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Dairy farming comes to an end on Arran

'There are no dairy cattle
here today and there will
be none in the future'

by Hugh Boag
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Dairy farming on Arran is all but over, ending hundreds of years of tradition.

The only two remaining dairy farms on Arran confirmed this week that their herds had been advertised for sale and were likely to end milk production at the end of September.

It follows the closure by First Milk of Torrylinn Creamery at the south end of the island at the end of last month, removing the main outlet for Arran milk.

The two farms, the bigger Clauchlands in Lamlash, which has a 200-strong herd, and Tigheanfraoch in Blackwaterfoot, where there are 50 cows, are up for sale and both would hope to sell them as a herd.

At the annual farmers' show on Wednesday, where there were no dairy cattle on show, director John McBride told the crowds: 'There are no dairy cattle here today and there will be none in the future. Thanks to First Milk policy, there will never be any dairy cattle ever again.'

Now 62-year-old John Murchie, who farms at Tigheanfraoch, has the heart-breaking decision of whether to call it a day to a way of life he has known all his adult life with his Fresian-type dairy herd up for sale.

John said: 'If they go, that will be the end of it, but I would like them to go away as a unit rather than one by one at the markets on the mainland.' He says he has had a few inquiries and the best option may be for the animals, which range for calves to adults pro-

ducing year-round milk, to go 'sooner rather than later'.

Should they not sell John has the option of continuing to produce milk, most of which now goes to Mauchline or Kintyre on the mainland. One option would be to bottle the milk himself but John says that would be cost prohibitive. 'The supermarkets sell milk as a loss leader cheaper than water so it would be very difficult to compete,' he admitted.

So the current situation could mark a sad end for Tigheanfraoch - the house of the heather - which has been in the family since John's mum and dad Cathie and Nazer Murchie took over the tenancy in 1953. John started working at the farm with twin brother Donald when they were old enough and bought

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Texel is overhead champion



Overhead champion at the 183rd Arran Farmers' Society Show this week was this Texel ewe of N & D Henderson of Kilpartick Farm, Kilpartick, seen here with David Henderson. Full coverage inside. 01_B32texel01



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The distinctive Fresian cows in the field at Tigheanfraoch. 01_B32cows01

Dairy farms confirm that their herds are up for sale

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out the business in 1993 with his mum remaining active in the farm until she was 90. She died 18 months ago. The dad-of-three now runs the farm with wife Fer.

John was recently reminded that there were 70 milk producers on Arran but the introduction of bulk tanks in 1973 saw the gradual decline of smallholding producers who would sell any excess milk to the creamery.

At the height of his herd John had upward of 90 milking cows but now has under 50 after adopting a 'low input, low output' system, but milk

producers work on very tight margins these days.

John is sad to see the creamery go but wonders if it had just 'run its course' and if dairy production followed, he warned: 'It is just another thing that is, although, given the uncertainties of Brexit, it may not be the last.'

Stuart Reid at Claulands told the Banner: 'Everything is up in the air at the moment. The herd is for sale and there has been some interest. I would like to see it go in one lot.'

'What happens at the farm remains to be seen, but my focus is on the end of September

just now. It is sad as the farm has been in my family since 1968.'

Two farm jobs and a part-time post are at risk as a result of the herd sale.



The calves who face an uncertain future at the farm. 01_B32cows02

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Digital anxiety as nearly half now get exam results online

The wait is finally over for around 80 Arran youngsters who received their exam results this week amid nerves and excitement.

This year almost half the candidates in Scotland receiving their results did so by email or text message with the remainder waiting for the dreaded brown envelope coming through the letter box.

A higher proportion of S4 pupils who sat National 5 qualifications in 2019 achieved success than in 2018. Similarly, at Higher level, the number of pupils who gained at least one Higher award at grades A-D in 2019 was up on the same figure in previous years. Indeed, the proportion of overall Higher entries that resulted in an award increased in 2019.

In addition to this, pupils achieved success in a whole range of other academic and vocational qualifications.

Further analysis will be undertaken in the coming weeks and months within and across schools and departments to establish the key highlights and areas for

further focused improvement.

Councillor John Bell, cabinet member for education and employment, said: 'It's great to see the continued success of our young people through these results and a huge well done to all of them. A big congratulations to all the hard-working staff across North Ayrshire who I know work incredibly hard and take great pride in the achievements of the young people.'

Worked extremely hard

Council leader Joe Cullinane added: 'Young people across North Ayrshire have worked extremely hard over the last year and that is reflected in the results.'

'While it was a day of celebration for many, there will be some who might not have obtained the results they had hoped for. Clearly that is going to be disappointing but, please remember, that this is just the start and there are options available that will allow you to pursue your chosen career - there really is no wrong path.'

'If you need to talk to someone about

your results there are numerous groups and people out there who can listen and provide really good advice and support. The Skills Development Scotland national exam result helpline is free to contact and staff at your school are there to help too.'

As well as the support at home and within Arran High School, pupils can also receive guidance from Skills Development Scotland. The dedicated exam results helpline - 0808 100 8000 - will be open from 8am to 8pm on Tuesday August 6 and Wednesday August 7, and from 9am to 5pm weekdays from Thursday August 8 until Wednesday August 14.

Other helpful numbers are: ChildLine - 0800 11 11, Breathing Space - 0800 83 85 87, Samaritans - 116 123 and Parentline - 0808 028 22 33.

www.samaritans.org.uk provides a 24-hour listening service to people in crisis or despair. People can also contact them anonymously by email: jo@samaritans.org



Participants form a line and scour the beach for litter. 01_B32beach02

Beach Buddies take up litter fight in Brodick

The first event held by a newly formed group, Arran Beach Buddies, took place last weekend with a good number of volunteers attending a clean-up of Brodick beach.

Armed with litter pickers, bright tabards and refuse bags, the group cleaned the length of the beach from the Boathouse all the way along Fisherman's Walk to the pathway across the golf course.

A spokesman for the beach buddies said: 'Despite the inclement weather forecast and an early start due to tidal conditions, an impressive number of volunteers turned out.'

'Among the rubbish recovered was a mountain bike, a tent, sleeping bags, underwear, a traffic cone and several bags of papers, plastics and other waste.'



Volunteers line the Brodick beach bridge prior to cleaning the beach. 01_B32beach01

'Thanks to all of the volunteers, our sponsors Isle of Arran Dairies and the Parlour and Liz Mclean of the Brodick Co-op.'

'A special thanks too, to Team Auchrannie who joined us for the Brodick event.'
North Ayrshire Council

also showed its support by supplying pickers, hoops and refuse bags.

The next monthly event for beach buddies is scheduled to take place on Sunday September 8, but the venue has not been confirmed as yet, as the organisation is sched-

uling its work in conjunction with other local groups and organisations to avoid duplication or repetition.

Further information about future events, updates and volunteering can be found by searching for Beach Buddies Isle of Arran on Facebook.



Representing Team Auchrannie these three volunteers wasted no time in getting to work. 01_B32beach03



Leaving no stone unturned, these volunteers check every nook and cranny for litter. 01_B32beach04

Summer fun at Brodick beach barbecue

The annual Brodick beach barbecue with all of the associated fun activities will take place tomorrow (Sunday) weather permitting.

Joining the attractions of the barbecue and bar will be the always-favoured raffle, traditional music and the popular children's races.

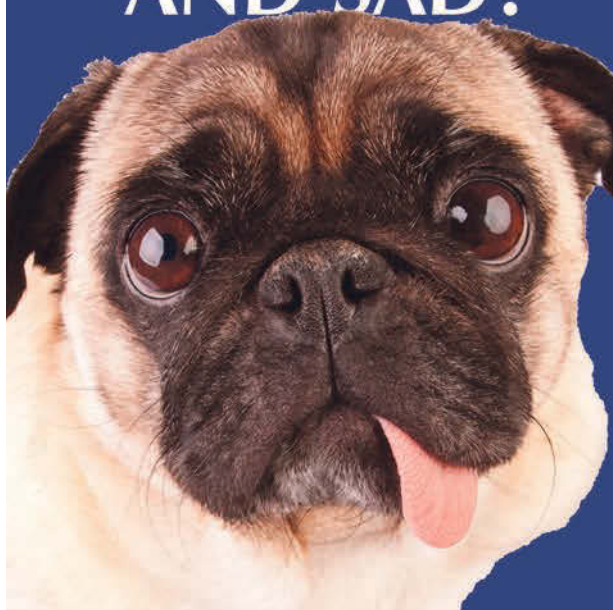
Beach volleyball, putting, frisbee golf, standing long jump

and a sandcastle competition will help to complete an afternoon of good old fashioned family fun on the beach. The day will also feature the music of rock band Brown Noise.

Everyone is welcome to pop along and join in the party atmosphere with the event starting at 2pm. All of the funds raised are used by organisers, Brodick Improvements Committee, for the maintenance of village amenities and other projects.

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The Little Dazzlers, who finished runners-up. 01_B32cricket03



Power Ranger Gavin McCrae at the stumps as the crowd watches the action. 01_B32cricket09

Superhero Power Rangers go-go to victory

Words and photos by Hugh Boag
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There was a welcome home win at the annual cricket fun day on Saturday when the Power Rangers used their super powers to secure victory.

