of the Banner this week.

And they have a powerful ally in MP Patricia Gibson, who has taken up the cudgel by raising the situation directly with the Home Office as well as raising the matter in parliament.

We can only hope that common sense will prevail at the end of the day and that the matter can be resolved to let Lizanne and John get back to what they just want to do – live and work quietly on Arran.

Thought for the week

Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' Luke 10:5

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Long term parking

Although I can understand why parking charges might be necessary from some perspectives in Brodick, there is another aspect that also needs to be considered and that is there needs to be a supply of long term parking.

At the moment if you live outside Corrie, Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay and Blackwaterfoot you cannot always get home by public transport when you arrive by ferry at Brodick. I stay at Kildonan and I am OK if I am on the 6pm ferry, but only if it is on time, but if I am on the 7.20pm then there is no bus to get home.

The cost of a taxi is prohibitive so the only answer is to leave your car in Brodick.

The ferry terminal parking is for short stay only and if the front has parking meters then where do we go? I doubt one will be able to feed the meter for a week's holiday even if one wanted to.

Organising travel around the ferries presents enough issues of logistics without subsequently getting a hefty bill for parking or having to pay for a very expensive taxi to get you home.

I also think that if the personnel checking that each car has a parking ticket come from the mainland there would be no financial benefit to NAC as the income would get used up in salaries and transport costs. Yours,

Chris Brown,

Kildonan.

Relevant history Sir,

The section of this newspaper Arran Banner 20 Years Ago is an important weekly feature. It is timely to mention that 190 years ago, this summer, 86 former Arran crofters, inhabitants of Sannox displaced by the Clearances, arrived in Québec City aboard The Caledonia (Alastair Gemmell, Discovering Arran, p86). They were received in North America as immigrants to start a new life in Canada. Thank you for

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Reader Arno Loessner sent this great picture of his dog which he describes as an observer of the rowing races at Lamlash harbour.

helping to keep history alive and relevant. Yours,

Arno Loessner, Kings Cross.

Neatness obsession

Gorgeous day today! I was surrounded by a host of brilliant yellow wild flowers and so many bees doing due diligence as they gathered nectar from one flower then another.

Fascinating how each bee was specialising in only one species – for one bee it was hawkbit for another clover for another tormentil. I just was so glad we leave the grass with all the wildflowers growing freely around the house.

The beauty was not to last. First the angry noise of the strimmer; next the poisonous fumes of half-burnt petrol. Both totally inescapable. After three hours it ceased. I came

out of my house into the sunshine.

Only the lingering smell of petrol fumes and the less than pleasant smell of mashed up grass. And a field that had been vibrant green now a dead looking pale yellow.

I went with my rake to clear the debris from the edge of the track between my house and the next. It was a small strip and it did not take long.

However to my horror amongst the remains of the grass were the remains of a slow worm – head and tail crudely strimmed off. I imagined its terror as the awful machine of its execution drew nearer and nearer. Did it try to flee at first until there seemed to be no escape?

If that is from one short strip of grass how many more are lying dead in the field strimmed at the same time? And how many thousands all over the island are slaughtered every summer all in the cause of grass being made to comply with the ideal of a golf course putting green? I just wish people would wake up to what they are doing to nature with their obsession with neatness.

Let the wildflowers and the beautiful grasses and the bees, butterflies and all God's little creatures flourish instead.

Yours, Peter Finlay, High Corrie.

Retirement thanks

I would like to thank everyone who made donations to mark my retirement after 31 years as a social worker on Arran. I was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown, with more than £850 being received. This will be shared between Art in Mind and Arran Youth Foundations, two organisations that I know make a positive difference to members of this community.

Yours, Diana Turbett, Shiskine.

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A just cause

Sir,

It would not be disingenuous to claim that most, if not all, Arran residents and a great many domiciled beyond these shores are by now aware of, and dismayed by, the Home Office-generated predicament of Mr and Mrs Malpas. I refer, of course, to Lizanne, front-of-house, and John, 'Sandwichmeister,' The Sandwich Station, Lochranza.

On June 19 2019, Lizanne, a South African citizen, who has been working in this country since 2016, had the application to renew her visa denied by the Home Office. This meant that she had to cease working immediately and leave the country

without delay. Literally thousands (increasing daily), in Britain and abroad, uttered, via a variety of media, a collective expression of the query, 'why?'

Why, indeed? Lizanne and her husband, John, a British citizen, have no criminal convictions. They entered this country as a couple in 2016 with a strong work ethic and genuine desire to make a new life for themselves in the UK. These facts are evidenced by their investment of their life savings in a local business and making this business so successful that, after just three years, The Sandwich Station is now VAT registered - supporting fully both Lizanne and John and employing three island residents.

The Malpas family and their successful business are assets, both socially and commercially, to the island in particular and the UK in general. They are not a burden on the state. They pay all taxes due by them - in many instances at both commercial and domestic rates.

In essence, unlike an unscrupulous minority who seek UK residency for less than laudable reasons. John and Lizanne came to this country to genuinely take advantage of opportunity, NOT to take advantage of the UK.

Regardless of one's personal view on immigration, in keeping with our in-built British sense of decency, one should always ensure that fairness assumes primacy.

Let us all support the efforts to ensure fairness prevails in this sorry saga and that Lizanne will soon be reunited with her husband, their friends, employees, customers and business for a happy and successful future in the UK.

In the words of Robert Wilson (1960), and no doubt constantly in the thoughts of John, 'Haste Ye Back' Lizanne. Yours,

Peter and Vicki Milne, Lochranza.



Team of engineers ready for CalMac breakdowns

Ferry operator Caledonian Mac-Bravne has recruited a new mobile maintenance team that can be deployed across the network to support on-board engineers with any technical issues.

The team will also be tasked with carrying out planned maintenance and will comprise a seven-strong team of electrical and mechanical engineers, along with hydraulic specialists.

Ageing fleet

CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond said: 'We are operating with an ageing fleet which is increasingly being stretched. We need to continue to find new ways to maximise our vessels' operational resilience and have invested in a new team that will help mitigate potential problems before they escalate into something that impacts on service delivery

The team will carry out specialised inspections, monitoring and proactive maintenance, working closely with the on-board engineering and vessel management teams to proactively identify and resolve technical issues.

The aim is to minimise service disruptions due to avoidable technical issues and reduce the routine maintenance that would normally take place during annual overhaul.

'With our vessels setting sail around 360 times every day, this team has the mobility required to complete planned maintenance when and where it is needed on the network minimising disruption to service due to technical issues,' added Mr Drummond.

> CalMac's new mobile maintenance team is set to hit the road.

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Whiting Bay's Queen Greta Litton pictured last year with all of her attendants and maids. 02_B29BayQueen014

Kildonan Fun Week

Kicking of the gala season are the organisers from the village of Kildonan who have put on an action packed itinerary of events taking place from Saturday July 6 to Saturday July 13. Starting with a jazz night at the village hall on the first evening, the week quickly gathers pace with a guided walk with Bobs Walks the following morning before the taster sessions of the Taiko Drummers takes place on Monday July 8. Soup and sandwiches will provide sustenance to visitors on Tuesday and will undoubtedly provide runners in the round Kildonan fun run with the energy that they need for this family friendly event later that day. On Thursday a number of the popular seal and shore walk sessions, hosted by NTS Rangers, will see children donning their welly boots and exploring outdoors while adults can enjoy cream teas in the village hall. Later that evening, after filling up on delicious treats from the women of the Kildonan WI, the ever-popular car treasure hunt will



Visitors follow the parade from the clock tower during the Lamlash fun day. 01_B27parade01

take place with a barbeque welcoming the entrants back. Still on the subject of food, there will be an oriental fusion tasting event held on Friday July 12 before the physical exertion of the next day. Saturday, the final day of the events, will see adults and children enjoying an afternoon of games and sporting activities taking place on the beach before the activities come to a close with the mystery film night, best enjoyed with friends and tasty snacks.