There were just four teams taking part in this year's round robin event. But the sunshine and the beer tent saw the day go with a swing.

Each team took to the field with a walk-on theme tune appropriate to their name or

costume which, along with the Power Rangers, featured plate winners The Weirdos, Suited and Booted and The Little Dazzlers, a group of visitors who come every year and have a good winning record in recent years.

Play continued during the afternoon with umpire Aiden Smith not having to deal with too much controversy as Peter McMullen kept the score. Commentary as always was by Rich E Beno with Trevor Helliwell on the sound deck and Harry Anderson on

bar duty. Organised by the Sannox Cricket Club there was also a raffle and tombola on offer to the entertain the visitors.

The plate final was won by The Weirdos before the much-anticipated final between the Power Rangers and The Little Dazzlers which the home side won comfortably, much to their delight.

Chairman Eric Dunn thanked everyone who had helped organise the event which he promised would be back next year.



The Power Rangers strike a pose. 01_B32cricket01



The Power Rangers unmasked: Euan Smith, Frazer Barr, Finlay Sillars, Danny Head, Dave Hackett and Gavin McCrae. 01_B32cricket



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Power Rangers' captain Dave Hackett with the winners' trophy presented by Rich E Beno. 01_B32cricket14



Captain Scott Weir receives the Plate trophy for The Weirdos from Rich E Beno. 01_B32cricket13



The Weirdos led by captain Scott Weir. 01_B32cricket06



Diana Dunn holds up the top raffle prize at the tombola stall. 01_B32cricket11



Suited and Booted look the part. 01_B32cricket07



Power Ranger Finlay Sillars on fielding duty. 01_B32cricket05



Danny Head in bowling action. 01_B32cricket12



A youngster at the stumps. 01_B32cricket04

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Arran flies the flag at Campbeltown Indy march

2,000 support independence march

Around 36 members of The Isle of Arran SNP branch made the trip over to Kintyre for the independence march held recently in Campbeltown.

Organisers of the All Under One Banner march estimated around 2,000 SNP supporters from all over Scotland took part in the

biggest demonstration seen in the town for a number of years.

Counter demonstration

Opponents from the Pro-UK group A Force for Good, put the number of marchers at just 974, and staged a small counter demonstration, but the day passed off peacefully.



The Arran delegation gather under their flag at the start of the march.



Arran delegates taking part in the march through the town.

Council calls for action on second homes

A call has been made for top-level action to help ease the problems surrounding the lack of available affordable housing on Arran in response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the short-term lets industry.

In its official response to the consultation, North Ayrshire Council has said the proliferation of short-term lets and second home ownership is causing major issues for islanders, with the loss of residential housing leading to lack of availability and choice, higher rents and higher house prices.

Analysis carried out in 2017 by Arran Economic Group shows that Arran is second only to London in terms of difficulty in accessing affordable housing in the UK.

Data shows that there are approximately 2,100 households on Arran, yet only about 16 per cent – 342 – are social housing properties, primarily operated by Trust Housing Association. The majority of properties on the island are privately owned with 22 per cent of these classed as second homes.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for place, said the

significant growth in the short-term lets market – homes which are increasingly booked via online platforms – was causing particular problems for areas such as Arran where workers have real difficulty finding affordable housing.

He said: 'As part of our response to the consultation by the Scottish Government, we have called for a regulatory framework that ensures local authorities have the appropriate powers to ensure that growth of short term letting is managed, sustainable, and does not lead to a loss of affordable housing options.

'We know that second homes have an inflationary effect on housing markets, and this effect has been magnified on Arran where increasing access to affordable housing is particularly challenging because of land availability, land values, and high construction costs.

'We are preparing to begin construction of 34 new council homes on the island and while this new development won't eliminate the problem, it will be an important step towards addressing the issue.

'We hope to see a new framework developed which will allow greater

control over how short-term lets are managed. Such levers would allow us to harness the opportunities that this sector can offer whilst at the same time mitigating against risks that could undermine our economic base and the fabric of our rural communities.'



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A dedicated campaign website has been created which includes a directory with a hub of all 32 local authority pages where people who are interested in ELC can find jobs and training in their own area with just one click.

Opportunities

In Early Learning and Childcare, there are plenty of jobs available and lots of opportunities to get on the job training and qualifications.

The qualifications you need vary depending on the different roles from support worker to manager. Here are some examples of the careers up for grabs in the ELC sector:

Support worker: As a support worker you'll spend your day looking after small children – playing, caring for them, and making sure they are learning lots. This is an 'entry level' role and it's a great way to get started in Early Learning and Childcare and train while you work.

Practitioner: As an Early Learning and Childcare practitioner you'll be responsible for meeting the care, support and learning needs of the children you look after. It will be your job to make sure the children are all constantly developing and learning – you'll often work with other

practitioners and families to do this. Most school leavers will find that training to be a practitioner is right for them.

Manager: As a manager (or lead practitioner) you'll be tasked with the overall development, management and quality of the childcare provided. It will be your job to lead a group of staff, budgets, planning, and the bigger decision making in the nursery. You'll also keep a close eye on each child's development and will take the lead on positive and caring relationships with each child and their family.

With a range of roles and qualifications available, you can build your career according to the way you like to learn. You can do work-based qualifications, or attend college/university. Either way, you get lots of hands on practise as part of your training. You might start as an Early Learning and Childcare support worker, progress to practitioner and become a manager later down the line. There are lots of opportunities for progression.

Best thing

Connor Laurie, 22, from Glasgow is working towards his apprenticeship at the Butterfly Nursery in the south side of the city. Connor said: 'The best thing about my job is the smiles on the kids' faces when you do something fun together – them being happy is the most rewarding thing.'

'Every day is different and there are so many variables that you need to be flexible and creative to be able to adapt to every situation. For

example, if you've come up with a game or an activity to do with the kids and they're not enjoying it, you have to think quickly on your feet to change it up so you have their attention and keep them engaged. Ultimately, it's all about the kids.'

'Once I've finished my ap-

prenticeship, I'm hoping to go on to work through my SVQ qualifications and get as much experience as possible. I want to try lots of different things through my career in Early Learning and Childcare, and maybe run my own nursery one day. All I know is I want to work with kids and don't

want to move away from that. For anyone thinking about a career in Early Learning and Childcare, I'd say you should go for it. You need to have the patience to do it, because it's not always an easy job, but if you think it's for you, just do it.'

If you know someone look-

ing for a job that's rewarding, fun and has the potential to change lives, then Early Learning and Childcare could be a great career for them.

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College courses are now open for applications. There are lots of different childcare qualifications that offer the flexibility of full-time or part-time courses, all of which are combined with on the job training too. For those who are interested in earning as they learn, lots of employers are also recruiting Modern Apprentices and trainees of all ages.

Early Learning professionals are responsible for giving Scotland's children the best start in life using ideas and activities that help develop essential skills and begin their learning journey with professional, nurturing staff.

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School leavers can also talk to their careers adviser at school or ask their local college, training provider or nursery for advice.

Visit www.childcarecareersscotland.scot to find out more about a career in Early Learning and Childcare, including a live jobs feed which will include Modern Apprenticeship posts in some local areas.



Connor Laurie of Glasgow is working towards his apprenticeship and describes his experience as 'rewarding.'

LETTERS

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Sad loss as dairy farming ends

The end of dairy farming on Arran is a sad loss indeed.

For an industry that was once the lifeblood of generations of islanders to be snuffed out is a huge blow to the agricultural industry and to many in associated businesses beyond.

Of course, when it was announced that the Torrylinn Creamery was closing – Arran's biggest milk market by far – the writing was on the wall.

But the news that the last two remaining milk herds on Arran are for sale and that production is all but sure to halt in less than two months brings the situation into stark reality.

When you consider that 50 years ago there were 70 dairy farms and small holdings on Arran producing milk, it shows just how the industry has changed, with once precious milk now less costly than water as a loss leader in supermarkets.

It is sad, too, that the news should come on the very week that Arran celebrates all that is good in agriculture at the Arran Farmers' Show.

A great day this year was tinged with sadness at the loss of dairy farming and, as was said at the show, is likely never to be seen on Arran again.

Thought for the week

'You also must be ready; for the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.' **Luke 12:40**

Festival backing

Sir,

I was surprised to read the complaint in last week's Banner about the Rock 'n' Blues Festival. I am also a resident of Hamilton Terrace and not particularly a fan of this music. Yes, it was close to where we live, but Lamlash is a tourist venue and events like this bring people in to discover the village. It's an opportunity for charities to engage with visitors and it also brings in money to businesses.

I lived for 18 years in the Oxfordshire village of Cropredy. Its 600 residents were joined for a weekend every August by 20,000 folk rock fans for the Fairport festival. We all knew it was happening and everyone from the scouts to the primary school got involved, cooked breakfasts and generally made the most of the occasion. The primary school made enough to afford its own swimming pool.

May I suggest that next year, Dr Shenhav arranges to go away for the weekend or, failing that, invest in some earplugs.

Yours,
Karen Acham
Lamlash.