Brodick Castle Makers Festival

In a first for Brodick Castle, a makers festival will be held over the weekend starting on Friday July 12. Taking place over three days the new event will feature a number of talented makers and artists from across the island. With demonstrations, talks, readings, maker stalls and music and a range of workshops adding to the two exhibitions hosted inside the castle itself, the festival is guaranteed to offer visitors a whole day of entertainment, and who knows, possibly some inspiration for taking

Last year's newly crowned Lamlash Heather Queen Keira Willis. 01_B29heather16

Ingrained in the memory of many a visitor and those of village locals, Arran's summer village galas are steeped in history and eagerly anticipated by many.

A fixture on many a holidaymakers itinerary and firmly established in the calendars of Arran's children during their school break, the gala's ensure that their is plenty of summer activities for everyone of all ages to enjoy.

Villages across Arran have been preparing throughout the year to fill the longer days -many with summer sunshine - with tried and tested activities and events that have been enjoyed by generations.

And while some villages have managed to retain and host week-long activities, others have condensed all of the action into fun filled events that either take place on a single day or over a weekend.

Wherever your location, whatever your preference, the next few weeks are guaranteed to provide families with plenty to see and do all around Arran. Join us as we take a look at some of the top events taking place across villages this summer.



10am - 5pm

Workshops, exhibitions, demonstrations, talks, community groups, stalls and music. The talented makers on the island are coming together for three days of making and sharing. Perfect for families and people who love to be creative. Come and learn a new skill! Whiting Bay & Districts Improvements Association Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Charity No. SC047609 Week 2019 Sunday 14th - Saturday 20th July Sunday 14th July: Raft Race & BBQ The Jetty, 12.30pm Bay Queen Crowning Putting Green, 2pm Tombola, Climbing Wall Family Bowling Competition Bowling Green, 3pm All Welcome Monday 15th July: Teddy Bears PicnicPutting Green 12noon (Hall if Wet)Car Treasure HuntVillage Centre Car Park, 6.30pm **Tuesday 16th July:** COAST Beach Scramble The Jetty, 3pm to 5pm Wednesday 17th July: Beach Sculpture & BBQ The Jetty, 4pm to 6pm Thursday 18th July: Mini Beach Olympics The Jetty, 10am Family Fun Quiz The Village Hall, 7pm (BYOB & nibbles) Friday 19th July: Grand Putting Competition & Baking Stall The Putting Green 12noon to 7pm **Children's Games and Races** Sandbraes Park, 3.30pm to 5.30pm Family Fun Run (Fancy Dress) Sandbraes Park, 6pm Saturday 20th July: **Duck Race & BBQ Dog Agility** Sandbraes Bridge, 2pm & 3.30pm

Immer village galas



The Arran Pipe Band lead last year's Heather Queen procession from the clock tower to the green. 01_B28galas04

on a new hobby. Joining co-hosts Crafts and Company will be a number of community groups which will include COAST, Eco Savvy, Art in Mind, Spin Off and a new group, Indigo Upcycling. A celebration of all things handmade, the festival is also underpinned by a sustainability theme with a special emphasis placed on reusing, recycling and upcycling.

Lamlash Heather Queen and fun day

An afternoon of fun activities awaits visitors to the traditional activities hosted by the village of Lamlash which will take place on Saturday July 14. The undisputed highlight is undoubtedly the parade from the village clock tower - which starts at 1pm and culminates in the crowing of the Lamlash Heather Queen. Joined by the Heather Queen's attendants, a number of fun floats and emergency services help to make the parade a sight to behold. Adding to the fun and taking place on the village green will be a refreshment tent along with home baking and a number of stalls and events to entertain the entire family.



Having a great time at last year's beach sculpture competition at Whiting Bay was Isla and Ava Pringle who joined their friend Innes West to play in the water. 01_B30beach14

Visitors can look forward to craft stalls, daft stalls, face painting, a music and dance show, a pet competition, tombola and burgers and not forgetting Murray's famous dog scurry among many others.

Whiting Bay Fun Week

Taking place from Sunday July 14 to Saturday July 20, Whiting Bay manages to squeeze a huge amount of popular and entertaining activities into just one week. Starting on a high note on Sunday, the exhilarating raft race and barbeque precedes the Bay Queen crowing which is followed by a family bowling competition in the evening. Equally sedate, the teddy bears picnic can be enjoyed the following day with a car treasure hunt taking place in the evening. Wednesday is the popular beach sculpture competition and barbeque which attracts an international audience and competitors from around the island. The mini beach Olympics takes place the following day on Thursday and returns to



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2018 Kildonan fun run winners Jesse Townsend, George Doubleday and Hazel Malakoty. 01_B28kildonan06

another indoor activity that evening with the family fun quiz - a hugely popular event which usually fills the village hall. The start of the weekend, on Friday, begins with the putting competition and continues with games and races at Sandbraes Park. Also the venue for the family fun run, this fancy dress run is as non-competitive as it is amusing. Wrapping up a busy week for Whiting Bay, the hugely popular - and attended by hundreds of people - duck race and barbeque and dog agility event will perfectly round off the Whiting Bay fun week.

Save the Children summer fayre

Guaranteed to be bustling with bargains and tasty treats, the annual Save the Children summer fayre is a popular charitable event that will take place at Brodick Hall on Thursday July 11. With tea, coffee, homebaking and a variety of stalls on offer the fayre is a firm favourite for many looking to enjoy a social event while also helping a worthwhile cause.

Summer Fayre

Thursday 11th July 2019

10.30am - 12.30pm Brodick Hall Tea, coffee, homebaking & stalls

Save the Children Charity No SC039570



Fancy Dress, Best dressed pram & your cutest pet competitions to enter Parade from the Clocktower, Car Park Lamlash, 1pm

Tea Tent, Home Baking, Tombola, Burgers, Murrays Famous Dog Scurry, Music & Dance Show, Not-So-Serious Pet Show, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Craft Stalls, Daft Stalls, Emergency Services and many more fun activities for a fantastic day out for all!



SATURDAY 6 JULY JAZZ NIGHT Village Hall 7.30pm (BYOB) Donation

SUNDAY 7 JULY GOE-WALK With Bobs Walks Meet at Village Hall 11.00am (Donation)

MONDAY 8 JULYTAIKO DRUMMING (taster sessions)Limited to 8 people per session Adults £5.00 / Juniors £2.00Village Hall 2.00pm and 3.30pm

Juniors must be accompanied by an adult (not charged) to assist

TUESDAY 9 JULY KILDONAN W. I. Soup and Sandwiches Village Hall 12.00 till 2.00pm ROUND KILDONAN FUN RUN

VILLAGE HALL start 7.00pm Adult £3.00 Junior £2.00

THURSDAY 11 JULYSEAL AND SHORE WALK (With NTS Rangers)2.00pm & 4.00pm from Hall (wellies or boots advised) Adults £4, Kids £2
Cream teas being served in the hall by Kildonan W.I.
CAR TREASURE HUNT
£5.00 per car VILLAGE HALL 7.00pm BBQ available on return

FRIDAY 12 JULYASIAN FUSIONOriental Food Tasting from 6.30pm onwards, £5.00 per person

SATURDAY 13 JULY BEACH GAMES& SPORTS 2.00pm Tide/weather dependant MYSTERY FILM NIGHT In the Hall Doors open 7.00pm, entry by donation Bring along nibbles, drinks and friends

Please come along and join in the fun!