Castle concerns

Sir,

As a regular annual visitor to Arran (often twice a year) since I was a one-year-old in my mother's arms, and now as a 72-year-old pensioner, I feel that I have earned the right to criticise policy making at Brodick Castle, even though I must profess ignorance as to the original concept.

I was extremely surprised and saddened this year to discover that one of the greatest assets of the castle experience, has been downgraded to a soulless, characterless wooden hut! I'm talking about the café.

Who on earth thought it was a good idea to move the café from the wonderful vista at the castle front, to the old book room and gift shop at the back of the castle which looks on to the castle car park?

The old café was always a great

part of a castle visit, not to mention a tremendous joy, to be able to enjoy a cup of coffee and something to eat, whilst sitting outside the castle (or inside) on a fine day, and enjoying the company of the numerous beautiful chaffinches and occasional robins, who were always grateful to share a scone or two. The wonderful panoramic vistas across the bay from the tables outside the castle, just complemented the whole magnificent holiday experience.

It seems an absolute tragedy to deny holidaymakers such a superb experience, and replace it with a characterless, noisy environment, in a wooden hut behind the castle beside the car park. In my humble opinion, the powers-that-be have missed a massive publicity trick

here, and may yet live to regret their decision, especially as VisitScotland is trying to encourage visitors to the islands. Absolutely crazy!

Who on earth wants to sit in a characterless wooden hut to have a coffee, when they could be enjoying the birds and the open air just outside the castle, looking onto the walled garden and across the bay?

Arran will never be the same again.

Yours,
John Kirk,
Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Rolling Stones

Sir,

While I have some sympathy with your correspondent's complaint re-

garding the noise from the Rock 'n' Blues Festival, the rest of the letter, which goes on to suggest that 'not everyone enjoys that kind of music' and that the site should be changed to the Ormidale, is, in my opinion, an example of pomposity and nimbysism. Incidentally, there is a very strong rumour the Rolling Stones are to play a three-night concert at Lamlash next year!

Yours,
Brian Grindall,
Shiskine.

Lessons learned

Sir,

From responsible dog owner to dog owner responsible for sheep death, in a flash.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph of the week was taken by reader Elizabeth McTaggart who took this picture of the 'other side' of Holy Isle from the MV Isle of Arran as it made its way to Campbeltown from Ardrossan.

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Picture this: a visit to our favourite Coire Lochan last summer with friends, young family and our beloved seven-year-old Labrador. Above the deer fence, I let the dog off the lead. A little later, from the footpath, she spotted a young sheep and gave chase. As the scene unfolded, she was immune to recall, highly aroused and yapping like a puppy in front of the sheep, darting in and out, bottom up, tail wagging, excited. She was not growling or snarling. By the time I reached her, she was standing over the sheep which was barely breathing. I put her on the lead and directly contacted the owner of the livestock. The sheep did not survive.

The fallout? Utter shock and horror and now life with a dog we view differently.

The lesson? Any animal can behave unpredictably, clearly even a pet Labrador. Please learn from our mistake: off the lead means that the dog is beyond your control if something goes wrong. Now, to keep our dog on any footpath she is kept on a lead. An absence of a 'keep your dog on a lead' notice doesn't mean that it's okay to take the lead off, or mean that there is an absence of wildlife/livestock.

Thanks to the kind neighbours who helped me bring the farmer out to the scene. The farmer was extremely understanding and balanced in his response and voiced his appreciation at being informed. We are very grateful for the way he dealt

with the distressing situation and the loss of his livestock.

Please readers, when walking on the beautiful Isle of Arran, expect the unexpected – and keep your dog on a lead.

Yours,
**Jess Ostler,
Winchester.**

Propaganda letter

Sir,
Lochranza can also confirm that residents received the unsolicited Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) proposed mega salmon farm development plan propaganda letter for Millstone Point, North Arran – see last week's letters page.

I am requested to point out to the SSC on behalf of the (LCCA) that it remains vehemently opposed to this marine development.

The LCCA has some 250 local supporters. Should there be any doubt of our intentions then the SSC should reflect on the fact that both villages turned out en masse to object in April 2019 to the same plans the SSC is again putting forward without modification. We will object to SSC request to NAC for planning consent approval whenever that is issued.

We object to the SSC proposals because they give no recognition to have listened to residents' comments made on their stated public days. That is to say that they have publicly consulted but now intend to ignore

any comments made. I attended two public sessions and have consulted with attendees at other sessions. My principal recollection is that residents were very distrustful of the SSC and did not want SSC operations anywhere near Arran: just for them to go away!

We object to the SSC Millstone Point plan because it is showing it intends to ignore residents' objections concerning the preservation of the natural marine habitat at Millstone Point area which concerns otters, basking sharks, seals, dolphins, sea birds as well as the undersea flora and fauna. It is a sought-after area by walkers and those travelling by sea which will be ruined by the farm.

We object because of the SSC salmon farming method which is based on the use of open nets.

The open net method trashes the local environment by allowing untreated salmon faeces, waste food pellets and the neurotoxins used to try to prevent epidemics of sea-lice and disease to fall through the holes in the net contaminating the local area beneath them and the tidal locality.

A mega salmon farm proposal such as Millstone Point will deposit annually as much untreated salmon sewage as a small town such as Oban. Human sewage must, of course, be treated before discharge. We have witnessed and smelt the yellow lorries passing through Lochranza en route to the ferry and mainland dumps which contain the

dead bodies of tonnes of asphyxiated and diseased fish from the Lamash farm, apparently soon to close.

We object because there are now some 300 licensed salmon farms on the west coast of Scotland. Two parliamentary inquiries into the Scottish aquaculture industry took place in 2018 and found that 'the industry has proven itself largely incapable of addressing many of the key issues in salmon farming, in particular sea-lice control and disease'.

The Scottish government and its environmental control agencies have yet to decide how to respond to the several tens of recommendations made by these inquiries but hopefully some stricter guidelines may soon emerge.

Until these new salmon farm operating rules do emerge and are implemented, we believe, as do many environmentalists, that there should be a moratorium on future salmon farm developments such as Millstone Point, Arran and Kilchattern Bay, Bute until it can be proved that these farms can be operated in an environmentally sustainable way.

Anyone who wishes to view salmon farming reality should visit Corin Smith's Facebook page – Inside Scottish Salmon Farming Feedlots.

Are you listening yet Scottish Salmon Company?

Yours,
**John Ford, Lochranza and
Catacol Community Association.**

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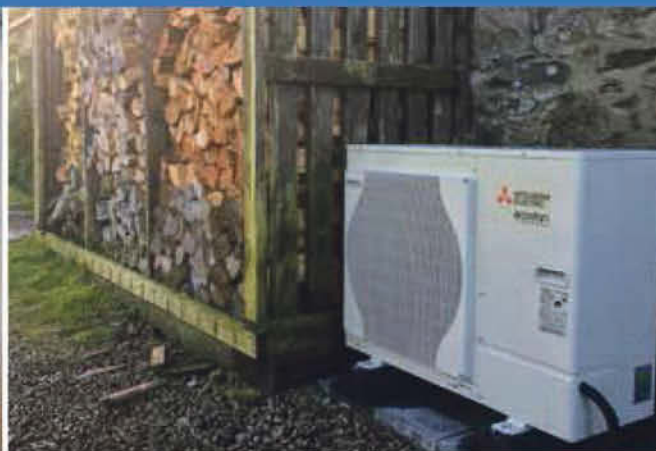
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Two years of hard work for the Lochranza Loos volunteers

A community group of volunteers are celebrating the second anniversary of retaining and maintaining the public toilets in Lochranza.

While to some this may sound banal the accomplishment has actually been a hard-fought victory which has required a huge ongoing commitment and the dedicated services of a number of hard working Lochranza Loos volunteers.

The undertaking started soon after Friday March 31 when North Ayrshire Council made the decision to close all public toilets on Arran. A small number of villagers decided to try to reopen the public toilets in Lochranza and formed a group whose aim was to provide toilet facilities, free to the public and open 24 hours a day, and to preserve the toilet building.

On Tuesday May 23, 2017,

the group met with North Ayrshire Council representatives who were extremely accommodating and after several meetings the Lochranza public toilets reopened under their stewardship on Tuesday August 1, 2017.

The toilets are now open 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and are funded entirely by donations. They are well frequented and there have been many expressions of appreciation both verbal and in writing. Donations have been generous and varied and have included US dollars, Swedish Kroner, Euros and a Snickers bar. Lochranza Distillery and the Sandwich Station, both village businesses, have also made generous donations.

A spokesman for Lochranza Loos said: 'Keeping the public toilets open was a daunting prospect but the toilets have been treated with respect by



Lochranza Loos committee members and supporters toast the facilities in August 2017. 01_B32l0001

teers are toying with the idea of entering Toilet Cleaner in the occupation section of their passports.

'Lochranza Loos is very grateful for all the help, support and donations they have received and intends to carry on providing free public toilets all year round in Lochranza.'

the public which has greatly helped the small group of dedicated volunteers who turn out day in and day out,

in all weathers, to clean and maintain the toilets.

'Such is their dedication and work ethic that some volun-

Corrie Film Club presents...

The Florida Project (2017, USA, Cert 15)

Corrie Film Club's August film is warm, winning, and gloriously alive. It is Sean Baker's *The Florida Project*, a deeply moving and unforgettably poignant look at childhood.