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The range of fine foods and drink that is produced here on Arran is as varied and diverse as the wonderful island landscapes.

The cheese, whisky, gin, fish, meat, chocolates, bread and even ice cream are all handmade on this tiny island and every single one of these locally created products are available allyear long.

The producers are united by a common commitment to quality and taste and all share a passion for their craft, as well as this beautiful island. From internationally renowned companies, to small artisan producers, the main aim of each one is to delight vou with the true taste of Arran.



The Arran Butcher

Anyone looking for top quality meats their first stop should be The Arran Butcher shop in Blackwaterfoot. Run by husband and wife team David and Dawn McKinnon the family butchers has been supplying homes and businesses on the Arran for over 53 years.

As well as their extensive selection of quality meats including traditional cuts of naturally reared beef, pork and lamb and wild Arran venison they have some new products available for the barbecue season, delicious homemade speciality sausages, burgers, chicken kiev, pies, black pudding and haggis.

What you not so well known is that they also stock a fantastic selection of fresh fish and can pretty much get anything you ask for such as tuna steak, sea bream, sea bass, salmon (fillets and whole sides), trout, lemon sole, haddock, smoked haddock, kippers, scallops and even skate wings! The shop also stocks a range of products, cold meats, cheese and ice cream. If you can't get

to the shop on the west coast they also have a mobile shop which can come to you and they deliver free of charge across the island. Look out too for the fortnightly Facebook specials.

You can also find their products in the Co-op stores and at local shops around the island. And when you're out for a bite to eat, why not look out for their products on the menu.

The Island Cheese Company

Producing award winning cheeses is not an easy task, but at Home Farm in Brodick that is exactly what Arran's Cheese Shop has been doing for nearly 25 years.

With Arran Blue, Arran Camembert and Arran Brie cheeses winning golds and silvers at the World and the British Cheese Awards -and the Cheese Shop's Mustard Flavoured Cheddar being voted Best Scottish Retail Product - a commitment to quality has to be the principal motivation.

As well as their own soft cheeses made in Blackwaterfoot, they produce a range of favoured cheddars that are available at the Home Farm shop and at various outlets on Arran and throughout Scotland. They have also started to produce their own very tasty Highland Cow butcher meat and burgers available only from the shop at Home Farm.

Arran Fine Foods

Arran Fine Foods is located in the picturesque village of Lamlash on the east coast of the island. Their small factory started life in the early 1970s producing mustard and now owing to the quality of their products, and the huge demand, they produce a wide range of delicious products known throughout the world for their quality and superior flavour.

Today, around 20 employees make a selection of delicious chutney, mustard, preserves and salad dressings. The Arran range has scooped 12 prestigious Great Taste Awards since 2002, including a Gold 1 Star Award at the 2008 Great Taste Awards for their matured apple and Arran ale chutney and a 2004 Scottish Speciality Award for Arran Smooth Honey Mustard.

More recently, they were honoured when professional chef and BBC Masterchef winner.



Gary Maclean, chose Arran mustard to round of his main course sauce in the 2016 final.

Wooleys of Arran

At Wooleys branches in Brodick and Lamlash, they freshly prepare a wide range of products which are available daily.

Fresh baked bread and rolls, cakes, pastries and tea bread, pies, bridies, sausage rolls and other savoury items. Scones and pancakes, filled rolls and sandwiches and delicious soup are also available and ideal if you fancy a take-away lunch or even late breakfast.

But vhey are probably most famous of course for their oatcakes! But never a company to rest on their laurels, Wooleys also has another biscuit range for you to enjoy. The three varieties are punchy ginger, seriously coconut and raspberry infused cranberry. They are available from both Wooleys shops and from various outlets round the island

Arran Dairies

To make the famous ice-cream Arran Dairies only use milk produced on Arran. They say it makes all the difference because it has a special taste due to the cows grazing on the clean and green pastures of Arran's micro ecosystem, washed by the Gulf Stream and with rainfall coming straight in from the Atlantic.

It is philosophy which certainly seems to work since sales have soared since the company took the decision in 2014 to stop milk production and concentrate all their efforts on ice cream.

The development of the ice cream business, and their partnership with A Taste of Arran, has moved their small island based company into being a supplier of artisan ice cream products throughout the UK and abroad and they are delighted that their ice cream has won regional and national awards and are justifiably proud to brand is part of the 'big tastes from a small Scottish island', now also producing Vegan Ice cream in a variety of flavours.

Arran Dairies is a 4th generation family run firm, established on the island in 1978, but with a heritage of food production on Arran dating back to the 1930s. It truly is a taste of Arran.

Arran Fine Foods Kitchen Shop Choose from the full range of Arran Fine Food Products and a selection of gifts & kitchenware

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Arran Chocolate Factory

The Arran Chocolate Factory and its mouth-watering array of handmade truffles, fudges and chocolates has become one of the island's great food experiences.

James McChlery first began making chocolates over 18 years ago and since then he has continued to experiment with flavours and fillings to create one of the country's finest range of hand made chocolates. How about sampling champagne and ginger truffles, mandarin marzipan or passion fruit crèmes? Look out for his seasonal Christmas puddings and Hot Cross buns!

Supplying a select group of independent and corporate customers throughout Arran and the rest of the country, they also create very unique wedding favours all produced on the island. Go to the website www.jamesofarran.com where

you can now also order online.

Isle of Arran Distillers

WOOLEYS

Today Arran can boast not one but two distilleries on the island the well established Lochranza Distillery and the newly opened Lagg Distillery at the south end of the island. Lochranza Distillery produces one of the finest ranges of malt whiskies in the world. Using only traditional methods f distilling with wooden washbacks and copper stills designed to an exact specification, the distillery produces award winning whisky which is now distributed all over the globe. Arran's Lochranza Distillery uses no peat in the production process, with the exception of the Machrie Moor bottling, and does not use any caramel for artificial colouring - unlike most other distilleries - and as a result the malt produced can rightly be described as 'the true spirit of nature.'

Today The Lochranza distillery has also forged close ties with 14 other food producers on the island to develop mustard, ice cream and chocolates all flavoured with this wonderful Arran whisky.

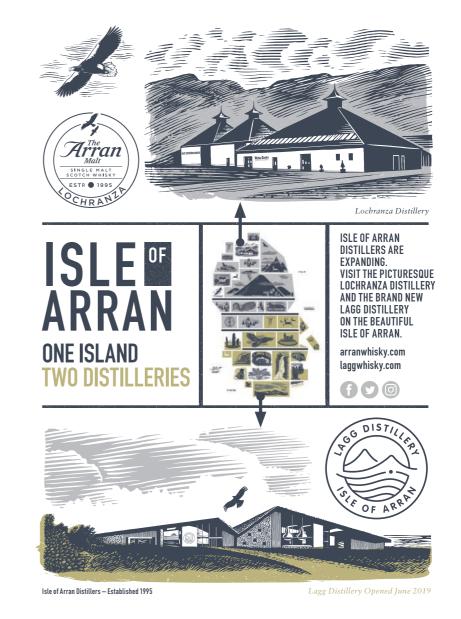
The newly opened Lagg Distillery, on the other hand will be producing a heavily peated single malt more in keeping with the original Arran whisky produced both illicitly and legally in the south over the centuries. The distillery will also eventually be making cider and apple brandy from the 3,000 apple trees planted within the grounds.