Set on a stretch of highway just outside the imagined utopia of Disney World, the film follows six-year-old Moonee and her rebellious mother Halley over the course of a single summer. The two live week to week at 'The Magic Castle', a budget hotel managed by Bobby (Willem Dafoe at his best), whose stern exterior hides a deep reservoir of kindness and compassion.

Despite her harsh surroundings, the precocious and ebullient Moonee has no trouble making each day a celebration of life, her endless afternoons overflowing with mischief and grand adventure as she and her ragtag playmates - including Jancey, a new arrival to the area who quickly becomes Moonee's best friend - fearlessly explore the utterly unique world into which they've been thrown.

Unbeknownst to Moonee, however, her delicate fantasy is supported by the toil and sacrifice of Halley, who is forced to explore increasingly dangerous possibilities in

order to provide for her daughter.

See this film at Corrie and Sannox village hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm. All welcome.



A poster for *The Florida Project*.

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Glen Sannox is 'only option' Greene tells ferry group

The troubled MV Glen Sannox, currently lying unfinished in a Port Glasgow shipyard, is Arran's only option for a new ferry, MSP Jamie Greene has told the Arran Ferry Action Group.

The group recently invited the Conservative West of Scotland MSP and Conservative transport spokesman to the island to meet them and explore how he might help them lobby those responsible for the Arran ferry service.

A spokesman from the group said after the meeting: 'The MSP could hardly have anticipated the bombardment of information we fired at him, but stoically recorded your frustrations, which we continue to collate, filling many pages of his notebook.'

It was immediately clear that Jamie is knowledgeable about ferry matters, both from a practical and political point of view. As his party spokesman for transport,

he meets regularly with the transport minister and other stakeholders. Jamie has been a member of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee (RECC) since its inception and impressed us with his apolitical, pragmatic approach.

'He has already met with CalMac's new group chief executive officer Duncan Mackison and told us he was encouraged by this appointment. CalMac is currently developing a long-term ferry plan, so it is essential that we let it know what sort of ferries we want.'

'With regard to the ill-fated Glen Sannox, Ferguson Marine and CMAL are currently in mediation. However, Jamie warned that regardless of what decisions are taken to complete the vessel, it remains our only option for a new ferry.'

'As to the design disaster of the new Brodick terminal, with its profligate cost over-

run from £18m to £31.2m, he explained that lines of accountability make it extremely difficult to hold government bodies to account. We impressed upon Jamie our determination to do all we can to prevent a similar waste of public money at the Ardrossan terminal.

'We pointed out that to date, all our requests for evidence that these developments will improve reliability and resilience have been refused. Jamie promised to obtain this evidence.'

'It was agreed that, between us, we would draw up a list of questions aimed at eliciting meaningful answers and appropriate action.'

Intense discussion

'Summarising almost three hours of intense discussion, Jamie raised the frightening prospect of a major failure of the ageing MV Caledonian Isles putting it out of service for many months. With no spare vessels in its fleet, CalMac would struggle to maintain a lifeline service. This scenario, he believes, should shape our priorities in tackling those responsible, and he left us in no doubt that he will do all he can support us.'

'Let us hope our other MSP changes his mind and agrees to meet and confer with an organisation legitimately representing more than a thousand of his constituents on the island.'

Mr Greene said: 'I had a very constructive meeting with this group of islanders. It's clear that there are many concerned ferry users on



Jamie Greene MSP with members of the ferry action group.

Arran and I commend them for working together to highlight their concerns.

'From the Ardrossan Harbour development, technical problems on the ferries and, of course, the continued saga of the new Arran ferry

which looks to be nearly two years late, it is completely understandable why people on the island are frustrated with the ferry service.'

'This is why I will continue to work with any ferry user group where possible to stand

up for our island communities and hold CalMac and the Scottish Government's feet to the fire. This is not a party political issue, and I hope that other local politicians will join me to stand up for our island communities.'



Mr Greene makes notes of the concerns highlighted by the lobby group. No_B32ferry02

Government rejects offer for yard

An offer to hand a share of ownership of the Ferguson Marine shipyard to the Scottish government has been rejected, according to reports this week.

The owner of the Port Glasgow yard where the MV Glen Sannox is being built, Clyde Blowers Capital, is said to have tabled the new proposal last week.

According to the BBC it also presented legal advice, commissioned by Clyde Blowers Capital, that the proposed deal would be within European rules on procurement and state aid – the extent to which governments are allowed to intervene in support of businesses.

But that advice is said to have been flatly rejected by the Scottish government, saying

it is obliged to seek the lowest cost option.

Instead it is claimed it could use a clause in the £45m of loan agreements between the Scottish government and Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited (FMEL), through which it could take over the yard for only £1, which would avoid administration.

The decision either means there has to be more injection of capital from Clyde Blowers, to cover the extra cost of the ferry contract, or the nationalised takeover of the business by the Scottish government.

Either way, there yet seems to be a way out of the impasse which has seriously delayed the completion of the MV Glen Sannox, bound for the Ardrossan to Brodick route, and her sister ship, only known as Hull 802.

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Tod McNeish with his pet lamb in the judging ring. 01_B32show03



Best young cattle stockman Donald Currie Jnr of Bellevue Farm, Blackwaterfoot. 01_B32show19



Judging under way in the pet lamb contest. 01_B32show04



Calves born this year in the cattle judging ring. 01_B32show08



Above, judging is under way of the Texel sheep. 01_B32show06

Right, judge David McKerrow takes a close look at a Texel entry. 01_B32show14



Sun shines on super Arran show

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The sun shone on the 183rd Arran Farmers' Society Show this year, drawing big crowds to Glenkiln Farm in Lamlash to soak in all the atmosphere.

While the serious business of the judging of the cattle and sheep got under way under a dark sky and intermittent rain, the clouds soon cleared and it was sunshine all the way. Sheep entries were up this year, with a number dyed for showing, while the cattle classes had around the same entry as last year.

Dairy cattle

The only sadness were that there were no dairy cattle for the third time in four years and little chance of them ever returning.

The entertainment in the main ring this year was provided by Craigievern pig racing, which proved a big draw and lots of amusement to see which pig finished first. A missed ferry saw the pigs arriving late, but they still



Pet lamb winner Julie Hamill with a lamb from Bridge Farm, Shiskine. 01_B32show05

managed their two displays. Crowds poured in all day with organisers delighted with the turnout. Elsewhere, the field was bursting with entertainment, with the tractors getting a good run out this year and attracting a lot of interest, while the dog show had one of its biggest entries in years as the Highland dancers gave a fine display in their tent.

All the usual farming and business stalls and crafts were there and the ice-cream and food outlets did a roaring trade.

Of course, there was the business end of the day with the judging of the overhead champion and the prize giving in the main rink.

Overhead champion this year was the Texel ewe of N & D Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm, Kilpatrick. Reserve overhead champion was the Aberdeen Angus bull of D McKinnon of Hillhead Farm, Bennan, and third was the two year old ewe with lamb of J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

See full results in next week's Banner



Amelia Robertson who won both the young sheep handler and overall best stock-handler prizes. 01_B32show29



Above, Euan Bone with his champion Blackface ewe with lamb which finished third in the overhead championship. 01_B32show34; left, Janis Murchie with her champion Suffolk ewe. 01_B32show35; Suffolk sheep judging in the ring. 01_B32show17



Rachel McKinnon of Hillhead, West Bannan, with the overhead reserve champion Aberdeen Angus bull. 01_B32show32



Danielle Mutch on Grantstown Unique had a clear round at the show-jumping. 01_B32show15



Stuart McMaster with his champion Blueface Leicester. 01_B32show33



Overhead champion Texel with David Henderson and daughter Emma. 01_B32show38; below left, Blackface shearing tup judging. 01_B32show09; and, below, Donald Currie with his champion Beltex from the other breeds classes. 01_B32show37



Making a fine fence clearance at the show-jumping. 01_B32show16





Lex Craig of Tarbolton took the best in show prize with his 45hp 1963 Massey Ferguson 35X. 01_B32show41



Alastair Currie of Birchburn, Shiskine, with his class-winning pure bred cow or heifer, in calf or in milk. 01_B32show12



Left, decision time for judge Alan Currie in choosing the cattle champion. 01_B32show18; Faye Anderson of Thistle Dhu, Shiskine, with her winning Suffolk gimmer. 01_B32show21



Judging in the other breeds sheep ring. 01_B32show23



Attracting large crowds to their performance, the Highland dancers do the Highland fling. 01_B32show39



The Arran Pipe Band entertain the crowds. 01_B32show24



The Blackface sheep judging attracts a lot of interest. 01_B32show20



Danielle Mutch on Grantstown Unique was the horse and pony champion. 01_B32show31



The different breeds of sheep of R,N & S McMaster of Springfield, West Bennan, were all dyed the same colour. 01_B32show26



An exciting array of tractors, from pre- to post-war examples, were on display for visitors to browse. 01_B32show43



Children and adults cheer on the racing pigs from Craigievern Pig Racing. 01_B32show40



Children parade through the long grass with their dog in the dog judging competition. 01_B32show42



Judging under way in the young sheep stockhandler. 01_B32show27



Judges and ring members cast an eye on the young handlers and their ponies. 01_B32show44

Shiskine scoops awards



Jennifer Earle, joined by daughters Trixie and Rowan, received a silver award for her kilt.
01_B32SWIX09

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There was a big entry for the annual Isle of Arran SWI Federation Handcrafts and Homeskills Show which took place, as always, on show day on Wednesday.