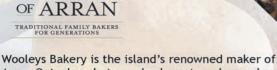
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Arran Oatcakes, but we also have two shops where we produce a wide range of freshly baked bread, rolls, cakes and savoury items.

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Music concert is fitting



James O'Neil, in a brief departing speech, thanks faculty members, parents and pupils for making his time at Arran High School enjoyable.o1_B27music18



Lamlash Primary School Band perform Stand By Me. 01_B27music01



The S2 choir performs Hallelujah with soloists Hamish, Ben, Caitlin and Izzy. 01_B27music03



Members of the fiddle group perform Sleeping Tune. 01_B27music04



The Arran High School (AHS) Summer Showcase concert was a feast of Arran's musical talent and a fitting tribute to the hard work and passion of James O'Neil, who has just left his position as the faculty head of the music department.

Venturing

After nearly four years in the post, James is venturing into freelance work and last week's Summer Concert was seen by many as his swan song.

The three-hour music spectacular featured more than 150 pupils from the school, more than half the total number of pupils, and a number of performers from island primary schools.

With professional sound and lighting the event showcased the musical talents of Arran pupils with performances on instruments of all varieties, including the marimba and clarsach.

The audience, in the filled-to-capacity Lamlash Theatre, enjoyed the musical

talents of the Lamlash S2 wind band and choir, fiddle group, flute ensemble, clarsach group, various vocal groups and the boys' and girls' senior ensembles.

Impressed

In addition to this, a number of solo performers impressed on the night and the audience was also treated to the first public performance of the AHS Pipe Band.

Following a grand finale with the full company performing two rousing songs, For You and Happy Ending, the performers and faculty said a sad goodbye to James.

The Arran High School Choir has the audience singing along to their version of Africa. 01_B27music11









Head teacher Barry Smith presents James O'Neil with a personal gift from himself and thanks him for his contribution to the school. 01_B27music19



Accomplished player Jesse Townsend performs Maple Leaf Rag. 01_B27music06



A student ensemble of Freya, Cerys, Jemima and Andrew, with Milo on piano, perform an upbeat version of Skyfall. ^{01_B27music07}

swan song for James

Head teacher Barry Smith said: 'I would like to warmly congratulate James on his successful appointment to his new role with Centre Stage. He will be a huge loss to the school and to teaching more generally. He has made an exceptional contribution during the time he has been with us.

Sadly missed

'James leaves us with a very strong legacy. Our young people have developed a love of performance and of music. He will be sadly missed by us all and we will remember fondly the crazy times, the huge productions and the genuine care and inclusive nature of the way he taught music.'

In an emotional goodbye pupils thanked James for all of his help, inspiration and assistance over the years and wished him well in his next venture.

James, not usually one for many words, said: 'My time on the island has been nothing short of special and fulfilling. I am moving on to pastures new outwith the education system to pursue freelance avenues and to work for Centre Stage in Kilmarnock, which organises arts provision across communities in Ayrshire and beyond.

'I am delighted, however, to be continuing my links on the island through work with the Isle of Arran Music School, progressing our work with the traditional music projects; and also with Arran Soul Choir. I am always impressed at how the entire community plays a part in helping make music and the arts such a rich part of our community fabric, and I am very grateful to everyone for letting me be just a wee part of it all too.'



The Arran High School Pipe Band perform Rocking the Baby. 01_B27music09





Hamish Campbell performs Fight For This Love in his piano solo. 01_B27music10



The flute ensemble perform a melodic piece. 01_B27music05



Megan Hamill wows the audience with her vocal solo. 01_B27music12



Stella Riddell on the marimba performs Tambourin. 01 B27music08



Senior boys' ensemble performs Your Song. 01_B27music13



Suzie Dick presents James O'Neil with a departing gift. 01_B27music17



Accomplished singers, the senior girls' ensemble performs a rousing version of When We Were Young. $01_{B27music15}$



Rounding off an enjoyable performance the full company performs the aptly-named Happy Ending. 01_B27music16

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Sumi men on Arran

The Brodick Bar and Brasserie, under head chef Jamie Mercer, offers a locally soured seasonal menu with fresh food cooked daily. Everything is made from scratch in the kitchen with daily baked bread and own cured salmon. The menu has a strong seafood focus with the Brodick Bouillabaisse including langoustines from Lamlash Bay. Both vegetarian and vegan options are also available. This is a family business run by the McKinnon family.

choice between a set menu or more informal options – fish and chips, homemade burgers, pizzas and the signature steak sandwich. The Early Bird evening meal continues to be popular and the Brodick Bar & Brasserie is now open 7 days with the traditional Sunday roast a muchloved addition. For fresh food cooked to order this is the place to be. Everything is homemade with the exception of the Arran Dairies ice cream! Booking is advised.

Lunch time offers the



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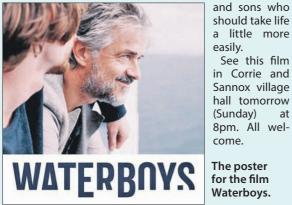
LEISURE 17

LEISURE & YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN ENTERTAINMENT

Corrie Film Club presents ...

Waterboys (2016, Netherlands, 89 mins, Cert PG) Corrie Film Club's July offering is a funny and moving story set in Edinburgh. Directed by Dutch director Robert Jan Westdijkr, it tells the tale of crime novelist Victor and his 20-year-old cellist son, Zack, who have both recently become single.

During a trip to Scotland they are forced to confront each other and finally get to know themselves. It is a touching and amusing film about fathers who have to grow up



a little more easily. See this film in Corrie and Sannox village hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm. All welcome.

The poster for the film Waterboys.

Portal exhibition at Arran Library

Mike Bailey will be the featured artist at the Arran Library for the month of July with a select exhibition of his works with the theme of portals.

The sculptures and paintings are based on the idea of portals being the means whereby it is possible to pass through to another dimension or state. The portals or gateways in his sculptures and paintings are sometimes partly blocked so that some time or effort or thought is necessary to transcend to the other side.

Mike studied art and design at Medway College of Art and Exeter College of Art and moved to Arran in 1976. His first major work, a living



Sculpture Mike . Bailey pictured with some of his portal sculptures. 01 B13mike01

environmental sculpture, the 'Spiral Wood', created using silver birch, oak and rowan, can be seen at the Fairy

Glen or Lag a Bheith - part of the Arran Community Woodland. On display during the

library exhibition in Brodick will be a number of large sculptures and some of his smaller pieces.

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18 LEISURE

Ghostly goings on at the castle



Things are about to go bump in the night at Brodick Castle when the best ghost hunt team in Scotland arrives on the island. And it aims to get to the bottom of the castle's haunted mystery of the Grey Lady.

For the first time, UK and Scottish Ghost Nights will be exploring Brodick Castle after dark on Saturday November 16. This five-hour event will see access to all areas not normally seen by the public, including the room that Oliver Cromwell was said to reside in. Guests will take part in spooky experiments including seances, table tipping and spirit boards. There will also be some of the latest ghost hunting technology.

It is thought the Grey Lady hails from Cromwellian times and was a servant girl. She had a love affair with the captain of the guard and became pregnant and was then dismissed from service at the castle and disowned by her family. She is said to have drowned herself at the Wineport Quay near the entrance of the castle. Her ghost has been seen in the servant areas of the castle such as the kitchen, lower corridor and the turnpike stairs which lead to the east tower and the battlements. There have been claims over the years that she has been seen as if talking to visitors within the castle.

Other sources think that the Grey Lady castle ghost was a woman who was locked in the dungeons with two other women and died of starvation. They were locked in the castle dungeons because they had the Black Death. So is there more than one Grey Lady? The ghost team will explore the dungeon to find out.

There is also another ghost. It is said the spirit of an old man haunts the library but no-one knows who he is or why he haunts the castle. Recent castle staff also tell of strange tales of doors opening on their own, a rocking horse



moving with force and disembodied voices calling their name.

Tedstill, managing Lisa director of UK and Scottish Ghost Nights, said: 'Our Scottish Ghost Nights team is the biggest and most successful in Scotland. We run late night ghost hunts across Scotland and Brodick Castle is a new addition to our portfolio.

'Other locations we run events at have included Pollok Castle, Craigiever Castle, Crathes Castle, Jedburgh Jail, Inverarary Jail, Scotland Street School, Citizens Theatre, Tron Theatre and

many many more. 'Our events are incredibly

A seance being conducted at a ghost hunt event.

ahead and we have a large facebook following for both UKGN and SGN. Our event reviews speak for themselves and we are very proud of what we do. Ghost hunting is brilliant fun - what's not to love about a group of grown ups scaring themselves silly at night in a haunted location.' Tickets cost £59 for the

event which runs from from 9pm to 2am. To find out more visit the website www.

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LEISURE 19

COAST invitation to watch fish film

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has issued an open invitation for people to attend a special screening of Patagonia's Artifishal at the Arran Community Theatre in Lamlash next week.

Showing on Tuesday July 9 at 7pm, the film will provide an interesting insight into the fish farming industry, especially in light of the proposal by the Scottish Salmon Company to build a salmon farm in the north east of Arran.

According to Patagonia the makers of outdoor clothing and equipment but which is now equally as well known for its activism – 'Artifishal is a film about wild rivers and wild fish. It explores the high cost - ecological, financial and cultural - of our mistaken belief that engineered solutions can make up for habitat destruction.

Money wasted

'The film traces the impact of fish hatcheries and farms, the extraordinary and amount of money wasted on an industry that hinders wild fish recovery, pollutes our rivers, and contributes to the problem it claims to solve.

dives 'Artifishal also beneath the surface of the open-water fish farm controversy, as citizens work to stop the damage done to public waters and our remaining wild salmon,' it said. Describing the industry



ing COAST will host a

with guest panellists, in-

cluding Dr Sally Campbell

from Arran and Corin Smith from Inside Scottish Salmon

Feedlots, who will be able

to answer any audience

Admission will be by dona-

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tion and is open to all.

post-screening

questions.

discussion

A fish farm as featured in the film.

as causing 'more harm than good', Patagonia go on to say that Artifishal serves as an 'exposé on the high cost of fish hatcheries, fish farms and human ignorance'.

spokeswoman from А COAST said: 'With the impending application by the Scottish Salmon Company for a mega salmon farm off Millstone Point on the north east coast of Arran, COAST is encouraging people to become more aware of the detrimental impacts that the industry has on our precious marine habitats and the species that rely on them. As part of this, we are inviting anyone interested to the film screening.' Following

the screen-







Tuesday 9th July 7pm Arran Community Theatre Full details at COAST www.arrancoast .com/whats-on



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Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm



Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am Brodick Hall, 11am - 3pm

Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm

Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm

The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm

Kildonan Village Hall, 7.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm

Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm

Lochranza Hotel, 9pm

Every day

Trout Fly Fishing Loch Garbad, bank fishing Arran Geopark Information and Activity Centre Lochranza, 9am - 5pm Unfolding Moments Photography Exhibition Arran Active, Brodick, 9am - 5pm 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 Open seven days, 9am - 5pm-ish, ALL weather Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am-4pm Brodick Mini Golf Soap making and candle dipping Auchrannie Spa Pool, Brodick, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm) Public swimming and 6pm-8pm (last entry 7pm) Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm Open Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm Swimming lessons Arran Brewery Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am and 2pm or by arrangement Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm Lamlash Church, Monday - Friday 10am - 12noon Saturday July 6 - Saturday July 13 Arran Heritage Museum **Open Church** Kildonan Fun Week

Saturday 6th July

Flow Yoga Craft Market Rink Games **Rink Bowls Rink Bowls** Family games RNLI Shop - Open Gym Induction Fun in the pool Pop -Up Evening, BYOB (bookings only) Kildonan Fun Week - Jazz Night (BYOB) Live Music - Cams Campbell Live Music - Anchorline Music Collaboration Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm Live Music - Stan the Man Over-21s' Disco

Sunday 7th July

Arran Geopark Kildonan Geology Walk, Meet at Kildonan Village Hall 11am Live Music - Anchorline and Friends Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm RNLI Shop – Open Gym induction Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm Arran Churches Together, Songs of Praise Lamlash Green (Lamlash Church if wet), 3pm Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm Fun in the pool Live Music – Anchorline Music Collaboration Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Folk Music Session Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 8th July

Morning Fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, Whiting Bay, 10.30am - 12noon Coffee Morning Kildonan Fun Week -Taiko Drumming (taster sessions) Kildonan Village Hall, 2pm & 3.30pm Blackwaterfoot, 5pm St Molio's Church, Shiskine, 5.15pm Adult Tennis Arran Skinnymalinks, Shiskine JogScotland mixed-ability running group Whiting Bay, 5.30pm Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm Circuit training Summer Bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396 Arran High School 6.15pm for 6.30pm Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm **Rink Games Rink Bowls** Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm Live Music - Tim Pomeroy Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm Tae Kwon Do. Adults and over 10s

Tuesday 9th July

Body Blitz (booking essential) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm Home House House, Brodick, 10am - 3pm Healthy Outdoors Team Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries Ho Kildonan Fun Week - Kildonan W I Soup and Sandwiches Kildonan Village Hall, 12noon - 2pm Bronze Age Bushcraft for eight-12yrs Rangers Centre, Brodick Castle, 2pm **Rink Bowls** Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm Brodick Church Hall, 2pm Alcoholics Anonymous meeting 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 – 2 Ribeye Steaks and bottle of wine Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm Gvm induction Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm Arran Hockey Club - juniors (5-14yrs) Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm Flow Yoga Corrie Hall, 6pm Arran High School Gym, 7pm - 8pm Netball Arran Community Theatre, Lamalsh, 7pm COAST Arran presents 'Artifishal'

Kildonan Fun Week - Round Kildonan Fun Run Eco Savvy Food Share Trev's Pop Music Quiz Traditional Music Sessions