The Arran High School theatre was bulging with more than 337 exhibits from 46 ladies representing Arran's five institutes.

Taking the bulk of the trophies was the largest institute, Shiskine, which secured 14 of the 23 awards in the 67 categories ranging from baking, crafting, knitting, painting to photography and jewellery making.

The show this year took place with a new streamlined layout for the exhibits and also featured two new trophies, the Mairi F T Turnbull Trophy and the Quilt Arran Quach.

The Best in Show trophy,

which usually goes to an individual, was awarded to Shiskine – four individuals items, with the theme of 'In the Nursery', each received a score of 10 out of 10.

Dorothy Allan, who was exhibiting for the first time, knitted an entire miniature doll's outfit using size 19 needles – the thickness of a pin.

Another deserving winner was Dorothy Allan who won the Miss E Ferguson Trophy for the best entry in the handcraft section. Dorothy, who was exhibiting for the first time, knitted an entire miniature doll's outfit using size 19 needles – roughly the thickness of a pin.

SWI members also excelled themselves in another fine

display of generosity with their knitwear from all of the institutes which is donated to the Neo-Natal Unit at Crosshouse Hospital.

Following the well-attended show, just prior to the prize-giving, a raffle took place with an assortment of prizes donated by Arran businesses, including CalMac, Isle of Arran Distillers, Arran Fine Foods, Bay Stores and Arran Aromatics.

Show convener Kirsty Forsyth, who organised the show, and honorary guest Gisela Creed presented the prizes. Kirsty said: 'I would like to give my thanks to Mrs Gisela Creed, the show committee, office bearers and all of the runners, stewards and volunteers. Thanks also to all of the judges, all of the visitors and all of the people who have submitted exhibits. Everyone's participation contributes to a successful show.'

See next week's Banner for a full list of all of the prize-winners.



Angela Cassels won the Joan Crawley Trophy for her embroidery work.
01_B32SWIX04



Morag Murchie shows off her cloutie dumpling which earned her the Isle of Arran Federation Trophy. 01_B32SWIX03



Winner of the Jubilee Trophy, Julie Wilkinson, with some of her prize winning photographs. 01_B32SWIX16



Mary Adams received the Brenda Waddell Trophy for her pirate soft toy which she knitted. 01_B32SWIX14



Jan Crawford is the first recipient of the new Mairi FT Turnbull Trophy for the best floral arrangement. 01_B32SWIX06



Dorothy Allan with her unbelievably finely knitted dolls outfit which was knitted with pin-sized needles. 01_B32SWIX12



Visitors browse the huge assortment of exhibits on display in the theatre which were laid out in a new format this year. 01_B32SWIX07

haul at annual SWI show



All of the trophy winners at this year's Scottish Women's Institutes Isle of Arran Federation Handcrafts and Homeskills Show, with show convener Kirsty Forsyth pictured in the back row, fifth from the left. 01_B32SWIX01



Jenny Harper won the best knitted article in show with her finely detailed shawl.

01_B32SWIX02



Nici Sketchley-Kaye receives the Arran Provisions Trophy from honorary guest Giséla Creed. 01_B32SWIX05



Evelyn Hamilton contributed to the first place community tray which was based on the theme of Halloween. 01_B32SWIX11



Elma Stevenson of Corrie and Sannox SWI won a gold award for her three little pig cupcakes. 01_B32SWIX13



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All the thrills of the Brodick Highland Games



The mass pipe bands play to a big crowd.

One of the most anticipated events of the year, the Brodick Highland Games, is all set to thrill a local and international audience at Ormidale Park today (Saturday).

Kicking off in fine style the games start with the traditional march of the pipe bands who make their way from the pier to the show-ground at 11am. This year, in addition to the Isle of Arran Pipe Band, and those from Kilbarchan, Maybole and the Isle of Cumbrae, the Isle of Arran Schools' Pipe Band will be performing for

the first time, in what will be only their third public appearance.

Highland dancers will entertain the crowds, starting at 11am, when they compete in the Highland Dance Competition, both in their dress and finely rehearsed dance routines.

On offer for spectators and participants will be the children's fancy dress competition which will start at 1pm shortly after which the track events will take place. The track events start with children's races continues with the adult events.

These are followed by the popular pillow fights before concluding with the popular tug of war in the afternoon.

The highlight for many though, who view it as the main event, is the heavy events which start at 12noon, and which will see some of the strongest athletes taking on some of the toughest traditional challenges, including caber tossing, weight and hammer throwing. And they will see the return of Arran strong-woman Yvonne Currie, who made her debut last year.

The penultimate event, the

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A competitor throws the weight for distance.



Making it look easy, a competitor throws the hammer.



Entrants compete in the tyre flip Strongman competition.

Special Challenge Caber, will undoubtedly be a visual spectacle and a huge challenge for the participants when the extra heavy caber is brought out.

The final event, and certainly one worth watching is the Local Heros Strongman Competition which includes dragging an anvil, flipping tractor tyres and the dreaded Stones of Density.

In addition to all of the sights and sounds to behold, there will also be a number of stalls to browse, and a selection of food and drink stalls to satisfy every taste.

Following the presentation of the trophies, visitors can follow the procession of the pipe bands as they make their way to the ferry at 6pm where they have one final performance before receive a fitting musical send-off from the Arran Pipe Band as the visitors depart on the 7.20pm ferry.

The march is guaranteed to be a visual feast for the eyes as Brodick organisations along Shore Road have been requested to display colourful bunting outside of their stores to brighten up the route and to add to the

festive spirit.

Brodick Highland Games have been held in the village since 1886 with the exception of the two World Wars and a few occasions thereafter, the last when the Ormidale Park was being upgraded in 1996, and it has continued to be a highlight for many and an occasion that can best be described as unmissable.

Admission for the games costs £4 and children under 14 are free, entries for the events can be accepted on the day just prior to the event.



The Highland dancers competition in full swing.

Brodick Highland Games

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Isle of Arran Pipe Band
Kilbarchan Pipe Band
Maybole Pipe Band
Isle of Cumbrae Pipe Band
Isle of Arran Schools' Pipe Band

Local Heroes Strongman Competition
featuring the 'Stones of Density'



PROGRAMME
50p

The Games will start with the Pipe Bands marching from the Pier at 11.00a.m.

Highland Dance Competition -

Starts at 11am

Heavy Events - Commence at 12 noon

Childrens Fancy Dress - and other events commence at 1pm

SATURDAY 10th AUGUST 2019

ADMISSION : in Ormidale Park

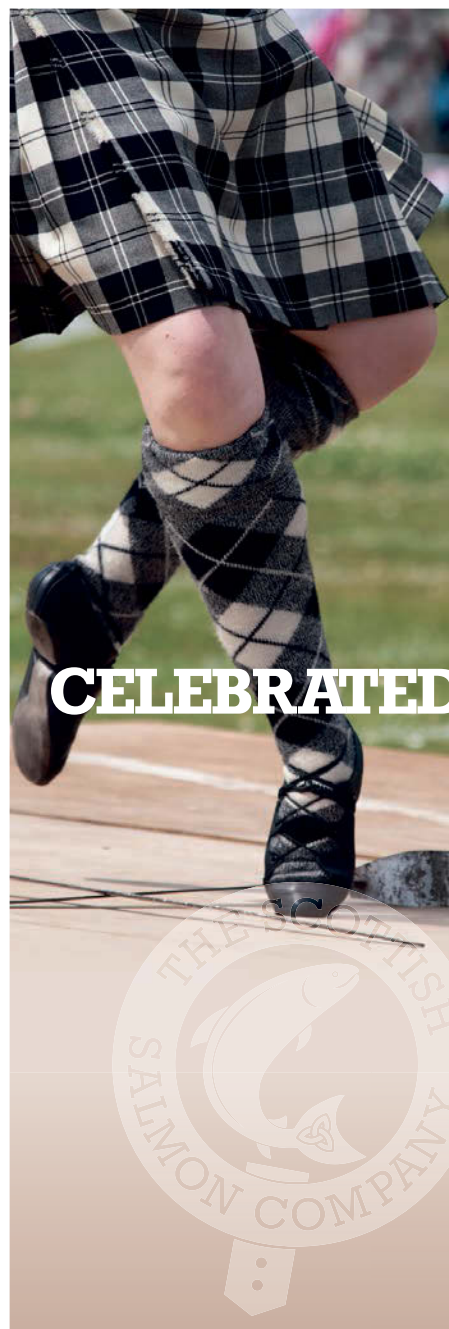
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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARRAN

Rock and blues on Lamlash green



The George Lindsay Band perform in the PHT. 01_B32rock08



The Andrew Robert Eustace Band on stage at the festival. 01_B32rock01

Lamlash was rocking when the second Arran Rock 'n' Blues Festival descended on the green at the end of July.