Wednesday 10th July

Guided Walk - Arran Geopark King's Cave and Dramadoon Auchrannie Študio, 9.30am - 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am Yoga Hydrofit 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 Skinnymalinks, Lamlash Lamlash Church Hall, 10:30am Chair Yoga Exercise Class St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am Knit and Blether Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm Dog Classes Arran Pace Makers Running Group Brodick, 5.30pm Shiskine Hall, 6pm Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm Flow Yoga Junior Rugby (P3-P7) Rink Games **Rink Bowls** Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm neeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm Tae Kwondo Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Summer Ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band Brodick Hall 7.30pm - 10.30pm Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm Live Music – Fatman and the Angel Family Friendly Pub Quiz Rock 'n' Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 11th July

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am Arran Skinnymalinks, Brodick Chair Yoga Exercise Class Brodick Church Hall, 10am Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am Summer Fayre in aid of Save the Children Brodick Hall, 10am - 12.30pm Spinning and Weaving demonstration Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am to 3pm Kildonan Fun Week - Seal and Shore Walk, also cream teas Kildonan Village Hall, 2pm & 4pm Adult Tennis Blackwaterfoot, 5pm Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm Kildonan Fun Week - Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ Body Blitz (booking essential) Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +) Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm Eco Savvy Food Share Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm Eco Savvy Food Share Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm The Drift Inn Quiz Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Friday 12th July

| 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 |
| Makers Festival | Brodick Castle and Country Park, 10am - 5pm |
| Adult Tennis | Blackwaterfoot, 11am |
| Gym Induction | Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm |
| Pop-up Evening, BYOB (bookings only) | The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm |
| Kildonan Fun Week - Asian Fusion, Oriental Fo | od Tasting Kildonan Village Hall, from 6.30pm |
| Alcoholics Anonymous meeting | Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm |
| Tae Kwondo Advanced (Adv | anced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm |
| Live Music – The Sensational Biff Simpson | Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm |
| Friday Night Quiz | Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm |
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Saturday 13th July

| Grinduro | Around the island starting from Arran High School |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Flow Yoga | Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am |
| Makers Festival | Brodick Castle and Country Park, 10am - 5pm |
| Lamlash Heather Queen | Lamlash Front Green from 1pm |
| Kildonan Fun Week - Beach games and sports | (weather permitting) Kildonan Village Hall, 2pm |
| Rink Games | Brodick 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 |
| Pop-up Evening, BYOB (bookings only) | The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm |
| Kildonan Fun Week – Mystery Film Night (BYC | B and nibbles) Kildonan Village Hall, 7pm |
| Live Music – Mic Clark | Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 8pm - 11pm |
| Live Music – Mike Bailey | Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm |
| Live Music – The Skunnered | The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm |
| Over-21s' Disco | Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm |

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO Saturday July 3, 1999

Hostile intentions

Cypress leylandii, the hedge recently identified as the greatest cause of neighbourly strife in England, may be about to spread its tentacles on Arran. Terry Crawley told Tuesday's community council meeting of the concerns of a Corrie resident that her neighbour might be planting such a hedge with hostile intentions. NAC's planning department can apparently do very little about these, even if they grow to their maximum height of 70 feet and their roots interfere with the foundations of neighbouring properties.

Alistair Yates, however, assured the council that such hedges on Arran were 'easily controlled' with the colder climate and salty air which naturally limits their growth. Any hostile intentions would therefore be likely to bear little fruit.

Raking rubbish

Access to the Brodick coup has been an issue for a while now.

This week it was a big issue for baker Lindsay Keir. For when he found that an item dear to his heart had been inadvertently thrown out he almost took up residence there, even hiring a digger to rake through the rubbish. Exactly what it was nobody seems to know, except a 'family heirloom'.

The men on duty tell us that those seeking lost items are not that unusual, one woman even hoping to retrieve her wedding ring. But, they say, it is like looking for a needle in a haystack, but dirtier and smellier and unlikely to ever turn up.

Sewage solution

The future of Arran's sewerage system, and the cleanliness of our beaches and sea water, came under the microscope at Tuesday night's community council. Andrew Leith and Bill Martin of West of Scotland Water had come to outline the Coastal Communities Programme and the intention to spend £12m over the following five years providing Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Corrie, Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza with new or upgraded waste water treatment facilities.

Works will include the removal of all existing discharges of untreated waste water and remove the existing short sewage outfalls which presently deposit waste very close to the shore. The intention is to complete the works by December 2004.



Landowner Charles Fforde opens the gate to the Glen Rosa footpath in a symbolic gesture of co-operation between walkers and landowners at the launch of the Arran Access Trust. 01_B27twe01



Pirnmill Primary held their school show last week with each class performing songs from a wide range of Walt Disney films with costumes to match. $01_{B27twe03}$



At a meeting of the Arran Rotary a total of four cheques were handed over to local groups. Pictured at the event were the office bearers with new president John Corbett. 01_B27twe05



Bombs away! A young girl leaps into the pool at the annual Arran Primary Schools swimming gala held at the Kinloch Hotel. 01_B27twe02

Visiting Arran after the police merger of the former U and R divisions are Chief Inspector John Beck, former Arran sergeant in the 80s, and Chief Superintendent Bill Campbell, both now in charge of Arran policing. 01_B27twe04



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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland Charity Number: SC014005 Sunday 7th July 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 immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship. All most welcome.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church) St Margaret's, Whiting Bay. Sunday 7th July 3rd Sunday after Trinity Sung Eucharist – 11 am Revd Adrian Fallows Coffee after service All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing) Sunday 7th July 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 7th July Mrs Liz Clarke Kilmory at 10 am Lamlash at 11.30 am Songs of Praise on the Green, 3pm if dry All welcome, including families; children's area Scottish Charity SC015072

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) Sunday 7th July 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 7th July 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 7th July Shiskine at 11am (church on

road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie) NO service this week in Brodick at 6pm

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 6th July Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm Sunday 7th July Sunday Morning Mass at 11am All welcome

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER Lamalsh Green (Lamlash Church if wet) Thursday 7th July at 3pm Songs of Praise All welcome

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BANNER BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Hope Cup returned to Lochranza for the first time in more than 100 years last weekend.

Arran Golfers The Association competition was played at Lochranza for the first time in 1906 and again six years later in 1912, but has never returned since. This year Brodick retained

the title which they have now won for the fifth time in six vears. The first round of the his-

toric competition took place at Lochranza on Saturday June 22 where Whiting Bay beat Shiskine, Brodick beat Lamlash and Corrie beat Machrie Bav.

In the semis and final day on Saturday June 29 Lochranza Castle lost to Whiting Bay and Brodick beat Corrie. Owing to the final being brought forward to 5pm, there were many spectators enjoying the beautiful scenery and the high standard of golf. Playing for the Whiting Bay team was Danny Head, Ryan Armstrong, Nicol Auld and Jamie Macpherson. Brodick Representing McKinnon, Ewan were Greg McCrae, Matt Keir and Gordon Hendry. Ross Duncan of Brodick - who played against Lamlash -

could not make final's day. The first match was Danny Head and Nicol Auld against Gordon Hendry and Matt Keir while the second was Jamie Macpherson and Ryan Armstrong against Ewan McKinnon and Greg McCrae. Accomplished golf was played in the final and Whiting Bay battled bravely but Brodick were just too strong, In the first game, Brodick ended four up and in the second game Brodick

were seven up. The results mean that Brodick team captain Sid



Danny Head, Ryan Armstrong, Nicol Auld and Jamie Macpherson represented Whiting Bay.



MEMORIAM

McMILLAN: David John.

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tragically in an accident at home on 7th July 2018.

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The Corrie team at the Hope Cup.