The PHT-organised event attracted music fans from across Scotland and beyond, as well as a host of local enthusiasts, to two days of both hard rock and mellower sounds.

A huge marquee on the green was the main venue for the acts, but there were also performances over the weekend at the Pierhead Tavern which was also heaving with talent. And while it may have been very wet at times outside the marquee kept the bands, their equipment and the crowds dry.

On the green the music was complemented by market stalls hosted by island artists and a wide range of food stalls. To help the day along there was also a wide range of Scottish real ale and Arran whisky and gin tastings.

But it was the music visitors had come for and they were treated to a host of diverse sounds over the two days from some top bands, some of whom are regular visitors to Arran, and others playing for

the first time. Headlining on Saturday were Preacher, an Ayrshire and Glasgow-based eight-piece melodic and progressive band who have been making quite a name for themselves and have just released their third album.

On Sunday Redfish, a blistering UK-based soul-blues ensemble, rounded off the festival in style.

It was all held together over the two days by compere and Godfather of Rock Tom Russell.

Organiser Jane Howe said: 'I was absolutely astounded by the support for the festival and the feedback has been incredible with lots of comments about how well organised it was and in particular the quality of the bands I chose.'

'I must admit the musicians were so incredibly talented and I'm so grateful to them all for coming to Arran to play for a fraction of their worth to help me support live music.'

The Brian Rawson Band performs on Saturday afternoon. 01_B32rock13



Compere Tom Russell introduces one of the bands.



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The Arran whisky tasting stall at the festival. 01_B32rock06



One of the many talented craftworks on offer among the stalls at the festival. 01_B32rock05



Combat Stress held a fundraising tombola. 01_B32rock07



What's a little rain, as festival goers shelter under their umbrellas. 01_B32rock04



Members of Lamlash Improvements served cream teas in the tea tent. 01_B32rock09



The Isle of Arran Gin Co was making cocktails and handing out free tipples. 01_B32rock02



Karen Welsh selling t-shirts and CDs in the marquee. 01_B32rock10



A craft market on Lamlash green was held as part of the festival. 01_B32rock03



A big crowd enjoy the Brian Rawson Band. 01_B32rock14



Festival goers enjoy a drink between acts in the marquee. 01_B32rock11

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All set for tractor rally

This weekend sees the annual tractor rally taking place at the Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn, Brodick, and it will be the largest yet.

Owners are invited to take along their tractors on the morning, whether they are vintage, restored, modern, or just run of the mill, with the event starting tomorrow (Sunday) at 12.30pm.

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

Following judging, a prize will be presented for the best presented vehicle, and all entrants will receive a rosette.

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Next stop Arran for American folk duo

For its second summer concert Music Arran will be showcasing the considerable talents of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, who are also known as the American folk duo Hungrytown, in Whiting Bay village hall tomorrow night (Saturday).

Lyricist Rebecca Hall is credited with compositions 'that sound as timeless as any traditional songs' - Northern Sky, UK; while producer/multi-instrumentalist/husband Ken Anderson is lauded for his 'remarkable affinity for instrumental embellishment' - No Depression and for crafting Hungrytown's 'gorgeous vocal harmonies' - Folk and Roots, UK.

Hungrytown's introduction to folk music came when a close friend - who died young due to a tragic misdiagnosis - entrusted to them her collection of 1960s folk albums and her guitar which has since

been featured on all of their albums. Inspired by the grit and true-to-life experiences she heard in these traditional ballads, Rebecca was inspired to write the lyrics that later became her first songs, aided by Ken's flair for musical arrangement. Soon afterwards, Rebecca released two solo albums, *Sings!* (1999) and *Sunday Afternoon* (2002), both produced by Ken. In the winter of 2003, the duo quit their boring desk jobs, moved to the green hills of Vermont, and decided to pursue a full-time career as touring musicians.

They released their first CD, *Hungrytown*, in 2008; *Any Forgotten Thing* in 2011; and *Further West* in 2015. The couple continue to spend more than half of each year on the road, especially roads in North America, Europe and New Zealand. Hungrytown's music has received extensive



Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, known as the folk duo Hungrytown, will be performing on Arran this weekend.

A spokeswoman for Music Arran said: 'This is an exciting new venture for Music Arran, and we invite the people of Arran and any visitors and friends to join us in Whiting Bay village hall on Saturday August 10, at 7.30pm, to enjoy and give Hungrytown a real Arran welcome.'

Tickets are available on line from www.arranevents.com, from Inspirations in Brodick or at the door, and cost £10 per person. Children and an accompanying adult are admitted free of charge. The seating will be café style, allowing space for some dancing, and is BYOB.

radio airplay worldwide and has appeared on several television shows.

Combining spellbinding harmonies with heartfelt storytelling, Americana/folk music duo Hungrytown have been captivating audiences for more than 15 years of full-

time touring. The duo are known for the timeless quality of their songs, which combine Celtic and Appalachian influences, as well as their artful accompaniment on a variety of instruments, including banjo, mandolin, guitar and harmonica.

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Arran Heritage Museum

Monday - Friday, 10am - noon
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Auchrannie Hotel Pool, Brodick, Monday -Thursday, 4pm - 6pm
Open Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 5pm
Sunday, 12.30am - 5pm. Tours daily at 11am & 2pm or by arrangement
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 10th August

Brodick Highland Games
Jungle Book Trail
Rink Games
Rink Bowls
Rink Bowls
Family games
RNLI Shop - Open
Gym Induction
Fun in the pool
Pop-up Evening, BYOB (bookings only)
Music Arran presents Hungrytown, BYOB
Live Music - Mic Clark
Live Music - Rough Cut
Over-21s' Disco

Ormidale Park, Brodick from 11am
Brodick Castle, Gardens and Country Park, noon - 4pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

Sunday 11th August

Jungle Book Trail
Restored Tractor Rally
Live Music – Megan Hamil
Brodick Beach BBQ
Family games
RNLI Shop - Open
Gym induction
Fun in the pool
Live Music - Mic Clark
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Folk Music Session

Brodick Castle, Gardens and Country Park, 12noon - 4pm
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick, 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Brodick Beach, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa, 2.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm - 6pm
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 12th August

Morning Fitness
Footsteps of the Ancient Saints – Holy Isle Cave Visit
Coffee Morning
Arran Rangers – Blackwaterfoot Seashore Scramble
Adult Tennis
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Circuit training
Summer Bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396
Rink Games
Rink Bowls
Live Music – Fatman and the Angel
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
Holy Isle Ferry, 10am
Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall, Whiting Bay, 10.30am - noon
Blackwaterfoot, 3pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Arran High School 6.15pm for 6.30pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 13th August

Glen Rosa Discovery Walk
Body Blitz (booking essential)
Healthy Outdoors Team
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries
Rink Bowls
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group
Steak Night – 2 Ribeye Steaks and bottle of wine

Arran Ranger Service, Brodick Castle, 9.30am
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Home House House, Brodick, 10am - 3pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Ormidale pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 5.30pm

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

Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6pm
Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Brodick Bar, 9pm

Wednesday 14th August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Brodick Gardens Volunteers
Lamlash Coffee Morning
Archives and Genealogy Service
Chair Yoga Exercise Class
Knit and Blether
Talk Introducing Arran's Archaeology
Horticultural Society Summer Show
Arran Pace Makers Running Group
Flow Yoga
Junior Rugby (P3-P7)
Rink Games
Rink Bowls
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Summer Ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band
Live Music - Christopher Quinn
Family Friendly Pub Quiz
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Bay Wool and Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm & 2.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick, 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Ormidale Park, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Hall 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 15th August

Morning fitness
Adult Support and Protection Training
Chair Yoga Exercise Class
Spinning and Weaving demonstration
Arran Churches Together Prayer Group
Adult Tennis
Body Blitz (booking essential)
Arran Hockey Club – Seniors (12 yrs +)
Eco Savvy Food Share
Eco Savvy Food Share
The Drift Inn Quiz
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 - 10.30am
Arran CVS, Lamlash, 10.30am - 2.00pm
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 10.30am
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am to 3pm
Scottish Episcopal Church, Whiting Bay, 2.30-3.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodick Ormidale Pavilion, 8.15pm
Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 16th August

Yoga
Hydrofit
ACLI – Friday Garden Club
Adult Tennis
Qi Gong (Tai Chi), all welcome
Gym Induction
Pop -Up Evening, BYOB (bookings only)
'Frydays' Chip Shop
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwondo
Live Music - The Sensational Biff Simpson
Friday Night Quiz

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 10am - 12.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 11am
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Lochranza Centre, 6pm - 8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar & Bistro, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Saturday 17th August

Inspiration from Wood Exhibition and Demonstration
Rink Games
Rink Bowls
Rink Bowls
Family games
RNLI Shop - Open
Gym Induction
Fun in the pool
Pop-up Evening, BYOB (bookings only)
Live Music - Mike Edwards
Live Music - Matt Scott and Anna Sweeny
Live Music - Earthbound, Indie Rock band
Over-21s' Disco

Corrie Village Hall, 10am - 4.30pm
Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 2.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 3pm - 4pm
The Shore, Whiting Bay from 6pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm
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The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 10pm

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Archaeological dig

Work is underway on the water pipeline across the String and, eventually, round the Southend. Archaeologists, however, are still at work in case any interesting finds emerge.

The tender to excavate from the pumping station to the Southend has been won by a team from Glasgow University and at present they are doing a controlled strip of the soil. This is to assess the archaeological potential as they go. So far, at the top of the String, some wooden tools have been found under the peat, further down some flint items were uncovered and recently, evidence of a boat and house were unearthed in Glencloy.

Something brewing

It was six years ago, when the distillery was still struggling through the planning process, that Richard and Elisabeth Roberts were on holiday on Arran from High Wycombe. Reading about the distillery-to-be, Richard said to his wife that if Arran was to have its own whisky then it ought to have its own beer too.

Now, just before the millennium, Richard and Elisabeth will be producing that Arran beer. Work has just got underway on a small

brewery at Cladach and the ambition is to start brewing by November. What started as a dream is now hurtling at full speed towards becoming a reality. Richard, a sculptor and sculptor's technician, and Elisabeth, a social worker, had worked on the idea for a number of years and have raised a significant sum of money from savings, loans and some public investment to fund the venture. They have also taken brewing classes and within months their ambition will be realised.

Fèis Arainn

The third Fèis Arainn took place last week on the campus of Arran High School with 56 primary school children, some secondary, and two adults, taking part. A massive logistical operation, with daily transport laid on, ensured that the event was accessible for everyone.

The format has been changed this year to provide a fèis which can be repeated annually instead of sporadically as has happened until now. This decision was made by the enthusiastic committee dynamically led by Mairi MacInnes. It is also in their remit to secure tutors from all over Scotland and they have once again brought in tutors from some of the most accomplished performers.



Arran's first MSP Allan Wilson, second from right, meets with recipients and members of Care and Repair, a scheme offering financial and practical help to the elderly. 01_B32twe01



An assortment of characters pictured at the fancy dress competition held during the week-long Corrie Capers festival. 01_B32twe04



As part of the third Fèis Arainn, attendees enjoyed a variety of Gaelic instruction and information, including a demonstration on Highland dress. 01_B32twe02



A fantastic turnout at the Brodick Church fete helped to raise a healthy total of £3,500 for church coffers – this sum also includes proceeds from the church auction. 01_B32twe05



The Brodick Improvements Committee held its first 200 Club draw at the Ormidale Hotel last week. Funds raised from the initiative will be used for a number of projects throughout the village. 01_B32twe03

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19/00566/PP; Silverbank, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Subdivision of dwellinghouse to form two dwellinghouses, including erection of infill extension to rear and dormer extension to side.

19/00569/PP; Site To East Of, Grianan, Kildonan Road, Kildonan; Erection of 1.5 storey detached dwelling including access and drainage.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987

Applications for Listed Building Consent.

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Craig Hatton
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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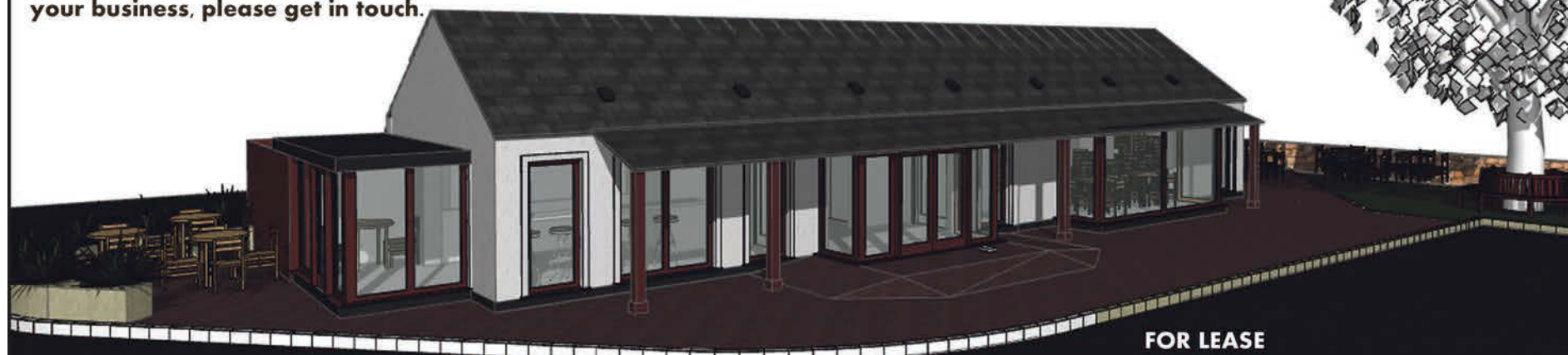
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FOR LEASE

If you would like more information or to register your interest, please contact: homefarmarran@gmail.com

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill 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 11th August

Pirmill and Lochranza Churches together at 10.15 am. Morning Worship including the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Pirmill. Shiskine Church at 12noon Morning Worship including the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland
Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 11th August

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 in the transept 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 11th August

8th Sunday after Trinity
Sung Eucharist at 11 am.
Revd Canon Simon Mackenzie
Preacher: Gordon Macleod
Coffee after service
Wednesday 14th August
Pop-up Eucharist at 12 noon
Lagg Distillery
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 11th August

Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge,
Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick at 6pm
Services will be taken by Rev John Mann

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash

"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 11th August

Mrs Maranny Jones
Kilmory at 10 am
Lamlash at 11.30 am
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 11th August

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 11th August

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

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 10th August

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday 11th August

Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER GROUP

Thursday 15th August

St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church, Whiting Bay, 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

DEATH

BROWN: Chiv - Peacefully at Forefaulds Care Home, East Kilbride on 2nd August. Chiv, much loved husband of Hazel (Syme), beloved father of Andrew and Valerie and a loving Grandpa of Cameron and Lauren. After a cremation in Lanarkshire, a memorial service will be held in Whiting Bay and Kildonan Parish Church on Monday 12th August at 1:30pm. Family flowers only please.

RANKIN: John Robert - Died suddenly in his beloved Pirmill on Friday, 2nd August 2019. The funeral service will be held in St Bride's Church, Lochranza on Wednesday, 14th August 2019 at 12.30pm to which all are welcome. Family flowers only please but you are welcome to wear something green, or your favourite team's scarf.

BANNER
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arran stop for rowing brothers helping turn whisky into water

Lochranza Distillery and a number of distilleries across the west coast of Scotland, have welcomed a trio of ocean rowers who visited to collect bottles of whisky in aid of charity

The initiative is part of their training for the 2019 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge by the BROAR team - Scottish brothers Ewan, Jamie and Lachlan MacLean - who are raising money to provide clean water for thousands of the poorest people in Madagascar.

Arriving on Arran from Kintyre last Thursday, the team made their first stop at the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza the following day, before making their way to Campbeltown. Over the last 10 days, they visited most of the 17 distilleries which agreed to donate whisky to the cause, including Talisker on Skye, via Islay, Jura, Crinan, Oban, Mull and Ardnamurchan.

The 300-mile route will help prepare the brothers for their 3,000-mile transatlantic challenge at the end of the year, when they hope to become the first three brothers and youngest trio to row any ocean.

The donated whisky will be blended by a team of experts, led by their father, whisky writer and star of film 'The Angels' Share', Charles MacLean. This unique and limited edition 'BROAR Blend' will be sold to fund life-saving fresh water boreholes, delivered by Argyll-



The BROAR brothers prepare to set off from Claonaig towards Arran.

based charity Feedback Madagascar.

Middle brother Jamie said: 'Whisky for Water represents a fantastic opportunity to train on some of the most challenging stretches of water on the Atlantic seaboard, which will prepare us to some extent for what we expect to face in six months' time.'

'Rowing through the third largest whirlpool in the world, the Corryvreckan, will be a highlight and certainly a good test.'



The rowers are hoping to become the first three brothers and youngest trio to row any ocean.

Managing director of Feedback Madagascar Jamie Spencer said: 'We all take clean water for granted, but only 14 per cent of the rural

population of Madagascar has access to it.

'We are delighted to have the boys on side for this life-saving adventure and for just £10 - the price of a couple of drams - you can give the gift of clean water for a lifetime by texting W4WATER to 70191.'

The whisky 'pillage' was originally devised by islanders at Lagavulin Distillery on Islay in 2003.

They rowed round the island and collected bottles of malt whisky, which were then blended and sold for charity.

By 2010 the 'pillage' included a row to Bushmills in Ireland and up to Tobermory.



The brothers, who are also keen musicians, perform at the Ormidale Hotel.

Shiskine secures first win in last league game

Shiskine	2
Northend	1
Arran Dairies League	

Shiskine secured their first win of the season in the final fixture of the Arran Dairies League against Northend.

Donald Mulholland and Callan Taylor each scored a goal to ensure that the team did not end their season without a single point on the league table.

It has been a difficult season for Shiskine who have struggled for players, on occasion drafting in players from other villages to fulfil fixtures.

In the other scheduled game of the evening, between Brodick and Southend, player shortages also plagued Brodick who had to cancel the game.

The next event on the fixtures list will be the preliminary game of the Copperwheats Knockout Cup which will take place on Monday August 12 between Southend and Lamlash. The semi finals will take place on Monday August 19 and the final on Saturday August 24.