DEATH

CURRIE: Colin - of Dumfries and formerly of Shiskine. Died peacefully on 26th June 2019 at Dumfries Infirmary. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and loving father, stepfather, grandfather and great grandfather. Service at Roucan Loch Crematorium Dumfries on Friday 12th July at 3pm.

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to five wins over the last six

vears. The Dougie Macfarlane award for outstanding contribution to Arran golf was bestowed to Donald Logan. Donald has kept Lochranza club going and he was also AGA president for eight years and vice-president for nine

> vears. A spokesman for the Arran Golfers Association said: 'Well done to Donald on his thoroughly well-deserved award and congratulations to Brodick. Many thanks to Nigel and Kathy for the superb hospitality and to Pablo and his team who had done a wonderful job with the course. Feedback from the players and fans was very positive.'

Lamlash Golf Cub

Thursday June 20, Summer Cup, CSS 66. 1 Dylan Smith 87-22=65 BIH, 2 Paul Cowan 70-5=65, 3 Neil Young 72-6=66, 4 Dougie Macfarlane 68-1=67. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 68. Magic twos Stuart Campbell, Ian Bremner and Paul Cowan all @16th, Neil Young @13th. Hole four drawn - no winner. Sunday June 23, Medal Shield, CSS 65. 1 Serge El Adm 80-15=65, 2 Martin Wallbank 84-16=68 BIH, 3 Paul Cowan 73-5=68. Best scratch, Paul Cowan 73. Magic twos Drew Wales @17th, Allan Winship @2nd. Hole 12 drawn - no winner.

Thursday June 27, Summer Stableford, CSS 36pts to Stableford. 1 Serge El Adm 38pts, 2 Scott Macfarlane 37pts, 3 Stuart Campbell 36pts, 4th Dylan Smith 36pts. Best scratch, Dougie Macfarlane 32pts. Magic twos Willie Currie @8th, Martin Wallbank @5th and 16th, Iain Murchie @16th. Hole 14 drawn – no winner.

Sunday June 30, Hastings Cup round one, CSS 64. 1 Derek Harrison 89-24=65, 2 Ian Bremner 74-8=66. Best scratch, Ian Bremner 74. Magic twos, Andy Smith at 4th. Hole 12 drawn - no winner.

Ladies section: Wednesday June 26, Medal 5, CSS 63, par 65, 10 played. 1 Kate MacAdam 82-17=65, 2 Gay Mackay 90-24=66. Scratch, Kate MacAdam 82.

Fixtures: Saturday July 6, Club Championship qualifier round one, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Sunday July 7, Club Championship qualifier round two and Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday July 11, Summer Cup and Scratch Cup, make up own groups.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 26, the Cancer Relief Stableford Open. A good field of 23 played in the first of he summer charity support opens on another gorgeous summer's day. Scoring was good with the top six players matching



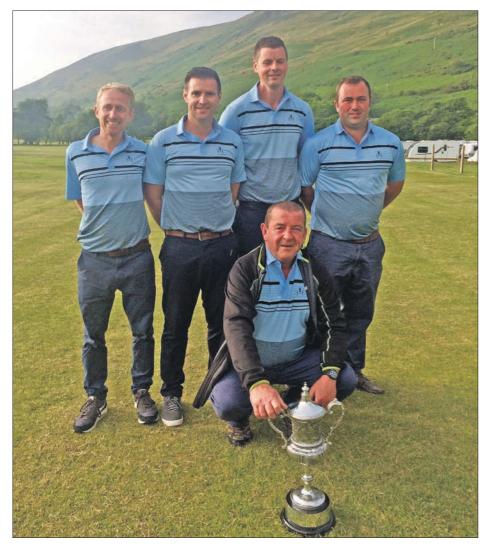
The Lochranza hosts of the Hope Cup.



Lochranza proved to be an idyllic venue for the 2019 Hope Cup.



ope Cup back at Lochranza



Winners of the AGA Hope Cup for 2019 were Ewan McKinnon, Greg McCrae, Matt Keir and Gordon Hendry of Brodick pictured with team captain Sid Sillars and the trophy.

or beating PAR and CSS came down to 62/37 Stableford points. Kevin Jackson beat that comfortably to win with a fine round of 40 Stableford points. 1 Kevin Jackson 10, 40pts, 2 Wayne Dale 27, 38 ACB, 3 Sandy Pringle 13, 38, 4 Stuart McGregor 13, 37 ACB. Magic twos Danny Head @6th, Kevin Jackson @11th.

Saturday June 29, AGA Hope Cup. Whiting Bay pulled off a creditable victory to beat the host club in the semi finals at Lochranza Golf Club but unfortunately came up against a powerful Brodick team that prevailed comfortably in the final. Congratulations to them on their victory and thanks to Danny, Jamie, Nicol and Ryan for their efforts and for representing the club in such a sportsmanlike manner. Thanks also to the AGA for organising the event with its usual efficiency and to Lochranza Golf Club for hosting. The course was in great condition and the layout proved itself more than equal to the task of hosting a 'major'.

Sunday June 30, Stableford. After the exertions of the Hope Cup, a much-reduced field of only five played. CSS stayed at 63/36 Stableford

Centenary Trophy win for Brodick

The Brodick Centenary Bowling Trophy was played for by all the island's clubs on Saturday June 15 in slightly damp conditions following the morning rain. Seven teams played, and the event was won by the Brodick triples team of Kate Nichols, Charles Hendry and Andy McCrindle.

The weather in most of June was very unpredictable and as a result several rink games were abandoned or cancelled due to rain. Winning teams at club rink games in June which were played were:

June 1, Kate Nichols, Ernie Stanger and Charlie Weir (+6); June 3, Katrina O'Connor, Jim Nichols and Andy McCrindle (+9); June 5, Charles Hendry and Ian Davidson (+8); June 10, Ernie Stanger and Jim Gourlay (+8); June 17, Paul O'Connor and Ernie Stanger (+1); June 22, John Lauder, Jenny Douglas and John McConnachie (+16); June 24, Andy McCrindle and Ernie Stanger (+11); June 26, Jim Nichol and Charles Hendry (+8); June 29, Robert Crawford, Ann Hollingworth and Jim Gourlay (+14).



points and Graeme Crichton beat that comfortably to win by five from his nearest challenger. 1 Graeme Crichton 13, 38pts, 2 Douglas Auld 20, 33 ACB, 3 Ronnie Mann 13, 33. Magic twos Ronnie Mann @5th.

Fixtures: Sunday July 7, Whiting Bay Improvements Stableford Open, draws at 9am and 11am. Wednesday July 10, Summer Trophy, draw at 5.30pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 26, Summer Cup, 42 played, CSS 65. 1 Iain MacDonald 67-7=60, 2 Derek Roxburgh 71-9=62 ACB, 3 Iain Sillars 78-16=62. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 64.

Sunday June 30, Sweep, 10 played, CSS 64. 1 Bob McCrae 74-10=64 ACB, 2 Bill Donaldson 80-16=64, 3 Douglas Robertson 83-17=66. Scratch Bob McCrae 74.

Congratulations to Sid Sillars and his team on winning the Hope Cup for the fifth time in the last six years. Fixture: Sunday June 7, Brandon qualifier, 8.30am and 1pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday June 27, Ladies' Medal Winners and Flag competition. Silver: 1 Kema Genda 84-13=71 BIH, winner of sweep, 2 Piet Johnstone



Donald Logan received the Dougie Macfarlane award for outstanding contribution to Arran golf. Donald has kept Lochranza Castle Golf Club going and he was also AGA president for eight years and vice-president for nine years.