Results at Brodick Bowling Club

Fortunately last month every rink game was able to be played, despite the increased incidence of rain in the second half of the month.

There were many closely contested matches, while a number of others were run-away victories.

Highest winning rinks were: July 1, Charles Hendry, Jim Gourlay and Sid Allan (+4); July 3, Pam Duncan and Sid Allan (+17); July 6, Colin Haggarty and Jenny Douglas (+21); July 8, John McConnachie, Ian Davidson and Sid Allan (+6); July 10, Charles Hendry, David Smith and Jim Gourlay (+4); July 13, Charlie Weir and Jim Gibson (+4); July 15, Colin Haggarty, Ernie Stanger and Charlie Weir (+3); July 18, Charlie Weir and Andy McCrindle (+8); July 20, Jim Gourlay, Kate Nichols and John McConnachie (+12); July 22, Andy McCrindle and Jim Gourlay (+14); July 24, Andy McCrindle and Jim Gourlay (+17); July 27, Colin Haggarty, Jim Gourlay and Kate Nichols (+13); July 29, Robert Crawford and Colin Haggarty (+20); July 31, Colin Haggarty and Robert Crawford (+26).

Double victory for Alastair at Lamlash



Lamlash Golf Club

Saturday and Sunday August 3 and 4, Lamlash Open: more than 140 gents applied to enter the Open and due to cancellations and non-shows 135 teed up on Saturday.

The event, now in its 36th year, went ahead with a rather uncertain weather forecast. The club's green staff had prepared a course in great condition, thanks to the weather of the past few weeks. However, apart from the early starters on Sunday the weather conditions were superb, matched by the competitors' excellent low scoring, with the course unprotected from any wind conditions. There were also good stories at both ends of the scale.

Craig Young, playing off +1, almost swept the boards again, registering a scratch 61 on Saturday followed by a scratch 63 on Sunday in spite of playing in the worst weather conditions. A one handicapper and champion of his home course playing in the best conditions of the weekend managed to register a net score of 157 and another with a handicap of five had a no return on both days.

Many of the club members featured in the prizes, a few were Arran born but now reside on the mainland.

Saturday winners for sponsored holes were: 1 drive Ewan McKinnon, 1 n/pin Neil Cameron, 2 n/pin Alan Ferguson, 3 drive 13+ Cliff Martin, 3 n/pin James Conlan, 4 n/pin Nick Clark, 5 n/pin Alan Maudsley, 6 drive Aiden Moore, 6 n/pin Bob Macrae, 7 n/pin Peter Gossman, 8 n/pin Craig Young, 9 n/pin Ker Manson, 10 n/pin Ian Kennedy, 11 n/pin Jack Brown, 12 n/pin Matt Harvey, 13 n/pin Alex Farmer, 14 n/pin Stuart Cameron, 15 n/pin Craig Grant, 16 n/pin Mark McMillan, 17 n/pin Ian Kennedy, 18 target Chris Wall, 18 n/pin Ian Kennedy.

Sunday winners for sponsored holes were: 1 drive Ewan McKinnon, 1 n/pin Alan Ferguson, 2 n/pin Aiden Moore, 3 drive 13+



Alastair Crawford with the Senior Shield at the Lamlash Open.

Neil Docherty, 3 n/pin Stuart Cameron, 4 n/pin Robert Young, 5 n/pin Kenny Glen, 6 drive Alan Wells, 6 n/pin Graeme Buchanan, 7 n/pin Calum Rae, 8 n/pin Chris Wall, 9 n/pin Ian Docherty, 10 n/pin Mark McMillan, 11 n/pin Paul Cowan, 12 n/pin Robert Calder, 13 n/pin Ian Taylor, 14 n/pin Neil Young, 15 n/pin Ewan McKinnon, 16 n/pin Robert Calder, 17 n/pin Gordon Watson, 18 Target Ian Kean, 18 n/pin Todd Jameson. Overall booby highest net returned, Mr Fenwick.

Saturday Cup for the PHT, 1 William Currie 67-10=57, 2 Nick Clark 67-5=62 BIH on last three holes, 3 Steven O'Day 71-9=62. Sunday Cup for the Drift Inn, 1 Craig McCance 74-15-59 BIH, 2 Norrie McIntyre 68-9=59, 3 Robert Calder 69-9=60 BIH.

Senior scratch 60+ was Paul Clark with 145. Senior handicap 60+ was Alastair Crawford with 123.

Lamlash Bay Hotel Cup for best local player, 1 Norrie McIntyre 124, 2 William Currie 125, BIH, 3 Ewan McKinnon 125. Isle of Arran Distillery Quach for scratch, 1 Craig Young 124, 2 Ewan

McKinnon 125, 3 Stuart Cameron 136.

The Open Cup, 1 Alastair Crawford 123, 2 Norrie McIntyre 124, 3 Ewan McKinnon 125 BIH, 4 Mark Carnegie 125 BIH, 5 William Currie 125.

Following the presentation



Wishing each other the best of luck, cousins Donald and Rory Currie competed against each other in the Shiskine Junior Championship.



Winner of the Lamlash Open, Alastair Crawford collects the Open Cup.

of prizes the evening was ably rounded off with the music provided by Tom McGarrigle. Next year's Open will be subject to a possible change of date - scheduled for August 8 and 9 - and may be brought forward by one week. Once confirmed, the annual Open will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of August regardless of the calendar.

Fixtures: Sunday August 18, McLean Salver. Draw: Andy Pattison v Todd Jameson, William Currie v Neil Young, Robert Calder v Norrie McIntyre, Stuart Campbell v Ewan McKinnon. Thursday September 5, McLean Salver second round. Friday September 6, McLean Salver final at 5pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday August 31, Sweep and magic twos. 1 J McGovern 73-14=59, 2 A Smith 72-13=59, scratch, 3 J Adams 73-11=62. Lots of magic twos with John Adams and Robert McLean scoring a magic one @13th.

Saturday August 3, 18 Hole Sweep. 1 J McGovern 72-13=59, 2 E McKinnon

59-0=59. Hole in one, Euan McKinnon at the second.

Fixtures: Saturday August 10, 18 Hole Sweep, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday August 14, Summer Cup, ballot at 5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Saturday August 3, Junior Club Championship final: Cousins Donald and Rory Currie - congratulations to Rory Currie on winning the Junior Championship on the 12th hole. They both played very well and were a credit to themselves and the club.

Sunday August 4, McCutcheon Trophy. First class: 1 and scratch, Alan Stewart 44-7=37, 2 D Duthie 44-5=39, 3 K McKinley 47-4=43. Second class: 1 T Ellis 55-17=38, 2 J Smith 49-8=41, 3 Kema Genda 54-12=42. Magic twos, Sandy Kerr, K McKinley, D Duthie.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday July 30, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary: 1 Ross Trail 63, 2 Campbell Laing 67, 3 Brian Sherwood 72.

Fixtures: Tuesday August 13, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm.



A favourite played with soft balls, children enthusiastically take part in a game of running red rover. 01_B32sports04

Summer fun and games



A young girl dashes to the finishing line with the baton firmly in hand. 01_B32sports10



Eyes on the goal, two young boys enjoy shooting hoops. 01_B32sports02



Craig McBirnie devises a number of fun activities for children which helps to develop their skills. 01_B32sports05



Team spirit, children cheer on their runner who sets off with the relay baton. 01_B32sports09



Two young boys race to the finish line in a sprint finish. 01_B32sports07



Relay runners are all smiles as they prepare to hand on the batons. 01_B32sports08



Out in the summer sunshine, children take part in a team relay race. 01_B32sports06



A large group of enthusiastic children at the sports day with Ewan Jamieson, Garnock Active Schools co-ordinator, Craig McBirnie, KA Leisure, Archie McNicol, St Matthews Active Schools co-ordinator and Eilidh Hamill, Arran sports ambassador. 01_B32sports01

Kids stay active during the summer holidays

More than 160 children enjoyed taking part in an assortment of fun sporting activities during a three-day summer sports event hosted by Active Schools and island volunteers.

Familiar face Archie McNicol, St Matthews Active Schools co-ordinator, returned to Arran with Ewan Jamieson, Garnock Active Schools co-ordinator and Craig McBirnie of KA Leisure to join with Eilidh Hamill, Arran sports ambassador, to

host the event aimed at P1 to P7 children.

While teaching the children the rules of football, basketball and athletics, a number of fun activities also taught the children basic skills and developed their abilities.

Equipment

Children made good use of all of the equipment available at Arran High School and used the indoor and outdoor facilities with their friends.

Active Schools works in partnership with

SportScotland, the national agency for sport, to promote, develop and support sporting and physical activity for young children across all of Scotland's 32 local authorities.

Speaking after the event, Arran sports ambassador Eilidh Hamill said: 'The week overall was a great success. Giving the chance for kids to get moving and stay active during the holiday is essential.'

'The children have endless

energy, enthusiasm and laughs and working with the amazing coaches and sports co-ordinators was inspiring.

'I am grateful for the opportunity this week has given me in enhancing my coaching experience.'

'A new Active Schools sports co-ordinator will be appointed at the end of summer and I am really looking forward to working with them in the future and creating more opportunities like this week.'

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Young basketball players practise their aiming skills.

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