90-19=71, 3 Jenni Turnbull, Medal Winners winner and flag competition winner, 89-17=72. Bronze: 1 Esther Henderson, 2 Fiona Scott, 3 Jerry Arthur.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday July 6, the Jack Logan Memorial Trophy, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday July 10, 18-hole sweep, ballot at 6pm. Saturday July 13, Commemoration Shield and Rose Bowl Open, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday July 20, 18-hole sweep, ballot at 6pm.

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Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 25, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Brian Sherwood 67, 2 Phil Betley 69, 3 Alastair MacDonald 71 BIH.

Fixtures: Tuesday July 9, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm.

Triples winners at Whiting Bay



The Whiting Bay Bowling Club's Anniversary Triples competition was held on Sunday June 23. Pictured are the winners, left to right: Sandy Kerr, Tony Curtis and Colin Wannop.

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North Berwick takes top ho



Arran chairwoman Cecilia Paul presents a representative from North Berwick with the trophy



North Berwick rowers, winners of the Arran regatta, celebrate their win.



Arran preparing to overtake Troon.

The third Arran skiff regatta hosted by Arran Coastal Rowing Club (ACRC) welcomed boats and rowers from all over southern Scotland to competing at the yacht club in Lamlash, writes Stuart Turner

Clubs from the Clyde region: Troon, Largs, Greenock, Maidens. Prestwick. Renegade, Cumbrae and Stranraer; the East Coast: Queensferry and South North Berwick, as well as from island neighbour Islay, all battled it out on the water over a 1.6km course around the moorings, cheered on by a lively and enthusiastic crowd.

The clubs' colourful gazebos sprang up in sunshine on Saturday morning to a buzz of friendly chat and the hard standing came to life as more than 150 rowers prepared themselves for the eight races ahead: Open Women, Men and Mixed, Men's and Women's 220+ (ages of the four rowers must add up to at least 220), Mixed Decades, Mixed 240+ and Novices.

As expected, North Berwick, one of the strongest clubs in Scotland, dominated the morning session going into the midday break with three wins out of the first four exciting and hard-fought races. Hot on their heels, the Arran team also looked strong with two seconds and a fourth.

A great spread for lunch was enjoyed in blazing sunshine, giving everyone the chance to meet old friends and new, relax and muster their energies for the races to come.

Two third and one fourth place for the Arran rowers in the afternoon session against determined competition gave them more valuable points but the highlight was definitely the Open Women Arran will this week take part for the first time in the World Championship Coastal Rowing and Shoreside Festival on Loch Rvan.

The Stranraer SkiffieWorlds 2019 starts tomorrow (Sunday) and will continue all week. It is a colourful and friendly celebration of coastal rowing for St Ayles Skiff class boats.

With a record entry of 693 crews from 57 clubs worldwide, including teams from as far away as the United States, New Zealand, Canada, Tasmania and Europe it will be a great experience for the Arran teams.

race, which saw the Arran ladies storming through on the home straight with an impressive lead to take gold. The organisation ran like clockwork and the racing came to an end on the dot at 4pm as planned and after a break to get changed and recover, the prizegiving ceremony kicked off an hour later. Beautiful woven gold, silver and bronze medals made by John Baraclough were awarded for the individual races and then the chairperson of Arran CRC, Cecilia Paul, announced the final overall positions: Troon in third place, Arran second and North Berwick receiving the handsome Arran Regatta Trophy for a well-deserved first place.

This was followed by a raffle to support club funds (thanks went to all those who donated the lovely prizes) and the barbeque and bar opened to refresh the tired competitors, who danced and celebrated the night away under the magical fairy lights and bunting in the yacht club shed.

Still feeling elated, the rowers met around 10am on Sunday morning to compete in the Hamilton Rock Handicap Challenge, a 6.2km race with a staggered start in the reverse order to the final positions the day before. This gave all clubs the chance to

win and was a fitting end to the great weekend. The elegant stone and wooden trophy and unique, woven, dragonfly-shaped medals were won for the second year running by the Firth of Clyde Coastal Rowing Club from Largs with a close and exciting finish against the Arran club. And so the third Arran Regatta came to a close with talk of how much everyone had enjoyed it and requests

for invitations next year. Without the dedication and generosity of everyone involved, far too many to name individually, the whole event just wouldn't have been possible.

It was indeed astonishing how tirelessly they all worked to make it the best regatta yet. Heartfelt thanks went to them all.

Special mention is made of the non club members who helped out: David, Susan, Jo, Janet, Helen and Billy. Also to Sarah Wilson and Siobhan McGinlay, who were rowing in their first regatta and did a great job.

Last but not least, many thanks went to the generous event sponsors: Arran Distillery, Arran Haulage, Fulton Decorators, Arran Dairies, Arran Electrical & Refrigeration. And, of course, to the Arran Yacht Club for the use of their excellent facilities.

Arran's skiff Seabhag cuts through the water at great speed.

nours at third Arran regatta



Hamilton Rock Trophy winners, the Firth of Clyde Coastal Rowing Club.



Arran's Open Women crew with their gold medals.



Rowers round the second turn during the Arran regatta.



Brodick's young Lachlan Campbell put up a good fight against the much bigger Northend defenders. ${\tt 01_B27ewe03}$

Southend sweep to the final

Shiskine Southend Arran Haulage Cup

In the other semi final a poor Shiskine display was fully taken advantage of by the Southend boys.

Shiskine scored two good goals through Donald Mulholland and Cameron Thomson. Ryan Armstrong and Liam Bremner both scored four goals apiece for the MBS boys.

Lewis Kennedy also got a brace. Neil 'Sonic' Lucas opened his Southend account and Corey Allen, Danny Head and Gregor Crichton got the other goals.

Referee David Copperwheat gave the man-of-the-match

award to Southend central midfielder Mak Russell for a solid display breaking up play in the middle of the park.

SPORT 27

The final will be played between Brodick and Southend on Saturday July 13 at 3pm with the venue still to be confirmed. Monday July 8 fixtures are Northend vs Brodick 7pm, Shiskine vs Lamlash 6.30pm.



Bryan McCallum pulls off a fine save in the Northend goal. 01_B26ewe04

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| Northend Brodick |
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| Arran Haulage Cup |

Arran Haulage Cup holders Brodick took a step closer to defending their title as they eased to a 4-1 win in Lochranza on Monday night in the semi final.

Northend put up a spirited performance in the first half and took the game to Brodick. As half time approached the game remained at 0-0 but a heavily disputed penalty for handball gave Brodick the chance to open the scoring.

Joel Small continued his fine goal-scoring form to get his eighth goal of the season for Brodick from the spot and it remained 1-0 at half time. In the second half former

Northend player Dominick Demazeux came back to haunt his old team as he got on the scoresheet for Brodick's second. Ross Dobson got off the mark as well for the season as he scored Brodick's third.

Another former Northend player turned Brodick player, Cameron Logan, also scored but it was at the wrong end, giving Northend their only goal of the game. Adam McNicol completed the scoring and was also given the man-of-the-match award by referee Sam Tattersfield for a strong performance.

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A packed Northend penalty box as a corner comes in. 01 B26ewe05







A midfield tussle for the ball. 01_B27ewe02

Ross Dobson mounts a Brodick attack. 01_B27ewe01



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